

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Saturday is the Blood Drive in Wilton. For those of you who have already registered to donate, thank you! For those who have not given in some time, now is a great time to start again. If you are healthy and have never given, I encourage you to register and donate. When I checked with Nalani, there were still some openings, so why not give it a try!

Donating blood is a process that costs the donor nothing but a pint of their blood and their time. It is a gift; a life-saving, life-giving gift, that makes a real difference. It makes a difference for both the giver and the receiver.

Recently, I read some articles about the great need for blood during this time of the pandemic. Many blood drives have been canceled, in part, because of workplace closures and the extra cleaning required. That is why it is even more important to donate now, so that not one life is lost due to lack of blood.

Over the years, people I have known have shared stories about themselves, family members and/or friends, whose lives were changed due to receiving blood. I often think of a relative of mine, who could have died without receiving blood platelets (a component found in whole blood). My relative went from barely being able to walk across the hallway in his home, to being able to return to work and eventually return to participating in triathlons! He received transfusions of blood platelets, which required many, many donors. This is but one example of the difference that we can make in another person's life by donating blood.

As Christians, we recognize the gift of life that God gives to all human beings. Perhaps when we think of Christ's death on the cross, and the shedding of his precious blood, we are reminded that God gave us blood to sustain our lives. We know that without life-giving, life-saving blood, we could not survive. And we know, that we have enough blood, that we can share it and make a difference in someone else's life. Giving blood might be just the thing we need right now to give us a positive lift during this challenging time.

Peace,

Pastor Cathy