



September 2019

Good News

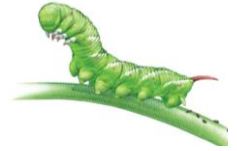
Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

September 2019

- 9-1 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.
- 9-2 Grace Circle 10:00 a.m.
Labor Day
- 9-3 Centering Prayer 8:30
- 9-4 Soup Kitchen Noon
New Bible Study starts
7:00 p.m.
- 9-8 Council Mtg. 8:45 a.m.
SS Rally Day
Breakfast 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Blessing of Vocation
- 9-10 Centering Prayer 8:30
Quilting 10:00 a.m.
- 9-12 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 9-15 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.
Family Day Meal
Mutual Ministry
Newsletter Deadline
- 9-17 Centering Prayer 8:30
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 9-22 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evangelism Mtg. noon
- 9-24 Centering Prayer 8:30
- 9-25 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 9-29 SS/Worship
- 9-30 Centering Prayer 8:30

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People of the Promise...



I've been watching with pleasure the last of my summer tomatoes slowly grow from a flower to a fruit the size of a golf ball. Knowing that it was going to be my last one of the season, I've been holding my breath, hoping that it was going to make it to maturity. Well, yesterday morning all the breath went out of me, because when I looked out the window to see how it had fared through the night, I was shocked to see that half of my lovely tomato was gone!

I ran outside in my flip flops, (which I had vowed never to do again after being snake-bit) to gaze forlornly on the half-eaten remains of my dream of a juicy BLT. "Was it a deer? Do they eat tomatoes?" I wondered. But, as I inspected the plant, I quickly pin-pointed the culprit. A huge, and I mean HUGE, hornworm was happily sucking the life out of my tomato plant that was already on its last legs, and not too far away was its little brother, busily stripping the stem bare of its remaining leaves.

There is nothing so disheartening as to see your labor of love being destroyed right before your eyes! But, that is the risk we who love to till the soil take every time we sow a seed. No matter your precautions and effort, you can't predict how well your plants will grow. *Or*, what lies in wait to eat it before you do!

Ever since the Fall, when we humans chose to listen to that *Serpent* instead of *God* and God cursed the ground, we have had to deal with the beetle on the beans, the slug on the squash, the worm in the apple. And the Devil laughs. He *laughs!* Because he is never happier than when he can wreak havoc on all our hard work! But, we continue to plant, year after year, and water, and feed, and wait for a good return for our labor. We persevere in the face of all odds, because we are a people of the promise! Natalie Sleeth wrote a song about it. (You know how I love songs!) It's called the *Hymn of Promise*, and the first verse says:

In the bulb there is a flower. In the seed an apple tree.
In cocoons a hidden promise. Butterflies will soon be free.
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be.
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

This is the hope in which we live – the promise of new life embedded in everything, *included us*, and that through Christ, God is reconciling all of creation to himself. One day, everything will be made perfect again, like it was in the beginning, and *no one* - *no thing* - will be able to spoil it for us, ever again! And, so, I'm already looking forward to next year's tomatoes! Thanks be to God!

Blessings, Pastor Barb <><

Revelation 21:5

Serving Our Lord in September

Communion Assistant	Julia Snipes
Ushers	Jim Trask and Jimmy Watson
Altar Guild	Bobby Martin and Max Wood
Lectors	Jon Coogle and Katie Felker
Kyrie	Wendi Martin
Acolytes:	Landon Martin

Family Day Dinner: September 15th

Ted and Mary Lynn Robinson, David and Mary Haigler, Jeremy and Susan Martin, Bobby and Sharon Martin

Coffee Hour:

9-1 Jon Coogle	9-8 Rally Day Breakfast
9-15 Brenden Fitzgerald	9-22 Angela Cannon
9-29 Mary Haigler	

Flowers:

- 9-1** Julia Snipes in honor of our military
- 9-8** Jamie and Angela Cannon in honor of Aiden, Kelsi, Haley, Christian, Aubrey and Landon
- 9-15** Jamie and Angela Cannon loving memory of their grandparents
- 9-22** Grady and Patsy in memory of Miss Ruth Kleckley
- 9-29** Ted and Mary Lynn Robinson in loving memory of Margie Parks

Soup Kitchen: Soup Kitchen, September 4th , Noon – Mary Haigler

Sunday School Teachers:

K-5th Grade – Angela Cannon **6th – 12th Grade** – Renee Collier
Adult Class Lingle Room – David Haigler/Jon Coogle
Adult Class Conference Room – Wendi Martin

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

9-3 Ted & Mary Lynn Robinson	9-16 Scarlet Cazier
9-4 Nancy McCarty	9-21 Jim & Franchelle Arnold
9-9 Gary & Kay Blymire	9-22 Judy Shearon
9-10 John Hammock	9-25 Mack McCarty
9-10 Aiden Hobbs	9-26 Riley Marie Coogle
9-13 Bobby Moretz	9-27 Tommy Martin
9-14 Courtney Coogle	

Mark Your Calendars for Sunday School *RALLY DAY!*

On *September 8th at 9:30 a.m.* we will gather in the Lingle room for our Annual Sunday School Rally Day! We will enjoy a lite breakfast together, do a little singing, then each of our teachers will give a brief overview of what their class will be learning in 2019-2020. We have classes Sunday Morning at 10.00 a.m. for Youth, K-5 and 6-12th grades and two different Adult classes. On Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. we have an Adult Bible Study group. Grace Circle also does a Bible Study the first Monday of the month. Studying the Word of God is invaluable for growing closer in our relationship with God and with each other. If you are not currently involved in a Sunday School class or Bible Study, we hope you will considering joining one. We have something available for everyone! Thank you, and hope to see you there!

Renee Collier, Christian Education Committee Chair

Blessing of Vocation during Worship, Sunday, September 8th

God has blessed our hands for his work, not just in our church building, but everywhere we go, in everything we do. It is important to recognize the other ways we serve God out in the world: at home, at work, in school, as community volunteers, in our hobbies and in how we spend our leisure. The things we do outside the church proper are the way we show and tell the love of God to our neighbors. Whatever talent or interest God has gifted you with is your vocation – “your calling” – and it is good to be mindful of the ways God has blessed us in our day to day living to be a blessing to others. With that in mind, we will have a *Blessing of Vocation* during worship on Sept. 8th. We ask that each of you bring something that represents your ministry outside of your work for the church, ie., a brief case for a lawyer, a stethoscope for a nurse or doctor, a school book or sports item for a student, a golf club, gardening tool, baking pan, paint brush, knitting needle – whatever represents your “calling”. We will have a table set up in the sanctuary to display the items, and bless them, so that you will remember as you use those items that all of your labor is a labor of love for the Lord

You Are Invited!

On October 5, 2019 at 2:00 pm, The Reverend Kevin Lyle Strickland will be installed as the fourth bishop of the Southeastern Synod. The installation will be held at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, with a reception to follow. You are all invited to this important event! Pastor Barb and others are going, and if you would like to car pool, just let her know. Music begins at 1:30 p.m. and it is recommended we get there by then, so we will leave by 11:00 am. This is a good opportunity to get to meet your new bishop, whose six year term begins September 1st.

Dear Members of Mt Zion-St Luke, it is time for our annual Pastor evaluation. Attached to this newsletter is the evaluation form for you to fill out on Pastor Barb. When you complete it, put it in either of the manila envelopes at each of the narthexes. If you have any questions, see me or Katie Felker.

Thank you. Jon Coogle, Council President.

Hiding In Plain Sight

In the society in which we live today, it seems as if we are over run with scams and people looking for a hand out. Our trust and hope in our fellow man is put to the test day in and day out. Sometimes, there is such need that we get overwhelmed, and turn a blind eye. What has happened to the people who are looking for a hand *up*? Not *out* but, *up*? we might ask. But, are they getting lost in the mix? Do we think they are all the same? Are they hiding in plain sight? When the church fails to meet the real needs of people, the government is sometimes put into the position of taking what used to be the church’s role in helping our wounded brothers and sisters in Christ, and too often, they fall through the cracks. But, we serve a God who sit’s high, but, looks low. God has a heart for the poor, and asks us to care for them, too. Have you felt the presence of Jesus in your encounters? OH! He’s been there all along! Did you feel the pull or push of His voice calling you to action? Have you ever asked the Lord in a quick prayer “What would you have me do Lord?” Then, get ready for His answer! It may be “Keep walking.” It may be “Give of your time and talent to this one.” or “Pay it forward.” Remember, “Who is the church?” And all God’s people say “We are the church!!!” We thank God for his guidance as we seek to do his will. Arthur Jackson, Stewardship Committee

Mt. Zion-St. Luke Lutheran Church
2019 Performance Evaluation Form – Pastor

Narrative Evaluation (Completed by all members of congregation)

1. What strengths are most evident in the service/ministry of the pastor?

2. In what areas does the pastor need to improve in service/ministry?

3. How do you evaluate the effectiveness of the pastor in leading the church to fulfill its purpose and mission?

4. What suggestions do you wish to communicate to the pastor?



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Prayer List

Please Pray for Members: Jim Arnold, Al Coogle, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Mary Hammock, Emily Harvill, Myrtle Joiner; Sharon Martin; Zack Martin, Tony Webb, for our college students, for all the ministries of our church and for our Military.

For Friends and Family: Matthew Anderson, John Arnold, Cuyler Barr, Gene Bradley, Charles Cannon, Trey Chapple, Chic Cole, Brian Dietz, Karen Drysdale, Chris Fox, Bob Futrell, Trey Futrell, Allison Greene, Langdon Harp, Freddie & Linda Hartley, Joseph Hill, Bobby Hosley, Bobby Hudson, Connie Johnson, Curtis Johnson, Jenny Joiner, Nancy Joyce, Greg Kirk, Mary Lamberth, Harris Lott, Corby McClure; Bob Melvin; Crystal Miller, Charlene Oliver, Leigh Powel, Tiffany Richards, Ron Ricklef, Kim Sangster, Douglas Smith, and Jacob Vickers.

Serving Our Nation: John Edwards.