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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00am

Annual Church Picnic
August 26th
11:00am

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PASTOR'S PAGE

A Message from Bishop Abraham Allende

The Following was the Monday Musings for June 18, 2018 from our Northeastern Ohio Synod Bishop Abraham Allende.

A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But [Jesus] was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and [the disciples] woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Mark 4:37-38

"Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

The question leaped off the page as I read our Gospel lesson for this coming Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.

I don't know what more can be said that hasn't already been said about the latest immigration controversy, but I can't let another week go by without acknowledging publicly that it is troubling to me, for a number of reasons.

It's troubling to me that we have allowed the immigration debate to deteriorate to the most inhumane of levels, with children being separated from their mothers and the government using scripture to justify such action.

It is troubling to me because for the first nine years of my ministry, beginning while yet in seminary, I served a mission congregation that did outreach to the emerging Latino community in the greater Canton area. When one serves among an immigrant population, the relationships developed are nearly as close as family. They are strangers in a strange land with unfamiliar customs that required getting used to. There is not a one of us who would not help a family member.

Thus, my ministry was a literally a ministry of accompaniment. I spent as much time, if not more, in courts, hospitals, chauffeuring, translating, and serving in many other ways as I did preaching and presiding at worship.

However, in light of recent developments, I imagine that immigrant communities may feel God is asleep, unaware of the storms of their lives. Like the disciples on that boat, they must also be asking, *"Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"*

Many immigrants come to our borders fleeing stormy conditions that no longer make it possible for them to live in their native country; poverty, persecution, violence, wars and natural disasters. They are seeking the calmer waters of asylum or a better way of life for themselves and their families. Yet when they arrive here, instead of being welcomed, they are swamped by winds of fear and waves of marginalization, depriving them of any sense of hope.

Currently there are 11-million people living in the United States without proper documents. While the overwhelming majority are from Latin American countries, there are others from such wide-ranging areas as Ireland, Russia, the Middle East, China and other Asian countries, and the nations of Africa. Some enter the country with proper documents, such as a visa, but overstay their allotted time and are thrown into unauthorized status. Some who have been living under Temporary Protective Status, have found those protections eliminated, adding to the anxiety of their already uncertain existence.

I agree that we are a nation of laws, but I'm troubled that the current and proposed legislation stresses enforcement over the humane treatment of people.

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Consider the following:

It's very likely that the fruit that you had for breakfast, or the vegetables in your salad, were picked by an undocumented immigrant farm laborer.

The landscaper who mows your lawn or trims your hedges may also not have appropriate papers.

The room where you stayed or the bed you slept in at your last hotel stay was probably cleaned and made by a maid without status.

These are jobs that few of us would ever consider doing and usually take for granted without giving a second thought.

"Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

Several years ago, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) published a document titled, *Who is My Neighbor?*

It states very clearly that: "As Lutheran Christians, we believe we practice our Christian love within a secular society and that God has called us to have concern for the whole human society in which we have been placed. The person in need is our neighbor, to whom Christ sends us in response to his love, without regard for any human wall of separation."

I'm very aware that we are not all of one mind on this issue and I acknowledge the feelings of those who don't share the same views. I may not be able to change your mind, but I will continue to pray that even as we disagree, we do so respectfully, and continue in conversation without malice or rancor or insult.

Thanks be to God that no matter our differing opinions, we serve a Creator who loves us all in equal measure, and invites us to go and do likewise.

+Bishop Abraham Allende

WORSHIP

Summer Worship

We continue our Summer worship Schedule with one service at 10:00am through August. We will return to our regular worship schedule on Sunday, September 2nd with two services at 8:30am and 11:00am.

German Language Worship

As the German speaking congregation is aging, attending church services is an increasing challenge for many. We have three more services in 2018 on **September 9, and December 9**, at 2 PM as usual. Each of these services will be followed by a coffee hour to allow time to connect with each other. For the weeks in between, all who are mobile are invited to attend the English language services.

Summer Sermon Series

July 15, 22, 29

On July 15, July 22, and 29, Revs. Carter and Jones are preaching a three-part mini-series inspired by Mark Allan Powell's recent Bible study "Multiple Meanings" in WELCA's "Gather" magazine. Dr. Powell is teaching at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Church

Children will be dismissed from church following a Children's sermon. They will go to the nursery to learn a short Bible story and do crafts and play games. They will be brought back into church during the offertory so they can receive a blessing during communion. All children ages 6 and younger are welcome. Contact Melissa at 216-941-7880 with questions.

Vacation Bible School -- July 9th-13th

Mark your calendars now for the 2018 VBS! This year we will explore our favorite Old Testament stories and how God is always with us. We will need teenage and adult volunteers.

Monday – Creation: God made everything and it is good!

Tuesday – Noah: God keeps his promises!

Wednesday – Moses: God helps his people!

Thursday – Joshua: God can do the impossible!

Friday – Jonah: God will never leave you!

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has used the Vacation Bible School envelope included in your offering packet. We would not be able to have VBS without your generosity.

Vacation Bible School is for children ages 2 –6th grade. Registration forms are available in the office and online at www.bethanyenglish.org

All are welcome. Contact Melissa at 216-941-7880 or bethanyenglish@sbcglobal.net

Kamms Corners 4th of July Parade

We need marchers to hand out candy and VBS information during the 4th of July Parade. This is the best way to promote Vacation Bible School and Bethany in our community in the summer. Contact Melissa for more details.

Sunday School 2018—2019

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 9th with Rally Day. If you would like to teach Sunday School please contact Melissa. 216-941-7880 or bethanyenglish@sbcglobal.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, August 26th

The annual church picnic will take place on Sunday August 26th with worship at 11:00am and lunch to follow. This year the picnic will be held at the German / American Cultural Center in Lenau Park – 7370 Columbia Road, Cleveland, OH 44138.

There will be NO worship service at Bethany English Lutheran Church on the 26th. Watch the Sunday Bulletins for more information. Please sign up on the bulletin board and bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Outreach

Collection for the Sandusky Veteran's Home

We are continuing to collect donations for the Veteran's Home in Sandusky. A few examples of the needed items are: sweatshirts, sweatpants, hoodies, handkerchiefs, belts, toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, body wash, alcohol free mouth wash, shampoo, conditioner, tissues, lotion, shaving cream, chapstick, soap, Q tips, nail clippers, playing cards, lanyards, metal over the door hangers, clothes hangers, shoe horns, and key chains. **NO used clothing, books, puzzles, magazines or blankets **There is a full list on the bulletin board.

Food Pantry

During the summer children don't get lunch at school, so there is extra demand at Food Pantries.

, in the months of July and August we are asking for donations of Macaroni and Cheese, spaghetti sauce and canned vegetables.

Building Hope in the City

Building Hope in the City is a local Lutheran Organization that assists refugees and immigrants. We are collecting paper good for their kitchen, coffee supplies and snacks for the children. Thank you for your generosity.

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Finance

Summer is here! Time for some fun in the sun and vacations! Sadly the church bills do not take a vacation. If you would like to continue giving while out of town you can use the addressed envelope in the offering packet to mail your offering to the church. Thank you for your faithful contributions throughout the year. If you would like a 6 month offering statement please email Sarah Todd -- sarah todd19@yahoo.com

Women's Group

Saturday -- July 28th

Cuyahoga Railroad?

Wednesday – August 15th

Welcome to the Lord's Family

Spencer Warren Davis

Spencer was born on February 8, 2018 to Mike and Jenny Davis. He was baptized on June 3, 2018; his baptismal sponsors are Michaela Hazlett and Tim Branum.

Scarlett Grey Kickham

Scarlett was born on April 8, 2016 to Bea Barlow and John Kickham. She was baptized on June 10, 2018; her baptismal sponsors are Sue Kickham, Susan Barlow and Grant Barlow.

Thank You

Dear Pastor Ferro and Bethany members,

As we approach the end of another Ramadan, we would like to thank you and your members for hosting us this year! We are thankful and grateful for your friendship. We are reminded of how blessed we are and how much we have to be thankful for. Thank you for your part in that. We look forward to future gatherings and building long lasting friendship. Together, we can accomplish so much and build bridges of understanding, love, peace, and dialogue.

May God Bless you.

The Turkish American Society of Cleveland.

Please Excuse Our Dust

We are finishing up the remodeling of our Assembly Hall. Thank you for your patience as we complete this large project. Thank you as well to the Assembly Hall Committee, Property Committee and many volunteers for your hard work and dedication.

In Our Prayers

Many of our members and their family and friends have been in our prayers. May God's loving and healing hand continue to bless and keep all who call upon Him, especially Jonathon Canterbury, Alina John, Elaine Darvas, Mary Lou Brock, Mark Lynam, and Brian, Linda Lessa, Ron Bombalicki, Joan Wise, Attila Csapo, Terri Stultz, Autumn, Emily and Tommy

Our Sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of

† Nikolaus Lesinger – June 5, 2018

† Daniel Weddell – friend of Rebekah Ferro

Just a Reminder...

If you or a loved one is in the hospital, please call Pastor Ferro at the church, 216-941-7880 and let us know.

July Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Kamms Corner Parade Office Closed	5	6	7 9:30pm NA Meeting
8 10:00am Worship	9 9-12 VBS 7:00pm AA Assembly Hall	10 9-12 VBS 7:00pm Committee Meetings	11 9-12 VBS	12 9-12 VBS	13 9-12 VBS	14 9:30pm NA Meeting
15 10:00am Worship	16 Office Closed AA Assembly Hall	17	18	19 Office Closed	20	21 Outreach Women's Shelter Lunch 9:30pm NA Meeting
22 10:00am Worship	23 Office Closed 7:00pm AA Assembly Hall	24	25	26	27	28 Women's Group 9:30pm NA Meeting
29 10:00am Worship	30 Office Closed 7:00pm AA Assembly Hall	31				

August Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 9:30pm NA Meeting
5 10:00am Worship	6 7:00pm AA Assembly Hall	7	8	9	10	11 9:30pm NA Meeting
12 10:00am Worship	13 7:00pm AA Assembly Hall	14 7:00pm Committee Meetings	15 7:00pm Women's Group	16	17	18 Outreach Women's Shelter Lunch 9:30pm NA Meeting
19 10:00am Worship	20 7:00pm AA Assembly Hall	21 7:00pm Council Meeting	22	23	24	25 Women's Group 9:30pm NA Meeting
26	27 7:00pm AA Assembly Hall	28	29	30	31	

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Worship Assistants Schedule – July & August

Date	Liturg.Assist.	Com.Assist.	Reader	Altar Guild	Acolytes	Ushers	Counters	Elevator
July 1 10:00am		C Hoffman J Szustak	C Hoffman	K Guelker S Popham	A Kammerman	S Todd M Todd B Levkulich D Norlin	S DeCrane J Sadlon	N Haug
July 8 10:00am	D Ferro	J Morano J Zangmeister D Ferro		K Guelker S Popham	S Fuchs	S Todd M Todd B Levkulich D Norlin	G Carte M Carte	R Nelson
July 15 10:00am		C Bossart B Levkulich		K Guelker S Popham	C English B Williams	T Stanton K Summer D Gertz K Gertz	N Haug B Levkulich	D Norlin
July 22		K Darvas L L Persinger		K Guelker S Popham	N Persinger	T Stanton K Summer D Gertz K Gertz	S Bennett P Lusardo	N Wise
July 29 10:00am		M Kahelin B Kahelin		S Popham K Guelker	I Cox T Cox	T Stanton K Summer D Gertz K Gertz	N Stockhaus S Surber N Wise	P Goehl
August 5 10:00am	L Little	J Morano J Zangmeister L Little		K Guelker D Burns	J Chamot	B Hamed M Hamed G Blakemore E Palm	J Morano T Stanton J Stanton	R Nelson
August 12 10:00am	K Darvas	K Darvas R Darvas LL Persinger		K Guelker D Burns	A Kammerman	B Hamed M Hamed G Blakemore E Palm	G Hansen B McElyea R McElyea	N Haug
August 19 10:00am		M Carte C Bossart J Szustak	C Bossart	K Guelker D Burns	N Persinger	P Goehl K Kobella D Kobella N Ulvila	H Hasslebrack R Little D Ferro	J Sadlon
August 26 11:00am	Church Picnic	Church Picnic	Picnic	Church Picnic	Church Picnic	P Goehl K Kobella D Kobella N Ulvila	Church Picnic	Church Picnic