

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Come unto Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

When we grow weary, we need to stop and ask God to inspire us to rest. Getting too tired, angry, lonely or hungry are triggers to seeing things without the perspective of what God has in store for us.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

with Pastor Judith
May 19 [Commemoration](#)



WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
Sunday 10:30 am

GROUP STUDIES

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesdays 10 am

In-Person

in Fellowship Hall and/or

Conference

Call 339.209.5700

Men's Bible Study

Thursday, May 20th 8:00 am

In-Person in

Education A/B

and/or Conference

Call 339.209.5700

(Resuming in October)

SCRIPTURE FOR SERVICE

Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:22-27

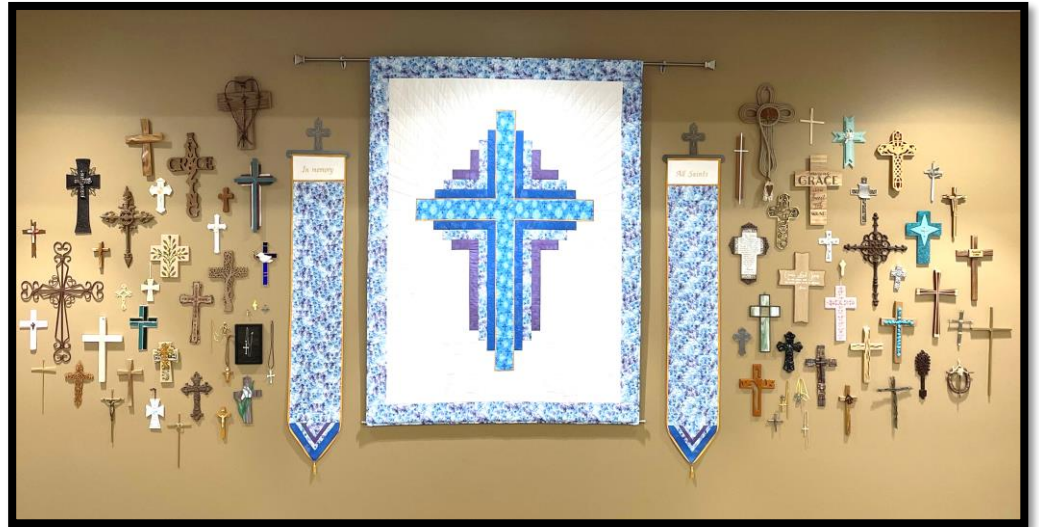
Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

MIDWEEK MESSAGES

May 19, 2021

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR LOWELL: THE FELLOWSHIP OF SAINTS

I Corinthians 10:17: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."



God's love flows without constraint in Christ's love, a river of eternal life never ending... Our Fellowship Hall now has a beautiful visual statement expressing our common faith in the Community of Saints. Our marvelous Quilters led by *Marlene Hoffenbrodel (Coordinator)*, *Linda Shirck*, *Marty Livingston*, *Moneita Kalas*, and *Nancy Filipa* created a stunning centerpiece to honor members who died in the past year. Through Jo Anderson's insight, ALC members were invited to share meaningful crosses to surround our brothers and sisters in faith. What a generous response!

Special thanks for the cross placement team: Linda Shirck's supervision and her team of Bob Shirck, David Tigges and Howard O'Sherven. Please take time before or after worship this coming Pentecost Weekend to enjoy this new addition to our community of faith. If you haven't yet brought a cross, please bring one to any worship service and place on the communion kneeling pad in the front of the sanctuary.

Love,

Pastor Lowell

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT on CHAR RIEBE

By Toni Molck, Operations Coordinator

ALC is blessed with truly amazing and faithful volunteers in every area of ministry. This week we will be "spotlighting" our good friend and volunteer, Char Riebe!

CHAR RIEBE



Char serves in several ministries here at ALC – she is a Stephen Minister, an office volunteer, Greeter, Welcome/Registration volunteer and when the church is fully open, she loves to serve coffee for the Fellowship time.

Char and her husband, Lloyd joined ALC in 2001. "The first time we walked into ALC we knew it was where we belonged; we felt so comfortable." One of the things that inspired her about the church was the Stephen Ministry outreach. Char had always enjoyed elderly people and wanted to volunteer to support and help where she could. She has now been a Stephen Minister for 16 years and has assisted three different care receivers!

When serving in the office as our front desk volunteer, Char jokingly says upon her arrival, "I'm here, everything will be all right. I'm in charge." She is such a blessing and support to us. Her wit and humor, shared from her very caring heart with those she meets and greets here is so appreciated. Char brings a calm presence and is greatly loved and enjoyed by staff, visitors and members! Char's comments on volunteering at the front desk -- "I like answering phones because it gives me an opportunity to be a listening ear to those calling who may just need to be heard or need an encouraging word. I want to offer kindness to anyone who may be having a tough day." People continually mention how much Char is a blessing to them when they stop in or call. And to that, Char said, "I think I get more out of the conversations than those I seek to help. In giving, I receive so much."

Char enjoying Scarlett's (Oddey's daughter) company on a recent visit to Royal Oaks.

When asked what her motivation is for volunteering, she said, "I like people and tell myself "GET UP and GO!" And regarding Volunteering, she said "Try it, you'll like it!"

EARLY YEARS & BEYOND

Char grew up in Luck, Wisconsin before moving to Minnesota at age 11. She was the third of six children. After high school, she worked at Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for 17 years. In 1953, she married her husband, Erv and they had three children – Nancy, Dan and Scott. They were happily married for 42 years before he passed away in 1996.

Several years later, Char said she met up with her friend Lloyd Riebe from Minnesota and they hit it off so well they eventually decided to get married in 2005 here at ALC. They enjoyed ten years of marriage before he went to be with the Lord in 2015.

Some fun facts about Char: She likes the Minnesota Vikings, loves reading in general and her favorite movie is Dr. Zhivago! In describing herself, Char says "I try to live by the Serenity Prayer. When I have a hard time accepting what I can't change, I release it to God in prayer. I also try to have a good sense of humor, be considerate of others and genuinely care about them."