



Capitol Drive
Lutheran Church
Sounding the Love of Christ

WEEKLY NEWS

September 8, 2019
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Capitol Drive Lutheran Church -
*A congregation
Sounding the Love of Christ
by caring for the poor
and vulnerable
in our community*

Welcome to Visitors

May God bless your experience today! You are invited to join us as we share the Lord's Supper. If you would like to know more about us, you can chat with any member after worship. We also welcome you to sign our guest register located near the church entrance. If you have children and they need a break, they can play in the area in the back part of the sanctuary.

Week of September 1, 2019

SUNDAY Attendance: 23

**OFFERING: \$986.00 (Sunday collection)
\$430.00 (Automatic deposits)**

Total: \$1,416.00

Julane Sebastian; Patricia Loth; Katie Meinzen (friend of Linda Jaeger; teacher at MLHS); Nathan Halstead and parents (MLHS, *per* Linda Jaeger); Jim Katrichis; Eva Lotz; Jeff Dowling, Dave Kleinow, Alice Rick, Janette Richardson (friends of the Smoodys); Donna Eiglmeier (friend of Liz Bollmann); Ardiss Nelson; Daniel Succa (Donna Weis' nephew); McKenzie O'Conner (granddaughter of Neva and Chris Conlon; *per* Kathy Kannass); Nicole and Danari Byrd (Marie Byrd's daughter and grandson); Sherri Holt (friend of Linda Jaeger); Donna Schmidt (friend of the quilters); Ron Shikora (friend of Kathy Kannass).

Anyone wishing to add a person to the Prayer Corner list or to remove someone with thanksgiving may do so by calling the church office (414-445-1656).

Gloria Beal sends handmade cards of comfort, condolence, or congratulations. Please call (414-282-0111) or e-mail her (glowrm64@hotmail.com) with your requests to send a card.



Prayer for the Week

Like a skilled potter, O God, you have shaped each one of us as a unique design. You know us better than we know ourselves. You value us more highly than we can imagine. You weep when we are marred or broken through our own misdeeds or the world's cruelty. We confess that we have become slaves to our own narrow self-interest. We pay more attention to our possessions than to you. We try to hide from your all-seeing eye, for we are guilty of devotion to false gods. We are attracted to wicked advice and sinful pursuits that direct our steps away from you. We act without thinking or planning or consulting with you. Show us, O God, the way to a better life.

Creator of all, you have demanded our complete devotion and obedience. You call for risk-taking loyalty and commitment that puts you before family and friends in our attention. We want to build the quality of life you intend for us and for all people. Show us how to become fully engaged as disciples of Jesus Christ. Help us to straighten out our priorities so we can witness faithfully to your will. Amen.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 8	10:30 AM Worship
13th after Pentecost	11:30 AM Fellowship
<u>Monday, September 9</u>	
<u>Tuesday, September 10</u>	9:30 AM Gathering Place
<u>Wednesday, September 11</u>	9:30 AM Gathering Place
	10:15 AM YMCA Exercise
	11:00 AM SPGP Bible Study
	12:00 PM Meal
<u>Thursday, September 12</u>	
<u>Friday, September 13</u>	
<u>Saturday, September 14</u>	
Sunday, September 15	10:30 AM Worship
14th after Pentecost	11:30 AM Fellowship

*We are saved by faith alone,
but the faith that saves is never alone.
- Martin Luther*

Monday, September 9 - Hebrews 8:12

God is omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient. God is all powerful, God is everywhere, and God is all-knowing. Yet the God who created the heavens and the earth with just the sound of God's voice has decided to have a poor memory when it comes to our sin. Today, God says that God will forgive all of our sins and then forget each one of them. The God who is limitless in every way has chosen to intentionally forget every mistake, every failure—because of the blood of Jesus Christ. As the apostle Paul said, “Do we keep on sinning that grace abound? God forbid!” However, if we allow the full weight of this promise to seep deep into our hearts, we won't be continually recounting our sins over and over in our own minds (and perhaps our prayers). Because of God's great mercy, God chooses to forgive and then forget. Let us embrace the words of Paul in Philippians 3:12-14: “Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Tuesday, September 10 - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Think of this: Everything from your old life has ended and all things have become new. Paul isn't talking about our natural life but our spiritual life. When we received the free gifts of Jesus Christ into our lives, there was a transformation that happened on the inside of each one of us. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead gave new life to our spirit when we were baptized into the body of Christ. At that very moment, our 'old nature' died, and a new life began. While this is a wonderful picture of our salvation, many of us still struggle with remnants of our old ways, seemingly still alive and well in our soul. Old thought patterns, familiar false beliefs, etc. seem to dominate our minds. The truth is that while these struggles are real, in actual fact, they are just residue from our former life. The only power that they continue to hold over us is the power that we give to them by agreeing with these thoughts. That is why we are called not to be conformed to this world any longer but transformed by the renewing of the mind (Romans 12:1-2). May God give us the courage to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ and rise up and receive our destiny as a co-heir of Jesus.

Wednesday, September 11 - Ephesians 2:4-5

Today's verses are the very core of the gospel message. Because God is rich in mercy, God has loved us with a love that is immeasurable. God has set a value on each one of our lives that is beyond our comprehension. In great kindness, God saw fit to make us alive in Jesus Christ even we were God's enemies, dead in our sin. By the unmerited favor of our God and by the sacrifice of our Savior Jesus Christ, we are saved from eternal separation from the Godhead. The motivation for such a great salvation is simply the love that God has for us. We don't know why God decided to love us and sacrifice all that God had in order to gain our love; we just know that God does. Pray that not one of us would miss the incredible simplicity of God's heart for humanity. God's motivation to save us is rooted and grounded in God's love and great mercy. God is not looking for servants, but sons and daughters. That is why Jesus died for each one of us—so that we all could be part of God's family. May these verses cause us all to be in awe of the salvation that has been so freely given to each one of us.

Thursday, September 12 - Isaiah 65:24

Have you ever felt that God seemed a million miles away when you prayed? Perhaps all of us have struggled with the feeling that our prayers seemed like they were bouncing off the ceiling at one time or another. Whatever the reason, it is at these times where we can exercise our faith and demonstrate that we believe God despite our perceptions (Hebrews 11:6). Even though we go through seasons of feeling isolated and distant, the truth is that God is not distant when we pray. God is closer to us than we could possibly imagine and today's verse is an encouragement that God will answer us even before we pray. In Matthew 6:8, Jesus affirms this promise by telling his disciples that their heavenly Father knows what they need even before they ask. Let us pray that faith will rise up in our hearts when we pray to God, because we know that God is fully engaged with us and is ready to answer even before we call out to God.

Friday, September 13 - 2 Thessalonians 3:16

We live in a restless world that longs for peace. Because the Prince of Peace lives within us, we have access to a peace that is beyond our own understanding. A peace that will bring rest and tranquility to the busyness of our soul. A peace that will be a shield and a shelter for our tender heart. In John 14:27, Jesus promises to give us his peace. In John 16:33, Jesus tells us that his peace is available to us even in the midst of a troubled world. A peace that allows us to sleep on a boat in the midst of a raging storm. If you are in a situation today where you need the assurance of God's peace, open up your heart to God and ask that you be filled with God's peace. The peace that rests on Jesus is the peace that is promised to every child of God as part of our inheritance. No matter what you are going through in your life, God promises to give you peace at all times and in every situation. As Isaiah 26:3 says, “Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—in peace because they trust in you.”

Saturday, September 14 - Psalm 18:34-35

The Bible says that we are to fight the good fight of faith and to put on the full armor of God so that we can stand against the enemy. It also says that the kingdom of God suffers violence and the violent take it by force. There is no question that there is a battle going on in the spiritual realm and we are called to take our stand and resist the enemy. In today's verses, King David paints an intimate picture of how God trains him for battle. What a picture of intimacy! Even in the midst of preparations for battle, David speaks of a God who gently trains him and sustains him and even stoops down from heaven to make him great. No matter what battle you are facing today, be comforted in knowing that it is God who will equip you to fight the good fight, for the battle belongs to the Lord. God will stoop down beside you, give you God's shield of victory, and God's gentleness will make you great.

Please help Steve O'Connell replenish the supplies for the Blessing Box. There is a printed list of items on the table near the main church doors. The Box has been visited quite often. Steve has been replacing items at least twice per week and appreciates your charity. Thank you.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP	September 1 Pentecost 12	September 8 Pentecost 13	September 15 Pentecost 14	September 22 Pentecost 15	September 29 Pentecost 16
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains
Assisting Ministers	Bonnie Lund	Julane Sebastian	Brian Luttamus	Dennis Smoody	Bonnie Lund
Lector	Jacob Musil	Linda Jaeger	O B Beal	Karla Iseler	Jacob Musil
Musicians	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee
Communion Assistants	Marilyn Bauer	Marlene Smith	Gloria Beal	Carol Hess	Brian Luttamus
Ushers	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
Altar Guild	Carol Hess	Irene Champion	Irene Champion	Donna Weis	Donna Weis
Council Members	Linda Jaeger, Deb Pipkorn, Brian Luttamus, Chris Kosma, Daniel Lehenbauer, Bonnie Lund, Rose Sorries				

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September Birthdays at CDLC

September 11	John Kosma
September 17	Laura Goeckermann
September 19	Amy Beal
September 22	Ben Katrichis
September 24	Christine Kosma

*To be polite when our patience is exhausted;
 to be kind when anger bubbles in our hearts;
 to choose service when we want to be left alone;
 all these things build a life that pleases God.
 In the end it builds a life with little to regret.*



September 2019

September 1 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	2 <i>Labor Day: Church Office and TenderCare closed</i>	3 9:30 Gathering Place	4 9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	5 7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast	6	7
September 8 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	9	10 9:30 Gathering Place	11 9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	12	13	14 <i>Holy Cross Day</i>
September 15 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	16 4:30 Council Meeting	17 9:30 Gathering Place	18 9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	19 7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM: Quilters	20	21 <i>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>
September 22 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	23	24 9:30 Gathering Place	25 9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP WORSHIP 12:00 GP Meal	26	27	28 10AM : Neighborhood Watch Meeting (Lounge)
September 29 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost OR St. Michael and All Angels 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	30 <i>St. Jerome</i>	<i>October 1</i> 9:30 Gathering Place	2 9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	3 7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast	4 <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	5