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In August...

- **Sunday, August 7-**
Worship at 10:00 AM
- **Monday, August 8-**
Council Meeting 7pm
- **Sunday, August 14-**
Worship at 10:00 AM
- **Sunday, August 21-**
Worship at 10:00 AM
- **Sunday, August 28 -**
Worship at 10:00 AM
- **Sunday, July 31-**
Worship at 10:00 AM

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August 2022

Greetings sisters and brothers in Christ,

For as long as I can remember, August has always meant getting ready to go back to school. For the last 8 summers, it has meant my finding out what my bus route would be and getting the bus ready. But even before I started driving, it was about getting ready for the fall. As a parent it meant back to school shopping and trying to get the children used to going to bed earlier so they would be ready to get up earlier. There always seemed to be that mixture of excitement, expectation and a touch of fear.

As a pastor, August has always had the additional element of getting the church ready for the fall kick-off, making plans for getting all the church activities up and running again after a summer rest. And this August is no different – or is it?

For us here at ELD, it is not only the desire to get things up and running after a summer hiatus, but it is the challenge of getting things up and running again after a 2-year pause caused COVID, and the added element of pastoral change. To say that we face a challenge is a bit of an understatement. However, this is exactly the time when I see the greatest cause for hope.

Sure, things are not and will never be the same as before, but that is as much of a blessing as a curse. Since we don't have to worry about doing it like before, then we can be open to what God has instore for us now and anew in the future.

It is with this thought in mind that I would like to invite you to a time of sharing on Sunday, August 7th . Following the service, we are to have lemonade on the lawn, and I would like to make this a time of brainstorming and sharing of idea and suggestions for our fall programing. I am particularly interested in what kind of family ministries we might lift up to the community. If you are not able to be in worship on the 7th , then please give the question some thought and share with me any suggestions or thoughts you might have.

The good news is that we already have several wonderful educational programs ready for this fall. Care-a-lot will be starting its new year on September 13th with 10-12 children. Also, there will be two adult Bible Study opportunities: Sunday mornings at church and Wednesday afternoons (tentatively) at the home of Don Seipt/ Kathy & Joe Hlavaty. If you have topics which you would like to study, please give me a call. I am always open to studying scripture and our faith theology with folks. I am also sure that WELCA will be up and running again and hopefully we will have a very busy Call Committee working.

So while there are things happening, there is always more opportunities which we might consider. So please prayerfully consider what you think ELD should look like come this fall. I'm sure that it will not be like any other fall ever and you don't want to miss it.

Blessings,
Pastor Jim

PRAYER

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Beth Snyder; Steven Streletz; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Wanda Altemose; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Jacob Currie; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Lois James & family; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Jane Litzenberger; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Jessica & Giovanni Mette; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Jesse Stimell; Donna Storm; Jeffrey Tapler; Russ Trauger; and Linda Wilson.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

WELCA

Our July meeting to work on decorating the Chrismons we cut out in May had to be postponed due to Covid. We are going to try to meet on Friday Aug.19th at 10 a.m. If you have any artistic ability, please come and share it with us. All genders and ages are invited. We will serve you lunch.

Please mark your calendars – **Sunday Sept. 25th** after church, Becky Prasner will share some of her experiences serving in the Foreign Service with her husband. She has lived in a number of countries including Afghanistan. We will serve refreshments after church, so you don't starve during her presentation.

Bible Study

The Adult Bible study will resume meeting on **Wednesday** September 14th from **1:00-3:00**. Please note we have changed our meeting day to Wednesday and our meeting time to 1:00-3:00 because Pastor Heckman will be joining us. He will lead our next gathering. His topic is - Was Jesus married? We will discuss what we want to study next at the meeting. All are invited to attend.

Outreach

Food banks: Thanks to all who contributed to our collection for our food banks in July. We will be collecting personal care items in August as well as food.

Outreach envelope: Our Outreach envelopes for August will go to our two local food banks. Please be generous, food banks are struggling with increased demands.

Prayer list: If you want to add someone to the prayer list or correct or update it, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: yakkityyak7@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Helen Dungan

Care-A-Lot Newsletter Article for August,2022

Care-a-Lot still has 10 children registered with space for up to 2 more. The School Board will meet on Wednesday, August 10th at 10 am to finalize plans for the September 13th first day of preschool. We again thank the Streletz and Beerer families and everyone who contributed to our fine new playground, which will be dedicated during the picnic after church on September 18th. We hope that CAL families will join us.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was held again at Trinity Lutheran Church, with participation from Durham and St. Peter's. Seventeen children and at least that many youth and adult volunteers had a joyous and exhausting time. A joint picnic after church on July 31st incorporated the closing ceremony.

	AUGUST BIRTHDAYS		AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES		AUGUST BAPTISMS
3	Peter Streletz				
				5	Rita Mesko
7	Joan Mammana, Anne Valent				
8	Paul McGinn, Alex Crouse				
10	Addyson Mammana, Jacob Roney				
				15	Sarah Deal
19	Karen Beerer				
				23	Peter Streletz
24	Kendall Beerer				
				28	Adam Phillipps
29	David Sauter, Landon Frey			29	Mary Erceg
30	Helen Dungan, Lynn Leichliter				
		31	Kathy and Ed Haney		

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

- ACOLYTES for August-
 August 7 - TBD
 14 - TBD
 21 - TBD
 28 - TBD

- LECTORS for August-
 August 7 - Tom Gaun
 14 - Linda Sauter
 21 - Becky Praster
 28 - Mark Harwick

- ALTAR GUILD for August- Mark Harwick and Val McGinn
- COUNCIL COUNTING TEAM for August-