

January 29, 2021

TO: Lay Readers

FROM: Pastor Dan

Thank you for agreeing to be a Lay Reader for our Sunday worship services and for serving God's Church in this way. Please find enclosed a schedule that begins February 7th. Please find below guidelines for our readers as you prepare to lead worship and share God's Word.

If you are unable to read on your assigned Sunday, please switch with someone else on the schedule and let the church office know **by Wednesday** that this change is being made. This will help us to know who to contact with the readings and make sure we have the correct name in the bulletin. Please feel free to E-mail Pastor Scott or Pastor Dan should you need some help or if you have questions. Thank you so very much.

Guidelines for Lay Readers

- Please watch for an E-mail with the Opening Words, opening prayers and the scripture(s) that you will be reading. If there is a Prayer of Confession, the pastors will lead this portion of the service. This information should come to you by Wednesday. If you do not have an E-mail, please call to arrange for the best way for you to receive the information you will need for worship.
- We will send to you the scripture passage as an attachment to the E-mail. Feel free to use your own Bible if you would like. If it is a different version than the NIV, you may want to let the congregation know this before sharing the scripture.
- If there are words in your reading that you question, please contact one of the pastors.
- **As the Prelude begins, please come forward and sit on the small pew behind the Lectern.**
- Please adjust the microphone, if necessary, before speaking.
- Prior to leading the Opening Words, please invite those who are able to stand. This will be true for the Gathering Prayer as well.
- When reading the scripture, please let the congregation know the version of the Bible that you will be reading. As you begin, remind them of the chapter and verse that you will be reading.
- Read the passage ahead of time and be familiar with the flow of the passage. You will want to pay attention to diction and expression, the pace of your reading and the punctuation used in the passage.
- During COVID, please come forward with you masks on, but you will be permitted to remove your mask while reading.
- Relax and enjoy this opportunity to share your gifts and lead us in worship. Remember, you are among friends and our God is gracious and loving.

2021 LAY READER SCHEDULE
February through August, 10:15 WORSHIP

February

7 – Ted Harder
14 – Donna Ihde
21 – Kimm Krehmke
28 – Lucas Jess

March

7 – Cindy Harder
14 – Karen Dages
21 – Linda Mortus
28 – Terry Kline

April

4 – Diana Kelley (8:30); Jan Harder (10:15)
11 – Beth Witt
18 – Ann Kersten
25 – Megan McGuire

May

2 – Sue Harsha
9 – Chris DeTray
16 – Ted Harder
23 – Donna Ihde
30 – Kimm Krehmke

June

6 – Lucas Jess
13 – Cindy Harder
20 – Karen Dages
27 – Linda Mortus

July

4 – Terry Kline
11 – Diana Kelley
18 – Jan Harder
25 – Beth Witt

August

1—Ann Kersten
8 – Megan McGuire
15 – Sue Harsha
22 – Chris DeTray
29 – Ted Harder