

E-News for the Week of Sunday, September 4

16th Sunday After Pentecost

Readings

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

Worship Participants

Celebrant: Pr. Nancy Wright

Altar Guild: Kathe Bruno

Communion Assistant: Bob Furst

Liturgical Assistant: Lois Helland

Lector: Jim Wilhite

Organist: Ann Gnagey

Greeters: Joyce Gallimore & Sam Swanson

Ushers: Jim Wilhite, Bonnie & Paul Lombardi

Coffee Hour: The Pittmans

Upcoming Week

Wednesday, 8/31

5:00-6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (rental)

6:30 p.m. Contemporary Practice

Friday, 9/2

Meals on Wheels

Sunday, 9/4

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

4:00-7:00 p.m. St. Timothy (rental)

Tuesday, 9/6

3:00-6:00 p.m. Music Lessons (rental)

6:00-9:00 p.m. Nunn's Men's Group (rental)

5:00 p.m. Ripple Current (@ First United Methodist Church)

6:30 p.m. Ripple Shared Dinner (@FUMC)

7:00-9:00 p.m. Ripple Immersion (@FUMC)

Wednesday, 9/6

5:00-6:00 p.m. Tai Chi for Everyone

6:30 p.m. Contemporary Practice

Click [HERE](#) for a long-range calendar.

Upcoming Birthdays

9/6 Gabriella Snook

9/7 Rick Neu

9/9 Arlene Krapcho

9/11 Andre Strum

6/12 Katie Gonyaw

Sunday School News

Sunday School for Children AND Adults will be on break from now until September 11. We will kick-off Sunday School with "God's Work, Our Hands Sunday."

After the 10 AM service, our congregation (and others helping us) plan to pack 12,000 mac and cheese meals for the local food shelf. Each meal costs 25 cents. Please consider having your children save quarters from their allowance or their money, to contribute to this effort. Quarters might be placed in an envelope labeled Macaroni money, or GWOH. Bigger checks are welcome as well for this important and monumental undertaking. Think about it like this: \$25 make 100 meals and feeds 100 people. It is like the story of the fishes and loaves...a little gift offered can make a lot of meals! Please plan to help in contributions and in planning to set aside time to pack meals on September 11. A tall macaroni thermometer to gauge our giving progress is in the narthex. On this 15th anniversary of 9 /11, bring the family and friends and do God's work for others.

Warmly,
Lydia

HARK! IMPORTANT UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

COUNCIL SUMMARY 8/15/16

Present: Pastor Nancy, Kelli Tylenda, Mousa Ishaq, Richard Butz, Lydia Wisloski, Johanna White, Audrey Stone, Vicky Lemley, Gene and Jane A'Lee Heyerdahl

Absent: Alison Hampson, Bill Harrison

- Pastor Nancy reported on her trip to the National Church wide assembly held in New Orleans. Pastor was invited to present 2 workshops on Eco-Reformation.
- Financial report through July:

(Anticipated income: \$103,824)	
Actual income	\$115,284
Expenditures	<u>\$118,803</u>
Deficit	\$ 3,519

- Financial Stability Team is planning other means of fund raising including an "Oktober Fest" dinner/party on October 29th to include the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. They are looking at other dates for additional social gatherings. The FST is also recommending the formation of an "outreach team".
- Worship & Music reported the successful "final" repair of the organ!
- Educational Ministry reported a successful "Summer KidzKamp" held during the summer worship services. Rally Day is scheduled on September 11th. They are looking for an additional teaching team. It was also reported that Christine Ishaq has volunteered to take care of the "cradle roll".
- Property Committee has been busy with many minor repairs and is exploring options for several more major repairs including repairing the broken sidewalk (handicapped entrance), work on the church Sanctuary roof drainage system, repairs to the heating units in the Sunday School area. There has also been a request made for an automatic door opener for the handicapped entrance. The lawn mowing by members of ALC seems to be working well.

- Care for Creation reported on the upcoming packaging of the fortified mac & cheese meals. Pick up is scheduled on Tuesday, August 30th in Rutland with set up on Saturday, September 10th for the assembly on Sunday, September 11th. ("God's work, our hands" Sunday.) Good Shepard in Jericho will be working with us. We are currently collecting \$3000 for this cause.
- Memorials and Celebrations drew from their account the balance due on the organ repair.
- There will be a **Congregational meeting on Sunday, September 25th** to share the annual committee reports. This will be the only business at this meeting.

Mac and Cheese Challenge

So the big news is: between ALC and Good Shepherd, Jericho, we've raised **\$ 3,148.00** for the challenge. We needed \$3,000 to pay for the meal supplies and any additional amount raised will enable us to provide lunch, rent the trailer etc. This means the project will have no impact on our regular budget.

On Saturday 9/10, from 3:00 - 5:00 we need six or eight people to set up the assembly lines and a few more people to help set up tents for the Sunday School's Rally Day activities. Indicate on the sign-up sheet on the Social Action bulletin board if you'd like to go out to dinner afterward.

And on Sunday **9/11, from 12:00 to 4:00 +**, we need at least 45 people to staff the lines. Please sign up on the SA bulletin board.

Richard Butz

Men's Breakfast

Coming soon to a breakfast table near you... the Men's Breakfast! We'll be starting again soon, on the 3rd Saturday of the month, just as before. Our first gathering will be at Ascension on **September 17th, 8:30**

a.m. Questions? Contact Jake!

Ripple Dinner Sign-Ups

Ripple dinners start soon! Help plan dinners for the few Ascension youth that participate in Ripple and the rest of the crew! If you would be willing to take on a dinner or two through the year, it would be a tremendous help. Click the link below for the sign-up sheet, and contact Rachel Fraumann (Stampul) if you have any questions at all at clergyckick@gmail.com.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tPWpNs2oPEHyHUFNimL8LeHxwfDRhHgSAMhBA2qvyUE/edit?usp=sharing>

Also, click [HERE](#) to view the full Ripple schedule!

Quilter's Group

Lutheran World Relief has informed us that the 43 quilts made by Ascension quilters this past season were shipped to Angola in July for distribution. On September 15 we will begin making more quilts for LWR, hoping to make at least as many or more than we did this past year. We appreciate donations of fabrics suitable for making quilts. Won't you join us at ALC to tie quilts the first and third Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Many hands make light work.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the letter we received from Lutheran World Relief!

Join us on our Walk to Bethlehem!

Yes, that's right...the members of Ascension Lutheran Church are going to "Walk to Bethlehem" this fall! Our journey will begin the week of October 2nd and end twelve weeks later, arriving in Bethlehem just in time for Christmas. The goal of the program is to motivate people to become more physically active and to also encourage spiritual growth by focusing on weekly Bible verses and devotions.

Miles will be earned by actually walking or running a mile or doing 20 minutes of aerobic or chair exercises. (Taking Elizabeth's Tai Chi class or walking our lovely meditation trail would be perfect ways to do this!) Bonus miles will be awarded for families who walk or exercise together. Everyone can participate... whether you are involved in a sport at school, want to just walk for good health, or can participate from a chair 1 day a week or 7 days a week! Everyone's miles will be totaled each week to see how we are progressing.

You can get more information and sign up starting September 18th...look for the map in the social hall!

The Property Committee Needs Your Help!

The Property Committee has a number of projects ahead of us. Some more urgent than others. Some are beyond the scope of our members and will require professional help. Others are "in-house" jobs doable by the committee or volunteers from the congregation. Check out the list of projects on the "Property Committee" bulletin board in the fellowship hall. We welcome any and all help!

Mowing Schedule

The sign-up sheet for September/October is on the Property Committee bulletin board.

Coffee Hour

The 2016 coffee hour list has been posted. Please sign up!

Additional News and Opportunities

Household Goods Needed!

Jennie Davis from the Burlington Housing Authority let us know that she has 7 homeless families being newly placed this month. They are in need of sheets, towels, dishes, utensils, pots/pan, window shades/blinds as well as some bigger items, such as beds and dressers. We greatly appreciate all that the congregation has done before and would welcome any of these things which you might have and no longer need. We can pick up at church in the next 2 weeks or could pick up bigger items from your home if that would be of help. Thank you very much! Karen and Peter Grant (802-372-0123 or 973-214-9849).

19th Annual Run/Walk for JUMP

Join us for a 5K run, 1K run for kids, or a 1K walk, with lots of prizes and fun for all to benefit the Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP)! **Saturday, September 17th. Registration at 9:00 a.m, Race begins at 10:00 a.m. at the North Beach in Burlington.** Free parking! For more information visit www.jumpvt.org or call 802-862-4501.