

### Disaster Response Opportunities

- 1) **LCMS:** donate financially at [www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster](http://www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster); or text to LCMSDisasters to 41444
- 2) **NJ District Disaster Response Team:** if you can volunteer a couple of days to go to the Carolinas, please contact Rev. Mike Dunne at 973-334-0547, or at [PastorMike.HolySpirit@gmail.com](mailto:PastorMike.HolySpirit@gmail.com) for more info.
- 3) **Thrivent Financial:** Thrivent will match up to \$1 million dollars towards the disaster relief from Hurricane Florence. All proceeds (100 %) will go to those in need. Donate at: Thrivent.com (Disaster Response page). As of 09/20/18, \$62,402.00 has been donated! Thrivent will collect donations until Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, or until the match is met, whichever comes first.



**New Sunday Service Time!**

**9am Bible Study**

**10 am Worship**



## **38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RED BANK CROP WALK FOR THE HUNGRY**

### **An Interfaith Community Effort to Fight Hunger & Poverty**

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**Sunday - October 21, 2018**

Each year across the United States, people just like you will walk, sponsor or help out at a Crop Walk for Hunger. By joining with others, we're able to respond faithfully to the needs of those around the world and also around the block. The funds we raise:

- Assists in disasters and famines
- Supports long-term development
- Helps meet the special needs of refugees
- Works with others in trying to provide clean drinking water for all people.



Twenty-five percent of the money we raise stays here in our own communities to help hunger related programs. This year, our local recipients are Lunch Break, Aslan, HABcore, Calico Cat, Horizons At The Jersey Shore, Meal at Noon, Project Paul, AACC Food Pantry, Monmouth Day Care Center, The Center in Asbury Park, Bayshore Lunch Program, Family Promise, Matawan Community Food Pantry, Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry and Matawan UMC Food Pantry.

We're also collecting Peanut Butter, Rice, Beans and Soup (**new item this year**) which will be distributed to area food pantries and programs.

**LAST YEAR OUR WALK CAME IN 6<sup>TH</sup> IN THE NATION (OF APPROX. 1,000 WALKS)  
FOR THE AMOUNT OF MONIES RAISED AND NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE YOUR SUPPORT AGAIN THIS YEAR  
AND BE PART OF THE SOLUTION  
AS A WALKER, VOLUNTEER, SPONSOR AND/OR FOOD COLLECTOR**

A table will be set up in the Fellowship Hall for the next several Sundays (after both services) for more information or to sign up.

Please see Marie or Dave Helsing  
(or call 732-542-7892) for more information or to sign up.

## Crafty Christians Fall Bazaar

### Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm

Not only do they sell beautiful, clever, handmade items-

They also use the proceeds to improve the lives of those around them.

Come support this exceptional group; pick up some amazing gifts, decorations, and (just in case that wasn't enough temptation) they have yummy food too!

## Tinton Falls Day

We will have a booth at the Tinton Falls Community Day taking place on Saturday, October 6th, from 3pm to 7pm. This is a great opportunity to meet the local community and show them we are not scary.

We would appreciate any help you can provide! We need to transport tables, chairs, and promotional materials from church to the Sycamore Avenue soccer fields. Strong arms and trucks are greatly needed. Or, if you would like to spend some time at the table talking to our neighbors, see Ellen Rehberg for additional information.

### Game Night

The next monthly potluck dinner and game night will take place on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6pm. Come learn a new game, share an old favorite, or just come hang out. We would love to see you there!

The second annual  
**Heartstrings Festival**  
was a great success  
with over 300 attendees!  
We are already  
planning and looking  
forward to the  
third annual  
event next year!



Come join us for Bible Study on Sundays at 9:00 am where we continue the series: ***The Miracles of Jesus.***

The schedule for October is as follows:

10/7	Jesus Feeds 5,000 People
10/14	Jesus Walks on the Water
10/21	Power over Demons
10/28	The Resurrection of Lazarus

Every week is new. Everyone is welcome.



Join us for  
**Luther Memorial's "Trunk-Or-Treat"**

in our church parking lot on **Sunday,**  
**October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**from 4-6 PM**

This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to the community and also have them learn a little about us. We would like this to be a church-wide event and we will need everyone to help make this a success.

Volunteers are needed to decorate their car/truck trunks\*(and themselves), plus parking attendants, greeters, safety guards, people for registration and people to help out with the food and judging. The teens will be organizing some games for the children to play. We also need candy donations (no nuts please) or some other treats (erasers, pencils, etc.) for the participants to pass out. The sign-up poster plus the candy/treat collection box are in the narthex.

Also, if you have any great ideas for this event, we would love to hear from you. We want to make this a fun event, not only for the children, but also for our church and preschool family. For more information, contact the church office at 732-542-2727 or Marie Helsing at Mums@aol.com.

\*For lots of ideas about decorating your trunk or coming up with a theme, check the internet under trunk or treat.



# Why Is Christian Fellowship So Important?

## PART 3

Fellowship is an important part of our faith. Coming together to support one another is an experience that allows us to learn, gain strength, and show the world exactly who and what God is. In Parts 1 and 2, we learned that Christian Fellowship gives us a picture of God and together fellowship makes us stronger. In Part 3, the focus is on fellowship providing encouragement.

### **Fellowship Provides Encouragement\***

We all have bad moments. Whether it's the [loss of a loved one](#), a failed exam, money problems, or even a crisis of faith, we can find ourselves down. If we go too low, it can lead to anger and a feeling of disillusionment with God. Yet these low times are why fellowship is important. Spending time with other believers can often lift us up a little bit. They help us to keep our eyes on God. God also works through them to provide us what we need in darker times. Coming together with others can aid in our healing process and give us the [encouragement](#) to move forward.

Yet how often do you really get to know those around you in church? In order to provide encouragement to one another, we must first make an effort to get to know one another. Introduce yourself to others, ask them about themselves (job, children, grade in school, etc. (but not all at once!)) Develop those relationships over time. In a recent workshop the speaker made the remark that over 52% of Americans felt that they did not have anyone they could really talk to. In an age of Facebook, Twitter, texting, etc., we have in reality become more isolated in our relationships.

Throughout the Bible we see instructions to encourage one another and verses that are meant to encourage us. Encouragement makes it easier to love as Jesus loved (see [John 13:34-35](#)). The Bible tells us to encourage one another, to remind each other of the truth that God loves us, that God equips us, that we are treasured and that our struggles are worth it. In [1 Thessalonians 5:11](#), it tells us to encourage one another and to build each other up.



So, take a good look at those sitting around you. Reach out, make contact and

***Encourage One Another.***

Marie Helsing  
Fellowship Coordinator

\*(Based on an article by Kelli Mahoney, Christian author, in ThoughtCo.)

## Are you being called to serve God in a new way?

There are so many ways you can participate! The following is a sampling of the opportunities available, but there are countless ways to show God's love. Choir, Counters, Sunday School, Altar Guild, Lector, Ushers, Greeters, Crafty Christians, Maintaining Pew Supplies, Hosting Coffee Hour, Leading Bible Studies, Writing for the Newsletter, Special Events...

...anything you can think of!

You have a gift to share- we'd love to help you share it.

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### Aslan Volunteer Opportunities

Tutors and Bible Class teachers are needed in Long Branch, Red Bank and Neptune locations.

Please contact-

Janis Marler (Volunteer Coordinator)  
at (732)741-7824, or

[janis@aslanyouth.org](mailto:janis@aslanyouth.org) for more information or to sign up.

### SAVE THE DATE

This year's German Christmas Service will be held on Friday December 14th at 7:30pm

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

### Tuesday Mornings

- Tuesday Ladies Bible Study at 10am
- Community Bible Study at 10:30am

### Wednesday Evenings

- Pastor's Bible Study at 7pm

We are currently discussing World Religions.

### Thursday Mornings

- Joy of Living Bible Study at 9:45am

### Sunday Mornings

- Christian Education Hour at 9am

Opportunities for all ages

## Confirmation class

will now be held on Sundays at 6pm. There is still time to join this year's group; If you know anyone in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade who would be interested, please contact us!

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September 30, 2018

Dear Luther Memorial family,

As most of you know, Bill and I began our retirement process 3 years ago when we bought property in Georgia in order to build a new home and relocate. We have reached the end of that process, at least the New Jersey portion, as we have sold our home and will be moving out the weekend of October 6. So, it is with sadness that we have to say goodbye. We want to thank all of you for your friendship and love.

Our first service at Luther Memorial was on Christmas day, 2001, soon after we moved to Wanamassa. We listened to the choir, heard Pastor Huneke's sermon, and felt God's presence and Jesus' love in that space. We decided this was our spiritual home. No one who knew us then would have expected that we would become so active in the church. We can definitely see the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

In participating in many of the service opportunities, from Executive Board secretary, Vice President, then President, ushering, reading, counting, communion assistant, coffee hour, altar guild, we have become close to many. It is through working together that we really do experience the bonds of love and friendship, and family. WE will miss all with whom we have served.

It is good to see Luther Memorial on a positive track. God sent us the pastor we need. His down-to-earth messages show us that we are all flawed human beings, but that God loves us in unbelievable ways, and that by keeping close to Him through the Word, and communing with our fellow saints/sinners, our lives can be transformed. By our transformations we can hope to live out our mission by showing God's love to a broken world. My husband regularly reminds me to "shine your light" when I am acting too "human." He also is practicing his own "light-shining."

One of the basic truths of life is constant change. Change can be painful, but with change we grow, and without it we become stale and sometimes rigid. I see good changes in our church, both physically through updating and renovation, and spiritually through changes in our worship practices. Resistance to change is a basic human quality, but I urge my fellow church members to embrace the changes in hopes of having a greater ministry to a world which so badly needs it.

This wouldn't be complete without a thank you to our choir and Revelation band. It enriches our service so much to have all of you singing. To me, music is one of God's greatest gifts. We're thankful to have such talented music directors as Professor Ben and Jody. Special thanks to the choir for singing at our vow renewal. It was such a beautiful surprise. Special thanks, also, to Dan and Ellen for their duet. (Bill gives himself credit for hooking you two up, by the way.)

We are going to miss you all. We will be in the Savannah area, so if you ever find an inclination to travel down that way, we would welcome you. Don't be a stranger. Ya'll come!!

Love, The Tighes

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> Dave Kvedaras

2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Mirandi

5<sup>th</sup> Christopher Cho

Janice Langanke

Samantha Shaljian

6<sup>th</sup> Annie Blair

8<sup>th</sup> Jeffrey Cho

13<sup>th</sup> Donna Colasurdo

16<sup>th</sup> Sandy Seckendorf

18<sup>th</sup> Joe Genke

20<sup>th</sup> Kevin Langanke

21<sup>st</sup> Ed Magenheimer

24<sup>th</sup> Art Strohmer

27<sup>th</sup> Keith Egan

28<sup>th</sup> Matthew Shaljian



If you would like to be added to our  
Birthday List or if you would like to  
join an Anniversaries List  
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or put a note in Emily Illies' mailbox at church. (Or just find us!)