



A Letter From The Pastor

had to be wondering what was going to happen next. Their everyday experience consisted of people being healed, storms being stilled, hundreds showing up to be taught, thousands being fed. And that was before noon! A debate with the religious authorities or some other ruckus in the temple was saved for after lunch. The word on the street at Pentecost was these people – these followers of Jesus – were either drunk or crazy. Maybe both.

As followers of Jesus here at David Lutheran, we get it. We understand that faith is an adventure – that **THE UNEXPECTED** - is a gift from God! As members of the body of Christ that is the church in this place, we long to be God's beloved community. So what do we do? We pray. **Together.** We worship. **Together.** We follow Jesus into the world. We roll up our sleeves because we don't just want to make a difference – we want our world to be different. We are 'The Jesus People,' who love and care for one another - *and* for those of the world God so loves.

Want to have an adventure? Our youth do. They've returned from their mission trip filled with the Holy Spirit's enthusiasm for deepening their spiritual roots while offering meaningful service. Here are some ways you can too:

Receive the unexpected as a gift as we ask thoughtfully, "How can we use our resources effectively to be together on Sundays in ways that nurtures faith in adults and children, deepens our relationship with God, and helps us follow Jesus more closely?"

Over the summer we'll gather as one for our combined 'Summer Reunion Sundays' at 10AM on June 30, July 28 and September 1. Thanks to our member feedback, we are experimenting during the summer, combining our three worship services into

What do you think it was like to get up each morning as one of Jesus' disciples? These twelve followers

two. **For the month of July we will worship at 8 AM and 10 AM.** Our Worship & Music Team will be working to glean our members feedback. What will we learn together about the opportunities for connection, communicating faith and nurturing hope that this change will bring?

Receive the unexpected as a gift as you choose with your family, a way to carry the love of Christ into our community. Four opportunities are available for you to volunteer:

Our Fireworks Viewing Event, July 5th at 7:30 PM

Our "Suits For Heroes" Event needs servers for Prep, Hospitality and as 'Suit Shepherds'

Our Summer Corn Booth offers two opportunities to greet and connect with our Canal Winchester community, at the Rib & Music Fest and Labor Day Event.

Come see our new concession trailer, purchased through a grant from our Memorial Endowment Funds – a wonderful asset to support our community outreach!

Receive the unexpected as a gift when you enroll your child, grandchild and/or volunteer at our Vacation Bible School this month, when you invite a neighbor to our Summer Playgroup, when you donate bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief, men's dress socks for our Heroes Event, or groceries for our food pantry.

Finally, receive the unexpected as a gift as we continue love and serve in Jesus name, as we pray for our Call Process, anticipating our ministry partnership with a newly called pastor.

Walking with you, in the adventure of faith, as Jesus' follower,

Pastor Leslie



Pastor Leslie Fox

Know Christ—Make Christ Known

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NOTES OF CARE

We hold in our hearts and prayers, the family of **Carl Zwayer** who passed away June 7th, especially his beloved wife Ann.

NOTES OF THANKS

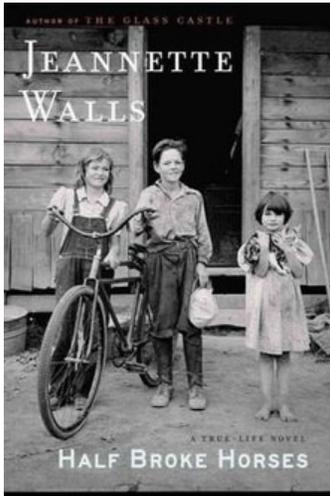
Here at the beginning of summer, our 'church mice' have been really busy! A team of folks deserve our thanks and praise for all their efforts in making our church home a welcoming place. **Connie Smith, Phil Unger, Molly and Tom Sibrik** have donated flowers bringing beauty to outdoor containers and beds. **Jim Hummel** donated loads of mulch, spread by **Phil Unger**. Our thanks to **Roger Graves** for staining our exterior doors. Our preschool thanks our **Property Team members** for installing an outdoor deposit box for the convenience of parents. **Jim Brunning and grandson Dominic Babusci** polished the large windows in our Gathering Area to help us enjoy our beautiful courtyard. **Kenny and Penny Babbert** provided welcoming refreshments to honor our young people celebrating their Rite of Affirmation of Baptism. We're grateful to **Barbie Weidner and Julie Crissinger** for serving as our adult leaders, accompanying Ryan and our youth to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania for our Youthworks Mission Trip! Congratulations to 'Relay for Life' leaders **Angie Armstrong, Julie Crissinger and their entire team** for exceeding their fund raising goal at last month's amazing event!

"I have not
stopped
giving
thanks
for you,
remembering
you in my
prayers"

Ephesians 1:16

BOOK CLUBS

The Daytime Book Club will meet Thursday, July 11 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel at David Lutheran Church. We will be discussing the book "Half Broke Horses" by Jeannette Walls.



A description from the book cover says "Those old cows knew trouble was coming before we did. So begins the story of Lily Casey Smith. Jeannette Walls no-nonsense, resourceful, and spectacularly compelling grandmother. By age six, Lily was helping her father break horses. At fifteen, she left home to teach in a frontier town-riding five hundred miles on her pony, alone, to get to her job. She learned to drive a car and fly a plane. And, with her husband, Jim, she ran a vast ranch in Arizona. She raised two children, one of whom is Jeannette's mother, Rosemary Smith Walls."

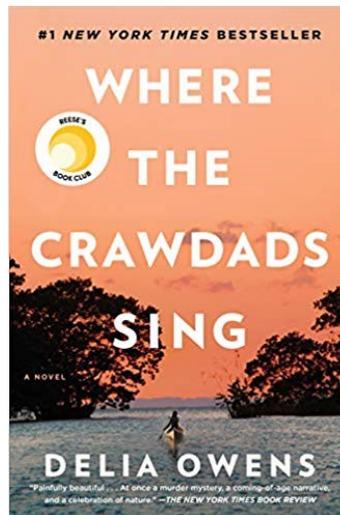
In August we will be reading "Eleanor Oliphant" is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman. All are welcome to join us!

The Evening Book Club meeting for July will be Wednesday, July 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Metro Park, 8445 Winchester Road, Carroll, 43112. We will enjoy a carry-in picnic supper. The book for July is *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. All are welcome to attend!

From the Amazon book website descriptions:

"For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life--until the unthinkable happens. Perfect for fans of Barbara Kingsolver and Karen

Russell, *Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of mystery. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps."



"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:20



What is a suit?

Per Merriam – Webster

Suit (noun)

1. A set of outer clothes made of the same fabric and designed to be worn together, typically consisting of a jacket and trousers or a jacket and a skirt.

According to an article written by Kamal Jahid, who is known as the “man born in a suit” and is an entrepreneur in men’s and women’s fashion; a suit can do 5 very important things:

It shows what you’re made of. While outer beauty is not what keeps people engaged, it is what gets you noticed. Dressing for success can open doors that may not have been cracked.

Suits can draw people in. How many times have you noticed someone in a suit and thought that they looked like they had an interesting story?

It helps with your narrative. The suit gives you a chance to talk about anything. Where you got it, a funny experience getting it.

Suits make you look put together. A well fitted suit gives the air of authority.

It boosts self-confidence. It’s a simple saying but I know I’ve heard it time and time again. When you look good, you feel good. When you feel good, you do good. When you do good, you look good. A suit can be a self – portrait. You can express individuality and creativity with color, style, and accessories.

Suits are a way for us to put our best foot forward in life. Why wouldn’t you want that?

During the next few weeks, Madel O’Neil and her fabulous team are going to be handing out the opportunities in the form of suits for our military servicemen. These are opportunities on the right path or in a new job. Our “Suits for Heroes” event will offer opportunities to build confidence and share stories.

When we discuss the opportunities that our visitors will be receiving, why don’t we also discuss the opportunities you have? As a volunteer, you have the opportunity to influence someone’s future. You have the opportunity to listen to what these American Heroes have to say. You have the opportunity to be a disciple of Christ. All by giving of your time. Spend a few hours of your day helping sort, or shepherding guests, or even bake cookies for hospitality. Simply call, email, stop by the office, or sign up using the clipboards or log into sign up genius. We don’t want you to miss an opportunity to give someone else a life changing chance.

Volunteer opportunities begin July 19th and end August 4th. Please remember that many hands, make of light work!





CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

On **Friday July 5th**, we will host a family event in our parking lot to celebrate Independence Day! There will be games, snacks, and will end by watching fireworks from our athletic fields. Please join us that evening beginning at 7:30 pm. Fireworks will be at Dusk.

During the summer there are plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer! We will be selling sweetcorn, which will be provided by Schacht Farms, at two local events. On **June 30th**, we will be seeking volunteers for the Canal Winchester Blues and Rib Fest, which takes place **July 26-27**. Towards the end of July or early August, be on the look out for the sign up sheet for the Canal Winchester Labor Day Festival, which will be **August 31-Sept 2**. To help the operation run more smoothly and to cut down the time for set up and teardown, Congregational Life Team has purchased a new concession trailer. This trailer can be used for numerous outreach events.

Anyone looking to **usher for the 8:00 am service**, there is now a sign up sheet on the office window. Please consider signing up for the Sundays of your choice or for a whole month. Ushers provide "front - line hospitality", an essential ministry! Description of duties include, greeting visitors and members, handling our bulletins, receiving communion cards, and taking up the offering. If you have any questions , please contact Dorothy Nolan by emailing her at dmnolan@davidlutheran.org or by phone at 614-837-1542. As always, your ministry is greatly appreciated!

The **Baby Boomer and Boomerette** group is in the process of planning their next gathering. Mark your calendars for August 10th at 7:30pm, but be on the look out for more details! All over the age of 55 are encouraged to come and connect.



YOUTH AND FAMILY

Discipleship Corner - The Highs, the Lows, and Jesus

Faith formation can take many forms, but often the most effective are the simple ones. Sharing your highs (something good that has happened, lows (something not so good that has happened), and where you see Jesus is a great way to form faith at home. I encourage all our families to continue this practice of daily sharing as we seek to pass on faith to the next generation!



Story Corner - Building Relationships

As we prepared for our mission trip, we discussed how the work we are going to do is important, but the most important thing we do is build relationships! We wanted to continue to build relationships with God, those we travelled with, and our service partners. On the team I was serving with, we had the opportunity to meet Mr. Bill, an elderly man with a heart for serving young children. Our youth took the time to hear his story, to love him, and to be loved by him, as we served together. The work we did with Mr. Bill, moving his supplies, was important, but the lasting impact was the relationship we built!

On Friday July 5th at 7:30pm in the preschool parking lot at DELC, join us for the **Family Fireworks Viewing Event**. This is open to all ages! There will be a devotional for families, about sharing God's light. Ice cream sundaes and popcorn will be offered. Our new outreach trailer will be on site selling drinks. Come and enjoy some family fun!

July 2nd from 6:30 to 8pm **High School Reflections** will meet at the Canal Winchester Dairy Queen. During this meeting we will discuss additional gathering dates. Invite a friend and come grow in faith!

The youth and adults who went on **the mission trip** are meeting *Sunday July 7th at 11am* at David Lutheran to debrief their mission trip. During the meeting, we will be planning for the youth led service on July 28th. Youth will lead songs and share their mission trip journey during our single service at 10am. We hope that you come to the July 28th service to hear their stories and how our youth are being formed in faith!

Faith Builders, our NEW PreK-2nd Grade group, will be having their first get together *July 21st from 11am to Noon at our DELC shelter house*. We will have popsicles, a hands on Bible lesson, and field games. We ask that a parent/grandparent attends the event with their child(ren).

A service event and fun outing are in the works for our **Middle School/High School Group**. This is for kids in grades 6th-12th. As details have not been finalized, be sure to check "REMIND" for all info. It's exciting to spend time together!

Young Adult and Families group are in the process of planning an outing. We are seeking input from people as we finalize details. Watch your email and "REMIND" for the Invitation to provide feedback!

Make sure to **mark your calendar** for *Sunday July 28th at 10am* to see and hear from our youth who attended the mission trip to Harrisburg, PA. They have a wealth of stories to share. Come and see the fruit that our faith forming journey has produced!



"I have no greater joy than to hear that my Children are walking in the truth."

3 John 1:4



Member Spotlight

Last month we focused on the **Totten and Hoops families**, with both **Keara & Peter, Lindsay & Michael** involved in military service. This month we 'spotlight' **Jason Arata**, who met the challenge of serving in the United States Marine Corp.

In 2011, Jason was attending Hocking College, studying to become a firefighter, but found himself wrestling with doubts about this course of action. Making a decision to enlist in the U.S Marine Corp, his restlessness ended with relief, when at last he responded to a sense of call he'd felt for some time.

Jason was intrigued to learn that one quarter of 1 percent of the population joins to become members of the Marines. He wanted to know: could he meet the challenge of the mental, moral and physical conditioning required by this type of military service?

His first hurdle was met in his completion of a 13 week boot camp in South Carolina. Next, after just two weeks at home, he tackled a rigorous 4 weeks in Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger, North Carolina. Their December training included carrying gear in hikes that began in the rain, ending with the additional weight of being covered with ice – and Jason's determination to never experience such cold again! During a 72 hour period of liberty, he married Megan, sharply dressed in his military uniform.

More training followed with a two month stint at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for his specialty as a motor transport operator. "We had to learn to drive a 50,000 pound vehicle, in order to learn how it handled in all environmental and combat conditions."

Finally, his training complete, Jason was assigned to Combat Logistics Battalion 8, a unit at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He and his fellow Marines were deployed to Hellman's Province, Afghanistan for 9 months in 2013.

Upon his return, Jason returned to Camp Lejeune where he trained Marines in tactical vehicle operations. In 2105 he was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant, and joined the reserves, serving for an additional two years. Reflecting on this experience, he says thoughtfully, "I'm grateful for the professionalism of the people I met who taught us lifelong skills, from sewing to survival, from ironing in order to present yourself well, to conducting yourself honorably. Those I had the opportunity to serve with in combat will be my friends for life."

The present is rich and full for this Marine. Now Jason enjoys being a husband to Megan, delights in being a dad for Oliver and capably manages his family's cabinetry company. We're so glad that he and others like him who've served our country, are part of our David Lutheran Church family.

OOPS!

Last month we misnamed Peter and Keara Totten's delightful preschool daughter. Her correct name is Victoria. Our apologies!



Before You Go

Janet Mara's grandson, **Jared Tomlinson**, was the recipient of a \$2,500 Battelle Stem Award. He is a graduate of Canal Winchester this year. During high school, he was a member of National Honor Society and earned the National Merit Letter of Commendation. He also scored a 35 on the ACT test. He was a member of the cross country, track, and swimming teams. In the fall, he will attend the University of Akron and major in computer information science.

June 2019 Call Committee Update: Thank you for your continued prayers for the committee and candidates we are interviewing. We are working diligently to discern God's plan for partnership with our next pastor.

In Humble Service, Joshua Thornton, Chair Pastoral Call Committee.



Don't forget to join us for **Community Vacation Bible School!** We will be journeying to Mars and beyond, exploring where God's power can take us! VBS runs from July 14th through the 17th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm nightly. Participants should be in PreK through 5th grade. Volunteers are still needed! Anyone that has finished 5th grade to adults are welcomed to volunteer. You can go online to register or to sign up to volunteer at [http://bit.ly/VBSCW19!](http://bit.ly/VBSCW19) **Registration ends Monday July 8th!**

Rebekah Circle is continuing to collect NEW unopened boxes of soap. This collection will continue until September. Your donation will be used to complete health kits received by refugees and storm survivors.

Volunteers are needed for multiple events! The best way to make the love of Christ known, is to spend time with the community. This summer, we have **"Suits for Heroes", Blues & Rib Fest, and our community Labor Day Festival** that will need friendly faces to connect with our neighbors. Take a minute to go to Sign up Genius and share the love, by volunteering!



**CALLING ALL KIDS AND THEIR
PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS!**

SUMMER PLAYGROUP

10:00-11:30AM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19TH

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3RD

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17TH

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31ST

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28TH

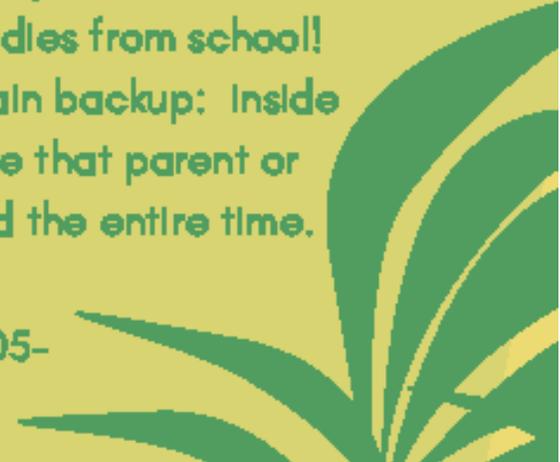
DAVID LUTHERAN CHURCH PLAYGROUND

300 GROVEPORT PIKE

CANAL WINCHESTER

Come make some new friends for your kids and yourself! Reconnect with some buddies from school! Get out and enjoy the sunshine! Rain backup: Inside large preschool room. Please note that parent or grandparent supervision is required the entire time.

Questions? Contact Stacia Thornton at 419-305-9836 or stacia.anne.thorntone@gmail.com



JULY 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday July 1st

6:30pm Worship and Music

Tuesday July 2nd

Wednesday July 3rd

9:00 am Quilters
10:00 am Summer Play Group

Thursday July 4th

Independence Day—Office Closed

Friday July 5th

8:00 am Life Line Health Screenings
7:30 pm Family Fireworks Event

Saturday July 6th

10:00 am Call Committee

Sunday July 7th

8:00 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Monday July 8th

Tuesday July 9th

7:00 pm PMT

Wednesday July 10th

9:00 am Quilters
6:30 pm Relay for Life

Thursday July 11th

10:30 am CW Chorale
6:00 pm Finance Team Meeting

Friday July 12th

Saturday July 13th

Sunday July 14th

8:00 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
3:00 pm Scouts
6:30 pm Community VBS

Monday July 15th

6:30 pm Community VBS
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Tuesday July 16th

6:30 pm Community VBS

Wednesday July 17th

9:00 am Quilters
10:00 am Summer Play Group
6:30 pm Community VBS

Thursday July 18th

Friday July 19th

Saturday July 20th

Sunday July 21st

8:00 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Monday July 22nd

7:00 pm Council Meeting

Tuesday July 23rd

Wednesday July 24th

9:00 am Quilters

Thursday July 25th

10:30 am CW Chorale

Friday July 26th

Saturday July 27th

Sunday July 28th

Summer Reunion Sunday / Youth Led Worship

10:00 am Worship
3:00 pm Scouts

Monday July 29th

Tuesday July 30th

Wednesday July 31st

9:00 am Quilters
10:00 am Summer Play Group



Anniversaries

7/1—Bob and MJ Clark
7/1—Dave and Leah Fearing
7/2—Carolyn and Don Wood
7/2—Morgan and Daniel O'Neil
7/7—Philip and Jennifer Steube
7/11—Barb and Dave Wynkoop
7/18—Nancy and Steve Palsgrove
7/18—Stacia and Josh Thornton

7/21—Bob and Marilyn Keane
7/22—Barb and Dominick Coci
7/24—MaryAnn and Keith Harden
7/26—Annette and Jerry Simon
7/28—Rhonda and Ken Mills
7/29—Dave and Angie Armstrong
7/29—Justin and Liv Thompson
7/30—Connie and Stan Smith



Birthdays

7/1—Kyle McFerin
7/1—Ryan Glauner
7/1—Sadie Hoffman ©
7/2—Teresa Schacht
7/3—Richard Wetherill
7/6—Judith Bowman
7/6—Rylan Hummel ©
7/7—Kathleen Schwarz
7/8—Brayden Webb ©
7/10—Linda Bumgarner
7/10—Carolyn Wood

7/13—Thomas Kinsel
7/14—Steven Palsgrove
7/15—Braddock Lusher ©
7/16—Melvin Babbert
7/19—Brenda Burgoon
7/19—Rhonda Mills
7/19—Donna Leitwein
7/20—Stetson Hoffman ©
7/22—Beth Bayless
7/22—Nancy Fagrell
7/23—Katelyn Dondanville

7/24—Karla Cherwinski
7/26—William Dobda
7/26—Drew Baker
7/28—Cassandra Kolonchuk
7/29—Virginia Casto
7/29—Steve Bumgarner
7/30—Joann Bachman
7/31—Carter Palsgrove ©
7/31—McKinley Palsgrove ©

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