

# The Messenger



Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

## Worship News

### **Be a Blessing and Be Blessed**

Christ teaches that happiness lies only in giving not having or getting anything. Our church needs each of us to continue in our gracious giving and to think about using our gifts to enrich others. Most of us give, but do we give with the essence of generosity that is in self-sacrifice. We need to pray often about are giving not just at the beginning of each year or our consistent routine of giving. As Amy Carmichael said, "You can always give without loving, but you can never love without giving." Be a cheerful, loving giver, so others & you are blessed!

September 2017

## Worship With Us

### **Sunday Service Sept. 3**

9:30 am

Unified Worship

### **Starting Sept. 10**

8:00 am

Praise and Thanksgiving

10:30 am

Traditional Communion Liturgy

### **This Month in Worship**

#### **Sept. 3**

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer for the sake of our suffering world.

#### **Sept. 10**

The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is fulfilling of the law. We gather in Christ's name, assured that he is present among us with gift of peace and reconciliation.

#### **Sept. 17**

When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be sins of reconciliation in the world.

#### **Sept. 24**

When God changes his mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is merciful abounding in steadfast love.

<p><b>Blessing Bags</b> Here are the items to collect this month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• toothbrush</li> <li>• toothpaste</li> <li>• floss/picks</li> <li>• small bar of soap</li> <li>• small deodorant</li> <li>• small bottle of shampoo/conditioner</li> <li>• comb</li> <li>• sunscreen</li> <li>• chapstick</li> <li>• personal hygiene item for women</li> </ul> <p>Keep bringing these items to the container in the fellowship room. You are a blessing to those who get these bags.</p>	<p><b>God's Work, Our Hands</b> Sunday, September 10 is a day that is recognized by all Lutheran Churches in an effort to reach out to the community and to those in need. This year we will focus on bringing items for the blessing bags. These bags will be assembled later this year, and once blessed at the Christmas Program, and will be taken to the homeless and those in need. Please review the list that is in the Messenger and the Sunday bulletin and give as you can. Thank you. Education and Youth Witness and Service</p>  <p><small>www.churchofchrist.com 347949160</small></p>	<p><b>Two Birthdays</b> Did you know that you had two birthdays? Yes, you do! One is the day you were born and the other is your birth into God's realm, your baptism. I encourage you to celebrate both. I have a sheet giving you suggestions on how to celebrate your baptism which will be available on the Sundays in September at church. Baptism for us is a sacred event bringing forgiveness and the Holy Spirit for the new life in Christ. We want to daily remember our baptism as we rise to new life. We see and touch the water in the baptism bowl as we enter and exit our worship. Pastor Ron</p>
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## Those Who Serve

Serving	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24
<b>Altar Guild</b>	S Tengelson	P Strand	K Gonzalez	K Linn
<b>Flowers</b>	S Tengelson	K Allred		
<b>Greeters</b>	J Matt	R Scholz E Scholz	S Cole	A Shaddix
<b>Organist</b>	B Pearson	B Dahlin	B Dahlin	B Pearson
<b>Usher</b>	S/M Cole	S/M Cole	M Cole	S/M Cole
<b>Lector</b>	J Emery	M Cole	M Cole	D Wright
<b>Acolyte</b>	G Olson	Sa White	K Avila	J Avila
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	D Grochau	Sh White	K Linn	K Reenstierna
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	M Olson S Tengelsen T Hair	D Strand P Strand	M Cole K Gonzalez	D Grabow K Linn
<b>Money Counters</b>	D Grabow T Hair	P Strand B Emery	K Pendleton D Fry	R Scholz S Rose

# News

## President Steve's Message

My friends in Christ,

I heard from many members who enjoyed our church's one service this summer. They liked worshipping together as one body. I have also heard from others who missed the music or the way communion is distributed at the early service or the later service. These friends will be happy to hear that we will be going back to our regular two services on September 10. Thank you to everyone for coming together and making the single service work while we found our Intentional Interim Pastor, Pastor Ron. Even as you return to your preferred service, feel free to occasionally visit the other service to say hi to friends and see how the other half lives!

## Helping Those In Need

ELCA – Disaster Relief Fund

Address:

ELCA – Disaster Relief

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116

Give to the American Red Cross [Red Cross Harvey Relief](#)

Give to Lutheran Disaster Response – ["US Hurricane Relief"](#)

Monetary donations may be given to the ELCA Disaster Relief by noting "Disaster Relief" on your offering envelope.

### Sunday School/Youth

Sunday School will begin on September 17 and a Youth Bible Study on 17.

Kelly Armstrong will begin youth activities on Sept. 24.

### Labor Day

September 4



**Celebrate**  
*the work of our hands*  
**Labor Day**

Do You Like Music?

Do You Like To Sing In The Shower?

Then We Have A Place For You!!!!

**All God's Creatures Got A Place In The Choir!**



Come join us for a "meet and greet" between services on September 10. Coffee, juice and donuts will be provided. No experience necessary, just love of music and fellowship!

### Bunco - EMA

Mark your calendar for October 20 at 5:30 pm for a night at Saron of fun, fellowship and playing bunco. This is a fundraiser for those in need in our community. Vouchers will be given for purchases from our local grocery stores. This is an important event and gives each of us a chance to reach out to others with our gift. Tickets will be on sale October 1 for \$20.00. Come and have fun and feast at the potato bar.

## Sharing

### Reformation Message From ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

The 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation is not only a time for reflection on the rich history of this church, but also a chance to look forward to what lies ahead for all of us. It's an exciting time to be Lutheran as we come together with the Roman Catholic Church on the foundation of our common heritage.

Rick Steve's Luther and reformation is a wonderful resource for all of us to better understand our Lutheran roots and help us in our continued journey of understanding the gospel.

**At Saron on September 23 at 4pm**, you are invited to watch Rick Steves' Luther and Reformation video. There will be refreshments, a sharing of Deborah Grochau's "Lutherland" travelogue, and a time for questions and answers. Be sure to come and see how Luther unleashed a storm of change, kicking off the most important event of the last millennium---the Protestant Reformation. Luther's epiphany of the "Good News" was when he discovered in the Bible the idea that people can't earn salvation but are saved by faith alone.

You may also wish to attend in October the Synod-wide celebration of the Anniversary of the Reformation. (Flyer is on the next page.)

### Stewardship Ministry Team

We give thanks to all that help (those who attended, and those behind the scenes) to make the Activity Faire such a success. We appreciate your faithful service. It truly was a great afternoon of fellowship and learning. With grateful hearts, we know the following is true: 'You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.' 2 Corinthians 9:11 Thank you again for your giving spirits!



A special thank you to Steve Pearson for faithfully taking out the garbage cans weekly.

### C.A.R.E.

Please continue your giving by providing pasta & sauce to assist with food distribution at C.A.R.E. Monetary donations are always needed to provide for those in need within our community. Continue to keep C.A.R.E. in your prayers; especially as they seek a new location from which to provide service in Escalon.



### Future Events

#### October 20

Christmas Fund Bunco Night

#### November 11

Kris Kringle

#### November 19

Thankoffering Sunday

#### Dec. 10

Santa Lucia & Children Program

#### Dec. 2

Paint Night

#### Dec. 24

Candlelight Services of Holy Communion – 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 2017 3:00 P.M.**

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Past-Present-Future**

**A SYNOD-WIDE CELEBRATION OF THE  
500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION**



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