

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Sunday, September 1 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Worship Service (also livestreamed on YouTube)
Coffee Hour

Monday September 2

3:00pm Walking Group at Quickel's Cemetery

Tuesday, September 3

6:00pm Staying in Step – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 5

10:00am Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

1:00pm Knit Wits – Parish House

Sunday, September 8 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Worship Service (also livestreamed on YouTube)
Young Children's Faith Formation Class (during worship service)
Coffee Hour

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Monday CLOSED, Tuesday 9am-2pm, Wednesday 8am-10am & 12pm-2pm, Thursday 8am-2pm

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR SEPTEMBER 8: Isaiah 35:4-7a * Psalm 146 * James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17 * Mark 7:24-37

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 8 are due at 8:00am, Wednesday, September 4.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

- **Young Children's Class** (3-7 years old) will meet every Sunday during the church service beginning Sunday, September 8th.
- **Children's Class** (7-12 years old) will meet once a month on the 3rd Sunday of the month. They will meet after the church service at about 10:15. The first class will be Sunday, September 15th.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER is available in the narthex & library.

SEEKING GOD CLASS MEETS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. We are beginning a new video program entitled "God Never Gives Up on You" by Max Lucado. This will be a 5-part study, and we will meet monthly each third Monday of the month. No book is necessary for the class but please bring your Bible and you do not need to sign up. All are welcome!!!!

HANG QUILTS & ASSEMBLE PERSONAL CARE KITS SEPTEMBER 29 After the worship service, the quilts will be hung in the sanctuary and the Personal Care Kits will be assembled in the Fellowship Hall. All men, women, and children are welcome to help put the kits together and to hang the quilts.

BLANKET SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 Personal Care Kits and quilts will be blessed at the worship service.

PACK QUILTS OCTOBER 13 The quilts will be taken down and packed after the worship service. The quilts and Personal Care Kits will be delivered to St. Matthew's in York for Lutheran World Relief on October 19.

NOTES FROM AUGUST 13TH COUNCIL MEETING

- It was recommended to council that we purchase a wireless preamplifier since we are having issues with the microphones. It is being researched and the findings will be submitted to council when completed.

- We are in the need of Tech people to be trained to run slides and live stream our church service. Please see anyone from council or the Internet Ministries committee if you are interested.
- VBS went very well this year. VBS planning will start in January 2025. VBS will be scheduled sometime at the end of June 2025.
- September 29, 2024, homemade quilts will be hung in the sanctuary and Personal Care kits will be assembled after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to help put the kits together and to hang quilts.
- October 6, 2024, is Blanket Sunday and October 13, 2024, the quilts will be taken down and packed after the worship service. Help is needed to take down the quilts after the service.
- Council Approvals: \$500 Mission Support was given to New Hope Ministries Food Pantry.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY is looking for additional driver(s) for homebound members. Please contact Jeanne Waltemyer at 717-817-2316 if you feel called to help.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET for September 1, 2024, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

James 1:17 – Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.

Make a list of the blessings in your life. Go ahead! These are gifts to you from God, the source of all. Now review the list and pray for each, "I thank God for" Do this every day and see how you feel.

Stewardship of our work life

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. --Colossians 3:17

Martin Luther's most underappreciated theological insight may have been "the priesthood of all believers." Simply put, Luther observed that God calls all Christians – not just pastors – to lives of holiness. Every one of us accomplishes God's holy work, regardless of our occupation, whether employed on a job or working at home for our family.

It's a simple idea, and one that certainly elevates our "job" to a new status, but it can be hard to live out. Here are some tips:

Think *disciple*: You may know to be a disciple in church, but prayerfully imagine how you can be a follower of Jesus at work or home, too!

Think *excellence*: There's satisfaction in doing your best. Knowing that your work is holy can provide not only incentive but also a satisfaction boost.

Think *relationship*: They're not just your coworkers or family members, they're also the neighbors whom Christ commands us to serve and to love as ourselves.

Think *service*: Every workplace holds challenges for your employer, coworkers and customers. Every home has challenges for your family. How can your experience and gifts help?

Think *priest*: You are called to be a holy person 24/7. How does this awareness invite you to change your behavior and attitude toward your occupation?

We spend so much of our lives in our occupations. We bring the light of Christ to our work as holy people of God's reign!

--Robert Blezard

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