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GIVING THANKS

by The Rev. Dr. Karis Graham

People of Hope,

As I depart for a two-week staycay vacay beginning Monday July 27, I cannot help but think how Hope Clinton has grown with increasing numbers of people worshipping with us online and how the Holy Spirit has been present. Each week, we worship close to 300+ people during the worship service hour each Sunday. Literally, thousands more watch during the week. Our new worshipers yearn to be involved and grow spiritually with Hope Clinton! There is no arm twisting needed among our new ministry participants, for sure.

We are also meeting our financial goals as we continue to help the homeless, the working poor, the refugee's and those struggling with mental health challenges. Thanks to the welcoming spirit of each of you, the creative staff and the presence of Jesus, we have so much to be grateful for at Hope Clinton!

This is an appropriate Scripture verse as we give thanks for all God's goodness—Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.



Feeding Area COVID Hospital Staff



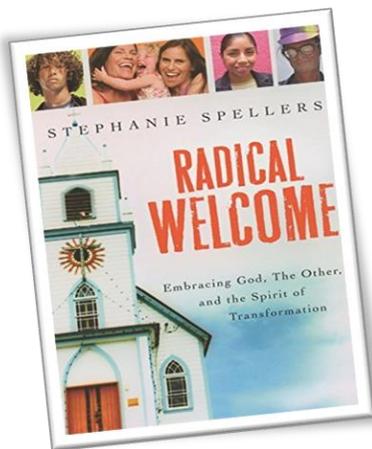
Helping Those That Hunger
 Hope Clinton continues to donate to various food pantries within the DMV area

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HOPE PARTNERS WITH ST. STEPHEN

Each Tuesday, Hope Clinton supports St. Stephen with feeding those that hunger. If you are in need of food or know people in the DMV area that hunger, please stop by St. Stephens any Tuesday, 11am-3pm. The address for St. Stephens is 5757 Temple Hill Rd, Camp Springs, MD. Please get to the church site early as the car lines grow long as people throughout our area come for food.



DISCIPLESHIP SMALL GROUP

by Pastor Karis



The first meeting of Pastor's newly formed small Discipleship Group meets in mid-August as we read, "Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other, and the Spirit of Transformation". This small

consultation discipleship group consists of both online participants and some from our brick/mortar building. This small consultation discipleship group offers Pastor feedback wherein we explore the needs of our new

growing online community as well as those from the Clinton geographic area.

Together we seek to be the church through various social media platforms and within different environments as we continue to grow. Pastor Bailey, Metro DC Synod Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission will occasionally join this group with Pastor.

Participants in the small consultation discipleship group are: Anna Coughlin, Jennifer Cross, Charles Taylor, Pastor Tony Carpenter, Gracie Cahill, Roxanne Ollison, Tim Rosin, Lorna Redding, Amanda Lopez, Pamela Wyville, Zachary Wyville (youth rep), Drew Parrish and Maya Gorrez.



CONGRATULATIONS
WENDI TATE
YOU'RE ON THE DEAN'S LIST!!

**LUNCH PRAYER
EVERY TUESDAY**



CALL IN (515) 604-9300

(Beginning Tuesday, August 11, 2020)



Pastoral Emergency?

Please contact the Hope Clinton Council President, Lorna Redding, if you need emergency pastoral care during Pastor Karis' vacay (July 27- August 7) at:

llgredding@gmail.com

FAST WORSHIP FACTS

Who Worships with Hope?

**Pakistan, Saudi Arabia,
India, Sweden, UK,
Indonesia, Singapore + 232
US Locations**

Women Men

70% 28%

More 25- 64 year-olds watch Hope Clinton worship than 65+viewers

Self Care & Spiritual Health

As always, Hope Clinton strives to be "God's loving presence in a hurting world."

We realize that many in our community - the brick and mortar community and the online community - as well as our neighbors, family members, and friends - all need extra helpings of Christ's presence in these times.

Hope Clinton encourages prayer walks (safe social distancing with a mask of

course), spend extra time in the scriptures, using online tools like the "Dwell" app or the "Bible" app that read devotions out loud.

The warmer weather also offers an opportunity to get close with our Creator through the Holy Spirit during this time.

These are unprecedented moments wherein we have a chance to use the few minutes available to us to draw closer to our God.



Ways to Give to Hope Clinton

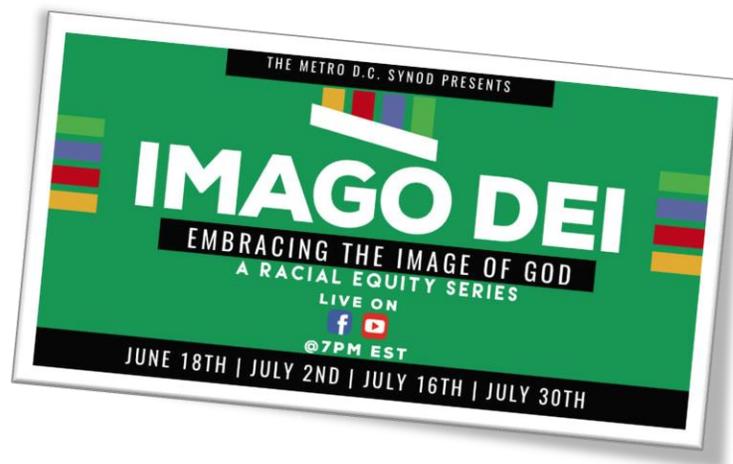
- Cash / Check in an envelope...Mail to Linda Leaman: 7702 Canberra Place, Clinton, MD, 20735
- Gifts of Stocks / Mutual Funds — Transfer directly to the church fund account
- Property or Real Estate
- Bequests from Wills or Trusts — Designate the church fund as the beneficiary
- Insurance Policies — Designate the church fund as beneficiary
- Life Income Agreements — Gift annuities, charitable trusts, pooled income funds, etc.
- "In Kind" Giving — Gifts of goods or equipment for the use of the church
- Online via our PayPal Donate on our website: <https://hopeclinton.org/give/>
(Credit Card, Apple Pay on an iPhone/iPad or Google Pay on an Android device)

Imago Dei: Embracing the Image of God - A Racial Equity Series

Although we wish to immediately be deployed into action to rectify the wrongs of white supremacy, white privilege and racism, it is essential that we self-reflect, especially those of us struggling with a response to racism, and listen to our colleagues and communities most impacted by these sins.

The Metro D.C. Synod and Racial Equity Team are providing an opportunity for people of all ethnicities to attend a new Racial Equity series of listening sessions during the month of July.

Please register for the next Imago Dei Leadership Learning on Thursday, July 30th at 7pm hosted facilitated by Bishop Ortiz. Rozella White will discuss Justice-Centered Embodied Leadership. Link to: <http://metrodcclca.org/imagodei/>.



We Are Called

June 29 marks the beginning of the 50th anniversary celebrations of opening the door to women's ordination. It also marks 40 years of women of color being ordained and 10 years of LGBTQIA+ individuals being able to serve freely. Through worship, Bible studies and forums, ELCA congregations will host commemorative virtual events throughout the coming year!

From the ELCA website these words are shared: "As part of this anniversary year, we lament that women have been barred from serving and have been bullied, dismissed and excluded over history. We also celebrate the gifts and service that women have brought to our church and our world as pastors."

If you want to dig deeper, this ELCA website, <https://www.elca.org/50yearsofordainedwomen>, explores the history of the ordination decision and what came after. Here is a playlist of ELCA videos related to the anniversary. To read the stories of rostered women of color, check out "God's Faithfulness on the Journey." Living Lutheran has a series of articles reflecting on the anniversary as well!



Today, the proportion of active clergy who are women is 35 percent, compared to 21 percent in 2000. In the past five years, 49 percent of people ordained were women and in the ELCA's eight seminaries, the number of women and men preparing for ministry is about equal.

Lutheran women clergy serve in a variety of roles, including campus ministers, chaplains and missionaries. The majority are pastors in ELCA congregations. When it comes to top leadership roles, nine of the ELCA's 65 synod bishops are female and 86 women hold the title of senior pastor in contrast to 456 men in the same role, according to ELCA Research and Evaluation.



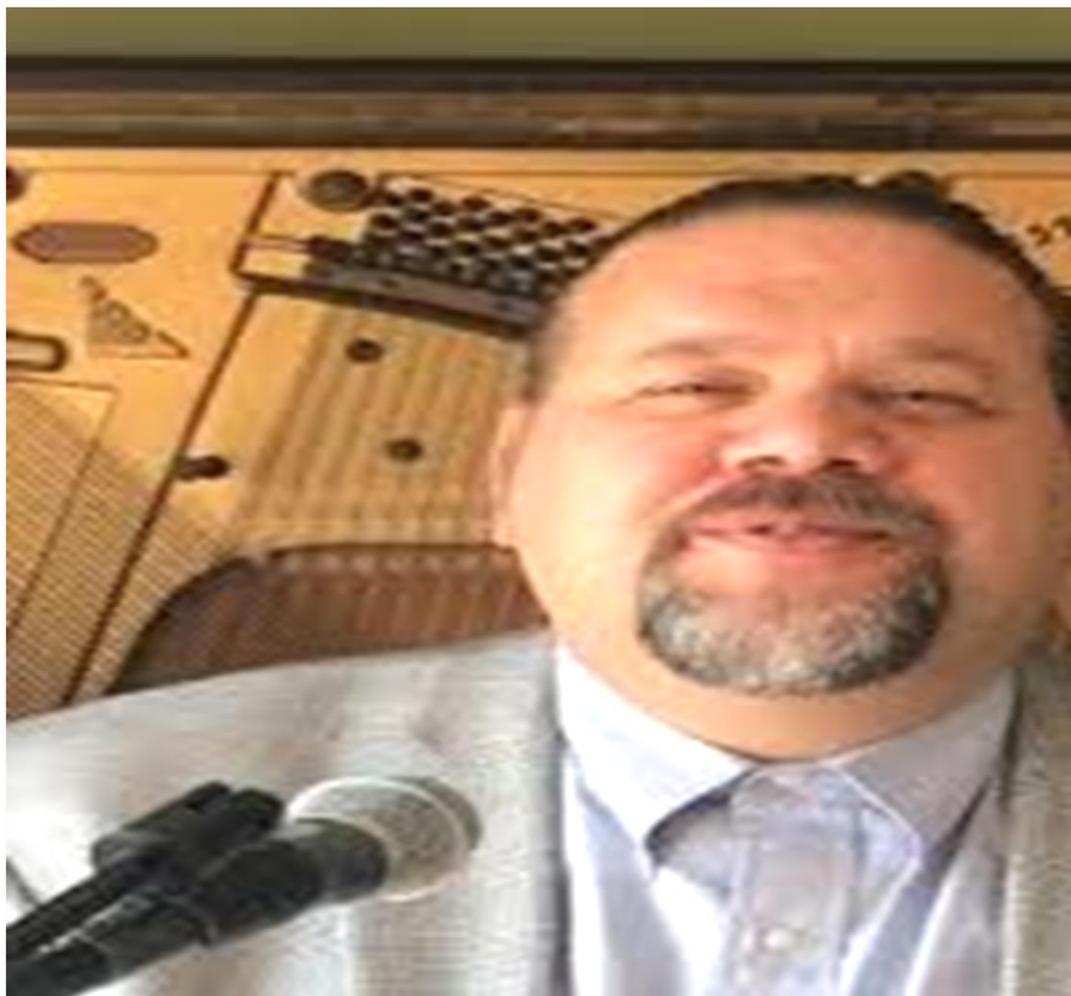
DREW-- LIVE FROM HOME

Hope Clinton has heard that some of you would love to hear his music at home.

We are fortunate that Drew has put together some of his favorite hymns and new songs so everyone can sing together while we are social distancing.

Check out:

<https://hopeclinton.org/sing-with-us/>



Pastor Karis, Drew and the Council President, Lorna Redding met with the North Clinton Citizens Association (NCCA). Hope Clinton is excited to establish a closer relationship within the North Clinton neighborhood. For those living in the NCCA neighborhood, please offer your support and join in on the NCCA meetings. Please contact the NCCA President, Delicia Barnett at north.clinton.ca@gmail.com for more information.

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Who are Lutherans?

Lutherans are Christians who accept the teachings of Martin Luther (1483-1546). Luther was a German theologian who realized that there were significant differences between what he read in the Bible and the practices of the Roman Catholic church at that time. His hope was that the church would reform its practice and preaching to be more consistent with the Word of God as contained in the Bible. "Lutheran" became the name of the group that agreed with Luther's convictions.

What do Lutherans believe?

Lutherans still hold to the basic principles of Luther's theological teachings, such as Grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone. These comprise the very essence of Lutheranism:

We are saved by the grace of God alone — not by anything we do;

Our salvation is through faith alone — we only need to trust God made known in Christ who promises us forgiveness, life and salvation; and

The Bible is the norm for faith and life — the true standard by which teachings and doctrines are to be judged.

The churchwide office offers reflections on many other Lutheran teachings, such as the soul, Jesus, baptism and the Bible.

How do Lutherans relate to other denominations?

Lutherans are part of a reforming movement within the whole Christian church; as a part of practicing their faith, the ELCA and its predecessors have engaged in ecumenical dialogue with other church bodies for decades. In fact, the ELCA has entered into cooperative "full communion" agreements (sharing common convictions about theology, mission and worship) with several other Protestant denominations, including:

The Episcopal Church

The Moravian Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Reformed Church in America

United Church of Christ

United Methodist Church

How does someone become a minister in the ELCA?

The ELCA needs men and women who are grounded in faith, educationally prepared and emotionally suited to service as pastors and rostered lay leaders. Leaders on the roster of the ELCA include pastors, associates in ministry, deaconesses and diaconal ministers.



If you are a student looking toward your future or a person thinking about changing careers, have you stopped to consider God's direction for your life? Perhaps God is calling you to serve as a pastor or rostered lay leader.

Talk with Pastor Karis about church careers. Also, a short book called "What Shall I Say?" is designed to help people discern God's call and to better understand the candidacy process, which is the procedure in the ELCA for persons interested in rostered leadership. Order a copy from Augsburg Fortress (English or Spanish), or request a complimentary copy from the synod office.

The formal process interested parties enter toward becoming rostered leaders in the ELCA is called candidacy.

OUR FB AND YOU TUBE WORSHIP CONTINUE DURING PASTOR KARIS' VACAY AS SHE'LL BE ONLINE WITH EACH OF US.

NO POST WORSHIP ZOOM OR PRAYER LUNCH CALLS JULY 27- AUGUST 7, 2020

TUNE IN AS BISHOP LEILA ORTIZ LEADS OUR WORSHIP ON AUGUST 9 AT 10:30 AM!!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO DREW PARRISH
AS HE BEGINS THE LUTHERAN PROCESS
TO BECOME AN ORDAINED MINISTER OF
WORD & SACRAMENT**