

# The Messenger

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## Heading into September 2023

I am taking a pause from “Things Old and New” in order to highlight an event which will be just a few days away when you read this. Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> is “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday. This time, it is an even more special event in that it is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this Sunday which has become a celebration of the Church’s ministry in the larger world.

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” became a catch-phrase to help us in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America form a self-understanding that our faith in Christ frees us to live lives that are marked by a care and concern for the world around us, both in our local area and across the globe. The danger for Christians, especially American Christians, who are so overly-indulged in a false ethic of Christian faith that says “it’s all about me,” is that we treat Jesus as a private Lord and Savior. “I got my salvation and that’s the end of it.” But that is not a way of living Jesus wants for us. Jesus wants us to be freed in him that we may respond in gratitude by caring for our neighbor and our entire world.

Thus, 10 years ago, the ELCA began this initiative called “God’s Work. Our Hands.” The concept quotes Luther in the Large Catechism, “We receive our blessings not from other human creatures, but from God, through them. Creatures are only the hands, channels, and means through which God bestows all blessings.”

In the congregations of our shared area ministry, “God’s Work. Our Hands.” is combined longer standing celebrations surrounding the beginning of the school year and the Sunday School year. We observe this day of service at the same time we gather for the annual picnic and the blessing of backpacks and teachers at the Talbot Ag Center.

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**This year, as our shared service project, we are assembling school supply packs for Lutheran World Relief to send all over the world in their school supply program.**

The School Supply Kits made for Lutheran World Relief will reach children in all sorts of places from Africa, to Asia, to Ukraine – places where access to educational supplies is limited and places where war and devastation have destroyed the tools children and teachers so desperately need.



### HERE IS YOUR CHALLENGE!!

**We need to gather 800 70-sheet notebooks by September 9<sup>th</sup>. I am calling on us all to go to our local Walmart stores and clean them out! As you gather these notebooks, please send an email to your respective church office, [info@stpaulscordova.org](mailto:info@stpaulscordova.org) or [grace-churcheastonmd@gmail.com](mailto:grace-churcheastonmd@gmail.com), so we can keep track of the progress we are making toward our goal of 800 notebooks. The other supplies we need are being ordered and are enroute to us.**

**Finally – come join us for “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday!** This is your opportunity to join with others in both of our congregations for a day of worship, food, fellowship, service, and celebration. When two or more congregations share in worship together, there is often a temptation for us to say, “well if the service isn’t in MY church today, I’ll just skip this Sunday.” But we must fight that toxic understanding. The Church is located wherever we gather to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments – together! Don’t miss out!



#### Special dates

- Labor Day, *September 4, 2023*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 10, 2023*
  - Patriot Day, *September 11, 2023*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *Sep. 15–Oct. 15, 2023*
  - First day of autumn, *September 23, 2023*





**“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday**



**September 10, 2023**

Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 8,700 congregations participating in “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, on Sept. 10. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God’s love. Join us as we do God’s work with our hands! Contact us for more information:

<b>Chesapeake Country Area Ministry - Shore Lutherans</b>		
<b>Blessing of Backpacks and Teachers</b>		
<b>Creation of School Supply Kits for Lutheran World Relief</b>		
<b>Talbot Agriculture and Education Center</b>		
<b>10659 Hiners Lane, Easton, MD 21601</b>		
<b>10:00am - Worship</b>	<b>11:00am - Lunch</b>	<b>Service Project Following</b>



In Jesus Christ, all of life – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

# RALLY DAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF AND  
WORSHIP SERVICE

**Sunday, September 10**

**God's Work, Our Hands**

Talbot Ag Center

10 am The Holy Eucharist

11 am Picnic

Community Service Project Following

Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

We will have a blessing of the  
backpacks, students and teachers.

Regular Sunday School and  
confirmation classes will begin on

Sunday, September 17, 2023

**Don't forget to sign-up on the  
bulletin board outside the offices!**



**OCTOBER 7, 2023**

**Oktoberfest Celebration**

on Saturday, October 7

at Talbot Ag Center

4-5PM TRIVIA AND GAMES

5 PM BRATWURST BUFFET

5-7 LIVE MUSIC AND DANCING

Music by Alte Krumpel Band

**Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$20  
at the door**

**Children 12 and under are free**

Blessing Box

Please remember our blessing box while grocery shopping. Supplies can be brought to the church and placed in the shed. The door is kept unlocked.

Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

Recommended Items include

- small cereal boxes
  - oatmeal
  - granola bars
  - canned soups
- other one-step dinners such as Compleats meals, Chef Boyardee, etc
  - canned meat such as chicken or tuna
- personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products



9/1 **Lee Heinsohn**  
 9/2 **Gavin Corley**  
 9/5 **Samantha Lewis**  
 9/6 **Rosemary Spies**  
 9/7 **Declyn Leeson**  
 9/9 **Tricia Walston**  
 9/10 **Donna Stevens**  
 9/17 **Crue Leeson**

9/18 **Nicholas Heller**  
 9/19 **Clay Callahan**  
 9/20 **Theresa Heller**  
 9/22 **Carl Sauca**  
 9/23 **Addison Rice**  
 9/26 **Cody Sard**  
 9/29 **Cindy Spies**  
 9/29 **Cameron Edsall**

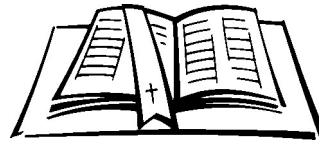
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**SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS**

**September 3** Bobbie Leaverton  
**September 10** Rally Day  
**September 17** Donna Stevens  
**September 24** Stevi Saathoff



Barbara Saathoff  
 Betty Jean Mumford



**Tellers**

**September 3** Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens  
**September 10** Debbie Dudrow and Donna Stevens  
**September 17** Lee Heinsohn and Lee Moore  
**September 24** Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth



**Communion Assistants**



**Altar Flowers**

**September 3** Marian Davis  
**September 10** Rally Day  
**September 17** Dave Nicholson  
**September 24** Debbie Dudrow

**September 3** Bobbie Leaverton  
**September 10** Robert Saathoff  
**September 17** Bobbie Leaverton  
**September 24** Fred Meers

**Acolyte**

**Crucifer**

<b>September 3</b>	Declan Corley	Gavin Corley
<b>September 10</b>	Rally Day	
<b>September 17</b>	Corey Fisher	Preston Rickwood
<b>September 24</b>	Declan Corley	



Acolytes & Crucifers

**Ushers**

**Ushers & Greeters**



<b>September 3</b>	Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens
<b>September 10</b>	Talbot Ag Center/Rally Day
<b>September 17</b>	Lee Heinsohn and Lee Moore
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## Starting a ripple effect

**Shortly before his death, 80-year-old farmer Hody Childress asked his daughter to continue a practice he'd quietly conducted for years: taking a \$100 bill to a local pharmacist on the first of every month. For years, Childress anonymously came to the aid of neighbors in Geraldine, Alabama, who couldn't afford medications. "Don't tell a soul where the money came from," he instructed store owner Brooke Walker. "If they ask, just tell them it's a blessing from the Lord."**

**Thanks to the farmer's generosity, Walker could fill prescriptions for about 24 uninsured or underinsured people each year. "I was honored he allowed me to do that," she said, "and it really encouraged me to do the same in my life."**

**Childress wasn't wealthy but "always gave what he could," said daughter Tania Nix. "I think he felt like he couldn't not give," she added. "Giving that way, that just got on his heart." After word spread about Childress' generosity, other people were inspired to perform stealth outreach and a fund was established in his name.**

God has been generous to us in many ways. We believe that sharing these gifts in His name is a tangible way of expressing one's faith. As active Christians, we are called to give generously to assist our neighbors through our time, talents and treasures. During this time of pandemic, you may not feel comfortable attending services in-person but want to still send offerings to the church. This can be done by mailing offerings to the church or by using Tithe.ly.

The direct link to our Tithe.ly account is <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1747825>  
If you are having trouble with setting up your account, please contact Donna Stevens.

If you have any questions about Tithe.ly, please contact Donna Stevens, Financial Secretary 410-820-7243 or [dstevens62@icloud.com](mailto:dstevens62@icloud.com)

## Members of St Pauls!!

As many may already know, The Garden Basket- the florist that works with St Pauls to provide beautiful flowers each Sunday will be going out of business, so we are left with a decision to make. I would like members' input/suggestions on what our flowers will look like moving forward:

Check and comment below-

Artificial Flowers- to change with each season  
Families to supply the flowers once a month  
Flowers only for special occasions- birthdays, anniversaries etc.

Find a new florist- I have called Robins Nest. They will deliver on Saturdays and depending on the size of the container and how many flowers we want- \$20-25/vase and \$10 delivery fee. We are looking at \$60 or a bit more.

I have also called Garden Treasures- they will do 2 vases for \$40 plus \$10 delivery fee, \$50 total. + any additional cost for possible containers/canister flowers sit in  
Please remember these numbers may change.

Blessings  
Wendy Sauca  
(Worship, Music and Education Chair)



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## Our Staff

Worship Service Begins at 8:45 am

Please inform the church office of any changes in your personal information: Address, phone number, marriage or divorce, or new births so that we can keep our records up-to-date.

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