



HAVEN MESSENGER

Haven Mission Statement

(adopted 2/26/06 by Haven Church)

"To honor God, to reach out with love to our members and the community and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ."



May 2022

WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON + FACEBOOK LIVE Sunday mornings at 9:30 am

Worship Service with Communion in person in the church sanctuary Worship Service LIVE on the Haven Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Haven-Lutheran-Church-134647913268366>) or access by clicking the 'F' icon in the upper right corner of the Haven website www.havenlc.org.



Gettysburg Seminary once had a quarterly newsletter for the loyal community who regularly attended the summer “Lay School of Theology” and other weekend retreats on campus. Somehow, I became co-editor of the newsletter with a woman I had met at Lay School. For several years, we’d meet in Gettysburg for an intensive 24 hours of writing, sorting, snipping clip art, arranging, proofing and proofing again.

When we were finally done, I felt “done” and just wanted to hand it over for duplication and head home. As I would scurry to pack up and leave after the newsletter blitz, my friend would stop me. “You need to admire it before you leave it.” she would say. Then she would set out each page --- comment on a good item or flow of material, laugh at a cartoon or pun, recall a memory about a person mentioned. She would end with thoughts about how people were going to enjoy it and the fun we had as we shared meals and work. It’s a rather profound lesson, don’t you think? *Before you go on to the next thing, stop, admire and take pleasure in what you’ve done.*

It’s a lesson I too quickly and often forget in the busyness of life and ministry. After a week of Holy Week services and a Council Retreat, I’m off to working on next Sunday’s bulletin, May’s newsletter and nailing down coverage while I’m away on vacation. What about stopping to savor the fun of Easter morning? What about looking at the good sharing and thinking at the Council Retreat? Yes, I know there are notes to be made about what to do differently next time and things to get done. Yet when I forget to *stop, admire and take pleasure in what I’ve done or been a part of doing*, I may miss out.

This “admiring and taking pleasure” isn’t about bragging or flaunting. It’s about

stopping to notice the good things and God's hand in it, whether it's a worship service, your garden, a meal you shared with friends or family, a nice conversation during coffee fellowship or a surprising cross of lilies on Easter. It's about being grateful. It's about celebrating what God has been able to accomplish through us and marveling at what God accomplished that we had not expected. It's about letting the Holy Spirit remind us of the "why" behind our efforts. It's about fortifying our hearts and spirits with the joy of little or surprising wonders and with imagining God's delight.

The next time you or a team of folks finish a project for or through the Body of Christ at Haven... the next time worship or a coffee fellowship is concluded... the next time you have mowed the church's lawn or called an absent member... the next time you've finished teaching a class or read what was collected for Holly Place or the Building Faith Together fund.... The next time, *before you go on to the next thing, stop, admire and take pleasure in what was done.* Sidle right up next to God and admire the beauty, the people who have been blessed, the ministry done in Jesus' name. Before you go on to the next thing, take pleasure in the glimmers of God's kingdom and love that the Holy Spirit empowered and revealed in our human efforts. Admire and take pleasure. Take a rest and revel. Then, with a knowing smile of curiosity, wonder what the God of resurrection power just might be up to next. It will most likely be empty-tomb good.

He is Risen. *He is risen, indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Your pastor and partner in ministry,
Linda M. Alessandri

COUNCIL



PASTOR ALESSANDRI AWAY April 25 – May 3 After "Bowling for Kids" on our "Haven Hallelujah" Team to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters on April 24th, Pastor Alessandri will head off for time with family. She will return to the office May 4. If you are in need of pastoral care, please do not hesitate to contact **Pastor Lee Brumback** (St. Paul's Lutheran, Funkstown) at **540-335-1710**.

AFTER OUR LENTEN AND EASTER OFFERINGS TOWARD THE LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF FOR UKRAINE, Haven sent \$7,875 (!!) that will become \$15,750 once matching funds are added! Blessed to be a blessing. Pray for peace. If you wish to make further donations to LDF's work in Ukraine, make your check out to *Lutheran Disaster Response* and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "*Eastern Europe Crisis*" on the memo line. You can also contribute on-line at <https://lwr.org>

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY



Attention God Squad Explorers and Parents!

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven



times? Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV) Our God Squad Explorers, Ethan, Tanner, Rayleigh, Georgia, Daniel, Emma and Charlie, experienced Adventures in Forgiveness on April 6th. Jim presented the story of forgiveness before and after



Jesus' birth. The Explorers then traveled successfully through a maze in the Sanctuary by selecting the solution of forgiveness for each of the scenarios Cindy presented to them. Mike sang a song about forgiveness and Robin explained how ripples produced in water by a stone represent the ripples of forgiveness. The Explorers then placed stickers with the positive effects' forgiveness can have on them and others on their ripple craft. To further demonstrate the spreading ripples of forgiveness the

Explorers enjoyed dropping a weighted object into a large pan of water to produce ripples. At the conclusion of their Sunday school lesson, they received a special Easter treat baked for them by Marge.

Adventures in God's Nature is planned for our explorers on Sunday, May 1st at 10:45 a.m. Masks are optional. We ask that a parent or grandparent attend with our preschoolers to help us make the most of our diverse-aged group of explorers. Thank you.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Our Women's Bible Study group will begin a new study series on Thursday, May 26, starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Adult Sunday School room. Please join us as we delve into Scripture and learn more about how God is working in and through us. The study can be found in the May issue of "Gather" magazine. Copies may be obtained from the mobile message board or from Elaine Michael. All women are welcome.



FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER



WOW! As of April 17, we have received **\$85,700.30**, toward retiring our 7-year, \$100,000 loan! Thank you to all who have made their promised contributions and to all who made special ones toward this project.

PARISH LIFE

HAVEN'S BOOK CLUB – SOLD ON A MONDAY by Kristina McMorris is our selection for **May 19**. Inspired by an actual news-paper photograph that stunned the nation this is a powerful novel of love, redemption, & the unexpected paths that bring us home. Plan to join us at **2:00** pm for interesting discussion & a cup of tea. - Joan Schupp



WORSHIP

SUNDAY WORSHIP READINGS

May 1	Acts 9:1-6, 7-20, Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19
May 8	Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30
May 15	Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35
May 22	Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5, John 14:23-29
May 29	Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26

WORSHIP LEADERS & HELPERS SCHEDULE

	Assist. Minister	Acolyte	Ushers
May 1	Danny Kiblinger	Austin Suchy	Amy Mason, Kathleen Kline Marge Cunningham <i>Flowers: NEEDED Host(s): NEEDED</i>
May 8	Terry Trovinger	Ethan Rhodes	Will Seilhamer, Kim Pile, NEEDED <i>Flowers: NEEDED Host(s): NEEDED</i>
May 15	Aura Neikirk	Melita Kaplan	Bob Snyder, Susan Strobl, Elaine Michael <i>Flowers: NEEDED Host(s): Charlotte Loveless, Bob Snyder, Elaine Michael</i>
May 22	Marge Cunningham	Piper Meredith	Kathy Wright, Scott Rhodes Georgie Kauffman <i>Flowers: NEEDED Host(s): NEEDED</i>
May 29	Terry Trovinger	Austin Suchy	Amy Mason, Kathleen Kline Marge Cunningham <i>Flowers: NEEDED Host(s): NEEDED</i>

Securing the Building in May: Kris Fignar and Charlotte Loveless

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

May 3 Team 4 – Sue Strobl, Millie Strange, Valerie Wills, Sandy Powell
May 13 Team 3 – Joan Schupp, Kathy Wright, Linda Clark, Kris Fignar

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Haven Lutheran Church, Thank you for your gift of \$492 and \$725 to Lutheran Disaster Response... Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters... In Christ, Robin Brown, Director of Congregational Generosity

Dear Haven,

Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ at Haven. Mom is doing well and has committed to financially supporting Haven. Praying always that God would bless your ministry, In Christ Bill Zinkand

(c/o Dorothy Zinkand 5 Woods Road Elkton, MD 21921)

Dear Haven,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards and all you have done for Darylene it is greatly appreciated. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, Don Blickenstaff

HAVEN BLESSING BOX



HAVEN'S BLESSING BOX – donations are needed for our Blessing Box. Haven's Blessing Box is intended to function as a small neighborhood pantry, offering shelf stable items to those who have a need. **Needs for May:** We are in need of canned items such as: tuna, soup, Chef Boy R Dee pastas, Mac & cheese. We specifically would like items with pull tabs. The donation box is located in the narthex. Thanks to all who have made donations.

HUNGER TEAM

EASTER FOOD BASKETS - Thank you to everyone for their generous donations to the food baskets.

HAVEN GARDEN & HARVEST FOR HUNGER



Faith growing at Haven Lutheran Church with oversized zucchini. One day the zucchini are blossoms, small and still needing time on the vine...and it seems overnight, they are popping off the stem. About the size of a small baseball bat. How does that happen? Faith ministry is sometimes a mystery. What are we talking about? For over a decade the Haven Garden has provided a bounty of fresh

veggies and flowers for the congregation. You take what you need and give what you can. This support goes to the Hunger Team, that in turn supports St. Mark's food bank and Micah's Backpack. Our garden needs prayers, hands, love, water, faith, bended knees, families, patience, thanks. Individuals, families and friends can partner with a Haven member or invite a neighbor to come with them and share in this fellowship. We are all learning, sharing and growing in God's love.

Currently our garden friends are Kris Fignar, Cindy, Scott and Ethan Rhodes, Dave Kaplan, Amy Mason, and Pastor Alessandri. Contact Amy Mason for questions at 301-393-0794, amy.mason64@outlook.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

HARC Hike for Hunger & Hope - June 4 (Challenge Hike June 11)



**Main Hike: Saturday, June 4
4K, 10K, half marathon hikes on
C & O Canal Towpath
Challenge Hike: Saturday, June 11
20-mile hike on the Appalachian Trail**

This is HARC's largest FUNdraiser of the year, and an opportunity to get out and enjoy the beautiful outdoors, fellowship and fun, while raising funds for HARC and Micah's Backpack. Please consider participating, sponsoring, and/or sharing information in your congregation and circles. For more information visit the HARC website or click this link if viewing the Haven Messenger online [link](#).

RESTORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Join a team of invaluable volunteers at the ReStore! Multiple positions to fit any skill/interest level. Volunteer Benefits: Flexible schedule / 20% store discount / Rewarding work / Plus, for a limited time receive \$20 a month in ReStore cash for up to 6 months. Phone number is 301-745-5457

COFFMAN NURSING HOME LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS – Coffman Nursing

Home has a new Activities Director, Mary Chaney, and she is looking for volunteers. Volunteers must submit evidence of their Covid vaccinations.

Mary can be reached at 301-733-2914, Ext .1144.

HOSPICE “HEARTS OF HOPE” BEREAVEMENT GROUP CURRENTLY MEETING AT HAVEN

– Hearts of Hope is an ongoing and open (no-cost) grief support group for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. Hearts of Hope group meetings are offered a total of 4 times a month on the following days: 1st and 3rd Mondays (10:30am-12noon), as well as the 2nd and 4th Thursdays (5:30-7pm). Adult attendees are welcome to join the meetings in-person (located in the parlor), or virtually via Zoom. For more information, please call Hospice of Wash. Co. at 301-791-6360 or email Maria Reed at mdreed@hospiceofwc.org.

HELP US GET THE WORD OUT, HAVEN!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Look who's celebrating special days this month!!!



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Tatiana Defriece	05/02	Ethan Rhodes	05/13
Piper Meredith	05/04	Morgan Haupt	05/15
Sophia Keller	05/05	Emily Butsch	05/17
Simon Lightfoot	05/05	Ohna Baker	05/20
Tanaya Richards	05/07	Ed Yelinek	05/20
Prue Yelinek	05/10	Millie Strange	05/21
Brian Pile	05/11	Lynda Byers	05/29
Sue Nelson	05/12	Scott Rhodes	05/29
Barbara Miller	05/13		

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

Stephen & Georgetta Kauffman
05/01

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

Tatiana Defriece	05/03	Doug Wright	05/18
Jensen Richards	05/07	Margaret Manspeaker	05/21
Jean Carbaugh	05/13	Hannah Tice-Stouffer	05/21
William Byers	05/14	Benjamin Lightfoot	05/29
Kathy Amos	05/18		

Is your special day missing or incorrect?

If so, please contact the church office so we can update our list.
We want to celebrate all of our members' special days with them.

Haven's Favorite Hymns Survey

Please let us know which hymns you like the most! You may choose from among the hymns listed below, or write in your own (if you can, please give the ELW or WOV hymn #). Since we know it is often difficult to pick a favorite, you *may* vote for up to 5 hymns BUT mark your MOST favorite #1. The top vote-getters will be incorporated into the service on May 15th as part of our Music Sunday celebration. Once you are done, please leave this paper in the offering plate, or put it in the plastic shelf on the church office door. **Deadline: May 8**

Write a checkmark or X next to your favorites - *remember*, choose up to 5 hymns, put a #1 by your most favorite:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amazing Grace ELW #779 | <input type="checkbox"/> Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ELW #836 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Mighty Fortress ELW #503 | <input type="checkbox"/> Just a Closer Walk With Thee ELW #697 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blessed Assurance ELW #638 | <input type="checkbox"/> Let Us Break Bread Together ELW #471 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earth and All Stars! ELW #731 | <input type="checkbox"/> Now Thank We All Our God ELW #840 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Here I Am, Lord ELW #574 | <input type="checkbox"/> Eternal Father, Strong to Save ELW #756 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How Great Thou Art ELW #856 | <input type="checkbox"/> What a Friend We Have in Jesus ELW #742 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Love to Tell the Story ELW #661 | <input type="checkbox"/> Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! ELW #413 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jesus Loves Me! ELW #595 | <input type="checkbox"/> It Is Well with My Soul (When Peace Like a River) ELW #785 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On Eagle's Wings ELW #787 | <input type="checkbox"/> The Church's One Foundation ELW #654 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shine, Jesus, Shine ELW #671 | <input type="checkbox"/> What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine ELW #774 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lift High the Cross ELW #660 | |

Or, write in your own favorites:

Thank you! Please return this sheet to the church or email your response to the church office at havenoffice@havenlc.org.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UPS – Please sign up for altar flowers on the signup sheets located on the bulletin board (cost: \$41).



FELLOWSHIP TIME IS BACK AT HAVEN!

Please sign up to assist with our Fellowship Time (aka: Coffee Hour) on the sign-up board in the narthex.



ORDER YOUR RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

Geraniums are **\$4.00** each and you can order as many as you wish. The deadline to order Geraniums is Sunday, May 22nd.

Geranium order form/envelopes can be found in the narthex.

Please complete the front of the form/envelope and return to the church office or offering plate. If you prefer to do it by mail you can send a check with the *information below to the church. Orders must be received by May 22nd in the church office. You can also order by emailing the church at havenoffice@havenlc.org (with *information below) and placing a check in the offering plate, donation box on the parsonage back porch or by mailing it to the church.

***Please include:**

Your name: _____ Number of plants: ____ Payment Total: _____

In whose memory or honor you wish to dedicate the plants:

Please put "geraniums" on the memo line of checks or on envelopes with cash.



GRADUATES FOR 2022: Are you or do you have a graduate from high school, tech school or college? If so please let the office know so we can celebrate them. You can add their name to the attendance sheet on Sunday's at worship or you can email the church at havenoffice@havenlc.org with the name of the graduate, where they are graduating from and if a degree is given what is the degree name. Thank you!

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May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Noisy/Hunger Offering 9 ³⁰ am Worship 10 ³⁰ am Fellowship 10 ⁴⁵ am God Squad 11am Adult Sunday School	2 10 ³⁰ am Hospice Hearts of Hope 6pm Bells 6 ³⁰ pm Boy Scouts 7pm Barbershop 7pm Property Team mtg.	3 1pm AFG 3 pm Spiritual Learning Circle 6 ³⁰ Friends in Service 7pm Choir	4 10am Bible Study 6 ³⁰ pm Cub Scouts	5 5pm BBBS Big/Little Act. night 6 ³⁰ pm CoDa	6 5 ³⁰ pm AFG	7
Pastor Alessandri – away thru May 3rd. For pastoral care, contact Pastor Lee Brumback at 540-335-1710.						
8 Mother's Day 9 ³⁰ am Worship 10 ³⁰ am Fellowship 11am Adult Sunday School	9 6pm Bells 6 ³⁰ pm Boy Scouts 7pm Barbershop 7pm Worship Team mtg.	10 1pm AFG 7pm Choir	11 10am Bible Study 6 ³⁰ pm Cub Scouts	12 5pm BBBS Board mtg. 5 ³⁰ Hospice Hearts of Hope 6 ³⁰ pm CoDa	13 5 ³⁰ pm AFG	14
				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> May 12-14 DE-MD Synod Assembly </div>		
						

15 <i>Holly Place</i> <i>Offering</i> <i>Music Sunday</i> 9 ³⁰ am Worship 10 ³⁰ am Fellowship 11am Adult Sunday School 12 pm Confirmation	16 10 ³⁰ am Hospice Hearts of Hope 6 pm Bells 6 ³⁰ pm Boy Scouts 7pm Council 7pm Barbershop	17 1pm AFG 7pm Choir	18 10am Bible Study 6 ³⁰ pm Cub Scouts	19 2pm Book Club 5:30 pm Confirmation 6 pm HOA Mtg.for West Irvin 6 ³⁰ pm CoDa	20 5 ³⁰ pm AFG	21
22 9 ³⁰ am Worship 10 ³⁰ am Fellowship 11am Adult Sunday School	23 6pm Bells 6 ³⁰ pm Boy Scouts 7pm Barbershop	24 1pm AFG 7pm Choir	25 10 am Bible Study 6 ³⁰ pm BBBS Board mtg. 6 ³⁰ pm Cub Scouts	26 10am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Confirmation 5 ³⁰ Hospice Hearts of Hope 6 ³⁰ pm CoDa	27 5 ³⁰ pm AFG	28
29 9 ³⁰ am Worship 10 ³⁰ am Fellowship 11am Adult Sunday School	30 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED 6pm Bells 6 ³⁰ pm Boy Scouts 7pm Barbershop 	31 1pm AFG	1 10 am Bible Study 6 ³⁰ pm Cub Scouts	2 5pm BBBS Big/Little Act. night 6 ³⁰ pm CoDa	3 5 ³⁰ pm AFG	4

CoDa—Co-Dependents Anonymous **A.F.G.**—Al-Anon Family Group
B.B.B.S.—Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington Co.

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