

THOUGHTS FROM MO. JUDITH'S CARING BRIDGE

Even with our news this week we are finding Joy in our Journey. Here are a few pics from the last two days. And here are Mom's words from yesterday:

A new day September 3, 2021

It is indeed a new day. Yesterday I started my day with these verses from Anson White "Embrace grace-never leaves". Psalm13:1-3, 5-6 "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? But I have trusted in your steadfast love: my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me."

Words from David's heart to encourage me. Words that lifted me up even as Dr. Monga and Dr. Smith delivered the words that we did not want to hear: the cancer has grown and more swelling of the brain. But I did notice the shoes of both doctors. Dr. Smith's were dressed black, comfortable and sensible while Dr. Monga's were brown with pointed toes definitely more stylish. Somewhat describes both doctors. In the past, I have kept my eyes on Dr. Smith and never looked at his shoes before but the armor of GOD from, Ephesians 6 is ever before me, shoes ready for the Gospel move as he tends to sugar coat his words more. So my eyes never left his face but yesterday I intentionally mentioned his shoes. Both Monga and Smith say the same, just different inflections. Both shoes reveal steadfast and firm. They are in this battle with us. Starting steroids today, waiting to make a decision about a more aggressive treatment. Until then, I pray I will be like David and remember the steadfast love of God; A song by Joel Houston, The stand. I discovered yesterday that I could have a straight face with screaming inside and tears falling quietly. A combination I will probably perfect.

You stood before creation

Eternity in your hand

You spoke the earth into motion

My Soul now to stand

So what can I say, and what can I do

But offer this heart O God

Completely to You

You stood before my failure

And carried the cross for my shame

My sin weighted upon your shoulder

My soul now to stand

So I'll stand with arm high

and heart abandoned

In awe of the One who gave it all

I'll stand, my soul, Lord

To you surrrrendered

All I am is yours

My chart must say, this lady loves warm blankets because the technician already had warm blanket in his arms to warm me. They even bundled my feet this time as I was in the MRI machine. With these words, Lord, your love for me is completely unbelievable.

MASKS

Due to the rise of positivity rates in Davenport, we are asking that you wear a mask during worship. It's a huge pain, especially if you have been vaccinated and free of the mask for the past several months. But it is designed to protect those around us, even though we are not sick. Especially for those with compromised systems, we would feel terrible if it was one of us who made someone else sick just because we didn't want to put a mask on for 1 hour.

HOST FAMILY NEEDED

Elise Ireland 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 Ireland 319-499-7139, or by email at eirelan@allemanhighschool.org

COMMUNITY MEAL STARTS BACK UP, SORT OF...

We will be able to those in need again, on the 2nd Wednesday of every other month at Zion Lutheran Church, 8th and Marquette. We are “sharing” Wednesdays with Zion’s volunteers because that’s the only night that they would have a bigger turnout for volunteers. Churches United is requiring that bagged lunches be prepared and served outside the doors of Zion. Masks and gloves required and no one is allowed inside. The recipients will take the food back to their vehicles or dwellings to eat. CU is trying to work out providing vaccinations at the meal site. In the cold months, they hope to resume indoor service, or at least handing out bags inside and maybe letting them eat in, but it depends on the positivity rate in the future. If you would like to contribute, it would be more than appreciated. We will have what we gave those in hotels last summer: a sandwich, chips, treat, fruit, water and a napkin. It’s pretty expensive to go that route and to keep it uniform, we will purchase supplies and put everything together the day of distribution. I’m going to call Zion after their first serve in September and see how it went, what they did, anything they would do differently, etc. Then we should be pretty set for our turn in October. Hopefully, when we serve in December, we can have our typical prime rib w/the works! What a celebration! If you would like to donate \$\$, put Comm. Meal in the memo line and/or if you would like to help assemble, give Robin a call.

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: Kim F / 2nd Reader: Charlie R / PoP: Rob D
Altar: Sue M / Flowers: Murdock / Ushers: Michelle D, Loretta R

9/26 1st Reader/Psalm: Arlen B / 2nd Reader: Laura Z / PoP: Sue M / Altar: Sherry R / Flowers: Sue M
Ushers: Williams

REMEMBRANCES NEXT WEEK

Birthdays: 9-6 Nicole Gabriel / 9-8 Jon Irelan, Aaron Hylton

Memorials: 9-5 Jean-Michel (Irelan) / 9-8 Sybil Smedley