

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer."

2 Samuel 22:2

Let us pray that we will be comforted by the knowledge that, as a child of God, He will be with us wherever we go, this day and always.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

with Pastor Judith

July 1

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am

GROUP STUDIES

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesdays 10:00 am

Fellowship Hall

or Conference Call

at 339.209.5700

The Chosen Bible Study

July 7th – 28th

6:00 pm

Education A & B

Men & Women Welcome

Contact the Church office

to sign up.

Birthday Celebration for

Beth Ann Schempp

Sunday, July 11th

After Worship Service

Fellowship Hall

SCRIPTURE FOR SERVICE

Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Psalms 85:8-13

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

MIDWEEK MESSAGES

July 7, 2021

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JUDITH

Greetings,

It is with exceeding joy that we can celebrate seeing smiles on more faces as many masks have been able to come off. Please feel the gratitude that many have complied with ALC guidelines. We continue to make plans for the new freedoms that we are enjoying.

I want to especially thank our Connections Calling Team as they diligently call others to make sure we do not lose touch with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Through their efforts we have been strengthening compassion in our community. I encourage you as part of the team to keep reaching out in the way you have during the pandemic while many are still unable to attend church for various reasons.

Evangelism is also needed as we rebuild our church attendance after the long haul of quarantines. Others will be blessed when you



invite them to worship with you at ALC. Our faith community is often mentioned by others who have felt the warmth and care when they visited. I know I did, from the first Sunday I visited knowing no one except Pastor Lowell and his wife, Debbie. Miracles abound when we reach out in loving kindness.

I miss Pastor Gary Ulrich since his retirement, and I am grateful we served together. He taught me so much, especially relating to the Stephen Ministry. Now, I enjoy being involved in this amazing program. I am also enjoying his desk top computer, printer, and an office with windows!

Each of us as a child of God has a responsibility to share God's love in whatever ways we are gifted by the Holy Spirit. May you pray



about the talent within you that you can share with others. Everyone has gifts to make God's creation better. Please contact us and let us know how you would like to serve today and in the future.

I recently read a devotion by Joyce Rupp that referred to living in a world of grace. She stated, "Each one of us becomes open to love a little more completely, and then love pours out of us and into the world. As we become free, others experience freedom in our presence and can choose to be open to love too. This is our life work, our great work, what the universe asks and what this moment in time demands. Our work requires all that we have become and all that we are becoming. It requires a "yes" that, at one moment, we may be whole-hearted and the next tentative and unsure. But together, our "yes" is empowering."



Prayerfully,

Judith Reinforth

Pastor Judith

A 'THANK YOU' FROM GARY ULRICH

To all our Dear Friends at American Lutheran Church,

Retirement is not a big word, but it is very special new "mystery" in our life. Kathy and I want to thank all for the prayers, kind words, cards and smiles and heartbeats wishing us well...joy and adventure in our next journey. Also, thanks and love to all those that gave me instructions and commands of "try to get it right this time", as this is my third venture into RETIREMENT. Kathy and I plan to travel with family, visit friends from the past and get to know each other better as Kathy will be calling most of the shots for this chapter of our "adventure". We both are excited to be returning to ALC in a few months as full members of our ALC family. God Bless you all and thank you again for the blessings that you have showered us with on our journey.

Gary and Kathy Ulrich

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Communion Assistants, we will be starting communion at the altar in September. If you are interested in serving, please call Judie VanDevere at 623-337-7747, or email me at jvand23@cox.net. Your participation is appreciated.

Judie VanDevere



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The family of Beth Ann Schempp will be hosting a celebration for her 94th Birthday this Sunday, July 11th after Worship service in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be provided. Join Beth Ann on her special day! From the ALC staff, we wish you a very Happy & Blessed 94th Birthday, Beth Ann!!!