

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

Growing together in grace and service

Thursday October 8, 2020



Online worship on Shiner Lutheran Church Facebook page:

Sunday October 11 @ 10:15 am



THIS SUNDAY OCTOBER 11TH

Polka Worship Service

LUTHERAN WORSHIP SET TO THE BEAT OF POLKAS AND WALTZES. COME TAP YOUR FEET AND PRAISE THE LORD!

In-person worship Sunday October 11 @ 10:15 am

For in-person worship please be sure to properly wear your required mask, remember to socially distance, and use hand sanitizer. Communion will be served in the pews. Offering and attendance slips will be picked up by ushers.



A NOTE FROM THE SHINER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK:

After more than 7 months of doing a drive-up food pantry, we are going to open up for inside service beginning October 15th. This will include a light breakfast of prepackaged food. Everyone will wear face coverings and we will maintain social distancing.

We are doing this for several reasons. One is the expectation of colder and possibly inclement weather and it will also allow our clients to have more choices than we have been able to offer.

Besides your prayers, we are asking for your help by your donations of food items for our "choice" shelf. This is where the clients are allowed to choose a few items that are not part of the basics we offer everyone. These might include coffee, cake mixes and other baking goods. Cooking oil is a big favorite as are cookies and other snack foods. Remember that all items must be UDSA marked and cannot include homemade items. (Donations can be placed in the Food Wagon in the Gathering Place or taken to FUMC.)

If you would like to help with the breakfasts, please let us know and we will explain the COVID restrictions on that. Eventually we look forward to our traditional home-made buffet-style breakfasts that we all enjoyed. Please include that in your prayers!

UPDATES & INFORMATION

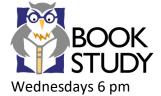


- Wednesday evening GIFT is off to a strong start despite the many CoVid adaptations. Meals are served individually plated and packaged. Since this involves more expense and labor, we welcome donations towards GIFT Meals and need volunteers to come at 3:30 pm to cook; others come and help package the meals. If you would like to help contact Gemayel Heinold or talk to the office. All help is welcome!
- GIFT has begun a mission project, collecting donations towards God's Global Barnyard, a global ministry of the ELCA. All donations are appreciated. We have already raised the funds to purchase a rooster for a needy family. Check out the Giving Barn in the Gathering Place.

Special Adult Learning Opportunities:







Wednesdays 10 am

- Is your child ready for **First Communion**? Pastor Chris will meet with interested children and set a time for the celebration of First Communion in November. Pastor Chris can answer any of your questions.
- Hand Chimes will practice starting Wednesday October 14 at 7:10 pm, following GIFT. Practice
 will only last about 20 minutes, but we hope to play in church November 1st. If you can count, follow color coding, and like music, please come join these hand bell ringers and make a joyful noise to the Lord!
- Remember fall quarter **devotional booklets** are available in the Gathering Place. Share them with others!



Flowers this week are donated by Howard & Carol Gloor, honoring Carla Berry for her birthday.

Prayers continue for all those in need, particularly for those dealing with long term illness and/or recovery, including Harold Koenning, Richard Dunmyre, Jean Wheelis, Elaina Bell, Gus Bennie Lu Kaiser, and others.



IN PERSON: Bring your offering to church and place it in the large offering envelope as you enter the Gathering Place, place it in the offering plate as you enter church, or bring it to the office.

BY MAIL: Send to the church at P.O. Box 26, Shiner.

TEXT: Text an amount to 1-844-697-3838 and put it on your credit or debit card.

APP: Download GIVE PLUS Church App from App Store or Google Play. Find our church (United Dr. Martin Luther Church) and set up your donation.

ONLINE: Go to our electronic giving service (VANCO) and set up a direct draft from your bank or credit card, which allows one time or recurrent giving to all our funds. This is recorded just like in-person contributions towards your giving statement and is managed by you. A direct link button to set this up is attached digitally.