



Capitol Drive
Lutheran Church
Sounding the Love of Christ

WEEKLY NEWS

August 16, 2020
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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.

Week of August 9, 2020

SUNDAY Attendance: 0 (Worship on Website)

OFFERING: \$1,337.00 (Sunday collection)
75.00 (Automatic deposits)
Total: \$1,412.00

***Wear Your Masks Every Day
and Everywhere, please!***

Debbie Vida (daughter of Marilyn Bauer); Patrick Kiley; William Weis (son of Donna and Cyril); Jan Smoody; Cynthia Lange, Viana Lynn Grady, Allan Thompson, Jackie Price (friends of Deb Pipkorn); Doris Thomas; Barb Mains; Patricia Loth; Mardelle Retzliff (friend of Linda Jaeger; former teacher at MLHS); Nathan Halstead and parents (MLHS, *per* Linda Jaeger); Eva



Lotz; Jeff Dowling, Dave Kleinow, Janette Richardson (friends of the Smoodys); Ardiss Nelson; 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).

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

Forgive us, O God, for thinking we have you all figured out. We pretend we know who is in and who is out of your family, as if your care were not for all of us. We want people to be like us before we help them, and we welcome into our company only those who will benefit us. We have wandered far from your covenant, overlooked your miracles in our midst, and refused to walk according to your law. Grant that we may keep your commandments because we see their inherent value in helping us to grow in our love toward you, our neighbors, and ourselves. Keep us from treating others as worthless or from murmuring against leaders who move us out of safe ruts into the excitement of following you in word and deed.

We, who claim to be your people, turn to you, O God, to find that inclusive community wherein all are welcome. Reconcile us to your whole family that we might together discover the manna you provide and share it. Show us the streams from which we can drink deeply of faith and abundant life.

*Teach us to see the face of your Son on every person we meet. Instruct us to see Jesus in every person, knowing that **every person** is your daughter or son, your creation.*
Amen.

- from *Fresh Winds of the Spirit* by Lavon Bayler
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The Week Ahead

Sunday, August 16 *
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship CANCELLED
Sanctuary Open for Prayer

Monday, August 17

Tuesday, August 18

Wednesday, August 19

Gathering Place CANCELLED

Thursday, August 20

Friday, August 21

Saturday, August 22

Sunday, August 23 *
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship CANCELLED
Sanctuary Open for Prayer

* Of Special Note:

Listen to our condensed Sunday worship services, including Pr. Bill's sermon (and some cool tunes), on our website:
www.capitoldrivelutheran.net

Sunday, August 16

Listen to Pr. Bill Mains' sermon, *Walking on Water*, on our website, www.capitoldrivelutheran.net.

Monday, August 17 - 1 Peter 1:6-9

Twenty-four carat gold is nearly 100 percent gold with few impurities. But that percentage is difficult to achieve. Refiners most commonly use one of two methods for the purification process. The Miller process is the quickest and least expensive, but the resulting gold is only about 99.95 percent pure. The Wohlwill process takes a little more time and costs more, but the gold produced is 99.99 percent pure. In Bible times, refiners used fire as a gold purifier. Fire caused impurities to rise to the surface for easier removal. In his first letter to believers in Jesus throughout Asia Minor (northern Turkey), the apostle Peter used the gold-refining process as a metaphor for the way trials work in the life of a believer. At that time, many believers were being persecuted by the Romans for their faith in Christ. Peter explained what that was like firsthand. But persecution, he said, brings out the "genuineness of [our] faith" (v. 7). Perhaps you feel like you're in a refiner's fire—feeling the heat of setbacks, illness, or other challenges. But hardship is often the process by which God purifies the gold of our faith. In our pain we might beg God to quickly end the process, but God knows what's best for us, even when life hurts.

Tuesday, August 18 - 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

The city of Texarkana sits squarely on the state border between Texas and Arkansas. The city of 70,000 residents has two mayors, two city councils, and two police and fire departments. The cross-town sporting rivalry between high schools draws high attendance, reflecting the deep allegiance each has to their own state's school. More significant challenges arise as well, such as disputes over the shared water system, governed by two sets of state laws. Yet the town is known for its unity despite the line that divides it. Residents gather annually for a dinner held on State Line Avenue to share a meal in celebration of their oneness as a community. The believers in Corinth may not have drawn a line down their main thoroughfare, but they were divided. They'd been quarreling as a result of their allegiances to those who taught them about Jesus: Paul, Apollos, or Cephas (Peter). Paul called them all to oneness "in mind and thought" (v.10), reminding them it was Christ who was crucified for them, not their spiritual leaders. We behave similarly today, don't we? We sometimes oppose even those who share our singularly important belief—Jesus' sacrifice for our sins—making their rivals instead of allies. Just as Christ himself is not divided, we, as his earthly representatives—his body—mustn't allow differences over nonessentials to divide us. Instead, let us celebrate our oneness in him.

Wednesday, August 19 – Matthew 8:1-13

Why do we struggle with God's willingness? We don't doubt God's power or ability. It is God's willingness that we fail to grasp. "If you choose, you can make me clean," says the leper. What a gutsy move. What a bold prayer. But that is the true nature of prayer. Jesus recognized that there was more here than just getting rid of leprosy. The word "healing" never occurred in this passage. The leper's most serious problem was not a physical problem. This leper was an outcast, shut off from society. He was in desperate need. Nonetheless, in his need, he was willing to entrust his well-being to the gentle care of Jesus. As God's children, God calls us to mend this fractured world needing healing. Sometimes our presence is all that is needed. Being there is an expression of love, of concern, of empathy. They say, "You are special to me—and to God."

Thursday, August 20 - 1 Kings 17:8-16

It's normal to experience bouts of worry, anxiety, and self-pity when we lack resources essential to our well-being—food, shelter, health, finances, friendships. This reading reminds us that God's help can come

through unexpected sources like a needy widow (v. 12). Concerns for our needs to be met can send us searching in many directions. A clear vision of God as the provider who has promised to supply our needs can be liberating. Before we seek solutions, we should be careful to seek God first. Doing so can save us time, energy, and frustration.

Friday, August 21 - Ezekiel 31:1-18

The prophet Ezekiel was one of the first Israelites taken to exile in Babylon, around 597 BCE. His prophecies are often vivid, confusing, and feel heavy, as in this reading about the judgment for Egypt. Trees are beloved, so when Ezekiel prophesied that Egypt would be like a great, beloved cedar, we see it. We see its lofty branches and hear the wind in its leaves, we smell its resin and rest in its peace. Until verse 11 when it is cast out, chopped down and left to rot on a mountainside. But Ezekiel was speaking of a nation—not a tree—a nation with oppressive policies and rulers that caused God's people to suffer for generations. Thankfully, God is great at turning the world upside down: the oppressed become free and oppressors are chopped down. While much as changed since 597 BCE, oppression tragically remains. And yet God also remains, faithfully turning the world upside down.

Saturday, August 22 - Ezekiel 36:33-38

Historians believe Ezekiel heard the news of Jerusalem's destruction in January 585 BCE, while living in exile. He wrote about it in chapter 33:21, a grand turning point of his book: "The city has fallen." Previous to Jerusalem's destruction, Ezekiel focused on judgment. Afterward, his words focused on hope and restoration. God's presence is constant: God abides with the people both in times of tragedy and grief and in times of hope and restoration. Ezekiel wrote yesterday's cedar-tree judgment before hearing of Jerusalem's destruction. Today's text comes after that turning point. Fields, gardens, and cedar flourished again. People returned to their rebuilt homes, and others passing by saw and understood God's faithfulness. With Ezekiel and all God's people, we wait for God to show up with signs of faithfulness and new life for all who have been oppressed. We await new life and anticipate a good future with hope.

Sunday, August 9 - Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

The responsibility of bestowing a name is exceptional. Apparently even for chickens. One family keeps four egg-laying hens in their backyard. The months before they hatched were spent making lists of possible names. The children had many strong opinions about names. In the end, they found peace when each family member named one chicken, hence their flock: Violet, Matilda, Love, and Rumpelstiltskin. Naming humans is even harder. In Matthew's text, both Simon Peter and Jesus receive new names. While the other disciples discuss incorrect names for Jesus—John, Elijah, or Jeremiah—Simon proclaimed Jesus' name as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God." In return, Jesus renamed Simon—as Peter. A new name is a fresh beginning, a new purpose, and unlimited hope. Jesus has given you a new name as well. You are Child of God. You have been claimed and given a place in God's family. May your day be filled with holy purpose and hope. *Son of the living God, thank you for calling me by my name. Amen.*



The schedule will be completed ONLY when it is safe to resume in-person worship.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP	August 2 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	August 9 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	August 16 Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost	August 23 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	August 30 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains
Assisting Minister					
Lector					
Musician	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee
Communion Assistant					
Ushers	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
Altar Guild	Liz Musil	Irene Champion	Irene Champion	Carol Hess	Carol Hess
Council Members	Linda Jaeger, Deb Pipkorn, Brian Luttamus, Chris Kosma, Dan Lehenbauer, Bonnie Lund, Rose Sorrles				

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August Birthdays at CDLC

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| August 6 | JoAnn Berholz |
| August 12 | Karen Bartel |
| August 12 | Mark May |
| August 15 | Anne Presser |
| August 16 | Steve Carell |
| August 20 | Doug Smith |
| August 26 | Linda Jaeger |
| August 30 | Bill Berholz |

Please help to replenish the supplies for the Blessing Box. There is a printed list of items on the table near the main church doors. The Box is being emptied quite often. Thank you.

AUGUST 2020

Until further notice, ALL activities listed are cancelled.

<p>August 2 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship</p> <p><u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u></p>	3	4	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal</p>	6	7	8
<p>August 9 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship</p> <p><u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u></p>	10	11	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal</p>	13	14	15
					Maximilian Kolbe (d. 1941)	Mary, Mother of Our Lord
<p>August 16 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship</p> <p><u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u></p>	17	18	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal</p>	20	21	22
				9:00 AM: Quilters		
<p>August 23 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship</p> <p><u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u></p>	24	25	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP WORSHIP 12:00 GP Meal</p>	27	28	29
	St. Bartholomew, Apostle				St. Augustine of Hippo	10AM : Watch Meeting (Lounge)
<p>August 30 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship</p> <p><u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u></p>	31	September 1	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal</p>	3	4	5