

THOUGHTS FROM MO. JUDITH'S CARING BRIDGE

September 9-10, 2021 I have been thinking about time and **WHERE DOES IT GO?"**

This morning (9th) I reflected on the conversation between God and Job. “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? I responded, waiting for the sun to rise so I may give thanks for the joy that comes in the morning. The Psalmist sing praises to *the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his Holy Name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but JOY comes in the morning.* And a song from our early days in the charismatic movement: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. Rejoice. Rejoice.

And from Andrew Ripp “Until I rise like the morning, wake up in the arms of glory, to finally see the sun above the pouring rain, until I fall into surrender’s healing hands and remember there’s a river on the other side of pain. I’m gonna rejoice. Lift it up in the highs and lows. There is a better day coming. Reagan Jane Pepping literally popped in this morning weighing in at 7lbs. 7 ounces and 19 inches long– our very first great granddaughter.

“Singing keeps me in the moment. Help me live with my eyes wide open. I don’t want to miss what you have for me. “Throw away what I’m chasing after (what am I chasing after-) Don’t let me waste my time regretting and should have done more traveling. Going places I wanted to go. Let me enjoy Joseph’s soccer games, his swim meets. Watch Adelia play tennis. Olivia, Bryant, Adelia, and Emma graduate high school as they plan and dream about their future. Celebrate Gabrielle’s first years as a second grade teacher. Seeing Josie at her dance recitals. Look forward to all the pictures of the Davila, Dalmasso, Reyes, Brown Disney World October vacation. See my Dutch children, GP and Annalies one more time. Sing more praise songs. Dance like David.

Keep me in the moment because I don’t wanna miss what you have for me. I will miss celebrating Eucharist on Sunday but remember all the other times. Praying with and for my St. Alban’s family. But good news. God is on the move. Hallelujah and His hands are upon you. Move with Him and in Him.

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 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

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 Leader: Karrie D / Preacher: TBA / 1st Reader/Psalm: Arlen B / 2nd Reader: Laura Z / PoP: Sue M /
Altar: Sherry R / Flowers: Sue M / Ushers: Williams

REMEMBRANCES NEXT WEEK

Birthdays: 9-12 Drew Virtue / 9-14 Jon Burgstrum / 9-16 Judy Murdock

Memorials: 9-14 Pratum (Irelan) / 9-16 Dom LePera / 9-17 Laura (Kritter)