

The Lutheran Light

"As the Body of Christ, St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church is called by the Father through the Holy Spirit to worship God and witness to others."

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Pastor's Ponderings



Philippians 4:6⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for asking me to journey with you in your Christian walk here at St. Mary's Lutheran Church. It's a beautiful space with helpful people, and I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, needs, and prayer requests. Prayer is an incredibly powerful tool. And the Philippians passage is one of my favorites. Since all that we do should be wrapped in pray, as I begin my pastorate with you all, I ask your prayers for our ministry together, and for the mission of St. Mary's Church.

In July I will be celebrating the 37th anniversary of my ordination to Word and Sacrament. Yes, I was a child seminarian! And I began my time as an Episcopal Priest in 1982. My first call was to a church agency and two churches in the inner city of Chicago. I ran afterschool programs and a halfway house for recovering women alcoholics. It was an unpaid call, although the church did pay for me to get a Masters in Social Works so I could write grants. From the city to the country, my first call as pastor was to a church in the cornfields of Illinois.

Since then, I have served as interim and pastor of urban, rural, and suburban churches in Massachusetts

and Maryland, as well as running social service programs as well.

In 2001, God took me on a detour to Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster. What was supposed to be a Sabbatical turned into an internship and a few years there as I learned Lutheran theology and church history. Thanks to the Call to Common Mission between the Episcopal and Lutheran churches, I was able to stay in the Lutheran Church with our bishop's permission.

I am drawn to the theology of grace and the cross, the priority of scripture, the 5 Solas, and the fact that Martin Luther was a human being who understood the struggles of life. Anyone who throws inkwells at the devil can't be all bad! But I also am blessed by the ministry of the people and pastor together, and the tools that the synod and national church has to support it parishes. From my Episcopal side, I bring a gift of spirituality, liturgy, pastoral care and a deep appreciation for mission.

I look forward to serving with you in this beautiful place. May God bless us richly!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Linda Fernandez+

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Church & Village: Partners in Ministry - July 2019

New President/CEO Named - Jeff Branch has been named President/CEO of Lutheran Social Ministries, parent organization to Carroll Lutheran Village and The Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant, succeeding Geary Milliken upon his June 21 retirement. Jeff comes from Mather LifeWays based in Evanston, Illinois, where he is Senior Vice President of Senior Living and the Institute on Aging. He oversees two continuing care retirement communities, a rental community, and a new community in the pre-construction phase. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Radford University and a master's degree in public administration from Virginia Tech. His first day will be July 8.

Carroll's Best - Voting for the annual Carroll's Best Readers' Choice Awards begins in mid-July through the Carroll County Times web site www.carrollcountytimes.com. Please consider voting for Carroll Lutheran Village for Best Retirement Community, Best Assisted Living Facility, Best Nursing Home, Best Rehabilitation Facility, and Best Crab Cake. Thank you for your support!

Plan Now for Youth Volunteer Opportunities - Youth volunteers are welcome at Carroll Lutheran Village! Now is the time for students to think about fall volunteer positions to get required service hours. All student volunteers must complete an application and orientation session. Applications are available online at www.clvillage.org/volunteer. Contact volunteer coordinator Pamela Malkin at 443-605-1011 or pmalkin@clvillage.org with questions.

Outpatient Therapy Services Available - Did you know that anyone in the greater community can take advantage of the outpatient therapy services at Carroll Lutheran Village? Physical, occupational and speech therapy is available to people of all ages. We also are one of only a few providers in the county to offer the LSVT Big and LSVT Loud speech and physical therapy programs for Parkinson's Disease. The Village accepts Medicare and most major insurance plans. A physician referral may be required depending on plan. The office is glad to verify your insurance for participation and referral requirements. For information call 443-605-1048 or email Michael Winebrenner at mwinebrenner@clvillage.org.

Like Us on Facebook - Carroll Lutheran Village is on Facebook - visit our page at to see what terrific things are happening here. You don't need to be a member of Facebook to view our page - just go to www.facebook.com/CarrollLutheranVillage. If you are a member of Facebook - we'd love it if you'd like our page and help us reach 700 likes - we're so close!

Notes & Thank You's

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers for Judy and for the extremely generous gift for us. We are very thankful for the time we had at St. Mary's and we have been very blessed to be a part of the St. Mary's family. God bless you all.

- Pastor Allen and Judy Reed



May 17, 2019

Dear Rev and Members,

On behalf of Carroll Lutheran School, I would like to personally thank you for your recent donation of \$1,189.00 from your bazaar.

The central purpose of CLS is to provide a quality education, formed in faith, where the love of Christ sets the tone to develop and nurture our students' academic, social, and spiritual growth. Your donation will go directly to support this goal. As Principal of CLS, our students' well-rounded development is my number one priority and I cannot thank you enough for contributing to their success.

Thank you for your continued support of CLS. Thank you for being a part of our larger community that believes in providing academic excellence in a loving Christian environment. You make a difference for each student who walks through our doors, and we appreciate you.

Sincerely,

Mandy Gilbart
Principal

WORSHIP NOTES: EVANGELICAL LUTHERANS IN PENNSYLVANIA IN THE 1700'S*

A SHORT HISTORY OF LUTHERANS IN PENNSYLVANIA, 1700-1786

- Cir. 1700+ Evangelical Lutheran immigrants from Europe arrive and settle in North America, the majority being from Germany. While the German Lutherans settled primarily in Pennsylvania, the Dutch Lutherans settled in New York, the Swedish Lutherans settled along the Delaware, and other Lutherans came from Norway, Denmark, and Finland. These latter groups eventually settled in the upper Midwest.
- Fall of 1732 Pastor John Christian Schultze came to America to work to organize Lutheran adherents in Philadelphia, New Hannover and Providence into three congregations. He united these congregations into a single parish known as "The United Congregations in Pennsylvania."
- Spring of 1733 Schultze and two laymen, Daniel Weisiger and John Daniel Schöner went to Europe to seek ministers and funds.
- 1742 Pastor Henry Melchior Muhlenberg answered the appeal for ministers to serve the Evangelical Lutherans in Pennsylvania.
- 1748 Lutheran clergy and lay delegates, representing 10 congregations, met at St. Michael's Church, Philadelphia to form the first permanent Lutheran synodical organization in America: The Ministerium of Pennsylvania.
- 1748 A common liturgy in German ("The Church Agenda") for the Ministerium churches was approved. This liturgy was prepared by Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Peter Brunnholtz and John Frederick Handschuh. The only objection by the assembly was that the public service lasted too long, especially in the cold winter, and the pastors were asked to "strive after brevity" which they agreed to do. The Agenda of 1748 was never printed, but each pastor had a written copy of the liturgy for his own use.

The text of the liturgy we are using today was printed from the oldest and most complete copies of The Agenda that survived. These copies came from the hands of Pastor Jacob Van Buskerk (1763) and Pastor Peter Mühlenberg (1769). Most of the hymns we sing today were chosen from suggestions prescribed by those who developed The Agenda.

HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICES IN THE COLONIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Ordinarily, whenever circumstances admit of it, the Supper of the Lord shall be administered on Christmas, on Easter, on Pentecost. It may also be administered at other times as the necessities of the congregation may demand." One or two weeks before the date communion was administered, the pastor gave notice "from the pulpit." In addition to a short exhortation regarding preparation for communion, the pastor would inform the congregation of the day when they "shall report themselves to him and have their names recorded." These communion records were permanent records that the pastor of the congregation had to maintain. Anyone who reports to the pastor for Holy Communion that is known to be "living in strife, or occasioning public scandal" but has not responded to the pastor's counsel may be required by the pastor to meet with the vestry of the congregation for their judgment in the matter.

A special service was held the day before administration of Holy Communion, and all communicants were expected to attend. The names of all congregants who had reported for Holy Communion were read. The service included penitential hymns, an exhortation of the pastor, the Lord's Prayer, and questioning of the applicants, first the men and then the women. Afterwards, one of the communicants led those present in repeating the confession of sin aloud followed by a statement of absolution by the pastor. The service ended with a hymn and the benediction.

*Information and quotes in this article are taken from the sixth edition of *A History of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In the United States* by Henry Eyster Jacobs published in New York by Charles Scribner's Sons in 1917. The original copyright date is 1893.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHO IS my neighbor?



July 15 - 19, 2019

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

For youth ages 3 yrs - 6th grade
Crafts, snacks, games and fun!

St. Mary's Lutheran Church
3978 Littlestown Pike
Westminster, MD

For info:
Phone: 410-346-7146
Email: scottrk1@embarqmail.com

Silver Run Community Food Pantry

located at

St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church

(Distributed from Parish House
located directly behind Church,
Mayberry Road Entrance)

1st & 3rd Wednesday
of the Month

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Meal
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Pantry Open



Non-Perishable Food Items
Distributed.

All Are Welcome!

Donations Accepted!

Email: foodpantry@stmaryselc.org

Stewardship

It is no secret that God calls us to be generous with the gifts He has given us. Throughout the Bible, we read that just as God has generously given to us, so are we to give generously one to another. As Jesus said, “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35) and “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36).

St. Paul teaches, “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches” (Galatians 6:6).

And again, he says, “Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:13–14).

In other words, ministers of the gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them. And this is how the Church lives even now. It is standard practice.

But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not *just* that we are to give but also *what* we are to give. And it does so with four little words: “In the same way ...”

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices.

We’re to support the Gospel ministry “in the same way.” But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always” (Deuteronomy 14:22–23).

The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested.

Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry “in the same way?”

If it does, ask yourself: is the Church’s job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites’ job in the Old Testament? Back then there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham.

Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations (Matt. 28). And there are churches and ministries all around the world. How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God’s revelation, the fullness of His salvation, the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do.

For we have received Christ, God’s own Son, in the flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism.

He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of his Son, our Lord, Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts.

In the same way, and in response to his fatherly divine goodness and mercy, we gladly give to those who proclaim to us “the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light.”

For once we were not a people, but now we are God’s people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed (1 Peter 2:9–10).

Kid's Corner

Scripture: *“For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance-- now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.”* Hebrews 9:15

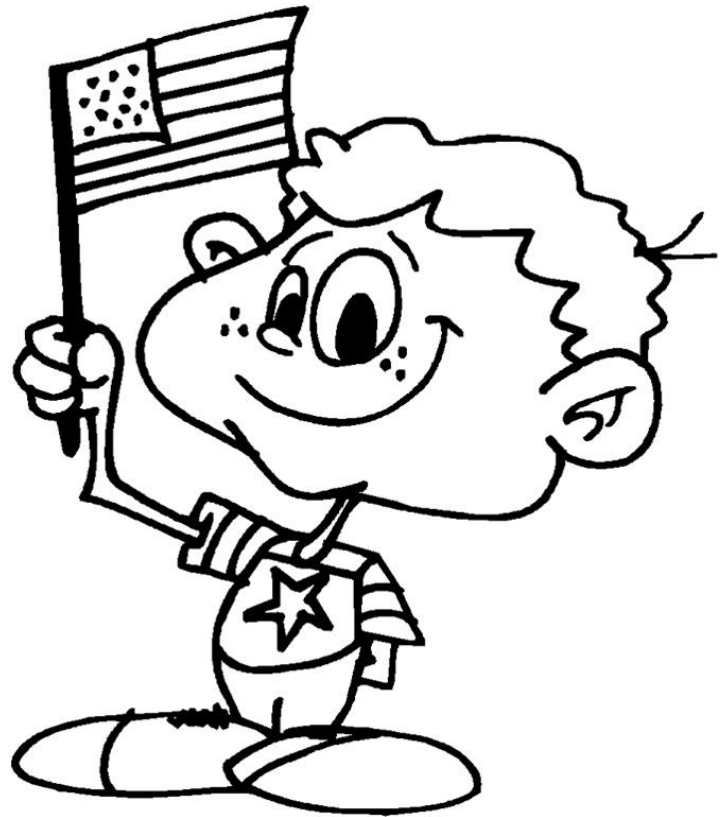
The flag reminds me that we will celebrate a very important holiday in July. How many of you know what holiday we will celebrate? That's right, the 4th of July. July 4th is also known as Independence Day. Do you know what independence means? It means freedom, doesn't it? In our country we enjoy a lot of freedom. We are free to come to church and worship, we are free to choose what we want to be when we grow up, we are free to choose where we want to live, we are free to choose most of the things that affect our daily lives.

Now, this might come as a surprise to some of you, but did you know that freedom isn't free? That's right, someone had to pay the price for us to have the freedom that we enjoy. There are men and women right here in this room this morning who have helped to pay that price. Some have served in the Army, Navy, Marines, or Air Force. Many of them have fought in wars and some may have been wounded. There are probably some people in our congregation who had loved ones who paid the ultimate price for freedom. They gave their lives fighting for our freedom.

Yes, we have a lot of freedom, but the greatest freedom that we have is the freedom that we have in Christ Jesus. The Bible teaches that the penalty for sin is death, but you and I have been set free from this penalty. We have been set free because Jesus paid the penalty. The Bible tells us that Jesus died to set us free from the penalty of sin. Instead of death, we have been given eternal life. This freedom wasn't free, Jesus paid the price.

As we celebrate Independence Day, let us remember to stop and thank God for those who have paid the price for our freedom. But even more important, let us remember to thank God for Jesus, who has set us free from the penalty for sin, because he was willing to pay the price.

Dear God, thank you for the freedom that we enjoy in our country. We are thankful for those who paid the price for that freedom, but even more important, we thank you for the freedom we have because Jesus was willing to pay the penalty for our sin. Amen.



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SATISFY	NEEDS	HELP	REBUILD	GUIDE

Wellness Notes

We live in a fast paced, high stress world and find less and less time to eat well and exercise. Neglecting our physical well-being affects us not only mentally, but also spiritually.

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Summer Tips for a Healthy Heart

Staying Active in the Summer Months

The arrival of spring and summer means days at the pool, family picnics, baseball and other outdoor activities. Here are some tips to keep your family physically active in the warmer months:

- **Hydrate!** Drink plenty of water before, during and after physical activity to avoid dehydration. For low-calorie flavor, add slices of your favorite fruits such as melon, oranges, berries or even cucumber or mint to a pitcher of water and refrigerate for two hours. Read our Staying Active in Warm Weather and Staying Hydrated - Staying Healthy.
- **Protect your family from the sun:** wear wide-brimmed hats, always apply water-resistant sunscreen with at least SPF 15 and reapply sunscreen every 2 hours.
- **Heat safety:** avoid intense activities between noon and 3 p.m. when the sun is at its strongest.
- **Dress for the heat:** wear lightweight, light colored clothing, choose light, breathable fabrics such as cotton, and wear sunglasses to protect your eyes.
- **Head indoors:** when the heat gets unbearable, try indoor activities at your local YMCA or rec center like basketball, swimming, yoga or racquetball.

Summer Snack Ideas

Try some fun and refreshing summer snacks that the entire family can enjoy:

- **Fruit pops:** Homemade freezer pops are an easy, fun treat for kids to make. Mash up fruit like peaches, grapes, berries or watermelon and put them in paper cups, insert a popsicle stick, freeze overnight and enjoy!
- **Cool and crisp:** keep a variety of colorful veggies on hand that stay cool and crunchy for a refreshing treat – baby carrots, cucumber slices, and celery sticks are just a few ideas.
- **Fruit smoothies:** blend your favorite fresh fruits with fat-free or low-fat yogurt and ice for a refreshing drink or freeze and eat with a spoon like a frozen ice chill.
- **Mix it up:** make your own trail mix using your favorite unsalted or lightly salted nuts, seeds and unsweetened dried fruits (just be sure to keep your servings to 1.5 ounces or 1/3 cup).
- **Just slice and serve:** summer months are peak season for most fruits, just slice and serve – the whole family will enjoy the refreshing natural sweetness and juices just the way nature made ‘em!

All information is intended to motivate readers to make their own nutrition and health decisions after consulting with their health care provider.
www.heart.org

The 2019 Celebrating America Summer Adventure Has Begun!!

Kids entering 1st through 9th grades are eligible to participate from May 15th to September 15th



Completing the adventure is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

- 1) Between May 15, 2019 and September 15, 2019, visit at least 8 eligible locations.
- 2) Snap a photo of yourself at each location to show you visited.
- 3) Take your photos to any Carroll County Public Library for verification.

Once verified, participants are invited to an ice cream social and prize giveaway in October. The grand prize is a laptop donated by the Carroll Technology Council, Inc. Additional prizes from our generous sponsors include:

- Carroll County Public Library - Books
- Union Mills Homestead & Grist Mill- Seasonal Passes
- Carroll Arts Center - Event Tickets
- Carroll County Farm Museum - Week of Summer Camp
- Carroll County Farm Museum - Family Seasonal Passes
- 29th Infantry Division - Prize Pack, Carroll County
- Recreation and Parks - Prize Pack
- Carroll County Office of Tourism - Prize Pack

- Boys & Girls Club of Westminster - Summer Camp Prize Pack
- Historical Society of Mount Airy - Prize Pack

Celebrating America is a history initiative created by the Board of County Commissioners to promote greater understanding of American history and historically significant people, events and places particularly those within Carroll County. Visit <https://www.celebratingamerica.info/> for more information or "Like" us on our Celebrating America - Carroll County Facebook page updated daily with local stories and events, as well as national and local history, and some amazing photographs!

If you would like a copy of the Program Guide, please contact the Commissioner's Office at 410-386-2043. (additional guides available upon request. Email: vdaly@carrollcountymd.gov)

Please pass this information along to your friends and family so they can join the fun.

Vivian Daly, Administrative Coordinator
Carroll County Commissioners Office
410-386-2043

July Prayer Ventures

1 Give praise and glory to God for the wonders of nature, the diversity and interrelatedness of creation and the intriguing mysteries of the universe that humble and inspire us.

2 Through accompaniment, advocacy and awareness-raising, the Peace Not Walls campaign connects ELCA members to our companions in the Holy Land and promotes dignity, full respect for human rights and reconciliation between Palestinians and Israelis. Pray that our advocacy, new relationships and work together will lead to healing and enduring peace.

3 Thank God for the work and bravery of firefighters and fire crews who protect life and communities, especially during the lengthening fire seasons in some regions of our nation. Pray for their safety and their physical and spiritual renewal, and for the care, support and reassurance their families need when these first responders are called away to serve.

4 *Independence Day* As we celebrate the gift of freedom, pray for those in our communities, our nation and our world who still experience oppression, persecution or inequality. Ask for God's forgiveness for the ways in which we deliberately or unconsciously exert or support control over others for our own benefit or advantage; pray that we might exercise our freedom responsibly and compassionately for the well-being of all people.

5 Today marks the centennial of the first documented Lutheran camp in the United States, a summer camp in Pennsylvania that involved youth in healthful outdoor activities and equipped them for leadership in the church. Praise God for the rich history of our camps and for all the ways Lutheran outdoor ministries have grown to serve people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds, impacting congregational life and mission, nurturing leaders and sharing the gospel in a changing world.

6 Cyclones Idai and Kenneth hit Mozambique this past spring, affecting 2 million people, killing over 750 and leaving devastation. Pray for the people affected, their recovery and the relief effort being conducted by Lutheran Disaster Response in partnership with the Lutheran World Federation, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mozambique and ACT Alliance.

7 Pray that together we might respond with enthusiasm as God sends us into communities and the wider world to care for the needs of our neighbor and share the good news of Jesus Christ. Ask that the Spirit sustain and encourage us no matter how we are received or how difficult the work may be.

8 Remember in prayer the work of leaders, volunteers and planning teams preparing for the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering, a meeting of youth and their adult leaders for learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship through which young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live out that faith in daily life.

9 Pray for our church to be determined and tireless in advocating for common-sense gun laws and actions that will help prevent gun violence. Pray that our communities of faith might remember those who have lost their lives to gun violence, attend to grieving families and friends, and bring hope and

healing to survivors experiencing fear, anger, anxiety, depression and other lingering symptoms of trauma.

10 Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem is owned and operated by the Lutheran World Federation and supported by the ELCA. Pray for our federal government to release the funding approved for Augusta Victoria Hospital and the other members of the East Jerusalem Hospital Network so they can continue their lifesaving health care ministries in the Holy Land.

11 Praise God, make a joyful noise, sing the glory of God's name and "say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!'"

12 Remember in prayer the work of the Rev. Janelle Neubauer, YAGM country coordinator, and the seven young people serving in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program with the Lutheran Church of Rwanda in the areas of parish ministry, vocational training for youth, women's ministry, education and community organizing.

13 Pray that the Spirit will guide us — especially the "family of faith" — in how best to support, encourage and care for one another, that we will be faithful servants and witnesses in the world and "not grow weary in doing what is right."

14 Ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand the meaning and relevance of Jesus' parables. Pray that we hear and put into action Jesus' urging for us to care for our neighbor, especially those who suffer in poverty, hunger and illness, and strangers who are unfamiliar or different from us.

15 Remember in prayer our newly elected synod bishops, that they will be inspired, equipped and sustained in faith and wisdom for serving the church and its leaders in an ever-changing world.

16 Amid the temptations, distractions and pressures of daily life, ask God to teach us the ways, paths and truths that are pleasing to God, and to guide us to be mindful of our neighbor's well-being and wholeness.

17 Pray for neighboring congregations and churches, that we, united in the one body of Christ, strengthen and encourage one another for growing the church and, with the help of the Spirit, cultivate love, mercy, justice, hope and peace in the world.

18 Remember in prayer the six young people working alongside our companions in Cambodia as part of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program. Remember also Stephanie Olson, YAGM country coordinator, and the Rev. Phillip Baker, ELCA regional representative for Cambodia, as they work with our global companions to grow the emerging Lutheran Church in Cambodia and prepare pastors, economic development, health care and disaster response.

19 Give thanks for leaders, teachers and other brothers and sisters in Christ who help us better understand God's will, guide us in studying Scripture, strengthen our faith and wisdom, and encourage us to bear joyful witness to God's love and mercy.

20 Pray for empathy, compassion and wisdom in our conversations and actions addressing gun violence, recognizing that no act of violence occurs in a vacuum and that a variety of social factors and human contexts — including mental illness, poverty,

substance abuse, hatred and despair — influence the committing of violent acts.

21 Amid daily busyness and work, pause to pray and recall all that God has done and is doing for the sake of all humanity, and listen for what God is asking us to be and do in the world.

22 *Mary Magdalene, Apostle* Pray that we might emulate Mary Magdalene, a disciple of Jesus who witnessed the empty tomb and followed an angel's instructions to go and tell others of Jesus' resurrection. Ask God to stir our faith, courage and willingness to share the life-changing news of a risen Christ with everyone we encounter.

23 Ask the Spirit to revitalize, embolden and guide synods, their congregations and their leaders as they live into and implement decisions and actions resulting from their synod assemblies.

24 God can do amazing and miraculous things, such as fulfilling a promise to Abraham and Sarah that they would bear a child in their old age. Praise God's creative, boundless power and ask that we might be alert and open to how God stretches our faith, imagination and understanding of what's possible.

25 Give thanks for the work of ELCA Racial Justice Ministries in proclaiming our belief that Christ's church is for all people, and for helping the church confront racism, exclusion and violence and move toward fairness and justice in the church and society.

26 Remember in prayer the 10 young people working alongside our companions in Mexico as part of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program. Remember Rev. Meghan Brown Saavedra, YAGM country coordinator, and the Rev. David and Alicia Brondos, ELCA missionaries teaching at the Seminario Luterano Augsburgiano in Mexico City.

27 Pray for those involved in planning and preparing the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee, and for congregations, synods, voting members and leaders who will share their faith, wisdom, concerns and recommendations for strengthening and furthering our participation in God's reconciling work in the world.

28 Give thanks that God is attentive and responsive to us. Pray that we will never be timid about bringing to God our every matter, need, hope, question, sorrow and joy.

29 Pray that we will be moved by God's love and impartiality to extend hospitality and acceptance to our neighbor, especially those who are in need, are strangers to us or are disregarded by society.

30 Give thanks for the fullness of life we have in Christ through faith, and that the light and truth of the gospel and God's grace dwelling within us will transform us so we can convey hope to the world and love and serve our neighbor.

31 *United Nations World Day Against Trafficking in Persons* Human trafficking for forced labor and sexual exploitation is a global issue affecting every nation. Women and girls account for almost three-quarters of all trafficking victims. Pray that the ELCA, our congregations and communities continue to work to end human trafficking, care for survivors and address root causes of trafficking, such as poverty, hunger and sexism.

July 2019

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. *	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday **	Thursday	Friday **	Saturday
No Anniversaries	1	2 Anna Ruby Ella Scott	3 Silver Run Food Pantry 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Meal 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Open	4 Natalie Gallagher Independence Day	5	6
7 4th Sunday after Pentecost - Green Isaiah 66: 10 - 14 Psalm: 66: 1 - 9 Galatians 6: 1 - 16 Luke 10: 1 – 11, 16 – 20 Basket Offerings – Carroll County Food Sunday Outdoor Service & Picnic	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 5th Sunday after Pentecost - Green Deuteronomy 30: 9 - 14 Psalm: 25: 1 - 10 Colossians 1: 1 - 14 Luke 10: 25 - 37	15	16	17 Silver Run Food Pantry 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Meal 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Open	18	19	20 Brendan Gallagher
Vacation Bible School “Who Is My Neighbor?” 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.						
21 6th Sunday after Pentecost - Green Genesis 18: 1 – 10a Psalm: 15 Colossians 1: 15 - 28 Luke 10: 38 - 42	22	23	24	25 Colton Hollenbaugh	26	27
28 7th Sunday after Pentecost - Green Genesis 18: 20 - 32 Psalm: 138 Colossians 2: 6 - 19 Luke 11: 1 - 13 Social Time – Property Committee	29	30	31 Garry Miller	Worship Helpers Altar Guild: Fran Crist Communion Assistant: Jim Crist Head Usher: Meadows Family		

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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. *	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday **	Thursday	Friday **	Saturday
Anniversaries: Randy & Christina Hollenbaugh – 8/6/2011 Gary & Brenda Meadows – 8/5/1990	Worship Helpers Altar Guild: Donna Reed Communion Assistant: Christina Hollenbaugh Head Usher: (vacant)			1	2	3
4 Jesse Eyler 8th Sunday after Pentecost - Green Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12 – 14; 2: 18 - 23 Psalm: 49: 1 - 12 Colossians 3: 1 - 11 Luke 12: 13 - 21 Basket Offerings – Silver Run Street Lights	5	6	7 Silver Run Food Pantry 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Meal 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Open	8	9	10
11 9th Sunday after Pentecost - Green Genesis 15: 1 - 6 Psalm: 33: 12 - 22 Hebrews 11: 1 – 3, 8 – 16 Luke 12: 32 - 40	12 Church Council Meeting – 7 p.m.	13 Gary Meadows	14	15	16	17
18 10th Sunday after Pentecost - Green Jeremiah 23: 23 - 29 Psalm: 82 Hebrews 11: 29 – 12: 2 Luke 12: 49 - 56	19	20	21 Newsletter Deadline -10 a.m. Silver Run Food Pantry 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Meal 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Open	22	23 Mabel Leese	24
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9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

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