

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

Announcements

Our Mission Focus for September will support our Fort Wayne seminary's Clothing and Food Co-op. We will receive donations of gently used clothing and household items as well as non-perishable food items. Seminary and Deaconess students have often times left secure jobs to pursue work in God's kingdom. The Clothing/Food Co-op is one important tool in helping them to provide for their households at a lesser cost. In addition to such donations, we will receive a special free-will offering on the last Sunday of this month (September 25). Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd, and ear-marked Clothing/Food Co-op. Thanks for whatever support the Lord enables you to give.

Fresh Vegetables Welcome: Did your garden produce more than you can eat? Are you looking for a good home for food that might go to waste? The food pantry at LSS is accepting fresh vegetables for their food pantry. You can drop the vegetables off any day during regular business hours. **In addition**, the food pantry is critically low on food, especially meats, canned or fresh. Donations are being accepted at the LSS office, 2149 Collingwood Blvd. in Toledo. In addition, donations of non-perishable items can be brought here, and we will see to it that they are delivered. Thank you for your attention to this urgent need.

Reading Buddies: The Board of Discipleship is working with Monac Elementary to offer (here) a free service to help first through third graders improve their reading skills. Some things about this initiative will take shape as we move into it, but for now, we are seeking volunteers to help in the after-school time slot, one or two days a week. No advanced skills are needed – just the willingness to spend some time reading with (and to) these kids. In addition to being a help to them and their families, it will allow us to build some relationships and bear witness to God's love in Christ. **We are in need of a half-dozen or so volunteers** who will help us as we open and develop this service. We would also be interested in any Thrivent members who would like to sponsor a *Thrivent Action Team* to help in this initiative.

This promises to give us a very direct contact with families of young children in our neighborhood, along with the opportunity to befriend them. If you would like to help in this initiative or if you have any questions, **please speak to Tina Jahn, Mike Brown, or Pr. Scott.**

Our "Saving City" event was postponed until Saturday, Oct. 1 from 2:00 - 4:30 PM due to lack of registration. The Board of Discipleship will be working to get enough registrations for the new date to hold the event. You can help by taking a flyer from the *Welcome Center* and sharing it with kids in your family or neighborhood, or allowing their parents to scan this QR code, which will take them directly to our registration form.

Thanks to all who helped in yesterday's *Classic Car Show*. May the Lord bless the relationships we have been able to establish through this event, to the glory of His name.

Refuse and Recycling Drop-Off Day: Good Shepherd will again serve as a site for Community Refuse and Recycling drop off for Toledo residents this coming September 10 (Saturday) from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The city is not super communicative, but the rules we have been given are:

- ◆ Up to 10 tires (on or off the rim) free of charge (No commercial tire recycling)
- ◆ Document shredding available
- ◆ A Goodwill donation trailer will be on site
- ◆ Household hazardous waste

- ◆ Latex paint (\$1 per gallon)
- ◆ **Not Accepted:** ◆ TVs ◆ Air conditioners ◆ Refrigerators ◆ Large appliances

(Although their rules say they will not accept TVs, they did accept them last year. Decide for yourself if you want to make the attempt.)

For more information, call Engage TOLEDO at 419-936-2020, or visit www.cityoftoledo.org

The church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 11 from 4 - 6 PM. Fried chicken, drinks, and table service will be provided. We invite everyone to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. To help us get a count, please sign up on the sheet posted at the *Welcome Center*.

September also brings the return of our midweek Bible study, beginning Wednesday, September 14, at 10:00 AM in our fellowship hall. This year's study will begin with a discussion around the video series, *How We Got the Bible*, featuring the Rev. Dr. Paul Maier. Come join us for this informative study and for the Christian fellowship. And bring a friend! All are welcome.

An anonymous donor is offering a \$4000 matching grant through the end of this year toward the cost of the capital improvements we have undertaken – the parking lot, a new sound system, and equipping our security system with cameras. Your gifts toward these projects (over and above your regular offerings) are greatly appreciated as we work together to care for the property and people the Lord has given us. (To date, \$3,460 has been given toward the challenge match.) Checks or cash gifts can be designated for the *Capital Improvements Fund*.

This is the third week in which we have been able to use our new sound system, and we are working to make any needed adjustments. If you have comments that would help us to know what adjustments need to be made, please direct them to either Mike Brown, David Jahn, or Pr. Scott.

Genesis Bible Study... the Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on The Book of Genesis. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Life Quotes: "We all belong, first and foremost, to God. His creative and redemptive acts bring value and meaning to our lives. Because we belong to Him, He provides all we need. Our lives also belong to each other, and because we are connected through the body of Christ, we are not alone. We are necessary to each other as we serve through our vocations." *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Our next free blood pressure screening is scheduled for Sunday, September 18, both before and after worship. We hope to see many of you take advantage of this program. Stop by the second office down the hall, across from the restrooms.

The congregation has received a *Thank-you* from Vi Whaley for expressions of sympathy following the passing of her daughter Mary Brenkert. Her card is posted on the bulletin board under "Thank-Yous".

News from the Naumanns: We received this past week an update from the Naumanns, who have been on "home service" to give mission updates to some of their mission partners. This update was not in the form of a newsletter, but we have posted the email on the bulletin board to the right of "Synod News and Info."