

† *Pastor's Letter* †

Dear Friends in Ministry

The Pastor has asked me to provide the Pastor's Letter for this month. First, I am very grateful that our pastor has been given an opportunity by this congregation to take a renewal break. It is so vitally important that we all continue to evaluate our faith journey and make the necessary course corrections that work best for us. Much like in life, faith can offer unexpected challenges and new opportunities.

I firmly believe that faith is rooted in a deep personal relationship with God. We are given the opportunity to have a human connection through Jesus and should always look to experience God's grace through the Messiah. Sometimes epiphany moments can be quite subtle and other times quite dramatic. Regardless, my hope for all is that at some point in your life you experience a profound movement of the Lord working for you and through you.

Having a personal relationship with Jesus does require some work and ironically requires some level of silence. I was taught early on in my faith that when we pray, we are talking to God and when we are silent, we are listening to God. Through my chaotic day, I often try to find even just a few minutes to be completely silent and let God talk to me. It's an important part of my day and requires dedication to your faith. While the pastor is away and you're listening to other pastors or maybe having a different experience, perhaps you can open a bit and hear something different and be moved. My prayer for all is a truly blessed month. In case of need of prayer for anything, please contact Co-Chairs of Congregational Care Network: Linda Walton and Linda Barnhill. Heidi Stark (Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee) can communicate with you with the help of Michelle Carrillo (office administrator) through Friday Email.



Let us believe and trust...show God's hope through our positive attitudes in all circumstances!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you!"
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)



Your Lay Leader,
Julius Lukacs