



September 2023

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

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9-3 SS 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Online option

9-4 LABOR DAY -----
Office Closed
NO BIBLE STUDY

9-10 SS 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Online option
God's Work. Our Hands -
1-4P.M. @ Soup Kitchen
CALL COMMITTEE @
NOON

9-11 Bible Study 6p.m.
"The Use of the Means
of Grace"

9-14 Grace Circle @
11:00a.m.

9-17 SS 10:00a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Online option
Family Day Dinner
COUNCIL MEETING
12:15P.M.
Newsletter Deadline

9-18 Bible Study 6p.m.

9-20 The Oaks 10:30a.m.

9-24 SS 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Online option
CONFIRMATION
CLASS NOON – 3P.M.

9-25 Bible Study 6p.m.

The Third Petition of The Lord's Prayer **"Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."**

What does this mean? In fact, God's good and gracious will comes about without out prayer, but we ask in this prayer that it may also come about in and among us.

Luther's Small Catechism

Our Confirmation students spent some time recently talking about God's will and its importance in the world. God's will is here to stay; it has always been here to stay. Luther's understanding was that God's will is lived out through the work of the Spirit somewhere, somehow all the time. That's how powerful and magnificent the will of God is.

You and I are called each day to perform our part of God's will in the world. Every September we are invited into an *ELCA* ministry called *God's Work, Our Hands (GWOH)*. This nationwide ministry involves hundreds of thousands of Lutherans dedicated to providing simple gestures of service for those who otherwise might be ignored, who otherwise might be forgotten. Cutting the yard belonging to a disabled military veteran or painting the apartment of an elderly woman – neither of whom is even Lutheran – can demonstrate the presence of the Christ in us who is alive and desirous of loving the other.

Certainly, while *GWOH* is a beautiful ministry, our outreach here at *MZSL* is not fulfilled in one weekend only. No, we are continuously reaching into the community with our hands and feet as God's representatives of the Gospel. And, with the assistance of a recently adopted three-year strategic plan, we will be growing even more. It's an exciting time here in Oglethorpe.

God's will is being lived out without our prayers; this is most certainly true. But we ask in The Lord's Prayer that God's will may also continue to come about in and among us.

To God be the Glory for all God has done,
Pastor Steve

Grace Circle “Recognizing that each woman is created in God’s image and uses her varied gifts in diverse ministries.” In February 2020, Grace Circle went on hiatus due to COVID-19. Grace Circle provides an opportunity for women to learn and grow spiritually. Each monthly meeting includes a devotional/bible study and a business session. When we last met, our study focused on the book “50 Women Every Christian Should Know”. Each short chapter highlights admirable and courageous Christian women from Lottie Moon and Susanna Wesley to Corrie ten Boom (a Holocaust survivor) and Ruth Graham. On **Thursday, September 14th at 11:00 am, we will have a re-organizational meeting of Grace Circle.** If you want to be in communion with and inspired by other Christian women, consider being a part of Grace Circle. Call Julia if you need encouragement! 478-244-9922

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



September 10th is God's Work Our Hands Sunday, the day of service sponsored by the ELCA. This year, we have in mind something for everyone.

After church, our quilting ministry has ways even non-sewers can help get quilts ready to send out for their mission.

The youth will help to put together blessing bags.

Items for the blessing bags: Toothbrush, toothpaste, individual peanut butter, crackers ,raisins, socks, wet ones, gum, deodorant, bible verse, chips, vienna sausage, fruit cups, soup, tuna, mac and cheese

With food prices, etc. so high, times are hard financially for our community. We will be sponsoring a **Financial Wellness program** to help folks evaluate their resources, budget, and how to deal with challenges. Having helpers to assist people with their worksheets would be a blessing. The program will be **1-4pm on Sunday, September 10th** at the Bread of Life Soup Kitchen. Sack lunches will be available at the church and at the Bread of Life Soup Kitchen for all those participating in our projects.

Please consider signing up to help with any of volunteer opportunities.

Please call/text/ pm Mary Haigler for quilts, Renee Collier for youth and Karen Hatten for finance program.

Serving Our Lord in September

Altar Guild	Bobby Martin & Max Wood
Lectors	Jon Coogle & Karen Coogle
Communion Assistant:	Julia Snipes
Acolyte	Landon Martin
Ushers:	Jimmy Trask and Jimmy Watson
Sound Technicians:	Bobby Martin and Joy McNutt

Family Day:

Ted & Mary Lynn Robinson, David & Mary Haigler, April Martin & Jeremy & Susan Martin

Coffee Hour:

09-03 Katie Felker	09-17 NO Coffee Hour
09-10 Brenden Fitzgerald	09-24 Angela Cannon

Flowers

- 09-03 Julia Snipes in honor of our military.
09-10 Jamey and Angela Cannon in honor of Aiden, Kelsi, Haley, Christian, Aubrey and Landon*
09-17 Jamey and Angela Cannon in memory of our Grandparents and Charles Cannon
09-24 Grady English in loving memory of his wife Patsy English.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. for all ages in the Education Building.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

09-03 Ted & Mary Lynn Robinson	09-22 Judy Shearon
09-04 Nancy McCarty	09-25 Mack McCarty
09-10 Aiden Hobbs	09-26 Riley Marie Coogle
09-13 Bobby Moretz	09-27 Tommy Martin
09-14 Courtney Coogle Reid	
09-16 Scarlet Elizabeth Cazier	

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Temporary Change in Communion

The church has quite a few disposable communion cups/wafers remaining from the Covid precautionary days. In order not to waste the remaining cups, the Worship and Music Committee suggests we use them on third Sundays (Family Day Dinner Sunday). Starting in September, we will pick up our cups in the Narthex and receive communion in our seats. Depending on attendance, we will only need to do this for 2 or 3 months. Thank you.

Please help keep this prayer list current. Contact the Church Office to update list.

Pray for Members: Callie Coogle, Debra Coogle & Family, Rick Coogle, Grady English & Family, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, David Haigler, Emily Harvill, Myrtle Joiner, Billy Martin, Sharon Martin, Tommy Martin, Zack Martin, George & Helen Smith, Angie and Heather Summer, Tony Webb, our college students, The Call Committee and for all the ministries of our church.

For Friends and Family: Sylvia Bergstrom, Pam Cole, Marvin Duke, Carl Ethridge, Jorene Gordon, Dan Harvill, Adam Hobbs, Michael Hortman, Bob Melvin, Elaine Middlebrooks & Family, Patricia Morgan, Buddy Murph, Brenda Oglesby, Don Oliver, Leigh Powell, Jerry Riddle, Ann Roberts, Lamar Yoder, our nation, Ukraine, and the world.

Serving our Nation: John Edwards