

The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills
Sunday News Insert, October 11, 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 healthy birth of daughter Reagan Lee Johnson to Liz & Andrew Johnson (also proud grandparents Merry & Rick Lee), thanksgiving as Ed Schulz is celebrating his 90th birthday, thanksgiving for the gift of 68 years of marriage for Lou & Jim Boyle, upcoming hip replacement surgery for Ruth Johnson, upcoming hip replacement surgery for Adam Alvis, blessings on the marriage of Susan Lambert and Brad Sloan, blessings on the engagement of Tristin Hunt to Ben Harvey, Miriam Hartley, John Ballard, Ellen Ballard, Martin Ennis, Paula Patrick, 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

LCVH Extended Family

Spencer Top (nephew of Gail Rhodes), Lynn Horne (friend of Ruth Johnson), Charlee Canning Mitchell on bed rest (daughter of Bo and Pat Canning), thanksgiving for a clear report for 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), comfort for family mourning the death of Joe Santoro (friend of John Schoen), healing for Lew Mills (by Nancy Stuenkel)

Please send any updates or corrections to lwalter@vestavialutheran.org

OCTOBER 4, 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS

General Fund:	\$	11,265.00
Envelope Total:	\$	12,855.00
Total Collection:	\$	13,115.00

ATTENDANCE

October 4, 2020

In person	215
On-line views	22

FLOWERS

Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Barb & Don Walton in celebration of their 38th Wedding Anniversary

Counters: Julie Decker and Darrell Lauppe

Organist: Ruth Johnson

SOCIAL MINISTRY

OCTOBER FOCUS: COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL ALABAMA

For our October Social Ministry focus, please help us collect non-perishable food for our neighbors in need. All donations will be delivered to the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama to be distributed immediately to the hungry families in our area. The Food Bank continues to be stressed due to COVID 19's continuing effect on our community. Check out the bulletin board at church for more information on the work being done by the Community Food Bank in our area and the important needs they are meeting! Thank you for your continued generosity to the Social Ministry projects!

NOTE: If you are not able to come to church and deliver items, please consider a monetary donation. Make checks payable to LCVH with Community Food Bank in the memo section.

Most Needed Items*:

canned tuna or chicken
peanut butter and jelly
Cereal/Oatmeal/Grits
Dried or Canned Beans
Macaroni and Cheese
Pasta and Pasta Sauce
Canned Vegetable
Rice

**please choose whole wheat and/or low sodium options when available*

What NOT to donate:

opened food
home canned goods
unlabeled food
please avoid glass jars as they break easily in transit

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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SENIOR MINISTRY BIBLE STUDIES

October 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.~

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! 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—bibleland.com

Kindergarten—Creation Station

1st & 2nd Grades—Holywood Theater

3rd/4th Grades—Good News Cafe

5th & 6th Grades—Classroom 3/4

7th & 8th Grades (Confirmation Class)—by Zoom only this week

*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.*

STEWARDSHIP

October is the month LCVH has traditionally focused on stewardship. Members should be receiving packets at home in the coming days. Extras are available on a table outside the church office in case yours get lost in the mail! Please take time to read Pastor Ahlemeyer’s letter and reflect on the “key Thoughts” included in the mailing before returning your pledge card to the church. Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of LCVH!

“A SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF...”

A series of pamphlets from Concordia Publishing on a variety of topics are available on a table outside the church office. Please feel free to pick up any that are of interest to you, or that you would like to share with family, friends, or neighbors!

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

DATES TO NOTE:

October 13th Elders Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

October 19th Church Council at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

*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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