The Messenger

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church SEPTEMBER



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Lay Eucharistic Visitation Ministry Workshop Wednesday, September 25th at Grace Lutheran Church of Easton, MD at 5:30pm Light dinner of sandwiches and salads provided.

Contact revimovers@gmail.com or call the office at Grace Church at (410) 822-2904 to RSVP.

The Story, The Need

From the earliest days of the church, persons chosen by the Christian assembly carried the "holy food," the consecrated Bread and Wine that is the Body and Blood of Christ from the eucharistic assembly to those who could not be in attendance, through age, infirmity, or other serious cause. In this way, the lifegiving Sacrament instituted by Jesus was shared with all, regardless of ability to be physically present at the gathering of the Church. This ministry was seen as an extension of the liturgical service and as essential to the spiritual care of Christian folk.

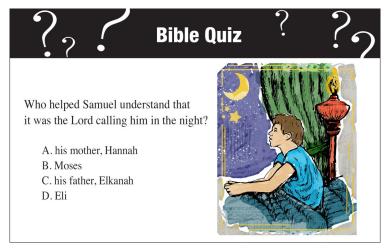
In the North American context, the reception of Holy Communion became infrequent – quarterly or monthly. North American Lutherans tended to think this was good, decent, and normal, but it was not. It was not a theological reason, but a practical reason we engaged in this infrequent Communion: the colonial and frontier churches had a lack of ordained pastors who could consecrate the Holy Sacrament. In many places, a pastor came through quarterly or monthly to administer Holy Communion, thus this pattern became the practice even after the church and its ministry became well enough established to have pastors in nearly every congregation. This led to most unfortunate strife in congregations in the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America began a course correction to steer Lutherans back to Lutheran teaching and practice. Lutherans unaware of their own Confessional teachings on the Sacrament would respond, "That's not how we do it." "Communion every week wouldn't be special."

These attitudes and practices of infrequent Communion meant that our homebound members received Holy Communion even less frequently, some going years without receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

How We Will Respond

In our own day we have the opportunity to course-correct and find our way back to a eucharistic practice in line with the sacred tradition of the Church, the Scriptures, and the Lutheran Confessions: Lay Eucharistic Visitation Ministry. In order to provide frequent Holy Communion to our members who are homebound, members of our congregations who feel so called are invited to volunteer to be trained as Lay Eucharistic Visitors. These LEVs will be paired with our homebound members for the frequent reception of Holy Communion, from the sacramental elements consecrated during our Sunday liturgical celebrations. Potential LEVs will receive instruction in the theology and spirituality of the visitation ministry, the "how-to" of the proper ways to handle the Body and Blood of Christ, the forms of prayer used in a eucharistic visit, and the best practices of the church in safeguarding vulnerable persons. Building up a team of trained LEVs will help our congregations build up the body of Christ and extend the love of Jesus to our entire community.

If you feel a calling to explore this ministry, please consider attending our Lay Eucharistic Visitation Ministry Workshop. This is for members of both Grace and St. Paul's Lutheran Churches. Please know that there is no commitment required for those who attend. You are welcome to attend simply to discern if this form of lay ministry is something to which you may be called, or just to understand more about this concept.



Answer: D (See 1 Samuel 3:1-10.)

A violinist once performed in the New York City subway, entertaining passersby for 45 minutes. A few tossed him cash, totaling about \$30 by the time he concluded.

Little did anyone know, Joshua Bell was one of the world's best violinists. That day, he played one of the most complex musical pieces ever written on an instrument worth \$3.5 million. Indeed, a few days earlier Bell had performed a sold-out concert in Boston, where tickets averaged \$100.

Sometimes God does extraordinary things right in the middle of our ordinary lives, yet we don't notice. You're offered an opportunity you almost pass up, thinking it's not worth your time or effort. But upon taking part, you find it leads to your life's calling. Or someone crosses your path, but overlooking their worth, you brush them aside, missing out on a blessing God had for you through them.

And what about you? Do you undervalue yourself as "nothing special," just an "ordinary" person? Look closer; think again. For an ordinary baby born long ago to an ordinary couple in an ordinary stable in an ordinary town was none other than ... God's Son! And you? Why, you are also an extraordinary child of God!



Beginning on Tuesday, September 3, the office hours will change. The office will now be open Tuesday through Thursday from 8 am to 2 pm.





We will soon be collecting for Toys for Tots! The program is looking specifically for gifts for teenagers, girls 7-12 years old, puzzles, boardgames and craft items. Please no food or clothing. If you are interested in more information on the program, please visit www.toysfortots.org



Dear TIS Supporters,

My name is Latesha*, and I am a guest at Talbot Interfaith Shelter.

I started out living at Evelyn's Place, and am now in the Transitional Housing program. TIS was recommended to me through the housing authority. We were being asked to leave our current residence, and I had a choice to try and find something on my own or stay with my mom, but I chose to come to TIS so I could better myself. I was glad they had rules and structure because sometimes, when we live on our own, we don't really have structure in our lives. We kind of go about our lives, just winging it, but the structure definitely helped me.

I love the classes. One of my favorite classes was Money Management, because saving is something I struggled with. Learning the different tools to help me learn how to save, and also being accountable to turn in my bank statements - that definitely pushed me and motivated me more to want to save.



Now that I'm in the TIS apartments, I still come back for the TIS Core Values class with DeWayne (Evelyn Place Case Manager). It helps you to reflect on daily life. Sometimes, it's a refresher and reminds me of things I already know, but a lot of times, he talks about new topics, and I'm grateful because I'm learning.

I'm grateful for my apartment because this is probably the 2nd place I've had on my own, and this time, I feel like I'm doing it by myself and I'm becoming more responsible. I put my priorities first and make sure my bills are paid. The apartment was furnished when I moved in, and I was very thankful for that, too, because I didn't have anything. It's very cozy and comfortable.

Even though I'm in the apartments, TIS is absolutely still supporting me. My case manager comes and checks on me once a month. She brings lots of information, and different resources for me to utilize. If I need anything, she's just a text or a call away, or I can stop by the shelter and get what I need. I'm able to come back for dinner if I want. I drop in whenever I feel like I want to share a meal and spend time with the friends that I've made here.

I'm moving into a two bedroom soon because my son is moving in with me. We have been apart for about a year. He's moving from Queen Anne's County, so he is kind of nervous about it. But he has family here, and we will be together again, so I think everything will turn out ok.

When I move from TIS completely, I plan to find a stable home, whether it be an apartment or a house. My long-term goal is to buy a house. I think that I've definitely grown in a lot of areas. I went from not paying anything to having rent, becoming more responsible, and learning how to save. One big change is that now I open up and don't isolate when things are going bad. Normally, I would just want to be by myself, but now, I'll come to the shelter and talk to someone. That has made a big difference.

I would just like to say thank you to all of the donors and people who make TIS possible. Please continue to donate because there are others out there that need the support of TIS. Without you, it's not possible.

Thank you,

Latesha



RALLY DAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF AND WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 8
God's Work, Our Hands

Talbot Ag Center

10 am The Holy Eucharist 11 am Picnic

Community Service Project Following (Information below)

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 15, 2024

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



OCTOBER 5, 2024

Oktoberfest Celebration

on Saturday, October 5 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

This year we will be putting together baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief to share with places such as war-torn Ukraine and Gaza, as well as other places. Information on the kits will be posted on the Shore Lutherans Facebook page.



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 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 9/26 Cody Sard 9/29 Cindy Spies 9/29 Cameron Edsall



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September 1 Joshua Lewis

September 8 Rally Day

September 15 **Bobbie Leaverton**

September 22 Joseph Comer

September 29 **Debbie Dudrow**





Barbara Saathoff

Betty Jean Mumford



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September 8 Rally Day

September 15 Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens

September 22 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

September 29 Lee Heinsohn and Lee Moore



Joseph Comer

Rally Day

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Apple Cake

(In memory of Herta Wendt, submitted by Gerda Fisher for the St. Paul's cookbook)

2 eggs	Crumb Topping
1 stick butter	2/3 cup sugar
1 cup sugar	2/3 cup flour
1 tsp vanilla	1 T cinnamon
2 cups flour	2/3 cup butter, melted
2 tsp baking powder	Icing
1/2 cup milk	1 cup powdered sugar
5 apples (Granny Smith) cut each into 16 slie	ces 3 T. lemon juice

Preheat oven to 375. Mix eggs, butter, sugar and vanilla. Add flour, baking powder and milk, mix well. Spread in greased 9 x 13 or 2 9-inch round pans. Arrange apple slices on top. In the same mixing bowl without washing, put in flour, sugar, and cinnamon, blend together. While mixing, drizzle melted butter and it will form crumbs, sprinkle over apples. Bake for 30 minutes or until apples are tender. Check with toothpick. Prepare icing and drizzle over top.

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 are not able to 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



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Worship Service Begins at 8:45 am

Please inform the church office of any
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Address, phone number, marriage or
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can keep our records up-to-date.

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