

### PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Congregation in Mission, Community and Service

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

# **SEPTEMBER 2021**

PASTOR: Rev. Ben Eder

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 9:30 AM

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WORSHIP: 10:00 AM





As we prepare to enter the fall season, we find ourselves in the middle of a pandemic that is continuing for the second straight year. Granted, conditions are better this year than last: most places are open, people are travelling again, and sporting events have full stadiums! Still, caution is in the wind: the Delta variant is proving resilient, and mask mandates are back in certain situations.

In 1527, the Bubonic Plague was raging through Europe. Dr. Martin Luther was asked "What should the response of a Christian be" during this crisis? Here was Luther's response:

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me however I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God."

Luther's advice, which has been shared in many forums, is faith-filled yet also cautionary. Trust in God, yes; but also do not place yourself in situations where you are putting God to the test.

I am comforted by these words from the psalmist: because of the Lord's faithfulness,

"You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday." – Psalm 91:5-6

The popular Christian author and theologian Francis Schaeffer once asked the question, "How should we then live?" Let us continue to live our lives in confidence knowing and believing that God is with us and His promises do matter.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Ben Eder



Sept. 26

Alan Kornacki



Sept. 1 Rev. Ben & Linda Eder



A cheerful what?

*Guideposts* editor Mary Ann O'Roark recalls hearing the phrase "cheerful liver" so often in church as a girl that she asked her grandmother what a liver is. "It's a part inside you, like your stomach or your heart," Grandma replied.

Rather confused, O'Roark tried to figure out how to be cheerful from the inside out. Then during Sunday school one week, a classmate explained that God loves a cheerful *giver*, not liver. Years later, however, O'Roark realized that her younger self wasn't too far off the mark. After all, God does indeed love someone who *lives* cheerfully, spreading the hope and joy that he longs for all people to know!

After all, it was Jesus who said, "I came that [all] may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10, NRSV).



**ESTHER CIRCLE** 

This month's gathering is on Monday, September 13, 12:30 pm., AT THE CHURCH. All women of Pilgrim are welcome to attend.

The Fellowship has been going well. The connection and conversation are great! We are asking for 2 volunteers each Sunday to host. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the board near the entrance to the sanctuary. Your help is needed. Thank you!

We will be starting a Raffle in September. There are several gift cards that have been donated from area merchants and individuals. Check out the flyer enclosed in this newsletter for more information. The more tickets you purchase, the greater are your chances to win. Your support is appreciated!

REMINDER! The mites (loose change) collection is ongoing. There is a container near the front door of the church to place your donations for LWML grants. Cancelled stamps cut with 1/2-inch border frame go to Sharon McGuan to help purchase Bibles for prisoners, old printer ink cartridges give to Pat Watkins and Dash's receipts to Sue Holway.

Enjoy the last few weeks of Summer 3 and the first day of Fall 3 will be upon us soon! We welcome the change of season! Continue to stay safe and healthy. God Bless! 4

**Carol Obot & Sue Holway** 



Answers

Answers to prayers come in various ways, sometimes in minutes, sometimes in days. And some take years to fully unfold the harvest of love and blessings they hold.

Answers to prayers come in various forms, sometimes in sunlight, sometimes through storms. Some blossom early, and some blossom late, but each one will flower — have faith and wait!

-Helen Inwood, His Mysterious Ways

# Esther Circle is Holding a Gift Card Raffle September 5<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>

# All DRAWINGS WILL HELD OCTOBER 3rd

1st PRIZERussell's Steak, Chops & More – \$50.00
2nd PRIZERiviera Theatre Voucher for Two Tickets Friday Night Tribute Series \$40.00
3rd PRIZEIlio DiPaolos – \$25.00

- 4th PRIZE ----La Hacienda Brighton \$25.00
- 5th PRIZE ----Mississippi Mudds 5 coupons @ \$5.00 Each =\$25.00
- 6th PRIZE ----Olympic Restaurant 2 Open Chicken Souvlaki & 2 Desserts
- 7th PRIZE ----Paulas Donuts 3 Coupons @ 1 Dozen Donuts Each = 3 Dozen Donuts
- 8th PRIZE ----- Applebees \$25.00
- 9th PRIZE ----Cracker Barrel \$25.00
- 10th PRIZE --- DASH'S \$25.00
- 11th PRIZE ----Wegmans -- \$25.00
- 12th PRIZE ---Home Depot \$25.00
- 13th PRIZE --- Target \$25.00
- 14th PRIZE ----Andersons Frozen Custard \$21.99 Ice Cream Cake/Pie
- 15th PRIZE ---Franco's Pizza \$10.00

## Tickets - \$1.00 Each 6 Tickets for \$5.00

You do not need to be present when drawing is held... Make sure you write your name, address & phone number on each ticket

#### THANK YOU!!

All PROCEEEDS GO TO PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH ESTHER CIRCLE MISSIONS AND CHARITIES. Ken-Ton Meals on Wheels Kenmore Presbyterian Church Food Pantry Lutheran Radio Ministries Lutheran Bible Translators LWML MITES



Your Fall Ordering Packet Will Be Arriving Soon

Look for your 2021 fall order forms, fundraising selling materials and more to arrive in your mailbox SOON!



# ORDER ANYTIME-DAY OR NIGHT! WITH OUR ONLINE STORE!!

https://pilgrimesthercircle.terrilynn.com

All profits are used to support local charities such as Ken-Ton Meals on Wheels, Local Church Food Pantries, Lutheran Bible Translators, Lutheran Hour Ministries plus many others. Please help us support them.

Thank you!





Third Quarter Offering Statements will be in your mailboxes at the end of September.

Contact me if you prefer your statement to be emailed.

Dianne Wuerch Financial Recording Secretary diannefeyeswuerch@gmail.com





### 2020-2022 Mission Grant #4 – The Barnabas Project

Calvary Lutheran Church, Waterloo, NY

\$5,000

The Barnabas Project, an ongoing mission outreach of Calvary Lutheran Church in Waterloo, NY, began in June 2012 after Beth Reed heard Pastor Dorow preach on The Day of St Barnabas. Barnabas, known as the "son of encouragement" or "son of consolation" is mentioned in the book of Acts as a man who practiced generous giving, selling a field and giving the proceeds to the Church. Barnabas encouraged others as he proclaimed the Savior's love.

Beth, who works at the Department of Social Services in Seneca County, was acutely aware of the number of children and families needing encouragement. In this rural community many families lacked even basic home furnishing such as beds. After listening to The Day of St. Barnabas sermon, the question "what can I do about this" became a call to action. As Beth explains, "a seed grew in my heart that day" and after sharing her ideas with Pastor Dorow, the seed began to take root and grow. Initially Beth and Pastor Dorow delivered donated furniture to families identified as having a real need.

As time went on, the mission of The Barnabas Project narrowed to providing beds: i.e., mattresses, box springs, frames, mattress pads, sheets, blankets and quilts. Since 2012, the Barnabas Project has delivered approximately 2-3 beds per month, totaling around 150 beds, assisting over 100 families.

These beds are an encouragement to children who have been sleeping on the floor or have been sleeping in beds riddled with bedbugs. The gift of a new bed, comfortable sheets and blankets provides a child with a good night's sleep and the blessing a restful night brings.

But the Barnabas Project also seeks to bring the life changing message of the Gospel to each recipient. Every new bed delivered includes a *Portals of Prayer*, Calvary Lutheran Church fliers, *Mustard Seed* Devotions, invitations to Sunday services and special events such as Advent dinners, Vacation Bible School and more. To meet the spiritual needs of the recipients, if allowed or requested, congregational members pray with the recipients. And the Calvary LWML ladies lovingly donate the quilts they make to The Barnabas Project.

The Barnabas Project seeks to reach out with the encouraging love of Jesus to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of people in the Seneca County community.

For more information about this ministry contact: Calvary Lutheran's Barnabas Project c/o Beth Reed, 2414 North Route 414, Waterloo, NY 13165





# **LWML's September to Remember 2021**

"Giving Tuesday" is a day of giving, typically celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. This year the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is celebrating its day of giving, "September to Remember," on September 14, 2021.



The LWML will focus on the "Shining Lights" in our lives who share Jesus' truth in love through service to others. *Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven* (Matthew 5:16).

Watch for daily posts during the first two weeks of September as the LWML Board of Directors share stories of those who have been "Shining Lights" in their lives. You are invited to share a story about one of your "Shining Lights" on Facebook, donate to the LWML Mission Goal in honor of that special someone, and pray for all district and national mission grants.

On September 14, 2021, you may donate through the LWML website, under the "Giving" tab, in honor of those "Shining Lights" in your life, making an eternal difference in the lives of others.

You may also mail your donation labeled for "September to Remember" or "GivingTuesday" to:

LWML 801 Seminary Place, Ste. L010 St. Louis, MO 63105



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Clergyman Suffers Severe Burns on Face and Hands in Oil Furnace Explosion at Kenmore—Two Small Boys Slightly Scorched

Explosion of an oil furnace in the basement of Pilgrim Lutheran church. Kenmore. last night, resulted in the Rev. F. J. Muhlhauser, pastor of the church, suffering severe burns about the face and hands, and two small boys receiving lesser injuries. The blast shattered every window in the basement and pushed out three walls, two in the furnace room and one in an adjoining chamber. The explosion occurred shortly before the scheduled hour of a Washington's birthday entertainment which would have filled the chapel with children.

The celebration was to have begun at 8 o'clock. Shortly after 7 o'clock the Rev. Mr. Muhlhauser arrived at the chapel and went to the basement to turn up the oil furnace, which had been burning low.

#### Cause Not Ascertained.

Kneeling before the heating plant, the clergyman turned the small flame down and then up nearly to full force. Whether the explosion was caused by fumes which had collected during the day from the slow burning oil heater or whether it was caused by spontaneous combustion of the carbon in the flues could not be ascertained.

There was a sudden gust of flames, which completely enveloped the clergyman. Two children, Gordon Isenberger, eleven years old, 85 Tremaine avenue, and Ralph Monrad, ten years old, 85 Crosby road, were standing nearby, but were only slightly scorched.

#### Saves Entire Structure.

Before quitting the blazing furnace, the clergyman, retaining his presence of mind, turned the flame out. Police say this probably saved the entire structure from destruction.

Dr. E. R. Linklater, 2770 Delaware avenue, Kenmore, who treated the Rev. Mr. Muhlhauser, declared the clergyman's eyes would have been burned out had it not been for his glasses. As it was, the clergyman suffered severe burns in face and hands. It is feared he may be scarred for life. He was resting easily last night.

He laughed while he told how tenyear-old Ralph Monrad ran to his mother for aid when someone dispatched him for a physician.

"Lenten services will be continued Wedresday," he declared. "T'll be there, but not in the pulpit. I am going to try and get an old friend of mine, the Rev. Henry Woidke of the Nazareth Lutheran church, to take my place."

# **Good Samaritan Word Search**

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