

ABIDING PRESENCE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Living in God's amazing grace



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New Email Addresses—We have new email addresses. You can find them on the back page of this newsletter and on the AP website. Please update your address books.

The Flute Choir is performing at the confirmation service on October 25 at

BLOOD DRIVE

October 22
1:00—7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Blood supply is at emergency levels. We need your help!!

REFORMATION SUNDAY

CONFIRMATION SERVICE—OCTOBER 25—11:00 AM
Invite family and friends now!!!!

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

First Communion



We want to welcome Luke Seaman and Tomy Czaplicki to the Lord's Table. They completed their First Communion class on Wednesday, September 23.



CROPWALK '09—is Sunday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m. and begins at the Kiwanis Shelter in the Rochester Municipal Park. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. Join the walk or pledge someone. For more info contact Chris Klepp or Cathy Evans.



Pastor Dick is teaching the Book of Faith Bible Study every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at AP.

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We don't change the message,
the message changes us.

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From Pastor Dick



Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ,

What do we expect to happen when we read the Bible or hear the lessons read on Sunday morning? Many of us turn to the Bible looking for direction in our lives. We turn to the Bible in difficult times in the hope that we will find comfort in one of our favorite stories or passages.

Regardless of the reason, we expect something to happen when we engage **God's word**. **This is because we approach the Bible from the position of faith. We trust that the Bible reveals God's will for all of creation. We trust in the promises of God given in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.** For these and other reasons we open our Bibles expecting to be changed.

On Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings, we have two opportunities to **gather in order to deepen our understanding of God's word. We are exploring** some of the history behind the Bible, as well as its literary features and various tools for interpreting it. We are doing this because we believe as we read the Bible together with new insights, we will more fully experience what God has planned for our lives.

The depth of our congregation's spirit as well as its potential to build faith and hope here and everywhere is directly related to our passion for God's word and our willingness to engage the Bible as individuals and as a community.

Please join us for these sessions. Bring your Bible and expect to be changed!

In Christ's service,

Pastor Dick

Youth News

Kudos to the youth – high school and middle - school for the youth service on Rally Day. All of you did a great job.

Abiding Presence Youth Group has a Facebook page. This is how we get out info and invitations. We also use email.

We are joining with the youth from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills for some activities this year. More info coming soon.

Come to the potluck (with or without a dish to pass) on Monday, Sept. 26 to meet Bishop Daudi from Mbulu, Tanzania.

CROP Walk – Sunday, Oct. 11. We will go to DQ after the walk.

We are planning to have Living Waters staff do two lock-ins – fall and spring. Dates will be announced soon.

The Gathering is Dec. 27-30 in Lansing. The Finches will be the chaperons. Cost is \$130 not including food. Sign up on the Youth bulletin board and ask Janet McBride for registration forms.



Bishop Daudi Visiting from Tanzania! Potluck Mon. Sept. 28!

Terri and Mark Finch will be hosting Bishop Zebadayo Daudi from the Mbulu Diocese in Tanzania for a couple of days. Bishop Daudi is in the U.S. for the installation of Rev. Stephen Marsh as Bishop of our synod and will stay for three weeks. The Southeast Michigan Synod has a companion relationship with the Mbulu Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, and Abiding Presence has a companion relationship with the congregation in Balangdalulu, Tanzania.

EVERYONE is invited to a potluck to meet Bishop Daudi and to learn about Tanzania and the Lutheran Church there. We are hoping to hear news of our companion congregation, Balangdalulu. The potluck is on Monday, Sept. 28 at 6:00pm.

CARING FOR OTHERS MINISTRY

Who belongs to this Ministry? All who attend APLC ! We could not run this ministry without you. We made a list of the programs that we do, inside and outside of the church.

We are proud of what we do and we are always amazed at the outcome of every project we take on, so we say THANK YOU **to everyone and let's keep up the good work.**

*American Red Cross -- 4 Blood Drives a year, next one is Oct 22

*Crop Walk -- Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty-- Walk for Hunger, support a walker

*Baldwin Center -- Serve Meals twice a year

*Neighborhood House -- 22 Christmas Baskets- which includes food and 22 gift certificates.

**NH Shopping Day Gifts -- Buy gifts for children, to help out parents at Christmas.

**NH Food Pantry -- Food donations

*Lighthouse -- Food donations

*Grace Center of Hope — Food donations

*Salvation Army -- Organize canned goods at Royal Oak Center

*Fair Trade Coffee -- Buying Fair Trade Coffee and Tea helps farmers in other countries

*Haven -- Donate used phones

*School Kits -- For Lutheran World Relief - FMI— Lesa Reynolds

*Bread for the World -- Oct 18- Write letters to Congress

*SOS -- **Help St. Philip's host homeless for a week**

*Heartland -- Help women transition from prison back home – FMI – Joan Geisler

*Habitat for Humanity -- Help build homes - FMI – Matt Reynolds or Glenn Campbell

*LSSM - Lutheran Social Services of MI - FMI - Karl Geisler

Coming * Vision Club House -- Help adults with mental illness Speaker coming Oct 11

** Any question or new ideas : Please contact Bob Bevier or Terri Finch

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

PASSPORT TO PRAYER

Mary Circle has begun its study in "Passport to Prayer" by an introduction to needs in the world, what Jesus would have us do about them and the power of prayer.

Share one Tuesday a month with Mary Circle to consider specific concerns in various countries. See our schedule and monthly topic below. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the church lounge.

Tuesday September 15	7:30pm	Church	Chapter 1	Prayer for the World
Tuesday October 13	7:30pm	Church	Chapter 2	Prayer for Uganda
Tuesday November 10	7:30pm	Church	Chapter 3	Prayer for India
Friday November 13	6:30pm	TBD	Chick Flick Movie Night*	
Tuesday December 8	6:30pm	Diane Ingamell's	Soup and Service Supper*	
Tuesday January 12	7:30pm	Church	Chapter 4	Prayer for Haiti
Tuesday February 9	7:30pm	Church	Chapter 5	Prayer for Thailand
Tuesday March 9	7:30pm	Church	Chapter 6	Prayer for Bolivia
Tuesday April 13	7:30pm	Church	Chapter 7	Prayer for Afghanistan
Tuesday May 11	7:30pm	Church	Chapter 8	Prayer for Vision
Tuesday June 8	6:30pm	TBD	End of the year salad supper	

Haven donations may be brought to the meetings or placed at any time in the Mary Circle donation box in the church narthex. This month the suggested items are:

Lysol spray
Hand sanitizer

Tide laundry Soap (liquid, HE)
Wisk laundry soap (liquid, HE)



Women's Ministries

Snippets from Preschool

Exactly 100 excited and, slightly apprehensive, children came through our doors on their first day of school.. Yes, there were a few tears, and some anxious phone calls from parents, but all tears were gone within a half hour or so and nervous parents were overjoyed, at pick up time, when smiles and laughter greeted them. It may take some little ones a couple of weeks, but we are well on our way to smiles at the beginning and the end of the day!

All classes begin the year with talk of friends and family, a subject near and dear to all preschoolers' hearts. We then split into topics applicable to each child's age. The 3's will move into Nursery Rhymes. Jacks will be tumbling, spiders will be spinning, and Humpties will be falling (splat!) Miss Michelle's 4's are Going on a Bear Hunt, having a Teddy Bear Picnic, and are sorting and sequencing bears. Miss Mary Sue's 4's will be exploring shapes and colors with clowns, dancing, and monsters! The Begindergarteners begin to base their lessons on Zoophonics complete with a letter of the week. They will be making Applesauce, creating Bird nests, and mixing Colors. Following a field trip to Upland Hills Farm the 3's and 4's will be transforming their rooms into working farms! There will be a barn to paint, "cows" to milk, and a field of corn to plant!

Yes, our regular classes are underway. However, there is more yet to come! Our Mom & Tot has proven so popular that, starting in early October, we will be offering Wednesday and Thursday sessions. If you have a two or nearly two this is the class for you! In addition, open to all our preschoolers, is our enrichment class. Miss Lyndsay is spearheading this program on Monday and Thursday afternoons immediately following our morning classes. She will also be teaching our Spanish classes and Pastor will be reading to us twice a month. Wow! We sure do keep busy!

The weather is cooler and, soon, the trees will be an artist's palate. What a wonderful time to get out and enjoy Mother Nature's beauty. God Bless!

Miss Karen and Miss Michelle



Lutheran World Relief

This year we are collecting soap and school kits for LWR. Boxes are set up in the Narthex and items will be shipped in October.

SOAP

New bars of any brand soap in the original wrapping, size 4-5 oz. are preferred.

SCHOOL KITS

Each kit contains:

150-200 page spiral notebook (can be 3-70 page notebooks)

12 sheets of colored construction paper

1 pair scissors

1 2 1/2 inch pink eraser

6 pencils with erasers

1 pencil sharpener

1 12" ruler with metric markings

1 pack of crayons (pack of 16-24)

I could also use help making the school bags. Finished bags need to measure 12"X14" and patterns are available. Any questions? Ask or call Lesa Reynolds at 248-608-6330.

Toy Factory Meets at AP

We need your help to make toy cars for children in need. The plan is to pack one in each box that the Sunday School will make for Operation Christmas Child in November. Sanding and oiling will take place on the patio or in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Oct. 18 at noon. Sign up to help provide lunch. All ages welcome.

Fall Clean Up

We will be working outside October 10 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Join us for coffee, donuts, and good clean fun! See Gary O. or Gary Clark for details.

From LSSM:

GIVE A GIFT CARD TO LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE FOR THOSE IN NEED:

Buy a gift card from Meijer, Target, WalMart, Kmart and others and donate the card to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. Buy a card for \$25, \$50, or \$100, send it to us and we will give it to someone in need. It may be a homeless family living in our Wayne Family Center, a refugee, a person with a disability, a foster child, a senior, or a child in an after school program. Your gift will enable those in need to celebrate Christmas. Send gift cards to Sonja Bankston, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, 8131 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit 48214.

GET "MOTORVATED": DRIVE YOUR CLUNKERS TO HELP OTHERS:

Lutheran Social Services has started a vehicle donation program called Motorvation Drive. We have contracted with Kozak Motors to handle the sales. Kozak will pick up suitable cars – as well as boats, RVs, motorcycles, and other vehicles powered by a motor – from anywhere in the Lower Peninsula. They will be prepared for sale and the proceeds will be given to LSSM. Some vehicles will be sold at a deep discount to LSSM clients, including refugees and teens leaving foster care. Contact Sonja Bankston at 877-259-6369.

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

Refugee Services is planning to provide computers and computer accessories to families arriving from countries in turmoil. They also need furniture and new mattresses. Call Sue Hachem, senior refugee specialist at 248-423-2790 if you can help.

PRAYER TEAM FOR LSSM:

You are invited to join others in praying for the needs of those in our care and on our staff who are in need of prayer. Corresponding by email, you will join a congregational team of 10 from across the state that trusts in Jesus to help us unleash the power of prayer. Please send your name and email address to Pastor Doug Kahl at dkahl@lssm.org or to Pastor Philip Hemke at phek@lssm.org.

USE MATCHING GIFTS:

Thrivent's Giving Plus program gives LSSM \$1 for every \$2 contributed by Thrivent members. Download a Giving Plus member form from the LSSM website (www.lssm.org) or call Sonja Bankston at 800-421-3062 and ask her to send you one. Send the form with your donation to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, 8131 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48214. Does your workplace provide matching gifts? Are you connected to any foundations or boards that would match gifts to LSSM? Call us!



The Detroit Metropolitan Flute Choir with Erv Monroe, Director.

The Detroit Metropolitan Flute Choir is comprised of twenty flutists from the Detroit area, conducted by Ervin Monroe, founder and musical director. The ensemble consists of professional flutists, music teachers, and advanced flutists who enjoy performing music. Members come from the business community, medical profession, building and architectural trades, etc.

This flute ensemble utilizes four musical instruments from the flute family; the standard C flute, the high sounding piccolo, the large alto flute, and the very large bass flute, the lowest sounding flute in the flute choir.

The Detroit Metropolitan Flute Choir has performed numerous recitals in the Detroit area and is featured frequently at many of the library concerts throughout Southeastern Michigan. The group has been performing for over fifteen years and has appeared with Michigan symphonies and has participated nationally in flute choir concerts at the annual convention held by the National Flute Association.

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Enroll in your 401(k): Enrolling in this type of retirement account offers tax deductions and tax-deferred growth.

Get the match: If your employer offers a 401(k) match, contribute **enough to get the full match. If you don't, you're missing out on free money.**

Review how your dollars are allocated: Review your portfolio each year, and if necessary, rebalance. Be sure to keep in mind your risk tolerance, as well as how long you plan to keep your money invested. Review these assets and your other investments.

Take advantage of flexible spending accounts: These accounts allow you to contribute pre-tax dollars to use during the year to pay eligible medical and child care expenses. Be sure to use wisely.

Add on insurance: Many employers allow employees to buy additional life and disability insurance coverage at a low cost.

For help understanding and making work work for you, contact Elizabeth Kaniarz, CFP®, FIC Financial Consultant at (248) 822-7700 or visit thrivent.com.

TISDEL in Concert

A benefit for **Rochester Area Neighborhood House**
Platinum Sponsor - Christian Memorial Cemetery 521 E. Hamlin Rd. Rochester Hills, MI



Friday, October 2, 2009 • 7:00 p.m.
St. Paul's Methodist Church
620 Romeo, Rochester

Soloist Mark Tisdel will be accompanied by violinist Lorrie Gunn and pianist Phyllis Bengry. Joining Mark in several numbers will be soprano Kelly Janney.

Tickets - \$10 in advance / \$15 at door

Tickets available at Janet Varner on Main St.
Sharon's Hallmark - Livernois and Walton and Adams and Walton
RANH Office - 1234 Inglewood (Behind Holy Family School)



October Birthdays

Judith Skellenger	10/1
Aaron Sundquist	10/2
Ed George	10/5
Robert Hage	10/5
Barbara Worth	10/5
Karen Miller	10/6
Cathleen Munn	10/6
Austin Trethewey	10/6
Kathryn Lindstrom	10/7
Robin Helmore	10/8
Abby Knight	10/9
Amanda Munn	10/10
Christine Chupailo	10/12
Roy Wirsu	10/12
Ethan Newer	10/12
Traci Chupailo	10/13
Kristine Mullen	10/14
Kathryn Dork	10/14
Sharon Fahl	10/15
Trygve Amundsen	10/15
Edith Vrooman	10/16
Susan Iaderosa	10/16
Connie Gullen	10/18

Earl Joki	10/18
Nicholas Long	10/18
Ashley Gibbs	10/18
Aubrey Gibbs	10/18
Charmaine Page	10/19
Yvonne George	10/20
Karen Rodriguez	10/21
Susan Gray	10/21
Cameron McBride	10/21
Marc Mulligan	10/22
Shu-Fen Sundquist	10/23
Paul Clemo	10/25
Renee Czaplicki	10/26
Catherine Montgomery	10/27
Tracy Handler	10/27
Jeanne Hanley	10/27
Hannah Trethewey	10/27
Barbara Hoy	10/28
Cole Hoffman	10/28
Ray Newer	10/29
John Roebuck	10/29
David Wing	10/29

October Wedding Anniversaries

HOUSEHOLD	DATE OF ANNIVERSARY	YEARS CELEBRATING
Daniel & Laura Hillmer	10/03/2003	6
Scott & Jill McKinney	10/09/1970	39
Jim & Janet Boldig	10/11/1958	51
Ron & Debbie Corey	10/11/1980	29
John & Siobhan Quigley	10/11/1986	23
Dean & Anne MacKenzie	10/18/1997	12
Joe & Ann Bysko	10/23/1965	44
Brian & Traci Chupailo	10/28/1995	14

OOPS! Are you missing from our list? Sometimes we copy the information incorrectly **or sometimes we just don't have it.** If you are missing from our anniversary or birthday list, please contact the church office and let us know what is wrong or missing. THANKS!

READINGS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER



DATE	CHURCH YEAR DAY	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
October 4	18 Pentecost	Genesis 2:18-24	Psalm 8	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
October 11	19 Pentecost	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
October 18	20 Pentecost	Isaiah 53:4-12	Psalm 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
October 25	Reformation Sunday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36



2009 Congregation Board

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Key Ministry

Coordinators:

Encountering God In

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Cathy Evans

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Jennifer Graessle

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Others:

Mike Kilpatrick &
Chuck Russell

Caring for Others in

Need:

Bob Bevier

Fund Balance Report August 2009

FUND BALANCES	Balance	Y T D	Y T D	Balance
	1/1/2009	Receipts	Disb.	8/31/2009
General Fund & Preschool	75,407	368,686	392,694	51,399
Memorial	10,078	825	3,500	7,403
WELCA (Mary Circle)	1,334	40	200	1,174
Pastor's Discretionary	0	0	0	-
Pass Thru Accounts (net received - disbursed)	6,023	4,487		10,510
Total Fund Balances	92,842	374,038	396,394	70,486
General Fund Receipts to date	202,715		Budget YTD	226,020
Capital Fund Receipts to date	48,159		Budget YTD	48,100



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Worship Schedule

8:30am Traditional Worship
9:45am Sunday School All Ages
11:00am Contemporary Worship

Input deadline is the **15th** of the month.

Please send your articles to
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