

The Crusader

Christ Lutheran Church
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Seaford, DE 19973
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8:30 am Praise Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship



SEPTEMBER 2021

Pastor's Portion
September 2021

This has been a most challenging year for all of us. September is usually a time when we get into full gear with activities and gatherings of all kinds. Patiently, we all wait for a time when we can fully engage without masks and restrictions. While we intend to do as much as we can; we may still need to do as the yellow traffic light indicates:

Proceed with caution!

Please continue to value the lives of others as COVID- 19, now with new variants, continues to be a threat. We will strive to gather and meet in ways that are safe. Your Reopening team continues to carefully research what we can do safely, and how we can best proceed. As I indicated in a previous Newsletter; it is important to acknowledge their hard work at keeping us all safe and protected. Please continue to view this team as your allies and not as enemies, as they carefully do their work.

We are going ahead with several things this Fall. There may be some restrictions; but move ahead, we will.

- We will continue to have meetings and Worship in person and if need be; continue to be masked.
- We are very interested in engaging our community. Our congregation will be hosting an outdoor **Fall Festival on September 25th from 11 am until 3 pm**. This will prove to be a great event with fun for everyone. We want to show our neighbors how **Together we Love, Serve, Encourage, and Grow in the Family of Christ** here at Christ Lutheran. Did that sound familiar? It should, it is your Vision. We hope everyone in the congregation will get involved in helping people to see that we are a family that does all of these. Come on out, get involved. Volunteer to give a hand wherever it's needed to make this Fall Festival a successful event. Being outside will be a safe way to gather and to share our Family with the Neighborhood around us.
- Beginning **Tuesday, September 7th @ 7 pm** and **Wednesday, September 8th @ 10 am and 7 pm**; we will also provide an online, **Zoom Bible study** and **2 in person Bible studies** on the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Pastor's Portion continued

- Beginning **October 3rd**, we will again provide an **in-person Bible Study** between our Worship Services. The topic will be determined and announced soon. There are exciting times ahead.

Bless you all,

Pastor Dave

Letter from John Denninger, President, LCMS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord –

Jesus said, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:34-35)

A New Wave of COVID Activity – We’re all disappointed to see another wave of COVID activity. Over the past two weeks, I have seen the impact of COVID Variant D with people I know, including four children under 12 years of age.

Updated COVID Information for You – Last Monday, our SED pandemic specialist, Colonel Nancy Boriack (U.S. Air Force Retired) provided an update for our SED congregations and school ministry as we respond to still another wave of COVID-19 called Variant D. If you didn’t get to participate, you can still watch it using this link: <http://se.lcms.org/resources/covid-19-resources/>

Protecting Our Rights – As Americans, we put a high value on our freedoms and the rights that come with those freedoms. Over the last year, some have struggled with the role of our governors putting executive orders in place that have been interpreted as violating our civil rights. Others have put high value on steps that can be taken (mask-wearing, vaccinations, and social distancing) so that we can gather in our public places, including our churches with less fear of infecting others. The national debate entered our churches last year.

A Page from St. Paul’s Playbook – I like Paul’s words when the Corinthian Church was debating the use of their gifts. He said, “And now I will show you the most excellent way (I Corinthians 12:31) “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude. It is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered, it keeps not record of wrongs...It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres” I Corinthians 13:4-7.

Letter from John Denninger (continued)

What could that kind of love look like in our highly charged COVID environment? My colleague, Southern District President Eric Johnson, wrote these italicized words that I now borrow: *"Rather than protecting my rights, for the sake of my neighbor I am willing to lay down my individual rights to love and serve my neighbor. I encourage you and your congregation to do the same. Depending on your local and state mandates, for the sake of your neighbor, you may want to consider re-instituting mask wearing and social distancing during worship services along with other protocols, i.e., Communion policy, you previously used to help slow the spread of the COVID 19 virus."*

"Whatever our particular individual beliefs are regarding what and who we can trust for accurate info on this virus, the reality is it is an active virus and people are still getting seriously sick with some dying from it, so it behooves us as the people of God to respond, not in fear, but with good reasonable prudence to help protect and give comfort to our neighbor."

"My position is this: While an individual or group may believe their right to NOT wear a mask, etc. is Constitutionally protected, we as Christians have the right to lay down our rights for the sake of our neighbor. Therefore, I am encouraging our pastors to educate their people about our obligation toward our neighbor as firmly established in Lutheran Biblical and Confessional Doctrine in what we believe, teach, and confess. Encourage your people to love and serve each other (their neighbor) and if need be, to willingly wear masks for the sake of others who need us to wear masks in Christian love and humility before God and one another."

Lutheran Christians are advocates for life. We are proudly pro-life. This is also our opportunity to be known as the pro-love church. May you and your congregation also be known for the way you share your love.

In the royal service of the King,

John R. Denninger, President
Southeastern District, LCMS

Christ Lutheran LWML Highlights:

Thank you for your monthly support with your Mite Box Donations.

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News from the Hoech Family, our Missionaries in Central Asia:

I always wanted to meet the neighbor in the apartment next to our language center, Living Word. This phantom man is not a regular resident. Our Chinese classes were maxing out our space, and then we added English classes. Our three-room apartment seems small. I often wondered if the apartment next door could be available.

Today, when I was visiting a friend on the 3rd floor, she told me that this neighbor was sitting on the bench outside.

I introduced myself to this elderly Dungan man whom I had been praying to meet. We went on with a very pleasant conversation. He told me that his permanent home is in a Dungan village in Kazakhstan. He loves living there. Life in the apartment is boring. After his first wife passed away, he remarried to a younger woman and bought this apartment for her in case she didn't get along with his children.

I told him about my family and how God gave me a second life, delivering me from six weeks of Covid with pneumonia last summer. And then I got to share God's grace in a deeper sense, how Jesus delivers people from sin.

Later I told him that if he is ever in a position where he wants to sell his apartment, please let us know. Otherwise, it must be God's will for us to be neighbors. I walked away, praising God. My wonderful loving Father answered my prayer, not by giving our language center an extra room or two, but by giving me a chance to tell this man about the Way to a permanent residence in heaven.

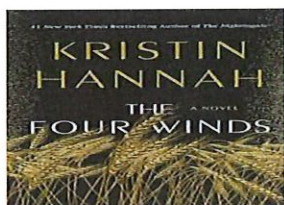
Thank you for your support!

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Next meeting: Thursday, September 16th @ 7pm



will meet Tuesday, September 7th @ 7pm
in Luther Hall to discuss



Please note social distancing &
facemasks are required. For those wanting to join
but are not comfortable in meeting at church
we can Zoom you into the meeting.

See Michelle Nuss if you have any questions

Saturday Day Morning Breakfast

Saturday, September 11th

8:00am

Stargate Diner

23415 Sussex Hwy

Seaford, DE 19973



Have you noticed the new piece of furniture in Luther Hall? It's a beautiful Baldwin piano! Nancy Benjamin, a resident of the Manor House, has generously donated the piano to our congregation. Although she enjoyed playing the piano since she got it two years ago, she is no longer able to play it and wanted it to have a good home. We are so thankful for her generosity. If you look closely, you will see it is on rollers so it can be moved easily. What a wonderful addition to our ministry here at Christ Lutheran! Thank you, Nancy.

Happy Birthday

September Birthdays

01 Bob Wilks
 02 Phillys Livingston
 03 Roxanna Wingate
 05 Sally Schuh
 10 Niko Scotton
 13 Peggy Gum
 15 Shirley Jenkins
 15 Caitlin Stanton
 16 Rose Wheaton
 16 Katie Hiller
 19 Dave Rose
 20 Melanie Asche
 21 Jesse Young
 27 William Horn



September Anniversaries

14 Jean & Keith
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 16 Kris & Tim Pianka
 30 Donna & John Hassman

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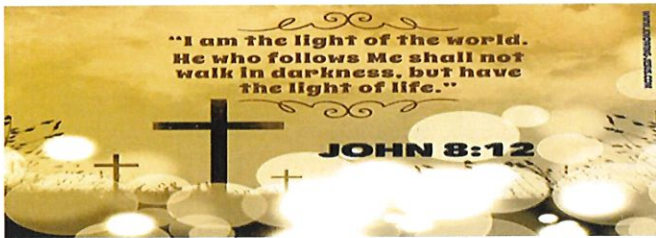


September 5th
 September 12
 September 19th
 September 26th

Joan Kresefsky
 Gilda Miller
 Kathy Williams
 Janet Moore



Caring Center



As Stephen Ministers, we share the light of Christ with our care receivers. We know that Christ is the cure giver and we are the care giver. Recently a fellow Stephen Minister shared the following analogy about caring for others. I believe it is a good reminder of what we all do as we care for our friends.

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries. When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries.

Some need AA ...attention and affection

some need AAA ...attention, affection, and acceptance

some need C ...compassion

some need D Direction.

And if they still don't shine Simply sit with them quietly and share your light.

Stephen Ministers are trained to listen and be Christian caregivers. They will keep what you tell them confidential. If you need help dealing with a difficult situation or know someone who is in a dark place, consider asking for a Stephen Minister. Just call: Aileen Watkins 302-930-7070, Kathryn Lamberton 302-841-9622, or Call Pastor Dave at 302-629-9755.

Upcoming Events



Friends Supporting Friends - Mondays at 11 am

September 5th and 19th - Holy Communion at both services

September 7th @7 pm - Book Club

September 7th & 14th @7 pm—Bible Study via Zoom

September 8th and 15th@10 am and 7 pm -Bible Study in person

September 11th@8 am - breakfast at Stargate Diner

September 12th - Food Shelf Sunday

September 14th - Lay Ministry Meeting @3 pm

September 16th@ 7 pm - LWML meeting

September 19th - Mite Box Sunday

September 25th@11 am - Fall Fest

Sunday School

**Sunday School is scheduled to begin on October 3rd, 2021.
Volunteers are needed. Please contact Carol Byrd to sign up
at 302-990-5193.**

LWML Mission Highlight

NATIONAL GRANT

Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses — Spirit Warrior, Central Maine, \$95,000

Maine is among the list of “least churched” states in the nation. It has only three LCMS churches in the entire state and has only five Veteran Administration Chaplains. Deaconess Kim Slininger was called to Hope Lutheran Church to reach out to the extensive veteran and military community in the Bangor area. Deaconess Kim is herself a disabled veteran, and the Spirit Warrior program is an extension of her ministry. Spirit Warrior is a program that addresses the need to provide pastoral/diaconal care using horses, to those who have stood in the face of evil and have returned. Current traditional therapy does not address the care of the spirit. Many veterans/service members want to connect with God and theological discussions take place while caring for the horses. This grant will provide funding for 58 veterans to go through the program.

Paid Mission Grants – No new grants paid

CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT GRANT

Faith and Works Enterprises, Baltimore, MD - \$5,000

In support of the Southeastern District’s vision of ministry to every zip code, Faith and Work Enterprises, Inc. was established in 2017 in partnership with Emmanuel Lutheran Church as an innovative nonprofit ministry around the mission of “Standing with local neighborhoods, building capacity for meaningful work and holistic wellbeing” to serve people in the 21217 zip code, and more specifically the inner-city neighborhood of Sandtown-Winchester in West Baltimore. The threefold ministry of Faith and Work Enterprises incorporates a Gospel-centered approach focusing on 1) Community Stabilization, 2) Workforce Development, and 3) Long-term Financial Literacy and Holistic Wellbeing. Community Stabilization helps people connect to supportive services for the essentials of daily living (ie: housing, food, transportation, drug treatment, and mental health services) to create stability in preparation for employment. The Workforce Development program will include classroom training and a practical working experience in the self-funded social enterprise of Pennsylvania Avenue Chocolates, deigned to provide the men with stipends and a venue to practice the

CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT GRANT (continued)

lessons learned in the classroom. The Financial Literacy and Holistic Wellbeing component of the program is designed for graduates of the Workforce Development program as well as other residents in the community to provide training and support in the areas of social, physical, financial, community, and spiritual wellbeing. The long-term vision is to establish a mission church that will provide Christ-centered ministry to serve the people in the Sandtown-Winchester community for the long term, nurturing their holistic wellbeing with Christ as the foundation, and establishing relationships in a community that is slow to trust anyone from outside. It takes a lot of time and consistent presence.

Paid Mission Grants:

- Southeastern District, LCMS, Alexandria, VA - \$5,000
- Orphan Grain Train, Mid-Atlantic, Smyrna, DE - \$5,000
- Grace Place Calvary Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD - \$5,000
- Our Savior Lutheran Church & Open Arm's Christian Child Development Center., Laurel, MD - \$3,500

August Mite Box Collection – \$530.95



September Fall Fest

Coming soon so mark your calendars!!

A community Fall Fest, sponsored by Christ Lutheran Church, Seaford will be held on Saturday 9/25 from 11-3

All are invited to come out for some great food, fun, and fellowship! We will have activities for all to enjoy such as bouncy house and slide, pumpkin decorating, face painting, games, prizes, musical entertainment and much more!

Located outdoors at 315 N Shipley St, Seaford, DE and free to anyone attending

For more info, find us at: <http://christlutheranseaford.com> or on fb

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September BSSP News Article

Vacation Bible School for BSSP was held the week of August 16th -20th. As you can tell from this photo, we had a great time singing and dancing to the music videos!

Our theme "Rocky Railway" explored Jesus' power and how we can trust Jesus to pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop.

Our successful week was made possible with help from MANY Congregational members (Peggy Gum, Janet Moore, Kathy Williams, Aileen Watkins, and Holly Adams) who under the direction of Leona Tull helped with the evening meals; our dedicated BSSP staff members (Leona Tull, Pastor Dave & Michelle Nuss, Michelle Stubbs, Cathy Young, Carol Harris, Keith Lohmeyer, Doris Farace, and Donna Hassman). Thank you also to the parents and caregivers who sent their students each evening.

Our Saturday BSSP classes will resume on September 18th with the following lesson schedule:
September 18 - Bible Story - God Creates the World
September 25 - Bible Story - God Creates Adam and Eve

We meet from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday mornings and invite everyone to visit and see our program and the fun we have.



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