



# The Illuminate

A publication of Family of Christ Lutheran Church

## Family of Christ Vision Statement

**Family of Christ** is a family of God where all are welcome as we worship and grow in spirit and in life by...



- ~ **Connecting the scriptures** with our Christian faith and life experiences
- ~ **Serving** and caring for our neighbors and communities
- ~ **Building** relationships between people of all ages **and walks of life**
- ~ **Transforming** our world by teaching love, grace, peace, and kindness
- ~ **Moving purposefully** into God's future

and we ask God to help guide us.

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### Connecting the scriptures...

Pastor's Reflection

*Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." Isaiah 40:1-5*

"Hope you make it." Gavin

As I write this brief article, there is a tenuous cease fire in Gaza, ISIS is tearing the fabric of the Middle East apart, Russia and the Ukraine are in conflict, Syria is a mess, Ebola is claiming the lives of thousands in West Africa, the death of Michael Brown has Ferguson in chaos, and Robin Williams has succumbed to the specter of depression. These are tough times. As I was reading the news on the internet, I felt my heart growing heavy, until I ran across the story of Gavin and the gift he gave to our troops serving in Kabul. It wasn't an extravagant gift. It was something more precious than that. Gavin gave them the gift of hope in a simple card sent to an undesignated soldier in a care package prepared by his elementary school. Inside the card were the simple words, "Hope you make it." Here's a short excerpt from



the article (I encourage you to Google it and read the whole thing!)

Young Gavin's four words — "Hope you make it" — show him to be "wise beyond his years," Papworth writes. "He wished me well — while being slightly realistic about the role I lived as a deployed member of our expeditionary military service, I may not make it, but he hopes I do. That is a profound comfort from a presumed grade schooler."

Gavin's words are not at all unlike Isaiah's words to the people of Israel suffering in exile. Isaiah's words are

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## Connecting the scriptures...Pastor's Reflection

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meant to inspire a struggling people that they are not forgotten and that God's promise remains true. In a sense, he is saying to them not to lose heart, "Hope you make it" to that day when God will indeed set all things right. For our soldiers in Kabul, Gavin's "Hope you make it" has encouraged them with the knowledge that while they serve far from home they are not forgotten and there are folks that are praying for their safe return. It's gone viral among the soldiers, encouraging them far beyond little Gavin's dreams.

People of God, this is the power of the Gospel when we bring it to life in acts of kindness, compassion and love to bring hope and life to the struggling. It is the power of the Gospel to change things when we are willing to lend our voices to a cause. It is the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ—God's answer to humanity's dilemma—to pull life from the brink of despair when one hand reaches out to another in care.

"Hope you make it."

Blessings and Peace

~Pastor Kit



## Connecting the Scriptures ~ Building Relationships ~ Transforming our World...

Adult Christian Education Ministry

Of all the authors that ever wrote, Martin Luther, the great Reformer and founder of the Lutheran Church is perhaps the most prolific. Most of us have either heard of, or better yet, learned the wisdom of Luther's Small Catechism, the chief curriculum for faith formation in the Lutheran Church. But did you know he wrote on everything from citizenship and just war to marriage and family? Did you know he was an advocate for women and children and access to education for all people? Did you know he (like many in his day) wrote harsh and anti-Semitic words that the Church has since apologized for? Did you know his writings, more than most, have dramatically impacted the evolution of human society? For these reasons and more, this year our Adult Education on Sunday morning will feature writings by Martin Luther. We will explore them in the light of scripture, the context of his time, and see how they do or do not help us today. **Join Pastor Kit in the Library Sunday Mornings at 9:45.**

### More Adult Christian Education Opportunities at Family

**Monday 1st & 3rd Morning Prayer Breakfast 8:30am** ~ meets at Jollies Restaurant, 17701 NE Union Rd. Ridgefield WA 98642

**Join Us Tuesday 10:00 A.M.** ~ Pastor's Bible Study on the text for the upcoming Sunday. *Come join us!*

**Wednesdays at 6-7 p.m.**~ Book related to the Bible. Led by Edie Deitzen & Linda Maurosek

**Wednesdays at 1 pm.**~ Women's Bible Study on Joshua, held at Donna Lucky's home.

**Coming Soon! A new 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evening Pastor-led bible study** (this will not be the same as the Tuesday morning study.)



### September Birthdays

Tiffany Alexander 09/08  
 Susan Koeser 09/08  
 Sharon Crisp 09/09  
 Dave Yankee 09/09  
 Dexter Corlett 09/10  
 Ryan Karcher 09/10  
 Tom Sandeen 09/13  
 Beth Stark 09/13  
 Marty Alexander 09/15  
 Sarah Beck 09/15  
 Lillian Poe 09/16  
 Jennifer Beems 09/17  
 Melinda Staub 09/17  
 Linda Stringer 09/18  
 Dale Perry 09/20  
 Elaine Felt 09/25  
 Tylie Leatherwood 09/27  
 Rebecca Harris 09/28

### Anniversaries

Jerry & Trudy Swan 09/12  
 Eric & Sabrina Eisenbarth 09/24

### Centering Prayer Group Sunday Evenings at 7 pm, in the Sanctuary.

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.

Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him.

Interested? Check it out every Sunday at 7 pm.



### September Social Concerns



#### **Fresh Vegetables**

Because **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** is located in Ridgefield, it really does help our neighbors. Place your donation in the basket by the sanctuary door. Thank you!

### Beginning September 9 & 10

'EXULTATION ENSEMBLE' Adult Hand bell Choir resumes on Tuesdays at 6:30pm



"Ring of Joy" Newly forming Intergenerational Bell Choir on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, **read page 8 for more info.**

### September 14th

Sunday School Kick-off. Join us in the Sanctuary 9:45 am for a welcome back celebration! Read page 5.

### Saturday September 20



At Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver Register at 11:00am and walk at noon!

**Join this event!**

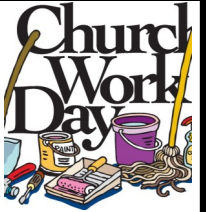
*In Loving memory of Kathleen, daughter of Bev Bergau-Wagner.*

### Million Meals

At the time of this printing we have provided enough funds to purchase 1,539,704 meals. We are over halfway to our second million!

### Fall Cleanup Saturday September 6

There will be a work day on Saturday, September 6 to clean up the outside yard and spruce up the inside from 9:00 am until we finish. Please bring tools, gloves, etc. Let's spiff up our church to make it appealing to visitors as well as Family members.



### September 7th Rally & Grandparents Day !



Kick off the church year with a celebration celebrating families with activities for all ages at 10 am. Read page 5 for more information. Church returns to two worship services this Sunday starting at 8:30 & 11 am.

### Starting Wednesday September 10

#### Family Night at Family

Join us every Wednesday evening for dinner and activities. See page for 4 for more information

### Sundays, September 14 & 21st

Sunday School Kick-Off begins September 14<sup>th</sup>! We'll meet in the Sanctuary at 9:45 for a welcome back celebration and then head into the Family Room for activities & crafts. First day of Sunday school begins September 21<sup>st</sup> with opening in the Sanctuary at 9:45!

### Senior Lunch Bunch Sept 18

Next Senior Lunch Bunch will be Thursday September 18th at 11:30 a.m. We'll be going to Thai Orchard, 213 W. 11th near Washington St., downtown Vanc.



**Family of Christ**



**Brauts, Beer, & Bobbing**

Saturday, September 27th ... 3 pm to 7 pm

Join in the fun! Family of Christ would love to have you here. Music, bob for apples, make your own cider, join the raffle, play games, or just sit and enjoy the atmosphere.

Happening at

**The Cameron's 3103 NE 151st. St. Vancouver.**

**Parking is limited, but their house is only minutes away from FOC, so please park at the church and carpool!**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS "FAMILY NIGHT @ FAMILY OF CHRIST"**



**BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH** you can take the night off from cooking, and relax and enjoy the fellowship while you enjoy a hot dinner prepared by loving hands. Folks that can, pitch in and help with clean up. Dinner will be served from 5:00 until 6:30 pm. **The cost is \$4 per person, no family pays more than \$13.** (No one is left out, so if cost is a factor, please talk to Pastor Kit). After dinner, join in on one of the scheduled activities.

There will be:

- \* "Ring of Joy" Intergenerational Ringers ~ 5:30-6:00 pm (Newly forming! Read page 8)
- \* Little Christians for children PreK-4<sup>th</sup> grade join together for lots of fun ~ 6:00-7:00 pm.
- \* "Route 56" Specially developed class for our 5th & 6th grade youth ~ 6:00-7:00 pm.
- \* Confirmation with Pastor Kit ~ 6:00-7:00 pm.
- \* Adult Bible Study Book Group lead by Edie Dietzen & Linda Marousek ~ 6:00-7:00 pm.
- \* Chancel Choir Rehearsals ~ 6:30-8:00 pm.
- \* Board/card/dice games will be available for high school youth and adults that wish to focus on fellowship

**Sanctuary: Safe Conversations on Gay Issues**

Our first meeting of the school year will be on Tuesday September 16th at 7pm. Meet in library.

The Sanctuary Group has been meeting for about four years to discuss and explore a variety of issues relevant to gay folk and their loved ones. An important part of our mission is to reach out to our gay neighbors with a warm invitation to worship, as well as providing a supportive presence within the congregation for family members of gay loved ones.

**77th Annual Concert Series  
Lutheran Choral Association**

**You are invited** to hear our multi-denominational choir, with over 120 singers from churches throughout the metro area, sing a program of old and new sacred music.

**All Concerts are on Sunday at 4:00 p.m.**

- Sept. 7: Milwaukie Lutheran Church, 3810 Lake Rd. Milwaukie, OR
- Sept. 14: Tigard United Methodist, 9845 SW Walnut Place, Tigard
- Sept. 21: Trinity Lutheran Church, 2194 SE Minter Bridge Rd., Hillsboro
- Sept. 28: St. Therese Catholic Church, 1260 NE 132nd. Ave., Portland, OR
- Oct. 5: Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N. Rosa Parks Way, Portland OR

**Free will offering received**



# Preschool



## SUNDAY SCHOOL



Summer is coming to an end and we are set and ready to begin our 2014-15 Sunday School year!! Our theme this year is

**'Walking with Jesus!'**

We'll begin with a Rally Day on September 7<sup>th</sup> hosted by our own Family's OWL's (*Older & Wiser Lutherans*) senior group commemorating Grandparents Day & celebrating our families! This will take place in the Family Room at 10:00! Bring your family pictures and we'll add them to our 'Family Tree!'

Sunday School Kick-Off begins September 14<sup>th</sup>! We'll meet in the Sanctuary at 9:45 for a welcome back celebration and then we'll head into the Family Room for activities & crafts! An ice cream float social will also take place! This is also an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to see their classroom!

First day of Sunday School begins September 21<sup>st</sup> with opening in the Sanctuary at 9:45! We'll be continuing with the Spark's Lectionary Curriculum for our Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

We can't wait to get started!

~Cheri Herzog  
Sunday School Coordinator

September has arrived for us here at Family of Christ Christian Preschool. We hosted our annual Ice Cream Social on August 28, and got to see a lot of our returning friends as well as meet a handful of new friends. We are not sure who is more excited for the beginning of the year, the children or the parents. We are looking forward to our upcoming classroom visits, and an evening with our preschool parents for orientation. Then, finally the big day arrives! The first day of classes for children for the 2014-2015 school year are Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Our annual "Meet Your Classmates Spaghetti Dinners" will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> and on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun time for the families to get to break bread with one another and be able to put names to faces of the children they see coming and going from school.

### Friends of the Preschool

We are hoping to have our "Guest Reader" program up and running within the next month or so. **If you would like to come down and share a story with us please contact either Jackie Ochsner or Susan Dollinger** and we will make sure you get on the list. If the stairs are a little challenging and you're interested in sharing a story let us know, we can always meet upstairs)



### October Events that you don't want to miss...

- ⇒ Oct 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Our Annual Trike-A-Thons. This event is guaranteed to make you smile. I will be posting a sponsor sheet for anyone wanting to sponsor me "Miss Jackie" for my laps around the race track.
- ⇒ Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Family Pumpkin Carving Night 6:30-7:30. A smashing good time.

The preschool staff would love to have you visit this year... Miss Jackie

~Jackie Ochsner, Preschool Director

### **Route 56 and Little Christians start September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Wednesday Evening Youth Programs at Family of Christ.

**The Little Christians** are preschoolers through the 4<sup>th</sup> grade



and they are having fun Wednesday nights with crafts and games. For more information see Tiffany Alexander or Jamie Leatherwood, or call the church office.



**Route 56** is the Wednesday night program for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Family of Christ. We are driving with God with faith, fun, and service.

**Both group meets from 6:00-7:00 every Wednesday night, starting September 10<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact Susan Dollinger at [Conglifemin@foclutheranchurch.org](mailto:Conglifemin@foclutheranchurch.org) for information.

**We hope to see you there! Bring your friends.**



## Building Relationships

### Grandparent's Day is coming September 7<sup>th</sup>!

The OWLs (Older and Wiser Lutherans) are gearing up for a fun intergenerational project on Grandparent's Day/Rally Sunday which is **September 7<sup>th</sup>**, we'd like everyone to participate in.



The OWLs will be putting up a tree trunk onto the back wall of the Family Room soon. On Rally day we'd like everyone to bring in pictures of their family group (i.e. the Murphy's, the Smith's) to create the leaves & branches. (similar to above photo)

#### Guidelines for photo submissions:

- ◆ Bring several pictures or one group picture or a combination of group and single pictures (limit 8) Preferred size of photos is 4x6 (5x7 is ok).
- ◆ Because these pictures are being taped onto the wall, please *do not bring in precious or heirloom photos!* Please make a copy on your printer or at Walgreens, etc. (We can make a copy on the printer in the office - please call ahead before Sunday Sept. 7th for an appointment with Susan Dollinger).
- ◆ Please write your name on the back if you want the pics returned.
- ◆ Don't bring hard framed pictures. However, If you would like to "frame" your pictures with a paper backing that would be great.

Option 1) **KEEP IT SIMPLE:** just bring in your pictures and we will set them up with your family name (s).

Option 2) **GET CREATIVE:** You can design a collage for your family tree. Please use paper products and know it may need to be stapled to the wall. Make sure it has your last name (s) in big letters. **Please use Fall colors for your background paper.** Please no bigger than a scrapbook page. Examples will be available in the narthex.

*Susan Dollinger, Congregational Life Coordinator*

CongLifeMin@foclutheranchurch.org



**Our next OWLs meeting will be in October.** Watch for announcements in the Sunday bulletin. We are celebrating a year of ministry by going out for lunch and we will be brainstorming ideas for the next year. This is a great time to join the OWLs group. All are welcome!

### Quilters At Family ~ Quilt Blessing Rally Sunday

Family of Christ Quilters have been busy the past several months cutting, sewing, and tying 13 quilts for the September 7th Quilt blessing.

If you can tie a knot or cut fabric, we could use your help. We'd be happy to have more people join us. We meet the 1st Monday of each month at 10 am in the church Family Room.

**Note:** Due to Labor Day holiday, Quilters will meet on Tuesday Sept. 2nd just this month.

### Opportunities Abound!

It's September and as you can see, things are gearing up for the program year. Rally Sunday is September 7<sup>th</sup> and we're celebrating Families at Family with a special emphasis on Grandparents Day! There will be a couple of special projects between services hosted by OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans-read article to the left on this page). Wednesday Family Night kicks off on September 10<sup>th</sup> (page 4), then Sunday School kickoff is September 14<sup>th</sup> (page 5).

*Get involved! You will be  
blessed!*

Soon we will be gearing up for our annual trunk-n-treat October 29th and to staff the Winter Hospitality Overflow (WHO) November 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, so save those dates! And let's not forget we'll be gathering coats, turkeys, & canned foods for the Christmas food boxes, and gifts for the Angel Tree. The choir is in rehearsal and bells are ringing. Bible studies and small groups are forming. There's the Children's Christmas program to plan, and in Advent we'll do Holden Evening Prayers on Wednesday nights! That's just the tip of the iceberg! It takes everyone being connected and involved to keep the ministry of Family moving strong. So, if you have not connected to a ministry, there's no time like the present! Get involved. You will be blessed!



*Through Confirmation Ministry*

**Confirmation Ministry** is what we call our faith formation ministry for young people in the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Confirmation class gathers on Sunday morning at 9:45 and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 -7:00 to explore the scriptures and Luther's Small Catechism by connecting the texts to our observations, experiences and lives. It's not just class work and studying! Along the way, our youth grow strong friendships with each other and wonderful relationships with the adult mentors who work with them. Our confirmation youth participate in service projects, confirmation camp, and fun activities all designed to foster faith and healthy relationships.

Once the youth complete this two year program, they are invited to make a public *affirmation of their baptism* in which they share their faith and make a commitment to continue in the promises of their baptism and take their places as adult members of the Congregation.



*Moving Purposely into God's future...*

Our **Worship Ministry Team** is leading the way as we continue to shape the ministry of FOC to be vibrant and inspirational! This fall we will move to the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal adopted by the ELCA several years ago. We will learn a new upbeat Kyrie in October, a beautiful new liturgy setting in January, and some new hymns. Our choir will learn these new worship settings in advance, so they will be ready to support the congregation as we learn. Don't worry, we will rotate the new worship settings with ones we already know and love. Worship settings are not all you'll find in the new ELW, it's a treasure-trove of scripture, prayers, and Luther's Small Catechism. Be sure to check it out! We appreciate your patience and your feedback as we explore the new resource Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

*Through Congregational Life Ministry*

We have met once and are busy planning our Oktober Fest to be held at Cameron's property! We will meet 2 more times. Monday, September 8 at 10:00 am at Cameron's and Monday, September 22 at 10:00 am at Cameron's ! If any of you want to be a part of this, please feel free to join us.

*Through Worship Ministry*

The Worship Ministry Team wishes to thank all of you who volunteer to help at worship services. We would like to make sure that each worship volunteer knows what they are to do and when they are to do it in order to make worship more meaningful for all.

Therefore, there will be a meeting for all persons who schedule worship helpers or anyone interested in **worship prep or Altar Guild on Wednesday, Sept 3 at 10 am in the library.**

*Through Property Committee*

**The Bathrooms are almost finished!**



Because of your generosity, the gift from our preschool, the leadership of Gary Endresen and Dale Wilken, lots of volunteers and hundreds of hours of hard work we will soon have two ADA bathrooms in the narthex. Thanks to everyone that helped:

Gary and Sue Endresen, Dale Wilken, Rick Oschner, Tom & Sandi Sandeen, Keith and Becky Lowery, Ken Rausch, Randy and Randi Osborn, Don Martin, Jim Collier, Harold Broers and a few others that prefer not to be listed.

The Bathrooms are Beautiful!!!



**Library Update ~ It's Almost Ready!**

A **huge appreciation** to all the volunteers that came out and helped in the FOC library on August 20th. Thanks to their efforts, the majority of the library books are labeled, organized and shelved. Though the shelves are almost full, there are several tasks to be done before the library opens. So at this time, please *do not take any books or bring any donations* until the library "officially" opens.



Thank you to... Greg Shaw, Pat Shaw, Carol Collell, Joann Munson, Jeanne Downing, Barbara Martin, Sue Lincoln & Dave & Karen Yankee. (Also, not pictured Arlene Larson and Don Martin.)

**NEW! "Ring Of Joy" Inter-Generational Bell Choir**

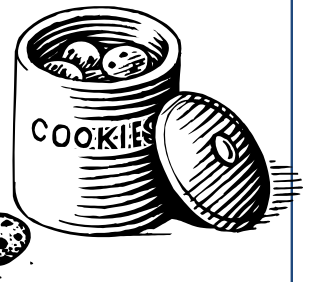


We invite all ages to get involved in a newly forming inter-generational hand bell choir coming this September, called "The Ring of Joy". We'd like to see our hand bell choir area enlarged to fit 11-22 ringers! Let's get the full sound of bells going with youth and adults. We will open the doors of heaven with the ringing of many bells.

We'll meet Wednesday 5:30-6:15 pm, starting Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup>. Ages 6<sup>th</sup> grade through adults are invited to come learn. No experience necessary, come check it out.



**Cookies for College Resumes**



We will be resuming the Cookies for College Ministry for Family of Christ graduates who are attending college out of town or going into the Military this fall. Again thanks to all who helped this ministry in any way last year, we couldn't have done this without your help. That being said, we will be needing your help again this year.

If you can bake cookies, help pack on the 3rd Saturday of the month, or are willing to donate money to help pay for postage, please let us know. If you have an out of town college student or a youth in the Military please contact Susan or myself with their address. We will be sending cookies out on the 3rd Saturday in Sept., Oct., Nov., and the second Saturday in Feb., March, and April.

Thanks a bunch!  
Susan Nance or Lynne Dalleck 360-727-3312

**Marriage Ministry**

*Submitted by Jeri Hanneman*

Loneliness is the absence of intimacy. Loneliness doesn't come from being alone; it comes from feeling alone.

Do you feel alone in your marriage? It could be that loneliness is God's way of getting our attention.

Heed the warning signs. Discover five tools to keep your marriage relationship a priority.

REFRESH--RE-ENERGIZE--RECONNECT in your marriage on a MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND.

If you've already attended a Weekend in the previous decade or beyond, consider a tune-up.

November 7-9 in Portland at the Comfort Suites-Portland Airport; November 14-16 in Renton, WA; \$45 application fee per couple.

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN NOW for these weekends at [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org)



Learn more at: <http://www.chinaconnectonline.org/>





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***Electronic Giving is a convenient way to automate your offering.*** It's a great way to practice first fruits giving and to stay on track with your support of our shared ministry.

Collection basket offerings fluctuate significantly from week to week but when contributions are automated, the church receives the funds it needs to operate on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

*It is easy to get started! Sign-up forms are available on our website; or contact our Financial Secretary, Greg Shaw.*

[finsecretary@foclutheranchurch.org](mailto:finsecretary@foclutheranchurch.org)

You can cancel at anytime.



Friends of the Carpenter Annual Auction, 10-18-14

**Save the Date:**

**October 18**

Friends of the Carpenter's  
Annual Dinner & Auction

5:30 to 10:00 p.m  
The Hilton Hotel  
301 West 6th Street, Vancouver

Tickets: \$75 per person

*We continue to work with so many in our community who struggle with needs that are both material and spiritual, so our theme this year is 'Building Futures Full of Hope and Dreams'.*

For more information: 360-750-4752 or  
[www.friendsofthecarpenter.org](http://www.friendsofthecarpenter.org)



**Summer Mission Partner**

All summer long and through Sept. 30th our mission partner support will go to Friends of the Carpenter. Friends of the Carpenter is a Day Shelter and resource for those in need in our community who struggle with various forms of poverty.

At the Friendship Center folks can gather for fellowship and participate in various wood crafts. Volunteers and participants work together as equals. At the Friendship Center and FOC's Second Chance Thrift Store opportunities for vocational and skills training abound!

Special envelopes are in the pews or at the informational bulletin board in the narthex. Be sure and put "Mission Partner-FOC" on the memo line of your check.

Check them out @ [www.friendsofthecarpenter.org](http://www.friendsofthecarpenter.org)



### Around the ELCA

#### Lutheran Disaster Response

#### Ebola Outbreak

The deadly Ebola virus appeared in the West African country of Guinea early in 2014 and has now spread to Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. The disease had been unknown in that region until then. On Aug. 4, the World Health Organization reported at least 1,700 cases with more than 900 deaths, making it the deadliest outbreak of the disease in recorded history.

Our Response: Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to walking with our brothers and sisters affected by the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. Operating through our partners and our companion churches, we are supplying and shipping by air essential protective gear and supplies to protect medical workers at Phebe Hospital and Curran Lutheran Hospital in Liberia. Thanks to your gifts, Lutheran Disaster Response is responding now to assist medical professionals affected by the Ebola outbreak. Partnering with Global Health Ministries and the Lutheran Church in Liberia, gifts have been used to provide protective gear for medical workers. -

See more at: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Ebola#sthash.916YTS14.dpuf>

### Giving Grace and Street Dinners

Submitted by Social Ministry Chairperson, Judy Enders

The homeless ministry at Giving Grace is still alive and well with the help of Steve Young and his men living in the little yellow house. Bible study is offered each week to anyone who wants to come and a counselor from Community Service Northwest stops by to visit with folks, drinking coffee each morning in the garage and in the driveway. It's a very busy place to visit. Dave and I go down each Wednesday morning to bring snacks and socks, so if any of you want to go along, we'd love to take you with us.

This week we held a men's "spa" night with foot soaking for "tired tootsies", clean socks, and cheese cake thanks to a donation from Debbie Broers' son. There were about 15 men soaking feet all evening and for just a little while, relaxing and almost forgetting the cares of the day. We gave out lots of clean socks, shirts, and underwear from those we've had donated. If you can contribute to these items, they are always needed and welcomed. We use a lot of black crew socks and white crew socks.



Our Sunday night street dinners have increased to 4 stops downtown serving between 40-60 people. The folks love getting milk and orange juice as well as a full hot dinner so if you would like to help with items, we can always use hot dishes, salads, milk, or juice. We use about 2 gallons of each per Sunday.

We are making many friendships and can count 125 names of people we know on the street. If you'd like to join us some Sunday night, please let me know. God is good and so is life.

### September Serving Schedule

|                     | September 7          |                        | September 14          |                        | September 21        |                     | September 28           |                       |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|                     | 8:30                 | 11AM                   | 8:30                  | 11AM                   | 8:30                | 11AM                | 8:30                   | 11AM                  |
| Greeters            | Hazel Olson          | Dale & Marilyn Wilken  | Greg & Pat Shaw       | Al & Janet Jaffe       | Dave & Karen Yankee | Teare Caton         | Dee Berberick          | Jerry & Eddie Dietzen |
| Ushers              | Les & Beth Stark     | Andrew Ness            | Don & Barbara Martin  | Marie Tilden Kim Koon  | Cliff Benjamin      | Gary Endresen       | George & Carol Hoffman | Jerry Dietzen         |
| Acolytes            | Piper Cameron        | Christien Born         | Kylie Terry           | Valerie Patterson      | Charlie Cameron     | Diedrich Eisenbarth | Dylan Terry            | James Hastings        |
| Assisting Ministers | Don Nelson           | Gail Seickman          | Neal Adolf            | Neal Adolf             | Susie Caton         | Linda Marousek      | Ian Caton              | Marie Tilden          |
| Cantors             | Don Nelson           | Dale Wilken            | Neal Adolf            | Neal Adolf             | Susie Caton         | Jeanne Downing      | Ian Caton              | Brian Hanneman        |
| Readers             | Cecilia Shepard      | Dave Holmquist         | Greg Shaw             | Dana Chapman           | Karen Yankee        | Teare Caton         | Dylan/Stepanie Terry   | Jerry Dietzen         |
| Communion Hosts     | Randy & Randi Osborn | Brian & Laura Harris   | Jennifer Beems        | Harold & Debbie Broers | Connie Marshall     | Sandra Farrell      | Rick & Jackie Oschner  | Cliff & Debra Jones   |
| Coffee              | Jennifer Beems       | Harold & Debbie Broers | McKCabe & Amy Karcher | Andrew & Carolyn Ness  | Dale & Betty Perry  | Andrew & Kathy Jans | Sandie Beems           | Rachel Nelson         |

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| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|
|   | <b>1 Labor Day</b><br>(office closed)  | <b>2</b><br>10 am Quilters<br>(rescheduled from Monday )   | <b>3</b><br>10 am Altar Guild<br>Worship Help<br>Scheduler's<br>6:30 pm Choir   | <b>4</b><br>10 am OWL's<br><br>1 pm Caregiver Support at<br>Judy Enders                            | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>9 am to Noon<br>Fall Clean Up          |
| <b>7 Rally Sunday/<br/>Grandparents Day</b><br>8:30 & 11 am Worship<br>9:45 am Activities/<br>Fellowship<br>7 pm Centering Prayer | <b>8</b><br>10 am Oktoberfest<br>Planning @ Cameron's<br><br>(7-9 pm Boy Scouts)   | <b>9</b><br>10 am Pastor led Bible<br>Study<br>12:45 Staff Meeting<br>6:30 pm Adult Bells  | <b>10 Family Night Resumes</b><br>1 pm Woman's Bible Study<br>@ Donna Lucky's<br>5-6:30 Dinner<br>5:30-6:15 Ring of Joy Bells<br>6-7 pm Family Groups*<br>6:30 pm Choir                                     | <b>11</b><br><br>(5:30 pm Sons of Italy)   | <b>12</b>                                       | <b>13</b>  |
| <b>14 Million Meals</b><br><b>In-Gathering</b><br>8:30 & 11 am Worship<br>9:45 am Sunday School<br>7 pm Centering Prayer          | <b>15</b><br><b>*Illuminate Newsletter</b><br><b>Articles Due today</b><br>8:30 am Prayer Breakfast<br>at Jollies Restaurant | <b>16</b><br>10 am Pastor led Bible<br>Study<br>6:30 pm Adult Bells<br>6:30 pm Sanctuary: Safe<br>Conversations on Gay                                       | <b>17</b><br>1 pm Woman's Bible Study<br>@ Donna Lucky's<br>5-6:30 Dinner<br>5:30-6:15 Ring of Joy Bells<br>6-7 pm Family Groups*<br>6:30 pm Choir  | <b>18</b><br>11:30 am Sr. Lunch Bunch<br>(5-9 pm ALSWA)<br>6:00 pm Exec.<br>6:30 pm Church Council | <b>19</b>                                       | <b>20</b><br>9 am Pack Cookies<br>for College      |
| <b>21</b><br>8:30 & 11 am Worship<br>9:45 am Sunday School<br>7 pm Centering Prayer   | <b>22</b><br>10 am Oktoberfest<br>Planning @ Cameron's<br><br>(7-9 pm Boy Scouts)  | <b>23</b><br>10 am Pastor led Bible<br>Study<br><br>6:30 pm Adult Bells | <b>24</b><br>1 pm Woman's Bible Study<br>@ Donna Lucky's<br>5-6:30 Dinner<br>5:30-6:15 Ring of Joy Bells<br>6-7 pm Family Groups*<br>6:30 pm Choir  | <b>25</b><br>5 pm Preschool<br>Spaghetti Dinner  | <b>26</b><br>5 pm Preschool<br>Spaghetti Dinner | <b>27</b><br>Oktoberfest 3-7 pm<br>@ The Cameron's |
| <b>28</b><br>8:30 & 11 am Worship<br>9:45 am Sunday School<br>7 pm Centering Prayer   | <b>29</b><br><br>(7-9 pm Boy Scouts)   | <b>30</b><br>10 am Pastor led Bible<br>Study<br><br>6:30 pm Adult Bells  | <b>*Family Groups on Wednesday's</b><br><b>Bible Study Book Group by Edie<br/>Dietzen &amp; Linda Maurosek;</b><br><b>Little Christians ages prek-4th grade &amp;<br/>Route 56 for 5th &amp; 6th grades</b> |                 |   |  |
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**Mark Your Calendar! We return to two services 8:30 & 11 on Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>!**



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