

# The Messenger

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We had a STELLAR week of vacation bible school thanks to the efforts of many members of Shore Lutherans. This week we had 30 students. The St. Paul's dinner committee provided dinner for students and volunteers each night. This year's theme was space and each night students participated in music, games, crafts, science experiments and bible stories. The focus was to "Shine Jesus' Light" when life feels dark, when people don't get along, when good things happen, and when people are sad. We finished the week with a family fun night complete with food by Keith Davis, other snacks by the dinner committee, snowcones, and a bounce house.

Special thanks to our week long volunteers Terri Hiner, Susan Behrens, Editha Towers, Marian Davis, Michael Anne Sard, Vicki Zobel, Linda Nabb, Sandy Banko, Lyn Hollingsworth, Hayden Hollingsworth, Jenna Pedrick (Lyn's niece), Deacon Michael Hiner, Katie Callahan, Ella Beveridge, Amy Lange, Kim Marvel, Laura Taylor, Julie Hawley, and Holly Sump.



## Prayer brings heaven to earth



When you received Jesus as your Savior, you began to live in two homes — earth and heaven. You were born the first time into your earthly family. Now you have been born again into the family of God. You are a citizen of both worlds. Your new heavenly home is the biggest one. It is God's home. It is yours because you are united to Jesus, and heaven is where he lives.

But we don't need to wait until we die to visit heaven. Prayer is the airline to our heavenly homeland. We walk heaven's streets and view its wonders each time we fellowship with the Lord.

—Ben Jennings



Turn around and believe that the good news that we are loved is better than we ever dared hope, and that to believe in that good news, to live out of it and toward it, to be in love with that good news, is of all glad things in this world the gladdest thing of all. Amen, and come Lord Jesus.

—Frederick It's a miracle!



**I believe in miracles. While I believe in the possibility, under God, of any kind of miracle, I am committed especially to the miracle of the changed life. When a human being goes from despair to hope, when a lost soul comes home, or when a mean and destructive person becomes kind and fruitful, the greatest of all miracles has occurred.**

—J. Ellsworth KalasBuechner, *The Clown in the Belfry*



The community/church garden is producing vegetables, flowers.... and weeds.

If you are able to give some time each month to care for a garden box please sign the sheet on the bulletin board at church.

As you spruce up the garden make sure to fill a basket for your family and friends.


This garden is a blessing to many in our church and community through the Blessing Box.



**Bible Quiz**

In what land and at what age did Moses die?

A. The land of Israel; 100 years old  
B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old  
C. The land of Moab; 120 years old  
D. The land of Judah; 102 years old



Answer: C (See Deuteronomy 34:5, 7)



### 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

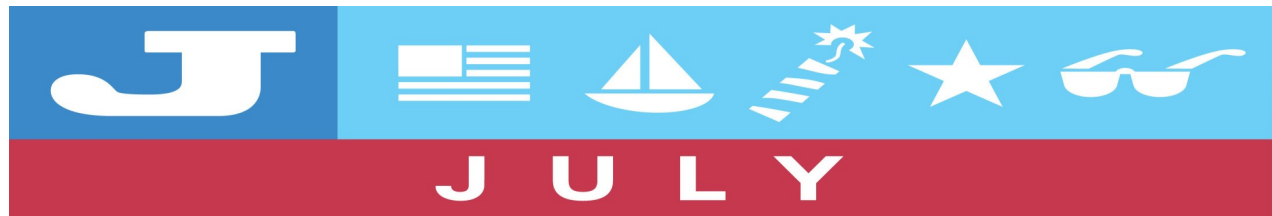
- small cereal boxes
  - oatmeal
  - granola bars
  - canned soups
- other one-step dinners such as Compleats meals,
  - Chef Boyardee, etc
  - canned meat such as chicken or tuna
- personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste,
- deodorant, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products



Produce from our Community Garden has been placed by the Blessing Box for our community to enjoy!



**Our stained glass windows are in the process of being repaired. It is being done in 2 phases over the summer. One phase has been completed and the beautiful windows have been cleaned and reinstalled.**



## **God's got you**

In Roman 4 Paul writes: "If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ... For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace" (v. 14, 16, NRSV). Here and elsewhere, Paul firmly explains that we are saved through God's grace, or unconditional love, made known most profoundly in Jesus Christ. But this passage raises a question: If belief (trust, faith) reckons us as righteous before God, what if we don't trust, can't believe, have lost all faith?

Pastor Martin Luther (1483-1546) assures us that even this is a gift of God: "I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead *the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith*" (*The Small Catechism*; emphasis added). Later in Romans, Paul declares that when we feel so lost (unbelieving, lacking in faith) that we don't even know how to pray, the "Spirit himself intercedes for us" (8:26, NIV). Rest assured, dear one: God's got you.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



## *Grace 5:15*

*Launching Wednesday, July 12th!*

We are excited to announce new opportunities for faith formation and mission in our community, coming in July at Grace Lutheran Church!

The format is an easy one to remember...

Where: Grace

When: Wednesdays @ 5:15pm

What: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wednesdays Adult Christian Education 4th Wednesdays Mission Team

On the first three Wednesdays of the month, we will offer ways for us all to deepen our understanding of our faith as we draw closer to God in search and study through the Holy Scriptures, the Lutheran tradition, and the story of the people of God throughout the ages. Through Bible studies, historical and theological topics, and spirituality explorations we will explore what it means to be people who have been given the free gift of faith in Christ.

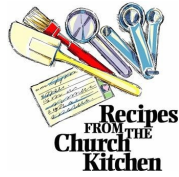
On fourth Wednesdays, our Mission Team will work on ways of creating community ministry opportunities in which ALL of our members and friends may be engaged – sharing the love of Christ with those around us and those in need. This new Mission Team, led by Amber Vitanovec and Vicki Zobel, is already working on the Blessing Box project and has more potential projects in the pipeline! Curious? Ask them, or come on a 4th Wednesday!

Question: What if I can only come on the 2nd Wednesday of the month?

That's fine! Come! While the series at any given time will be related to the preceding sessions, it is always ok to come when able. We understand that life can get very busy. Most of our topics and series will be in four-session packages – with no more than eight sessions. Jumping in for what interests you or mid-series as time allows is just fine.

Question: What if I really want to join in the Mission Team work, but not the study series, or vice versa?

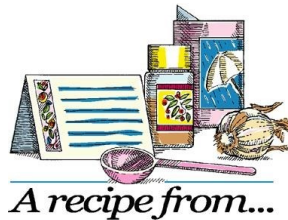
That's fine, too! Everyone has faith formation and spirituality needs that are different and we all live our baptismal calling differently. Our hope is that in Grace 5:15 we find a way to include all our parish family in their Christian walk.



### **Chocolate Chip Zucchini Bread by Lois Clark**

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 3/4 c. sugar    | 1 1/4 tsp. baking soda         |
| 3 T. oil        | 1 tsp cinnamon                 |
| 2 large eggs    | 1/2 tsp salt                   |
| 1 c. applesauce | 1 1/2 c finely grated zucchini |
| 2 c. flour      | 1/2 c. chocolate chips         |
| 1/4 c. cocoa    |                                |

Preheat oven to 350. Grease and flour 9 x 5 x 3 inch pan or 3 small loaf pans. Place the first 3 ingredients in the mixing bowl. Beat at low speed until blended. Stir in the applesauce. Sift the next 5 ingredients. Add and beat until moist. Stir in the zucchini and chips. Bake 60 minutes for the large loaf and 30 minutes for the small loaves. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan(s).



*A recipe from...*

### **Marinated Tomatoes by Marian Davis**

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 1/4 c. vinegar plus 2 T.           | Oregano to taste   |
| 1/4 c. oil                         | Sugar to taste   |
| 2 T. water                         | 1 pkg. Italian Good Seasons All Natural Salad Dressing Mix |
| 1/8 tsp. or to taste garlic powder |  |

Combine all ingredients well.



In May, teacher appreciation bags were distributed to teachers and staff at Chapel Elementary and Grasonville Elementary. Katelin Cep was one of the recipients, may God bless our educators!





*On Sunday, June 4, we had a joint service at Tuckahoe State Park. We had beautiful weather, delicious food and wonderful worship! Congratulations to Harper Callahan, who had her first communion as part of the outdoor service.*



The following lines are from a long prayer, “That America Fulfill the Promise of Its Founding,” by Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan. Though written in 1945, it rings true yet today. (Full text at <https://tinyurl.com/nhc8747x>.)

O God, who is Liberator and Redeemer, Lawgiver and Judge, ...

May America remain loyal  
to the principles of the Declaration of Independence,  
and extend their application  
to ever-widening areas of life.

Keep out of our life all manner of oppression,  
persecution,  
and unjust discrimination;  
save us from religious,  
racial and class conflicts;  
may our country be a haven of refuge  
to the victims of injustice and misrule.

Instruct us in the art of living together,  
of reconciling differences of opinion  
and averting clashes of interest,  
of helping one another  
to achieve a harmonious and abundant life ...

That the Star-Spangled Banner,  
the symbol of our American democracy,  
may ever wave o’er the land of the free  
and the home of the brave. Amen.





**SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS**

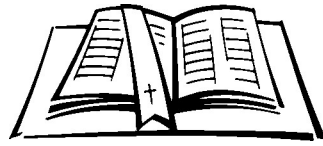
**July 2** Debbie Dudrow

**July 9** Bobbie Leaverton

**July 16** Robert Saathoff

**July 23** Bobbie Leaverton

**July 30** Stevi Saathoff



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**July 9** Lee Heinsohn and Lee Moore

**July 16** Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

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**July 30** Debbie Dudrow and Donna Stevens



**Tellers**



Bobbie Leaverton

Peggy Boyce



**Altar Flowers**

**July 2** Carol and Fred Meers

**July 9** Rickwood Family

**July 16**

**July 23**

**July 30**



**Communion Assistants**

**July 2** Betty Jean Mumford

**July 9** Bobbie Leaverton

**July 16** Fred Meers

**July 23** Robert Saathoff

**July 30** Bobbie Leaverton

**Acolyte**

**Crucifer**

**July 2** Couper Barletta

Morgan Sauca

**July 9** Declan Corley

**July 16** Joshua Lewis

Gavin Corley

**July 23** Corey Fisher



Acolytes & Crucifers

**Ushers & Greeters**



**July 2** Keith Davis and Donnie Davis

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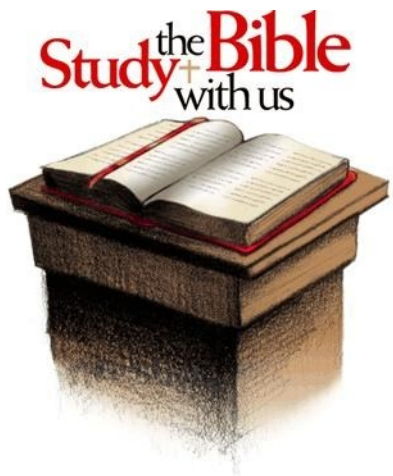


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July 5  
 Zechariah 9:9-12  
 Psalm 145:8-14  
 Romans 7:15-25a  
 Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12  
 Isaiah 55:10-13  
 Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13  
 Romans 8:1-11  
 Matt 13:1-9, 18-23



July 19  
 Isaiah 44:6-8  
 Psalm 86:11-17  
 Romans 8:12-25  
 Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

Tuesdays  
 Join us for Matins at 8:30 am  
 and Bible Study at 9 am


July 26  
 1 Kings 3:5-12  
 Psalm 119:129-136  
 Romans 8:26-39  
 Matt 13:31-33, 44-52



**Bible Quiz**

Fill in the blank to complete this verse from a psalm of thanksgiving: "Bless the LORD, my \_\_\_\_\_, and forget not all his benefits"

A. people      B. soul  
C. heart      D. children



(Answer: B (See Psalm 103:2, ESV))



OKTOBERFEST

**October 7, 2023**

**Talbot Ag Center**

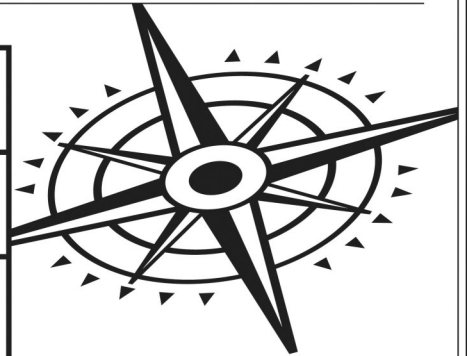


## SEPARATION FROM SIN

David praises God for his love and compassion.  
What does God do for people who fear him?

*Directions: Using each grid pattern marked below, find the word that appears in all three of those squares. Write the words in the spaces below to complete Psalm 103:12, NIV.*

<b>FROM</b> as is can	<i>NORTH</i> from <b>far</b>	at the <b>EAST</b> <i>FROM</i>
is South <b>AS</b>	<i>as</i> do <b>far</b> <i>EAST</i>	the <i>THIS</i> up <b>as</b>
<b>WEST</b> <i>THAT is</i> East	<b>far</b> down <b>WEST</b>	<b>THE</b> be <b>AS</b> West



... so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

PSALM 103:12, NIV

(Answer: As far as the east is from the west)

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.

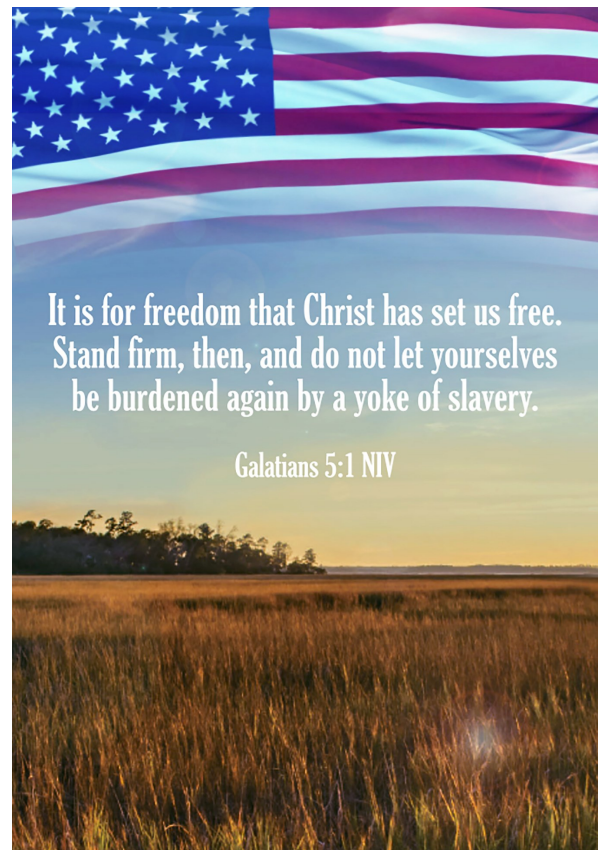


The direct link to our Tithe.ly account is <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1747825>

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



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- 7/5 BEV WARD
- 7/6 DIANA HURD
- 7/6 DAVID WARD
- 7/8 EVIE SAATHOFF
- 7/15 BECKY LOUKIDES
- 7/16 RUSTY TOWERS
- 7/19 MOLLY RUSCH
- 7/26 CLAY STEVENS
- 7/27 MATT RUSCH
- 7/28 HENRY HOLLINGSWORTH



On Tuesday, August 1, we are responsible for providing volunteers for the **8-11 am**, **11 am to 2 pm**, and **2 pm to 5 pm** shifts. The sign-up is on the bulletin board outside the offices. Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry.

If you have any questions, you can contact Mike Hiner, 443-496-1383.



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can keep our records up-to-date.

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