

## Participants in Video Devotions for July & August, 2020

Date	Worship Assistant (Psalm)	Reader (reading)	Prayer leader (host congregation)
July 5	Tim L	<i>Epiphany</i>	St Mark's
July 12	<i>Epiphany</i>	Katharine B	St Mark's
July 19	Christa M	<i>Epiphany</i>	St Mark's
July 26	<i>St Mark's</i>	Tom R	Epiphany
August 2	Jett I	<i>St Mark's</i>	Epiphany
August 9	<i>St Mark's</i>	Monica P	Epiphany
August 16	<i>St Mark's</i>	<i>Epiphany</i>	Kim D
August 23	<i>Epiphany</i>	<i>St Mark's</i>	Mark S
August 30	<i>St Mark's</i>	<i>Epiphany</i>	Kara & Ellie R

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*Let there be greening, birth from the burning,  
water that blesses and air that is sweet,  
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,  
regeneration that peace will complete.*

**EvLW #739**

Summer is a time of re-creation!

The Summer, this year, however, is perhaps not what we planned. While we might want to be outside at the beach, or at festivals, or on a trip on 'the open road,' our plans are being dampened by the need to be at a distance and not gather in groups in this pandemic time.

But creation evolves and new life bursts forth whether we expect it, or want it, or predict it will, or not!

The hymnist point to new birth, to cleansing water, to clean air – things that we have heard about when some species have made a comeback during this time that humans are isolating, or pollution that is dissipating in urban centers allowing the population to see distant mountains they haven't seen for decades.

We pray for health in God's garden, and we nurture children in our families and communities for a new day when we can step outside and gather again. We are called into new places, this Summer. We are called to care for neighbour in new ways – keeping distant, wearing a mask, disinfecting surfaces and washing hands regularly.

I have experienced peace in this time, just by being home more of the time, and being around my kids more. Being home to water the garden more has lead to more greening, too! May these weeks bring you time of rest and recreation, even as we do it at home and at a distance! Peace and health,

*-Pastor Tyler*

# Prevention of Contagious Diseases

Marilyn Campbell

Infectious, contagious diseases have been around for thousands of years and have eradicated thousands and thousands of people because they didn't know how to deal with it.

During WWI Florence Nightingale was appalled at the number of injured soldiers who died from infections and not from their injuries. She insisted that everyone wash their hands before and after doing anything with their patients and the infections were hugely reduced. Polio killed and paralyzed thousands around the world in the 50s. It was not until Salk developed a vaccine that the disease was beaten.

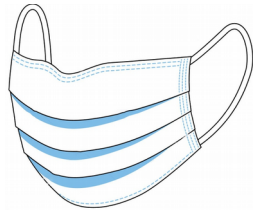
I am sure with all the research that is going on around the world we will have a vaccine for Covid19 by next year. In the meantime *it is up to all of us* to prevent the spread. Viruses need a host (warm body) to pass from one person to another via coughing, sneezing, singing and shouting.

☉ Follow the guidelines of the CDC and all the doctors who have been on TV and in Medical Papers online.

☉ Wearing a mask when near other people.

☉ Staying 2 metres apart

☉ Washing hands frequently.



You can still go out for a walk or bike ride or even a car ride and communicate with family and friends via phone or e.mail

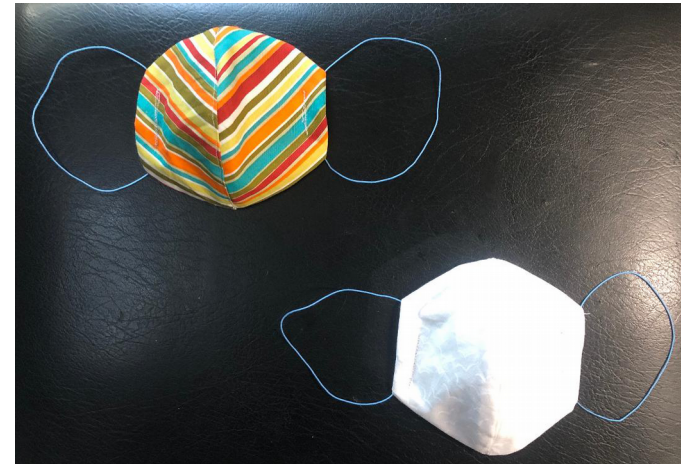
Manitoba and Canada has done a great job of controlling this nasty disease, so don't stop now.

We will get over this, stay safe.



## **Gloria Dei is making masks!**

Masks are important when going out in public, these days. If you need one, please contact the office to get your name on a list. You are invited to make a special offering, but not required, for masks. We want our community to be safe and healthy!



*Thank you...*

-to Luz and family for their janitorial work, even through this time  
-to Pam for keeping on top of our card ministry  
-to our Council for their diligence in doing the church business  
-to our Worship Committee for ideas and creativity, and for phoning our members without internet connection  
-to our Urban volunteers who help people on the margins in Winnipeg

### ***On Sundays at 10am, via Zoom, we hold in prayer:***

-those who are ill  
-those who have experienced loss  
-those celebrating birthdays, and other good news  
*...you are named, and we remember you!*  
To join in this time of prayer, follow the link provided in the e-news.

### ***Hold in prayer...***

In a time of loss:  
Sandra Fritz's brother, Rod, died on Monday, June 22. Peace to all who mourn.

In a time of celebration:  
High school and college grads of 2020, including Jazzy, Monica's daughter, and Mason, Irmgard's grandson. *"Blessings to you on the road ahead!"*

### **GLORIA DEI VIDEO DEVOTIONS**

Do you have a creative idea for our Sunday video devotions? Do you play music, or recite poetry, or take pictures, or...? Your creativity can help give life to our video devotions! Be in touch with Pastor Tyler, and we'll look forward to your participation in the Fall! (*Wasn't it great to have Clarence's guitar music on Holy Trinity Sunday?*)  
Email [pastorgdeiwp@gmail.com](mailto:pastorgdeiwp@gmail.com)

### **Summer Sundays**

In the months of July and August, we'll be sharing Sunday services with the Winnipeg congregations of St Mark's Lutheran and Epiphany Lutheran. This will give Pastor Tyler a needed break from the full schedule of preparing video devotions each week (and those who prepare weekly videos at Epiphany and St Mark's!).

July 5, 12, 19 – **St Mark's**  
July 26, August 2, 9 – **Epiphany**  
August 16, 23, 30 – **Gloria Dei**

You'll still be able to find our weekly online worship services in the usual YouTube and Facebook places!



### **The 2020 Luther Village Bikeathon from Afar**

by Jett Isleifson



*"All these [abilities] are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses."* (1 Corinthians 12:11)

Even the ability to ride a bike. A long distance. Such as 100 km's. The Holy Spirit chooses as she chooses to further mission and the method to further that mission can be just about anything. Even someone on a bike. On a mission like this one:

"Under God's Grace, Luther Village exists to provide a Christian ministry in a harmonious outdoor setting to give all individuals the opportunity for growth and renewal of mind, body, and soul."

Luther Village hosts the Annual Bikeathon to help support their mission. Enthusiastic cyclists attend to the camp on Ontario's Echo Bay to participate. Many hills, many lakes, many turns in some of Canada's most scenic country, a 100 km ride in a magnificent piece of God's Creation. How wonderful to be able to use one's enthusiasm for cycling to actually serve in mission.

Then the year 2020 struck! Cancellations! So many cancellations as COVID-19 spread causing social isolation, quarantine, trepidation that anything would ever be "normal" again!

Again the Spirit who meant for Mission to happen moved and thus was born the Luther Village Bikeathon From Afar. A cyclist could indeed ride for Luther Village in 2020, by riding where they were on any date between June 12 to 30, 2020.

I would ride on Saturday, June 20 a route in three phases totalling 100 km's: from home to the Legislative Building, then a circuit of Winnipeg using the route of the 1970 Miles For Millions march, finally from the "Ledge" back to home.

There was a 60% chance of thundershowers forecast but not until later in the afternoon. I'd likely be finished by then. Anyone who rode the sodden 2018 Bikeathon knows about rain! Even so off I went with my little companion "Lego Martin Luther." Most of the day was very pleasant, sunny, light wind, warm. Yes, the 60% chance of thunderstorms suddenly became 100% and I was soaked fair and square! Fortunately it did not last long. It was a wonderful day for a ride and a wonderful ride it was.

Sadly missing was the fellowship of all the other riders who would be in camp and along for the ride. But gladly present was the support and prayers of many who pledged: the generous mission-minded people of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and many other friends too. Thank you all who supported my ride for Luther Village!