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THE ST. GEORGE GAZETTE

Official Newsletter of St. George Lutheran Church

Welcome to Fall!

CHRISTMAS-AT-SEA

Our ELCA port mission serves seafarers from around the world when they are at ports on the Eastern seaboard, offering them chaplain services as well as various kinds of help with medical appointments, shopping, phone cards, etc. These men have often been working under difficult shipboard conditions away from home for many months, and they are very appreciative. Please include them in your Christmas shopping!

The satchels that we assemble and send out right after Thanksgiving each include the following items:

One sweatshirt (size M-L-XL)

1 T-shirt (size M-L-XL)

3 pairs of socks (thermal or gym)

A large chocolate bar, a can of nuts, or Health Snack bar

A Christmas card from you

A knitted hat and scarf set

(these have been created by Needleworks)

There will be a collection area in the Fellowship Hall for these items. Please leave them in their store packaging.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 WILL BE THE LAST DAY
FOR COLLECTION!

The kindness and generosity of St. George Lutherans can make difference in the lives of these often overworked and lonely workers. Please share the love and warmth of Christmas with them.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

09/09 Sharon Prieskorn

09/10 Mary Stamm

09/17 Paul Ash

09/20 Greg Gottfried

09/15 Sherry & Bruce Graenser

September 8th at
10 AM WE'LL
CELEBRATE ALL
SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS!

FELLOWSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1ST AT 10 AM.
FOR ALL WHO ARE
INTERESTED

MEDICAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Anyone that has medical background/CPR/AED training/EMT and are willing to be a resource in the event of a medical emergency during a church service, please contact Michele Hirschman so she can add them to the resource list.

WORSHIP TEAM ASSISTANCE

St. George is in need of a few good men and women. We are hoping to build our team of greeters, ushers, and altar care for both services. Additionally, we are looking for closers and clean-up after the second service. We are happy to teach anyone and explain what is involved with the process. Most everything can be completed while you are already at church. The more people we have on our teams the less weeks you would be helping to cover. There is a monthly sign-up sheet for each service. The sheets are located in the fellowship hall on the table by the back windows. If you have questions or want to shadow one of us in the position(s) you are considering, please contact Michele Hirschman and I would be happy to make it happen. Thank you for considering joining us as we all worship together.



Youth Ministries

FREE FOOD PANTRY

The St. George Free Food Pantry is now OPEN!

This program operates based on the philosophy that community members take what they need and give what they can. This pantry will be in our rear vestibule and available to the community for 24/7 access to free food and personal care products. We are currently accepting donations of shelf-stable foods, personal care items, baby hygiene items, and school supplies.

Donations can be placed directly in the pantry!

Thank you for your support!



EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES

Our FREE Musikgarten and gymnastics classes begin again this fall! Musikgarten is at 10:00-10:30am, and Gymnastics at 10:45-11:30am. Classes run every Wednesday from October 2nd through December 4th.



FREE GYMNASTICS OPEN PLAY

Children aged 1-6 are invited to explore gymnastics equipment, practice skills, and socialize.

Free of charge,
no registration required!

Visit stgeorgelutheran.org/youth for more information



SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES SEPTEMBER 8TH!

Sunday School for children in pre-k through 6th grade resumes on Sunday, September 8th from 10:10-11:00am. Kids explore what the Bible reveals about who God is and how God sees us, how we fit in God's family, and how we live the Christian life. As kids understand core concepts of Christianity, they'll gain a solid framework for their own relationship with Jesus. Join us as we grow in faith together!

BLESSINGS,
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Council President's Column

It always amazes me how fast the summer months go by. As I write this newsletter article , it is a few days away from September 1st.

We have had an active August and as we prepare for September, our various committees and groups at St. George continue to be very active.

The Call Committee is in the process of interviewing two potential candidates for our church. Bob Steeh and the committee will continue to keep the congregation informed. And as always, they would enjoy and request any feedback from our members. We appreciate the support that has been provided thus far.

At this time, I want to thank Pastor Julie for her service to St. George. She will be moving to her called Church and we wish her the best in her new position.

At this time, we are still working with the Synod and will have two identified pastors to work with us until our call is finalized. We will have Pastor CJ with us the first Sunday in September followed by Pastor Michael until our call is finalized. We look forward to welcoming these two pastors to our community.

Please continue to pray for a successful call and a potential new pastor for St. George. This is an exciting as well as challenging time for our congregation. Should anyone have a question, a need, or an opportunity to volunteer to serve – please let myself, or Lisa Gawel, or our interim pastor know.

May September bring you peace and happiness.

Lorna Durand



Needleworks

Needleworks News September 2024

Needleworker of the Month: Joan Vaughn
Just take a look at the gorgeous quilts that Joan created!

Fleece blanket making party: Let's meet in the church basement on our October 4th meeting date for another fleece blanket session. Bring sharp scissors and a tape measure. Anyone can do this! If you can tie, you can join in this fun! It is a great blessing to be able to provide comfort for sheltered children at LACASA.

August donations: 8 blankets and 6 quilts to Providence Park Hospital

1 blanket farewell gift to
Pastor Julie
1 baby sweater & blanket set
to LACASA

Pattern booklet: Our pattern collection is coming along, and I'll start putting together our booklet. Needleworkers: I have pattern planning sheets with blanks for details if you would like to contribute another pattern.



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WAY BUT ONCE; ANY
GOOD THAT I CAN DO
OR ANY KINDNESS I
CAN SHOW TO ANY
HUMAN BEING; LET ME
DO IT NOW."
-ETIENNE DE GRELLLET
(1773-1855) QUAKER
MISSIONARY



NEXT MEETINGS:
1ST AND 3RD FRIDAYS
AT 10:00 IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL

SEPTEMBER 6 AND 20
OCTOBER 4 AND 18
NOVEMBER 1 AND 15
DECEMBER 6 AND 20





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1 9 & 11 SERVICES FELLOWSHIP MTG 10 AM	2	3	4 OFFICE HOURS 8-1	5	6 OFFICE HOURS 8-1 10:00 NEEDLEWORKS	7
8 9 & 11 SERVICES 10- SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION	9	10	11 OFFICE HOURS 8-1	12 9:16- 180TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING	13 OFFICE HOURS 8-1	14
15 9 & 11 SERVICES 10- SS/FRIENDS & FAMILY BREAKFAST	16	17 9:30 FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE MTG	18 OFFICE HOURS 8-1	19 3:00 FRIENDSHIP BOOK CLUB 5:30 EXEC COUNCIL	20 OFFICE HOURS 8-1 10:00 NEEDLEWORKS	21
22 9 & 11 SERVICES 10-SUNDAY SCHOOL	23	24	25 OFFICE HOURS 8-1	26 5:30 COUNCIL	27 OFFICE HOURS 8-1	28
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SUNDAY SERVICES
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 9:00

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 11:00

BOTH SERVICES ALSO ONLINE

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