

The Messenger
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Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace."

Information taken from www.elca.org/our-work/congregations-and-synods/gods-work-our-hands-sunday

We will have our annual God's Work, Our Hands service at the Talbot Ag Center on Sunday, September 6 beginning at 10 am with lunch to follow. Please bring a covered dish to share.

This year our service projects are going to address local needs in our schools. We will be collecting monetary donations to put towards lunch debt in our school systems. Unfortunately, there are many students in need that do not meet the requirements for free lunch but still have a great need. If you would like to donate to this project, please make sure that lunch debt is written in the memo of your check.

Our other project will be gathering supplies for the local school's caring closets. A caring closet helps address "hygiene poverty"—the inability to afford basic personal care items—reducing embarrassment, illness, and mental stress for students. An amazon wish list has been created and shared via our weekly newsletter but items may also be purchased at Walmart, Target, etc. A list of items needed is included on page 6.

Thank you!



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In Every Season, Turn to God



Are you enjoying a happy time? *Praise God.*

Is life becoming difficult? *Seek God.*

Are you experiencing a quiet moment? *Worship God.*

Are you suffering great pain? *Trust God.*

Are you unsure what to do? *Ask God.*

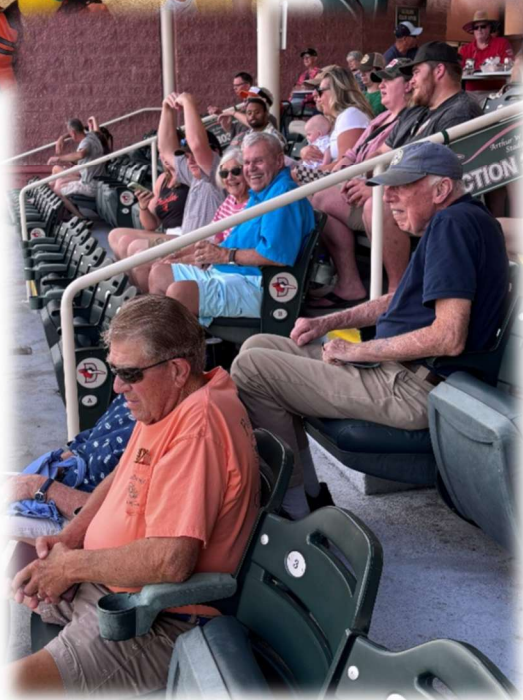
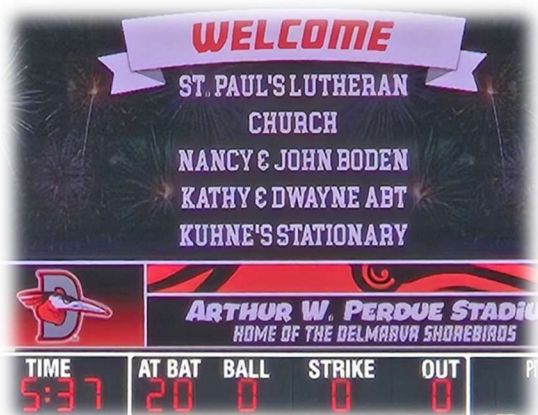
Are you overwhelmed with joy? *Thank God.*



8/3 Renee Edsall
8/4 Claire Wade
8/5 Lila Cep
8/6 Susan Behrens
8/6 Avery Rice
8/7 Pamela Short
8/8 Darian Sump
8/9 Joshua Lewis
8/15 Amy Priest
8/16 Henry Callahan
8/19 Henry Comer
8/19 Luke Comer
8/20 Julie Callahan
8/21 Georgia Brenner
8/22 Ricky Dudrow
8/24 Declan Corley



9/1 Lee Heinsohn
9/2 Gavin Corley
9/5 Samantha Lewis
9/6 Evan Leaverton
9/9 Tricia Walston
9/9 Jordyn Davis
9/10 Donna Stevens
9/10 Jack Leaverton
9/17 Declyn Leeson
9/17 Crue Leeson
9/18 Nicholas Heller
9/19 Clay Callahan
9/20 Theresa Heller
9/22 Carl Sauca
9/22 Brooks Leeson
9/23 Addison Rice

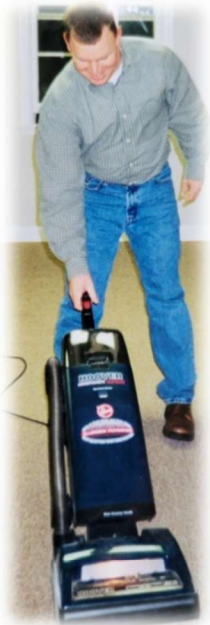


On Sunday, July 12, we had over 20 people join us for a night at the Delmarva Shorebirds game. Go Shorebirds!



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. If you cannot attend services in-person, but still want to 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>



Blast from the Past

Do you recognize any of these faces from previous St. Paul's events?





August 2 Joseph Comer
 August 9 Beth Roesel
 August 16 Bobbie Leaverton
 August 23 Joshua Lewis
 August 30 Declan Corley

September 6 Beth Roesel
 September 13 Bobbie Leaverton
 September 20 Joseph Comer
 September 27 Declan Corley



August 2 Declan Corley
 August 9 Couper Barletta
 August 16 Joshua Lewis
 August 23 Tom Roesel
 August 30 Declan Corley

September 6 Tom Roesel
 September 13 Joshua Lewis
 September 20 Couper Barletta
 September 27 Declan Corley



August 2 Donnie and Keith Davis
 August 9 Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens
 August 16 Dottie and Lee Moore
 August 23 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth
 August 30 Donnie and Keith Davis

September 6 Ag Center
 September 13 Dottie and Lee Moore
 September 20 Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens
 September 27 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

Acolytes
 August 2 Ella Barletta
 August 9 Couper Barletta
 August 16 Joshua Lewis
 August 23 Ella Barletta
 August 30 Declan Corley

September 6 Ag Center
 September 13 Joshua Lewis
 September 20 Couper Barletta
 September 27 Declan Corley

Crucifers
 Declan Corley



Ag Center
 Joshua Lewis

September
 Susan Behrens
 and Betty Jean
 Mumford



Tellers

August 2 1
 August 9 1
 August 16 1
 August 23 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth
 August 30 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth
 September 6 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth
 September 13 Dottie and Lee Moore
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Caring Closet Supply Requests
 (Please remember we need supplies for both male and female)

Hygiene Items



Toothbrushes and toothpaste
Deodorant (Male and female)
Shampoo and conditioner
Body Sprays for both male and female
Hairspray and Hair gel
Soap and Body Wash
Period products (pads, tampons)
Razors and shaving cream
Lotion
Hand sanitizer
Wet Wipes

Clothing

Socks
Underwear: women underwear (small, medium and large)/men underwear (box briefs, small, medium, large)
T-shirts
Outerwear: jackets and coats
Hats, gloves, and scarves

Food Items

Non-perishable snacks (granola bars, crackers)
Mac-n-cheese or other “dinner items” that students can take home to eat after school

School Supplies

Backpacks
Notebooks
Pens and pencils
Binders and folders
Erasers
Highlighters
Rulers

Personal Care Items

Hairbrushes and combs
Lip balm
Nail clippers
Band-aids and basic first aid items
Reusable water bottles

Miscellaneous Items

Laundry detergent
Blankets
Reusable shopping bags

Thank God for Teachers

It is sometimes said that public school teachers do not teach values. Yet every day, countless teachers quietly model compassion, patience, integrity and kindness through the way they care for their students.

Many teachers go far beyond lesson plans and classrooms. They spend their own money on school supplies, workbooks, clothing, snacks and special needs for children who may otherwise go without. They encourage struggling students, celebrate small victories and offer steady support to children facing difficult circumstances at home.

Teachers also work with students from many different backgrounds and abilities. Some patiently help children learn English, while others devote extra time and care to students with learning, emotional or social challenges. In a world where many children face poverty, abuse, loneliness, neglect or uncertainty, a caring teacher can become a source of hope, stability and encouragement.

Many educators also serve faithfully in churches and communities, living out their faith through daily acts of love and service. Their influence often reaches far beyond what grades or test scores can measure.

As a church family, let us remember to pray for teachers, encourage them in their calling and thank God for the important difference they make in the lives of children every day.

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Bible Quiz

After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times: "Do you love me?" The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking. Who was this disciple?



A. James
B. John
C. Philip
D. (Simon) Peter

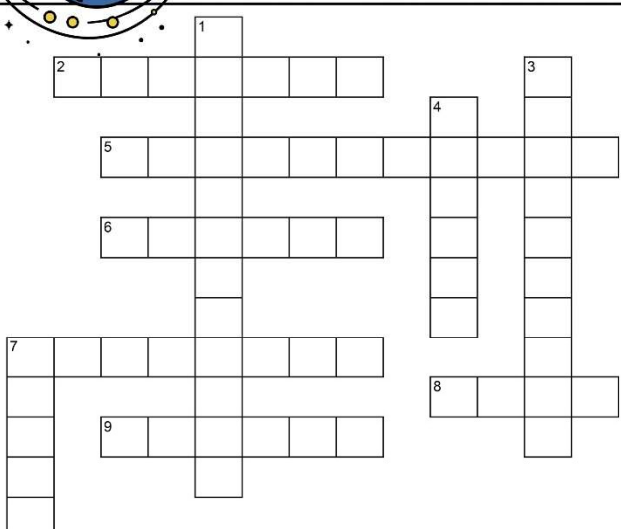
Answer: D (John 21:17)

Puzzle!



BEATITUDES

Fill in the blanks below to complete the crossword. Answers are based on Matthew 5:1-13, NIV.



ACROSS

2. _____ and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
 5. Blessed are the _____, for they will see God.
 6. Blessed are those who _____ and thirst after righteousness.
 7. Blessed are the _____, for they will receive mercy.
 8. Blessed are the _____, for they will inherit the earth.
 9. Blessed are those who hunger and _____, for they will be filled.

DOWN

1. Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.
 4. Great is your _____ in heaven.
 7. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted.

Answer key: 2 Across: Rejoice, 5 Across: pure in heart, 6 Across: hunger
 7 Across: merciful, 8 Across: meek, 9 Across: thirst, 1 Down: poor in spirit
 3 Down: persecuted, 4 Down: reward, 7 Down: mourn

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