

September 2017

# Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran



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- 9-3 SS/Worship  
Personnel Mtg.
- 9-4 **Labor Day Holiday**
- 9-5 Centering Prayer 8:30a.
- 9-6 Soup Kitchen 12 Noon  
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 9-7 LLL Bingo 10:00 a.m. –  
Covered Dish
- 9-10 Rally Day 9:45 a.m.  
Worship
- 9-11 Quilting 10:00 a.m.
- 9-12 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.
- 9-13 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 9-17 SS/Worship  
Family Day Dinner  
Mutual Ministry Mtg.
- 9-19 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.
- 9-20 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 9-21 Oaks Nursing  
Home 10:00 a.m.
- 9-24 Council Mtg. 8:30 a.m.  
SS/Worship  
Evangelism Mtg. -Noon
- 9-26 Centering Prayer 8:30 a.
- 9-27 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



## Fruit of the Vine...

The grapes are coming in. Large, purple globes the color of fresh bruises nestle among dark green leaves, hoping to escape the notice of the wild birds that perch on the vines to cast a practiced eye upon the ripening fruit. It will be a contest as to who gets them first – the birds, or my friend, who is gearing up for his annual wine-making. The sweet, musky aroma of muscadines, warm from the sun, hangs in the air like the morning mist, making my mouth water. No wonder the birds have set up vigil! I, too, know how good it is to bite through the thick skin to get to the juicy pulp. And, I have been the lucky recipient of some mighty fine homemade muscadine wine!

It is no surprise to me that the first miracle Jesus performed was to change water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. He did this not because he liked wine so much, but because he liked people. And, he loved his mother. She asked him to save a newly-wed couple from the real social stigma of running out of wine at their week-long wedding feast. Mary believed in her son, so much so that she didn't have to ask him how he would fix it – she just knew he would. She told the servants to "Do what ever he tells you," confident that all would be well. And, to please his mother, Jesus changed water into a wine so good even the wine steward was impressed! This tells us two things. First, that Jesus listens when those he loves bring their cares and concerns to him. And, secondly, that he has the power to change things for the better – even beyond our expectations.

How good it is to know that Jesus is willing *and able* to help us with whatever we bring to him! How good it is to be able to hand our problems over to him, then step back and let him take care of things in his own way, in his own time, believing that something good will come of it all. This is the source of the peace that only Christ, the True Vine, can give.

May the fruit of peace gladden your heart like a fine wine.

***Blessings on your Fall days, Pastor Barb <><***

***You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,  
and plants for people to use,  
to bring forth food from the earth,  
and wine to gladden the human heart...***

***Psalm 104:14-15***

## Serving Our Lord in September

**Communion Assistant**

Julia Snipes

**Ushers**

Jim Trask and Jimmy Watson

**Altar Guild**

Max Wood and Bobby Martin

**Lectors**

Jon Coogle and Katie Felker

**Acolytes:**

**9-3** Laney Martin, **9-10** Ava Felker, **9-17** Ava Felker, **9-24** Ava Felker

**Family Day Hosts:** Ted & Mary Lynn Robinson, David & Mary Haigler, Jim & Franchelle Arnold, Jeremy & Susan Martin, Tony Webb

**Coffee Hour:**

**9-3** Wendi Martin, **9-10** Rally Day Breakfast, **9-17** Brenden Fitzgerald,  
**9-24** Angela Cannon

**Flowers:**

**9-3:** Julia Snipes, in memory of Ruth Boecler and Louise Snipes

**9-10:** Jamie and Angela Cannon in honor of Aiden, Aubrey, Christian, Haley, Kelsi and Landon \*

**9-17:** Tricia and Jimmy Trask in honor of Mary Ann Smith and in loving memory of James Smith, Sarah and John Trask.

**9-24:** Ted and Mary Lynn Robinson in honor of Jacob and Gavin Gentile

**Soup Kitchen:** Mary Haigler

**Sunday School Teachers**

4-9 year olds – Angela Cannon

4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade – Renee Collier

Adult Class Lingle Room – Sharon Martin

Adult Class – Wendi Martin

## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

9-3 Ted & Mary Lynn Robinson

9-16 Scarlet Elizabeth Cazier

9-4 Nancy McCarty

9-21 Jim & Franchelle Arnold

9-9 Gary & Kay Blymire

9-22 Judy Shearon

9-10 Aiden Hobbs

9-25 Mack Mc Carty

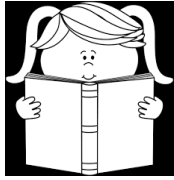
9-10 John Hammock

9-26 Riley Marie Coogle

9-13 Bobby Moretz

9-27 Tommy Coogle

9-14 Courtney Coogle



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE! GIVE THE GIFT OF LITERACY.**

The Macon County Head Start Program needs books to help children learn to read. \$36.00 Provides a child with 12 books (one per month sent home with the child) and provides his or her parents with the material they need to support their child's learning.

If you would like to participate in this vital program, Contact: Family Connections:

Nicole Howell: 478-244-8216 or Roger Ann Davis: 229-591-5186

**GRACE CIRCLE QUILTERS**



The MZSL *Grace Circle Quilters* would like to thank you again for the donations collected during Lent of this year that went to purchase quilting supplies. Our group of quilters made these quilts to donate to Lutheran World Relief. Pastor Barb blessed the quilts during worship on August 13<sup>th</sup>, and Mary Haigler delivered them to the collection site.

Pictured here are quilters Neelema Choppla, Mary Haigler, Myrtle Joiner, Emily Harvill and Sharon Martin. Not in photo: Julia Snipes, Debra Coogle, and Mary Jane Ethridge

**Free Conference : Monday, September 25, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**The Joys and Challenges of Multicultural Congregations:  
Undoing the Most Segregated Hour in the United States.**

Hosted by Christ Our Hope Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Theological Center in Atlanta

Lunch will be provided. If you would like to attend the conference, Please RSVP to [coh@bellsouth.net](mailto:coh@bellsouth.net), See Pastor Barb for more information.



**Mark Your Calendars for our 500<sup>th</sup> Reformation Celebration!**

Mt. Zion St. Luke will join with other area Lutheran churches of Middle Georgia to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation with an

**OKTOBERFEST! Saturday, October 28, 2017, 2:00 -6:00 p.m.  
at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod  
336 Carl Vinson Parkway, Warner Robins.**

There will be a live polka Band, genuine German brats, potato salad, cake, beer and soft drinks. This is a great opportunity to get together with other area Lutherans to celebrate our heritage, show our unity, and to remember that we are a *re-forming* church! We have purchased T-Shirts with the Luther Rose on the front, and the names of the participating churches on the back. We did buy a few extra if you would like one at \$10.00 apiece. A sign-up sheet for carpooling is in the entrance way.

**Sunday School *Rally Day* will be Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:45.a.m.**

We would love for everyone to join us for breakfast at 9:45 on Sept 10<sup>th</sup> as we kick off the beginning of a new Sunday School year! We will enjoy good food thanks to Gail Coogle, sing some of the all time favorite children's Bible Songs with Pastor Barb and her guitar, and learn about our educational opportunities for children and adults in the coming church year! Hope to see you there! *Renee Collier, Chair of Christian Ed.*

**Performance Evaluation of Pastor**

It doesn't seem like it has been a whole year since we last evaluated Pastor Barb's performance, but September is almost here, and the pastor's performance evaluation is done during September each year so that there will be time to incorporate a potential recommended pay raise into the budget planning cycle for the next year. Just like last year, a performance rating will be done by the personnel committee and a narrative form with four questions will be completed by all members of the congregation who choose to participate.

The narrative form is enclosed in this newsletter. Please take a little time to prayerfully consider the questions and complete the form between now and September 15. We will also make an announcement about this and distribute the form at our worship service on Sunday, September 10. Performance evaluation information is confidential and will only be shared with the pastor, personnel committee and council. Please do not put your name on the form. Put it in a sealed envelope or fold and staple it so that it cannot be seen. We will have baskets for you to deposit the form at the worship service on September 10, or you can send it directly to me (P.O. Box 273, Oglethorpe 31068) or put it in my mailbox at the church.

The information from the forms will be summarized and given to the personnel committee to include with our ratings of the pastor's performance. We will present both sections of the evaluation to Pastor Barb in a meeting with her in early October. Once we have talked with Pastor Barb and heard her reactions we will present the evaluation to the council for any additions they wish to make, and their final approval.

I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity for direct involvement in evaluating our pastor's work in the congregation. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

David Haigler

**HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF**

Gifts for Lutheran Disaster Response is inviting you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster. Any donations can be made to Lutheran Disaster Response at Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Write "Hurricane Response, United States" or "Lutheran Disaster Response, U.S", on your check's memo line.

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**Prayer List**

***Please Pray For Members:*** Jim Arnold, Al Coogle (and Debra), Bess Edwards, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Mary Hammock, Myrtle Joiner, Nancy McCarty, Tommy Martin, Zack Martin, Helen Smith, Leigh Powell, Tricia Trask, Tony Webb, Lucile Williams, our Military and all the ministries of our church.

***For Friends and Family:*** Matthew Anderson, John Arnold, Trey Chapple, Chic Cole, Brian Dietz, Karen Drysdale, Joann Edwards, Trey Futrell, Allison Greene, Langdon Harp, Freddie & Linda Hartley, Jenny Joiner, Nancy Joyce, Mary Lamberth, Harris Lott, Charlene Oliver, Ron Ricklef, Kim Sangster, Virginia Taylor, Angela Trussell.

***Serving Our Nation:***

John Edwards

Please help us keep this prayer list current. To add or remove someone, contact the church office. Thanks!