# Haven Evangelical Lutheran Church

## September 2016

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1035 Haven Road
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Haven Messenger
September 2016
Good. Keep watch. Keep praying. Keep restless and at peace. Keep sharing the tame and wild dreams God places in your heart. No matter how you may feel answers? “Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be open,” Jesus promised. Keep watch with me. Keep praying with me for God's guidance. Will you pray with me for the eyes to see and the ears to hear God's answer? Can you name a place of welcome and safety for any who are seeking, questioning, looking for a home or a community that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. This faith comes through the good news of Jesus Christ and gives us the freedom and the courage to wonder, discover and boldly participate in what God is up to in the world. We welcome you to participate in this community that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. This faith comes through the good news of Jesus Christ and gives us the freedom and the courage to wonder, discover and boldly participate in what God is up to in the world. There is a place for you here.

Ray & Elaine Michael
Dick & June Hess
Pam O’Connor, Kathy Wright, Linda Clark, Sari Kilheffer

Haven Food Bank Volunteers
September 6 — 1st Tues.
Nancy Newkirk, Joan Schupp, Millie Strange, Judy Hoffman
September 9 — 2nd Fri.
Pam O’Connor, Kathy Wright, Linda Clark, Sari Kilheffer

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Birthdays

- Dustin Black 09/09
- Jadyra Fortson 09/12
- Robert Dean 09/13
- Wayne Gaumer 09/17
- Michael Freeman 09/18
- Abigail Byers 09/24

Anniversaries

- Dick & June Hess 09/12
- Curtis & Linda Kunkle 09/19
- Kenneth & JoAnn Shankle 09/29
- Ray & Elaine Michael 09/30

Happy Anniversary!

If your Birthday, Anniversary, or Baptismal Anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.

Thank you.
### Our Third Year in the Narrative Lectionary

For those new to Haven and those who might appreciate a review, a lectionary is a selection of readings for Sunday worship. For our users through the Old Testament in the fall, a gospel from the New Testament writings in Spring. We focus on one reading per week. The Lord and our Lord’s efforts to restore and renew God’s relationship, the Israelites.

**Where do we begin this September?**

When we return to one 9:30 am worship on September 4, we will finish our last summer series on the Lord’s efforts to restore and renew God’s relationship, the Israelites.

On September 11th, as we also begin our Sunday School year, we will finish our last summer series on the Lord’s efforts to restore and renew God’s relationship, the Israelites.

### September 11 Creation and Fall

- Genesis 2:4b-7
- Creation, Garden of Eden, fall into sin.  
  (Luke 11:4)

### September 18 God’s Promise to Abraham

- Genesis 15:1
- God promises Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars. Abraham believes.  
  (Luke 3:8)

### September 25 God Works through Joseph

- Genesis 37:3
- Joseph’s dreams lead to family conflict and he is sold into slavery. Yet in the end Joseph forgives. God works through Joseph.  
  (Luke 11:4)

### October 2 The Promise of Passover

- Exodus 12:1
- Passover: the blood of the lamb and unleavened bread signify God’s sacrifice of the lamb God’s deliverance.  
  (Luke 22:14-20)

Let the Word of God into your heart and soul. Read the selected readings any or each Wednesday 10 am - 11 am. Pastor Alessandri will provide a bridge between the readings of the previous Sunday and as it’s read and as the pastor speaks about it. Share your thoughts. Ponder it during the week. Ask it questions. Pose some thoughts. When you come on Sunday, hear the scripture again as it’s read and as the pastor speaks about it. Share your thoughts.

You’ll find it a simple but faith-enriching disciple discipline. God’s Word for our hearts and lives!

P.S. Want to get further into the Scripture you will hear at worship? Starting, we will finish our last summer series on the Lord’s efforts to restore and renew God’s relationship, the Israelites.

**Our Third Year in the Narrative Lectionary**

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NOTE: The work will be downstairs under the old entrance of the church.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Daniel Rift

So Kind, So Thoughtful, Pastor Alessandri,
On behalf of the Dan Freed family, Pastor Bill and Sue Freed room at Haven following their son’s burial. It made a difficult time there to spend time with family and friends. Everyone at Haven was so kind to us. We appreciate your thoughtful words and actions.

May God continue to bless the ministry at Haven.

Blessings,

Marlene Hill Bereavement Ministry at Broadfording Bible Brethren Church

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(All thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.)

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HELPING THE RESIDENTS OF HOLLY PLACE —

wisher detergent (liquid or powder), and dish soap for the thex for you in which to place your items.

EVANGELISM TEAM

BLOCK PARTY HUGE SUCCESS — The Evangelism Team Block party. We offer many thanks to those who planned a sucees and was another way that Haven members did God’s work. Our team is finalizing work on the new Haven brochures. We are re-organizing the visitor bags and will be using them with worshipping with us.

Other projects are in the works, and we will announce them to a great church year where we will serve people both at Home.

PARISH EDUCATION TEAM

The Super Saturday Events where a success. We were able perhero.

BOX TOPS — Please continue to collect Box Tops for Fountaindale Elementary School. Please make sure to check the expiration date, and don't accidentally cut it off! Thanks to everyone for helping with this community service project!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — TO MEET SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

Women's Bible Study group has met on the fourth Thursday of most months. Starting in September, the group will meet on the second Thursday of each month. The group will meet at 1:00 pm in the Education Building at Haven Lutheran Church. The group will begin a fascinating new study series entitled "The Spirit of the New Testament," which looks at the book of Jonah "and the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad hero."

All women are invited to join us for scripture study & fellowship.

PARISH LIFE TEAM

Ladies Night Out — Ladies reserve the date October 18, 2016
DAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Our program is excited to open with the study of the Creation and our personal relationship with humankind. Welcoming the children to school is the goal. We are thrilled to have Liz Triplett and Shaun Rollins in pre-k and kindergarten; Cindy Rho and Linda in grade; Tahnee Haupt and Dawn Tice in 3rd through 5th grade. Classes meet on Monday after school for 11 to 12. Please plan on attending these class times, we have planned special events on your Sunday class times, we have planned special events on

TWO WAYS TO CHIME

· Adult Choir rehearsals will begin on September 18th, with Mrs. Vivian as the director. Adult Choir rehearsals will begin on September 11th.

· Handbell rehearsals will begin on September 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Music Room next to the Pastor’s office.

CHIMES

We will now have 2 opportunities, depending upon your group before and is comfortable musically, the group we begin rehearsals on September 11th and 25th, 2016. Each week after Sunday school to work on a piece for presentation to the congregation. This group plays hymn tunes with harmonies arranged by the leader. The new element this fall will be our Chimes Prep group. This group will be composed of 5th grade and third Sundays of the month for about a half hour after school to gain experience and comfort in playing, it will begin this group on the month. Each month we will have a new piece for the group to learn and perform. The group will be directed by Ms. Veronika.

CHIMES PREP

My Dear Haven Family,

I had the opportunity to attend the Lay School of Theology at Gettysburg Seminary this summer. It was an experience that I will always treasure. Our theme for the week was Christian Identity in Erfurt, Germany and are both graduates of Gettysburg Seminary. Our topic was the theology of Martin Luther by examining many of Luther’s writings and allowing us to analyze and interpret what he believed Luther was saying to us. Claudia was our Hebrew Bible expert and presented on the book of Psalms, studying the structure and meaning of the Psalms as the personal prayers of the Hebrew people. Everything we learned was applicable to our lives today.

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Nancy Newkirk

COMMUNITY LIFE TEAM

· Thursday, September 15, 2 pm in the Church Parlor—BOOK CLUB

· Book Club: A SHORT HISTORY OF NEARLY EVERYTHING by Bill Bryson, a travelogue of science from the Big Bang to the rise of civilization, & is our main selection. Join us for a cup of tea & discussion on September 18th.

· September 29th, 7:00 pm in the Church Parlor—PARISH LIFE TEAM

· Parish Life Team: Thursday, September 15, 2 pm in the Church Parlor—BOOK DRIVE

· Book Drive: Out of print, unwanted, new, and used children’s books (ages birth–eleven) will be collected in the narthex. These books will be used as donations to non-profit agencies throughout Washington County who will ensure they get into the hands of at-risk children. Your participation with this book drive helps with important literacy efforts in Washington County!

THE HA VEN HANDLE REHEARSALS

· Handbell Rehearsals will begin on September 12th, at 6:00 p.m. We will be returning for practice at this time and we will be performing during worship on every step of the way. God’s blessings to all. Nancy Newkirk.

COMMUNITY BOOK DRIVE—Please help collect books for the Book Drive that Haven will again support this year. We are looking for unwanted, new, and used children’s books (ages birth–eleven) to be donated to the Book Drive box located in the narthex. We will collect books the entire month of September. The books will be picked up, sorted, counted, and boxed then distributed to non-profit agencies throughout Washington County who will ensure they get into the hands of at-risk children. Your participation with this book drive helps with important literacy efforts in Washington County!

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GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS WEEKEND

Lutheran churches throughout the country will be doing God’s Work. Our Hands to help in the hands of at-risk children. Your participation with this book drive helps with important literacy efforts in Washington County!

LUTHERAN TOGETHER HELP

September 10th, 2016, at 7:00 pm

Contact:  Paula and Kershner Wyatt
301 223-6064 or at pvwyatt@gmail.com or kswyatt1@gmail.com

So far there are seven persons that need our help to tend to