

*The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills
Sunday News Insert, August 16, 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, Martin Ennis, Eston Miller, thanksgiving for the birth of daughter Vada Katherine to Anna (Crabb) & Zach Lankford, thanksgiving for the birth of son Samuel to Susan and Eric Nuss, upcoming eye surgery for Henry Piasky, Peggy Little recovering from shoulder surgery, upcoming eye surgery for Charlie Notar, God's blessings on the upcoming marriage of Katelyn Pickard to Jacob Hayley, 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 pregnancy for: Liz (and Andrew) Johnson

LCVH Extended Family

John Schulz (son of Ed Schulz), thanksgiving for the birth of Charlie Jameson Muir to Alanna & Terry (proud grandparents Linda & John Schoen), 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), 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

August 9, 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS

General Fund:	\$	11,530.00
Envelope Total:	\$	22,182.00
Total Collection:	\$	22,974.82

ATTENDANCE

August 8 & 9, 2020

In person	163
On-line views	75

FLOWERS

Flowers today are given to the glory of God
Carolyn & Ben Hogan in celebration of their 48th
wedding anniversary and by the Perry family in
celebration of Andrew's 9th birthday

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.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Brooke Heisler, our PreSchool and MDO Director, is looking for people willing to be added to the substitute teacher list for the coming school year. If you are interested, please contact Brooke at 205-791-5200. She will be able to answer any questions and add your name to the list!

SENIOR MINISTRY BIBLE STUDIES

AUGUST 19th

10:00 a.m.

Ladies meet in the Fellowship Hall

Men meet in the Sanctuary

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 or put a hard copy into the Miesner mailbox at church no later than TODAY. 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

THANK YOU

Dear LCVH Family,

Kristen, Trent and I want to thank all of you for your love, cards and prayers for us and Todd's family.

We truly felt God's love and presence through your kind words and actions.

We continued to be blessed and loved and continually thank God for everyone one of you.

Sincerely,
Julie, Kristen and Trent Decker

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STAYING CONNECTED

For those who might appreciate online opportunities to grow in Christ here is a schedule for the month of August:

Sunday: Join us at 11 a.m. for our Livestream Worship. The month of August will center on the historic church teaching of the three fold work of Christ as our Prophet, Priest, and King. At the end of the month, we will start a wonderful journey through the Beatitudes.

Monday: Each week we encourage you and your family to use a hymn or song in your devotional life. Memorize it by listening to it each day of the week! Covid unfortunately restricts singing. Singing online can be a blessing. Pastor Ahlemeyer in August will share some of his favorite modern hymns or songs that you might enjoy:

Week 1: Because He Lives (Amen)

Week 2: Oceans

Week 3: He Will Hold Me Fast

Week 4: In Christ Alone

Tuesday: Pastor will post a short devotional for families (adults might enjoy as well) talking about "Christian Symbols." Kids can enjoy a little art project at home and we encourage you to display them around your home. Especially if you are picking the virtual option for the start of the new school year!

Wednesday: Bible Study series on the book "Living Life Backwards." This study walks through the book of Ecclesiastes. Each Wednesday we will highlight a few thoughts from each chapter. Highly recommend buying this book online!

Thursday: Online discussion about the booklet "Everyone His Witness" or E1HW. This is an online witnessing workshop with an apologetics approach. Apologetics means to give an "explanation of the faith." Based on Peter's encouragement in his epistle. Copies of the book can still be picked up in the hallway!

Friday: Go off line and remember to use your in home "Portals of Prayer" each day!

Saturday: Look back at the on line "Midweek Moment" or the "Green Sheet" and remember your fellow church family in prayer. Reach out to them and stay connected even if there is a degree of physical separation.

Pray this assists in providing a rhythm to your week in Christ!

Follow along on the LCVH You Tube page and/or LCVH Facebook page. Most likely posted on Facebook.

We will do our best to follow this schedule. Thank you for your patience if we have some technology difficulties or scheduling issues as we move forward.

Lord's blessings,

+Pastor Ahlemeyer

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!

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

CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Confirmation for the class of 2020 was postponed due to Coronavirus. Pastor Ahlemeyer will be meeting with the Confirmands (8th graders from last year who are now rising 9th 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 so that we can warmly receive into your church family!

PROJECT HOPE: NICARAGUA UPDATE

Recently Project HOPE, LCVH's international ministry, was able to wire transfer \$10,000.00 to Nicaragua for the purchase of food. Our coordinator there, Georgina Mora Sanchez, purchased the food last Friday. Over the weekend volunteers repackaged everything into family size bags with each bag containing rice, flour, beans, oil, salt, and sugar. These family size bags are being delivered to families in six villages this week.

Officially, there is very little Corona Virus in Nicaragua, but the Ortega government is less than transparent in many matters. The economy has been in a downward spiral since a government crackdown on anti-government activities two years ago. Currently hospitals are completely full with Corona Virus patients. There are "express burials" with no funeral, and coffins cannot be constructed fast enough to meet demand. Many have lost their job, and inflation is running rampant. So people are hungry. Georgina and several of our friends in Nicaragua have come down with the virus. Fortunately, all have survived.

Many thanks to our LCVH family in helping us fulfill Christ's words, "I was hungry, and you gave me food... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:35 & 40)

Clifford Hellmers, Pastor Emeritus
Coordinator for Project HOPE