



Pastor's Reflections

Dear, Sisters and Brothers of Love of Christ Lutheran Church!

Grace to you and peace from the Holy Spirit in whom we live, and move, and have our being.

As we enter into June and the summer, I just want to share some of my thoughts, and reflections with you. I have not been with you long, only a month now. However, it has been a month of beginning to get to know you, some of the history of Love of Christ, and the work of Christ that you do in the community and the world.

This coming Sunday is Holy Trinity Sunday. The Gospel is from John the 3rd chapter. In this text is a scripture lesson that is probably one of the most known and loved; it is often chosen as a favorite for confirmation students and one that is remembered even when someone is at end of life and not seeming to remember, or respond to anything. John 3:16 says *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that all who believe in him shall not perish but will have eternal life."*

This is indeed good news for us! However, let's not forget that there is much surrounding our gospel lesson; including a night time conversation with Nicodemus. Nicodemus, approaches Jesus with questions. Questions that, if we

were not on the other side of the story, we might have as well. Questions really that we may still have now. Nicodemus is a wonderful example for us. He is a Pharisee, who is a follower of Jesus. He believes in Jesus. However, he has his doubts, and his worries, and his wonderings about Jesus' teachings. Perhaps he is afraid that he might find dis-favor with his colleagues, and students. Jesus, after all is quite radical, and shares a different teaching. Jesus meets people where they are. Including Nicodemus, whom he meets with in the dark of night. We can make all kinds of assumptions about this. However, the reality is that the questions are good questions, and Nicodemus seeks Jesus out. Jesus engages with, heals, and walks with people who are not accepted, who are outcast, and on the margins. Jesus heals on the sabbath. Jesus eats with people who are considered to be sinners, and unclean. This is indeed good news! Jesus meets us where we are and loves us, all of us.

John 3:17 says *"For God did not send the son into the world to condemn the world, but that world would be saved through him."* There is a beautiful hymn called, "Here in this Place (Gather us in)" Written by Marty Haugen. Verse 4 says: *"Not in the dark of buildings confining. Not in some heaven light years away. Here in this place a new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever. Gather us in and make us your*

**FOR
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John 3:16

Greetings, Members and Friends of Love of Christ

own. Gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone."

Nicodemus, has a fire, and questions that grow his faith and understanding. This story reminds us that being where we are is okay. Asking the questions that build our understanding is okay. Being human is okay. Jesus encourages us to have the conversations that are sometimes difficult. May that fire in our flesh and our bone be a fire that nudges us as well as sustains us in what God is calling us to in this time and place. Heaven begins here and now. *"Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away. See in this space our fears and our dreaming, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame, call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name."*

I am grateful and excited to be on this path with all of you! May the Holy Spirit, the breath of God grow us in the gospel in ways that fill our flesh and our bone with a fire that is contagious and life giving!

Come Holy Spirit!

Pastor
Ann <><



We are nearing summer and hurricane seasons, approaching the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel, and enjoying 4 plus months of worshipping together. Now we must come together to serve the needs of our church and community. How can we accomplish this? Pick up the phone and call the shut ins or send a text message. Does someone need a ride to attend church services? Or purchase groceries? Or visit the Doctor? Volunteer to usher or be a reader at church. These are just a few suggestions for you to serve. Reach out to assist one another and remember to Love Your Neighbor! We are reaching normalcy.

Shirley Nelson

DEVOTION FOR JUNE

WANTED: by children and mothers everywhere.

CHRISTIAN FATHERS AND GRANDFATHERS, last seen disappearing from many American homes. Should you apprehend one, please turn him over to a family who desperately needs his sincere affection and loving counsel.

REWARD: An orderly family. The love and respect of family and friends. A favorable ruling by the God of heaven and earth.

God's word has much to say to earthly fathers and grandfathers about what their role involves. Fatherhood is at the heart of God's plan for his people. To be a Christian father is to fulfill in your family the role which God fulfills in his church. Not that we can go around playing god. But in many ways the role we perform will be God-like.

God helps provide food, clothing, and shelter for his children. God protects from danger. God gives an example to imitate. God gives us an identity as his children. God educates us, teaching us right from wrong. God corrects and disciplines his children when they err. Most important of all, God loves us and helps us to find happiness and an abundant, meaningful life as a member of his family. May He help us all in our Christian roles!

Sandy Sill



★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 Aryls & Harold Buland
- 03 Gloria & Lyle Jaegler
- 04 Amy & Don Van Deest
- 07 Ed & Wendy Haught
- 07 Mike & Sharon Shull
- 08 Marilyn & Sanford Sill
- 09 Sharon & Tom Newcomer
- 16 Lee & Mary Nelson

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 08 Anne & Will Baker
- 12 Bonnie & Joe Moore
- 26 Darla & Robert Chaloupek

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 04 Derald & Priscilla Christensen
- 08 Kenneth & Lois Tanula
- 12 Raye & Richard Chandler
- 21 Bette & Sam Learned
- 22 Dean & Marilyn Garnett
- 26 Nancy & Rod Karg
- 28 Lynn & Marvin Hedlund

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Kathy Whitney
- 07 Gerald Gieseke
- 11 Marvin Dietz
- 14 Harlan Thompson
- 16 Judy Bradshaw
- 19 Donness Dietz
- 25 Gene Johnson
- 29 Sanford Sill
- 30 Marvin Hedlund

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 04 John Egan
- 08 Tom Young
- 24 Shirley Bowen
- 24 Chuck Wolff
- 25 Thomas Newcomer
- 27 Robert Slade
- 28 Jenna Gutierrez

- 29 Jo Degener
- 29 Cathy Johnson
- 29 Donna Lidtke
- 31 Ann Thompson

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Will Baker
- 01 Rich Klindt
- 02 Jan Slade
- 02 Richard Twait
- 03 Nancy Karg
- 04 Ed Puder
- 05 Teona Henry
- 06 Sharon Shull
- 08 Betty Bentson
- 24 John Bowen
- 27 James Whitney
- 29 Ernie Harrell

Drop a personal note to one of your brothers or sisters in Christ at LOC who celebrates a special occasion this month and let them know how much their presence in our family of faith at LOC means to you.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray....Pray for one another so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5:13&16

Contact Julie Knutson in the office 956-447-1337 if you would like to add to the prayer list and/or would like a prayer shawl, prayer square sent to someone. We also have pocket squares as smaller option to send to a loved one.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayers are offered while shawls are created. Then the shawls are given to the sick and those needing comfort. Shawls have been distributed to many within the community, and they have been mailed to numerous locations within the United States and Canada as requests for those needing prayers and comfort are filled. We are pleased to fill requests.

PRAYER SQUARES

We have a "Prayer Squares" project. A square is quilted and tied with loving strings of embroidery thread. Then when one of our members of Love of Christ (or a friend) is having surgery, or is in a hospital, each of us say a prayer, tie a knot, and then give the patch to them. They are even allowed to take them into the surgery room. We want our prayers with them.

THE LIBRARY

Come and check out the Love of Christ Library! Folks have donated some great reading, videos, and audio tapes. Come and browse or come and bring your donation to the Library, and be an encouragement to the folks at Love of Christ church. The Library is located at the church office, and Julie Knutson is always willing to help you. P.S. I am looking for bookshelves, if anyone has some they are willing to donate to Love of Christ.

READING MACHINES

If you, or a loved one, have a vision difficulty that could be helped by the use of our reading machines, please contact Julie Knutson at the Church office (956) 447-1337. Three reading machines are available to be used by anyone in need of help. The machines are "checked out", much as a library book and returned to the office when no longer needed, or if the user does not remain in the Valley during the summer months. There is no charge for this use. If you have a problem picking up the machine from the church office, please make it known to the secretary at the church office, and the machine will be delivered to you. This is another ministry of the Love of Christ Church!

SPECIAL MUSIC

We are still looking for a volunteer to coordinate special music for our worship services. Contact Dean Garnett (956) 463-56941 for more information.

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU
TO BOB WELZ
FOR PROVIDING SUCH
LOVELY MUSIC FOR OUR
SUNDAY SERVICES.
LOVE of CHRIST
APPRECIATES YOU!**

RUNN SCHOOL SUPPLIES

July is "Collect school supplies for Runn Elementary" month. Needed supplies are: pencils, erasers, sharpeners, markers, color crayons, rulers, folders (with and without brads), wide lined composition notebooks. NO spiral notebooks or ink pens. If you prefer, money donations are accepted. Thanks for your cooperation.

A GENTLE REMINDER

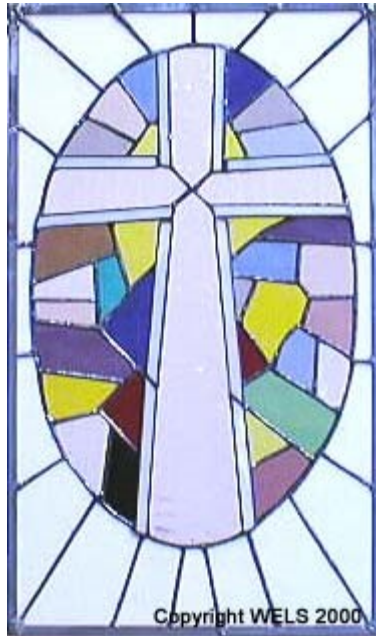
The area in front of the North Door of the church is designated for loading/unloading only. The purpose is to make it more friendly for the handicapped from both congregations to worship. Please feel free to use the designated area and then park your vehicle elsewhere in order that others will have access to the same convenience. Thank you so much for your courtesy.

CHRIST CARE...

Reflecting Christ's love in our community of faith! His inspiration!

Please, if you...or someone you know... could use some Christ care, some concern, or some expression of the love of Christ in his/her life, *LET US KNOW.*

You may do so by calling the church office (956) 447-1337. We at LOC want to care for you, for your friends, and for all who want to know the love of Christ in their life.



FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is a day honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. It is celebrated on the third Sunday of June in 52 of the world's countries and on other days elsewhere. It complements Mother's Day, the celebration honoring mothers.

In addition to Father's Day, International Men's Day is celebrated in many countries on November 19 for men and boys who are not fathers.

TODAY

I may never see tomorrow;
there's no written guarantee
and things that
happened yesterday
belong to history.
I cannot predict the future,
I cannot change the past,
I have just the
present moments,
I must treat it as my last.

I must use this moment wisely
for it soon will pass away,
and be lost forever,
as part of yesterday.
I must exercise compassion,
help the fallen to their feet,
be a friend unto the friendless,
make an empty life complete.

The unkind things that
I do today
may never be undone,
and friendships that
I fail to win
may nevermore be won.
I may not have another chance
on blended knees to pray,
to thank God with a humble
heart
for giving me this day.

Author unknown.

What Time Is It?

It was scarcely half-past nine when the rather fierce-looking father of the girl entered the parlor where the timid lover was courting her. The father had his watch in his hand. "Young man," he said, "do you know what time it is?"

"Y-y-yes sir," stuttered the frightened lover, as he scrambled out into the hall; "I--I was just going to leave!" After the beau had made a rapid exit, the father turned to the girl and said in astonishment:

"What was the matter with that fellow? My watch has run down, and I simply wanted to know the time."

BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE



JESUS CHRIST
SALVATION
JEW
GENTILE
HOLY SPIRIT
GOD THE FATHER
PERSECUTE

PRAY
TITHE
MINISTRY
BIBLE
HOLY
SACRIFICE
FAITH

MIRACLE
NAZARETH
BETHLEHEM
JERUSALEM
BAPTIZE
TEMPTATION
SIN

AN EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH TO FALL MANAGEMENT IN ASSISTED LIVING

Approximately one in three seniors over the age of 65, and half of those over age 80, fall each year. At least 50% of those who fall will fall again.¹⁻³ Although staggering, these statistics are believed to underrepresent actual events since many falls go unwitnessed and less than half of those who fall tell their doctor.⁴⁻⁶ In the United States, falls are the most common cause of injuries in seniors and accounted for approximately 3.2 million emergency room visits in 2016. Approximately one-quarter of senior falls lead to serious injuries, including traumatic brain injury and bone fractures, and 20% of those who fracture their hip will die within one year. Half of older adults who fall are unable to get up independently, which can lead to the development of life-threatening conditions including muscle cell breakdown and pressure injuries. Decreased mobility and complications associated with injuries often result in nursing home admission, depression, fear of subsequent falls, and premature death. As the baby boomer population ages, falls are expected to rise and, unfortunately, are exceeding levels anticipated by government agencies and public health organizations. Without a reduction in the fall rate, an estimated 49 million falls and 12 million fall-related injuries are anticipated by 2030

With over 800,000 residents currently living in assisted living communities, the industry is well-positioned to contribute to the reduction of falls in older adults. To a large degree, national statistics on falls in assisted living have not been documented. Some studies have reported fall rates in continuing care communities of 56-57%. The fall rate for residents with dementia is higher and approaches 60% annually. In a 2015-2016 study, The National Center for Health Statistics found that 21.5% of assisted living residents fell during a 90-day survey period while 16.1% of nursing home residents were reported to fall during the same time frame. A 2005 survey similarly found higher injury rates in assisted living versus nursing homes although the number of injuries requiring medical treatment was equal. Higher incidence of falling and fall-related injuries in assisted living are likely due to increased resident ambulation in that setting.

Direct costs associated with falls are massive and include hospital and nursing home care, doctors and other professional services, rehabilitation, medical equipment, medications and insurance processing. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), direct costs of older adult falls in 2015 were greater than \$50 billion and the average cost of a fall-related injury requiring hospitalization was over \$30,000. Medicare and Medicaid paid for 75% of these expenses while \$12 billion was paid out-of-

pocket by patients and their families. With an aging population, these costs are expected to rise exponentially and could reach \$240 billion by 2040. Indirect costs including lost time from work and household duties, time spent caring for an injured family member, and reduced quality of life are also consequences of falls. Senior living communities shoulder many indirect costs including the following:

- Loss of resident occupancy.
- Family/resident dissatisfaction.
- Staffing demands.
- Administrative time.
- Regulatory investigation and increased scrutiny.
- Diminished reputation.
- Legal fees.
- Insurance premium increase.

Over one-half of professional liability insurance claims for Church Mutual cognitive care customers are related to resident falls, with the average claim costing over \$240,000. The causes of most falls are complex, and many experts divide risk factors into two categories: extrinsic and intrinsic fall risks.

Extrinsic fall risk factors are associated with the environment and typically are easier to correct. Descending stairs, carrying objects, slippery floors and inadequate lighting are the most common hazards related to extrinsic fall risks.

Intrinsic risk factors, on the other hand, are conditions related to the individual. These include chronic diseases, age-related sensory changes and balance deficits. The more risk factors a person has, the greater their chance of falling. Studies have found that individuals with four or more identified risk factors have a 78% rate of falling compared to a 28% rate for those with zero-one risk factors. While some risk factors can potentially be modified, others including age and chronic diseases cannot.

<u>Intrinsic Risk Factors</u>	<u>Extrinsic Risk Factors</u>
History of previous fall	Improper footwear
Age	Clutter
Female	Carpet
Fear of Falling	Throw rugs
Disease (Parkinson's, arthritis)	Furniture placement.
Dizziness/ vertigo	Uneven surfaces (grass, cracked pavement)
Postural hypotension	Faulty equipment
Pain	Lack of or improper mobility device
Cognitive impairment	Slippery floors
Hearing loss	Inadequate lighting

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Intrinsic Risk Factors

Vision impairment
 Incontinence
 Muscle weakness
 Balance impairment
 Vitamin D deficiency
 Fatigue
 Depression
 Decreased sensation
 Refusal of care
 Medications
 Alcohol
 Cardiac arrhythmia
 Slow gait

Extrinsic Risk Factors

Heavy or fast swinging doors
 Inaccessible items and supplies
 Lack of or incorrect eyewear prescription
 Bifocals
 Low, soft chair
 Glare from floor
 Stairs
 Lack of hearing aids
 Uneven flooring transition
 Unmanageable clothing
 Lack of grab bars and stair railings
 Slippery showers
 Carrying objects

Many of the risk factors listed above are self-explanatory, but some warrant further discussion.

Fear of Falling: A prior fall can cause fear of future falls which in turn can lead to reduced participation in activities. This can contribute to muscle weakness/atrophy and further deterioration in balance. In a study by Murphy (2003), 25-55% of older adults feared falling and of those, 20-55% restricted their activity.

Footwear: Several studies have highlighted the importance of supportive, properly fitting footwear. Contrary to popular belief, shoes with thick, cushioned midsoles (e.g. running shoes) have not been shown to be as stable as thin, harder-soled shoes. Bare feet, wearing slippers, and foot abnormalities, including sensory loss and toe deformities, are associated with loss of balance.

Medications: 85% of seniors take at least one prescription medication and 25% take five or more. Physiological factors such as changes in body composition, water volume, and liver and kidney function place older adults at increased risk for adverse medication effects. CDC data indicates that over half of older adults use at least one medication that has been associated with falling. These include anti-convulsants, antidepressants, antipsychotics, benzodiazepines, opioids, sedatives, antihistamines, anticholinergics and others. Many of these medications affect the central nervous system and can contribute to deficits in balance, alertness, blood pressure and cognition. When taken with other medications, the impact on fall risk can be compounded. In fact, the use of four or more drugs, including over-the-counter medications, has been shown to increase fall risk

Vision: Approximately one-third of the population has an eye disease affecting vision by age 65. The most common of these are macular degeneration, glaucoma, cataract and diabetic. The resulting vision changes can increase fall risk by causing a decline in acuity, depth perception, peripheral vision, tolerance of glare and contrast sensitivity. The use of bifocals has also been associated with falls by making it difficult for an individual to focus on the environment, floor and their feet. This is especially problematic during outdoor activities.

Cognition: Results from a 2000 survey by the National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) indicated that 52% of residents demonstrate some degree of cognitive impairment. Deficits in problem solving, judgement and memory can cause individuals to overestimate their abilities, forget to use adaptive aids, deny the need for safety measures and create other conditions that can contribute to falls. People who have been diagnosed with dementia fall eight times more often than their peers.

Postural Hypotension: Also known as orthostatic hypotension, this condition causes blood pressure to drop and compromises blood flow to the brain when a person sits or stands up. It is diagnosed when a decrease in systolic blood pressure of 20 mm-Hg or a decrease in diastolic blood pressure of 10 mm-Hg is identified. Many conditions can potentially cause postural hypotension including dehydration, immobility, heart disease, anemia, Parkinson's, endocrine diseases, medications, hot weather and alcohol. Symptoms can include blurry vision, dizziness, nausea, confusion, weakness, fatigue and chest pain. Postural hypotension affects 10-30% of older adults living in the community.

Environment: According to the National Institute on Aging, six out of 10 falls occur at home during walking and activities of daily living. For older adults who live in a home with no stairs found that most falls occurred in the bedroom, living room and kitchen. In assisted living, the bedroom and bathroom are the most common places for falls. For non-ambulatory individuals, falls are more likely to occur during transfers or due to faulty or improperly fitting equipment.

Conditions that have been shown to increase the risk of injury after a fall include the following:

- Frailty.
- Low body weight.
- Vitamin D deficiency
- Cognitive impairment.
- Immobility
- Use of anticoagulants, antiplatelet therapy and anti-

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The use of additional safety measures for those who fall into these categories and are identified as a higher risk should be considered. In a study of over 1,700 community dwelling older adults, Jennings (2015) found the strongest predictor of an injurious fall was a positive response to the following questions:
Have you fallen two or more times in the past year?
Have you been injured in a fall?

The CDC, as part of the STEADI (Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths and Injuries) program, along with the American and British Geriatric Societies, advises screening of all adults over age 65 for falls and fall risk by asking the following questions:

1. Have you fallen in the past year?
2. If yes - how many times? Were you injured?
3. Do you feel unsteady when standing or walking?
4. Are you worried about falling?

Many tools have been developed to assess fall risk in an individual and many assisted living companies include a fall risk assessment in the electronic medical record. Fall risk assessments that evaluate multiple risk factors and not just balance, for example, are widely accepted as the most useful. A multifactorial risk assessment generally includes the following categories:

- Gait.
- Balance.
- Strength.
- Vision.
- Contenance.
- Cognition.
- Blood pressure and pulse.
- Use of a mobility aid.
- Medication.
- Footwear

As the population ages, fall-related injuries and deaths are anticipated to rise. Although all falls cannot be prevented, evidence points to strategies that can be implemented to reduce fall rates in assisted living communities. Early identification of risk factors, resident and staff education, professional consults, eliminating environmental hazards and including resident specific interventions in the plan of care are several ways that assisted living organizations can protect their residents. The process of reducing falls begins with the establishment of a formal falls management program for your community and training of all staff members thereon.

Ann S. Olson
Church Mutual Insurance Company, S.I. (a stock insurer)

BLESSINGS AND GRACE TO ALL AT LOVE OF CHRIST

Greetings!

I pray that this note receives you all in good spirits.

My name is Charles Fredrickson. I am the son of a former pastor at Love of Christ, Rev. Dr. Carl Fredrickson.



REDRICKSON, The Rev. Dr. Carl A.

As you may or may not know, my father died suddenly on January 9th, 2020. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic we were not able to have an

in-person funeral service but instead had a Zoom service at MacArthur Park LC where he was a member on what would have been his 90th birthday --- May 16th.

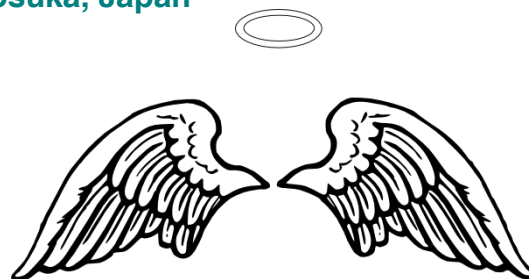
Since then, it has been difficult to conclude with his wishes in the Burial. Now that the pandemic has receded in the US somewhat, and we are able to physically gather, we have chosen July 2nd for his Burial Service. His cremains will be laid to rest at his cemetery plot in Escanaba, Michigan.

If you could please include that information in your prayers the weekend of July 4th, our family would appreciate it.

Love of Christ had a special place in his heart.

Blessings and grace to all at Love of Christ.

**Rev. Charles A. Fredrickson
Yokosuka, Japan**



Aurora House Wish List



Foods Grocery Store Gift Card *Fresh Fruits/Seasonal Fruits *Fresh Vegetables Frozen Juices Butter/ Margarine

Lawn Maintenance 30W motor oil (5)
2 Cycle Weed Eater Oil Weed Eater
String: 80 or 90 gauge Lawn Mower Gift Cards for gas for Lawn Mower Home Improvement Gift Cards

Office Supplies And Equipment: Colored Copier Paper 8½ X 11 *Copier Paper 8½ X 11
Pocket Folders Small sticky notes Plastic File Boxes *Manila Folders Dividers Highlighters Binders with plastic cover in front

Household Plastic Cups Foam Cups 8 oz. Antibacterial hand Soap Hand Sanitizer Laundry Detergent (HE Only) Foil Paper Parchment Paper Plastic Coffee filters *Garbage bags- 13-gal/ 30 gallons *Freezer bags gallon sizes *Ziplocs 1 gallon & 1 quart *Paper Towels *Toilet Tissue Air Freshener (sprays) – all aromas Light Bulbs Kleenex Windex Disinfectant wipes Adult size wipes Latex Free Nitrile gloves Medium *Clorox Floor Cleaners (Faboloso/Pine Sol) Powder Cleaner (Ajax)

*Milk *Eggs Instant Tea (sweet & unsweetened) Tea bags Coffee mate *Coffee: regular & decaf Soft Drinks: all flavors Lemonade Mix Bread Lunch meat Artificial Sweetener Sugar Substitutes Sugar *Oatmeal Potatoes *Rice *Pinto Beans *Lentils Olive Oil Vegetable Oil Cooking Spray Red Wine Vinegar Rice Vinegar Bread Crumbs Garlic Powder Garlic Salt Crackers Flour Cake Mix Frostings Mayonnaise Pancake Mix Pancake Syrup Honey Peanut Butter Jam/Jelly

Kitchen Napkins *Latex Free and Powder Free Gloves small Dish Soap

Meats Fish Beef Poultry Prepared Casseroles

Due to Health Regulations, we cannot accept the following: any opened items such as: packages of meat, medications, opened/expired bottles, boxes, canned food, cereal, rice, etc. ***We use a lot**

Aurora House Foundation is asking for donations.

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, a matching gift of up to \$150,000 will be donated to Aurora House to help us continue to provide compassionate care for those in our community who need it most. They will match up to \$150,000 donation from individual donors. We are challenging our friends, family, and supporters, to help us do something amazing and reach our goal! We cherish every donation* and work hard to ensure every dollar is put to work providing compassionate care to our residents. But we need your help!

It all begins TODAY! (Matching ends December 2021) Every dollar you donate will be matched dollar-for-dollar, doubling your donation and doing twice as much good! If you donate \$10 your donation instantly becomes \$20! If you donate \$500 your donation will become \$1,000!!

Become a Compassionate Care GEM today and sign up for monthly donations!

Website: www.aurorahouse.org/aurora-house-monthly-pledge-drive/

Mail to: Aurora House P.O. Box 976 Weslaco Texas, 78599

Call: 956-973-9690

Did you know? The CARES Act allows for up to \$300 per taxpayer (\$600 for a married couple) in an above-the-line deduction for charitable gifts made in 2020 and claimed on taxes in 2021 and each year thereafter (this is not limited to only 2020). This means that you can lower your income tax bill by giving to Aurora House even if you take the standard deduction on your taxes. Please talk with your accountant to learn more.



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God's work. Our hands.



**Council Meeting June 10th
2:00 PM
Fellowship Hall**

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**Love of Christ Lutheran Church WELCOMES
PASTOR ANN SCHLOSSNAGLE**

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