
September 2018

September 9 – Brunch Club -- following our worship service.

Bring a brunch food to share (if you can).

Free-will donations will benefit 'Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter'.

Programs: Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Homeless Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, Emergency Shelter. SAS also manages funds for agencies who give utility assistance to area residents (Salvation Army, Strasburg Local Relief Fund, Woodstock Ministerial Association, etc).

Their website shares a list of other resources for additional assistance.

You can make a tax exempt donations by writing a check to Shen. Alliance for Shelter' earmarked (Strasburg Local Relief Fund) or go on their website: www.allianceforshelter.com.

Our Bible Studies resume on Thursday, September 6 – in the Study at St. Paul

11:30 Lunch: Bring your lunch and join us for fellowship while we eat lunch.

Noon-1pm Bible Study: Bring your Bible. Steven Keister Shaner, Teacher

Community Men's Prayer Breakfasts resume September 8, 8:00am

The September breakfast will be held at the Strasburg Christian Church (High Street).

All men in the community are invited for breakfast food and a short devotional time.

Sept 9 at St. Paul

- 9:30am Worship service with Holy Communion, Hunger offering received.
- Sunday School resumes (for grades K – 5): 9:40-10:15am (during worship service)
- approx. 10:35am Brunch Club / fellowship hall - along with a Committee fair
- until 3pm: “Fill the Wagon” for Luke’s Backpacks. *A list of needed items available in the Narthex.*

Luke’s Backpacks is a ministry of Shenandoah Valley Lutheran Ministries.

ELCA Draft Study on Women and Justice

The ELCA has released a 'Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice'.

Congregations are asked to review it and give comments.

This Statement is available on line (elca.org/womenandjustice), and has been forwarded via Prayer Warriors.

A few hard copies are available in the Narthex for those who don't have internet/email availability.

Pastor Brown will host a *Summary and Question & Answer* session on Sun, Sept. 16 following our worship service.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Thanks to all who made ice cream for St Paul's Annual Ice Cream Social on August 12.

We also thank those who attended and made donations during this event!

I thank all of you for the many cards, phone calls and prayers during my recent surgery and recuperation.
Jackie Bourque

The recent Ice Cream Social held at St. Paul on August 12th was a big success. I would like to thank the members of Thrivent, and members of Social Ministries that helped with this team effort. Thanks to all that came to enjoy some ice cream, chili hotdog, and some special music provided by John and Donna Horan.

We were able to raise \$911.00 to go toward the restoration project of two Bibles. All part of our church history.

God's Blessings. Hattie Golliday

September Birthdays

Clayton Painter - 1	Donna Davis - 10	Jeff Boyer - 21
Dick Berry September 2	Ruth Renner - 10	Greg Flynn - 21
Kevin Smith - 2	Joshua Price - 12	Dayne Schlentner - 21
Lillah Carlisle - 3	Mary Price - 12	Brian Doman - 22
Alexis Doman - 3	Stacie Rinker - 13	Brandy Skarupa - 22
Madison Orndorff - 3	Bridgette Wilson - 13	Erica Painter - 23
Craig Pangle - 3	Dee Keister - 14	Jackie Bourque - 24
Kamryn Pangle - 3	Morgan Kibler - 14	John Lumpkin - 25
Roger Miller - 4	Trevor Brill - 15	Jackie Sager - 25
Wendy Pieper - 5	Jenna Frenz - 15	Sherand Smith - 25
Kathy Shelton - 6	Judy Grubb - 16	Zachary Flynn - 26
Nick Racey - 7	Linda Williams - 16	Evelyn Keller - 26
Linda Cook - 8	Sean Daly - 17	Rayna Mrizek - 26
Amanda Ritenour - 9	Marissa Doman - 19	Pam Chimento - 29
Mike Smith - 9	Helen Hall - 19	Alex Diehl - 30
		Hattie Golliday - 30
		Reia Williams - 30

If your name and birth date is not listed, please contact the church office.

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OPPORTUNITIES for INVOLVEMENT for ALL YOUTH !

MS/HS Youth: *Brunch Club – September 9. Come at 9:30am to help with food preparation and set up.*

All Youth:

- ❖ *Join us Sundays at 9:30am for Worship Service: Volunteer as an acolyte, crucifer, greeter, tray holder, etc.*
- ❖ *Donate items for Luke's Backpacks – "Fill the Wagon" on Sept 9, Noon-3pm*

Grades K - 5: *Sunday School classes will resume September 9, 9:40-10:15am (during worship service)*

New Fair Linen was Blessed on Sun Aug 12

This new fair linen was purchased with free-will offerings received at our 2017 Ice Cream Social.

That event was funded by Alex and Hattie Golliday's Thrivent Action Team dollars.

Strasburg Compassion Cupboard is requesting the following canned items during September:

Pork & beans *and* Soup

Bring these items to church. A drop box is in the Narthex.

Dear Friends,

I realize that some of you are aware but others are not. The end of May I resigned my position as Faith Community Nurse. I felt that I was not able to do the job as I had complications and was non weight. Today as I write this I still have limits; but am much closer to being healed and realize that I will spend the remainder of 2018 reconditioning My goal is to be able to spend some time with the Texas grandchildren and be able to keep up. Jaxon is Now showing sheep I see show barns and long days in my future.

I want to thank all of you for allowing me to serve you and help me grow. I also want to thank you all for your cards, prayers, and calls while I have made this journey. I have no idea what God has planned for the future but I wish you all good health and joy in your heart.

There are still two segments to cover with the Model of Healthy Living and I will offer them to your newsletter editors in the next months. But I felt a strong need to clarify my position at this time, and my future plans.

Wishing you enough,

Jeannie

"I am yours for all eternity. I am the Alpha and the Omega: The one who is and was and is to come." The world you inhabit is a place of constant changes" From Jesus Calling by Sarah Young

About ELCA World Hunger: (excerpts taken from www.elca.org)

Working with and through our congregations in the U.S., Lutheran churches around the world, and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. – Matthew 25:35

God richly provides for daily bread — the earth can produce enough food for everyone. Yet, many of our sisters and brothers still go hungry.

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, we meet basic needs and recognize the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished.

We start with relationships marked by conversation and listening. We believe people know their own communities best. It is our congregations and our global companion churches that first identify the local needs and related solutions to help make a difference. Then, we partner with communities to help make those solutions a reality.

Working through ELCA congregations, global companion churches, The Lutheran World Federation and other partners like Bread for the World, Church World Service, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and Lutheran World Relief, the ELCA reaches more places more effectively than we could ever do alone. In addition to funding relief and development projects that assist our sisters and brothers in need, we engage members of the ELCA in education and advocacy to help change the systems that perpetuate poverty.

Through this comprehensive approach, we work to address hunger from all angles — both domestically and globally.

Sept 30 – 5th Sunday Special Offering

Young Adults in Global Mission

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program invites ELCA young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. As they offer themselves in service, ELCA young adults are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors. They share in the journeys of companion churches and organizations in one of nine countries around the world.

A year of service through the Young Adults in Global Mission program invites young adults to become the hands and feet of Jesus in the world, providing critical support to ministries and projects in communities of need. It also invites volunteers into a journey of self-reflection, providing space to consider their sense of identity, God's work in the world, and their place within it all.

Young adults serve in the spirit of accompaniment, walking alongside global companions in a manner that practices mutuality, interdependence and solidarity. Areas of service include, but are not limited to, health and development, congregational ministry, human rights, education, homelessness, addiction recovery, women's issues and children and youth. All site placements provide opportunities for young adults to confront issues of wealth and poverty, racial privilege, economic disparity and globalization, all through the lens of faith.

More information can be found on the elca.org website.

If you'd like to offer financial support to ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission you can drop your donation in the offering plate on Sept 30, or in the collection box in the back of the Nave. Please make checks payable to ELCA, earmarked "Young Adults in Global Mission". We can mail your check to ELCA for you!

Donations can also be made online.

From the Pastor's desks

I want to take this opportunity to tell you all how happy I am to be your interim pastor while you are seeking to call a full time pastor. Although I am part time I want you all to know that when emergencies arise, please don't hesitate to call me irregardless of the time of day or week. If I am in town I will respond ASAP and if I am out of town I will leave information with Carol as to whom is covering for me.

Usually I will be in the office on Tues. afternoons and most of Wednesdays; however, if you are thinking about stopping in at the office please call first as I might be out of the office for various reasons.

I look forward to working with all of you and pray that God will richly bless our time together.

Pastor Mary Louise

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