

*The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills*  
**Sunday News Insert, August 2, 2020**

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Mid Week Moment—LCVH Weekly Electronic Newsletter



to keep up with happenings at LCVH

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Our LCVH Family**

thanksgiving for the 10th Anniversary of Pastor Ahlemeyer's ministry at LCVH, upcoming eye surgery for Henry Piasky, upcoming shoulder surgery for Peggy Little, God's blessings on the upcoming marriage of Katelyn Pickard to Jacob Hayley, Nancy Stuenkel healing from dental surgery, Jackson Como, John Gaertner, Rex Bearden, Gwen Harrison, Ken Harrison, Rebecca Creamer, Jean Wolter, Gaye Norman, Wendy Quinn, Lee Parrish, Murray & Betty Bair, Luverne Hasse, Lisa Boyle, Jim Norman, Barbara Mooney

Healthy pregnancies for: Liz (and Andrew) Johnson and for Anna Crabb (and Zach) Lankford and for Susan Nuss (and Eric)

**LCVH Extended Family**

John Schulz (son of Ed Schulz), Jessi McCluskey (cousin of Cindy Calhoun), Rick & Shannon (friends of Bo Canning), Suzanne (relative of Debbie Russell), Patricia Wojcik (mother of Steve Wojcik), Peggy Walter (mother of Mark Walter), Richard & Linda Hatley (sister and brother-in-law of Dale Phillips), Cindy Michael (former MDO teacher at LCVH), Joyce Woodward (grandmother of Connor Minyard), Louis Sims (husband of Dorothy Sims), Nikki Lacy (sister of Brandee Moore), Elizabeth Beck (sister of Kathryn Miesner)

*Please send any updates or corrections to [lwalter@vestavialutheran.org](mailto:lwalter@vestavialutheran.org)*

**July 26, 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS**

General Fund:	\$	7,330.00
Envelope Total:	\$	9,181.00
Total Collection:	\$	9,453.26

**ATTENDANCE**

*July 25 & 26, 2020*

In person	143
On-line views	94

**FLOWERS**

Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Tom Romp in celebration of Martha Jane's birthday and by the Molloy family in memory of their son John

**SOCIAL MINISTRY**

AUGUST FOCUS: LCVH PRESCHOOL & MDO

In August Social Ministry is focusing on helping our MDO director, Brooke Heisler, promote wellness in our program. One way to accomplish this is to have sets of classroom materials for each child vs. having everyone share a class set. The second way to help with classroom safety is to provide plenty of cleaning supplies for staff. To this end, Social Ministry is asking for donations of the following for MDO: Individual bags of Kinetic Sand in various colors (Target, Amazon, and Michael's) and Playdough for the individual class sets; and Clorox Wipes, Lysol cleaning spray, paper towels, tissues and Nitrile gloves (M and L sizes found at Harbor Freight stores) for sanitizing classrooms. Cleaning supplies are difficult to get in bulk at this time so whatever we can individually provide will be much appreciated. These are some small ways we can support our wonderful MDO Program at LCVH while Brooke and the staff concentrate on providing a purposeful learning experience for our little ones while keeping them all safe.

Social Ministry thanks one and all for all you continue contributing to our projects during this challenging time in all our lives. If anyone has an idea for how we can further help our community or individuals within our community, please contact one of us on the Social Ministry Board: Kate Cahill, Myra Grund or Amy Schroeder. God continues to guide our hands in helping those around us.

**SENIOR MINISTRY BIBLE STUDIES**

WEDNESDAYS

AUGUST 5th & 19th

10:00 a.m.

*Ladies meet in the Fellowship Hall*

*Men meet in the Sanctuary*

Don't forget to wear your mask! (extra will be available if you forget!)

Your temperature will be taken at the door and Social Distancing guidelines should be honored!

**A NOTE FROM FELLOWSHIP**

During this time of safer at home due to COVID-19, Fellowship would like to invite our church family to participate in a "VIRTUAL POTLUCK." We are asking everyone to collect your favorite recipes and either email a copy to [ginag1302@aol.com](mailto:ginag1302@aol.com) or put a hard copy into the Miesner mailbox at church no later than Sunday, August 9th. We are looking for any kind of recipe: appetizer, side dish, dessert, soup, salad, main dish, bread, etc. We will then take all of your yummy recipes and compile them into a printed cookbook which we will give to each family. Our goal is to have the cookbooks ready between Thanksgiving and Christmas. So everyone please dig up your favorites to share with our church family!

Gina Miesner  
*Fellowship Chair*

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

After several meetings and input from many people, **September 13th** has been set as the projected start date for Sunday School classes this year! There will not be a traditional "KickOff" event as in years past, but we are hoping to be able to host a family picnic on the church grounds later in the Fall. Ruth will be sharing information regarding safety procedures in the coming weeks. A decision has not yet been made whether or not the Little Lambs Sunday School class will meet, and of course all plans are subject to change as we respond to safety guidelines set forth by our public officials. We look forward to gathering to share God's love with the children in our congregation!

### **NEW! PASTOR'S READING GROUP**

During these days of social distancing, Bible Class is a challenge for many. One option to consider is Pastor Ahlemeyer's Reading Group. He will suggest a book to read for the month. At the end of the month, he will share some of his thoughts about the book online. For the month of August we will be reading, *"Living Like Backwards: How Ecclesiastes Teaches Us To Live in Light of the End."* (by David Gibson, Crossway Publishing). Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we encourage you to order the book online and have it shipped to your home.

### **NEW! BASICS OF FAITH CLASS**

This class is for those wanting to learn more about Christianity, Lutheranism, distinctive teachings in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, those desiring a refresher course concerning the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith, or individuals looking for a forum to ask questions about the church desiring membership at the Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills. We will *tentatively* plan to meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at LCVH on September 9-October 28. We will follow all health safety protocols. If needed, due to safety concerns, we will meet online. If you are interested in signing up or know someone who might be interested, please contact Pastor Ahlemeyer at 205-201-8866 or email: [pastor@vestavialutheran.org](mailto:pastor@vestavialutheran.org)

### **NEW! E1HW**

E1HW is an acronym for "Everyone His Witness." This is a program from the LC-MS. Designed as a workshop on sharing the faith, we will be utilizing the format as a Bible study opportunity and as an online ongoing conversation about various aspects of Christianity in the culture. Hopefully, you picked up the booklet over the summer at church. We still have some left on the table in the hallway by the fellowship hall. Pastor Ahlemeyer will share some thoughts online from time to time about different sections in the book. For this online workshop and other opportunities please make use of the LCVH Facebook Page and the LCVH You Tube Channel.

### **CONFIRMATION UPDATE**

Confirmation for the class of 2020 was postponed due to Coronavirus. Pastor Ahlemeyer will be meeting with the Confirmands (8<sup>th</sup> graders from last year who are now rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders) in the fellowship hall starting on Sunday, September 13 until October 18. We will meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Reformation Sunday, October 25, is our newly scheduled Confirmation Sunday. Service time TBA. Tentatively, it will be the late service option. We will be following all safety guidelines and we will plan on providing a Zoom option as well, if desired.

### **JOINING LCVH AS A NEW MEMBER**

We will welcome our new members on Sunday, November 8! If you are interested in joining please reach out to Pastor Ahlemeyer: [pastor@vestavialutheran.org](mailto:pastor@vestavialutheran.org) so that we can warmly receive into your church family!

*Know someone who would like to keep informed of services and happenings at LCVH?  
Ask them to share their email with the church office to be added to our weekly electronic newsletter, The MidWeek Moment.*

*Know someone who would like to receive the links every week to be able to watch the livestream of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service  
and worship from home? Ask them to share their email with the church office!*

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