



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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News & Notes

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Regular Worship Schedule

Worship will continue at 8:30am and 11:00am

Our Thursday evening service continues at 7:00PM each week

Reformation Service (Festival Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation) at St. Paul's Sunday, October 29 one service at 10:00 am!



Our Devotions Group, Tuesday, October 3rd 10-11am

Continue with us on the First Tuesday of the month from 10am-11am in the Parish Hall for a new "Devotions" group. This month our reflection will be about Martin Luther and the Reformation!

Adult Sunday School

Beginning on October 8 at 9:45am Dave Shank, Pastor Carolyn's husband, will be leading a new adult Sunday School class.

The topic will be Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book Life Together. The books cost \$12. In order to get a copy of the book, please email the church office, or write it on your yellow sheet this weekend! Payment can be marked as such and put in the offering plate or given to Pastor Carolyn.

Dave has a M.A.R. in Systematic Theology from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and Yale Divinity School and an M.DIV from Wesley Theological Seminary. His thesis at Gettysburg was focused on Bonhoeffer's work!

Trunk-Or-Treat Sunday, October 29th

Bring your car "dressed" for Halloween, and yourself dressed up, with candy or goodies to give out to the kids!

Bring the kids along to go "trick-or-treating" at each car in the parking lot.

If you are bringing your car along to participate please arrive at 5:30pm so we can get set up.

If you are coming to do the trick-or-treating please arrive between 6:00pm and 7:30pm!

Coming Summer 2018 –ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX

June 27-July 1, 2018

We have 9 youth and 2 adults from St. Paul's who will be attending. We will soon have information about our fund raising efforts available!

Youth Schedule—

October 8 Youth Night from 6:30pm-8:00pm

October 20 Corn Maze trip (cost and times to be determined)

October 22 Youth Night from 6:30pm-8:00pm

Upcoming Events:

- OCT 1ST SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
- OCT 3RD DEVOTIONS GROUP
- OCT 8TH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF
- OCT 8TH YOUTH NIGHT 6:30-8PM
- OCT 20TH CORN MAZE
- OCT 22ND YOUTH NIGHT 6:30-8PM
- OCT 29TH ONE SERVICE REFORMATION SUNDAY
- OCT 29TH TRUNK-OR-TREAT

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Pastor's Corner

Autumn Greetings everyone!,

My article for this month is really three different topics, so it is divided into two sections...

Pastoral Changes

Over the summer, I spent time writing about changes here at St. Paul's. This month, we return to this topic. This time, its Pastoral Changes. To get this out there first:

NEITHER PASTOR GERRY NOR I ARE LEAVING! What is changing is the amount of time Pastor Gerry will be with us each week.

To ease into retirement, Pastor Gerry is decreasing his time with us from three days a week and one Sunday a month (plus the Thursday night service) to being with us one day a week and continuing his schedule of preaching here once a month. He will continue to focus on visitation, so what this means is the visits will be concentrated to his one day per week. The one day he will generally be here is Friday. That is my Sabbath day, which means he will be "on call" for emergencies on Friday as well as doing scheduled visits.

Pastor Gerry will continue to be the Pastor of the Community of St. Dysmas. Being here one Sunday a month allows him to continue travel around the Synod sharing that work with other congregations on the weeks when he is not with us at St. Paul's.

Pastor Gerry will also generally be the person to fill in on weekends when I am away from the congregation for vacation or events as well as being on call during those times.

His work here is greatly appreciated and he has made many connections to the members of our congregation. While he will be decreasing his time as a way to prepare for full retirement, I am glad he is continuing to serve here with us!

Reformation 500

As you have heard, this October 31 marks the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Each year we have a festive worship service to commemorate this event. This year, since it's the 500th anniversary, our celebration will be even more festive! **Join us on October 29th for this very special worship service! We will have one service that day, at 10:00AM!**

LEAD Assessment

September 24 through October 8 we will be participating in the LEAD Assessment. The Assessment is 20 questions and computers will be set up on Sunday mornings (and Thursday evenings) for you to participate while you are at church. If you prefer, there will be inserts with instructions to complete the assessment at home as well as hard copies at church which can be filled out and returned to the office.

This assessment gives us information about the congregation which will help us as we go through this LEAD process together! Please take time to participate either following a worship service or at home!

Peace,

Pastor Carolyn



"If you are
not allowed
to laugh in
heaven, I
don't want to
go there."

Martin Luther

Associate Pastor

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Ken Keefer just walked into my office wearing his Thrivent “Living Generously” T-Shirt” (which he likely got for free). He and his shirt got me thinking about stewardship, living generously and benevolence.

Christian stewardship cannot be taught as most things are taught. It can be caught by spiritually. It can be encouraged by example. It can be passed on by mentors. It can be only learned by experience.

Ralph Waldo Emerson truthfully remarked; “What you are speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say.” What the church practices when it comes to giving... speaks loudly to its members , to its community and the world.

I wish we would use the term giving more. It seems to me that “stewardship” is a concept that we emphasize only once a year, while “giving” is an action that happens year around. The church needs fewer concepts and more actions. The persons who best understand stewardship are the good givers (by “good” I mean proportionally not necessarily the amount). Just because a person preaches (or writes) about stewardship, does not mean they necessarily understand stewardship.

Giving money away to missions and benevolences present the church with its finest opportunity to teach stewardship by example, or to practice what it preaches!

Believe it or not there are churches that give away as much as they spend on their own budgets. Those churches are teachers of stewardship!

The Rev. George Regas, retired Episcopal priest said; “The world is judging the church not on what we spend on ourselves but on what we give away.” That might be a good way to measure ourselves!

In “living generously”. The church should not be afraid to fail. After all Christianity was not founded by being prudent, cautious or playing it safe!

Blessed!

Pastor Gerry

After Care Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE

Join us on Tuesday October 10, 2017 at Tino’s Italian Bistro in Columbia, MD for a fundraiser for the After Care program for the Community of St Dysmas. Ten percent of the total proceeds for the day will be donated to St Dysmas After Care Program. This includes all take out, lunch and dinner orders.

No coupons needed.

Tino’s Italian Bistro

8775 Centre Park Drive Columbia, MD 21045

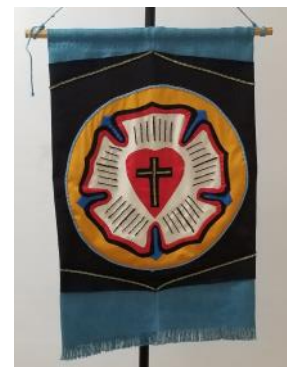
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“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”

Mother Teresa
(1910-97)



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“The Lord must have loved ordinary people because he made so many of us...”

“In every single day, in every walk of life, ordinary people do extraordinary things. Ordinary People accomplish Extraordinary things!”

Jim Valvano
N.C State 1983

Council President

President's Message September, 2017

Greetings to all. As I compose this month's message, we are in the final preparation for the Chili Cook Off, and I pray for great weather and great attendance after Sunday's second service. My hope is that we will gather for fun, competition, bragging rights, and an opportunity to contribute toward paying some of the costs of the cemetery expansion. If you are busy with life- as we all seem to be- why not take a break and plan on attending some of our events and, of course, one of the regular worship services.

We will gather between services on October 1 to review in a congregational meeting format, the needs for a capital campaign and the plans that have been discussed thus far at a leadership level. Meanwhile, the property has been transformed these past few weeks and the cemetery has been expanded. My gratitude goes out to the Cemetery Committee and all who have seen this project develop. We have much work to get done around the property, and there have been generous contributions of time, talent, and money towards both projects and the routine things we do as a congregation. Every week we ask for help with worship assistance and special projects. I have said before, if you volunteer, you will be welcome.

Finally, I have a thought to share on judgement and forgiveness. As Council President, I listen in confidence to many who share their opinions, complaints, and even praises of others in our church family. I am glad to be a sounding board. But as I was reading last week's lessons during worship, I was strongly reminded that we should not get caught up in personal conflicts that may interfere with the work of our church. Jesus recognized that as humans we would have disagreements within His church. He directs us to settle those things that create conflict, talk things out, and even forgive when we feel slighted. This is not an easy thing to do sometimes, but we must try. If you are not participating in the life of this congregation because of past or present disagreements, I encourage you to open your thinking and your heart to consider some type of reconciliation. The work and the mission we have is great, and we truly have a congregation of great people- I'd love to see you Sunday. Your friends and neighbors at St. Paul's would love to see you too!

Peace,

Erik Domaas

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Stewardship

ELCA



Special Guest preacher at St. Paul's

Unfortunately, due to hurricane Irma, Pastor Berger was unable to join us to tell us more about Food for the Poor and how St. Paul's can work with them. This meeting will be rescheduled for some time in November so please watch the mass e-blast and the newsletter for fur-

September 2017 Lutheran Disaster Response

As a church, we're standing by our neighbors who have been affected by Irma as they begin the long road to recovery. Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliates are collaborating with community leaders and government officials to respond. Please give now to support this response.

Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose homes have been devastated or who have been otherwise affected by Hurricane Irma for years to come.

Unfortunately, Hurricane Irma was not the first

major hurricane with catastrophic effects this season, and it may not be the last.

To give to the hurricane response where funds are needed most, write "Hurricane response". To give directly to relief efforts for Hurricane Irma, write "Hurricane Irma".

Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 Write "Hurricane Response, USA" or "Lutheran Disaster Response, U.S. " DG0087 or DG0088" on your check's memo line.

"Verily I say **unto you**, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of **the least of these**, ye did it not to me.."

MATTHEW 22:37b-39

For details and updates on the reformation events please visit www.ELCA500.org

Luther and the Reformation

ELCA News

Reformation Bookstore

Our church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

Stop by the Parish Hall on all Sundays in October throughout the morning to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like Luther the Reformer as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

Special Congregational Meeting to consider the upcoming Capital Campaign, "The Vision Continues", Sunday, October 1st 9:45am in the Parish Hall

All voting members are encouraged to attend.



St. Paul's Senior Fellowship



Our next Senior Fellowship luncheon of the fall will be held on October 17th beginning at 11:30am. We will have a speaker who will present "Reptiles and Amphibians in your Backyard" and we will have a Halloween theme. Also see the Social Outreach page for November's project. If you are interested and need more information or plan to attend: please RSVP by calling or emailing Joe and Cathy Dymek at (410-531-1057 or jcdymek@verizon.net)



Men's Brotherhood

The Men of St. Paul's gather on the 2nd Saturday of each month for breakfast, a brief business meeting and devotions. All males in the congregation are welcome and invited to attend! The October meeting is Saturday, the 14th at 8:00AM.

Music— Notable Events



Youth Choir-
Tuesdays from 6:15-6:45pm.

Bell Choir-
Meets in the Bells Room, Tues at 7pm

Chancel Choir-
Thurs from 7-8:30pm

Audio Recordings

Check out the website for St Paul's service's recordings. All services from the last 2 months can be found under Gallery/Audio. Just click on the media player link. Hearing assistance is available. Please ask an usher.



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“Like” us on Facebook!

For a while now we have had a St. Paul's Facebook group, well now we have a public page! Find us and click “like” and watch us for announcements! Tell your friends too!

We're on the Web!

www.stpaulslutheran.info

Women's Daily Grace September 21st “Persistent Woman” (Women of the ELCA)

When God created women, God put something in us that was exhibiting itself within that parable of the widow and the unjust judge—persistence. In the parable, maybe Jesus was saying, “Go deeper within yourself. God has given you a double portion of determination, a double portion of resilience, a double portion of perseverance. You can do anything that you put your heart to do.”

If all of us will just reach down and realize that double portion within ourselves, we'll do wonders, and we'll not be seen as weak. We'll be seen as the most powerful people in the world.

This message is adapted from “Persistence and Peace” by Leymah Gbowee, a Nobel Peace Laureate, in the January/February 2005 issue of Lutheran Woman Today (now Gather). Today we remember Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, and observe the International Day of Peace.

Lectionary Readings for the Month

Oct 1st— Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13;
Matthew 21:23-32

Oct 8th— Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14;
Matthew 21:33-46

Oct 15th— Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Oct 22nd— Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13];
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Oct 29th— Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36



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By: Kerry Griffin

St. Paul's Archivist

June 28, 2017

Tales from the Archives is a presentation from the Archives at St. Paul's.

Contributions of items of significance to the Church History or contributions of stories are welcome and encouraged.

It is the goal of the Archive to preserve the Church History and make selected portions of it known to the congregation from time to time.

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What's happening in the Archive?

- ◆ Cemetery Expansion is in full swing, (See page 10&11 for an update.)
- ◆ October Article—More on the Banner's of St. Paul's

More of the Banners of St. Paul's

As promised last month I am presenting more information on the Banner's at St. Paul's. By now I hope all of those who do computers have had a chance to browse: <http://www.stpaulslutheran.info/photo.php?pageID=33&itemID=12>

I have been working with Sandy August, Betty Kerwin and June Picket to fill in more of the blanks about the banners. Last month I reported that the banner Jehovah Nissi was made by Cathy Dymek. Cathy has corrected me and let me know it was actually made by Margaret Keeler.

The booklet is nearing completion and will soon be available. Until then I would like to show you some more of the 60 banners in our collection and perhaps give you a bit of history on Church banners in general.

Church Banner History -

Church banners have a history rooted in scripture itself. Consider Isaiah 11:10 "In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious." (New International Version) Banners often served as a rallying point in the Old Testament for the nation of Israel. In Jeremiah 4:6 soldiers were prompted to "...raise a banner (signal) to go to Zion. (NIV) Ancient church banners served as a visible reminder of who you were and your allegiance.

Taken from the French word "banniere" and late Latin bandum, banners are defined as a cloth out of which a flag is made. This piece of cloth often bore a symbol or message for its bearers.

Today our banners which are truly a gift of time, talent and treasure to the church promote church functions and events. They also serve to inspire us and remind us of the scriptures that reassure us that Jesus has already won a victory for us and secured our salvation. A visual reminder and re-enforcement of the message of the day or church season.

Each banner has a message and a story. In the booklet I am preparing I have done my best to present them and do justice to the work that went into each one. I hope that you will take the time to give it a look when the booklet comes out and perhaps also be inspired by them and take more notice of them when in the sanctuary.

My thanks to all those who have contributed in any way. I don't want to leave anyone or any gift out. I hope that if anyone has a related story or can fill in blanks about any of them that you will get in touch with me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry Griffin



Designed & made by Betty Kerwin—This was made for a Women's conference contest. The assignment was to create a Church banner of this title. It won St. Paul's a first place.



Made for Pastor Rod by Sandy August. This is one of six banners used at Lent on the side walls of Sanctuary. In the 15th century the eight points represented an area that would later be known as Maltese. It protected the Knights of St. John during the crusades. Today it's shape is often associated with Fire Fighting as a symbol of



Made by Pastor Cathy's 2005 confirmation class. Matt Bennett (Exodus 3:1-15), Monika Heyleck (Colossians 3:14-17), Ashley Marston (John 3:16), Calvin Seamonson (John 3:16), Kylen Seamonson (Psalm 23) and Jess Werner (Exodus 15:210)



Made by Betty Kerwin—In honor of the installation of the present organ in the Sanctuary.



Made by Amie Siebert—Often used in the Sanctuary at Thanksgiving time.



Maker Unknown—Perhaps inspired by the stained glass at St. Paul's. (Let me know if anyone knows the

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Cemetery Expansion—Progress in pictures





LEAD Assessment

This 20-question digital Congregational Assessment gives our congregation the opportunity to learn more about behaviors that will help us grow deeper in faith and wider in mission.

We need YOU to go online to the address below to share your point of view. It will take about 15 minutes. **We need as many people as possible to take the LEAD Assessment by October 8, 2017.**

waytolead.org/take-LEAD-assessment

Password (case sensitive): Assessment-cong

A paper copy is available in the narthex which you can fill out at home in return if you prefer.

There are also computers that will be available each Thursday and Sunday in church to aid in completing the survey.

When we participate, we will get a full report with our congregation's scores for these four vital behaviors:

- Are we listening to God in scripture and prayer, in each other, and in our neighborhood?
- Are we centering with a clear purpose and values that align our efforts for an effective congregational identity?
- Are we exploring faith questions and systems including theology, governance, staffing, generosity, and stewardship?
- Are we connecting beyond our comfort zone, creating a trusted, welcoming place to grow strong relationships, and telling our story in our inward and outward communication?

Please take this brief LEAD Assessment today—

and encourage others to do it too!

The LEAD Assessment has been tested for the past two years by congregations across the United States. It is helping congregations think carefully about next steps as they navigate all the changes in our world, in our neighborhoods, and our congregations.

Three reasons why our congregation should take the LEAD Assessment:

There is a direct benefit for our congregation's future. We get a written report from the LEAD Team that will help us make our own strategic decisions for the next few years. The more people who participate, the better the report.

Our pastor and/or council president will get the report in a few weeks. There is no commitment for our congregation to act on what we learn—but there is a good chance that we will want to use this in our own planning.

Church Council Highlights

Meeting Minutes Synopsis 9/5/17:

Opening Prayer-Bible Study by Pastor Carolyn

LEAD (Living Everyday as Disciples) had their first meeting August 28, 2017. The LEAD Assessment Survey will be available for congregation to complete online or manually, three consecutive Sundays, September 24th, October 1st and October 8th. The next LEAD Team meeting will be on Monday, September 25th.

August activities were discussed. VBS, Peach Festival and the Corn Roast were all well attended and went very well.

Pastor Carolyn and Erik Domaas to set up interviews for a new church secretary. Pastor Gerry's October 1st schedule was reviewed, since he will be semi-retired. He will be in the office on Fridays, (1) sermon per month and take care of the Baltimore North hospital visits.

FPU, Financial Peace University, coordinated by Ken Keefer, has several people signed up and will begin on September 13th.

Cemetery Fund-Erik Domaas announced the Men's Brotherhood will contribute \$5,000 towards the cemetery fund. There will be a "Chili Cook-Off" on Sunday, September 24th after the 11:00 service, where a "free will" offering will be collected, to "kick off" the cemetery funds campaign.

"THE VISION CONTINUES"-Pastor Carolyn, Erik Domaas and Bob Peters had a meeting to discuss the capital campaign funding to include cemetery expansion with a focus on 3 years-\$300,000.00.

A congregation meeting was scheduled on Sunday, October 1st at 9:45 in the parish hall to discuss "THE VISION CONTINUES" capital campaign and cemetery funding.

Ken Keefer made a motion to transfer \$7,000.00 from the Management Reserve Fund to the cemetery expansion, second by Russ Werner. Unanimous approval.

Congregation Meeting to discuss 2018 Budget is scheduled for November 12, 2017 at 9:45 in the parish hall. Committee budgets are to be turned in at the October council meeting.

Ken Keefer announced that a generous donor, will pay \$7,800 towards the maintenance of the stain glass window frames, as needed. Bob Peters made a motion to approve, seconded by Kerry Griffin. Unanimous approval.

Installation of new council members to take place at the October 1st Sunday services.

Pastor Carolyn to have a "REFORMATION" Book Sale in October to honor the 500 year celebration.

WE CLOSED IN PRAYER

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING October 3rd, 2017 at 7pm

Julie

Property Committee Highlights



The Property Committee recommended and the Council approved removing the BGE Pole light since it costs \$14.69 per month for the light. In the current age of LED lights this ends up being a really expensive light and BGE didn't have a cheaper LED alternative. The first step was to get Verizon to move the FIOS line that was connected to the BGE Pole. The picture is showing the Verizon Workmen moving the line. It is expected, the pole light will be removed sometime after the BGE line crews get back from battling Hurricane Disasters.

Note: The problem with the fire alarm has been corrected. No more false alarms.

Brotherhood Highlights

Turkey Supper "Farm to Table" on November 11th.

Norman Oehlke who went into Washington Hospital Center the afternoon of September 3rd was released September 6th. He had surgery to place a stent in his lower right leg as he was not getting blood flow to his ankle and foot. His son Ken is staying with him and Norman has been back to church. Please continue to keep Norman in your prayers.

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“ Verily I say
unto you,
Inasmuch as ye
have done it unto
one of the least
of these my
brethren, ye
have done it unto
me.”

Social Outreach

Military Care Packages October Sr. Fellowship Project

In honor of Veteran's Day on November 11th, the November Senior Fellowship will be packaging items to be sent to servicemen and servicewomen overseas:

- 1.) We are looking for **the names of friends and family members** to whom you would like us to send packages. The packages will be sent in mid to late Novembers, so accurate addresses are important.
- 2.) Please **donate needed items listed below** to send (Dollar Store, Dollar tree, Costco & BJs are best.) We will have a labeled container in the Parish Hall.
- 3.) **“Sponsor a package”**. The cost is \$40 and includes a \$20 shipping fee. Please place your donation in the offering plate and designate it for military care packages.
- 4.) For questions or to provide a name, contact Joe and Cathy Dymek, any member of the Senior Fellowship or include the information on the “yellow sheets” found in the bulletin. Any monetary or material donations are gladly accepted!

Items to Send

Candy: Twizzlers, Cow Tales, Soft pepper-mints (e.g. Red Birds), Chewing gum / Bubble gum, Nerds and Tootsie Pops.

Meats: Canned sardines, canned oysters, Chicken salad / tuna salad with crackers, Vienna sausages / SPAM, Beef Jerky & Slims Jims (real treats)

Breakfast: Quaker oatmeal packets and Pop Tarts.

General Items: Fly paper

Drinks: Packets of coffee, Hot Chocolate Packets, Water flavoring packets (e.g. Crystal Lite) and Tea bags.

Snacks: Small packets of sunflower seeds, Cracker Jacks, Kashi /granola bars, Microwave popcorns packets, Peanut butter, Jelly (small jar) or Cookies: individually wrapped packages.

Personal Items: men: Foot powder, Wet wipes, Women: razors and powder.

Rally Day 2017



“WITH GOD ALL
THINGS ARE
POSSIBLE”

Matthew **19:26**



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Special Notes:

Lucille Clark is 97 years young as of September 28th.

Special thanks to all who made our September 24th Chili Cook off a success and those who attended. We had ten chili recipes and three cornbread entries. We received generous gifts of \$12,338 for the cemetery expansion.

Altar Guild Thank you to Donna Beall, Joan Tishues, Sally and John Murphy, Janet Jew, Patrick Thompson for Thursday Chapel Service support during Carole Manges' absence.

Your prayers are being asked for the families of those who have entered the Peace of Christ: Jim Aultman, John Corbin, Gloria Wessel, Daniel Slater and Donna Kopp.

LEAD Assessments began September 24th and will continue till October 8th. Please see the insert in your bulletin for more information and how to participate.

Special thanks to all who are contributors and those that make the News & Notes possible!