



THE MESSENGER

2017

Worship Schedule
Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM
Sunday Church School for all ages:
9:15 AM

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Pastor's Paw

¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.*
 Ephesians 1:13-14

No! Hard no! Absolutely not!
 It ain't gonna happen, so forget about it!
 And don't ask me again!

For over seven years, people have been asking me to remove the blue and white Louisville Leopard's Paw from the back of my car. Some act as if it is an affront to their sensibilities. Others see it as an act of defiance or even betrayal. Once an avid Dover fan went so far as to remove it and hide it. Needless to say, I found it and quickly and proudly re-affixed it. It's still there!

Can you believe even Santa Claus was engaged to coerce me? It's true!

On the Saturday evening before my first Christmas here, Santa Claus knocked on my front door. He said, "Here's a candy cane for all your fine sermons." "Thank you," I replied with surprise. "And here's a lump of coal for that Leopard Paw on the back of your car."

So if Santa could not dissuade me, what chance do you have? None! Or less.

I believe we all carry some of our hometown with us wherever we go. It's as if we are infused and sealed with life-building experiences and memories that impact our lives for as long as we live. We are inscribed and sealed by our relationships with our families and friends, our churches and communities. All these, family, friends, churches and communities, are ever-present signs of God's love for us.

Still there is a sign; there is a seal even stronger and more enduring. It is the sign of the cross. It is the seal of the Holy Spirit.

At the moment of first faith, either through Baptism or hearing and believing the Gospel, we receive and live under the sign of the cross and are sealed by the Holy Spirit at that moment and for always. No one or nothing can ever remove them. God is with us; saving us; loving us; holding fast to us from that instant throughout all the eternity.

Stronger than any magnetic and more permanently attached than even the most stubborn bumper sticker, the cross and the seal of the Holy Spirit keep us in God's grace unto eternal life. They are the proof and guarantee of our salvation. They are God's steadfast signs of His unfailing promise to rescue us from sin and death. The cross and the seal reveal and join us to God's forever love for us.


By the way, I just got a new magnetic sticker for the back of my car! Bet you can't guess what it is. Here's a hint. It's blue and white and looks like a paw. And, keep your "paws" off of it!

Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.

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Planning Council

**PLANNING
COUNCIL**
Next Meeting
Sept. 12th, 2017
@ 6:30 PM



Grace Notes

Facts and Figures

<p>Attendance July 2017 Weekly Average: 121 Difference: -4 (-3%)</p> <p>Offerings June 2017 Total Offerings: \$18,063.75 Difference: -899.60 Weekly Average: \$3612.75 Difference: -179.92 (-4%)</p>	<p>Attendance July 2016 Weekly Average 125</p> <p>Offerings June 2016 Total Offerings: \$18,963.35 Weekly Average: \$3792.67</p>
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2016-2017 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Lynn Foust - President Jim Heller - Vice President
Christine Sergent - Secretary Beverly Frantz - Treasurer

Congregational Life

Jim Heller - Director
Susie Erickson
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Liz Miller
Liz Nelson
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John Wolfe
Scott Ebert (church sign)
David Elliott (church website)

Senior Pastor: Rev. Donald L. Rice Jr.
Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: Rhonda Fisher
Organist: Linda Hanna
Choir: Roberta Myers
Secretary: Lisa Morris
Treasurer: Beverly Frantz
Custodian: Glenn Mitchell

Since You Asked

Since You Asked...

Greetings, Pastor! I appreciate the monthly listing of Planning Council and Grace Ministry Board members. Please provide a listing of the Grace Endowment and Hammerstrom Scholarship board members and officers. Thank you.

Thank you for your inquiry. I also wish to thank those who serve on these important boards for their service to our congregation and community. Please note that *ex officio members* serve in an advisory capacity only and do not have vote.

Grace Endowment Board

Dwayne Shepherd, President
Liz Nelson, Treasurer
Mike Sergent, Secretary
Andrea Samsa
Nicole Roman-Willey
Pastor Rice, *ex officio*
Bev Frantz, *ex officio*
Lynn Foust, *ex officio*

Hammerstrom Scholarship Board

Pastor Rice, chair
Lynn Foust, Congregation President
Beverly Frantz, Congregation Treasurer
Linda Homrighausen
Janie Kreisher Huffman
Tom Margo
(Craig Begley, *ex officio* investment advisor)

Reformation Bible Study: The Lutheran Difference

Wednesdays, September 27-October 25 6:45 p.m. in Luther Hall



“Sola Scriptura” (Scripture Alone) is the Lutheran doctrine that the Bible is the supreme authority in all matters of Christian doctrine and practice. It is one of the hallmarks of the Lutheran Reformation and commends our study of God’s true and holy Word.

In celebration of the **500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation**, our fall Bible Study will take a close look at some of our most basic Lutheran doctrines. We compare and contrast them with the faith expressions of other Christian denominations and discover **The Lutheran Difference**. Of course, we cannot hope to cover all the similarities and divergences between Lutherans and other Christian churches, but we will take time to cover some of the more pronounced distinctions.

“Aren’t Lutherans pretty much just like Roman Catholics?” No, they are not. “Aren’t Lutherans just another Protestant church?” No. Not really. There are distinctions that make a real difference.

Discover **The Lutheran Difference** this fall. Just bring yourself, your Bible and an open, inquisitive mind. Copies of the *Augsburg Confession* will be supplied.

Schedule

September 27:	Sola Scriptura: The Authority, Power and Sufficiency of Scripture
October 4:	Justification by Faith Alone in Christ Alone
October 11:	The Two Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion
October 18:	The Priesthood of All Believers and Ministry
October 25:	The Return of Christ in Power and Great Glory

Announcements

Reformation Rally Day and Church Picnic

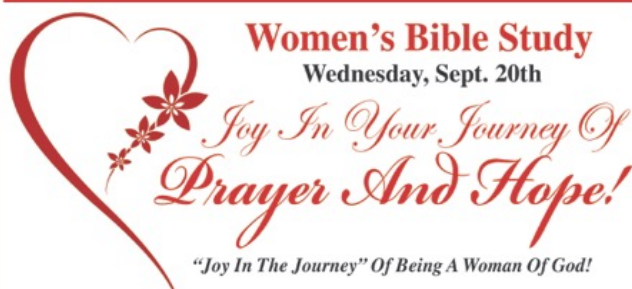
Reformation Rally Day and Church Picnic will be celebrated Sunday, September 10.

Reformation Rally Day will begin at **9:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. This begins our congregation's celebration of the **500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation**. Continental breakfast foods and beverages will be available. Children and youth will be promoted, introduced to their teachers and the 2017 curriculum. All students, teachers and teaching assistants will be presented with a special Reformation gift. **Christian Faith and Life Ministries** is coordinating this event.

Our **Annual Church Picnic** will be held outdoors in the green space next to the Grace Outreach Center following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The event will include a 70-foot obstacle course for the kids and other activities. The centerpiece of the picnic will be our homemade covered dishes. Each family is asked to bring a family favorite covered dish and/or dessert to share. Beverages and tableware will be provided. **Hospitality Ministries** is planning a delicious and fun-filled time for all.

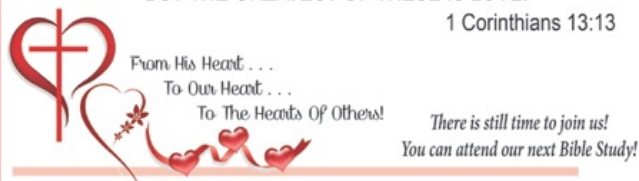
Mark your calendars now and plan to join the day's festivities.

Next Bible Study - Sept. 20, 2017



2017 Women's Bible Study Schedule:

Sept 20th - HUMILITY AND SELF-DISCIPLINE
Oct 18th - REFORMATION CELEBRATION
WITH MARTIN LUTHER
Nov 15th - FALSE TEACHERS, GOD IS IN CONTROL
Dec 20th - CHRISTMAS TEA -
"And now these three remain: FAITH, HOPE & LOVE.
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE."
1 Corinthians 13:13



Baptism Blessings

We welcome **Alexander Ray Marchant** into the family of God and promise him our Christian love and prayers. Alexander was baptized during our 8:00 a.m. worship service on August 13th and is the son of Elizabeth Ann Wharmby and Kyle Marchant of Massillon. He is the grandson of members Brad and Nancy Wharmby. His aunts Emily Wharmby and Sarah Wharmby are his sponsors. Alexander was born February 6, 2017 in Canton. May God bless this young boy with the fullness of mercy, love and grace. Congratulations!



Thank You's

*Psalm 3:9 We work together as partners
(to give glory to the Lord.)*



Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you so very much for allowing the Dover Lions Club to use your Outreach Center for our summer blood drive event.

The event was a wonderful success!! We had 24 volunteer donors. The Red Cross staff loved your center.

With sincere heartfelt thanks, Susan Botdorf



Thank you so much for the scholarship. It is greatly appreciated and will go towards nursing school in the fall. This scholarship has been a blessing with all the expenses that have come with school.

God Bless!
Kristin Miceli

I would like to send a special thank you to our volunteers that helped out in the office while I was on vacation.

Deborah Horn, Melody Rader, Shirley Grafe, and Sandy Gibb.

Your help was greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,

Lisa Morris, Church Secretary



Thank You!

Thank you!



Dear Grace Family,

Thank you for helping me go to church camp. I met lots of new friends. I also learned the water is very important in the Bible.

Jake Flood



Dear Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee and members of Grace Lutheran,

Thank you for again selecting me as a recipient of the Hammerstrom Scholarship. It is extremely generous and removes a large burden as I complete my last year for my undergraduate degree. I am grateful for the supportive community that I am apart of at Grace Lutheran.

Always, you have aided me in my pursuits whether a kind word at service, a delicious meal, or monetary support for church camp and Youthworks mission trips and throughout college for tuition, Buck-I-Serv trips, and my recent trip to Ghana. I often take these opportunities for granted, but I cannot imagine my life without them, and, in no small part, you all have been responsible for these experiences.

Thank you again and God bless,
Aaronn Sergent

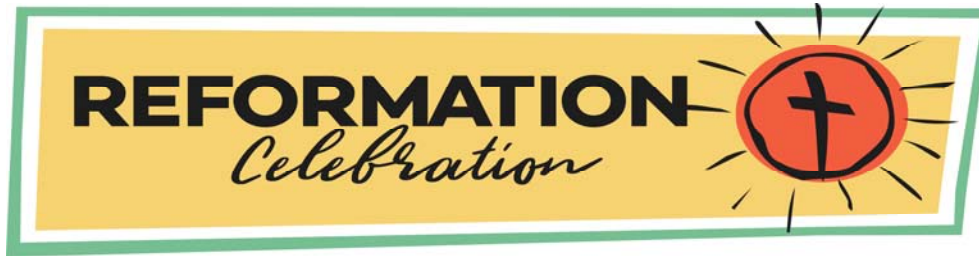


To the committee for the Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom scholarship,

Thank you for granting me this scholarship; this scholarship will help me financially as I continue my education as a nurse at The Kent State University at Tuscarawas. By helping me financially, I will be able to focus on my studies in my last year of nursing school. This scholarship will continue to set me up for success when I graduate and start working. I appreciate the opportunity and am thankful for being a recipient of the Phillip Jr. and Marceil Hammerstrom scholarship.

Sincerely,
Hunter Stein

Announcements



A Truly Lutheran Invitation

All Grace Lutherans and friends are cordially invite you to a Reformation Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 29. The annual event will be a continuation of our celebration of the **500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation.** Our time of food and fellowship begins following the 10:30 a.m. worship service in Fellowship Hall.

Grace Hospitality Ministries will offer locally acclaimed *Miceli brats* (a recipe handed down from Katie Luther herself??), sauerkraut, hot dogs, mashed potatoes, chips, desserts, beverages and more. Grace youth will provide games, crafts and other activities for children.

A free-will offering will be taken to support our **Grace Grocery Bag Ministry.** This fund supports Grace outreach program to help feed our neighbors in need.

R. R. & R.

Pastor Rice will be on vacation August 29 through September 5 for some R. R. and R. While our school kids will be learning Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic, he'll be doing his best to **Rest, Relax and Recharge.** He will return to the office Wednesday, September 6.

Pastor Lisa Arledge of Akron's Oasis Outreach Opportunity will preside and preach at both services on Sunday, September 3. We are always so pleased to have her visit with us as she shares the Good News of Jesus and the most recent Oasis ministry happenings.



Dear Phillip Jr. & Marciel Hammerstrom Scholarship Committee and congregation,

Thank you for selecting me as one of the recipients for this scholarship. I am truly blessed and thankful to have grown up in and be a part of such a loving and caring congregation. Your generosity will help tremendously in furthering my education.

Thank you!
Madeline Bauer

Hammerstrom Scholarship Essays

Melissa Engstrom

I absolutely love talking with people and getting to know them. I like to listen and try to help when I can. I feel comforted and understood when people take the time to listen to me. I especially feel this way in a medical setting. When Doctors and nurses take the time to get to know me as a patient. When they know my name before they walk in the room without looking at my chart. It's the little things that tend to make the most difference. I feel, sometimes, the older generation in our community must take a backseat when it comes to comfort in their healthcare. The, "Unimportant things" get rushed, when sometimes those are the things that can comfort the most.

My educational plan is to study hard and finish university with a Bachelors Degree of Science in Nursing, followed by a Masters Degree of Science in Nursing. I would like to become a geriatric nurse practitioner. I enjoy helping the elderly in our community. I love speaking with them and getting to know them. They have so much to share if we would just take the time to sit for a while and listen. I know as a Nurse Practitioner I will be busy, I know I will not always have a lot of time, but I have role models who have shown me that it is possible. I want to serve God with my kindness, patience, and love. These are three wonderful gifts that I want to pass on to our community when I achieve my goals and become a nurse.

Kristin Miceli

My educational plan in the end is to obtain my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. To better benefit my knowledge and to expand my thinking and learning skills, I have altered my path to achieving my nursing career. I was enrolled in EMT school in the spring of 2016. I have furthered my education with field medicine and am attending paramedic school at Akron General Hospital. I will be done with this program in June of 2017. By taking this path, I will be able to attend a bridge program, giving me the opportunity to go from Paramedic to RN. Accomplishing these goals will allow me to better serve my community, thanks to my ability to work and help those in need—whether it be in the surrounding hospitals, in doctors' offices around town, or through ambulance companies. In addition to working within the community, a paramedic and nursing degree will provide me with the opportunity to serve and take part in trips to assist low-income regions in the United States or developing countries. Not only will I be working to improve the lives of those around me by giving medical attention where needed, I will congruently be working to improve my own relationship with God. Serving on mission trips will significantly contribute to my spiritual growth because it seems that in areas of low income, people have faith that God will lead them to better lives, even through hardships. People who have less to live on tend to care more about the intangibles in life, a notion that I find inspiring. Even though they have so little, they choose to put all trust in God. The biggest reward of any goal that I may accomplish is that I get to serve God's people in doing so. I truly believe that I was put on this Earth not only to serve God, but also to serve his people. Choosing to dedicate my life and career to unselfishly helping other people both in health and in life, I hope to personally make a difference in the lives of those I meet.

Announcements

Upcoming Events

2017 Upcoming Events and Church Calendar

October 8:	Blanket Sunday
October 22 & 29:	Harbor House Collection
October 29:	Reformation Sunday: 500 th Anniversary
October 29:	Reformation OKTOBERFEST
November 5:	All Saints Sunday
November 11:	First Communion Instruction 10:30 a.m.-Noon
November 12:	Stewardship Development/Harvest Home Sunday
November 12:	Annual Turkey Dinner
November 19:	Congregational Meetings (2018 Budget)
November 26:	Undie Sunday
December 3:	First Communion Sunday
December 3:	Rigatoni Dinner and Advent Workshop
December 17:	Children's Christmas Pageant (One Service at 9:30 a.m.)
December 24:	Christmas Eve Services at 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. (No Sunday morning services)
December 31:	New Year's Eve (One Service at 9:30 a.m.)

Reformation Renovations

Luther Hall renovations were nearly complete by Sunday, August 27. Just a few “finishing touches” remained. We wish to thank **B&B Wood Products and Remodeling** for doing such an outstanding job. We also appreciate Property Ministries Board member Audra Miceli's work as “project coordinator” and her attention to detail.

Our Luther Hall Work project includes:

- Renovating both restrooms making both handicapped accessible;
- Remodeling the lounge including fireplace, walls, flooring and furniture;
- Widening the doorway to lounge and a doorway to multipurpose room to make both handicapped accessible;
- Replace flooring in kitchen and multipurpose room;
- Painting walls, doors and doorways;
- Replacing ceilings throughout the hall and connecting room; and
- Installing safer railing in the connecting room.



The Lewis Memorial Fund resources paid for the project. Proceeds from the fund are available only for capital improvement projects as approved by both the Property Ministries Board and Grace Planning Council. Some furniture and decorative improvements are paid from the Building Fund as approved by the Property Board.

Please stop by to check out our “Reformation Renovations.” You'll hardly recognize the place with all the new improvements.



**Lutheran World Relief
Final Project Numbers
for 2016**



**Quilts: 37
Personal Care Kits: 21
Soap: 42
School Kits: 4**



KNOTTERS

**See Judy Martin or
Donna Fox for time and day.**

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton thanked Women of the ELCA voting members for their work in the church during the final session of Tenth Triennial Convention, July 13. “You lead the church in so many ways,” said Eaton. “You are mobilizing our congregations and communities through prayer, ministry and political action.” She thanked the organization for working to educate others about human trafficking.

“One thing that has been particularly important for this past triennium is to raise up the horror of human trafficking that is so prevalent all around the world,” she said. “And this is just a scourge, and it mostly affects children, women and girls. “So, thank you for the work in that, and some really creative ways of addressing this.”

For example, some synodical women’s organizations pass out bars of S.O.A.P. (save our adolescents from prostitution) to motels, casinos and other places where human trafficking is likely to occur. The soap is wrapped with a red band that provides the National Human Trafficking Hotline number (1-888-373-7888).

Others are educating employees of convention centers, motels and casinos about the signs of human trafficking and working with politicians to create legislation supporting anti-trafficking laws.

“You’ve also been instrumental in helping us work with international leaders– women, a program where women from our companion synods across the globe have a chance to further their education. Your president and your director have helped to support this. We now have 12 young women who have studied in the United States. Another group is coming over this year. They get four-year scholarships. Our ELCA colleges and universities provide half, and the international leaders–women program provides the other half. These are amazing leaders who are committed to going back to their home countries and their home churches.”

Eaton praised Women of the ELCA for getting solar power to Phebe Hospital in rural Liberia.

“An Ebola epidemic hit that country, and Phebe Hospital was a major place for treatment. You helped raise money to install solar panels,” she said. “Not only are you providing healthcare, you are providing sustainable, renewable energy in a country where that’s still being developed. You’re right on the cutting edge.”

Cost of stocking the food pantry for one month.

This is the amount needed to stock the food pantry for 1 month. We thank the congregation for donating food items and cash contributions to keep the pantry stocked.

Product	Price / piece	Days in a month	Total
Peanut Butter	\$ 2.29	X 30	\$ 68.70
Fruit	\$ 0.89	X 30	\$ 26.70
Cereal	\$ 1.59	X 30	\$ 47.70
Meat	\$ 1.30	X 30	\$ 39.00
Chicken Soup	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Tomato Soup	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Potatoes	\$ 0.65	X 30	\$ 19.50
Corn	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Green Beans	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Pork/Beans	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Peas	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Mac-N-Cheese	\$ 0.45	X 30	\$ 13.50
Spaghetti	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Spaghetti Sauce	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
			\$ 455.10

<u>ALDI</u>	<u>Buehlers</u>	<u>Wal Mart</u>	<u>Big Lots</u>
Peanut Butter	Vegetables-	Spaghetti Sauce	Soup-
Mac-N-Cheese	Corn		Chicken
Potatoes	Green Beans	<u>Dollar General</u>	Tomato
Fruit Cocktail	Peas	Spaghetti	
Cereal	Pork/Beans	Luncheon Meat	

Outreach

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

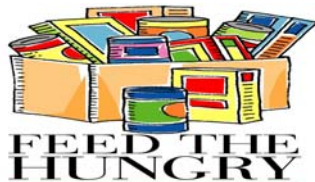
Thanks to all who have volunteered to be packers for the Grocery Bag Ministry this year.

Donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In July, we distributed 119 bags, and have already distributed 82 in August. We are seeing a greater demand for this outreach program. Monetary and food donations are very much appreciated.

What goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The basic food items are: peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, canned white potatoes, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles. We also pack a roll of toilet paper and a bar of soap when available.

We welcome all packaged/canned donations. We will pack any kind of soup, fruit, vegetable, soap or toilet paper that is donated, as well as extra items not on the list. **Grocery size paper bags are also needed.**

Thank you to all who bring food in for the grocery bags that are filled each month. Look in the Sunday bulletins to see which items are most urgently needed.



Please be Praying for...

All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Gerald Case, Richard Martineau.

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| Ella DeVore | Carol Davidson |
| William Page | Glenn Siber |
| Mildred Schauer | Geraldine Kiehl |
| Dale Kreisher | Joe Palmer |
| Francis Moser | Larry Meyer |
| JoAnn Hammond | Paul Michael Hanna |
| Walter Heck | Jackson Kinsey |
| John Page | Mary Marino |
| Rachelle Coulter Sensel | Karen Page |
| Norma Grywalski | Wayne Page |
| Elaine Ritterling | Tom Margo |
| Cathy Nardecchia | Barb Bollon |
| Dorothy Hanna | Phyllis Espenschied |
| Jim Gipson | Rebecca Cahill-Smith |
| Lexi Gray | Rick Homrighausen |
| Laurel Perry | Sherry Abbey |

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Please take a moment to review the names on our church prayer list. If you know the current recovery status, condition, or needs of any person listed, please advise Pastor Rice or the church office. We rejoice in God's healing and grace when someone is well enough to come off the list and we promise our prayers to all who are added. Thank You.



With Deepest Sympathy

Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are with the family and friends of .

May the Lord embrace this family with His love and bless them with peace.

Outreach

**OUTREACH NEWS... HERE'S YOUR
CHANCE TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS**

We at Grace have volunteered to provide one meal per month — **the 4th Sunday of each month** — and need volunteers to provide the meal and to deliver it to the *Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County* which is a group of



concerned citizens from various churches and social service agencies in the county who have recognized the need to assist persons experiencing homelessness. The residents eat dinner at 6:00 each evening. All tableware is provided by the shelter, and they ask that if we are just dropping the food off to bring it in disposable pans.

If you are unable to deliver your portion of the meal, please contact someone else who has signed up to deliver food.

Let's continue to work together as the body of Christ and serve our brothers and sisters in need.

New sign up sheets are posted for the October meal to the homeless shelter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

The power of a small package

Personal Care Kits especially help cleanliness and prevent disease outbreaks that can so frequently happen in foreign countries or right here in the United States after natural disasters. LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF is asking congregation participation to help restock their supply of personal care kits. Consider making a kit or dropping off one or more of the items listed below to the church office. Thanks for helping!

Personal care items that go into each kit are:

Personal Care Kits

- 1 light weight bath towel
- 20" X 40" to 52" X 27" (dark color)
- 2 bath size bars of soap
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 adult size toothbrush
- 1 nail clipper with file

Thank you to the volunteers who prepared and delivered food to the **Homeless Shelter on August 27th, 2017.**

September's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, Sept. 24th, at 6:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. We have cut down on the expense of the items needed (less meat, more casseroles) or have divided the donations into smaller units to make it financially easier for you to donate. Please check to see how you can help.

Worship

OPEN ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones, please either sign up on the list in the Narthex or call the church office at 330-343-6915.

The cost for one vase is \$18. You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



- Sept. 10th - 1 vase
- Sept. 17th - 2 vases
- Sept. 24th - 1 vase
- Oct. 1st - 1 vase
- Oct. 8th - 2 vases
- Oct. 15th - 1 vase



- Sept. 3 - Ashley Eick & Melissa Engstrom
- Sept. 10 - Marcie & Grace Castricone
- Sept. 17 - Deb & Jacob Flood
- Sept. 24 - Andrea & Lauren Samsa

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Tuesday,
Sept. 26th, 2017
9:00 am

Sunday, Sept. 3rd

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Sunday, Sept. 10th

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, Sept. 17th

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, Sept. 24th

Jonah 3:10—4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

Replenishing the Children's Worship Bags

Our worship bag continues to be a blessing to children and parents in our worship each week! Most of the 10 bags are used every Sunday. The bags serve as a way for parents to have their young children in worship with them while they get a chance to worship. We will be purchasing new books, toys and crayons for the bags soon. If you would be interested in providing money for the purchase of these items you may make a donation by placing it in a special offering envelope with worship bags written on it. If paying by check please remember to write Children's Worship Bags in the memo line. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry.



Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	USHERS
9/3	9/3 Lynn Foust	9/3	Tim Keplinger
9/10	9/10 Nancy Wilson	9/10	Richard Elliott
9/17	9/17 Terry Miller	9/17	Steve Zimmerman
9/24	9/24 Gale Limron	9/24	Jim Heller
			Scott Ebert
			Edward Harper
			David Elliott

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS
Sept. 3 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
Sept. 10 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Butch Morris, Maguire Morris
Sept. 17 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
Sept. 24 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Vanfossen, John Wolfe

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
9/3	9/3 John Stahl	9/3
9/10	9/10 Sandy Gibb	9/10 Deborah Horn
9/17	9/17 Jimm Morris	9/17
9/24	9/24 Jan Ochsenbine	9/24

ALTAR GUILD

September: Judy Martin, Bonnie Richardson, Pam Keller, Elaine Margo

October: Donna Fox, Katherine Stahl, Jill Hootman, Shirley Grafe, Jan Ochsenbine



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Pastor Vacation_____						
3 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion	4  Labor Day Church Office Closed	5 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	6 7 pm Boy Scouts	7 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Gallery Choir	8	9
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10 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am Rally Day 10:30 am Worship Communion Church Picnic 	11 10:30 am Communion Park Village - North 7 pm Valley Voices	12 10 am Rejoice Women - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Planning Council	13 7 pm Boy Scouts	14 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	15	16
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24 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	25 7 pm Valley Voices	26 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 4 pm TOPS - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	27 6:45 pm Bible Study - LH 7 pm Boy Scouts	28 12-1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	29 <u>Messenger Assembly</u>	30