

# The Sheaves Of Wheatland

*The Monthly Newsletter of Wheatland Lutheran Church*

*September 2023*



## WHEATLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Deadline for the October  
newsletter is  
September 28!**

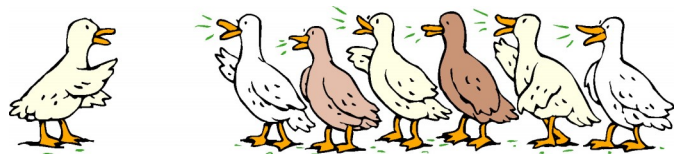
## Community Outreach

### Dates for Upcoming Events:

**Sunflower Festival Youth Fundraising,**  
September 8—17th. See page 3 for the  
schedule.

**Gods Work our Hands Sunday.** including  
a new worship, September 24.

**Men's Bible Study** (all are welcome): Sept  
6,20 6:30- 8:00 pm.



## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Weekly Connect meetings

**Faith Formation** – meets the first Sunday of the  
month following worship.

**Community** – meets the second Sunday of the  
month following worship.

**Worship** – meets third Sunday of the month  
following worship.

**Property** – meets the fourth Sunday of the month  
following worship.

## Community Care Updates:

### Garden of grace:

The garden has been doing fantastic with lots of Tomatoes, Squash, Peppers, Broccoli, and watermelon and potatoes. Virginia Tech came and planted 6 rows of Pumpkins and they look wonderful and we should have plenty of Pumpkins to share at Tractor Treat in October. As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words, so here are some recent pictures:





On the second and third weekend in September we will be at our largest Fundraiser for Youth and the Community Feeding Ministry that we support. The Youth will be selling Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chips and Drinks, while the Feeding Friends Friday and the Lions Share (food pantry at St Mark's Lutheran Church) will be selling Fries. We will not turn anyone away if you would like to come and support.

The dates have been set for September 8,9,10,13 and 16,17. We can use all hands to help with this fundraiser. Thank you in advance and please make sure you can get this on your calendar. We will be serving the following days and times:

- 9/8 5-9
- 9/9 open to close
- 9/10 open to close
- 9/13 Evening
- 9/16 open to close
- 9/17 open to close

### Feeding Friends Friday:

In August we had our FFF Location open to the public on 8/4/23 and 8/18/23. For the month of August we served 197 families that totaled 643 people that came and visited our FFF. This ministry has become such an important one for our neighbors and we are Thankful to have been called into service. There is so much more going on behind the scenes for you to learn about. Look forward to some Cottage meetings about the Community Feeding Ministry this fall. You will be amazed and what God is doing.

**September Schedule: 9/1, 9/15 (tentative), 9/29.**



## **Happenings around the Wheatland Community in August!**

We had a lot going on for people this last August:

### **VBS**

Vacation Bible School was held with our friends from Church of the Transfiguration. Our theme was *God's Treasures*. We gathered on the first night to learn just how important and how much of a masterpiece that God's children are (Ephesians 2:10), for we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Night two we gathered to hear the creation story and to reflect on some of our most favorite creations from God. And on the third and final night we gathered at the Limestone pool to experience one of God's most important creations, "Water" and to enjoy a cookout and swim. It was a blast. We had 17 children attending VBS and about as many older children helping to lead every night. On our final night we had 50 people in attendance.



### **Gathering of the flock:**

On August the 10<sup>th</sup> we gathered at Shakers to kick-start this monthly gathering. DO you know what we learned? People love to gather, we love to share time together and to break bread together. We had 17 people come to gather and to spend time together, sharing stories, and food. You could not make it? No Problem: there is another one this September. Stay tuned to find out when and where.



### **Ice Cream Dinner**

On August the 20<sup>th</sup> plenty of people braved the heat to come hang out together under the picnic shelter for some wonder Ice Cream! As the saying goes, I scream, you scream we all scream for Ice Cream!! Thank you to the host and to all who attended.





## ***Farewell from Bishop Humphrey***

To my beloved Virginia Synod,

As Barbra and I prepare to move into retirement and out of view “for a season,” I am genuinely thankful for so many opportunities of shared ministry and mission. We have indeed “been through a lot together,” in the last 6 years and I am grateful for my dear family, for our ELCA and ecumenical colleagues and prayerful companions around the globe! I am especially indebted to our Virginia Synod Office of the Bishop Staff, Rostered Ministers, Lay leaders and faithful members. I will forever be thankful to God for all of you and the privilege God and you gave me to serve in this office.



Now, I join you in genuine hope and excitement as we prayerfully begin a new chapter in our long and rich history with our new Bishop, The Rev. Dr. Phyllis Blair Milton. I have no doubt God will continue to lead, inspire, strengthen and bless us! Be well, dear Synod!

Peace!  
Bishop Humphrey

## ***Lay Ministry Formation Program***



**Anyone feeling called to serve as a lay preacher or a SAM will use ONE application process, which went live today.** The Virginia Synod launched a re-formed **Lay Ministry Formation Program**- combining the Lay Preaching Academy and the Synod Authorized Ministry Formation Program into one, 2-part lay ministry leadership education and formation program. You can indicate whether you feel called to serve as a lay preacher or a SAM or are unsure.

The roles and responsibilities of commissioned lay preachers and Synod Authorized Ministers (SAMs) will *not* change. The *only changes are in the formation process* for these lay ministry leadership positions.

**Applications are due by September 30, 2023.**

## ***Apply for the Virginia Synod Fund for Mission Grant***

Wanting to generate and encourage a synod of missional activity, the Synod Council has set aside the funds from the sale of a former church property in Virginia Beach and the funds from the sale of property in Chesterfield to be used to create an ongoing source of mission grants for new expressions of ministry, the **Virginia Synod Fund for Mission**. A new expression of ministry could look like: a new worship location, a new worship style, a new feeding ministry, a new after school program, or a community faith formation event. A new expression of ministry will involve sharing the gospel outside the walls and boundaries of existing congregations. A new expression of ministry would not typically include items like facility repairs or other activities which would in effect reach only current members of our congregations. The intent is for new neighborhoods, new communities, and new people to have access to the gospel through these grants.

The **second grant cycle for 2023 is now open** and a **total of \$15,000** will be awarded in grants. Applications are due by **September 18, 2023**. If you are interested applying, go to: <https://vasynod.org/resources/vsfm/> for more information.

## ***Save the Date***



### **Save the Date Bishop Installation on October 21**

Save the date for the Virginia Synod's Bishop Installation on Saturday, October 21. The installation will be at First Presbyterian Church in Waynesboro at 1:00 PM.

## ROANOKE VALLEY LUTHERAN YOUTH



### Fall 2023

**September 17**

Water Battle - St. Philip Lutheran - 4-6pm

**October 7**

Youth Golf Tournament - Blue Hills Golf Course

**October 15**

Lion's Share Service Project - St. Mark's - 4-6pm

**November 12**

Quiz Bowl - College Lutheran - 4-6pm

**November 17-19**

Lost and Found (7th-8th grade)

**December 15**

Lock-In - Christ Lutheran - 7pm-9am

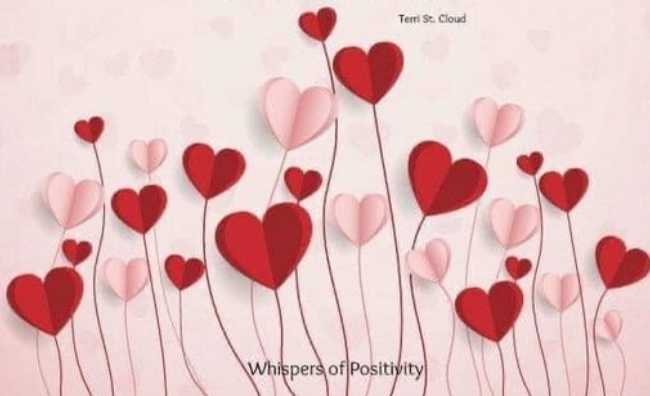
### Botetourt Food Pantry Saturday, September 9th

**We need your help volunteering** at the Botetourt County Food Bank located at St. Mark's in Fincastle! Our scheduled time to help out is Saturday, September 9 from 9:30am until 12:00. Please come out for this worthwhile project! Contact Chuck to volunteer.



and if, when it is all over  
I am asked, what I did  
with my life--  
I want to be able to say--  
"I offered love."

Terri St. Cloud



Whispers of Positivity



## **Gaslight & Gingerbread Christmas time in New Jersey**

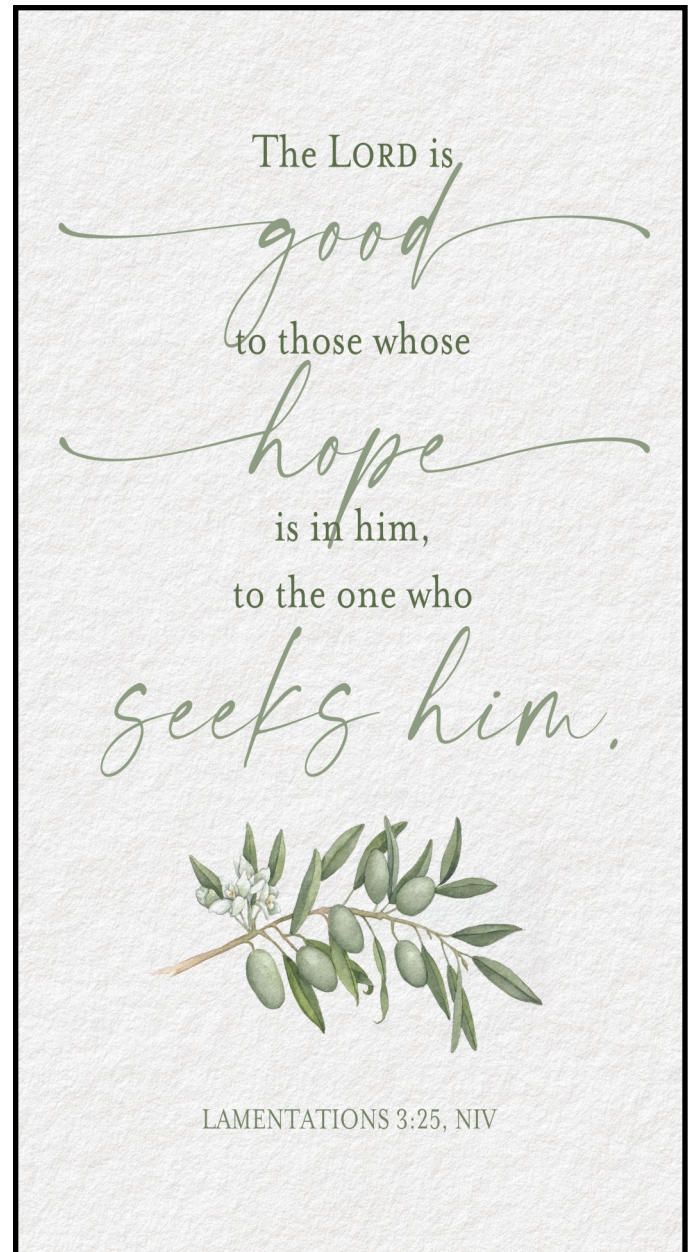
The Joyful Journey Travel of St. Mark's United Methodist Church invites you to join them on their trip to Cape May, N.J., December 4-6; 3 days, 2 nights, \$565 per person double occupancy (\$734 per person single occupancy). The package includes: 2 nights lodging at the Grand Hotel, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, tour of 1879 Physick Estate, trolley tour of historic district, Holly Trolley Lights Tour of Cape May, free time on Washington Street Mall, visit to Towne of Historic Smithville, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities, motorcoach transportation and driver's tip. Flyers and registration forms can be found on the church website, [stmarksmethodist.com](http://stmarksmethodist.com), or the church Facebook page or by calling Julia Greer at 540-330-7933. A \$25 deposit (non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled), which is part of the total price, is required with the registration form. Deadline for payment in full is due by October 13. Payments may be made in increments so that the final payment is not so large. For more information and reservations contact Julia Greer, Joyful Journey Travel, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, 24083; 540- 330-7933



## The Goodness of God

As we live our lives  
With the lows and highs  
We get through each day  
In our own different way  
When we think of giving in  
We fight and try to win  
If the mountain looks too tall  
We climb and risk the fall  
Our faith gives us hope  
And prayer helps us cope  
The goodness of God is alive  
We develop a will to survive  
There is peace and joy in life  
And there is pain and strife  
Obstacles are part of the game  
That you accept or go insane  
The world is good and bad  
Life is happy and sad  
But in God we find the power  
To make life our finest hour

Steve Austin



## Thoughts for September

The two most important days of your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why.



*Mark Twain*

Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.

*Muhammad Ali*

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