HAVEN MESSANGER

SEEKING:
TWO DISCIPLES WHO LOVE THE LORD AND WANT OUR CHILDREN TO KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD

Our church community needs YOU to consider being a co-superintendent of Haven’s Sunday School.

• NO, don’t dismiss this call to service — You are not too inexperienced or too old. The age of your children or having no children does not disqualify you from this calling.
• NO, you will not be asked to assume this position indefinitely.
• YES, you will have the full support of the pastor and a faithful and great Parish Education Team.
• YES, you will find the effort both meaningful and gratifying.
• YES, you can share this position to cover times weekends when you are away.

What does a Sunday School superintendent do? Working with the Parish Education Team and teachers, the superintendent oversees the needs of our September - May Sunday School program.

• The superintendent(s) helps the team select the program used in our classes.
• The superintendent(s) helps to line up the people and materials needed for the weekly Sunday School program.
• The superintendent(s) keeps track of attendance and supplies.
• The superintendent(s) keeps Sunday School parents informed and helps teachers encourage regular student attendance.
• The superintendent(s) work with the Parish Education Team to plan special seasonal programs to encourage faith growth in our children.

We are hoping for at least two members to step forward to share this position. Our hope is that they would commit to a one- or two-year term (with the option to continue IF that is his/her desire.)

The Parish Education Team has begun to pray for the Lord to move the hearts of two of you who are reading this. We ask you to pray, too.

At each baptism our congregation promises to pray for and support those who are baptized in their new life in Christ. We also promise to support the parents of young children in their promises to help their children grow in the Christian faith and life. Our Sunday School program is one way we try to keep our promise to children and parents.

Our children and their coming to know and love Jesus are important. Our Sunday School needs superintendent(s). PLEASE listen as the Lord’s nudes, whispers or shouts to you about this important need in our church community.

Your pastor and partner in ministry,
Linda M Alessandri
THANK YOU NOTES TO THE HAVEN CONGREGATION

Dear Haven Lutheran Church Friends,

Thank you for your love and prayers during my Mom’s illness. It’s been a difficult and sad time, but your cards, calls and personal visits to Mom’s funeral and visitation were a source of comfort. We will miss her dearly, but knowing how many lives she touched will help us find peace in her passing. In addition, we say thank you to Nancy Newkirk for sharing her gift of singing and for the solo of “You are Mine”. It was absolutely beautiful. Thank you June Hess for your time and talent playing the organ for the service. It was SUPERB. And our thanks to Pastor Alessandri for generously giving us your time and wisdom on this difficult journey. Your ability to open our eyes to the gospel truly comforted us during the service and will for the days ahead of us.

Love,
Pauletta N. Deiterich’s family
(Mark and Kelli Deiterich, Todd and Sofiya Deiterich, Emily and Tim Benas, & Amy, Mike, and Rebecca Mason)

Easter Food Basket Recipient—With Sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness.
Thank you, Moreland Family

COMMUNITY NOTES

Dear Friends,

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming event in our area. Dr. Bruce Burley and Dr. Brandon Burley, from Hagerstown Smiles Dental Care, are hosting a free day of dental care. Dentistry From the Heart will be held Saturday June 14, 2014. registration will be from 8:00-11:00 am at Hagerstown Smiles Dental Care at 1115 Mt. Aetna Road in Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Our Team of doctors, dental staff, and volunteers hope to help over 100 adult patients who do not have dental insurance. They will be able to receive a cleaning, filling, and extraction. This will give them reason to smile.

I am asking several things from you rchurch. First I would ask for you to pray for our endeavor to be a success that we are able to reach and help a lot if people in our community. Second, I ask for you to post the date and info in your church and pass the word to family and friends who would be helped by our day of Dentistry from the Heart. If you would like to make a donation please mail to the address above.

Thank you,
Hayley Gordon, Office Manager

HAGERSTOWN CONVOY OF HOPE 2014 - is coming this fall on Saturday, October 4, 2014.  Mark your calendars now.  Volunteer rally will be held the night before. These are exciting times as we come together to be the Church in the Greater Hagerstown Community!

More details will be coming soon! Start praying for Hagerstown Convoy of Hope 2014.

COULD HAVEN PROVIDE ONE LUNCH FOR A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CREW? - Habitat relies on the community to donate lunches and drinks to the committed people who help them build hope and change lives one home at a time. Lunches are typically served for 10-20 volunteers. Lunch can be bagged lunches to hot or catered meals. We’d deliver the meal on site and personally get to meet the volunteers and see the home project. Builds are usually on Wednesdays and Saturdays. HAVEN, can we do this? We need one or two persons to take the lead organizing this one day project and others interested in making it happen. Please contact Pastor Alessandri at the church office if you sense the Spirit’s nudge to support a Habitat for Humanity lunch.
HELPING THE RESIDENTS OF HOLLY PLACE – For the month of May we will be collecting Bathroom cleaner (tub, toilet, sink, floors) any brand for the residents of Holly Place. There is a container in the narthex for you to place your items.

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE IS BACK. (formerly Miss Mouse collection) - The AMEN team will sponsor a collection of used clothing that is suitable for spring and summer. While any clothing is welcome, there is a particular need for children’s clothing including sweaters and jackets. The children’s clothing will be donated to either Fountadale School or to the Children in Need program. If you have heavier winter-type wear for young folks and do not want to store it until fall, please do not throw it away. Someone in the committee will store it until then. Other clothing will go to W- house, REACH and Goodwill and should be seasonally appropriate. During May you will be asked to please place your donations in bags and deposit them in the coat closet closest to Pennsylvania Avenue.

EVANGELISM TEAM

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION - The Evangelism Team is collecting Box Top$ for Education for Fountaindale Elementary School. Each coupon you give earns cash that can be used towards educational activities and equipment. The coupons on the labels of the products are small so look carefully. Please place the coupons in the container on the table in the Narthex. A list of eligible products is on the table next to the container and more information can be found at www.boxtops4education.com. You can join the site as a member and have access to coupons you can use to buy Box Top$ products every month.

PARISH EDUCATION TEAM

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - All women are invited to join us for our monthly Bible study & discussion on the fourth Thursday morning of each month. We are currently doing a series on Biblical women. This month we will be learning about "Rahab, a Faithful Businesswoman." Please join us on Thursday, May 22 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor for what should be a fascinating study. Study guides are available on the portable bulletin board in the narthex.

PROMOTION SUNDAY MAY 18 - Our children's & youth Sunday School classes will mark the end of the 2013/14 Sunday School year with some special activities on Promotion Sunday, May 18. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.

After Two Years of Confirmation Studies

FIVE HAVEN YOUTH MAKE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM ON MAY 18
Meghan Byers  Tanner Creek  Rachel Knieley  Shaun Rollins  Hannah Tice
Come share this special celebration of faith, community and the empowering Holy Spirit.
2014 YOUTH MISSION TRIP
Warrensburg, New York

On June 29, Haven will send 8 youth and 3 adult advisers on a Mission Trip to Warrensburg, New York. This is our largest mission trip group yet and, for the first time, will include some guys as well as girls. This is what YouthWorks, the mission trip organizers, say about the area in which they will serve:

YouthWorks has been serving towns in the Adirondacks since 2007. We have housed in a number of towns across Warren County, but Warrensburg has been home for several summers now. The town of Warrensburg, which calls itself the "Gateway to the Adirondacks" is an historic and beautiful area with rivers, creeks, green trees, and hills. Warrensburg is known as home to the World’s Largest Garage Sale, and also the place where the novel The Last of the Mohicans was written. However, the quaint charm of Warrensburg and other local towns like it that make it such a popular vacation destination hide the realities of daily life for those who live there year-round. Many struggle with poverty and economic insecurity.

Those who come to serve in Warrensburg will enjoy a rural, wilderness experience while serving with local children’s ministries, community gardens, and helping with home repair projects. Local churches that YouthWorks partners with are committed to supporting kids in their community. They collect food donations to help provide meals for Kids Club. In September, they use the school supplies donated from YouthWorks groups to hold a community-wide event for students and families where they distribute them, connect families with health services, and show the town that the church cares for them.

The group is excited to have this opportunity to serve a local community and our Lord.

The youth and their families contribute to the cost of registration. (This year $229 per participant) Earlier fundraising efforts have helped to pay for the registration cost for adult advisers and any youth who may need financial support to attend. That leaves us with the cost of transportation.

MISSION MILEAGE SPONSORS—This year we will need a fifteen passenger van for our crew. The van is used to get the group to and from Warrensburg AND to transport crews to and from work sites. It can also become a “bus” to transport local children to Kids Club (a type of VBS). When we add the cost of the van rental, insurance and gasoline and divide by the estimated mileage (1,055), we estimate our transportation cost to be $1.18 per mile. Would you please sponsor several miles for Haven’s Mission Trip team?

Sponsorship slips will be available in the narthex. Checks can be made out to Haven Lutheran Church with “mission mileage” on the memo line. We’ll have a van showing the progress made toward the goal of sending our team to AND back from their mission work in Warrensburg NY.

“Thank you for blessing us with the opportunity to once again serve others while growing closer to God!” Your mission trip team
PARISH LIFE TEAM

CALLING ALL READERS - Set during one of the most conflicted & volatile times in American history, HOTEL ON THE CORNER OF BITTER & SWEET by Jamie Ford is an extraordinary story of commitment & enduring hope, teaching us the power of forgiveness and the human heart. Join us on Thursday, May 15 at 2 pm for tea & conversation.

Looking ahead, we will be reading LINCOLN'S BATTLE WITH GOD by Stephen Mansfield in June.

LOOKING FOR A GOOD BOOK? - Be sure to check out Haven’s free library located on a book cart in the Adult Sunday School classroom – & sometimes in the Narthex. Help yourself to a book, read & enjoy, return it or pass it on.

LADIES NIGHT OUT - There will be No Ladies Night Out in May.

“We praise God for the glorious grace God has poured out on us who belong to his Son” Ephesians 1:6

Friday, October 10, 6 p.m. – Sunday, October 12, 1 p.m.
Shepherd’s Spring Retreat Center

Café Chocolat is a relaxing chocolate-themed retreat the women of our church are doing together. It includes worship, Bible study, and time for laughter as well as time for quiet reflection. And while the name of our gathering sounds indulgent, we’ll actually be using chocolate as a metaphor for God’s extravagant grace.

Women of Haven, make plans to attend this weekend of faith-enriching Bible study, fun and fellowship. Each previous women’s retreat has gotten five stars from participants! We hope you will come AND ask your women friends to come along, too.

Registration forms will soon be available in the church narthex. Cost: $199 per person, sharing a room; $244 for a single room. Costs include room, 5 meals, retreat materials and a lovely setting to relax. Optional: $8 is Shepherd Springs provides bed linens and towels.
WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM
North Hagerstown High School Concert Choir

On Thursday, May 22, at 7:00 pm the N.H.H.S. Concert Choir, under the direction of Curt Shetler, will be in concert at Haven. They will present a variety of musical selections that should appeal to all in attendance. We hope you will circle this date on your calendar and plan to attend. Please tell your friends and neighbors as well. It would be great to have a full house to hear this fine group of young people perform in a venue with the outstanding acoustics that we are blessed to have at Haven. Light refreshments will be provided at a brief reception following the performance.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 7th & 8th

- Saturdays, 5:00 pm - Spoken Service with Communion
- Sundays, 8:15 am - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- Sundays, 9:30 am - *Worship on the Lawn
  (*Bring your lawn chair or blanket for this informal worship service)

Carol Shull’s new address is 55 East Washington Street Apt. 108 Hagerstown, MD 21740
e-mail address is csshull@myactv.net

The Webb Family’s new phone number is (240)385-2946

If you have an updated phone number or address that is not printed in the directory please notify the church office so our records are up to date. Thank you!

Coming Soon

July 21—25, 2015
**Anniversaries**

Bob & Blanche Hart 05/06

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

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If your Birthday, Anniversary, or Baptismal Anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office. We want to recognize all your special days.

~ MAY NEWSLETTER ~ DEADLINE: May 15th ~

Please submit articles as you wish them to appear in the newsletter. Marked with the team/group it should appear under.

**Haven Food Bank Volunteers**

- **May 6—1st Tues. Team 1**
  - Nancy Neikirk, Joan Seilhamer, June Hess, Judy Hoffman

- **May 9—2nd Fri. Team 3**
  - Pam O’Connor, Kathy Wright, Sue Nelson, Sari Kilheffer

**Newsletter Assembly**

May 28th at 12:00 PM
June Hess

**Securing Our Church Building for May**

Ed Distad & Danny Kiblinger

**Bulletin Folders**

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Contributions may be brought by the office during our normal business hours 9 am-1 pm or mailed to the Church at 1035 Haven Road *Hagerstown, MD *21742.
Sunday Schedules—If you are unable to serve please switch with someone and notify the office of the change.

May 4—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Meghan Byers  Assisting Minister—Barbara Miller  
Lay Reader—Abigail Andrews  Entry Greeters—Elaine Michael  
Ushers—Mary Fortson, Shaun Rollins, Cliff & Sue Britton, Ann Conrad, Dick Strobl  
Exit Greeters—West-Alan Butsch  Center-Pastor Alessandri  East-Bill Byers  
Nursery Attendant—Kathy Pensis  Altar Flowers—Amy Mason  
Coffee Host(s)—Dave Kaplan & Melita

May 11—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Melita Kaplan  Assisting Minister—Kathy Amos  
Lay Reader—Charlotte Loveless  Entry Greeters—Anna Bergschneider  
Ushers—Kathy Wright, Kathy Pensis, Ed Distad, Jim & Brenda Hassinger  
Exit Greeters—West-Ed Distad  Center-Pastor Alessandri  East-Mary Fortson  
Nursery Attendant—Melissa Butsch  Altar Flowers—Joe & DeDe Staley  
Mothers Day Coffee Host(s)—Men of Haven

May 18—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Max Schupp  Assisting Minister—Terry Trovinger  
Lay Reader—Danny Kiblinger  Entry Greeters—Jadyra Fortson  
Ushers—Judy Hoffman, Tanner Creek, Anna Bergschneider, Bob Snyder, NEEDED, NEEDED  
Exit Greeters—West-Brenda Hassinger  Center-Pastor Alessandri  East-Beth Johns  
Nursery Attendant—Joan Schupp  Altar Flowers—Kevin & Kim Pile  
Coffee Host(s)—Sunday School

May 25—9:30 AM ~ Acolyte—Rebecca Mason  Assisting Minister—Barbara Miller  
Lay Reader—Ed Distad  Entry Greeters—Bob Snyder  
Ushers—Ned & Millie Strange, Elaine Michael, Melissa Butsch, NEEDED, NEEDED  
Exit Greeters—West-Danny Kiblinger  Center-Pastor Alessandri  East-Charlotte Loveless  
Nursery Attendant—Mike & Laura Manspeaker  Altar Flowers—Bill & Becky Plavcan  
Coffee Host(s)—NEEDED

We are in need of **2 more ushers** and **2 more greeters** to try to keep everyone scheduled only once each month. We are also in need of a few substitutes that can fill in when others are unable to usher. Please contact the church office or add it to the attendance form if you are willing to assist.

Thank you!
Pastor Alessandri will be on vacation from April 28 – May 5. In the event of an emergency April 28 – May 3rd in which you would appreciate a pastor’s presence while Pastor Alessandri is on vacation, please call Pastor Allen Reed (Conocheague Parish) 301-842-3491(o/h) or 301-331-6368 (cell); on May 4-5 please call Pastor Dave Kaplan at 301-797-3045.

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