

FRIDAY UPDATES

August 3, 2018

RUMMAGE SALE DAY is here! Tonight much help is needed to carry things downstairs to put on the tables and prepare everything for the outdoor setup early Saturday morning. We are in need of plastic grocery bags- please drop them off if you have any to spare! If you are working, please wear your blue (or other color) St. Luke's T-shirt. Sign-up times start at 7:00 am tomorrow but we will be arriving at 6:00 am to get started. Feel free to come early if you signed up for 7:00 am. There is some threat for a light thunderstorm early Saturday, then clearing skies and sunny weather. In case of a rain out we can always hold the sale in the parish hall. However, we are hoping the weather will cooperate once again so we can spread out on the parking lot. We are hoping to see a lot of volunteers and many more shoppers. Fund raisers require a lot of labor, no matter what the source. Please support the sale.

HAT DAY IN SUPPORT OF JUDY W. We hope to see a lot of hats in church this Sunday. Find your craziest hat, or make a crazy hat, or just wear some kind of hat. If Judy could begin eating some meals she was scheduled to leave the hospital today. We pray she is eating and we pray for her to get released to come home. Even so, Judy will not be able to return to church for sometime. Let's show our support for her and for Mark by celebrating *Love for Judy Day, August 5*.

ORGAN MUSIC AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH. Becky Wright has offered to come play the organ through August and the first week of September. She thinks it is best for the organ to be played now and then rather than let it sit and decay. David and Ben will not be punching buttons on the tablet, but I'm sure they won't mind. They will enjoy the organ music along with the rest of us. We haven't had the organ tuned for a while, but I am sure Becky can cover for any keys that may fail to respond properly. I am sure you all are as excited as I am that the church will be filled with the organ melodies once again. Thanks Becky.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN. All congregations in the diocese are to develop a detailed security plan by September 9. The diocese has developed a *tool box* for developing an Emergency Operation Plan. This goes above and beyond dealing with an active shooter situation. All types of possible emergency situations will be addressed. The tool box and templates for designing our plan will be found on the diocese portal site. Vestry members in particular will be directed to access this information and we will arrange to take the training online. We don't have a lot of time to prepare our plan and to train, but we must comply with the diocese in their directions that we do so.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Sandia Sommer, Aug 8.

Brenda Schultheis, Aug 8.

PRAYING FOR Sandia Sommer as she recovers from recent surgery.

PRAYERS – Heavenly Father, we thank you for our blessings; for your loving kindness and healing powers that go out to all those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. We continue to pray for the families who have been split and separated in their attempts to find peace and safety in their lives. We ask you to guide the world leaders to make good and proper decisions for all the peoples of the world and to lead us all to be one some day. Lord, we ask for a successful rummage sale that will provide us the means to continue serving you through our outreach to others in our community. We pray these things through Jesus Christ. *Amen*