



Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

June 2020 Newsletter



Our mission is to provide a welcoming and caring environment where all people can experience the help, strength, hope, and love of Jesus Christ.

In his explanation of the Fifth Commandment, Martin Luther wrote, “This commandment is violated not only when we do evil, but also when we have the opportunity to do good to our neighbors and to prevent, protect, and save them from suffering bodily harm or injury, but fail to do so. If you send a naked person away when you could clothe him, you have let him freeze to death. If you see anyone who is suffering from hunger and do not feed her, you have let her starve.” ***“It is God’s real intention that we should allow no person to suffer harm, but show to everyone all kindness and love.”***

It is with this explanation in mind, and with care and concern for every member and friend of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, that the council has decided to delay the resumption of in-person worship for ***at least*** one more month due to continuing concerns about Covid-19. I’m sure this is disappointing news. We all desire to be together for worship and other activities. After two months, I would still like to meet you all in person! Right now the risks still outweigh the benefits. You are all too important for us to take unnecessary risks. With the lingering uncertainties of the coronavirus, now is not the time for us to be impatient. Maybe we can take some comfort from St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians when he writes, “may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.” (Colossians 1:11-12)

While worshiping and having meetings via Zoom is not ideal, I am grateful that we have access to the technology so that we are not left empty handed. It has been heartening to see the level of participation so far in worship and other opportunities to “gather” for study and fellowship. I invite and encourage those of you who haven’t joined in yet to consider giving it a try. For those of you who have computers, smartphones or tablets you can simply go to Zoom.us and “***JOIN***” a meeting. Enter our unique login information (which you can get by contacting Sheri in the office). If you don’t have any of the above named devices, you can also use your landline phone or cell phone to call in and at least listen to the service. Be aware, however, that long distance charges apply if you do not have an unlimited long distance plan. If you wish to call in, you may also get that information from Sheri. If you are having trouble, let us know and we will do what we can to help you out.

I give thanks to God for each and every one of you and pray for you. I look forward to the day when we get to meet face-to-face!

On the journey with you,
Pastor Mary

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Birthdays

- 5 LaVonne Gingrich
- 7 Addison Cass
- 10 Phyllis Hobbs
- 13 Mona Mueller
- 16 Raena Northrup
- 17 Mikah Northrup
- 24 Keith Heier
- 29 Libby Florian
- 30 Lila Stutte

June Anniversaries

- 2 Dale & Shirley Peters
- 6 Earl & Dianne Mullins
- 18 Brad & Mary Augustin
- 20 Gaylen & Varena Kloepper
- 22 Gary & Betty Aadland
Tim & Stephanie Hagemeyer
- 24 Tim & Lisa Cass
- 27 Keith & Cindy Kinney
- 30 Mark & Kathy Petersen

Sarah Circle, Mary and Martha Circle, and Esther Circle have been canceled, because of Coronavirus/ social distancing.



Online "Virtual" Worship Services

Here is the permanent information you'll need, to join the online worship services on Zoom. If you'd like the link emailed to you, please email the office at office@lcgshastings.net Thank you!

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/226073869?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/226073869?pwd=MGY2Q1hnTmhzdHExQ29DWTFjdVpXdz09)
[pwd=MGY2Q1hnTmhzdHExQ29DWTFjdVpXdz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/226073869?pwd=MGY2Q1hnTmhzdHExQ29DWTFjdVpXdz09)

Meeting ID: 226 073 869

Password: sheep

Topic: LCGS Sunday Worship

Time: 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sunday, until December 27, 2020

One tap mobile

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+13462487799,,226073869# US (Houston)

Dial by your location

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

+1 253 215 8782 US

+1 301 715 8592 US

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

June Worship Schedule 9:00 am

As per the Church Council's decision, worship services will be presented online throughout the month of June.

June 7 Worship via Zoom, 9:00 am

June 14 Worship via Zoom, 9:00 am

June 21 Worship via Zoom, 9:00 am

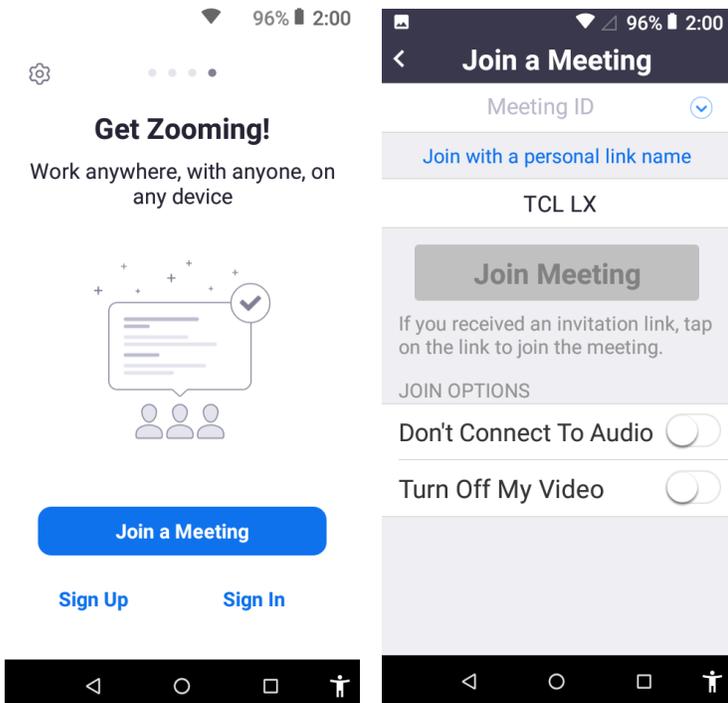
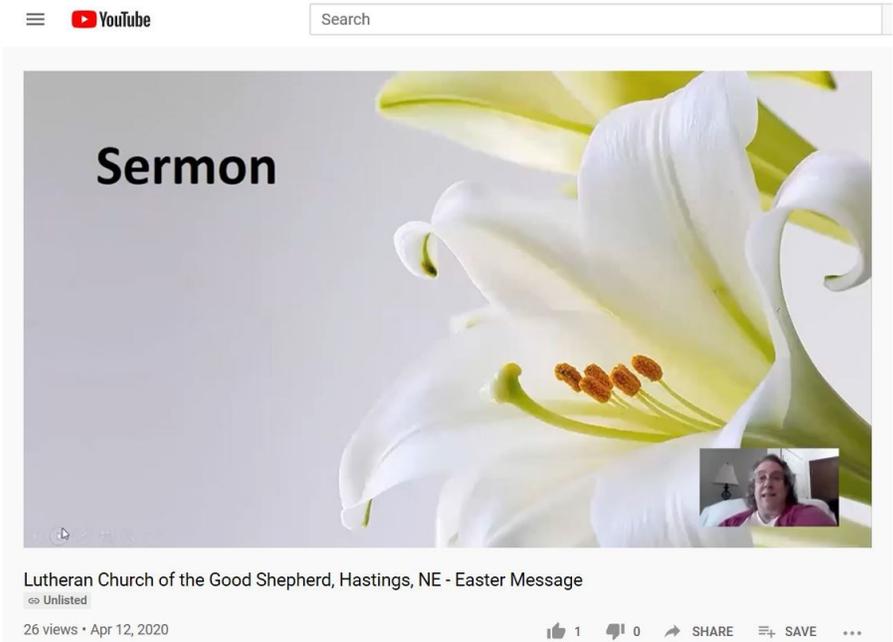
June 28 Worship via Zoom, 9:00 am



A Look At Virtual Worship

In April, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd began holding Sunday worship services via the Zoom application. Zoom enables people with computers, tablets, and smartphones to attend virtual meetings, and it has increased in popularity since the Coronavirus began impacting people's ability to connect worldwide. For those of you who are not online, please see the sidebar below, for information on how to hear Sunday worship through your telephone.

The power went out during Easter Sunday worship, so Pastor Mary uploaded her sermon to YouTube. People who are attending services can be seen by others in the meeting, unless they turn off their camera. LCGS members receive an email with info about how to join the online worship service.



LEFT:

To join the meeting, computer and smartphone users enter the meeting information here.

No internet? No problem! You can call a phone number to hear the audio! Please note that this call is NOT toll-free, unless you have unlimited long distance.

1-312-626-6799 (in the US)
Meeting ID: 226 073 869
Password: sheep

WELCA Kits Request

Hoping everyone is staying healthy and happy! We are still planning on creating and assembling the kits for this year. We will start off with the baby care and personal care kits. We are looking for the following items. You may be able to get these items in the stores, through Facebook (social media), or online:

- Baby T-shirts or onesies** Size: 6 months - 2 years
- Long or short sleeve baby gowns or sleepers** Size: 6 months - 2 years
- Hand towels** (dark color recommended)
- Adult size toothbrushes**

Donations can be dropped off at the church. If you would like someone to pick them up off your porch, please email me at sherriw44@gmail.com and we can line something up.

Thanks for your help with this project. It is greatly appreciated.

-- Sherri Woods, WELCA

NOTE: There is a basket in the narthex, where you can put donations for the WELCA kits. Thank you!

Covid-19 Face Mask Info

As many of us sew our own face masks during this pandemic, you may be surprised to learn that many types of cloth don't filter viruses like Covid-19 at all! So how can you be sure that your masks are protecting you?

Tests were done on 30 materials, to see which ones filtered viruses the best. The types of fabric in this infographic to the right are the ones which filtered viruses most effectively.

The four WORST-scoring materials were the wool scarf, polyester neck warmer, cotton bandana, and light scarf. Most importantly, **MASKS MUST COVER THE NOSE COMPLETELY, TO BE EFFECTIVE.**

For more details, please visit this website:
<https://tinyurl.com/y7q8eh6f>

Ultimate Face Mask Materials TOP 5



Open-Data Tests: Smart Air
smartairfilters.com

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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Pastor Mary's day off	10:00 Bible Study (online via Zoom app)	The Council canceled activities and continued online worship through June 30, 2020. Bible Study is being done via Zoom. Other meetings determined by their own leaders and members.			
7 9:00 Worship (online via Zoom app)	8 ?? Finance Committee Mtg. Pastor Mary's day off	9 10:00 Bible Study (online via Zoom app) ?? Worship Team Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 9:00 Worship (online via Zoom app) Flag Day	15 Pastor Mary's day off	16 10:00 Bible Study (online via Zoom app) 7:00 Church Council Meeting	17	18	19	20
21 9:00 Worship (online via Zoom app) Father's Day	22 Pastor Mary's day off	23 10:00 Bible Study (online via Zoom app) ?? Property Committee Meeting	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 Worship (online via Zoom app)	29 Pastor Mary's day off	30 10:00 Bible Study (online via Zoom app)				