

*The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills*  
**Sunday News Insert, September 20, 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**

Fred Moore and family mourning the passing of his mother Evelyn, thanksgiving for successful eye surgery for Henry Piasky, Miriam Hartley, Dudley Foster, John Ballard, Ellen Ballard, Martin Ennis, Paula Patrick, thanksgiving for the engagement of Heather Boyle to Robbie Hensley, Eston Miller, 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**

Sherry Scott (mother of Stephanie Miller), father of Tammy Schoenfeldt, mother of Jimmy Nasser, Patricia Wojcik (mother of Steve Wojcik), Richard & Linda Hatley (sister and brother-in-law of Dale Phillips), Joyce Woodward (grandmother of Connor Minyard), Nikki Lacy (sister of Brandee Moore), Elizabeth Beck (sister of Kathryn Miesner), Elaine Kirby (friend of Marlys Kuehnert), Raley Vanderryt (friend of Tonya Hutto), Joe Santoro (friend of John Schoen), healing for Lew Mills (by Nancy Stuenkel)

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

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS**

General Fund:	\$	12,925.00
Envelope Total:	\$	14,510.00
Total Collection:	\$	14,765.50

**ATTENDANCE**

*September 13, 2020*

In person	176
On-line views	60

**FLOWERS**

Flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Lembke family in celebration of Emma's 18th birthday and by Tom & Martha Jane Romp in celebration of Katie's and Robb's birthdays

**SOCIAL MINISTRY**

SEPTEMBER FOCUS: SAV-A-LIFE

Sav-a-Life is the focus for Social Ministry in September. They have asked us to help them provide the following items to the new moms and dads their organization is helping start new lives as parents:

Baby wipes  
Newborn diapers—Name Brands as well as Walmart, Target, Costco, Sam's and Aldi's brands, please  
Bath items: bath wash, shampoo, lotion, towels, washcloths and Q-tips  
Diaper rash cream  
Socks  
Baby grooming sets  
Receiving blankets

Your continued support during this extraordinarily difficult time is much appreciated by all our Focus recipients. God has truly blessed our congregation with each of you.

**HURRICANE LAURA**

How can we help?

We are taking a free will love offering in support of our brothers and sisters in Christ in Lake Charles, Louisiana. St. John Lutheran Church (LCMS) suffered major damage to their sanctuary and facility from Hurricane Laura.

You will find an offering box in the hallway on a table with envelopes.

*"God is our refuge and strength. A very present help in times of trouble." —Psalm 46:1*

**THANK YOU**

The Ahlemeyer family wish to express their public heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming gift in recognition of Pastor Ahlemeyer's 10 year anniversary here at LCVH! The love, care, and thoughtfulness behind this gift is truly amazing. Thank you LCVH church family!

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE**

As we re-start many things in this Covid season, we are looking for individuals who might want to offer a ride to church for LCVH member Cindy Calhoun. Text Pastor Ahlemeyer at 205-201-8866 if you are interested! Thank you!

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**UPCOMING WORSHIP TRANSITIONS**

First, starting in **October** we will be moving the seating capacity of each service from 16 family units to 20 family units. Second, the 8 and 11 a.m. services will be moving to “Individual Family Table Communion.” One family at a time will come forward to the communion rail. That unit will be the only one at the table. No kneeling. A Worship Assistant will distribute communion to your family unit. The Worship Assistant will be washing hands immediately before distribution, wearing gloves, and a mask. The Pastor will be stationed at the Altar and announce the blessing from the Altar in order to provide proper social distancing. Once the family leaves the rail the next family unit will be ushered up in continuous fashion. The Saturday 6 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. service will remain “seated communion.”

**THRIVENT EVENT**

TOPIC: SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security is a vital income source, but timing is everything. It can be a confusing topic, and making the most of it has a lot to do with when you apply for benefits. Attend this webinar to get answers to your questions, and learn what Social Security can mean for you!

- \*When should I apply for Social Security?
- \*How can I maximize my benefits?
- \*How will this affect my spouse?

**Thursday, September 24, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Online webinar with Social Security Expert Jim Caulder**

Reserve your space by calling: 205-822-9590  
*This session is hosted by Tom Noon, CFP, LUTCF, CIF*

**HELP NEEDED**

We are looking for individuals who are interested in exploring the possibility of Livestreaming our worship services in the future. We have been beyond blessed to have J.T. Clifton coordinate this service throughout Covid 19. We are excited to hear that J.T. will be moving to the Charlotte area to begin his post college life! We wish him the Lord’s blessing on this next step. The church has all the equipment needed to Livestream. It takes about 2 hours a week to Livestream. Start date in mid to late October. The council will share a thank you gift/stipend for anyone willing to provide this service. If you are interested or if you know of someone who might be interested (non-members with skills in this area are also welcome to reach out) please contact the church office, Ruth, elders/council, or Pastor Ahlemeyer!

**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. 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)

**JOINING LCVH AS A NEW MEMBER**

We will welcome our new members on Sunday, November 8th! 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!

**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**

OCTOBER 7th & 21st  
10:00 a.m.

*Ladies meet in the Fellowship Hall*  
*Men meet in the Sanctuary*

~Please remember to wear your mask. Temperatures will be taken at the door.~

*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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