

## Worship Notes

**Conflict is a part of relationships** and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

**In our prayers** Frank, Susan, Dolly, Judy and Bernice.

**The Golden Hour** broadcast today is dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Adeline Kirsch. This gesture has been made by her son, Wayne.

**The Guide to Worship** is sponsored in loving memory of Alfred Herchenrader by his loving wife Shirley, children Bruce, Brian and Beverley and grandchildren Elissa, Jaklyn, Jordan, Tegan and Pearce.

And,

Dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of William and Lorena Gerber who entered Life Eternal on September 13, 1984 and March 24, 1988, by Yvonne and Fred Crnko and family.

## General Announcements

Dear members and friends of St. Matthews,

Due to the pandemic, all services, gatherings and meals at the church are cancelled. The office is closed to the public and the building locked 24/7. Even though the government of Ontario has allowed for churches to re-open on June 12th, the St. Matthews Board has determined it is still not safe to do so, and thus the church building will remain closed until late September at the earliest. A task force will be working to establish guidelines for us to reopen safely.

Our focus has shifted towards meetings online and via phone. Above all, we pray for each other and trust in God, whose mercy endures forever.

You can follow updates on our Friday email blast, website, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, by listening to the Golden Hour on FaithFM or by contacting us or Leanne (see last page).

All God's blessings! Pastors Sebastian and Carey

**Pastors Carey and Sebastian** will be returning from their week holidays on Tuesday. Until then, in case of pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Claudine Carlson at 519-501-3759.

**Refugee support good news!** The Refugee Committee has received news that Tsgereda and her son Raei are cleared to depart from Sudan to arrive in Canada! Along with our partners at CLWR and St. Paul's Bridgeport we are excited that these 3 years of waiting are coming to an end, and Tsgereda will soon be in safety and reunited with her extended family in KW. Tsgereda and her son is the first family that we are supporting through direct financial support (other families we have supported with funds held in trust).

While her departure date is not yet set, we anticipate her arriving in a matter of weeks. Many thanks to all of you who supported our refugee fund through donations of time, money and furnishings. At this point, we do not need any help or donations (except for a smartphone in good working condition: contact Pastor Sebastian or the office), but we will let you know if any other needs arise.

Due to COVID-19 she will need to self-quarantine for 14 days after her arrival, which will complicate matters a little, but we are working on some temporary arrangements before she is cleared from quarantine. Many thanks to Kim, Steve, David and others for their active work on Tsgereda's case.

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