

Saint Luke Messenger



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WEEKS OF SEPTEMBER 17 AND SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Sunday, September 17

Holy Communion 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
FOR ALL AGES BEGIN**



Sunday, September 24

Holy Communion 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Misa en Español — 5:00 p.m.



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

September 17 — The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

Matthew 18:21-35

September 24 — The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 17, 2017

8:00 AM	Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision	Library
9:00 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
9:00 AM	<i>Luther & the Jewish People</i>	Luther Room
10:00 AM	Novice Bells	Bieber Hall
10:30 AM	Christian Education for All Ages	Campus
10:30 AM	Holy Communion/Reception of New Members	Nave
11:40 AM	<i>Giving Wings to the Word</i>	Music Room
12:00 PM	SLSHY Cookout	915 Highland Drive
5:00 PM	AA	Bieber Hall
5:00 PM	Augsburg Bell Choir	Music Room
7:30 PM	Reformation Bell Choir	Music Room

Monday, September 18, 2017

8:00 AM	CDS Classes (Mon-Fri)	CDS Classrooms
12:30 PM	Staff Calendar Meeting	Fireside Room
6:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop 2894	Bieber Hall
6:00 PM	Yoga	101-102
7:00 PM	Committee on Staff	Bethany
7:00 PM	Worship and Music Committee	Music Room

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

1:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Chapel
7:00 PM	Ensemble Bells	Music Room
7:00 PM	OA	Library

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

7:00 AM	Faith Connections	Panera
10:00 AM	Women in Community	Library
12:30 PM	OA	Seminar Room
4:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Music Room
4:30 PM	Genesis Bells	Bieber Hall
5:00 PM	Choristers	Music Room
5:30 PM	Confirmation Choir	Bieber Hall
5:30 PM	Sarah-Lydia WELCA Meeting	Fireside Room
6:30 PM	Community Dinner	Bieber Hall
7:00 PM	NAMI Young Adult Support Group	Great Hall
7:30 PM	Schola Cantorum	Music Room

Thursday, September 21, 2017

6:30 PM	Hallowood Board	Fireside Room
6:30 PM	Martin Luther Choir	Music Room
8:30 PM	AA	Bieber Hall

Friday, September 22, 2017

4:00 PM	Luther Retreat	Off Site
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Saturday, September 23, 2017

	Luther Retreat	Off Site
9:00 AM	Advance Retreat	Off Site
9:15 AM	Alanon	Luther Room
9:30 AM	AA	Bieber Hall
4:00 PM	Ernst Ordination	Nave
6:00 PM	Ernst Reception	Fireside Room

Sunday, September 24, 2017

	Advance Retreat	Off Site
8:15 AM	<i>Giving Wings to the Word</i>	Music Room
9:00 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
9:00 AM	<i>Luther & the Jewish People</i>	Luther Room
10:00 AM	Novice Bells	Bieber Hall
10:30 AM	Christian Education for All Ages Campus	
10:30 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
11:40 AM	<i>Giving Wings to the Word</i>	Music Room
11:45 AM	Park Playdate	Off Site
12:00 PM	Welcome Gathering	Fireside Room
5:00 PM	AA	Bieber Hall
5:00 PM	Misa En Español	Nave
5:00 PM	Augsburg Bell Choir	Music Room
7:30 PM	Reformation Bell Choir	Music Room

Monday, September 25, 2017

8:00 AM	CDS Classes (Mon-Fri)	CDS Classrooms
6:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop 2894	Bieber Hall
6:00 PM	Yoga	101-102

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

1:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Chapel
7:00 PM	Ensemble Bells	Music Room
7:00 PM	Girl Scout Troup 6275	Great Hall
7:00 PM	Book & Video	Fireside Room
7:00 PM	OA	Library

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

7:00 AM	Faith Connections	Panera
10:00 AM	Women in Community	Library
12:30 PM	OA	Seminar Room
4:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Music Room
4:30 PM	Genesis Bells	Bieber Hall
5:00 PM	Choristers	Music Room
5:30 PM	Confirmation Choir	Bieber Hall
6:30 PM	Souper Sandwich	Bieber Hall
7:30 PM	Schola Cantorum	Music Room

Thursday, September 28, 2017

6:30 PM	Martin Luther Choir	Music Room
8:30 PM	AA	Bieber Hall

Friday, September 29, 2017

12:00 PM	Saint Luke Fellowship	Bieber Hall
5:00 PM	Council Retreat	Hallowood
6:00 PM	Martin Luther Choir Retreat	Hallowood

Saturday, September 30, 2017

	Martin Luther Choir Retreat	Hallowood
	Council Retreat	Hallowood
9:15 AM	Alanon	Luther Room
9:30 AM	AA	Bieber Hall

IT WILL BE A GREAT HONOR TO HAVE AS OUR GUEST PREACHER, THE PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE ELCA, THE REV. ELIZABETH EATON, as we observe the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Sunday, October 29. BISHOP EATON IS THE LEADER OF OUR 3.9 million member Church.

On this day at Saint Luke we will have **one worship service at 10:30 a.m.** Also, later in the day there will be a grand gathering, worship at the National Cathedral at **4:00 p.m.** with Bishop Eaton preaching as well. From Saint Luke we will offer bus transportation. Watch for details.

On **Saturday, October 28**, Saint Luke will have **Oktoberfest 2017**, a dramatic encounter with **Martin Luther**, himself, and our synod **Bishop Richard Graham**, and lunch will be a special surprise - delicious. Reserve the weekend!

KEEPING CONNECTIONS WILL BE THE theme beginning with the program year this fall. You might remember the Making Connections theme this past year, especially the stewardship gatherings. Well, now it is time to keep connections and celebrate the community in Jesus Christ we share. One way this will happen is through regular congregation brunches (yum!). The first brunch will happen **Sunday, October 15, The Festival of Saint Luke.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL WILL BE filled with fellowship! **Community Dinners** will continue—where we invite the Silver Spring community to join us for a delicious meal. The first **Community Dinner** will be **Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m.** On the other Wednesdays we will have **Souper Sandwich**. As the pun implies, **Souper Sandwich** will be a yummy dinner of soup and sandwiches, with a focus on fellowship. For these programs to be successful we need you! First, we need you to attend - come and enjoy delicious food and visit with friends old and new. Second, if you can volunteer to help, please contact Carol Bennett cjbennett9@hotmail.com or 301-587-7655). Thank you!

THE MEN'S GROUP on **Saturday, October 14**, will have a one day retreat on the topic of **Luther and the Reformation**. All men are invited. If you have questions, please contact Dan Thomas at dthomas@saintluke.us or Pastor Nuss at gcnuuss@saintluke.us.

SAINT LUKE'S WOMEN IN COMMUNITY Bible study meet weekly to study and reflect together on the Bible and on other books that inform our lives in faith. We meet in the library (second floor at Saint Luke). We will spend time in prayer together, and choose a book to read as we move into autumn. All Saint Luke women are invited to join this caring community of study and spiritual growth. Questions can be directed to Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us.

LUTHER AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE will be the Sunday 9:00 a.m. discussion topic. This begins **September 24** when the group will look at Luther's world, his scriptural understanding, expectations and disappointments in addressing the Jewish people. The discussion will explore what some of the consequences may have been. Questions, contact eplatz@saintluke.us.

BOOK AND VIDEO will now meet at **7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday** of the month. On **September 26**, the book *Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore, a novel based on actual events relating to the move to electrify America, will be discussed. Start reading now and come for a lively discussion.

SAINT LUKE FELLOWSHIP On **September 29**, Ruth Manchester will tell us about missionary nurse Marjorie Bly. Her brother, Ted Bly, and his wife Mary, attended Saint Luke. Marjorie cared for leprosy patients in Taiwan for 50 years. Flyers are in the *Happenings* kiosk.

THE ANNUAL CARING MINISTRIES RETREAT will be at Hallowood on **Wednesday, November 1** for a delightful day pondering the questions *Where will I go? What will I do?* Sound mysterious? Attorney David Perdue will be with us. We will also have time to walk the grounds and have a delicious lunch. You may call the church office at 301-588-4363 to sign up. Carpooling will be offered. Please indicate if you can drive or if you need a ride.

SAINT LUKE WOMEN OF THE ELCA invite you to study the Apostles' Creed this fall. Beyond preferences or even deeply held convictions, the theological underpinnings of a religious community are the structure for teaching, preaching and action. For our life of faith together, creeds are more than just words. They are vessels for carrying one another through doubt, joy and sorrow. Join in the discussion on the second **Tuesdays** of the month at **10:00 a.m.** or the **first and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.** All women are invited to participate. Contact Donna Nelson at welca@saintluke.us

SAVE THE DATE: Creating the Beloved Community. Curious about our neighbors around Saint Luke and downtown Silver Spring? Come to lunch on **November 12 at 11:45 a.m.** at Saint Luke to hear the Reverend Mansfield "Kasey" Kaseman talk with us about creating the beloved community. His rich experience includes Civil Rights and Racial Justice work. He will share his work as the Interfaith Community Liaison for Office of Community Partnerships of Montgomery County. Please RSVP to Donna Nelson at 847-224-2819 or welca@saintluke.us

ASSISTANCE FOR HARVEY & IRMA RELIEF

Thank you for your prayers for our brothers and sisters in Texas, Louisiana, Florida and the Caribbean. Waters may be receding but the worst is far from over. Thank you for your contributions through many agencies. Please know our **ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response is on the ground**. If you can help, you may make your check payable to Saint Luke and note it is for Hurricane Relief—US. 100% of these gifts will go toward Harvey and Irma relief.