

A Message from Senator Klobuchar on Memorial Day

Senator Amy Klobuchar

It's been said that a nation that forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten. We tell the world who we are as a country by how we honor our fallen heroes on this sacred Memorial Day — and every day.

I lost my dad earlier this month, making this my first Memorial Day without him. My dad served during the Korean War where he was stationed in Germany. He was incredibly proud to be a veteran, and he is now laid to rest among so many heroes at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. A newspaperman, he loved to write about 'heroes among us' — ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

That phrase applies to all of our nation's servicemembers and veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice, showing immense bravery and selflessness 'to preserve our heritage of freedom,' as President

Eisenhower once said. Today, we continue to support those who protect this heritage by properly honoring the fallen.

Fallen servicemembers like Quentin Gifford, from Mankato, who was on the U.S.S. Oklahoma when it was torpedoed during the attack on Pearl Harbor. The Navy awarded Quentin both the Purple Heart and the World War II Victory Medal after his death, but his remains were left unidentified. Lost but not forgotten, Quentin's brothers — both veterans — provided DNA to forensic scientists that helped identify their brother's remains.

Around the world, we see reminders of how heroes among us have sacrificed — from overseas landmarks to our own backyards.

We see one of those memorials — which was erected just this year — in a farm field near St. Cloud. In 2019, Chief Warrant Officer Rogers, Chief Warrant Of-

ficer Nord, and Sergeant Plantenberg of the Minnesota Army National Guard tragically lost their lives in a helicopter crash. They made the ultimate sacrifice. Their Black Hawk helicopter went down on the property of Larry and Helen Krippner, who quickly assembled a temporary flagpole and raised the Stars and Stripes above a snow-covered field to signify to the families of the fallen that they were thinking of them. What began as a single flagpole is now continued on by a permanent memorial honoring their legacies.

On this Memorial Day, we carry that spirit forward in remembering the heroes among us whose commitment to our country never wavered, even during the most difficult times.

To all those who served, who are serving, or who are remembering a loved one who made the ultimate sacrifice, we honor you, today and every day.

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WESTBROOK CHURCHES

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Westbrook, MN
507-274-5556
Pastor Rob Adams
Wednesday, June 2
Bible Study/Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 6
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 9
Bible Study/Prayer 7:00 p.m.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Westbrook, MN
Monsignor Paul Heiting
507-274-5946
Wednesday, June 2
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Sunday, June 6
Mass (limited seating) 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, June 9
Mass 8:30 a.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Westbrook, MN
Interim Pastor Grant Fischer
507-274-5572
Sunday, June 6
In-person worship & Zoom/
Facebook worship @ T
TBD
Tuesday, June 8
Council Mtng-In-person 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Westbrook, MN
Interim Pastor Grant Fischer
507-274-5623
Sunday, June 6
In-person worship & Zoom/
Facebook worship @ T
TBD
Wednesday, June 9
Council Mtng 6:30 p.m.

WALNUT GROVE CHURCHES

HERITAGE BAPTIST BIBLE CHURCH
Walnut Grove, MN
Phone 859-2519
Dr. Max D. Younce, Pastor
Sunday, June 6
Worship & SS 10:00 a.m.
Worship 6:00 p.m.
Teen Age Youth Group
Thursdays 7:00 p.m.
Radio - Sunday Mornings
- 8:00 to 8:30 on K-JOE FM,
106.1 FM Pipestone

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Walnut Grove, MN
Pastor Dave Birkeland
Sunday, June 6
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Coffee 10:30 a.m.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Walnut Grove, MN
Pastor Trevor Bailey
Sunday, June 6
Worship 10:30 a.m.

ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Walnut Grove, MN
Pastor Charles Swanson
Wednesday, June 2
BBL St./In-house and SO
Facebook 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, June 3
WELCA Board Mtng 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 6
Joint In-person Worship/E 9:30 a.m.
Wed. June 9
BBL St. In-house also on St.
Olaf FB page 9:00 a.m.

ST. OLAF LUTHERAN CHURCH
Walnut Grove, MN
Pastor Charles Swanson
Wednesday, June 2
BBL St./In-house and SO
Facebook 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 6
Joint/In-person Worship/E 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, June 9
BBL St. In-house also on St.
Olaf FB page 9:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Branch President Don Jones
507-532-3699
1401 E. Lyon Street
Marshall, MN
Sunday, June 6
Sacrament Mtg. 10:00 a.m.
SS/Primary 11:05 a.m.
Priesthood/Relief Soc./
Young Women

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Branch President Aaron Cheadles
507-822-4344
1600 Knollwood Drive
Worthington, MN
Sunday, June 6
Sacrament mtg. 10:00 a.m.
SS/Primary 11:05 a.m.
Priesthood/Relief Soc./
Young Women

OTHER CHURCHES
STORDEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor David Johnson

Sunday, June 6
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Storden, MN
Sunday, June 6
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 9
Joint Council/T 7:00 p.m.

JEFFERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Cathy Hoffbeck
507-628-4256
Wednesday, June 2
PP/Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 6
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wed. June 9
PP/Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

IHM CATHOLIC CHURCH
Currie, MN
Monsignor Paul Heiting
Thursday, June 3
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, June 5
Mass 5:30 p.m.

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Fulda, MN
Monsignor Paul Heiting
Friday, June 4
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Sunday, June 6
Mass 8:30 a.m.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Dovray, MN
Pastor Charles Swanson
507-274-5623
Wednesday, June 2
BBL St. In-house/E also on
St. Olaf FB page 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, June 3
Koinonia Bible Study @
church 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 6
Worship/Parking Lot 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 9
Quilting 8:30 a.m.
BBL St./In-house/
English and SO Facebook
9:00 a.m.

OLD WESTBROOK LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Mike Stangeland
Wednesday, June 2
VVM 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, June 6
Joint Worship/HW 10:00 a.m.
Monday, June 7
Council Mtng 8:00 p.m.

HIGHWATER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Mike Stangeland
Wednesday, June 2
VVM 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, June 6
Joint Worship/HW 10:00 a.m.

BETWEEN THE LINES

Before and After the Prequel

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Greetings, most of you don't know what it is like to write an opinion column until you try it. Of course many people try to do this on an occasion or two. I recall being asked by some professional people if they could write informational columns about their profession. I always tried to give them the opportunity



to do that. Some just wanted to do an occasional column, while others wanted to do either a bi weekly, monthly or in some cases a weekly piece.

Well the roads to success are often very difficult to traverse on a regular basis. However, most of those that have tried this, found after a while for one reason or another, it is not always easy to come up with things to talk about on a regular frequency. For most the good intentions become fewer and eventually stop all together. One of the few exceptions is my friend Pastor Rob Adams. He is very faithful in his endeavor to bring a religious message each week. He even prepares a column ahead of time when he is going to be out of town for an extended time.

This coming weekend will be a double whammy for myself, as this column is being written on the Friday before graduation and Memorial Day. So I want you to think about the relevance of these very important observances.

One of these events is about the future, and the other honors our past. Both events are very important for obvious reasons. The first, graduation is about the future of our students who will culminate 13 years of learning through years of learning experi-

ences. You start out in kindergarten or more likely in pre-school, barely dry behind the years. At first when you look around almost everyone you see is bigger and taller than yourself. Kind of a scary thing for kids that age. Of course as you get a little older you may start to look back and think hey that wasn't too bad. There were teachers and aids there to help you with shoe tying and beginning to learn things like numbers, alphabet and other things although it is more likely most learn a lot of that before they even start school, in daycare.

When you start to look back as graduates you soon realize that when you hear people say "wow where have the years gone." Well to you graduates you now know how those 13 plus years went by in a blink of an eye.

My wish for you is to go out in the world and do everything you can to make it a better place. Don't forget that one or more of you may do something that could change the world to make it a better place than when you came into it. Good Luck and congratulations Class of 2021 you have persevered through some really tough times in our history.

The other event is Memorial Day the next day after graduation.

While graduation is an important right of passage for the Class of 2021, Memorial Day should be important for all Americans.

This is the time we take to honor those who served their country and especially those who gave their lives in the wars of our past and for those who continue to serve today.

My wish is that everyone to take time to remember the veterans and those that are still serving in service to their country. God Bless America!

Have a great week and always do good!

PAUSE AND CONSIDER

The Millennial Kingdom

Pastor Rob Adams

And I saw heaven opened and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. (Revelation 19:11)

We have been considering for the past several weeks the basic template of biblical prophecy. In a nutshell, the Lord Jesus Christ is going to return in the skies. He will raise from the dead those who are redeemed. He will then gather up with them the redeemed who are still alive. They will all be with Him forever.

The earth will then face a seven-year period of time referred to as the Tribulation. This is a time of judgment, especially focused upon the nation of Israel. God is preparing them to receive their true Messiah, Jesus, when He returns to this earth.

In the end of these days, King Jesus will return again, but this time to the earth. He will be victorious against the armies of earth in what is known as the Battle of Armageddon.

Please take note of some of the verses that follow our opening text. *His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he has on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. (Revelation 19:12-16)*

Following this battle, King Jesus will set up His Kingdom in Jerusalem and rule for 1000 years—this is known as the Millennium. It will be a time of peace and righteousness. Only those who know the Lord will enter this Kingdom. This will include any believers who somehow escape martyrdom during the Tribulation, the resurrected redeemed from all time—from Adam to the last martyred be-

liever, and the angelic hosts.

The most important Person in that Kingdom will be King Jesus. He will rule in justice. He will appoint many of His own to rule and reign with Him based on their labors and love for Him. It will be normal life, but filled with joy, peace and righteousness.

Now, dear friend, you can only take part in this glorious Kingdom if you know the Lord Jesus as your own Savior. This comes about, not by any works that you can do, but simply by trusting His grace, accepting His free gift of salvation. Two verses in the last chapter of the Bible state it this way: *I Jesus have sent my angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let him that hears say, "Come." And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. (Revelation 22:16, 17)*

This is Pastor Rob Adams, asking you to consider these things. Come to the Savior today! ibcwestbrook@woodstocktel.net

one of the elders answered, saying unto me, "What are these which are arrayed in white robes? And from where do they come?" And I said unto him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

God is a patient and loving God. After all, He sent His only Son to die on the cross for your sin and for mine.

Just a word of warning is necessary. Since the Rapture could occur at any moment, we must come to Christ while there is time. Paul explains to the Thessalonian church that not everyone has a second chance following the Rapture. Anyone who has been given a clear presentation of the gospel, but who has refused the gift of salvation, will not be given another chance following the Rapture. Satan, through the Antichrist, will bring a state of delusion.

So, if the Lord Jesus is still knocking on the door or your heart, and you have yet to let Him in, do so now! Your only hope is in Christ—not in anything you or your church can do for you. Jesus loves you—please respond to His love while there is time. Place your faith in the blood of the Lamb, shed once for all. ibcwestbrook@woodstocktel.net

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