

The Parish Voice

St. Thomas Lutheran Church — Streetsboro, Ohio

September 2022



Sometimes something you have seen or read in the past suddenly becomes for you something new and fresh. We often speak of being able to “see with fresh eyes.” The second Sunday in September, the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, brought me such an experience. As I was preparing ahead for worship, I read again Isaiah 58:9b-14. It was like the words jumped off the page and invited me to absorb them into every fiber of my being.

I invite you to have a similar experience with this word from God. Of course your experience will be different than mine; we are different people with different histories. But I urge you to spend time with this message from God: read it, sit with it, study it, meditate on it. Spend some time with these words each day this month of September and let it begin to shape and reshape your thinking, feeling, and believing. I think you will find, as I did, that these words from the prophet are as fresh, meaningful, and powerful today as they were when he first uttered them in the Eighth Century before Christ. I pray that they will have such impact on you that your whole life will be different because you read and took in these words:

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the
speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in
parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations;
you shall be called the repairer of

the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³ If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own
interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD
honorable; if you honor it, not going your
own ways,
serving your own interests, or
pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon
the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage
of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

[NRSV]

St. Paul admonishes us: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.” [Colossians 3:16 NRSV] I am praying fervently that every member of Epiphany will join to immerse themselves in Isaiah’s words and let the Holy Spirit do His work.

Blessings on your fresh eyes. Pastor Just

Our Worship This Month

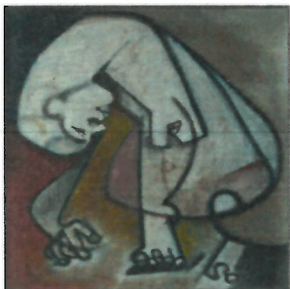


September 4 — Pentecost XIII

Sermon: *“What Better Example?”*

Texts: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

The writer of Hebrews sets forth myriad examples of faith for us to emulate, and then provides the greatest example: our Lord Jesus.



September 11 — Pentecost XIV

Sermon: *“Causes for Rejoicing”*

Texts: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103; Hebrews 12:18-2; Luke 13:10-17

Isaiah speaks to people returning from exile; the author of Hebrews writes to Christians in turbulent times; Jesus heals — all causes for rejoicing.

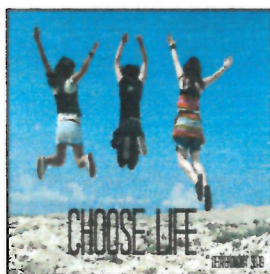


September 18 — Pentecost XV

Sermon: *“Who Is Worthy?”*

Texts: Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1-14

Jesus teaches us how to live in harmony with His values, which may not agree with our own or the world's.



September 25 — Pentecost XVI

Sermon: *“Choose Life”*

Texts: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Joshua urges Israel to “choose life” by serving the one, true God. What can this mean for our choosing?

CALL MEETING

On September 4, following our worship service, we will hold a special congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on a candidate to be called to serve St. Thomas as pastor. This vote will be taken with the recommendation of our Call Committee, who have been working in conjunction with the Call Committee for Christ Lutheran Church in Mantua. The two committees have been in conversation with two pastors (after dealing with a list of several more, provided by the English and Ohio Districts), and have jointly decided to make a recommendation of the one name. For this vote to take effect, we will need a quorum of at least twelve voting members. In the event that we do not have that quorum on September 4, we will reassemble on September 11.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Aggie Blankenship	Bill & Sharon Crile	Carol Earle	Corey Hautmann
Linda Hautmann	Palagia Hlava	Lorene Kozar	Becky Larkins & foster children
Stephen Nicely	Carol Poston	Heather Poston	Rory Wolff
Patty Abramovich	David Adkins	Alexa	Ally
Diane Altier	Barb	Chip Black	Nick Bohne
Paul Bowers	Patty Bowman	Russ & Lana Carnes	Margaret Carr family
Leona Corban	Victoria Crawford	Dan Erlandson	George Foerster
Christine Frank	Ava Gillum	Mary Hardesty	Charles Hovanetz
Debbie Hovanetz	Janice	Daryl Kraus	Joyce's supervisor's dad
Lance	Lexi	Sue Lubato	Steve Mamber
Frank Manijak	Joe Manijak	Robin Marie family	Mary
Bill Murphy	Amanda Nicely	Kathy Peters	Larry & Sally Powell
Peter Power	Debbie Rohaley	Leslie Slanina	Angela Smith
MaryLou Snider	John Szabo	Tim Tolodzieski	Deacon Robert Szalai
Tyler	Linda Valetta	Victoria	Bennie Wegener
Darcy Wood	Donny Wood	Carol Yurkschatt	
Ukraine refugees	COVID-19 patients	All Natural disaster victims	

We would love to have updates on our prayer list. If you have good news about someone on this list please let the church know or call Marla at 330-472-3045. Thank you!

Our shut-ins—please send them a card

Mrs. Audrey Holland
Willowwood Care Room 1001
1186 Hancock Rd.
Brunswick, OH 44212-4582

Carole Poston
3096 E Pioneer
Aurora, OH 44202

Lorene Kozar
8460 Westport Dr. #225
Mentor, Oh 44060

Our College Students—Grace Rohaley, Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers,
Our Military member—Troy Roman

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays

5-Cathy Fairchild
9-Gavin Hagen
9-Jeannette Doerfler
9-Jenna Zimmerman
9-Jacob Zimmerman
10-Noah Paskett
10-Nick Phillips
15-Amanda Nicely
17-Steve Hlava
19-Jillian Earle
20-Jarid Phillips
21-Patty Phillips
27-Carole Earle
29-Anibal Torres



SEPTEMBER BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Baptism Birthdays

4-Gabe Johnson
16-Corey Hautmann

Happy Anniversary to...
6-Tom & Linda Beuck
18-Gilbert & Trudy Ayers
26-Bill & Sharon Crile

If anyone has been left off this list or any other list, please let Marla Manijak know so she can add you. I would love birthdays and anniversaries and baptism birthdays if you know when it is. Thanks!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Group will be meeting sometime in September. Please see Joyce or Marla for an exact date as one has not been set up yet. We are still studying the book "Grace" by Max Lucado and will be reading Chapter 5 and discussing the questions at the end of the book when we meet again. Any questions please see Joyce Torres or Marla Manijak.

SERVICE PROJECTS

The first is to help those in Haiti with all their needs after the earthquakes and for the refugees from Ukraine. Monetary donations are being accepted with checks made out to the church. They will be given to the Lutheran Missions Ministry. Thank you for your support!

The second one is our Streetsboro Community Pantry. They are always in need of food and monetary donations. Please bring your items to the church any Sunday. Thank you for your generous giving heart!

Church Council will be meeting September 18th after the worship service. If there is anything you would like the Council to discuss please let one of these members know... Steve Hlava, Jim Doerfler, Deb Wolff, Joyce Torres, Diane Lee, Del Groff, Marla Manijak or Pastor Just.

Contact Person: Please call Pastor Just at 216-789-6688 or Council President Steve Hlava at 330 422-1959 for any emergencies or questions. Pastor Just is in the office on Thursdays from 8:00-4:00. Please call ahead to make sure he is there.

CHURCH FINANCES

Please continue to remember your church each month. Our expenses are still here and we could use your help in keeping up with these expenses. Thank you! You can send your offering to P.O. Box 2247.

TREASURERS REPORT - Month of June 2022

	Current Month:	Current YTD	Prior YTD:
TOTAL INCOME - General Fund Only	3129.34	30507.08	27315.92
TOTAL EXPENSE - General Fund Only	3687.78	28895.07	29676.02
NET GAIN (LOSS)	(558.44)	1612.01	(2360.10)
TOTAL INCOME - Special Funds (See Below)	47.00	472.84	5879.00
TOTAL EXPENSE- Special Funds (See Below)	31.24	417.63	272.84
NET GAIN (LOSS)	15.76	55.21	5606.16
Average General Fund Income Per Week	782.34	1173.35	1050.61
Amount needed to meet expense budget - per week	<u>1229.52</u>		

Special Funds Include:

Special Building/Property, Pastor's Second Chance, Memorial Gifts, New Building, Lutheran Women's Group, 5th Sunday Benevolence

NEWS FROM OUR SISTER CONGREGATION

The following events will be taking place at Christ Lutheran in Mantua. It's a great opportunity to get to know our partner congregation. Think about volunteering for one of these events.

Loaves and Fishes Community Meal

These free meals are served the 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Christ Lutheran Church downstairs Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help (you don't have to be a member to help), contact Diane Lottig at 330-274-2868 for what is needed.

Please keep the Christ Lutheran Church congregation in your prayers as they vote on calling a new pastor at their congregational meeting.

May God be with us and guide us as we all make this very important decision.

Mantua Farmer's Market

July 9th through September
24th

Market days are each Saturday
9 am to 1 pm. Each space is
\$5. Call Diane 330-274-2868
for more information.

The 49th Annual Mantua
Potato Festival
Friday, Sept. 9th 6-11pm
Saturday Sept. 10th noon-
11pm
Sunday Sept. 11th 1-6pm

Church Lutheran has a potato pancake booth during the festival that is a major fundraising event. The funds are used for building improvements. If you and your friends would like to help, please call Diane Lottig at 330-274-2868.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

IN CHURCH PARKING LOT ON CHANNEL 96.9 FM

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OR PLEASE JOIN US INSIDE (Mask is optional)