



“LIGHT FROM THE HEIGHTS” Arlington Hills Lutheran Church



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Alley Shoppe Grand Re-Opening

After a long period of reconstruction we are ready to begin serving families again. We have new flooring, new shelving, and a whole new flow to the rooms.

You are invited to Come and See!

On **Sunday Sept. 9** Coffee time after worship will be held in the Alley Shoppe .

Take a look around, enjoy the same great treats we serve to our families, and be amazed.



We are excited to begin our 48th year on Sept. 11, 2018 and want to share that with all of you! Sorting and shopping hours remain the same but there are changes to the donation times.

New Donation Hours

Mondays 10-Noon

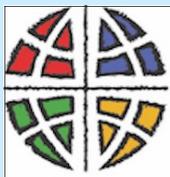
Tuesdays 10-Noon

No Saturday donation hours at this time **

Thank you all for your donations of school supplies.

Our September donation focus will be towels. If you have any extras in your linen closet please pass them along. Drop them anytime you are at church.

I am excited to be back, the volunteers are ready and we know the families will be grateful we can re-open. As always, if you have time to volunteer we can find a place for you. We love your clean usable donations and your grocery bags. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact Pam Wiehe.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

God's Work Our Hands special event of packing food with Meals From The Heart. This will be a shared event with the East Side Lutheran Collaborative and other churches and area businesses. This is taking place at Gustavus Adolphus September 15 and 16 with more information on insert.

Gustavus Adolphus is located 1669 Arcade.

Saturday, September 15 packing food starts at 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 16 starts at 9:00 a.m. 11:00a.m. 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Arlington Hills is providing hospitality at 7:30 a.m. —8:15 a.m. We will also need volunteers for this.

Thank you for participating in this event. See Anna Clarke to sign up or in the office.

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints—and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us... Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. 2 Cor. 8:1-7

God's Work Our Hands is an annual ELCA event “to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.”

Participating in ministry with other congregations has been a church practice since the time of the Apostle Paul. Church is not a building or an organization, not a group of like-minded people on their own. Church has always been a movement, a force bringing about healing and goodness in the name of Jesus.

Carrying on 2000 years of serving tradition, this year we celebrate service through *Meals from the Heart*. We join First Lutheran, Good Samaritan Lutheran, Grace Lutheran, Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran, Hope Lutheran, North Presbyterian, Our Redeemer Lutheran, Presentation Catholic and Asalam Mosque in “the privilege of sharing in this ministry.”

Meals from the Heart, based in Stillwater, is a ministry of packing meals that are then distributed through Minnesota and Wisconsin food shelves. Volunteers pack easy to cook, nutritious, complete meals to feed local families.

There are two ways of taking part in this good work. On Saturday, Sept. 15, from 7:30-8:15am, AHLC will be the host for the event. We will have two greeters at doors, two managing refreshments and two assisting volunteers to sign-in. The hosts set the welcoming tone for those who want to give their time and compassion.

The second way of taking part is volunteering to pack food sometime during the weekend. You can visit stpaulsidebyside.org to sign up for a packing time, or see Anna Clarke, our council member who will schedule a time for you to pack or serve as host.

Earnest for the privilege of this good work,
Pastor Chris

God's Work Our Hands
Meal Packing Event through Meals from the Heart
Sept. 15-16 at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, 1669 Arcade St.

Are we, each of us, one of God's employees?

Please read Matthew 25: 27 Luke 10: 35 John 20: 15 Acts 18: 3

The first Monday of September is the final day of the Minnesota State Fair. Those who labored in the Gustavus Adolphus Church parking lot by assisting drivers attending the State Fair probably sighed in relief as they completed their work. I, along with other members of the AHLCC congregation, appreciate their efforts. People who enjoy vacation property return home after their final long weekend at the lake. Children and faculty members look forward with enthusiasm to returning to school on Tuesday. As we consider the first Monday of September, the unofficial end of summer, do we realize that it is a holiday that honors the American Labor Movement and the benefits that it has brought to our nation. Those benefits include the assurance of safe working conditions and wages that assure families the enjoyment of a high standard of living. Although Labor Day is not a religious holiday, we should respect its purpose and give thanks for the blessings that Americans enjoy.

David was a shepherd. Jesus first occupation was a carpenter. The disciple Matthew was a tax collector. The passages of scripture that you have been asked to read refer to other Biblical occupations. A list entitled "Jobs in the Bible" contains over 100 occupations and Biblical references that mention them. That list and a brief article titled "Why did Jesus use the language of occupations in his teaching?" are available in an envelope in the book shelf near the church office door.

Regina Brett is the author of the book GOD IS ALWAYS HIRING. She describes jobs that she and others have had. Because she emphasizes what has been learned she doesn't call the sections of her book chapters, she calls them Lessons.

The subject of Lesson 42, beginning on page 222, is Rocco Scotti. He devoted his life singing the Star Spangled Banner, about fifty times a year for 20 years. He originally planned to be an opera singer but did not have enough talent for that vocation. He believes that because God called him to specialize in singing the US National Anthem, he should have his own rendition of the anthem's final words "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Audiences have appreciated his interpretation

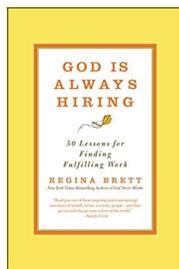
The conclusion of Lesson 9, (Only you can determine your worth) is "Work at a fast food restaurant is not for losers, it is noble to feed people."

Lesson 11, (If you're going to doubt anything, doubt your doubts) emphasizes that " Achievement requires that critics be silenced, starting with yourself."

When his business failed Bruce Hennes posed two questions for himself: What are my skills? and What do I love doing? He decided to create business that would fill a very specific need: crisis communications. Readers will find a description of that occupation in Lesson 18, (When you fail, fail forward). Mr. Hennes states "First you fail, and then you recover. Both are instances of God's grace."

This book contains much advice that can be applied to everyday life activities as well as jobs. Page 164 contains the statement: " No' is a complete sentence." That should be kept in mind when you are asked to do something that require your time and energy. It is included in Lesson 31 (No one can drain you without your permission.)

You'll enjoy the book because it is a blend of biography and practical advice. It, along with the envelope mentioned earlier, are in the book case near the church office door. Please return books and other materials when you are finished with them so they are available for others.



by Clair

September Book Club "Girl in Hyacinth Blue "

Communion

3 Joy Tkachuck

9 Jim Persoon

16 Valerie Osmundson

23 Lolita Schaber

30 Jon Helgason

Lectors

Dennis Rasmusson

Dennis Rasmusson

Orval Osmundson

Roxanne Larsen

Lolita Schaber

Greeters

Dona and Clair Haberman

TBD

Virginia Iverson

Jeanne Beneke

Barbara Watters

Financial Update

Month	Amount	Monthly	Monthly	Net Year-to-Date
	2018 Received	Expenses	(Shortage)	Net (Shortage)
July	\$22,318.29	\$35,474.67	(\$13,156.38)	(\$84,996.76)
August	\$16,541.19	\$20,942.13	(\$4,400.94)	As of 8-22-18

Thank you for your continued support to the ministry and mission of Arlington Hills Lutheran Church. If you are able to give a little extra, it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Aluminum Can Drive

Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21

From 9:00 a.m. thru 11:00 a.m. in the north parking lot.

Noisy Offering will be taken at the 9:30 worship service on October 21.



Walgreens will be here on Sept 25

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Flu shots,

Walgreens will file with your insurance or free shots are available. No appointment needed.

In Reception Room.

The Sanctuary Choir would love to have YOU as a member join in singing anthems, leading worship and enjoying great fellowship. If you like to sing, but feel you can't commit your time for the entire season, come and join us for maybe 6 weeks. Extra voices are greatly appreciated, especially for special occasions such as Lessons & Carols in December, Christmas Eve, Good Friday, and Easter.

Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. beginning September 6th in the Sanctuary. Hope to see you there!

Barbara Rossow, Director

It's time once again to praise the Lord with **Hand bells**

at Arlington Hills! On Wednesday, September 12, 2018, our adult hand bell ensemble, Jubilate, will begin rehearsals at 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Music reading IS NOT REQUIRED for either of these groups. Please come and try your hand at ringing - gloves will be provided, as well as support, fellowship, and a unique worship experience. YOU ARE NEEDED-TRULY!! Please contact me for more details, or just come on down to a rehearsal. Let Our Praises Ring!

Chuck Linderkamp, Director

Interim Update 2018 September

The Call Committee is meeting regularly, preparing for interviews in the coming weeks. While this is an exciting time, the responsibility weighs on the committee. Please continue to express your appreciation and support for their work.

Council and Strategic Planning Committee continue to explore a couple of options for reducing AHLC's expenditures on building. As you have heard, this includes sharing space with another church or partnering with the synod and other agencies for added services on Eastside. These opportunities take a long time to work through. The council is committed to keeping the congregation informed. Developments come slowly, but you will hear from the council as things progress.

Member financial support has been decreasing the last couple of months. Please keep current with your offering. Even though we collect rent from building users, our greatest revenue source is still member giving, and we rely on generous members to continue this church.

Pastor Chris