



# SEPTEMBER Newsletter 2020

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## TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER-A LABOR OF LOVE

As followers of the Lord we are called to love one another. In today's world that translates into taking care of people. The pandemic has changed our lives completely; at least for the time being. Of all the consequences of COVID-19, the most difficult adjustment for many people has been the distancing from others. Certainly, there is technology to connect us but it is not the same as seeing someone in person and responding to their natural reactions.

It takes greater effort and some degree of patience to take care of each other as a result of the restrictions placed upon us by the virus. We must be content with virtual contact as well as social distancing. The quality of our interactions is modified by technology but we can maintain our relationships and take care of each other nonetheless.

As a pastor, I am obviously concerned about the worship experience and the safety precautions being taken at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Please be assured that we are taking care of each other at worship by following the guidelines given to us by the medical professionals. Worship is obviously different but it remains an important means by which we take care of each other. I encourage you to join us as we worship the Lord each Sunday.

On Monday, September 7, our nation will celebrate Labor Day. It is a time to commemorate the efforts and toil of millions of Americans who helped to build this country. Currently, there are many Americans who are unemployed due to COVID-19. It is very likely that we know someone in this situation. I would strongly encourage you to reach out and offer them some kind of assistance; even just a friendly call or message would be greatly appreciated.

In the words of Jesus, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you shall love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13: 34-35)

In closing, I hope that everyone has an enjoyable and safe Labor Day weekend. Please remember that all gatherings should involve social distancing as well as wearing a mask to protect others.

SOLI DEO GLORIA!

## Worship Ministers

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
9/6	9:30 A.M.	Mark Cunningham	9/6	9:30 A.M.	
9/13	9:30 A.M.	Randy Simers	9/13	9:30 A.M.	
9/20	10:30 A.M.	Steve Maurer	9/20	10:30 A.M.	
9/27	10:30 A.M.	Marcia Howenstine	9/27	10:30 A.M.	
<b>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</b>			<b>ACOLYTES</b>		
9/6	10:30 A.M.	Jerry & Carol Hoskinson	9/6	10:30 A.M.	
9/13	10:30 A.M.	Dee Garrison	9/13	10:30 A.M.	
9/20	10:30 A.M.	Kevin Kienzle	9/20	10:30 A.M.	
9/27	10:30 A.M.	Dave & Linda Clugston	9/27	10:30 A.M.	
		<u>Altar Guild – Brenda Tegtmeier and Cheryl Simers</u>			
<b>Screen</b>			<b>Nursery</b>		
9/6	9:30 A.M.	Dee Garrison	9/6	9:30 A.M.	
9/13	9:30 A.M.	Jerry Hoskinson	9/13	9:30 A.M.	
9/20	10:30 A.M.	Doug Dix	9/20	10:30 A.M.	
9/27	10:30 A.M.	Pam Ward	9/27	10:30 A.M.	

### Monthly Finances: The Month of August

- Income \$ 10,065.00
- Budget \$ 17,293.00
- Expenses: \$ 12,534.00

### Readings:

<u>9/6</u>	<u>9/13</u>	<u>9/20</u>	<u>9/27</u>
<u>Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost</u>	<u>Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost</u>	<u>Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost</u>	<u>Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost</u>
<u>Ezekiel 33:7-11</u>	<u>Genesis 50:15-21</u>	<u>Jonah 3: -4:11</u>	<u>Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32</u>
<u>Psalms 119:33-40</u>	<u>Psalms 103:1-7</u>	<u>Psalms 145:1-8</u>	<u>Psalms 25:1-9</u>
<u>Romans 13:8-14</u>	<u>Romans 14:1-12</u>	<u>Philippians 1:21-16</u>	<u>Philippians 2:1-13</u>
<u>Matthew 18:15-20</u>	<u>Matthew 18:21-35</u>	<u>Matthew 20:1-16</u>	<u>Matthew 21:23-32</u>



**Prayer Chain** - This week remember in your prayers, –Kathy Pozzuto, Erica Fisher, John Fabianich McClay, Dave Garan, Darin Wentz, Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky, Carol Schlagenhauser, Amy Sehaechterle, Bonnie Eckhardt, Chris Ward, Ron Richards,

Wes Zwick, Pam Farnsworth, Kathy Stolicny, Bob Snyder, Brent Montague, Debbie Estes, Dan Levesseuer, Ally Clechanowski, Lynn Christenson, Tony Whatling, Arloene Howenstine, Susan Tiller, Pat Sundheimer, Loise Harris, Jean Baker, Ret Kendrick, Lauren Seifert -  **Servicemen & Women**- Cearra Taylor, Don Scholz, Rob Vitous, Camren Taylor, Gray Ashworth, Trent Garver, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, David Ward, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, William Robishaw, Kyle Greiving



## **Prayer Focus for September 2020**

Education should be on our minds in September, as the young people return to school. But it is not only the young who can benefit from more education! It is one of the purposes of the Church to "increase in us true knowledge" of God and of his will, and there is room for improvement in all

of us.

Pray that an earnest desire for knowledge will increase among those who need it, both at school and in the Church. Let us not be careless about education, or neglect opportunities to improve our knowledge.

Pray that teachers will be eager to impart what knowledge they have, and will be diligent to prepare themselves for the important work of educators.

Pray those hindrances to education will be removed; in particular, that the distractions of worthless entertainment will not prevent us and our children from learning what we should learn.

"Wisdom is the principal thing. Therefore, get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding." - Proverbs 4:7



**Evangelism Corner for August 2020-** *"He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it because it was well built" Luke 6:48*

Whether one goes to the top of the highest mountain and listens to the whisper of the tall pines pointing towards Heaven, or down by the seashore where the booming surf tells the pulse and throb of eternity, the whole world is seen in a different perspective. Big things become small and small things great. Those who have to see discover that life has another dimension. We try to lengthen the span of life and broaden our knowledge and influence. There must also be depth as Jesus indicated in this parable. Yet, by a strange paradox, life cannot have depth unless it has height. The man who built his house upon the rock must have had a vision of his abode reaching toward the sky.

God's Son once hung upon a tree, a cross of four dimensions. There was in it length and breadth, for it held the outstretched arms of the Savior lifted in benediction over the earth. ***"As far as the East is from the West, this far He removed our sins from us."*** It took the outstretched arms of the cross and an uplifted Savior upon them to make a selfish world believe there could be anything like universal love. Nothing less could help mankind to realize any kind of brotherhood. The dimension of the cross is the unique glory of our Christianity.

***"It had depth"*** The shaft reached far down into the blood-soaked ground to show men ***"the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God."*** It is this dimension, the planting of the cross deep down into the midst of our sin and sorrow and vast human need that most practically concerns us. Even though it's up reach touches God and it outstretch is world inclusive, if it failed to reach down into the heart of every human need with its saving strength, its story would mean little to us. But its footings are deeply set into the life of humanity. Broken individuals lean against its rugged strength. Soul-sick people come to its healing and find health. It completely, eternally, and immediately saves through the love and redemptive power of God.

***"It had height"*** It also had height, for upon the short stem reaching skyward was the thorn-covered head of the One who died revealing that ***"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so great is His mercy toward those that fear Him."*** Its' up reach touched God. What a glorious thought!!!! To be effective in the presence of what seems like impossible complications, it must reach up and lay hold on all of God's love and power. This up reach is our hope.

***"I asked Jesus, "How much do You love me?" "This much", He answered. Then He stretched out His arms and died. Thought for the month: When Jesus went home, He left the door open.***



**Happy**

**Birthday:**

Clarence Harris	9/7	Trent Garver	9/21
Michael Eberly	9/8	James Ward	9/21
Lisa Keane	9/9	Linda Clugston	9/24
Marcia Howenstine	9/10	Carole Harmon	9/24
Kim Pohovey	9/10	Crystal Page	9/24
Sandy Ritter	9/15	Terry Tegtmeier	9/25
Paul Shine	9/16	Josh Keane	9/27
Barbara Shine	9/17	Abe Marlowe	9/30



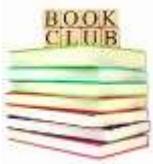
**Happy Anniversary:**

Clarence & Rose Harris	9/3
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John & Sandy Bolitho	9/14
Paul & Barbara Shine	9/17



**Rebekah Sisters:**, Rebeka's sisters have decided to discontinue the free monthly meals due to Covid 19. They will now prepare a meal once a month for the **Homeless Shelter in New Philadelphia**. Pastor Mike will deliver the meal to the shelter.



**Book Club:** Our next book will be *Reflection on the Existence of God* by **Richard E. Simmons III** (no, not THAT Richard Simmons!). It has a series of over 50 short essays within 10 general topics. This book helps one discuss this rationally with non-believers, as well as strengthening our own faith. We plan to discuss this on **Tuesday, September 29**. Please contact Terry Tegtmeier if you would like a copy.

**St. Paul Men's Group:** The Men's Group will meet in **Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1**. We'll space out the chairs over several tables, and omit any refreshments. A video will be presented as we continue our study of Acts. [gregory1984@aol.com](mailto:gregory1984@aol.com)



**Shut-ins:** Please see a list of our shut-ins attached; I am sure they would enjoy hearing from you by visit or card.

**Martha Eckhardt** – 12515 Sherman Church Rd. NE – Bolivar, Oh 44612

**Jean Baker** – Inn at Northwood 5779 N. Wooster Ave. STE. 606 - Dover, Oh 44622

**Arloene Howenstine** – 541 La Dyne Ave. NW - P.O. Box 12 – Bolivar, Oh 44612

**Bill Haueter** – Hennis Care Ctr. – Bolivar, OH 44612 **Bonnie Burkhart** – Park

Village Assisted Living. 56-H – 1525 N. Crater Ave. – Dover, OH

**Pat Sundheimer** – Inn at Apple Ridge – 3308 Brecksville Rd. Richfield, OH 44286

**DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM:** The new warehouse in Caldwell is now completed and it is time to volunteer to stock the facility. **Date:** The Ohio Mission District of the NALC is scheduling a volunteer day at the Disaster Response location in Caldwell OH on **Saturday Oct. 3 from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m.** **Mary Bates will be at St. Paul's on Wednesday, September 2 at 9:00 a.m. to pick up any flood buckets, bibles, or quilts, that we have collected.** **Thanks to all those who supplied items for the warehouse.**

**Youth: GROGS** - Met on 3 occasions to complete HS room wall paintings. Lisa Keane will teach Pre-K through 2nd grade Sunday School again this year. **Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 20 at 9:15 a.m.**



**Labor Day:** Monday, **September 7**. Labor Day is an annual holiday to celebrate the economic and social contributions of workers to the

strength, prosperity, and well-being of the country. In the United States, Labor Day is a federal holiday observed on the **first Monday of September**. In the United States, Labor Day is customarily viewed as the end of the summer vacation ...Be safe and enjoy your friends and family at a *safe distance*. *God bless the USA*.



**Council News:** Beginning in August, communion will be celebrated on the *first and third Sunday* of the month. We will not be using acolytes or lectors for time being. The collection plate will not be passed. Donations can be placed in a location at the back of the church. Due to the declining attendance, caused by the pandemic, the church council voted unanimously that ***beginning Sunday – September 20<sup>th</sup> we will continue with one service at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday School @ 9:15. In addition, the pews have been marked with red and green tape, please set in between the Green Tape Only***

# Month of SEPTEMBER 2020

<b>SUN</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUES</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THUR</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<b>SAT</b>
		<b>9/1</b>	<b>9/2</b>	<b>9/3</b>	<b>9/4</b>	<b>9/5</b>
		Men's Group 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall	<i>Mary Bates Wednesday, September 2 to pick up any flood buckets,</i>			
<b>9/6</b>	<b>9/7</b>	<b>9/8</b>	<b>9/9</b>	<b>9/10</b>	<b>9/11</b>	<b>9/12</b>
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m. 	Yoga 9-10 a.m.  <b>Labor Day – office closed</b>					Property Meeting 9:00 a.m.
<b>9/13</b>	<b>9/14</b>	<b>9/15</b>	<b>9/16</b>	<b>9/17</b>	<b>9/18</b>	<b>9/19</b>
Worship 9:30 a.m. Rally Day	Yoga 9-10 a.m.					
<b>9/20</b>	<b>9/21</b>	<b>9/22</b>	<b>9/23</b>	<b>9/24</b>	<b>9/25</b>	<b>9/26</b>
Worship & Communion 10:30 a.m. - Sunday School 9:15a.m. 	Yoga 9-10 a.m. Council 7:00 p.m.					
<b>9/27</b>	<b>9/28</b>	<b>9/29</b>	<b>9/30</b>			
Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m..	Yoga 9-10 a.m.					