



MAIN STREET NEWS

SIoux FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

May, 2019

My. how everything have changed!

What a difference a month makes! Last month we talked about Palm Sunday and Easter, not even thinking that we wouldn't be able to be in church on those days. Now all the congregations are trying to figure out how and when they will be able return to a normal worship schedule. We have heard from many people that Main Street Living has somewhat filled the void caused by the Corona Virus. "I miss attending church with my friends, but Main Street Living has helped fill that gap" I keep reminding myself that "this will pass". When will I return to worship? I find myself running a song through my mind. It is a song we sing in church at our Praise Service. It is called "We Believe". I have found the words to be comforting and re-assuring:

In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear,

There is only one foundation, we believe, we believe.

In this broken generation when all is dark, You help us see

There is only one Salvation we believe, we believe.

Chorus:

We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ

We believe in the Holy Spirit, and he's given us new life.

We believe in the crucifixion, We believe He conquered death.

We believe in the resurrection, and He's comin' back again, We Believe.

So let our faith be more that anthems, greater that the songs we sing.

And in our weakness and temptations, we believe, we believe.

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We Believe. We Believe.

We all deal with adversity differently, and music is one of my favorite ways of coping. Though I really like the tune that goes along with this song, it's the words that give me a lot more comfort. The song says "we". It let's me know that my friends, relatives, and neighbors are also dealing with this same situation. When we say "we believe" it tells me that we all look to the one God for comfort and assurance.

Through these difficult times we all have been forced to invent news ways of doing business. For centuries, the church has done the majority of ministry within the four walls of a building. Now, we have been instructed not to meet, teach, preach, or counsel inside those walls.

Covid-19 caused pastors to find other ways to keep their ministry active and relevant. Streaming, teleconferencing, social media, on-line instruction, and daily devotions on their web site are some of the innovations that have emerged as substitutes for corporate worship on Sunday. These should not be forgotten when we are able to return to Sunday services. Let's figure out how these new tools can be used when the pastor returns his focus to corporate worship. Lay people are a key to executing all these new delivery systems when the crisis subsides.

One other positive observation has been the involvement of our lay members. Some have picked up and delivered groceries to older, at risk, neighbors. Some have simply called another person to ask them how they are doing. Still others have delivered meals to the elderly. Prayer groups have been formed all over and used the internet or phone to pray together. All these actions define what ministry is: using what God has given to us to help others. We will survive this, Our goal needs to be to learn from this as we move forward with the message of Christ's love. This is what I believe. This is what we need to believe. Adversity can be a great asset if we learn from it. We can move forward with new dynamic practices and ministries.

We Believe!

Sioux Falls-KDLT/KEVN-Rapid City

- May 3-Rev. Bill Heermann-St. John LC-Wagner, SD
- May 10-Rev. Richard Mibrandt-St. Peter Lutheran church-Ocheyedan, Ia
- May 17-Rev. Michael Keller-Peace Lutheran-Alcester, SD
- May 31-Rev. Jordon Andreasen-Our Savior Lutheran Church-Aberdeen, SD

Station call letters will vary throughout the state

Fargo-KVRR/WDAY-Bismarck

- May 3-Rev. Chris Waldvogel-Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church-Fargo, ND
- May 10-Rev. Andrew Radcliffe-ND District-Fargo, ND
- May 17-Rev. Matt Tooman-Immanuel Lutheran Church-Wahpeton, ND
- May 24-Rev. Jim Meyer-Minnesota North District- Thief River Falls, MN
- May 31-Rev. Allen Kramp-St John Lutheran-Hillsboro, ND

Duluth-KBJR

- May 3-Rev. Robert Franck-Mount Olive LC-Duluth, MN
- May 10-Rev. Tom Brinkley-St Matthews LC-Esco, MN
- May 17-Rev. Arleigh vonSeggern-Trinity Chapel-Phillips, WI
- May 24-Rev. John Bonk-Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran – Two Harbors, MN
- May 31-Rev. Kevin Richter-Peace in Christ Lutheran Church Hermantown, MN

Sioux City-KCAU

- May 3-Rev. Leon Rosenthal-Nebraska Dist.-Norfolk, NE
- May 10-Rev. Gordon Bruce-Zion Lutheran-Pierce, NE
- May 17-Rev. Russel Senstad-Redeemer Lutheran Church-Sioux City, IA
- May 24-Rev Robert Zellmer-Bethel Lutheran-Lawton, IA
- May 31-Rev. Brian Bucklew-Zion Lutheran-Plainview, NE

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Lincoln-KLKN

- May 3-Rev. Leon Rosenthal-Nebraska Dist.-Norfolk, NE
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- May 17-Rev. Russel Senstad-Redeemer Lutheran Church-Sioux City, IA
- May 24-Rev Robert Zellmer-Bethel Lutheran-Lawton, IA
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Twin Cities

- May 3-Rev. Tim Renstrom-St. Stephens LC-Braham, MN
- May 10-Rev. Brent Klein-Trinity Lutheran-Northfield, MN
- May 17-Rev. Peter Gueldner-King of Glory-Monticello, MN
- May 24-Rev. Keith Grimm-Faith of Christ LC-Andover, MN
- May 31-Rev. Michael Mulso-Emanuel LC-Inver Grove Hgts.MN

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5-3-This is the Life-“The Big Little Lie”- Curiosity and a little "white lie" results in very serious unintended developments for the Fisher family.

5-10-This is the Life-“To the End of Time”- A physicist working on nuclear weapon development is confronted with the reality of the weapon, the utility of radiation and the blessing of Christian hope.

5-17-This is the Life-A Face from the Past”- A man struggles to come to terms with the memory and feelings of guilt with his estranged father.

05-24-This is the Life-“Love is Not Enough”- A young couple struggles mightily with the decision to marry, exploring is what truly is important.

5/31-This is the Life-“A Different Way”- In this Fisher Family episode, Cousin Stanley visits and creates a difficult situation with a neighbor.