

Monthly Newsletter

August 2021

Message from the Council President

Special points of interest:

- Church Picnic
- R&R returns
- St. Dysmas Thank you
- Sock it to me
- Rally Day is near
- Sunday Service Live Stream

Dear friends in faith,

At our Congregational meeting in November, we will be voting on new Council members. I ask that you start thinking if this is something that God is calling you to do. I realize that some of you may not know exactly what Council does. We have a monthly meeting (the first Tuesday of every month) in the evening that lasts approximately 2 hours and attendance is strongly encouraged. Council members are also expected to be the liaison for one of the church committees. Information of what each committee does

and the chairperson of the committee is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. The Council liaison would report monthly on any items that their committee would need to bring to Council. Committee meetings were held on the third Tuesday evening of the month pre-COVID, and since then some committees have met virtually and others have not been able to meet. Some committees meet quarterly instead of monthly. Going forward, I would hope that "committee night" can be reinstated.

Council members need to have thoughtful considera-

tion of what is best for the congregation. I think, importantly, that Council members are available and willing to interact with the congregation and be able to address or bring any questions/concerns to Council, as appropriate. If you are interested in being on the ballot, please contact the church office or any Council member. There is a list of the current Council members in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

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Message from Pastor

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent prayers and support during my recent bout with Lyme disease. I am doing much, much better. I am so glad we caught it early. We have really great medical care available in this part of the country.

I am available for home visits. I can bring communion to home for those who are unable to receive it otherwise. Please know

I take precautions. I have had my shots and use the Navage sinus machine everytime I go out (reduced possibility of transmission). Please call if you would appreciate a visit.

The worship committee meeting this week recommended that I wear a mask when distributing communion. We want to do everything possible to ensure that our sanctuary is a safe place.

I find masks to be a

nuisance at times but then I realize I wear them to protect others. There are many who cannot get shots (including our precious children). Jesus said there is no greater love than sacrificing for someone else. Thank you for the sacrifices you make to protect and demonstrate your Godly love for others.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Bob+

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Pastor Bob's

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Magnus Ousley

2 Lauren Cheeks

5 Charles
Rothermel

7 Richard Ousley

10 Richard Krebs

12 Gannon Ousley

13 Cheryl Keeney

14 Kylie Holmes

17 Frank Bukszar
Beth King

18 Mary Thilker

26 Carol Cheeks

28 Sandy
Lawrence

30 Gus
Schwartzbeck
Delores
Sheeler

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SUMMER PICNIC PLANNED FOR AUGUST 29th

Sunday, August 29, we will have our summer picnic at the New Windsor Lion's Club Community Park.

Plan to come after the 9:00 AM worship service. Hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided as well as ice cream and toppings. Bring a side dish to share. COME ONE, COME ALL. Let's enjoy the ability to gather and fellowship!



R&R HAS RETURNED

What has returned?

Rest and Relaxation?

When I asked this question, I was informed the acronym stood for Recycle and Reuse. I was still confused.

What I do know these ladies meet every Wednesday, morning. They have discussions on their faith, help out around the church, eat and most of all have fun!

Anyone is welcome to join. Coffee is ready by 9:00am.



With Heart Felt Thanks:

To My St. Luke's Family, Thank ya'll for the calls, help, and cards you have given us during our ISSUES! It is so good to be back in church again. I have missed it greatly. I think Larry and I are so blessed for ya'll.

It's good to be HOME!

Larry and Kellie Mendenhall

Thank you to my church friends and family for the many get well cards, phone calls and prayers that were sent to me during my knee surgery and continued recovery. Your thoughtfulness is so greatly appreciated and heartfelt. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again soon.

With much thanks,

Joyce Brozik

July 2021

Thank you from Pastor Susan at St. Dysmas

"It is always a blessing to receive a letter. We have been on lockdown for 22-23 hours each day and not time outside! During the darkest of these days it's so easy to get depressed and feel forgotten by all, especially those who have no family or are cut off from their loved ones. It is in these moments when St. Dysmas shows up at my cell door. As I read the letters, I feel (I don't know)...Blessed is

the only word that comes close to what I feel- Loved would be a good description too. I don't mean that in some sort of shallow way, but I'm talking about a sort of love and blessing that flows from our Divine God. I know it's just a letter, some words on a page, but the message they carry and the inspiration they bring to me behind these walls cannot be ignored. So

Thank you to St. Dysmas and also to St. Luke's Lutheran Church who have touched my life and helped me along my journey. I thank you again and will also keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Take care and Bless you."

Who or What is St. Dysmas

The Community of St. Dysmas is a Christian-centered ministry that honors the teachings of the Bible. They believe that no life is beyond reach since all are created in the image of God. In Psalm 86:5 it states "You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you".

If you feel moved to write

a letter, of encouragement these isolated Christians, the instructions are as follows:

1. Use only white or plain lined notebook paper.
2. Blue or black ball point pen.
3. Greeting should be generic such as "Dear friend in faith"
4. Do not give identifiers such as your name,

location, etc. but please say what church you are from.

5. Generic messages of encouragement, Bible verses or prayers.
6. Sign with a term such as "Your friend in Christ."

More specific instruction are also available.

An envelope by the front door of church Narthex, is available for deposit of any finished letters.

If you have any questions please contact Kristen Page at 301-524-5140 or pagealt@yahoo.com

AUGUST ANNIVERSIERS

9 Janet & Bob Long

9 Kitty Lee Devilbiss and Brent Palonchonski

10 Sandy & Rick Lawrence

12 Mary Ann & Bob Galandak

16 Kellie & Larry Mendenhall

16 Betty & Kenny Munshaur

28 Becky & Bill Stem

The Shepherd's Staff "SOCK DRIVE"

Pop-up "Sock it to Us" event. Donate new packs of socks that would be suitable for school-aged children from preschoolers to teenagers.

August 7th, Saturday

Downtown Westminster Farmers Market

27 Railroad Avenue, Westminster

8am-12pm



Do not forget about the

Community Garden

3273 Hawks Hill Rd

New Windsor, MD

410-635-2965

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OUR LIBRARY CORNER



Fall is coming soon. It has been a hot, humid summer and i hope everyone is enjoying a good book from our church library. As noted, we have many new books and many to still be processed to be shelf ready for everyone to check out.

Our book club was successful and we have had great discussions and many new books. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact me.

Nothing is more relaxing than reading a good book and sipping a cool drink.

Joyce Brozik
St. Luke's Librarian

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rally day will be on September 12th at 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. our theme this year will be "walk in the spirit."

We are looking forward to our Sunday School classes returning as normal as possible. More information

will be forthcoming.

Our adult Sunday School and confirmation will begin the following week on Sunday September 19th following our worship. All are welcome to attend.

NURSERY

As council allows us to again return to regular worship services with our church nursery open, we will need individuals to volunteer to give their time once a month or whenever they can to be with the children during worship. Please call Joyce to assist.



CHURCH PHONES ARE BEING UPDATED

A digital phone system is being installed for the church office. This system will provide sperate extensions for the Pastor and Church Secretary. Which will assure messages being received more timely.

We will also have the ability to communicate

service changes, especially during incremental weather conditions.



"The call is for you, can you talk now?"

**SEPTEMBER
NEWSLETTER**

DEADLINE:

Sunday, August 25th

If you would like information in the next edition please e-mail

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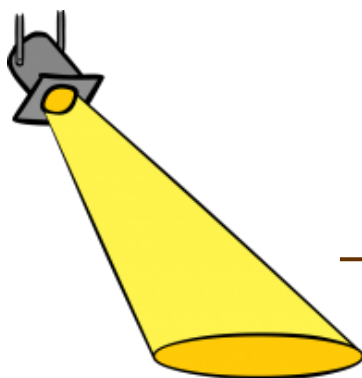
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410-635-6177

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Sunday Worship Services start at 9:00am

We will continue to live stream the service on Facebook. After the service a YouTube link will be sent out e-mail. If you wish to have communications from the church sent to you via e-mail and do not already, send your e-

Facebook:

**St Lukes Lutheran
Church**

Donations Needed:

Union Bridge Food Pantry

Collecting non perishable food items to help those who are hungry in Union Bridge area.

Collection Basket is in Church's sanctuary Narthex.

Committee Spotlight:

Carroll Baby

Collection diapers and baby wipes.



We are looking for a few interested individuals to become members of the Support Committee. The mission of this committee is to monitor the financial performance of the church and the investments that are held. This committee will make suggestions, when

needed, to adjust strategy or express concern if financial performance has changed.

We meet on a quarterly basis for review of the financial information. This committee does not directly handle any money, it provides guidance for the financial health of the church. Please let

someone on the council know if you would be interested in serving or call the church office.