



# Lake George Lutheran Chapel

September 2019 Newsletter

Proclaiming Jesus, the Living Water



## From Your Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

As most of you know, Monday, September 2, is Labor Day and is a holiday for most people. It is more than just a time of rest and recreation. It is a time to reflect on the blessing of our vocation. As I reflect on the various vocations I have had, they include farm work, factory worker, sanitary engineer, custodian, lay assistant to the Pastor, engineering test lab technician, engineering test lab supervisor, product engineering, and now Pastor. One of the vocations on the list may have caught your eye: sanitary engineer. It was quite a title. The picture below shows what I did as a sanitary engineer.



This is **not** a picture of Pastor Easterday but of someone else doing the same kind of work!!!

At the time, this was a job to support me during college. I really didn't think of it as a vocation.

Yet, it was my vocation at that point in my life! It was what I was supposed to do! Other vocations would follow, but each one was my vocation at that point in my life!

Now consider your vocations. What kind of work did God provide for you at various points in your life? Did you serve faithfully in that work? Or did you just do the minimum to get by? Each job or vocation that you did was important to our society and in your witness to our Lord. If you think some jobs are less important than others, spend a few minutes standing by your trash dumpster on a hot sunny day and then consider if the person who picks up your trash has an important job!

The point in all of this is that no matter what work we do, it is important work on behalf of others. It is our vocation. It is what God has blessed us to do at this particular point in life.

Vocation also relates to our faith life. One of the hymns in our hymnal is "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord." Here are two of the verses:

**How clear is our vocation, Lord,  
When once we heed Your call;  
To live according to Your Word  
And daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
That you are Lord of all  
And will not let us fall.**

**In what You give us, Lord, to do,  
Together or alone,  
In old routines or ventures new,  
May we not cease to look to You,  
The cross You hung upon—  
All You endeavored done. (LSB 853)**

As you consider Labor Day weekend, give thanks for your current vocation or the past ones that built up your pensions!

Pastor Easterday

## ***Worship Schedule- Sept/Oct***

September 1 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

We conclude the summer season at the church with a look at the humble being exalted. We will also be celebrating Grandparents' Day and the dedication of the new digital sign. (Proverbs 25:2-10; Hebrews 13:1-17; Luke 14:1-14)

September 8 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Jesus reminds us to take up the cross and follow Him. As we do, we count the cost of being His disciples. (Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-35)

September 15 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

There is great rejoicing in heaven when a lost one is found. (Ezekiel 34:11-24; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10)

September 22 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Was it a good business or a bad business practice? The dishonest manager turned to an unusual business plan to get the debtors to like him. (Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-15; Luke 16:1-15)

September 29 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

There is no comparison between earthly and heavenly riches. (Amos 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 16:19-31)

**Note: This will be a fifth Sunday sharing weekend. Shannon Thomas, Executive Director of Turning Point Homeless Shelter, will provide an update on their ministry. We will receive a door offering for Turning Point after the service.**

October 6 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

The cry of God's people was, "How long?" At times we wonder if God will intervene in our situations in life. We will consider God's plan in those times when we cry, "How long?" (Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:1-10)

October 13 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

The relationship Ruth had with her mother-in-law blessed her as she proclaimed, "Your God shall be my God!" We consider those relationships with each other that lead others into a relationship with God. (Ruth 1:1-19a; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Luke 17:11-19)

October 20 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Just as Jacob wrestled with God, we also have those times when we wrestle with God's plan for us. We will consider the blessings of situations when we wrestle with God. (Genesis 32:22-30; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8)

October 27 Reformation (Celebrated)

The angel proclaimed the eternal Gospel to those on earth. Today we give thanks for that eternal Gospel and its blessing for us. (Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36)



*(Formerly known as Worship For Shutins)*

**September 1, 2019 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalms 131; Hebrews 13:1-8; 2:24-26; Luke 14:1-11**

**"Look to God!" - Sermon Text: Luke 14:1-11 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer**

There is a bit of the Pharisaical in each of us – diminishing God or exalting ourselves. God's Word both condemns any attempt to place ourselves above God and reveals just how great are His ways, culminating in the life-giving cross and empty tomb of Jesus Christ. To the Pharisee within, God speaks from His Word a message of judgment and undeserved love, sternly commanding, and tenderly inviting us to Look to God!

**September 8, 2019 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Psalms 1; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 14:25-33**

**“The Way of Blessedness” - Sermon Text:  
Psalm 1 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III**

We all want the blessed life – a life blessed by God. Psalm 1 shows us the way of blessedness. This way means blessedness for us now and hereafter.

**September 15, 2019 – Fourteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**Psalm 119:169-176; Ezekiel 34:11-16, 22-24; Luke 15:1-10**

**“Being Lost No More” - Sermon Text:  
Ezekiel 34 - Rev. James Elsner**

Being lost seems to be part of life. Whether you’re lost when driving to some place new or lost on the internet, you’re not alone. “Being lost” spiritually, though, is a matter our Lord God is committed to – like a shepherd searching for a lost sheep.

**September 22, 2019 – Fifteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost**

**Psalm 113; Amos 8:4-7; Luke 16:1-15**

**“Shrewd Faith” - Sermon Text: Luke  
16:15b - Rev. Shayne Jonker**

In the end, when the wealth of this world fails, when the global economy collapses under the weight of its own greed, when the idol of wealth is finally exposed as the worthless fraud that it is, when you have lost everything including your own life, there at that end is only Jesus who will not fail you, welcoming you into an eternal dwelling that He won for you by trading out His life for your life.

**September 29, 2019 – Sixteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost - St. Michael and All Angels  
Observed**

**Psalm 19; Revelation 12:7-12; Luke 10:17-20**

**“Satan Has Fallen” - Sermon Text: Luke  
10:17-20 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker**

A great battle has taken place in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against Satan and his evil angels. They were conquered by the blood of Jesus shed on Calvary’s cross for us. The same sacrifice that defeated Satan has won for us an eternal victory.

## ***Birthdays***

Jennifer Cook	09-14
Janet Meyers	10-01
Marilyn Motz	10-05
Jerry Threlkeld	10-15
*Ken Bleeke	10-15
*Rosie Bleeke	10-23

## ***Anniversaries***

Billie & Bob Thomas	09-11
*Sharon & Maury Springer	10-16
*Rosie & Ken Bleeke	10-17

## ***Shutins***

Remember our shut-ins with cards of encouragement!

Esther Hein  
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Coldwater, MI 49036

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## ***Membership Information***

Weekly Attendance Average

2019	51.1/wk (1734/34 weeks)
2018	55.8/wk (1898/34 weeks)

## ***Mission Offerings***

On **September 29**, we will have Shannon Thomas from Turning Point Homeless Shelter providing an update on the current work of this ministry. Following the service, we will be receiving our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday door offering for this ministry. We give thanks for the work of Turning Point in providing homes and life skills for those in need!