

## ***STILL* Sew Amazing!**

As we reported in the June Newsletter, Heidi Magenheimer has been using her time and talents to make masks and has been offering them online free (with the suggestion of a donation to Lunch Break). She recently calculated an estimate of how many masks she has made and it's truly astounding.



**More than 1500 masks have been distributed!**

The generosity of the people who receive them is also amazing. Ed and Heidi load up their car with bags and bags of donated food every week or so and drive over to Lunch Break to deliver it all. One person recently donated \$100 which bought boxes of diapers that were desperately needed.

Heidi is now making kid-sized masks in local schools' colors so that families can be ready when it's time to get back to class.

Thank you, Heidi! Not just for your creativity, ingenuity, and generosity but also for reminding us all that one person can make such a huge difference.

Know someone who is helping out the community or making life a little brighter for someone?

We'd love to share their story!

Or maybe even find a way to help them help others.

E-mail us!

To my fellow Saints,

In the time of the Apostolic Church, that is the Church run by the 12 Disciples and apostles such as Paul, they were being persecuted ruthlessly for their faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of the world. They were being cast out of the synagogue which is our modern-day church, having their livelihood taken away, run out of town and they were even killed for their faith. In the book of Acts, we see that even this did not stop them from proclaiming the Gospel because they were the eyewitnesses of who Jesus actually is and they knew what waited for them after this life was over. They would live in the presence of God forever where sin could no longer reach them. They held fast to Jesus words to Peter when He said that the “gates of hell” would never win out over His church, meaning that no matter what this fallen world would throw at the church, the church would and will always be around until the last Day when Christ would come back in His 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent to collect His church and cast out all evil and wicked people. They let nothing stop them. So, in Acts 2 we see that despite what the church was facing, the first Christians “had all things in common” which again means that they did what was necessary to survive so they shared all that they had so that no one would be in need. No matter what they faced, they faced it together and proclaimed the Gospel. They met together, studied together, prayed together, they did what the church does today.

As time went on the challenges that the church faced changed, the persecution was still there but something else popped up that was worse in their eyes, people were abandoning God’s Word for their own understanding of it because they wanted to live the way they wanted without having to feel the Law in their life. This is what God said would happen, that people would have “itching ears” (2 Timothy 4:3) and trade the truth for a lie and so they would call themselves Christians but in reality, their hearts are far from God. Despite how sin popped up throughout the ages of the Church one thing always remain the same, God’s people still worship and praise God while proclaiming the Gospel in all that they do. You see no matter what the gates of Hell will never win and the Church will always be here until the Last Day.

So, the Church has changed in how it looks and acts throughout the ages, it adapts, so that the Gospel can be proclaimed to those who need it. This brings me to where we are now in our

modern age. Our country is facing something that it has not had to deal with in a long time, since the Spanish Flu, in fact. The President and the Governors of the States are making decisions that they hope will help end this virus attack and though many people do not agree with them, they are doing what they think is right. I never preach politics because that is up to the individual and their conscience, and it has nothing to do with the Spiritual realm of which I belong to. My job is the caring for God's people and the proclamation of the Gospel, yet I understand that we live in a country that allows our voice to be heard and so Christians engage in the politics to try to bring about change that they think should happen. This is great I think but again has nothing to do with the Church. They are separate. Because of the decisions made by our leaders the Church has had to adapt yet again and people do not like this because it gets them off the couch and out of their comfort zone as it pertains to their faith. Just because some states put harder restrictions on church doesn't mean that church is outlawed. I encourage people to fight for what they think is right in their state but do not mistake that with thinking that church will be snuffed out because the restrictions that someone put in place. The Church has a massive online presence now in a way that it never did before and the Holy Spirit is working as hard as ever reaching out people who would never had even listened before and the Church is growing. Some churches are meeting which is awesome news and it just shows that yet again no matter what that the "gates of hell" will never win. Jesus' promise trumps all people for all time, and everything depends on Him. Our job, as Paul says to the Church at Philippi, is to "strain toward the goal...forgetting what lies behind" so my word is the same to everyone. On the one hand, fight for your rights as an American if you want to and on the other hand, continue to live your life with God to the best of your ability trusting in His promise that he is with His Church to "the very end of the ages." (Matthew 28) Our life is with Christ now and forever and nothing can change that or take it away, so let your light shine with the brightness of God Himself and proclaim the Gospel in all that you do and say. Times change, things change, but God always remains the same so don't lose sight of it but let his Word be a "lamp to your feet and light to your path" (Psalm 119:105)



## Lunch Break needs our help!

Please consider donating, this organization helps our neighbors and they are busier than ever right now.

Our church is collecting donations through our website; Or you can include funds with your offering, or give directly to Lunch Break.

They are NOT accepting clothing at the moment, but food is greatly needed. You can bring items to Red Bank or drop them off at church.

## Adult Bible Study

For the Month of August, there will be no Sunday morning Bible study. We will resume Sunday morning Bible study with a new topic in September.



## Vacation Bible School Camp

After careful consideration, the 2020 VBS committee has decided to cancel VBS for the summer of 2020. We look forward to offering our VBS camp again in the summer of 2021.

Staying connected to our church family is important. Without seeing each other in person and talking each week we aren't hearing the unremarkable, but important, day to day chitchat that we usually get over coffee on a Sunday. Instead we talk on the phone, meet virtually, and read the newsletter. Anytime you have something you would like to share with the whole church, the newsletter is here to help!

If you would be willing to let us publish an update on how your life is going, a funny anecdote, some pictures, or even just a little note to say hello- send it in!

E-mail [ellen.illies@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen.illies@yahoo.com) or mail information to the church office anytime.

Our Simply Giving Program is a safe and easy way to manage your contributions online. You can set up one time, weekly or monthly contributions at any time.

Visit our website, [lmcnj.org](http://lmcnj.org) to set up your contributions today!

If you have any questions, please e-mail [dan.rehberg@gmail.com](mailto:dan.rehberg@gmail.com)

For the first time since 2013 we will not have a table at

**Tinton Falls Community Day**. It has been cancelled due to COVID-19. We look forward to next time.

Although this opportunity to meet our neighbors is not available this year, each of us can still make connections. Say “Hi!” to someone walking past your house or introduce yourself to that nice lady down the way. We still have magnets available; If you would like to have a stack to hand out to those around you, e-mail Ellen. It’s an easy, nonconfrontational way to remind them that we’re here for them.

The **2020 Clambake** will not be held.  
Hopefully we’ll see you next year.



What event would let us...

connect with our community,  
stay 6ft away from each other,  
AND makes wearing a mask FUN?!?

## TRUNK or TREAT!!

Start planning your display for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual LMC Trunk or Treat tentatively scheduled for Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>. More information and a confirmed date will be available soon.

## Thrivent is hosting some Educational Events



- **Social Security: Timing is Everything**  
August 4th at 7:00pm
- **Funding College: True Costs and Covering the Gap**  
August 6th at 7:00pm

You can reserve your place at these Zoom workshops by calling John at 732-320-6958 or emailing him at [john.seifert@thrivent.com](mailto:john.seifert@thrivent.com). You can also get more information about the workshops at [connect.thrivent.com/john-seifert/events](https://connect.thrivent.com/john-seifert/events).

## ...And Some Family Fun

- **Fun with Taylor Mason (and friends) via ZOOM Tuesday August 11 at 11:00 am**

Join Thrivent for a special family-friendly virtual show with comedian, musician and ventriloquist, Taylor Mason. This Star Search winner has performed all over the world including at Carnegie Hall and the Sydney Opera House. Now he's coming to your computer for a half-hour of laughter and entertainment! Taylor Mason presents a positive, hilarious, unforgettable program that connects people through those things that bond us: laughter, music, magic, and the shared experience of something special, something original and something unforgettable. He's performed for audiences within Disney as well as in theaters, churches, clubs, cruises, and more.

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- **Jim “The Rookie” Morris via ZOOM Friday, August 21, 2020 at 12:00PM and 4 pm**

Jim Morris is an athlete, author, teacher, and inspirational speaker. His journey is a testimony to the power of dreams and their ability to inspire and transform human life. His meteoric rise from 35-year-old high school teacher to flame-throwing major league pitcher in 3 months, made cinematic history with the release of “The Rookie” starring Dennis Quaid. Join Thrivent online for a live, virtual event with Jim Morris. He'll share his miracle story, what it took to achieve his goals and the dream makers who shaped his life. You'll be captivated and inspired.

No products will be sold at this event. Jim Morris is not affiliated with or endorsed by Thrivent. The views expressed in this presentation by Jim Morris are his own and not necessarily those of Thrivent or its affiliates. The material presented has been obtained from sources we believe to be reliable and is current.

**12 pm**

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**4 pm**

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**LMC Preschool** hopes to open in October. Details are still being worked out.

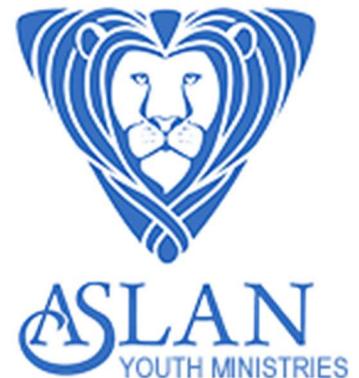


**Reminder** LMC Preschool is collecting Pop-Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Central & Northern New Jersey. You may add your donation of pop-tabs to the collection box in the Fellowship Hall located on the counter nearest the bathrooms.

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## **Aslan Mission Request**

Aslan Youth Ministries will be going forward with their Summer Day Camps. They are beginning with the Asbury Park / Neptune group. They are requesting lunches for the campers each day of camp. If anyone would like to supply lunches or a group would like to supply lunches, you are asked to contact Janis Marler, Aslan Youth Ministries Volunteer Coordinator for more information. She can be reached at the office 732-741-7824, her cell 732-299-9157 or at [Janis@aslanyouth.org](mailto:Janis@aslanyouth.org).



### **It's Back to School time again!**

We are collecting school supplies for Aslan again this year. A box will be placed near the church entrance so you can drop off your donation contact free any time, any day.



# **Bible Readings for August**

## **8:00 Virtual & 9:00am On-site Worship**

8/9/2020: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Old Testament: Job: 38:4-18  
Epistle: Romans 10:5-17  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

8/16/2020: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

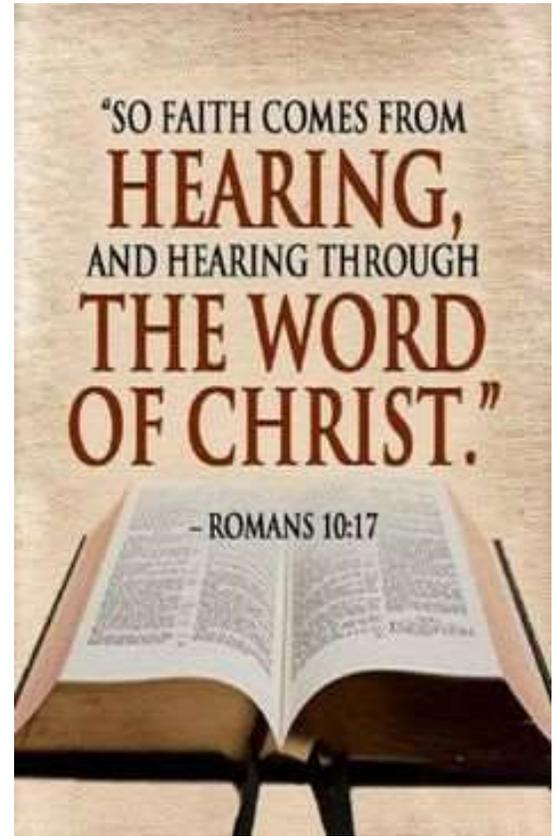
Old Testament: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8  
Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

8/23/2020: Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Old Testament: Isaiah 51:1-6  
Epistle: Romans 11:33-12:8  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

8/30/2020: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament: Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Epistle: Romans 12:19-21  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28



## **Share the News!**

We would love to help you let our church family know what's happening.

Birthdays, anniversaries, celebrations, and thanks;

Events, announcements, stories, and prayers.

The deadline for September's newsletter will be August 25th



If you have stories, questions, updates, corrections or ideas e-mail us @

[ellen.illies@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen.illies@yahoo.com)

# August Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Laurie Naperski

18<sup>th</sup> Erick Schoenberger

3<sup>rd</sup> Paula Kalafsky

20<sup>th</sup> Julie Foy

10<sup>th</sup> Susan Brown

22<sup>nd</sup> Jace Detrie

12<sup>th</sup> Darian Atkinson  
Liz Keitans-Hines

Brad Schoenberger

24<sup>th</sup> Lise-Marie Maida

14<sup>th</sup> John Marko, Jr.  
Sterling Rodgers

Shaila Padilla

25<sup>th</sup> Kwong Cho

17<sup>th</sup> Tyler Genke  
Carol Pignataro

26<sup>th</sup> Wesley Rucker



Please add these individuals to your prayers:

Louis Russo	James	Russ Baccaglini	Dorothy Carroll
Joyce Siney	Lynn Gerhman	James D'Andrea	Cathy
Aunt May	Brian Donovan	Melvin Taylor	Brian
Devny & Kayla Joseph	Colton Farrell	Harold Brown	Ulkika Weiss
Renee Connell	Ruta Colomb	Janis Luksis	Linda Moldoch
Jerry Kastning	Kathleen Samaras	Connie Wild	Joe Scelfo
Gina Tobia	Cynthia Mayer	Fran Curtis	Tim Bains
Judith Shaw	Sandi Carter	Carol Parkus	Gloria Gagliardi
Anne-Lise Maida	Michelle Walker	Bob Hollenbeck	Gary du Bois Sister-in-law Roseann
Jan Bastone	Joe Tetley	Hitue	Deborah
Vivian Skaar	Gene Buckley	David Bartelt	Mary Ann
Beth McLaughlin	T. Ball & Family	Zak Brown & family	Winnie Liem
The Lembeck Family	Rachel Sonensen	Collin	Jen O'Connor
Jason	Phyllis Roberts	John Wills	Ron Salzbach
Art Strohmer	Jody's grandson	Baby Araujo	Family of Even & Renee

Please e-mail us any prayer requests; or join the weekly email prayer group by contacting the church office at [officeLmc818@gmail.com](mailto:officeLmc818@gmail.com)