20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
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Welcome all ~ Share God's Love ~ Offer Hope ... all in Jesus' name!

WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE "Prelude" by Alexander Boely Robert K.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT "Come, Let Us Gather" *Traditional*

*CALL TO WORSHIP[1] Pastor Julie

What can we do to have life?
We can seek God, who gives us live in every moment.

What can we do to serve justice in our world?
We can set aside that which keeps us
from following Jesus – wealth, pride, power, whatever.

What can we do to share the good news with others?
We can open ourselves to the Spirit,
so people can see God at work in us.

*OPENING HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *GTG #12*

CALL TO CONFESSION Jim L.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[2]

O Lord, you are the maker of justice and the source of righteousness, the one who hears the cries of the suffering and who fills the hunger of the poor. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to reflect your just love: when we have food and food leftover, yet we do not share with any in need; when we have power for good and power for change, yet we use it only for our own self-preservation; when we have the words of the prophets before us, yet we cover our ears lest they make us uncomfortable. Forgive us, O Lord, and teach us to follow in your way. May it be so.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONDING TO GRACE "Doxology" *GTG #607*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE ~ *Greet one another with the peace of Christ*

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

"Jesus Loves Me"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 4:12-16 Jim L.

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:17-21

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SERMON "The Eye of a Needle" Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE …IN JESUS' NAME

*HYMN "O Word of God Incarnate" *GTG #459*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER – Mary Rogers

Profession of Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from
the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?
Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
I will, with God's help.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERTORY	"Shine on Us"	*M. Smith & D. Smith*
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Jim L.
*CLOSING HYMN	"Come! Live in the Light!"	*GTG #749*
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	"Go and Serve the Lord with Gladness"	*Unknown*
*POSTLUDE	"The Spacious Firmament" by R.M. Stults	Robert K.

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Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Steve A (father-in-law of Glenna's daughter)
Connie & Ed (friends of Karen)
Kevin B (Joe L's co-worker/friend)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Susan B
Sushma B
Andree C
Connie (Karen F's friend)
Chuck C (Laura D's brother)
Patrick C (Stu/Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura's sister-in-law)
Jim C (Mary Ann's son-in-law)
Tom C (Ann M's brother-in-law)
Sabina C (Adelaide's sister-in-law)
Betty D (Marie R's cousin)
Linda D (Jim/ Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Donna F (Jim/Sue's aunt)
Karen F
Adelaide G
Bruce & Linda G (friends of Stu/Marie)
Nick G (Stu/Marie's grandson)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)
Jack H (friend of Mike/ Chris L)
James & Sandra (friends of John/Cheryl)
Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
José K (Adelaide's friend)
Pam L
Phyllis L
Crisann M (friend of Mike/Chris L)
Judy M
Klee M (Fritz/Fay's son)
Kofi M (Adelaide's family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
George R
Tom R (Sue Li.'s brother)
Ann & Geoff S
Larry V (Jim V's father)
Dave W
Caregivers
People devastated by terrorism
Our world and all affected by COVID-19
Those who grieve

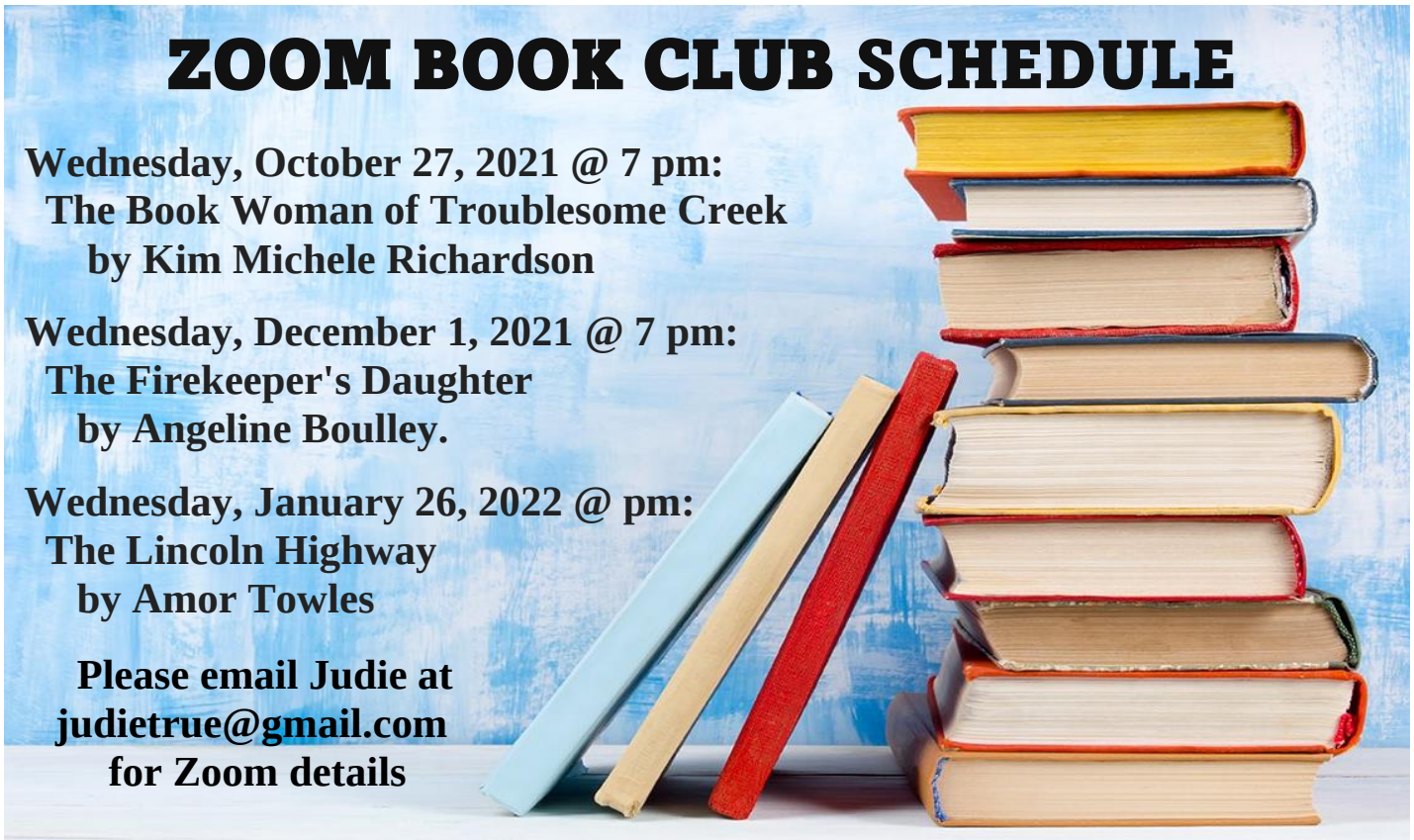
- **Family of Richard Mc** (Jim L's HS coach)
- **Family of Lois B** (John B's mother)

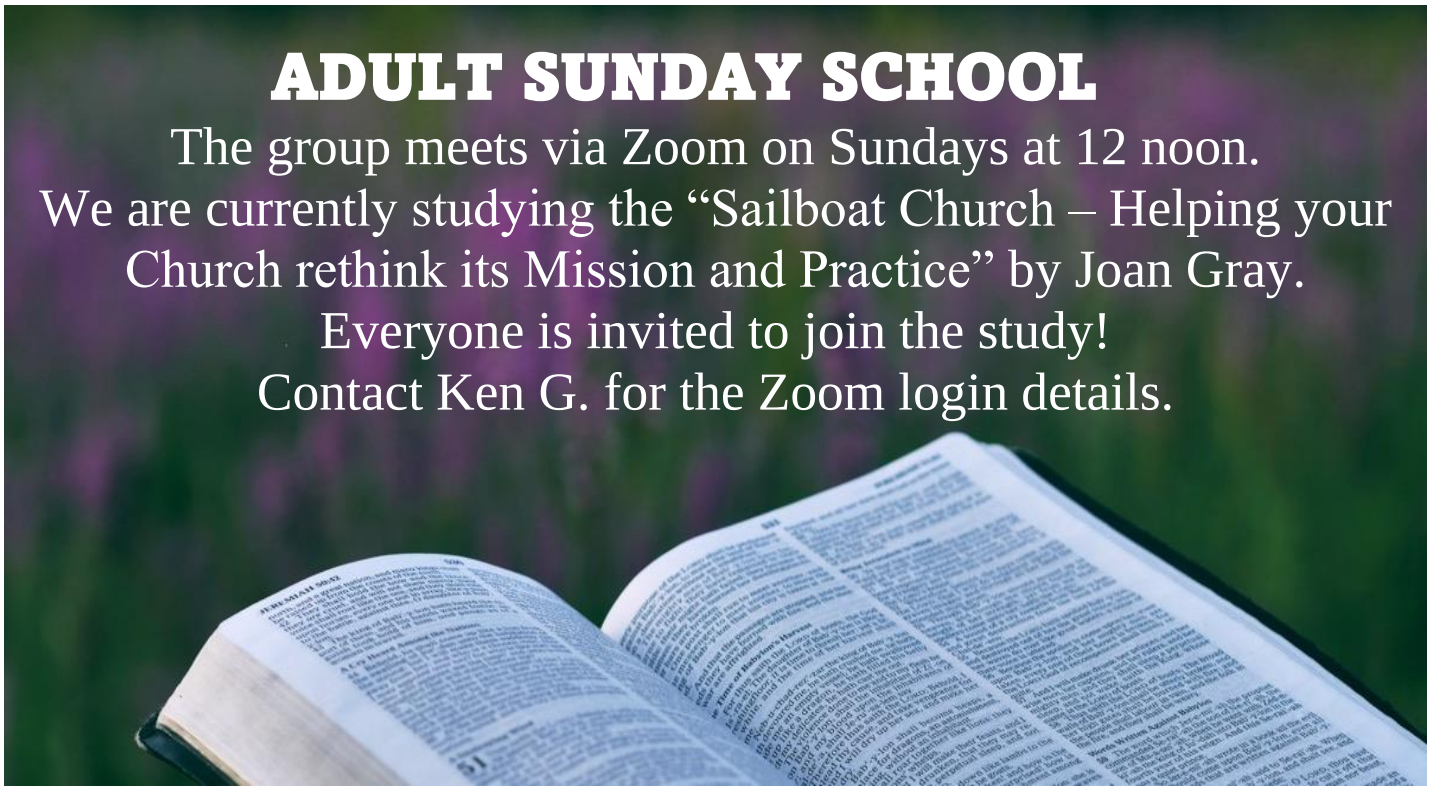
LUNCH WITH PASTOR JULIE

Join us via Zoom every Wednesday at 12 noon for bible study.
We discuss scripture passages for our upcoming worship service.
Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access information to join.

October 13	NO Class – Pastor Out of Office
October 20	Mark 10:46-52; Hebrews 7:23-28
October 27	Mark 12:28-34; Hebrews 9:11-14

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Our current study is on the book
" ISAIAH Trusting God in Troubled
Times" by Howard Peskett.
We meet via Zoom.
We encourage new attendees
so, if interested, please contact
Ken G. or Stu R. for access details.


ZOOM BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE
Wednesday, October 27, 2021 @ 7 pm:
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek
by Kim Michele Richardson
Wednesday, December 1, 2021 @ 7 pm:
The Firekeeper's Daughter
by Angeline Boulley.
Wednesday, January 26, 2022 @ pm:
The Lincoln Highway
by Amor Towles
Please email Judie at
judietrue@gmail.com
for Zoom details


ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
The group meets via Zoom on Sundays at 12 noon.
We are currently studying the "Sailboat Church – Helping your Church rethink its Mission and Practice" by Joan Gray.
Everyone is invited to join the study!
Contact Ken G. for the Zoom login details.

Food Pantry Needs
Canned Beans
Tomato Sauce
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Chili
Stew
Instant Potatoes

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Cheryl Wilkins		Cathy Walker
Pat Groenewold, Clerk		

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