

MUGS & MATTERS



11am on Wednesday

Coffee/Conversation at Nook and Cranny, come visit us. We would love your input into our random topics amongst friends.

Prayer Requests

- Please continue to pray for Ukraine and for all victims and survivors of gun violence in our country.
- Continue to pray for Pat W who is healing from her surgery at Mala Strana in New Prague
- Jim S. is thankful for his granddaughter graduating from High School



2023 Administrative Office Hours:

Monday	10-1	Terrin, Pastor Susan	Parish House
Tuesday	10-1	Pastor Susan	Parish House
Wednesday	10-1	Pastor Susan	Nook & Cranny

CONGO Safe Zone News:

We have opened and continuing to renovate as we go. We will be having a joint fundraiser musical event with Our Savior's later this year.

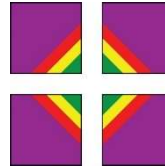
Contact Pastor Susan for volunteer opportunities or a "needs list."

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP 10 am SUNDAYS

We meet in the chapel and serve coffee and treats after the service. As always, we are excited to see visitors-invite friends.

THANK YOU Council Rep. Sunday Duty Servers

JUNE: Pat W.

June coffee servers

4	Communion
11	Joan
18	Jim
25	Lynn - Breakfast



BREAKFAST TIME!

Invite your neighbors!

Free community breakfast in the Plymouth Room every Sunday from 8:30AM-9:45AM. If you would like to help, please contact Shirley R.



HAPPY June Birthday TO:

Jan Riach	June 9
Pastor Susan Lester	June 11

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Faribault Farmers' Market** is open Saturdays 7:00am - 12:00pm June through October and Wednesdays (July through September) 1:00-5:00pm.

Thank you everyone for your contributions to the church roof fund. We are continuing to take donations, if you would like to give a special donation, just write "roof" in the memo. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Updated Church Roof Fund: Total donations to date is at **\$36,763. Our goal is \$56,050.**

COMING UP:

-June 11, Sunday, 8:30AM-9:45AM Free Community Breakfast in the Plymouth Room

WE STRIVE TO FOLLOW JESUS. WE WELCOME PEOPLE
WITHOUT EXCEPTION ON THIS JOURNEY OF FAITH.
(Congregational Mission Statement)



VIEW FROM THE BACK PEW:

In the Gospel of John, Jesus talks about the "truth." *'When the Spirit of truth comes, it will guide you into all the truth.'* (John 16:13)

However, in today's political climate, we have to ask ourselves constantly, "What is the truth?"

The Greek used here is 'alethea.' It follows the same format as the word we use today and it also allows for objective and subjective interpretations. The objective truth should be understood with humanities duty for morality, as well as, being based in reality. So of course, we still have to work out what is moral and what is reality. It doesn't seem to be getting easier as truth is eroding every day in this country.

This is why I prefer to see truth subjectively-what is reality and moral and true to me. Alethea can be "truth as a personal excellence-free from pretense." That means, if something is true to me, it doesn't have to be true for someone else. The trick is to *not require* others to see the truth as I do. This is where faith intersects truth:

I believe the Bible is true. Do I think everything in it really happened? No. does it matter? No. does that make me less of a Christian? No. does that make my challengers jerks? No.

Rules and regulations are put in place to create order. However, seat belt laws are very different from Church Doctrine. That is why my personal, faithful truth is Jesus' command to love one another. The Doctrine of the Trinity or Divine Christ or Human Fallibility or Original Sin take far un-seat-belted back seats to what Jesus did and said.