

the Spirit



God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

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God's Work Our Hands Sunday— September 10th

On Sunday, September 10th, we're kicking off the fall season the best way we know how— by doing God's work with our hands!

Sunday school officially starts on the 10th, and will meet at 9:00am.

Service will be shorter than normal, and then we'll get to work. We are making sandwiches for the 363 program— where Allan Law drives around town 363 nights a year, delivering sandwiches to those in need. If sandwich making isn't your forte, there will also be fleece blankets to tie.

Please bring something to share and stay for the potluck as well.

“God's work. Our hands.”

Sunday Sept. 10, 2017

As we observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we are reminded of the gospel's promise that we are freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbors. In “The Freedom of a Christian,” Martin Luther wrote: “A Christian is lord of all, completely free of everything; a Christian is a servant, completely attentive to the needs of all.” 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. Whether we fill backpacks with needed school supplies, serve meals to those who are food insecure or write letters to soldiers and veterans, we are using our hands to do God's work to reconcile and restore communities in Jesus' name throughout the world. If it's not possible to participate on Sept. 10, please consider another day. “God's work. Our hands.” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. You work every day to make your community a better place. Let's do this work together!

STEP in Steel Toe Event— September 28th



After the last year's smashing success, STEP is returning to our friends at Steel Tow Brewing with the The STEP in Steel Toe Event!

Tickets are on sale now for Thursday, September 28 2017 from 5:00-7:00pm at Steel Toe Brewing.

Steel Toe Brewing has generously donated their taproom and service for a fun STEP event. As if that's not enough they will also be donating a portion of the profits from every pint sold to STEP. Talk about drinking for a good cause!

Steel Toe Brewing has been producing great craft beer in St. Louis Park since 2011. They are family-owned and care deeply about their product as well as supporting the community.

A ticket price of \$20 will include beer samples, an opportunity to learn about STEP's successes empowering lives and restoring hope in St. Louis Park, and a brewery tour. Food trucks will be on site if you need something to accompany your beer.

Attendees are encouraged to purchase your tickets well ahead of time. Tickets can be purchased online. For website info, email Nikki at the church email address.

You will not want to miss this event that sold out early last year!



Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, September 10th, we will be doing a blessing of the backpacks. Please have your children bring their backpacks to church that day and they will be blessed for the school year during worship.

Share the Spirit Sunday

How can you share the Spirit? While sharing can take MANY forms, one opportunity we have every 3rd Sunday of the month is to contribute to the "Share the Spirit" fund. These donations are used in many ways: to support the shelter meals, TreeHouse, special requests from STEP or Bird Feeder and our 363days.org sandwich making project.

Get involved with Social Action!

The Social Action team (aka SOC SAC) welcomes everyone in the congregation to join us to plan and organize mission and social action events. This could be an ongoing activity or a one-time commitment. Talk to anyone on the Social Action Team: (Mark or Carolee Cohen, Wendi Harmsen, Pat Latvala, Deb Schmitz, Joanne Stone or Jeanne Worm) if you want to help!

A Thank You From Pastor Durk

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone here at Spirit of Christ for making my installation day so special. I feel so fortunate to have been called to serve among and alongside all of you and look forward to doing ministry together for years to come.

Blessings,
Pastor Durk



Day Camp 2017– Finding Jesus

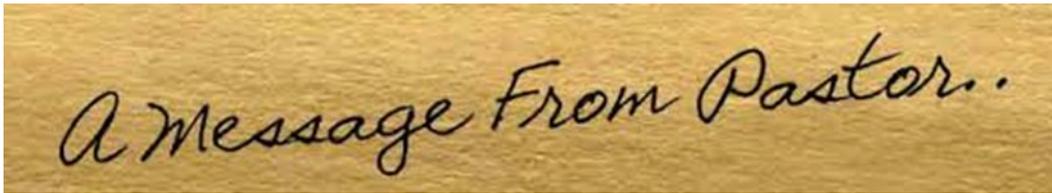
Daycamp 2017 was a success! Thank you to everyone who helped us chaperone our packing session at Feed My Starving Children and for all your prayers and thoughts. We had 29 kids for the week. Our theme was Finding Jesus (like Finding Nemo) and each day, we learned about a different bible story having to do with water. Here are some numbers from our service projects:

We packed over half of a train car full of scrubs, gowns, blankets, and pillowcases for hospitals in Liberia through Global Health Ministries.

At Feed My Starving Children, we packed 90 boxes, or 19,440 meals, which will feed 53 kids every day for a year!

We also decorated 40 baptism bags for families at Westwood and painted 7 fire hydrants in the Westwood neighborhood.



A message from Pastor. The text is written in a cursive, handwritten style on a light-colored, textured background that resembles wood or parchment.

St. Bernard, asked to list the four Cardinal virtues, answered; “Humility, humility, humility, and humility.”

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted. Matthew 23:12

When pride comes, then comes disgrace; but wisdom is with the humble. Proverbs 11:2

We all can learn to be more humble. To show more modesty and give more respect. In a nutshell, when we can humble ourselves before others we can begin to listen, learn, and love the others who come into our life.

This year, as I enter into the call to be your new pastor at *Spirit of Christ Community Lutheran Church*, I know I will need to remember the importance of being humble, of showing humility, and humbly asking for help, support, and forgiveness.

I begin this year full of hope, with high expectations, and bursting with anticipation. And yet, at the same time, I know there will be trying times, struggles, and unexpected challenges. One thing I am confident of, however, is that I am entering a community of faith. A community that worships the one true God of creation, a community that desires to faithfully follow in Jesus Christ’s footsteps, and a community where the Holy Spirit is actively making a difference in the lives of people both inside and outside of *Spirit of Christ’s* four walls.

Beginning this year we will begin to discover each other’s God given gifts. We will pray together, worship together, and together remember the ultimate gift of God’s grace poured out through the body and blood of our Risen Lord.

We will share with one another our joys and comfort one another in our sorrows and as the church - as Christ’s body - we will hear and live into the words of Paul reminding us to,

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:5-11

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you in the coming weeks and joining the ongoing discipleship journey *Spirit of Christ* continues to undertake as Christ’s church here in Saint Louis Park.

Humbly yours,
Pastor Durk



Calendar– September 2017

Fri September 1, 2017

7:00am N A
7:30pm Desire AA (Green Room)

Sun September 3, 2017

10:00am Worship
11:00am Fellowship

Mon September 4, 2017

7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tue September 5, 2017

5:30pm Women's AA (Fellowship Hall)

Thu September 7, 2017

6:30pm N.A. (Green Room)

Fri September 8, 2017

7:00am N A
6:15pm Shelter Supper at Our Saviours
7:30pm Desire AA (Green Room)

Sun September 10, 2017

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
11:00am Service Projects and Potluck

Mon September 11, 2017

7:00pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tue September 12, 2017

5:30pm Women's AA (Fellowship Hall)

Wed September 13, 2017

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thu September 14, 2017

6:30pm N.A. (Green Room)
7:00pm Church Council

Fri September 15, 2017

7:00am N A
7:30pm Desire AA (Green Room)

Sun September 17, 2017

Share the Spirit Sunday

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
11:00am Fellowship

Mon September 18, 2017

7:00pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tue September 19, 2017

5:30pm Women's AA (Fellowship Hall)

Wed September 20, 2017

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thu September 21, 2017

1:00pm Active Adults
6:30pm N. A. (Green Room)
7:00pm Men's Group
7:00pm Prayer Shawl Group

Fri September 22, 2017

7:00am N A
7:30pm Desire AA (Green Room)

Sat September 23, 2017

12:00pm Sorensen Neighborhood Association Fall Social

Sun September 24, 2017

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
11:00am Fellowship

Mon September 25, 2017

7:00pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tue September 26, 2017

5:30pm Women's AA (Nursery)

Wed September 27, 2017

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thu September 28, 2017

6:30pm N. A. (Green Room)
7:00pm Prayer Shawl (Youth Room)

Fri September 29, 2017

7:00am N.A.
7:30pm Desire AA (Green Room)





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Add Your Event to Church Announcements!

If you would like to add something to the Sunday morning announcements, weekly email update, or monthly newsletter, please contact our office (contact info below). Weekly information must be received by Monday morning to be included in Wednesday's email and Sunday morning's announcement slides. Info for the May newsletter must be received **by the 25th of the month**. You can also contact the office if you'd like to be added to the mailing list or you can visit spiritofchristcommunity.org/newsletter to sign up for our mailing list or to view past newsletters.

