

THOUGHTS FROM MO. JUDITH'S CARING BRIDGE

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Journal Entry by Judith Dalmasso — September 12, 2021

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Welcome Easter Morning. Did you know: that every Sunday is a little Easter celebration as we gather around the Table and sing His praises. All are invited to the Supper of the Lamb.

Yesterday, Giovanna came to the house to translate my typing and decipher my writing so we could post on Caring Bridge. It was a challenging time for her as well as for me. Because in the mist of interpretation, and forgetting that there were little ears present, I said, "I am really P-I-S-S-E-D at God, but I was really pissed at myself and at the Evil One for allowing myself to be shaken by the whispers of that damn devil.

Forgive me, Lord, for forgetting that you are more powerful. My shield of faith slipped and my heart was open for arrows: so this morning, I went to the enemy's Camp and took back what He had stole from me. I went to the Enemy Camp and took back what he stole from me, and he's under my feet, STOMP, STOMP, He's under my feet. STOMP! STOMP! The enemy is under my feet. His whispers cracked my foundation. Forgive me, Lord, for questioning and for my hypocrisy. Your Forgiveness is like honey to my lips. Like a symphony to my ears. Like Holy Water on my arms. Thank you, Father, for your forgiveness and washing me once again in your living waters. Drown me, Lord, so I am only grasping for you. Breathe on me again.

In the silence of the MRI machine, I only heard Satan's whispers, but when I left that tunnel, I remembered the touch and this quiet voice, "I have got this"! and indeed He does. All that is shaken will fall off for our God is stronger. He can do all things. No higher name we can call. For Jesus is greater. We Can do all things. For we trust in our God and through his unfailing love, we will not be shaken. We will not be shaken. We will not be shaken! Hope is rising like the light of Dawn (and almost through my home office window this AM).

For these next two months while I am undergoing this next treatment, I will be laying low and spending hopefully more time with the children and grandchildren. Our eldest granddaughter Jessica delivered cherry tomatoes, apples and pears for our enjoyment yesterday afternoon and Joseph delighted us with tales of being the winniest, and bestest soccer goalie at his meet yesterday. Andrew gave me a thumbs up when I asked if he was glad his mother was home. Adelia added her voice to the interpretation of my writing skills, aw, Grandma, I love you. A Blessed Day in spite of the disruption of the Devil. But he is being stomped today.

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HOST FAMILY NEEDED

Elise Irelan is a French teacher at Alleman High and has accepted a position of International Student Coordinator for Alleman. She is looking for a host family for an incoming student this fall.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Alleman Catholic High School has enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to bring the world to our door steps by welcoming international, diploma-seeking students, this fall. We are looking for host families who will join us in the mission to support advancement of global diversity in our school while simultaneously sharing faith. Host families play a vital role in the life of an international student by providing a safe and loving home to these brave students. Hosting also provides you the opportunity to open your heart, share your family and faith, and expand your worldview as you experience first hand about another culture. Host families receive \$500 monthly to help defray the cost of hosting. The students are financially responsible for tuition and all extra-curricular activities; they also carry health and liability insurance. This is a wonderful opportunity for families, singles and empty nesters. Students will arrive around the around August 14th and return home the end of May. Please prayerfully consider if this is an opportunity for you and your family. For more information, please contact Elise Irelan 319-499-7139, or by email at eirelan@allemanhighschool.org

SATURDAY EVENING CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

St. Peter's and our church is going to try having a Saturday evening contemporary service with St. Peter's hosting in October, date and time TBA. We'll see what the response is and we will be hosting in November, take December off and begin anew, hopefully with Trinity on board and many attendees! This would combine the churches without having to lock any doors on Sunday morning. Stay tuned!

SEXTON

Now that we are fully open, we are being cleaned regularly and would like to reinstate the practice of designating a donation specifically to "Sexton". Please list that in the memo line of your check.

OFFSET COST OF COMMUNION VESSELS

The practice of individual vessels of wine and wafers are a great invention for the Covid era, however, it is costly compared to "normal" sacraments. The cost (depending on order numbers) is from .40 - .50 per unit. If you would like to help offset the cost, please state in the memo line your intention. Thank you!

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS – SEPTEMBER

~~8/29 1st reader/psalm: Nicole G / 2nd reader: Michelle F / PoP: Laura S / Ushers: Scott S, Laura S
Altar: Sue M / Flowers: Watt~~

~~9/5 1st reader/psalm: Sue M / 2nd reader: Karrie D / PoP: Kim F / Flowers: Watt
Altar: Loretta R / Flowers: Watt / Ushers: Williams~~

~~9/12 Leader: Sherry / Preacher: Charlie / 1st reader/psalm: Nicole G / 2nd Reader: Michelle F / PoP: Laura Z
Flowers: Shovar / Ushers: Scott S, Jon I~~

9/19 Leader: Jane S / Preacher: Karrie D / 1st Reader/Psalm: Arlen B / 2nd Reader: Charlie R / PoP: Rob D
Flowers: Murdock / Ushers: Michelle D, Loretta R

9/26 Leader: Karrie D / Preacher: TBA / 1st Reader/Psalm: Kim F / 2nd Reader: Laura Z / PoP: Sue M /
Flowers: Sue M / Ushers: Williams

REMEMBRANCES NEXT WEEK

Birthdays: 9-20 Vern Murdock / 9-24 Ron Curtis / 9-25 David Gustafson

Memorial: 9-25 Hank Kritter and Bill (Gabriel)