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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2020

God's promise to his people during times of uncertainty



Then Joshua said to the people,
***“Sanctify yourselves;
for tomorrow the LORD
will do wonders among you.”***
Joshua 3:5

It has been six months since that alarming declaration in March that we need to quarantine due to COVID-19, a virus that would come to change our daily way of interacting with each other. Our worship has changed due to physical distancing, use of masks and no singing.

Times have certainly changed. Often, we hear lamented “we have not been through this before.” The circumstances of the Israelites described in Joshua 3 were different than our present situation. However, they, like us, found themselves at a crossroad of change. They were at the Jordan river and they needed to cross. They had been wandering in the dessert for 40 years, Moses their beloved leader was dead and now they were entering into new territory. What were they to do?

Over the last six months we have been asking the same question. The Corona Virus pandemic, the upheaval in our society as we are confronted with the divisiveness of racism, protests, looting, rioting and capturing of police officers and others mistreating black and brown bodies on the news and social media have certainly influenced how we have been experiencing this time. Our journey through this wilderness of chaos, though only six months, feels more like the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in search of the promise land. But the Israelites had hope. God had seen them through their journey and God was preparing them for this moment. Joshua told the Israelites on the eve before that crossing ***“Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.”*** (Joshua 3:5)

Amid our changes, we too have experienced hope. Our hope has been in the tenacity of you, these beautiful congregations that compromise this partnership of servants committed to being God's hands for the work that God has invited us into. We continue to do our ministries of providing diapers; feeding those in need via supporting foodbanks, handing out prepacked meals and offering pizza parties to those we cannot fellowship with in person. We extended or began new ministries such as our Zoom 3pm services, on-line bible studies, 3pm fellowship hour, and on-line Taizé service. We have cared for each other through phone calls, weekly meetings with our awesome administrative staff who continue to be our frontline face to the community, as well as monthly meetings with the president of councils and the PLUM board. Joshua's message from God to the Israelites those many years ago, also remains God's message to us today. Embedded in that message is a command and a promise. The command is to sanctify ourselves. In other words, we should prepare ourselves, engage in acts of worship, prayer

COMMUNITY YOUTH FALL FESTIVAL

St. Andrew's will once again be hosting a treat table for the neighborhood children. We are calling this the Community Youth Fall Festival and it will be taking place on Halloween Night. Please speak to Skeet Blizzard or Martha Beamer if you would like to participate in some manner. We hope this year's community event will be a kid friendly good time!!



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR OCTOBER

ALTAR GUILD: LYNN GLOOR

TREASURER'S ASSISTANTS: TBD (whoever is in attendance)

STAIR GLIDE: TBD (whoever is in attendance)



OCTOBER 4:

**Usher/Greeter: Marilyn Rogers
Lector: Marilyn Rogers**

OCTOBER 11:

**Usher/Greeter: Skeet Blizzard
Lector: Barb Malizio**

OCTOBER 18:

**Usher/Greeter: Lynn Gloor
Lector: Marilyn Rogers**

OCTOBER 25:

**Usher/Greeter: Lynn Gloor
Lector: Barb Malizio**



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

AT HOME: Joe Beamer, John Beamer, Lisa Bishop, Kathy Boner, Kelly Bundridge, Ramona Cavey, Bill Clarke, Janet Comber, Nicholas Crew, Sarah Davis, Franci Deal, Don Drain, Hunter Drain, Beau Drain, Kelly Ann Dube, Bobbie Everly, Terry Faust, Brandon Fields, Lamonica Fields, Agnes Gazda, Jeff Gazda, Ron Gazda, Justin Gloor, Hamilton Grant, Jessica Hrabovsky, Margie Hrabovsky, Tom Hrabovsky, John Huber, Jodi Keifner, Luann Keifner, Mark Koss, Kylie Kulyk, John Kraus, Diane Long, Genevieve Long, Keith Malizio, Joan Mator, John McGoran, Marge Measel, Connie Novelli, Michael Patrick, Lorelie Patrick, Jamie Redlawsk, Roger Reynolds Sr, Glenda Schreiber, Marie Schwartzmiller, Ethan Shafer, Julie Shaw, Susan Shey, Teresa Stacy, Lori Sunday, Estella Sutton, Karen Sutton, Raymond Sutton, Kathy Treemarchi, Kathy Voner, Jasmine Vue, Greg Waldo, Deborah Ward, Toni Ward, Christina Watson, Debbie Westfall, Bill Westfall, Dolores Yadrick, Theresa Zatezalo, Diane Zeiger, the Churches of PLUM, the families of those lost in battle and all those suffering due to natural disasters.



RISE AGAINST HUNGER COLLECTION

Do you have any **J** and **G** dollars in your wallet? If you check your cash and find any bills that have a **J** or a **G** in the left-hand circle of the bill, then please bring them to the church and donate them to this year's **Rise Against Hunger** Campaign. Hunting for **J** (Jesus) and **G** (God) dollars is a fun way to collect monies to benefit church sponsored activities. Get the whole family involved and help St Andrew collect our monetary donation to this worthy endeavor. See Skeet Blizzard for more details. Our Rise Against Hunger event is scheduled for **November 14th**. Thanks for your help!



HELP FOR THE QUILTING GROUP

Rose Marie Baker has reached out to us with a request. The St Johns Carnegie Quilting Group of which Rose Marie is a member is looking for donations of clean supplies to make quilts. Recently a shipment of quilts was destroyed in a Middle East explosion. The group would like to make up for some of the loss. They are in need of material, thread and fillers (sheets and pillowcases, blankets cloth quilts). Supplies can be dropped off at St. Johns (601 Washington Ave, Carnegie) or St. Andrew. Contact Rose Marie with any questions (412-276-5129).



COMMUNION FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT GET OUT

The Pastors would like all to know that they have formulated a Covid-safe plan for providing communion to our shut-ins and those who are not yet leaving their homes. If you or anyone you know would like to be included in a home communion visit, please contact the Church office (412-279-3615) so that plans can be made. Thank you.



2020 SOUTHWESTERN PA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 2020 Synod Assembly of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2020 via ZOOM Meetings. This is a new format for the Assembly, and since they will be facilitating this assembly in an online format, it is important that EVERY voting member has access to an internet ready device (i.e. smart phone or tablet) for the purposes of voting as well as the ability to be either on a computer with an individual ZOOM account or the ability to be in a small group of people sharing one computer with a ZOOM account. Members are encouraged to prayerfully consider serving as lay voting members or to otherwise participate in the assembly. Each congregation may elect three voting members.

REGISTRATION OPENS: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25.

A Conference 6 caucus will be held via ZOOM on Sunday, October 25 at 7pm.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Attendance Device

A computer or tablet with both a camera and microphone. (Most laptops and tablets come equipped. Desktop users may need to add a webcam with microphone.)

Voting Device

A separate smartphone or tablet to download the app. (This cannot be a computer or web browser, it must be app-enabled..)



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AT HOME TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020, 7:00 PM: During this time of the Coronavirus and Social Distancing, Prayer is a source of Comfort. Please join us in Taize Prayer from the safety of your homes. To participate in the Taize Prayer service, go to PLUM's [Zoom page](#). Call Pastor Sue (412-496-4889) or Pastor Brenda (412-390-8005) if you have questions.



PLUM WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH AT 7:00PM: The PLUM Worship Committee has been organized for the purpose of **sustaining the weekly ZOOM worship.** Join us via ZOOM, on the second Wednesday of each month (at 7pm) as we plan and discuss upcoming ZOOM worship Sundays. At least one member from each PLUM Congregation is encouraged to attend.





PLUM Event

Pittsburgh Lutheran
United Ministries

Saturday,
Nov. 7,
2020

Delayed event rescheduled!

For the third year in a row, PLUM (Pittsburgh Lutheran United Ministries) will be working with the faith-based organization "Rise Against Hunger" to host a meal packaging event. We will coordinate an assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. Together we will package more than 10,152 meals that will be sent to school feeding programs around the world, medical clinics, child growth and development centers, elder care and crisis and disaster centers.

- **2 Sessions**
- **10 a.m. – Noon and 1 – 3 p.m.**
- **25 people per session***
- **Social Distancing**
- **Masks and gloves required**
- **Registration* Deadline Sun., Oct. 25 –**
Mary Anne Novak: 412-979-8574 or
novakbbb@aol.com
- *Children aged 5 and up are welcome with parental supervision*
- **Congregations make a contribution of \$293.**

* People with *compromising health conditions* are encouraged to stay home and help make phone calls or assist in other ways from home



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St. Andrew Lutheran Church

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  MHC 11:30AM DISCUSSION SERIES 7PM ZOOM	2 	3 
4  WORSHIP 9:15 3PM ZOOM WORSHIP	5	6 BIBLE STUDY 1PM ZOOM <i>Bible Study</i> 	7 	8 DISCUSSION SERIES 7PM ZOOM	9 	10
11  WORSHIP 9:15 3PM ZOOM WORSHIP	12  SAL Council 5pm ZOOM COLUMBUS DAY	13 BIBLE STUDY 1PM ZOOM <i>Bible Study</i> 	14	15  MHC 11:30AM DISCUSSION SERIES 7PM ZOOM	16	17 
18  WORSHIP 9:15 3PM ZOOM WORSHIP	19 	20 BIBLE STUDY 1PM ZOOM <i>Bible Study</i> 	21 	22 DISCUSSION SERIES 7PM ZOOM	23 	24
25  WORSHIP 9:15 3PM ZOOM WORSHIP	26 	27 BIBLE STUDY 1PM ZOOM <i>Bible Study</i> 	28	29 DISCUSSION SERIES 7PM ZOOM	30	31 HALLOWEEN

