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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m.

Worship

with Holy Communion on 1st, 3rd,
and 5th Sundays

10:00 a.m.

**Coffee Fellowship,
Sunday School & Confirmation**

October 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9am Worship— Communion & Pet Blessing 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:15am Women's Bible Study	4	5 9am-1pm Church Office Open	6	7 9am-5pm Quilt Retreat 9am-1pm Church Office Open	1 8 9am-5pm Quilt Retreat	2
10 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 10am Road Side Clean Up 10:15am Women's Bible Study	11 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	12 9am-1pm Church Office Open	13	14 9am-1pm Church Office Open	15	16
17 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:15am Women's Bible Study	18	19 9am-1pm Church Office Open 6:30pm Council Meeting	20	21	22	23
24 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am No Sunday School & Confirmation	25 1pm Quilting Group	26 9am-1pm Church Office Open	27	28 9am-1pm Church Office Open	29	30 4pm-6pm Fall Fes- tival (Trunk or Treat)
31 9am Reformation Worship & Confirmation 10am Fellowship 10:15am Women's Bible Study						

Words from Pastor Sarah

Fall is here.

As I type this, the trees at the church are gorgeous, the Chicken Dinner has happened and the mornings are chilly. Do you like Fall?

The word Fall is interesting. In addition to being a season, it's also something you can take, like falling down the steps. And, it's also the word used to describe the original state of our sinfulness. Way back in the book of Genesis when God created the heavens and the earth. It was all perfect. And then Adam told Eve to break the rule and eat the fruit from the one tree....and now we're in this mess of sinfulness. That story of Adam and Eve is often referred to as "The Fall." While that was a long time ago, sin is alive and well this Fall.

Perhaps you can join some of your seasonal rituals together with your faith practices this Fall. For example, as you walk across leaves on the ground hearing that magical sound of crunching, you could consider behaviors that you know are against God. A Fall walk could easily turn into a whole Confession and Forgiveness. Cleaning out a pumpkin is another interactive way to think about God's power. That gunk that you clean out is like sinfulness, but when we're cleaned up (Baptism) then God's light can shine in and through us. You could think of our ancestors Adam and Eve when you visit the Apple Orchard. Or, as you watch the leaves fall around your home, you could reflect on that which needs to die in you.

Scripture informs us that "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." It's only when we are cognizant of our sinfulness that we can truly bask in the gift of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace.

In God's Amazing Grace,
Pastor Sarah K. Bunge



ROADSIDE CLEANUP SUNDAY OCTOBER 10

On Sunday, the 10th, we'll gather for worship. After getting a bite to eat, we'll divide up into teams and get started!

Wardrobe Memo: Wear sturdy shoes and bright colors

Incase the 10th is rainy or windy, we'll move this event to October 17th.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 31

On Sunday, the 31st we'll gather for festive worship as we celebrate our young people making their Confirmation. After the service, we will continue our celebration with a yummy brunch.

Wardrobe Memo: Wear RED!



Fall Festival (Trunk N Treat), October 30—We will be hosting our annual Trunk N Treat event from 4pm-6pm. There will be food and fun activities, Trunk N Treat will begin at 5:30pm. We are looking for people to decorate their cars, please sign up on the bulletin board.



Phone Calls

This month and next, Church Council Members will be reaching out to each family unit. When your call comes, please help us learn if there's something we can do to better minister to you & your family.

Opportunities to Serve

Worship & Music Updates

Your Worship & Music Team invites you to consider helping with worship. Specifically we could use folks that would help change the banner and altar cloths, read the scripture in worship, help with Communion set-up, acolyte, bake homemade bread, bring flowers to decorate the altar (from your garden or a store), learn our A/V system, offer special music, or join the choir. Sign up on the bulletin board at church, talk to Pastor or Carol Kolodejchuk our Music Director.



Sunday School

We've gotten off to a great start this Fall. What we could use though, are a couple of folks that would be willing to be substitute teachers in our Sunday School and Confirmation programs. Let Pastor know if you are interested.

Youth Coordinator

Are you an organized person that enjoys teenagers? Our church is looking for someone who could help with events for our Confirmation and already-Confirmed youth. Talk to Pastor if you have interest.

ELCA National Youth Gathering

July 24-28 here in Minneapolis

The theme is BOUNDLESS—God beyond measure
Youth in 8th—12th grade are able to sign up for this.
Are you interested? Talk to Pastor!



Towel Ministry

Our church's role with Love INC (Love in the name of Christ) is to deliver new towels when a family is in need. Please watch for sales and continue to shop for bath, hand and washcloths. The greatest need right now, however, is for kitchen towels. If you would prefer to give money to this ministry, rather than shop yourself, please just note that on your offering check. Want to find out more information? Ann Decker leads this ministry deckerag@gmail.com





Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Presiding Bishop Eaton urges humane treatment of Haitian and other migrants

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien" (Leviticus 19:33).

In a matter of weeks, the number of migrants arriving at the Del Rio, Texas, sector of the U.S.-Mexico border has reached unforeseen levels. The majority are Haitians seeking a better life after having fled multiple crises in their native land. There are also Cuban, Venezuelan and Nicaraguan nationals. U.S. treatment of these Black migrants and others at Del Rio has been deeply problematic. As a matter of humane treatment, I urge that the administration vigorously pursue actions to grant them protection and ensure that responsible actors are held accountable through a serious investigation into allegations of abuse.

For many Haitians, Del Rio is only their latest destination—many have lived and traveled throughout Central and South America as far back as 2010. They have converged now at the international bridge between Del Rio and Ciudad Acuña, Mexico, after sweeping pressures pushed them to make the harrowing migrant journey anew. Upon their arrival, they endured harsh conditions and even harsher treatment, including limited access to essentials such as food and shelter. Reports show that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) responded by increasing personnel, closing the Del Rio Port of Entry and accelerating removals back to Haiti. This has been done utilizing a controversial policy, known as Title 42, that avoids due process. Some migrants, mostly families, have been allowed to pursue their asylum claims in the United States, but hundreds, including families with young children, have been expelled.

Forcibly returning Haitians disregards the human consequences of their return and the human rights of individuals and families. Haiti is contending with the aftermath of back-to-back crises: a 7.2 magnitude earthquake occurred on Aug. 14, Tropical Storm Grace made landfall soon afterward and multiple landslides have devastated a country already reeling from political and economic turmoil. Recognizing these pervasive issues, the secretary of DHS recently granted Haiti Temporary Protected Status (TPS), thus allowing certain Haitians present in the United States since at least July 29, 2021, to remain and work in the U.S. for a period of 18 months. This recognition conflicts with the sometimes-violent response we've seen over the past few days.

Our church teaches that, as a matter of dignity for all people, the U.S. has an international and moral responsibility to honor the human rights and dignity of migrants, and to not be silent in the face of racial injustice against people of African descent ("Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent," 2019). Migrants should have access to humanitarian protection, including asylum; this can be accomplished by applying the public health recommendations of experts, lifting Title 42 and seeking civil society partners for a compassionate whole-of-society, whole-of-government response. This rapid expulsion of Haitians, back to Haiti and to other countries, is not a responsible or humane migration-management strategy.

As Christians, some of us see our own stories reflected in the faces of these newcomers. Immigration has always been a contentious issue, but new challenges, such as climate change, call for renewed attention to just and humane migration policies. People must be able to migrate—to escape violence, reunite their families and seek work—in a way that is safe and acknowledges national borders and security. The ELCA commits itself to seeking just, wise and compassionate immigration reform. Remembering the ELCA's "Churchwide Blueprint for Action on Central America and the Caribbean Concerns," we reaffirm our commitment to promote mutually supporting relationships with the peoples of this region and to work for justice and peace.

Our church has resources for this purpose, and I invite you to engage in deeper discernment on the plight of migrants by visiting elca.org/ammparo. There you can learn more about how the church accompanies migrant children and families across the Americas through a strategy that includes 54 synods and 202 welcoming and sanctuary congregations.

Together in solidarity, Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA