

The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills
Sunday News Insert, September 27, 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, Miriam Hartley, Dudley Foster, John Ballard, Ellen Ballard, Martin Ennis, Paula Patrick, 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

Prude family mourning the death of children Emrhye and Serriss in an accident (by Gretchen Noon), Anna Lee recovering from surgery (grand niece of Linda Frawley), 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

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS

General Fund:	\$	11,385.00
Envelope Total:	\$	18,575.00
Total Collection:	\$	19,375.00

ATTENDANCE

September 20, 2020

In person	201
On-line views	76

FLOWERS

Flowers today are given to the glory of God
by the Arlene & Arlen Reynolds
in loving memory of Michelle

Counting this weekend: Karen Dampier and Brad Sloan

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.

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!

IN GRATITUDE

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to Pastor Ahlemeyer and Pastor Hellmers, the Elders of the church, Ruth, Keith, and last but not least Leigh Walter for their extra efforts to make it possible for us to worship in these trying times. I know for sure I speak for all of us members whether we have been worshipping in person or at home through the worship streamings. We appreciate all the organization, the time, the sanitation, and the faith you all demonstrate to assure us that our church is still standing. We are all deeply indebted and feel so privileged to be a part of the Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills. —A Grateful Member

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UPCOMING WORSHIP TRANSITIONS

First, starting in **October 4th** (next week!) we will be moving the seating capacity of each service from 16 family units to 20 family units. This change will be reflected in the SignUp Genius this week.

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.”

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

As we move toward the goal of a more “normal” Sunday morning schedule, Children and Youth Sunday School classes have begun meeting again! Spots are limited for 4K thru 6th grade, so please be on the lookout for the SignUp Genius links that are emailed on Monday mornings and also included in the MidWeek Moment emails on Wednesdays. Please contact the church office if you are not receiving these emails from the church.

Classroom Assignments:

4K/Kindergarten—Good News Café
1st & 2nd Grades—Holywood Theater
3rd Grade—Creation Station
4th Grade—bibleland.com
5th & 6th Grades—Classroom 3/4
7th & 8th Grades (Confirmation Class)—Joyful Noise Room
*9th-12th Grades—Youth Room (or by Zoom link)

**Please note there is no need to sign up to reserve a spot for 9th-12th graders.*

Members of the Confirmation Class (current 7th & 8th graders) are asked to sign up for planning purposes. Thank you!

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!

PROJECT HOPE & SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE

KENYA

Because of the efforts of our LCVH Board of Social Ministry and the generosity of the LCVH Family a check for \$4,455.00 was recently sent to the Shirk family, our Adopted Medical Missionaries at Kijabe Hospital in Kenya. As you may recall, the Shirks were the focus of Social Ministry’s efforts this past summer. This gift is to be used in any way they wish to enrich their family life. Many thanks to the Social Ministry Board and to all of you for this expression of love for some very dedicated servants of the Lord.

NICARAGUA

In August Project HOPE sent \$10,000.00 for the purchase of food for our friends in Nicaragua. Because of Covid-19 many people have lost their jobs, and inflation for basic goods has sky rocketed. Our host in Nicaragua, Georgina Mora, used our gift to purchase large quantities of rice, beans, corn flour, salt, oil, soap, and other basics. The sacks of rice, beans, and flour were broken down into individual family size packages by volunteers. She then hired a bus to transport people from seven villages to our Youth Center in León for the distribution of the food and also some clothing provided by Orphan Grain Train. Approximately 500 families were served on what Georgina described as “A Wonderful Day.”

UGANDA

In August Project HOPE sent \$23,000.00 to The Lutheran Church of Uganda for the operation of three parochial schools in the third trimester of 2020. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 situation in Uganda has gotten worse. It was hoped that the country, including schools, would reopen in September. That has not happened as the number of Covid cases has increased dramatically. It now looks like schools will not reopen until January. I have asked LCU Bishop Charles Bameka to use our gift to acquire much needed food and medical care for the children in his country.

Thank you, LCVH family members, for your constant care and support for our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

Clifford Hellmers, Pastor Emeritus
Coordinator for Project HOPE

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.

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