

De Soto United Methodist Church

E-Weekly Newsletter

September 10, 2020

This Week in Worship

Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah in this section pairs what only could be considered the oddest of couples when describing God's vision for a peaceful kingdom: a wolf living with a lamb, a leopard lying down with a baby goat. Though this section often gets misquoted as 'the lion shall lie down with the lamb' the imagery conveys a mismatch of perceived norms and subverts expectations. The news God has to give is so good that the understood order of things will be turned upside down. But are we ready to receive the Good News that God has to give? Think about what news is conveyed on tv, in the paper, on the internet. We are inundated with the 'bad news' of the day. When good news does happen we may celebrate temporarily, but again it seems to be crowded out by more and bad news. How does all this bad news shape our lives of faith? How do we experience **Rising Hope** if things just seem to be always going from bad to worse? Or maybe there's something a little deeper happening by our own need to sometimes consume only 'bad news.' As we continue our sermon series examining Isaiah, we'll listen more to the hope and promise God is giving, a hope that recognizes our plight but never gives up. Isaiah's call is a call not to action but to hope; but hope, in the end, is action, with the power to overturn old assumptions and sad cynicism, to give us new eyes, and to heal our warring hearts. I look forward to sharing this message on Sunday.

Peace,

Pastor Jeff

A Note from Sabrina:



Kick-Off of Youth Group, THIS Sunday, Sept. 13, 4:00-6:00 pm

This gathering will be for students AND parents.

Bring a chair and join us outside on the upper level.

4:00-6:00 pm Students: middle school AND high school

4:00-5:00 pm Parents

4:00-5:00 pm will be a time for new middle school students & parents to meet with veteran middle school students & parents, along with Keil Hileman, middle school/high school teacher in USD 232 and parent. This will be a Q&A time about middle school life and school in general.

NOTE: Parents, if you have younger kids (not Youth Group age) who will accompany you, please let Sabrina know so she may plan activities for them during the 4-5 pm hour.

Participants should stay home if they are feeling sick or answer "yes" to experiencing any of the Covid -19 Check-in Questions on the next page. **

Child, Youth, Family Ministry Team Meets September 15, 7:30 pm Zoom



New team members are always welcome in this group that plans activities for these ministries. Details? Contact Sabrina: youthfamily@desotoumc.org

Get Involved

A Call for Recipes!



One of the first gifts our family received when moving to De Soto in 2014 was a copy of the De Soto UMC Cookbook. This was put together by UMW and represented a wide range of family recipes handed down through the ages (and served at any number of potlucks at the church). It is a wonderful record of the community. I believe it is a time for an update (especially since many of us have discovered or re-discovered recipes during this time of pandemic) so we can continue to share with each other our favorite meals and desserts, soups and side dishes, beverages and everything in between. For now, email any favorite recipes (and any related stories) to pastor-jeff@desotoumc.org or umcoffice@desotoumc.org or mail to PO Box 400 and we'll get started in compiling (and sampling) your wonderful dishes!

Sing-a-Long on Zoom, Sept. 20 @ 4:00 pm

Hey—PreK through 5th grade kids! Join your friends for a fun Sing-a-Long on Zoom, Sunday, September 20 at 4:00 pm. Join Miss Linda for singing some *To Mars and Beyond* VBS tunes, plus more favorites. Parents, look for the Zoom link in your email inbox a few days prior to the Sing-a-Long so your kids can join in the FUN singing and praising the Lord.

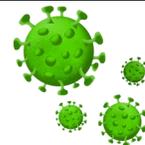
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live. Psalm 104:33a

Questions? Contact Sabrina: youthfamily@desotoumc.org



****Covid-19 Check-In Questions:**

- * Have you been diagnosed with or tested positive for Covid-19 infection?
- * Have you had any of the following symptoms in the past 14 days?
 - >fever or chills, >shortness of breath or difficulty breathing,
 - >cough, >congestion or runny nose,
 - >fatigue, >muscle or body aches,
 - >diarrhea, >nausea or vomiting,
 - >headache, >new loss of taste or smell,
 - >sore throat.
- * Have you had contact with any confirmed Covid-19 cases in the last 30 days?





Drive In Worship will continue through the first few weeks of September. As we evaluate the needs of the congregation, the necessary safety protocols for gathering in the building, and the best available data on Covid-19 transmission, we will inform the congregation and community of our intent to either being in person worship or continuing with the drive in option. We will look at giving you a two weeks notice regarding any decisions made. Worship will continue to be live-streamed via Facebook Live. Your patience and prayers are greatly appreciated during this time.



The Kindergarten classes at Starside are looking to expand their outdoor play area to help ensure safe distancing. They are looking for items to help build a kid friendly obstacle course (cones, agility ladders, etc.), a mini soccer field, and could also use sidewalk chalk. If possible, an outdoor storage bin would help as well. And for those who are a little more artistic, there's an opportunity to paint part of the sidewalk area with numbers or letters or lily pads that would be kid-friendly and educational. Please contact Pastor Jeff if you'd like to contribute. Your help with this project will be a blessing to the young students at Starside.

HELPERS NEEDED: BIEROCKS ASSEMBLY

We will be assembling/baking the bierocks at the VFW on **Saturday, September 12th** from 8:00am to however long it takes us, probably 2:00pm.

We will take all the help we can get! If you can only come for a certain window of time, great! Please do not feel obligated to stay the entire time. **Any help is helpful!**

We will be personally distanced, wearing masks and gloves. If you are rolling dough or assembling bierocks, you will have your own table to sit at.



If you have rolling pins or pastry mats, please bring those, too.