

Sharon Lutheran Church's Monthly News Update: August 2014

Summer Schedule Continues through August-8:00am and 9:30am Worship



## *"Mission In the World" August 9 at 5:00 pm*

Invite your neighbor, invite your friends, bring your children or grandchildren!

Carnival Night is an event meant to share the love of God with the neighborhood and community. This year's theme is ***Mission in the World!*** Visit tables that will focus on service and mission to our neighbors locally, nationally and globally. It is an experience to forge friendships old and new, as well as participate in service projects. The entire event is free so that there is no obstacle to attend. In case of inclement weather, we will move the Carnival to the fellowship hall.

*Rally Day, Kick-Off Sunday, God's Work, Our Hands. Whatever you call it, we are celebrating it on September 7  
We will worship at 8 and 10:30 am  
and gather downstairs in Fellowship hall at 9.*

The Welcoming Team cordially invites you to breakfast where there will be time for fellowship and food from 8:30 am to 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Breakfast casseroles, fruit, and an assortment of breads and pastries; Coffee, Tea and Juices will be available. To help us plan for this event, please RSVP by Sunday, August 31 by signing up on the sheet on the desk in the lobby outside the church office.

On September 7, the ELCA is celebrating our second annual "God's Work, Our Hands" Day of Service across the nation. We plan on marking the day with service projects. During the education hour at 9 am, the elementary children will be packing weekend bags for Meals for Seals, Sharon members, Confirmation and Senior High will help design and sew pillow case dresses for DressAGirl.org, and we will be collecting items for Haven Ministry. They are currently extremely low in lunch items for children, such as peanut butter, jelly, marshmallow, macaroni and cheese dinners, microwave ravioli & spaghetti meals and especially bread. Haven also invites adults to sign up to stay overnight at Haven from meal time at 6pm to 8am the next morning. They have beds and a private bath and shower for your convenience. If you are interested, please call Christy Zeigler at 570 286 1672.

We will preorder t-shirts for the event on August 14. The t-shirts are the same design as last year; golden yellow with "God's Work. Our Hands." on the front. Sizes are for children, youth and adults. The cost is \$8.00 each. Please have your order and money into the church office by August 14. See order form on the "Ministries for Children Youth and Teens" page. If you have any questions, contact Robin Kunkel or Pastor Doll. Join us on September 7 for a morning of celebration.

## Pastor's Note

**So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Godself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Godself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making the appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5: 17-20**



This passage is a favorite of mine because of the picture it draws of new things, new relationships, and new life. Last month, we had an amazing opportunity to drive back and forth across the country to visit Rebekah, our oldest daughter. In our travels, we experienced and saw many new areas and had a chance to really bask in the beauty of creation in a way that allowed us to see and wonder in new ways. We also had the joy of gathering with friends, many of whom we have not seen since college graduations. Though there are many experiences that bind us together as friends, it was inspiring to see how God is working in their lives and the ways that each of us has become new. Whether we are here around town or out on the road, we are part of the ongoing mission of God; a mission of reconciliation. Maybe it was because we were away and out of the normal routine, but I think we had a real sense of being ambassadors—not simply of the east coast—but of ones who are entrusted with the ministry of reconciliation; ones who live in the freedom of the love of God. I think of the conversations that we had with fellow travelers, interactions with waiters and waitresses, conversations with hotel staff and camp staff, even interactions on the streets. There were moments when I had a sense of being a good ambassador and moments when I demonstrated the Spirit and then there were other times when, if I was supposed to be a diplomat—conversations and interactions did not go as well. The most difficult interaction—a fellow Christian, street evangelist. Regardless of the difficulty or ease of interaction, envisioning myself as an ambassador, one who represents a life impacted by God's love in Christ, is an invitation that I receive from God to participate in this ministry of reconciliation. It is an invitation to you, as well.

During the course of this coming season of the year and into next year, we will be talking more about mission. It is not our mission that we define, but our participation in the mission of God already at work in the world. I hope that the picture of these words from the second letter to the church in Corinth will give you a new view of your life of faith and will be an invitation to envision your life as an ambassador for Christ. What might that look like in your everyday moments? How might you see your interactions and schedules impacted by a new way of defining or seeing yourself? If you are a representative of God's love in the world, how might you keep this in mind or how might your words or actions be a witness of reconciliation and restoration?

God's Peace,

Pastor Doll

# MINISTRIES for CHILDREN, YOUTH & TEENS

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Visit our website at [sharonlc.org](http://sharonlc.org)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Consider Giving of Yourself this Fall

One Sunday morning an adult leader was sharing the story about discipleship to the class. She asked the elementary students, "So, what can you do at school to help others?" Some children replied, "Pick up a person's books if they have fallen. Share a smile with someone who is sad. Eat lunch with someone by themselves." After class a young girl went up to the leader and said, "I'm going to do that at school this week." Without knowing, the child lifted up the adult by taking the Good News and wanting to 'pass it on' in their daily lives. So you see, leading a class isn't all about getting the names and places right. It's about sharing the God's stories and ideas of how to live amongst others by sharing His love.

The above story is just one of many that emerges from volunteering with children and youth at Sharon. The Christian Education team has begun recruiting volunteers for the Fall Sunday school season. Adults are needed during the 9am Sunday school hour for elementary, middle school and senior high. We are looking for a flexible commitment of one to two times a month for elementary, and co-leading for middle school and senior high. Leaders will be able to choose the dates they are available to lead and curriculum will be provided. Please prayerfully consider helping our children in their faith formation.

## CAR WASH FUNDRAISER: AUGUST 23

Bring your dusty, dirty, muddy car to Sharon on August 23 any time from 9am – noon. Youth, parents and helpers will wash off that road dirt and dry it until it shines. Proceeds benefit the youth going to the Youth Gathering in 2015. They still need to raise approximately two thousand dollars. Help them earn the money and you will drive away with a clean car!

## WEE WORSHIP

**Begins September 14 during 10:30am worship!**

**Yes, Jesus loves you.**

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**The Bible tells us so.**

On September 14 we will kick off our Wee Worship series with children ages 1 through 5 in the church nursery. They are welcome to join worship with their parent(s), wait for Pastor Doll to Gather & Bless them and then go to the nursery with the Sunday leaders. Topics will be chosen for each month, such as 'I See God's Love at Church, Jesus Loves Children, God Gives Me Food, Jesus Was a Baby, People at Church Help Me' and many more. We are seeking adult and student volunteers to partner and play with the children on a topic for the month. All aspects of Wee Worship will be provided. We also encourage at least one adult to stay with the younger children to help with their needs. Contact Susie Weller or Robin Kunkel to help enrich Sharon's children's worship time.

## "God's Work. Our Hands." T-shirt Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Size(s) indicate child, youth or adult \_\_\_\_\_

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Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_

**Orders due by August 14**

## *In Other News...*

### **2014 WIDOW'S CLUB**

Have you heard about the local Widow's Club? It is a group of 16-20 ladies between the ages of 58-96 that come together to enjoy a meal together. Each year they agree on restaurants to dine at for eight months of the year when the weather is nice. The August 11 dinner is set for 5:30pm at County Line Restaurant, Richfield. If you or a friend are widowed and want to make new friends that enjoy being together, contact Patty Gaugler at 374-8871. For more information, see the entire letter of invitation and restaurant schedule on the bulletin board by the Nave.

**FYI:** Upon recommendation of our Insurance Company and the Property team, the church building will be locked and secured after 4:30pm each afternoon of the weekday.

### **HAVEN MINISTRY MONTHLY MEAL**

Please sign up on the hallway bulletin board to help provide a meal for the first Friday of the month Contact Paul Grimes at 374-0826 for questions.

### **SIMPLY GIVING**

This is a confidential, no charge, automatic withdrawal program. It allows you to give generously to the church on a regular basis (weekly, monthly or bi-monthly) without the hassle of offering envelopes and check writing. You can give through a checking or savings account. Contact the church office for more info.

# Happy Birthday

Beaver, Douglas	8/1
Harrison, Jetta	8/1
Turbitt, William	8/2
Hummel, Charles	8/4
Fladmark, Kenneth	8/5
Dagle, Robert	8/6
Piermattei, Mark	8/6
Schlingmann, Kathy	8/6
Dressler, Mason	8/7
Stroup, Finian	8/8
Soper, Justin	8/9
Spigelmyer, Kay	8/9
Stroup, David	8/9
Spade, Alex	8/10
Cote, Grace	8/11
Kalcich, Tina	8/13
Aucker, Kendra	8/15
Driscoll, Christopher	8/16
Winger, Phil	8/16
Betzer, Rachel	8/17
Johnston, Judy	8/18
Elsayed, Keana	8/19
Nickler, Kyle	8/19
Krebs, Mark	8/20
Aungst, Pam	8/21
Sassaman, Janet	8/21
Close, Joan	8/22
Lupolt, Chris	8/22
Aungst, Betty	8/24
Ernest, Nancy	8/24
Whitman, Kevin	8/25
Wise, Susan	8/25
Black, James	8/26
Snyder Jr., George	8/26
Lupolt, Alex	8/27
Kuster, Theresa	8/28
Matrey, Kris	8/28
Barben, Sherry	8/29
Kalcich, Jeston	8/30
Mundy, Shirley	8/30
Reichenbach, Elmer	8/30
Matrey, Michael	8/31
Mitchell, Maxine	8/31



Douglas App, Rose Aucker, Betty Aungst, Terry Beaver, Pat Bertinet, Barb Blakley, Don Boehme, Doris Brouse, Amy Bush, Arline Callahan, Mike Carrol, Mark Cote, Rebekkah Cote, Mary Jane Cross, Eleanor Dinius, Megan Durant, Charles Engelbrecht, Betty Ettinger, Ken Fladmark, Samuel Flowers, Jim Gautsch Jr., Grace Greiner, Suah Harris, Jeremy Hoffman, Karen Hoke, Grace Hollenbach, David Holmes, Jr., Valerie Holmes, Pat Hower, Martha Hummel, Harvey Kreamer, Jr., Keith Landis, James Leitzel, Doris Mull, Susan Mull, Nancy Murray, Kay Musser, Alyssa Oxenford, Elwood Partica, Maryanne Pinand, Rita Regel, Tina Reichenbach, Karen Ritter, Collette Riggs, Rev. Hugo Schroeder, Janet Skotedis, Tucker Small, Robert Stetler, William Turbitt, Molly Walker, Ken and Chris Whitebread, Gary Wydell, Curtis Zellers

# Notes From Our Parishioners...

Dear Disciples in Christ,

In what follows we want to offer a brief summary of the recently concluded Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly. The highlight had to be the ordination of Rick White along with Faron Johnson. Pastor Doll presented Rick for ordination and Judy, his wife, presented him with his stole. It was truly a joyous occasion for all. In addition, on the previous day we participated in the consecration of a new diaconal minister.

Five recommendations were adopted by the assembly. Three of the recommendations had to do with minimum salary and housing allowance guidelines for Pastors and Associates in Ministry. A synod budget of approximately \$980,000 was adopted that included a reduction of assistants for the Bishop from two positions to one-half a position. The Deans of the Conferences will jointly assume the responsibilities of the other one-half position of the Bishop's assistant. The final recommendation adopted were minor Constitutional changes to align the Synod's Constitution with the Church wide Constitution.

Last, a resolution regarding shale gas and oil drilling in Pennsylvania was considered and adopted by the assembly. This resolution encouraged all entities of the synod to engage in robust moral deliberation about the complexities and justice issues surrounding shale gas and oil drilling.

Obviously many other items and reports came before the assembly, so if anyone has a question feel free to contact either of us.

Yours in Christ,

**Carol Harrison and Jeff Whitman**

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August 2014, The Ridge: The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg;  
Carol Black, ALWL

There is a photo of Dr. Hoffman in his archeological dig stance in a recent *Redactor* newspaper issue. What an amazing course this must be! This MOOC is being flaunted as a "first ever!" Any course by The Rev. Dr. Mark Vitalis Hoffman is surely destined to be exciting. If one wants to read about this "massive" online opportunity, go to LTSG.edu and check out the stats. It's a repeat of a free, noncredit Biblical and theological offering with geographical implications. The course is given through the Seminary as a survey of Bible lands and runs from September to December of 2014.

**Blessings. CB**

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Dear Sharon Family and friends,

Thank you very much for the prayers, cards, beautiful altar flowers, phone calls, visits and Pastor Doll's visit after surgery. Your support and kind thoughts are greatly appreciated. My recovery is going well and I have been pain free since my total left hip replacement, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

**Nancy K. Murray**

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Thank you all for the beautiful flowers. They really brightened up my day. Also, thank you for all your prayers. I'm sure they helped my recovery.

**Collette Riggs**

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Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Bloodmobile in June.

We got 44 units, and people were glad it was held at Sharon.

God Bless,

**Nancy Martin**

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation of food to the Cupboard. You are most giving and faithful. Thank you for caring and sharing.

Yours in Christ, **Selinsgrove Area Kitchen Cupboard**

## *August Worship Volunteers*

	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Cantor/CA</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
<b>Aug.3</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	Terry + Judy Kissinger	Sarah Pennay	Diane Pauling	Don Bottiger + Paul Culbertson	Sue Pennay	Roseann Stetler (B)
	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	George + Carole Snyder	Olivia Dunkle	Joyce Kuster	Robert + Romane Dagle	Theresa Kuster Art Bowen Maureen Ries	Shirley Walter Jenny Ruth Partica
<b>Aug. 10</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	Jack + Kay Spigelmyer	Elise Keeney	Chris Lupolt	Terry Kissinger Brian Pauling		Maureen Ries (B)
	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	Eric + Shirley Rowe	Emma + Anna Kalcich	Harvey Murray	Harley Freed Carol Harrison	Jeff Whitman Doug Hassinger Dave Deckard	Mary Seiler Marian Thomas
<b>Aug. 17</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	Rich + Carolyn Sands		John Pendley	Jack + Kay Spigelmyer	Maureen Ries	Linda McMillin (B)
	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	Buzz + Polly Savidge	Jessica Beaver	Don Housley	Art + Karen Bowen	Bob Bradford Sue Starr Alex Pennay	Vi Soper Shirley Rowe
<b>Aug. 24</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	Don + Aundrea Weirick	Aaron Weirick	Alma Pauling	Don Bottiger + Brian Pauling	Chris Lupolt	Alma Pauling (B)
	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	Joyce + Theresa Kuster	Madison Snyder	George Pence	Doug + Tammy Hassinger	Tori Doll Hannah Doll Don Housley	Karen Bowen Grace Housley
<b>Aug. 31</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	John + Mary Pendley	Courtney Kemberling	Fred Hooper	Paul Culbertson Terry Kissinger	Teresa Berger	Jackie Winey (B)
	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	Kermit + Darlene Ritter	Brandon Dunkle	Maureen Ries	Don + Grace Housley	Dawn Doll Eric Rowe Kathy Reiland	Carol Harrison Nancy Martin