

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I want to take a moment to talk about a civil holiday this month instead of a religious one.

Of course, for September the civil holiday is Labor Day. Labor Day, (or Labour Day for you anglophiles and Canadians) came about in the late 1800's as the labor movements grew. By the early 1900's it was slowly, being recognized by most of the states.

Most of us enjoy Labor Day as the last official mark of summer. After Labor Day, we usually look toward fall. The old adage that you do not wear white after Labor Day, is a recognition of that (I think?) In many northern states, they do not begin school until after Labor Day.

Why talk about a civil holiday? In Scripture it often talks about Shepherds, what does a shepherd do but labor? In a couple of parables, Jesus also talked about laborers.

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. (Matthew 20:1-9)

We often forget how needed laborers are for our lives here on earth. On Labor day most of us will be home, sitting back watching TV in our air conditioned houses, cooking on a BBQ, and enjoying our day off. However, where would that day be without the laborers? All those folks who make the AC happen (like here at church), the TV we watch happen, the folks that work on the broadcast end, the butcher who cut the meat, the worker who built the BBQ grill. We often forget the work that is involved for us to be able to enjoy our life. Is it any wonder Paul wrote: *“For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer deserves his wages.” (1 Timothy 5:18)*

Even God valued the laborer. *Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Exodus 20:9-11)*

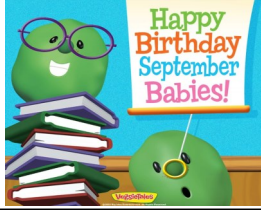
We live in a culture that values hard work. There is nothing wrong with hard work, but we also need to balance that off with enjoying the gifts that God has given us.

I hope that you enjoy your Labor Day, day off, and may God bless those who will have to work, so we can enjoy our time off.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Marshall

OTHER NEWS



Birthdays for the month of September

- 8 Rachel Clinton
- 9 James Marshall
- 10 Matthew Shorts
- 16 Cherrie Bradley
- 24 Ben Bradley
- 29 Gary McClure
- 29 Casey Bunting

If we forgot you, we apologize, it means we most likely don't have it. Please see that the office receives it. Thanks

Perfect Attendance!

Sunday School Attendance for the month of August

- Adults:**
 Don Richter
 Pat Baughman
 Tricia & Harold Jacobs
 Sharon Calabretta
 Donna Marshall
 Cathy Webb
 Pastor Marshall

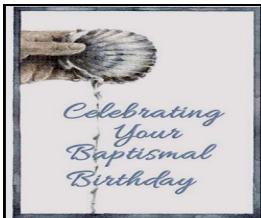


Sunday Average Attendance for last half of July & first half of August – 40

Sunday Average Attendance online for last half of July & first half of August – 7

Views – 9

Last half of July & first half of August Offerings – \$13,418.50



Baptismal Anniversaries for the month of September

- Jeanette Bunting
- Phillip Dunger
- Christian Dunger
- Erin Foster
- Steve Lochmann
- Faithe Summer
- Steve Shorts
- Mitch Wessels
- Hope Puddephatt
- Pete Smykla

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USE CODE PEEL22 AT CHECKOUT
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Another Craft Day in the Fellowship Hall

There will be another craft afternoon on September 7th in the Fellowship Hall starting at 1 pm. These are such enjoyable afternoons with other crafters from our church. We really enjoy creativity and fellowship. Please join us with whatever craft you like and a snack.



LWML NEWS

MARY GUILD

Pat Baughman opened the August LWML Mary Guild meeting with a devotion entitled, "Welcoming the Light." (Isaiah 21:11-13) Isaiah described the world of his day: wars, little countries caught in the middle of wars, people desperate and wondering what would happen next. Watchmen were on duty on the city walls twenty-fours a day. "Watchman, what time of the night?" inquired the people. Watchman replied, "Morning comes." Yes, the morning comes and Jesus's Word is being proclaimed by Christians throughout the world. *"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."* (John 3:17)

Roll call was answered by ten members and Pastor Marshall. The minutes were approved followed by the officers' reports. We discussed sponsoring a seminary student. Pastor Marshall will obtain information about this. There was one birthday celebrant, Susan Marshall, who, unfortunately could not attend the meeting. Hostess for the day was Karen Witt.

September 5, 2024: Devotion---Kaye Meins
Topic----Pastor Marshall
Hostess----Julie Shorts
Mission Project--
Monetary donation for Lutheran Braille Workers

Cherrie Bradley led a discussion based on the hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be." Hymns and songs of praise have been used in worship settings for generations. They are used to praise the Holy One, to lift the people's spirits and remind us that our Lord has called us to serve Him. This particular

hymn is a testament of our dedication to the Lord. Each line begins with "take" as we offer ourselves to the service of God. As the group discussion progressed Cherrie helped remind us of the many things we can do to spread the Word and how we can help the poor and lost in the world.

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be consecrated,
Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days, let
them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at
the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and
beautiful for Thee.

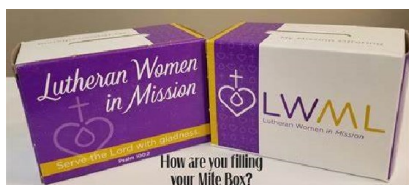
Take my voice, and let me sing always,
only for my King.

Submitted by
Kaye Meins

Esther Guild Mailbox Member Program

Esther Guild mailbox member group is available to those who cannot commit to a monthly, in person, meeting. As a member, each month you will receive an email with a devotion, news around LWML, and have an opportunity to contribute to mites that support the missions of Lutheran Women in Mission. Here is a link to the bible study that was sent out in July. Take a look and see what you think [Go Ahead, Jump! - Lutheran Women's Missionary League \(360unite.com\)](https://www.360unite.com)

If you are not on the Esther Guild mailing list and would like to be, please let Erin Foster know and she will add you to the group.



PUZZLE



AMAZING ILLUMINATION

God grants us knowledge and understanding through his holy Word, which is like a flashlight.

Directions: Arrange the words from Psalm 119:105 (NIV) in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete James 1:5 (NIV).

PATH IS LIGHT WORD
YOUR A FEET
MY FOR LAMP A ON MY

Psalm 119:105, NIV

If any of you lacks _____, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. *James 1:5, NIV*

July 18, 2024

Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church ,

Greetings in the name of the Lord. The apostle Paul exhorted Timothy: "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." (2 Timothy 2:2) Heeding these words of the Apostle Paul, by the grace of God, we continue to form pastors who will serve the Lord in Latin America.

On behalf of ourselves and the Lutheran Churches of Latin America, we thank you for your pledge gift of \$500.00 . God is using your generous donation in a powerful way as it provides materials and pastoral formation for future pastors who will serve the Lord throughout Latin America. Our most recent graduates, Freddy Navarro of Bolivia and Demetrio Perez of Panama, have gone on to serve as pastors in their respective countries. Your prayers and financial support helped to form these national pastors.

On a sad note, Panamanian national pastor Patricio Mora recently suffered a brain bleed.

Patricio has made some progress as he is now eating on his own and recovering his speech ability. Please remember him in your prayers as he continues the road to recovery.

From the 20th until the 24th of June Dan was in Peru team teaching a deaconess training module with regional deaconess coordinator Danelle Putnam. We give thanks to God for the deaconesses who participated in this conference. During his time there Dan was joyfully reunited with a Venezuelan youth whom he confirmed in 1995 while he was still serving the Lord in Venezuela. Due to the oppressive conditions in Venezuela, this woman had to leave her home country and emigrated to Peru 8 years ago. The Lord is using this woman in a very special way as she serves the Lord as a deaconess in Lima, Peru.

During this week we have welcomed the Shaver family and the Webber family to the Dominican Republic where they will serve the Lord the Lord as missionaries. Both families are presently going through an orientation period that emphasizes language learning and cultural adaptation. Please keep these new missionary families as they make the transition to their new country of service to the Lord.

Enclosed please find a photo of Dan posing with regional deaconess coordinator Danelle Putnam and the Peruvian deaconesses who participated in a training seminary in Lima, Peru. We thank God for your prayers and support that provide materials and mentoring for these deaconesses. God's richest blessings!

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 2:20-21)

In Christ,


Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad



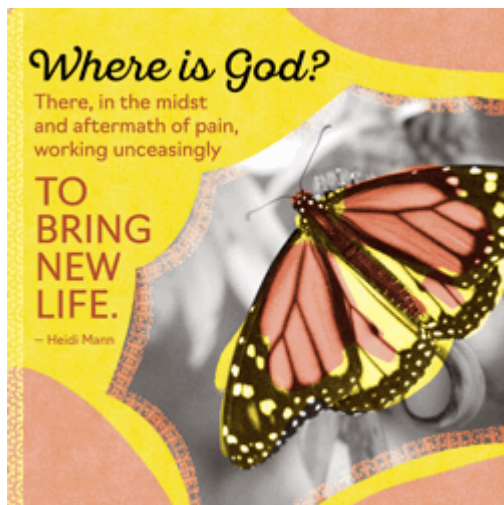
The significance of Patriot Day

Three months after the 2001 terrorist attacks, Congress approved a joint resolution designating September 11 as Patriot Day. Every year, we pause to remember the lives lost and changed on that autumn morning.

The resolution requests that each year the president issue a proclamation calling on the American people and state and local governments to observe the day with appropriate activities. Those include remembrance services, candlelight vigils, moments of silence and flying the U.S. flag at half-staff.

In his 2023 proclamation President Biden said, “Together, may we continue to demonstrate that the rights and freedoms that those terrorists sought to destroy on September 11, 2001, remain unwavering – strengthened by generations of Americans who have dared all and risked all to defend, protect and preserve our democracy.”

Being Christ amid pain



In December 2023, a tanker truck carrying 9,000 gallons of gasoline tipped on its side in Totona, Liberia. For two hours, a party atmosphere ensued as people living in poverty rushed to gather gas dripping from the vehicle. But then, the tanker suddenly exploded. Dozens of people died instantly or were severely burned. Thousands have endured deep trauma and grief. How could life go on? Where was God?

Yet, life did go on – not easily, but in this way: Medical staff and others rallied to care for all who were suffering physically and emotionally. A nearby church held comforting worship services, and its choir went to homes to sing messages of hope. Parishes and disaster-response ministries sent teams from near and far to support people through post-traumatic stress, income loss due to disability, the birth of babies whose young fathers had died in the blast, children’s transition back to school and more.

These Christian caregivers and comforters couldn’t bring instant, perfect healing. But by connecting with people who were grieving and struggling, they have become the presence of Christ.

Where is God? There, in the midst and aftermath of pain, working unceasingly to bring new life.

—Heidi Hyland Mann (source: *Living Lutheran*, May 13, 2024)

Puzzle!

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV). Put the words in order on the spaces below to complete the Bible verse.

JOHN 6:35

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WORD LIST

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will thirsty whoever

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"I _____

_____."

-John 6:35, NIV

Answer: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty;" John 6:35, NIV

September 2024

	Elder	Ushers	Lector	Flowers by...	Counters
SUN 1	Waymond Meins Steve Lochmann	Harold Jacobs	Cherrie Bradley	The Bradley Family	Judy Clinton Julie Shorts Sharon Calabretta
SUN 8	Steve Shorts Waymond Meins	Phillip Dunger	Steve Shorts	Judy Clinton "In celebration of Rachel's birthday"	Phillip & Amanda Dunger
SUN 15	Bill Witt Steve Shorts	Robert Floyd	Robert Floyd	Pastor & Donna "In memory of their son Donald's birthday and in celebration of their son James' birthday""	Tricia Jacobs Cherrie Bradley Lynne Russell
SUN 22	Phillip Dunger Bill Witt	Steve Lochmann	Erin Foster	Steve & Julie Shorts "In celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary"	Joyce Anne Green Charleen Weathers
SUN 29	Steve Lochmann Phillip Dunger	Bill Witt	Steve Lochmann	Sharon Calabretta "In memory of loved ones"	Tricia Jacobs Lynne Russell Cherrie Bradley

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Service Attendants

Altar Care: Kaye Meins & Phyllis Dunger

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 12:00 Elders Meeting 15 th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Labor Day	3	4	5 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Study 1:00 Mary Guild	6	7 1:00 Craft Day
8 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 16 th Sunday after Pentecost	9	10 9:00 Circuit Pastor's Meeting St. Luke, Malvern	11 Patriot Day	12 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Study	13	14
15 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 12:00 Council Meeting 17 th Sunday after Pentecost	16	17	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Study	20	21
22 Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox) 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 19 th Sunday after Pentecost	23	24	25 10:00 Newsletter Committee	26 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Study TBA S.E. District Fair @ Hestand Stadium	27	28
29 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion Mighty Mite Sunday 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	30					

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