

The Messenger



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From Pastor White

Some of this will be familiar to those who read the weekly newsletter, but it seems to me that it bears repeating and making available to those who don't regularly connect with the church "electronically."

Unless we have closed ourselves off the world around us, we have increasingly in the last few days become aware of areas of pressing need and searching for ways to respond – refugees from Afghanistan; people in this country displaced by a hurricane, floods, fires; people in Haiti displaced by an earthquake and struggling with ineffective government; how long could the list go on.

In the Bible Study group this week there were questions about how we, as a congregation, could begin to meet some of those needs – perhaps a clothing drive, or food collection, or collection of cleaning and building supplies. Perhaps this desire to do something is a good response to the words we'll hear this coming Sunday from James: "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" (James 2.17).

We want to be able to show our faith by responding faithfully to people in need. Maybe our first "work" is to pray and then to listen for God's response to us as we wait to learn what are the needs and how can we work to meet them.

It has long seemed to me that the first question we need to ask in the face of any need is not, "What can we do?" but rather what do "they" need, and then "What does God want us to do?"

So first, for those who can access it, a brief video message from Bishop Eaton in which she encourages us to take a brief pause in silence, that we may be able to hear the voices of those affected by tragedy, listen for God, and respond to suffering in our world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMGpC3BnGJA>

In general, the best first response is financial contributions and our church offers good and reliable ways to do that.

There may come times down the road when clothing drives and other "in kind" contributions may be needed, but until material needs and means of distribution can be better assessed, financial contributions can assure that what we give gets where in needs to go.

For those who want to contribute financially, two Lutheran organization have effective ways to contribute to needs in this country, "Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services" (<https://www.lirs.org>) for those seeking ways to support Afghani refugee resettlement, and "Lutheran Disaster Response" (<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/>) for response to those displaced by the recent hurricane, the crisis in Haiti, the wildfires in the United States.

On a worldwide level, “Lutheran World Relief,” as the name suggests, works in other countries to provide needed longer term resources (<https://lwr.org>).

LIRS, LWR, LDR are well regarded as excellent both in terms of the use of funds for direct support and for the wide range of long term resources they provide.

On September 12 (see more in this newsletter about worship that Sunday), the ELCA calls us as we worship to think and pray and act knowing that “God’s Work our Hands” is what drives our faithful work in this world.



ReliefMISSIONS

TALBOT INTERFAITH SHELTER—

The Board of Directors of the Talbot Interfaith Shelter have decided to refrain from having volunteers come inside the shelter as a cautionary measure with the increasing COVID uncertainty.

Dinners will continue to be provided by volunteers each month in the same manner used since the beginning of the pandemic.

Lyn Hollingsworth has signed up for September 1st. No day-time volunteers are needed for September and we will keep you informed about plans for October.



St. Paul's Email Prayer ministry . . .

If you would like to add your name or a friend's name to the email prayer list, to receive prayers from our prayer ministry group, please email Betty Jean Mumford at

bettyjmumford@hotmail.com

Please make sure you have the permission of the person you are adding, some people do not want to add their name to a public list.



We will have our annual Sunday School Kick-Off Picnic at the Talbot Ag Center on Sunday, September 12, at 10 am. Deacon Mike Hiner will be providing a blessing for our teachers, students, and backpacks during our service for "God's Work Our Hands."

Activities for the whole family and a covered luncheon will follow!

Sunday School classes begin Sunday, September 19 following our church service.

Through the teaching, support, sacrifice, worship and commitment of the church, utterly ordinary people are enabled to do some rather extraordinary, even heroic acts, not on the basis of their own gifts and abilities, but rather by having a community capable of sustaining Christian virtue. The church enables us to be better people than we could have been if left to our own devices.

—Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon, *Resident Aliens*



There are dates available on the Flower Chart!

If you wish to honor someone, remember someone, or just make someone smile with flowers, the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by the office!





THIS MONTH USHERS

Ushers

- September 5 Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens
- September 12 Lee Moore and Lee Heinsohn
- September 19 Diana Hurd and Ralph Smith
- September 26 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

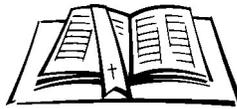


Tellers

- September 5 Debbie Dudrow and Donna Stevens
- September 12 Lee Moore and Lee Heinsohn
- September 19 Diana Hurd and Ralph Smith
- September 26 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

Lectors

- September 5 Bobbie Leaverton
- September 12 Betty Jean Mumford
- September 19 Beth Roesel
- September 26 Robert Saathoff, Sr.



Acolytes

Altar Flowers

- September 5 Meredith Lewis
- September 12 Service at Ag Center
- September 19 Available
- September 26 Available



Altar Flowers

- September 19 Joshua Lewis
- September 26 Couper Barletta



September Susan Behrens

This month, America marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which ended almost 3,000 lives and changed life forever for millions more. The nation was shaken to its very roots, with violence jolting out of us any assumption that "it can't happen here." September 11 banished any lingering notion that being on the side of "liberty and justice for all" served as insulation against mass tragedy. We now had more to fear than fear itself.

Psalm 46 reminds us that "though the earth should change" (v. 2) — as it did on 9/11 — God remains "our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (v. 1). We are never alone or without hope, even on life-altering days.

How have God's presence and power sustained you through life's changes? How might sharing your story help someone else when their world or faith gets shaken?

—adapted from The Wired Word


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September 1

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 7:24-37



September 8

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 116:1-9

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

September 15

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 54

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

September 22

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

We always thank
God for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.

Members of St. Paul's: Jane Asche, Margaret Asche, Gordon Behrens, Gavin Corley, Lisa Fisher, Ursula Kadolph, Conroy Marth, Pastor Donald McClean, Edith Roe, Else Ross, Ralph Smith, Richard Sump, Delores Mullikin, Louise White, and the family and friends of Helen Skipper.

Friends of St. Paul's: Erin Bartz, Lisa Callahan, Bonnie Chambers, Glynn Chambers, Hunter Clough, Michael Eaton (brother of Rosemary Spies), Lyn Fuller, Dorothy Hiner, Katelyn Howard, Darren Leonard, Mary Ellen Leaverton, Jim and Diane Lewis, (mother and father of Jamie and Jeff Lewis and mother and father in-law of Michelle and Meredith Lewis), Michael Mumford (son of Dale & Betty Jean Mumford), John Rickwood, and Cade Wineke. We pray for those serving in the military: Tessa Heller, Hunter Priest and Victoria Jacobs.



Helen Meta Sump Skipper passed away peacefully in her sleep August 31, 2021. Although she battled numerous health issues she loved and lived life to the fullest; not a day went by that she did not cherish every blessing in her life. Helen leaves behind her loving husband, Charles, sons Aaron (Jaime), Kurt (Leanne), and daughter Kimberly Marvel (Scott), grandchildren Camden, Amelia, Charlie Grace, sister Marian Davis and many loving extended family and friends.

Born in Ridgley, and raised in Cordova, Helen moved to Easton after meeting Charles more than 54 years ago. She raised 3 children and valued her role of mother above all else. She created a welcoming home to gather in and create memories; her dear family and friends were a joy to her. She loved a good book. She especially loved the time spent with her children, grandchildren and family. Her greatest satisfaction was the success of her children and their families. Anyone who knew Helen knew that her children were the light of her life. She remained an active and dedicated member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cordova where she was baptized, married and celebrated 54 years of marriage.

The viewing will be September 7, 2021, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Easton from 6-8pm. The service will be September 8, 2021, at St Paul's Lutheran church in Cordova at 11am.

She was deeply loved and will be very dearly missed.



9/8 John and Catherine Stitchberry

9/12 Sam and Wendy Sauca

9/27 Susanne and Tony Gay

9/28 Danielle and Aaron Cannon



RALLY DAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF AND WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 12

Talbot Co. Ag Center, Hiner's Lane

We will begin at 10 am with our
Worship Service

Followed by a covered dish lunch.

Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

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

**Come enjoy a wonderful
morning worship outside!**

SEPTEMBER



9/1 Lee Heinsohn

9/1 John Miller

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 Tricia Heller

9/20 Andy Miller

9/22 Carl Sauca

9/23 Addison Rice

9/26 Cody Sard

9/26 Shannon Rickwood

9/26 Connie Marth

9/29 Cameron Edsall

9/29 Cindy Spies



OCTOBER 2, 2021

“Oktoberfest”

on Saturday, October 2
at the Talbot Ag Center!

4-7 PM

4-5 PM MOONBOUNCE, BINGO & REFRESH-
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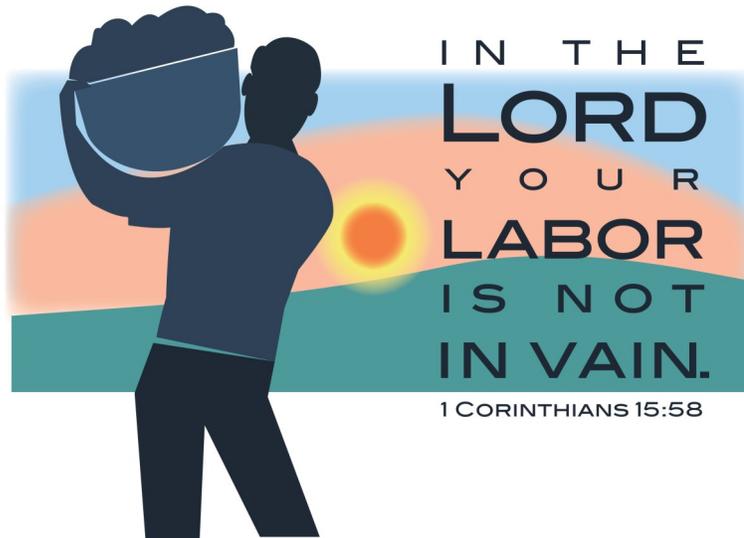
5 PM BRATWURST, BURGERS & HOT DOGS

5 PM– 7 PM LIVE MUSIC AND DANCING WITH
THE Alte Kumpel German Band !

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW.

\$15 per person [Advance Purchase]
\$20 after September 20
(12 years and under are *free*)

**Labor Day
September 6, 2021**



“God’s Work. Our Hands.”

Talbot Ag Center

Sunday, September 12, 2021

10 AM

Officiated by Deacon Mike Hiner

“Come and celebrate who we are as a church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.”



Clay and Donna Stevens

10181 River Landing Road

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Beginning on September 8, 2021, 7:00 p.m., a GriefShare support group will meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. GriefShare is a 13-week Christ centered biblically based support group seminar. Each session will last 1 ½ -2 hours and consist of a video presentation followed by small group discussion about topics presented in the video.

Each attendee will receive a workbook that provides note-taking tools and a daily Bible study for personal study, journaling, and application of concepts presented on the videos.

Thirteen weeks sounds like a long time. Each weekly session is designed to be "self-contained" and "open" meaning that a person can join the group at any point in the 13-week cycle. Likewise, if a session is missed, one is not behind.

Prayer support is important for this ministry. Pray that the Lord will bring people to the GriefShare group, that members will find help and hope, and members will grow closer to the Lord. Pray for protection and guidance for the leadership team.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

If you are interested in attending, would like more information, or are interested in being a facilitator, contact Mike Hiner, Betty Jean Mumford, Barry Reusing, or Meredith Lewis.



Update on the Call Process for a New Pastor

Searching for a New Pastor



Pastor Robin Litton, assistant to the Bishop will be leading the Interview Team and the Covenant Team through the process of calling a new pastor. Both teams have met with Pastor Robin to begin each of their tasks. The Covenant Team members are Robert Saathoff, Sam Sauca, and Donna Stevens. This team along with three members from Grace Lutheran will be writing the contract for the new pastor. The Interview Team members are Nicole Barth, Bobbie Leaverton, and Betty Jean Mumford. This team along with three members from Grace Lutheran are tasked with interviewing the new pastor which will take place in late September. Once the Interview Team completes their interview, the council from both churches will conduct an interview and then each congregation will invite the candidate to preside at a worship service. A final vote will not be taken until after all steps have been completed. If at any time during this process you have questions or comments, please see one of the members mentioned above or a member of council



Pastor White joined St. Paul's as an interim pastor on October 1, 2019. His two year contract will end on September 30, 2021 with his last Sunday to preach being September 26, 2021. We are very thankful for Pastor White's service over the past 2 years and his dedication during the unexpected pandemic. On Sunday September 26, 2021, we are inviting everyone to a coffee hour following the service to thank Pastor for all he has done for St. Paul's Church.



As Covid numbers begin to rise, the council will continue to monitor our next steps. Please be flexible with us during this process as procedures may change quickly. If you are feeling ill, please take care of yourself and enjoy the service on Facebook Live or Youtube.

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Return Service Requested



Worship Service Begins at 9am

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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