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NC Women of the ELCA Annual Gathering 2022

September 16-17

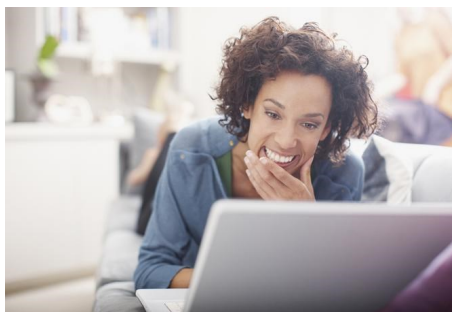
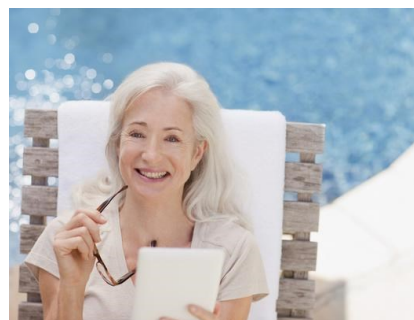
The Annual Gathering of the NC Women of the ELCA will be virtual this year, with only the Board members meeting in person. On September 16 and 17, log onto your computer for the Friday night and Saturday sessions.

The Annual Gathering will include a Bible study lead by Rev. Karin O'Donnell and a message from Bishop Tim Smith. Short 30-minute Awareness Sessions, greetings from Lutheran Men & Mission and lots for music will also be part of the Gathering program.

Here is the [Annual Gathering Registration Form](#)

A Technical Aid person was hired to facilitate the virtual Annual Gathering this year. This will make the voting process go smoothly along with the videos, recorded messages and materials for the Awareness Sessions. This year the voting will be shorter than in past years.

Even though we will be separated physically, our hearts and minds will be together praying, learning, and growing together in Jesus Christ.



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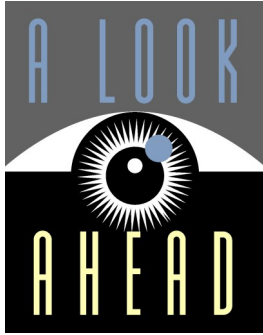
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Mission Statement:

As the body of Christ,
fed and nourished
through worship, we
are called to serve all
people, through the use
of our gifts to proclaim
God's justice, mercy
and love.

*Our Vision: Striving to
Thrive with Vitality!*



August 28

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.



Blessing of Backpacks will take place *this Sunday, August 28, 2022*. All children, youth and teachers are encouraged to bring your backpacks with you to worship so they can be blessed and that each person who comes forward feels the love and encouragement of this congregation.

After the 10:00 service please join us for light refreshments in the North Wing.





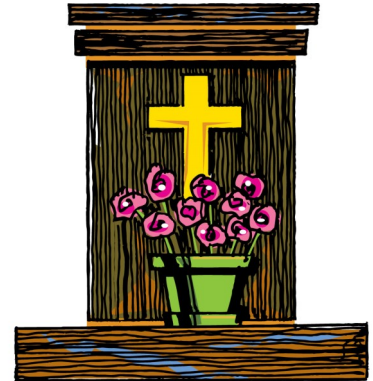
After the service, a parishioner thanked the minister for the wonderful sermon.

"I found it so helpful," she said.

The minister replied: "I hope it will not prove as helpful as the last sermon you heard me preach."

"Why, what do you mean?" asked the astonished woman.

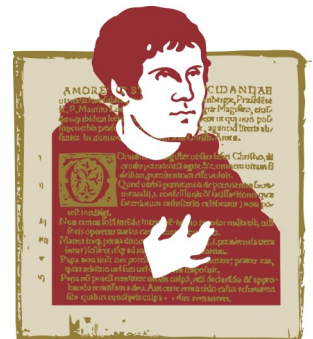
"Well," said the minister, "that sermon lasted you three months."



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

Scholars often write about Luther's Three Treatises. Below are some of Luther's writings. Can you identify the three treatises?

1. A Mediation on Christ's Passion
2. A Simple Way to Pray
3. The Babilonian Captivity of the Church
4. The Bondage of the Will
5. To the Christian Nobility of the German Nation
6. Commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians
7. The Freedom of a Christian
8. Threatise on the Bless Sacrament
9. Treatise on Good Works



Answer: 3, 5, and 7



Dear Emmanuel Family,

I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude for each and every way you have supported our family during this difficult time. No deed has gone unnoticed or unappreciated. I truly thank each of you from the bottom of my heart.

*In His Love,
Ann Brooks*

Ministry in Action - August - September

	August 28	Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18
Greeters	James Gantt Margaret Christopher	George Boyd Susan Boyd	Todd Lanier Vera Lanier	Ben Robinson Emily Robinson
Lector	Steve Lounsbury	Beth Collins	Randy Zimtbaum	Ruth Murphy
Crucifer	Mary Ellen Bridges	Jennifer Little	Matthew Heavner	Nayshaun Holiday
Acolyte	Hannah Brooks	Kate Leonhardt	Mary Ellen Bridges	Hannah Brooks
Communion Asst	Ruth Murphy	Steve Lounsbury	Jennifer Little	David Bynum
Videographer	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey
Altar Flowers	Yvonne Cromer	Pat Hance	Available	Available

Monthly Duties August 2022

Councilperson	Emily Robinson			
Altar Guild	Betty King	Vera Lanier	Rhonda Thompson	
Ushers	Rudy Rudisill (Captain)	James Gantt Guy Rudisill	David Bynum Steve Lounsbury	

Proverbs 25:6-7

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;

⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Faith5 Corner: by Pastor Mike

11th Sunday after Pentecost



Share: Share your highs and lows

Read: Proverbs 25:6-7, Luke 14:1,7-14

Talk: Slowly reflect on the reading. Did anything grab your attention as you read the passage? This weeks Old Testament lesson and the Gospel are uniquely similar. Is that because they tell a timely truth? Hundreds of years separate the two texts, and the hosts are different, but do they speak of the same thing? What is the issue at hand?

As a tween-ager I wrestled with my place at Holiday meals. Extended family would gather at my house and multiple tables would be set up. One table was always designated the “kids” table, and that is where I was assigned. How I yearned to sit with the grown-ups, with all the important people. At some point (and honestly, I don’t remember when) there was a place for me at the “big people” table. It was then that I realized how ego-driven I had been, and... how much more fun the “kids” table actually was. What does humility mean?

Where are those places where you let your ego get in the way of following God’s will? When do we make it about us, and not about God, or our neighbor? Have you ever been “put in your place” by someone? How did that make you feel? Have you ever been invited closer up? How did that make you feel? How can we set ourselves aside for the sake of others? How can we build up the body of Christ in ways that edify the whole church, the whole community?

Pray: Humble us, Lord. Give us a heart for others. Curb our voracious appetites for power, fame, and fortune. Help us build a community where all have what they need. Let no one go without, while the world has been blessed abundantly. Help us find our place in your “kin-dom” as we realize we are all connected to one another in and through you. Amen

Bless: “_____, you are enough.”





Shirley Barnes, George Boyd, Noah Denton, Hannah Brooks, Polly Bryant, Kathy Cromer, Laura Cromer, Marianne Doehling, Page Doehling, Cecelia Driscoll, Paul Driscoll, Martha Duncan, Max Edwards, James Gantt, Betty King, Nancy McCoy, Nancy Pales, Trudy Perkins, Mary Rhodes, Jim Sain, Michael Wright, Pat Wilhelm, Rick Norine and family (cousin of Barbara O'Neill), Phil McIlveen (Marianne Doehling's father) James McIlveen (Marianne Doehling's brother), Evelyn Cochrane (neighbor of Susan McConnell), Randy Cherry (Brother of Buzz Cherry), Nancy Skeeters (in-law of Jenny Watson), Nan Muddle, Taylor Lawson (son of John and Tonya Lawson), Barbara Stillwell (sister-in-law of Rusty Rhyne), Tommy London (father of Tonya Lawson), Mickey Adair (aunt of Tonya Lawson), Sherri Beam (friend of Julie Leonhardt), Drew Milholland (Pastor Mike), Breanna Tapp (Jennifer Huskey), Tomi Pendleton (Dara Jarrett), Judith Dew (Marianne and Page Doehling), Dottie Vandenburg (Tonya Lawson), Glenn Mosteller Jr. (Glenn Mosteller), Van Davis (brother of Amy Brown), Dinah Barkley (friend of Susan Boyd)



We offer our Christian Sympathy to the family of Milton and Linda Rice whose son in law

John "JJ" James Jr. passed away on August 20, 2022

Please keep the entire family in your prayers during their time of loss. May God's comfort surround them and the hope of resurrection brings joy to us all.

Get free at-home COVID-19 tests

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days.

Order your tests now so you have them when you need them.

Go to: COVIDtests.gov

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief will **resume on Tuesday, September 13, at 9 am** in the Fellowship Hall, barring any Covid complications. We will need to adhere to whatever Covid rules apply at the time; more on this the week before we meet.

Everyone, please feel free to stop in and join us on the 13th to observe our social group in action, ask questions, and just enjoy some fellowship. For the time being, plan to bring your own snack and drink for break time; we can discuss if/when we will resume community snack sharing.

We have already been contacted by the distribution group regarding pickup schedules for any quilts we will have completed. Since we already have a significant number of assembled quilts that need to be tacked, I'm throwing down the challenge for our quilting group to finish 100 quilts by this November (recall we have shipped 300 quilts in previous years).



To be tacked:



That said, we have an immediate need for tackers and sewers to meet my challenge. However, we also need to cut squares, assemble, and sew tops to keep the process going. We can also use some help boxing, weighing, and labeling the quilts.



Square cutting tools:

We hope you will join us!

Contact Carole Lake at 908-675-7290 or gmaknits2017@gmail.com if you would like more information.

If you don't think joining us is possible at this time, note that our quilts are made from fabric donated from a variety of sources. We particularly like nice weight, patterned cotton fabric – solids, patterns, and plaids – that will launder well. Shiny, jersey or wool type fabrics will **not** work for our quilts. So, please let us know when you hear of donation opportunities and we can arrange to accept.

Thanks in advance: Carole Lake, Phyllis Scronce, Susan McConnell, and Beth Collins



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Adam Long	8/01
Peggy Seagle	8/07
Anthony Eadie	8/11
Tonya Lawson	8/11
Pat Wilhelm	8/12
David Wise	8/13
Heather Lackey	8/15
Colleen Lounsbury	8/15
Betty King	8/18
Jason McConnell	8/18
Jim Williams Jr.	8/18
Emerie Stinson	8/19
Debbie Tapia	8/23
Allison Brown	8/25
Mindy Denton	8/25
Jennifer Little	8/26
Wayne Little	8/29
Michael Hance	8/31



Lincoln County Covid-19 Case numbers

As of March 23 the State and County are no longer reporting numbers

Lincoln County Positivity Rate as of August 15 - 32.26%

Lincoln County Positivity Rate as of August 21 - 28.18%

Lincoln County current cases as of August 15 - 207

Lincoln County current cases as of August 21 - 187



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Sunday worship, study and
fellowship opportunities

Traditional Worship Service
10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Service is live streamed on
Facebook at 10 am each Sunday
and will be posted to YouTube.