

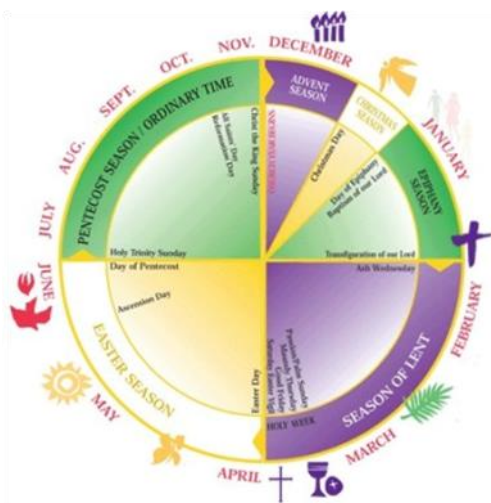
Focus On Making Time

by: The Rev. Chasity L. Wiener

I love this time of year—the mornings are crisper; pumpkins, apples, and sunflowers signal that the growing season is over and harvest has come; and even the leaves begin showing their colorful splendor, as if, to remind us of the beauty of what it is to “let go.”

Marking time is one of the greatest, natural gifts to keep us grounded in the “now.” We are a busy people, who might otherwise work ourselves into a frenzy, without these natural pauses. And, with every seasonal shift, our spirit requires something different of us. We are not the people that we were of the summer. We can’t be...because it was a different kind of rhythm in a season that has since passed.

We also mark time within the church, too, and this year we will mark our 35th anniversary as a church. Think about that! Just 35 years ago, 2% milk was \$1.35 a gallon, Nintendo debuted “Mario Brothers,” a gallon of gas was \$1.25, and Sally Ride became the first woman in space. We have come a long way, baby!



I often wonder what God has in store for the next 35 years for us, as a church? Can you just imagine the possibilities of where we will be? Already, the landscape of the larger Church is changing. People are worshipping differently, too, thanks to technology! Christ is present within that very real, online community just as much as there as in the physical community. It’s exciting to be the church, but, at the same time, folks whom have been around the church for a number of years, may even grieve a little that the larger church as they once knew, is now no longer: Sunday is no longer considered the only day for Sabbath and across all denominations, church membership is down. It’s important to mark that season of grief, too.

I am grateful that, within this changing landscape, folks continue to make HCLC their home, adding their stories among us. We are better for it. It is as if God is taking those scraps of stories and placing them together into one mosaic. How appropriate then, it is to mark our 35th anniversary by creating a stained glass, mosaic piece. On Sunday, October 28th (the closest Sunday to our anniversary!), a local artist—Sue Stockman—will join us so that we might add our “piece” to this stained-glass mosaic to create a masterpiece showing the story of US. Sue crafted a template of the design using some of the comments that you had given on the congregational survey. It will then be our job to choose colors, break glass, and help color that design. On this same Sunday we will have children running around for Trunk or Treat, their vibrant energy reminding us all about our future (how appropriate!).

Please join us, so that perhaps—you can look at that stained glass, mosaic piece and remember that you shaped our community! What a legacy to leave for the next generation to mark where we were on that faithful 35th anniversary day!

Finally, in this joyous celebration, let us also lift up our tagline, “Reaching Out to Share Christ’s Love.” During our year long celebrations, let’s remind ourselves to be more service-oriented, too! You will be hearing soon about a few opportunities to build sustainable housing in some of our poorest countries. But, more on that later! Stay tuned.

It is a privilege marking time with you,

Pastor Chas

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Life Groups: The Dinner Edition

Beginning this fall, we would like to introduce “*Life Groups: the Dinner Edition!*” These are smaller groups which meet in someone's home to enjoy good food, great fellowship, and engage in Faith Five (for more information about “Faith Five,” visit <http://www.faith5.org/> . It is great for all ages (families with young children are most welcomed and hey—if you participate you won't have to cook that night!). It's also a good way to get to know other folks in our community in a cozier setting, while also creating holy time to grow in faith! If you're interested in hosting a *Life Group: the Dinner Edition* this fall, please email Pastor Chas (she will host the first few meetings during the fall to equip you for your own hosting). Hope you see you there!

The Congregational Survey

The Congregational Survey impacts us all. We are not only in a time of marking our 35th anniversary of serving in our community, but we also need to cast a vision of what ministry looks like in the future, especially in a changing climate of “how to BE the church.” Please take 4 minutes (no, really, that's it) to answer a few questions that are vital in putting this vision down on paper and begin living into that vision. Your voice is really important and we are making the bold and ambitious goal to have 100% participation, as to capture ALL your voices! Follow this link and do it today so you won't forget tomorrow <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2SGTJDR>

Eat Out & Raise Money for Our Church at the Same Time!

On October 29, Youth will host a fund raiser at the Forest Hill Chick-fil-A. Our church will receive a portion of the proceeds of every purchase when Holy Communion Lutheran is mentioned at the time of the order. 50% of this money will go to a dedicated account for the next Gathering, and 50% will go to the CARES Fund, to help those in need. You can go to Forest Hill Chick-fil-A at any time on this day, from breakfast to dinner. Hope to see you there!



Member Spotlight

by Carrie Dorsey

What brought you to HCLC?

“Russ and I moved to Fallston when Amanda was four months old. Sixteen months later Sara joined us. As soon as the girls were older I started to look for a Lutheran church close to home. HCLC was the first place I tried and I never looked elsewhere. I had found a church home.”

What do you see as your gifts to serve God, God's people, and the church?

“I enjoying planning and teaching.”

Favorite ice cream flavor?

“Marsh Mud-- the ultimate chocolate fudge ice cream made by the Island Creamery in Chincoteague, VA.”

What is something people may be surprised to know about you?

“I am a board certified Occupational and Environmental Medicine physician.”

What bible verse is meaningful to you?

“Matthew 5:15-16 “People don't light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way let your light shine in front of people. Then they will see the good that you do and praise your Father in heaven.” Even on the worst day I can smile and know that my light shines for others. ”

How do you serve at HCLC?

“I am the new Sunday School director, I teach Sunday School and VBS, and I serve on the Mutual Ministry committee”



Infant Safety

by: Barb Huber

The special day finally arrived; your family now has a new addition. This special little person needs you to protect her/him and keep him/her safe. What can you do as new parents?

- Use a rear facing infant safety seat placed in the back seat until the child weighs 20 pounds.
- Keep emergency phone numbers next to the phone: EMS, Fire, Police, Hospital, Physician, and Poison Control.
- Install smoke detectors outside the area where the baby sleeps, test the alarm monthly and replace batteries twice a year.
- Develop and practice a fire escape plan.
- Keep a working fire extinguisher in the house.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector.
- Install shock stops on all outlets.
- Always keep one hand on the infant if placed on a high surface.
- Make sure electrical cords are not frayed and placed out of reach.
- Inspect chimneys and fireplace yearly, check for proper venting.
- Store dangerous items out of reach and secure (medications, poisons, cleaning supplies).
- Adjust the maximum temperature on water heater to 120 degrees, do not use more than 1 to 2 inches of water in the tub and stay with infant the WHOLE time.
- Make sure items you are using for your infant have not been recalled.
- Crib safety: crib mattress should fit snugly, distance between crib slates must be less than 2 3/8 inches, do not place anything in the crib with the infant.



As the infant grows and becomes mobile home safety must be reconsidered. Safety article for next month toddler and child safety.

With blessings, Barb Huber RN, PHN

"Thanksgiving" Worship

The Thanksgiving worship service and dinner will be held at Fallston United Methodist Church (1509 Fallston Road) on November 18th. Potluck meal begins at 5:30, and worship begins at 6:45. Please join in the potluck dinner by bringing a dish to share! If your last name begins with A - H bring side dish or salad, I - S bring main dish, or T - Z bring dessert. Participating churches include Fallston Presbyterian, St. Mark Roman Catholic Church, Fallston United Methodist, and Holy Communion Lutheran Church.



Blessing of the Pets

Grab Fido, Kitty, or any other furry, feathery, or scaly family member for a special blessing at Holy Communion Lutheran Church!

Our ministry partner, the Fallston Animal Rescue Movement (FARM) will also join us that day, and will bring a few animals who are in need of "fur-ever" homes. We will also collect donations from FARM's wish list (see below).

For animals who may be aggressive, or may not do well with crowds, feel free to bring a picture of your pet. Also, we will have a special pet memorial for those who have lost their pet.

FARM Wish List

- * Training pads
- * Bounty select-a-size paper towels
- * Thick nylon leash
- * Adjustable dog harness
- * Arm & Hammer HE liquid laundry detergent
- * Germ-X hand sanitizer
- * Lysol disinfecting wipes
- * Odor neutralizing spray
- * Pet shampoo
- * Pig ears for dogs
- * Greenies pill pockets
- * Contractor (thick) trash bags
- * Checks made out to FARM
- * Cash



Sunday School News

by: Carrie Dorsey

I hope that your children are sharing what they have been learning and doing in Sunday School. We have been having fun singing songs, racing to be the last to cross the finish line and making crosses. As October starts the children will be hearing about Adam and Eve and how God created us and uses us to care for all of creation. We will learn to put our faith in God and not things as well as discuss ways we can serve God.

We will be celebrating Reformation on Sunday October 28th. This will be our first "Family Sunday" so look for some twists in the worship service and then join us for a potluck lunch, games, crafts and Trunk or Treat after the 10:15 service. All ages welcome and needed to make this a great Intergenerational Worship and Fellowship experience.

Volunteers Needed!! Substitute teachers and youth helpers!!



Please let me know if you are able to give some of your time for a Sunday a month or a Sunday a quarter.

There will be Sunday School Meeting on Sunday October 6th at 9:45 AM in the Parlor.

For questions or to volunteer please e-mail me at SundaySchool@HolyCommunionFallston.org.

Upcoming Youth Dates:

October 7th—Blessing of the Pets
October 19-21—FreeRide
October 28th—Fall Fest
October 28th—Trunk-Or-Treat
October 29th—Chick-Fil-A
Fundraiser Day



Hurricane Relief Offering

We collected \$437 for hurricane relief! Many thanks to our incredibly generous HCLC family!



Scouting

Are you ready for new adventures? Cub Scout Pack 899 is accepting new members. Pack 899 is for boys in K through 5th grades. Cub Scouting combines outdoor activities, sports, academics, and more in a fun and exciting program that helps boys become more confident, grow spiritually, become better citizens, and learn valuable life skills while having fun. For additional information, please contact: Lee Lefkowitz (lee_lefkowitz@hotmail.com; 410-937-7162) or Thomas Burke (cubmaster@pack899fallston.org). Additional information is available at: <http://pack899fallston.org>.



35th Anniversary

Our church turns 35 this year! We are planning a big celebration to honor the occasion! We are looking for volunteers or historians to help plan the celebration! If you are interested in helping out, please see Pastor Chas.



The Peace

by Pastor Bob Ridenour

Several years ago (the 1970s) a controversy within the Protestant church was in full flower. This controversy was over what the “Peace” was all about, and why it was being used more and more in worship. This issue has today become less and less, but still the “Peace” and its meaning is misunderstood by many Christians.

What is it, and why do we do it?

The peace serves many purposes, but the major one is to affirm our oneness with one another—and with our Lord Jesus Christ. Originally (many centuries ago), it was—and still is in many places—called “the Kiss of Peace.” Christ and those close to Christ act with joy and love toward others. That is what peace is. It is a hope and a prayer for good and justice for all. It is shared with friend and stranger, with people we like and people we don’t, and even (maybe especially) with “enemies and those who hate us” or whom we hate. This is a direct command from the Lord.

The peace is a concrete expression of Christian love towards God, and to all. The peace is not simply a time to greet or visit with our friends. It is instead a holy time, a time to share God’s love. It is a time to embrace the Lord himself.

We share the “Peace” not only weekly in church, but each day in all we think, say, and do. As scripture says, “Peace be with us all.”

Traveling? Not Feeling Well? Can’t Come to Church? Holy Communion Comes to YOU!

People get sick. People travel. We understand that and try to find new ways that you can still remain connected with our community. While you are away, join any service by watching our webcam at webcam.HolyCommunionFallston.org

This is an innovative way to connect the gifts of technology to practical faith. However, this gift of technology comes with its own limitations, in that, this webcam can never fully create the sense of community that one is part by actually being in the pews. The webcam is on for all services and only shows the front portion of the sanctuary. The webcam works on most devices (smartphones, tablets, PCs, iPhones®, and iPads®). It does not work on Amazon Kindle Fire® tablets.

Let us know if you are watching our services.

Please send comments or issues relating to the broadcast to webcam@HolyCommunionFallston.org



Youth News

by Bridget Strama, Youth Leader

Fall Fest

We are gearing up for a very busy October! Our annual Reformation Trunk or Treat will be held after second service on October 28. We are currently taking volunteers who would like to decorate their trunks. We will also have a box for candy donations so those decorating their trunks can focus on making them as fun as possible. This year, we will have food, games and a moon bounce. Invite your friends as well!



Kindness Rocks

Our Kindness Rock event was a huge success! Be on the lookout in our community for the beautiful rocks decorated by the Congregation of Holy Communion.



If you spot one of these painted rocks around HCLC or in the nearby community, please share it on our Facebook page.

Kindness Rocks!

FreeRide

Three youth from our church will be attending “FreeRide”, a synod-level weekend of service projects, faith-filled discussions, and relationship-building in small groups. FreeRide includes workshops and networking for adults, as well as opportunities to worship together.

During FreeRide, participants will be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief to send to refugee camps all over the world. Here is the complete list of items needed:

- * 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper. No loose leaf, please
- * 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- * pencil sharpener
- * pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- * unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- * black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- * 2 ½” eraser
- * sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag,
- * Crayons (boxes of 24 or 16)

Thank you for helping us make it possible for children around the world to be prepared for their education!



Think Tank

The Think Tank will gather for their next meeting on Thursday, October 25th from 7-8 pm at the church. Come out and help brain storm and plan for our upcoming youth and family events.



Lovin' Life Seniors

by Nancy Campbell

LOVIN' LIFE SENIORS

Our goal is to offer friendship and support to one another through social events. Please join us! Invite your friends! Our 2018 schedule and sign-up sheets for upcoming events are posted on the senior's bulletin board in the hallway. Please read the Sunday bulletins and Bread and Wine for any changes to the schedule below. All activities take place on 2nd Tuesdays of the month unless otherwise noted.

2018 CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 9 at noon

Wargo's Restaurant—Jarrettsville Road, Forest Hill

Tuesday, November 13 at noon

Mountain Branch Restaurant Rte.152

Tuesday, December 11 at noon

Union Hotel—Port Deposit or Manor Tavern--
Monkton

We welcome new ideas as well as new members. If interested contact: Nancy Campbell 410-836-7688; Frances Gosnell 410-893-4622; Jeanette Hastings 410-893-7590; Pat Kellermann 410-679-4624; Ellen Priebe 410-679-8655.

"Good Grief" Group

The Good Grief group meets, on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm. Their next meeting will be **October 16th** at the church.



October Birthdays



Beth Caughy—10/01
Ken Sanner—10/01
Sadie Griffith—10/02
David Oberender—10/02
Kyleigh Weaver—10/03
Michelle Williams—10/04
Amanda Kisner—10/05
Charles Cole—10/06
Luke Krieger—10/06
Lars Lefkowitz—10/06
Grace Pennington—10/06
Alexander Hafner—10/07
Lynne Strausser—10/08
Cass Brown—10/11
Kim Hafner—10/11
Richard Sherrill—10/11
Kyle Smith—10/11
Betty Seeger—10/12
Morgan Tacka—10/12
Breanna Vocke—10/14
Jim Lane—10/15
Ashley Lins—10/15

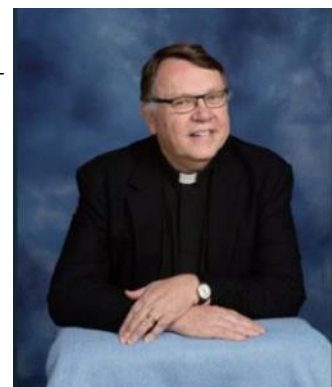
Rachel Boeren—10/16
Ethan Boeren—10/16
Joanne Cross—10/20
Katelyn Rudolph—10/20
Madeline Zechmann—10/20
Hannah Eyler—10/21
Sam Smith—10/21
Katelyn Shipp—10/23
Raymond Edsall—10/24
Elliot Otten—10/24
Janet Ramer—10/25
Owen Bowling—10/27
Judy Reed—10/29
Janet Blackwell—10/30
Carrie Dorsey—10/31

Happy Birthday

Do you have an **October** birthday but do not see your name printed here? That means we do not have your complete information on file. Please contact Hailea in the church office to update your information.

Pastor John Burk

Pastor John Burk will be returning to HCLC to preach on Sunday, October 21st! Pastor John was our previous pastor and served at HCLC for ten years. We are grateful to have him with us once again.



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