

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."



August 2022

WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON + FACEBOOK LIVE **Saturday evenings at 5:00 pm and Sunday mornings at 9:30 am**

Worship Service with Communion in person in the church sanctuary.

Sunday Worship Service is also 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.)



Message
from the
Pastor

Do you cook or bake by using a recipe or just putting together ingredients and their amounts by “feel”? If faced with something to assemble, do you look at the picture and just start in or do you prefer to follow step by step directions? I am definitely a recipe and directions sort, though I have a great deal of respect and admiration for those who can operate without them. No matter how you may go about it, however, there is still a goal for which you are aiming, whether it's constructing an apple pie, chicken soup, bookcase or tricycle.

Yet, imagine receiving a pile of seemingly random parts and materials — no pictures — and being told to put “it” together. Some might get excited about the challenge of a puzzle. Many would be a bit anxious, especially not knowing what “it” - the final product — is supposed to be. After all, how will you know if your have “it” right?

God has brought together here at Haven a variety of people with an assortment of gifts, interests, personalities and style. It may seem rather like a random, sometimes motley, sometimes miraculous collection of folks called “church.” Yet in God's hands the diversity is not mere chance but an intentional gathering of disciples with God given purpose, potential and power. Through Jesus, we know that purpose and power is not given to merely guard memories or maintain an institution but to bear God's love and gospel into the world.

We've had almost a year and a half to "settle in" together. It's been a time of blessing and building. Now it's time for the next adventure. There's this collection of talents and passions God has given Haven. And out of it we are to assemble our call into gospel action on behalf of God and God's saving mission. What are those talents and passions? When we put them together, what will our ministry of love into the community look like?

I may be one who prefers recipes and step-by-step directions, but when it comes to working with God's ingredients, creativity and goodness, I think I'll trade in my anxiety for anticipation. God has been preparing us for amazing work in Jesus's name. What is it? I say we get curious and eager and excited. After all, God's dreams and creations are the best! Amen? Amen.

Your pastor and partner in ministry,
Pastor Linda M Alessandri

CELEBRATING WITH TWO OF OUR GRADUATES

Daniel Kline is off to "big boy" school this September. Kindergarten here he comes!

Aura Neikirk, graduate of Tech High, is already working in the medical field at Meritus and Fahrney-Keedy. She plans on attending Hagerstown Community College in the Spring to continue her nursing training.

A special thanks to Debbie Jo Kline who sewed the comforter we gave to Aura. May she always know she is wrapped in God's love and ours, too.



COUNCIL

SAVE THE DATE FOR HAVEN'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC!

September 18, 2022 ~ 10:30 am ~ Doub's Wood Park (South Pavilion)
More details to come in our September Haven Messenger newsletter and bulletins.

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

DID YOU KNOW?

ETHAN RHODES is the goalie for the Williamsport U9 Dragons. They ended the regular season with 7 wins and 1 loss!



PIPER MEREDITH finished 2nd overall in the Western Maryland Under Armour Tour. She just finished the high school summer series and shot an 82 and an 87 at Black Rock Gold course from the red tees! She's trying out for the Boonsboro High team on August 10th. Go get 'em, Piper!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – will meet for study & discussion of Scripture on **Thursday, August 25 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parlor. We will be studying Session Three of "Crafted in Christ". The study is included in the July/August issue of "Gather" magazine. Copies are available on the mobile message board or from Elaine Michael. All women are welcome. Please join us!



SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION HAS BEGUN! –

Haven will again be providing school supplies for students at 3 local schools. Please take a tag(s) from the School Supply bulletin board in the narthex, purchase and return your supplies to the church, placing them in boxes labeled "School Supplies." If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please write a check to "Haven Lutheran Church" with "School Supplies" on the Memo line or if you are giving cash, put it in a sealed envelope clearly marked "School Supplies" and place it in the offering plate. All items or monetary **donations should be brought in by Sunday, August 7.** If you watch our services on-line and would like to make an item contribution, please call the church office at 301-733-5056 to get a tag(s). Thank you for your support.

FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER



WOW! As of July 24, 2022, we have received **\$94,905.50** 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 – Plan to join us for a discussion of a recent Best Seller, *THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY* by Amor Towles. Set in 1954, the story follows a crew of kids – some fresh out of reform school -who hit the road in search of a better future, with a few detours along the way. We will meet in the Parlor on **Thursday, August 18 at 2:00 pm**. Hope to see you then – Joan Schupp



HAVEN VISITS THE RED HEIFER WINERY EVENT – Parish Life invites their Haven friends to join them on the patio of the Red Heifer Winery in Smithsburg on **Saturday, August 27th** for music, wine and fellowship. Bring snacks to share and chairs, in case they are needed. Watch for our Red Heifer sign-up sheet to let us know you are coming. Performing from 4 to 6 pm will be Mark England, singer and musician. We will gather at the Winery at 3:30 pm. We hope you will come!

WORSHIP

TWO WORSHIP OPTIONS EACH SUMMER WEEKEND

Saturdays, 5 pm

A spoken Worship Service (no music) with Holy Communion.

Sundays, 9:30 am

Worship Service with music and Holy Communion.

KEEP WORSHIP in your weekend schedule.

We NEED that time in our Lord's presence and a community of God's children.



WEEKLY WORSHIP READINGS

August 7 Genesis 15:1-6, Psalm 33:12-22, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40

August 14 Jeremiah 23:23-29, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11:29--12:2, Luke 12:49-56

August 21 Isaiah 58:9b-14, Psalm 103:1-8, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17

August 28 Proverbs 25:6-7, Psalm 112, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14

9:30 am WORSHIP LEADERS & HELPERS SCHEDULE

Date	Assist. Minister	Acolyte	Lay Reader	Ushers	Altar Flowers
Aug. 7	Aura Neikirk	Ethan Rhodes	Elaine Michael	Will Seilhamer, Kim Pile, Needed	NEEDED
Aug. 14	Nancy Newkirk	Austin Suchy	Amy Mason	Bob Snyder, Susan Strobl, Elaine Michael	Cindy Rhodes
Aug. 21	Marge Cunningham	Piper Meredith	Nancy Newkirk	Amy Mason, Kathleen Kline, NEEDED	Judy Hoffman
Aug. 28	Nancy Newkirk	Raleigh Dorsey	Elaine Micheal	Kathy Wright, Scott Rhodes, Georgi Kauffman	Sharron Moser

Securing the Building in August: Elaine Michael, Ken Tice

HUNGER MINISTRY

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

August 2 Team 1 – Ed Distad, Jan Merique, Judy Teeter, Becky Plavcan

August 12 Team 2 – Sue Nelson, Pastor Alessandri, Marge Cunningham

THANK YOU NOTES

Haven, Thank you for allowing us to use your facility. The words seem very simple but they carry with them all my appreciation. Thank you so much, Hospice of Washington County Bereavement Team and Hearts of Hope Group Members

Dear friends of Holly Place, On behalf of the residents, staff and the board of Senior Living alternatives, Inc. I would like to thank you all for the very generous donation of \$119.00 to Holly Place...

(Full letters can be found on the curved bulletin board in the narthex.)

HAVEN BLESSING BOX



HAVEN'S BLESSING BOX IS BEING USED OFTEN! Haven's Blessing Box is intended to function as a small neighborhood pantry, offering shelf stable items to those who have a need. It is being consistently used. We have seen people taking out needed food items and others who put in items. We need 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.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



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



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Eric Byers	8/08	Dave Resh	8/15
Thelma Wolf	8/08	Sherrie Cameron	8/17
Don Blickenstaff, Sr.	8/11	James Failor	8/19
Melissa Butsch	8/12	Pastor Linda Alessandri	8/22
Christopher McSherry	8/12	Dallas Defriece	8/23
Will Seilhamer	8/12	John Britton III	8/25
Craig Meredith	8/14	Linda Clark	8/25

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

Bill & Lynda Byers	8/01	Cliff & Sue Britton	8/14
Ann & Jim Conrad	8/04	Sharron & Dick Moser	8/27

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH

Kristin Andrews	8/02	Pat Manspeaker	8/27
Veronica Bergschneider	8/25		

Is your special day missing or incorrect?

If so, please contact the church office to update your information.

We want to celebrate all our member and staff's special days.

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August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6 ³⁰ pm Boy Scouts 7pm Barbershop	1pm AFG	6 ³⁰ pm Cub Scouts	5pm BBBS Big/Little Act. night 6 ³⁰ pm CoDa	5 ³⁰ pm AFG	5pm Worship
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Noisy/Hunger Offering</i> 9 ³⁰ am Worship	6 ³⁰ pm Boy Scouts 7pm Property Team mtg. 7pm Barbershop	1pm AFG	6 ³⁰ pm Cub Scouts	OFFICE CLOSED 5pm BBBS Board mtg. 6 ³⁰ pm CoDa	OFFICE CLOSED 5 ³⁰ pm AFG	5pm Worship
Pastor Alessandri is on vacation August 8-12. Church office will be closed Aug. 11-12 as our Admin. Mary is moving back to MD.						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9 ³⁰ am Worship Deadline for School Supplies	6 ³⁰ pm Boy Scouts 7pm Barbershop 7pm Council	1pm AFG	6 ³⁰ pm Cub Scouts 7pm Worship Team mtg.	2pm Book Club 5pm BBBS Big/Little Act. night 6 ³⁰ pm CoDa	5 ³⁰ pm AFG	5pm Worship
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<i>Holly Place Offering</i> 9 ³⁰ am Worship	6 ³⁰ pm Boy Scouts 7pm Barbershop	1pm AFG	6 ³⁰ pm Cub Scouts 6 ³⁰ pm BBBS Board Mtg.	10am Women's Bible Study 6 ³⁰ pm CoDa	5 ³⁰ pm AFG	4-6pm Red Heifer Winery 5pm Worship (last Sat. Summer Worship)
28	29	30	31			
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CoDa – Co-Dependents Anonymous, **AFG**-Al-Anon Family Group,
BBBS-Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington Co.

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