



TIDINGS

September 2021

SUPPORTING EVERY MEAL

Mt. Carmel has committed to giving \$3500 to Every Meal (formerly the Sheridan Story) in 2021. Thus far we have raised \$1500. We have \$2000 to raise.

Mt Carmel will match all donations to Every Meal out of our designated Faith and Action Fund. We have a total of \$1000 to put towards this effort, which if matched, will meet our goal.

Please consider helping Mt Carmel meet our commitment, and DOUBLE your donation.

Magnet sales are still available to support this effort. We are selling refrigerator magnets at a suggested donation of \$5. All proceeds go directly to Mt. Carmel's commitment to Every Meal. Magnet sales will be available after each Sunday's service or by contacting Matti Gurney at Matti.Gurney@gmail.com.

The Faith and Action Fund was created on 2020 with funds from the Carl Johnson estate to benefit others.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

We are planning the upcoming Sunday school year and need to know if parents plan on sending their children to Sunday school or keeping them home due to COVID? We realize a lot is changing right now because of the Delta variant and we will be considering, as always, the safest options for all.

Please contact the church office with your Sunday school plans.

CHILDREN'S BIBLES

Mt. Carmel presents Bibles to all of our children. If your child needs the Spark Children's Story Bible (picture Bible perfect for reading to young children) or their own personal Bible provided by the church, reach out to the church offices be added to our list.

CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH

With the rise of the Delta variant of COVID, Confirmation (6th-8th grade) and youth (6th-12th grade) will not meet in September. In the meantime, Pastor Christine and Jenni Lathrop have begun discussion around what confirmation at Mt. Carmel could look like and will be working to define our program goals while considering what our dream program might look like. If you have questions about confirmation or youth, please contact Jenni Lathrop.

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OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES

Please continue to support our congregation with your faithful financial contributions to Mt. Carmel as you are able. There are several ways to give:

- Online by credit card or bank account. Visit mountcarmelmpls.org/give for online giving opportunities.
- Mail or drop off your check to the church office.

Your generous support for Mt. Carmel and our ministry is truly appreciated.



MT. CARMEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are a faith community participating in the life of God, both as sheer gift to us and as a calling to the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

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**The mission of Mt. Carmel
Lutheran Church and its members
is to learn, live and share
God's Word.**

Ministry Affiliates: Minneapolis Area
Synod/ELCA; Northeast Senior Services,
Inc.; Little Kitchen Food Shelf; Every Meal;
Eastside Meals on Wheels; Plymouth
Christian Youth Center;
Mission Northeast and
Casa de Oracion a las Naciones.

The Mt. Carmel facility is shared with the
following community groups:
Scout Troop 132, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts
and Alcoholics Anonymous.

We are an ELCA congregation. All are
welcome. Learn more about the ELCA at
www.elca.org/About.



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COVID UPDATE

Let me start by saying how appreciative the task force is with how well our return to in person indoor worship has gone for two months. Even with the sudden reimposition of mandatory masking a few weeks ago, everyone has continued to follow the rules. This is the safe return to worship that we've all be hoping for, and that all of you have delivered.

We have been watching the spread of the delta variant of the COVID virus. It's particularly worrisome because it clearly brings more severe symptoms to patients, but also has been shown to be capable of infecting vaccinated people and being spread by them even if they have no symptoms. So we need to act to protect everyone as best we can.

It is this concern that forced us to reimpose the mask mandate for worship and in the building. This mandate will continue at least until the infection numbers drop back to where they were in May and June.

For everyone's safety, we remind you that if you have had close contact with someone who has been infected (close contact being within six feet for over 15 minutes), you should get tested and isolate until your test results come back. If you are infected, you should quarantine for 10 days, and if you are not infected, you can resume normal activity but watch for any symptoms.

The task force is looking ahead and considering protocols for education hour activities this fall, and are discussing the resumption of using the minibus for worship. We expect to have announcements about those decisions coming around Labor Day, so stay tuned!

In the meantime, to reiterate the current protocols, if you are coming into the church building for worship or meetings or another gathering, you must wear a mask. Please keep a distance of six feet from others if you are meeting or worshipping in person. If you are volunteering and will be working alone in the office or another room away from others, you may remove your mask while you work. Please avoid the childcare classroom areas. If you have any questions about these protocols, please contact Paul Lathrop.

Again, we thank you for your cooperation in keeping our entire congregation safe and healthy, and we look forward to seeing you in worship or online!

Paul Lathrop

DRIVERS NEEDED!

If you drive, have a couple of hours you can spare each month, can follow a map and/or know your way around Northeast, and can lift and carry about ten to fifteen pounds in each hand for a short distance, please think about volunteering for the Meals On Wheels program. If you are able to help, please contact Jo Alice Boatright at 612-781-8542 or email her at joalbo@yahoo.com. Thanks so much!

MT. CARMEL CHILD CARE

We had a wonderful summer at Mt. Carmel Child Care: the preschoolers have enjoyed some neighborhood walks in the cool mornings and the toddlers often play in our courtyard where we have the most shade. All the friends enjoy the fenced in area outside to run and explore and of course we are so very grateful for our gym space when we can't be outdoors! We said goodbye to four of our pre-K kiddos and welcomed a few families back who had the summer off. Our fall will be full of learning, exploring and growing. We will have our braided bread fundraiser again this fall so stay tuned for order forms (these are delivered just in time for Thanksgiving).

Brenda Wetzel, Director

GOOD FRUITS BIBLE STUDY

The Good Fruits study group will begin a new series Aug. 31, using a study from Gather magazine by Women of the ELCA. The series is called Just LIFE (Liberation is for Everyone). While this study is found in the Gather publication, the study is also free online. If you'd like to join and read the material in advance, contact Leona Olson to get the link to the study.

Good Fruits is a small group meeting at Silverwood Park for Bible study, prayer and to share time together. While it is helpful to read in advance, all are welcome even without completing the recommended reading. There is no expectation that you need to come every week. The group meets for just an hour, and you're invited to "come as you are." There is a coffee and snack bar at the facility if you wish to have a snack or beverage during discussion.

The group meets in person and also via Zoom. In person, join us at Silverwood Park on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., or check with Leona to obtain the zoom link.

NOW HIRING

Custodial Substitute

Mt. Carmel needs a backup for Steve Panning, building engineer, when he goes on vacation, goes on Scout trip or is unable to be at Mt. Carmel for a special event like a funeral or wedding. Steve will train the person what needs to be done. Tasks include general building cleaning and preparing Fellowship Hall and the sanctuary for Sunday mornings or funerals. You would work 3-6 times a year. This position is an hourly paid position. Any building engineering tasks would be managed by Mt. Carmel's Property Committee while Steve is out of the office.

Thanks to Dylan Evans for filling this spot for the last several years. Job well done! We wish Dylan well as he heads to St. Cloud State University this fall.

Part-time office administrator

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church is offering a flexible part-time Office Administrator position where you have the opportunity to do a variety of tasks, interact with congregants and the surrounding community while working in Northeast Minneapolis. If you're interested (or know someone who might be), check out the job description at https://bit.ly/MtC_OfficeAdmin and reach out for more information.

GIFTS RECEIVED

TO THE FOUNDATION

In memory of Ray Carlson:
Margot and Dick Jacobson

In memory of Harold M. Flatland: Myrna Flatland,
Margot and Dick Jacobson,
Janell and Richard Wampler

BIRTHS

Abigail Grace Wirth, daughter of Matt and Alison Wirth, was born on Aug. 19.

WITH SYMPATHY

Patty Griffith, life-long member of Mt. Carmel, died Aug. 7. Her funeral was held Aug. 14.

Joyce Hegstrom died Aug. 11. A graveside service was held on Aug. 25.

MT. CARMEL COUNCIL

Tim Quinlan, President
Barb Hollister, Vice President
Karen Matthes, Secretary
Diane Langer, Treasurer
Allison Gurney
Doug Jones
Dave Larson
Patrick Lathrop

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

Stay updated on our community life. Join our email list to receive The Candle once a week, special announcements and important church communications.

To subscribe, email office@mountcarmelmpls.org or visit the church website at www.mtcarmel.net.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Weekly Sunday

Announcements: Sunday mornings. Due by 5 p.m. the Wednesday prior.

The Candle weekly email:

Sent Wednesday mornings. Due by 10 a.m. the Tuesday prior.

The Tidings Monthly

newsletter: Mailed the last Wednesday of the month. Due by 10 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Please email all Tidings submissions to jenni@jennilathrop.com).

Please contact the office with your submissions or with any questions.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Mt. Carmel has been streaming our worship services nearly every Sunday since March 2020. Prior to that time, we had no capacity to do so and had to build up processes, knowledge and equipment to be able to allow us all to worship remotely.

Thanks to investments from the Mt. Carmel Foundation and the ELCA Minneapolis Synod, we've been able to build a system that allows a quality live broadcast online over Facebook Live and YouTube. Since we've returned to in person indoor worship, we've continued to have 15-20 people watching the stream remotely live every week and several others watching recordings of the worship services.

This will continue to be a valuable outreach offering for the foreseeable future. But every worship service requires two people to run the equipment to produce the live stream. So we continue to ask for volunteers to join the team and learn how to run the equipment. A goal would be to reach a number of volunteers that would only require members of the team to work once a month.

You do not need any experience with any of the equipment we use, and we'll provide training. Please contact Patrick Lathrop or Paul Lathrop if you are interested in joining us. We'll have you spend a Sunday watching how the process works before we begin training, so you can see what is involved.

Meanwhile, we continue to look for ways to improve our live stream. Even the system we use now was built in response to the immediate problem of needing to stream in the midst of the pandemic closure, so some decisions were made based on funding or equipment available at the time. While some things are not in our control—the internet connection to the church, Facebook and YouTube server health, and individual internet connections for you at home, for instance—there are things we can do to make things better, and as we are able, we will work to implement those improvements. If you have comments on the stream, please send them to Paul Lathrop.

Thank you for watching and thank you for your support.

TREASURER REPORT

July 31, 2021

Mt. Carmel's finances have taken a bit of a setback, which is not unusual for summer months. Expenses are up and giving is down. We are still ahead of the budgeted deficit, which we are faithfully working towards erasing. The year-to-date actual Income/Expense are at a negative (- \$7,086.02).

YTD: Actual Income/Expense
(- \$ 7,086.02)

YTD: Budgeted Income/Expense
(-14,067.14)

A reminder that in good faith, the congregation passed a deficit budget for 2021 of (\$25,246.19).

Please consider keeping your giving and pledges up to date, so we can continue towards erasing the budgeted deficit. We pray pledges and giving can return to a positive trend.

Diane Davis Langer, Mt. Carmel Church Treasurer



Ten Mt. Carmel youth were sent off to Camp Wapo in August with a special blessing during worship.



Puppet Show Event

Mt. Carmel hosted Open Eye Theater and their puppet show “The Amazing Cowboat” at the triangle park in August. The audience was treated to the story of Bihn who imagines himself a captain of a boat that is part cow, part boat, all amazing! A great crowd enjoyed the sweet bath-time journey, snacks and an abundance of cow jokes.



STAYING UP-TO-DATE

Stay up to date with Mt. Carmel and our community through our website. Visit www.mountcarmelimpls.org/news to download weekly announcements, view past worship services and find information on special events and learning opportunities. Make sure to subscribe to The Candle email list as well.

If you find it difficult to access our information online, contact the office to be added to our weekly postal mailing list. Each week you will receive the weekly announcements and the text of the previous Sunday’s sermon.

To subscribe to The Candle or have your name added to our postal mailing list, please contact the office at 612-781-2796 or office@mountcarmelimpls.org.

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Good Fruits Bible Study—
Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. at
Silverwood Park. (Contact
Leona Olson at onondave@
yahoo.com)

Men's Bible Study—
Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m.
(Contact Ralph Matthes at
marinosdelimpls@gmail.com)

Anti-Racism Book Club—
Every other Thursday at
6:30 p.m. in the triangle park.
Bring a chair. (Contact Barb
Hollister at 612-590-6469 or
bjhollister@comcast.net)

PRAYER CHAIN

To to lift up a prayer concern
for the prayer chain, please
contact Leona Olson at
612-859-7075.

FORGET- ME-NOT

Birthday greetings to each
of the members listed below
who will reach or surpass the
80th milestone in this month.
We pray that God bless you
on your special day and in
the year to come.

Bev Lerold – 9/22
Bev Obright – 9/26

GROUP OF JOY



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Mt. Carmel has a YouTube channel! Right now our channel is primarily used for worship (watch live or recorded!) though we have several other videos online including virtual Sunday school lessons from last fall. You can find us online at www.youtube.com/channel/UC94maDuJuSVixXfWYKoBaSQ (that's a mouthful!) but if we can get enough subscribers, we'll be able to get a custom URL (something easier to remember!). Subscribe to our YouTube channel today!

AUGUST COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Mt. Carmel's 2021/2022 commitment to Every Meal (formerly the Sheridan Story) is \$3,500. A motion was made to donate \$1,500 in September because the funds are available but we will need to raise the remaining amount.
- The administrative assistant position is still open.
- The adult education program this fall will be replaced with some intergenerational events and for congregational transition work.
- There are discussions with Gustavus Adolphus about having a joint confirmation program.
- Covid is still a concern for parents of children in Sunday School. We have lost two teachers but the numbers are low enough that we can move forward with the three we have. Ruth will participate in the music program, along with Tiffany Ruser. Jenni Lathrop has agreed to meet with the middle and high school aged youth on Sunday mornings.
- Rally Sunday is scheduled for Sept. 19. An outdoor worship with food and games to follow for all ages.
- Casa and Mt. Carmel will meet more regularly to discuss our partnership. Casa is sending one person to participate in the Faith Practices, Neighboring Practices program.
- Now that we are worshipping in person, we have scheduled ushers, readers and assisting ministers. We will return to children's messages when it is safe to do so.
- As part of the interim process, a transition team is being formed. The goal is to have a call committee in place by early winter.
- The Faith Practices, Neighboring Practices program (<https://mpls-synod.org/for-congregations/faith-neighboring/>) will start soon. Mt. Carmel needs one more person to participate in this program.
- The council approved the Mt. Carmel Foundation nomination of Justin Sawyer as their vice-president.
- The Congregational Life Directory will be updated and distributed in both print and electronic formats.
- A new financial team has been formed and includes Diane Langer, Bob Hollister, Adam Walz and Julie Larson.
- Facilities update: we are waiting for material to repair the roof above the office and the carpeting will be replaced in the office. LED lights were purchased and installed in the fellowship hall. The former child care office on the third floor will be updated for Casa by Sept. 1.
- Dave Larson and the pastor will meet to make plans for a stewardship drive this fall.

NEXT TIDINGS DEADLINE

Sept. 21, 10 p.m.

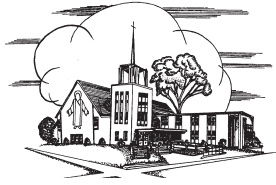
Submit articles to
jenni@jennilathrop.com.

Issues are delivered the first week of the month.

KEEP US INFORMED

Did you know that because of privacy laws, hospitals and nursing homes do not call us to report if a parishioner has been admitted, or if a person's condition has worsened?

That means we rely on family members and friends to keep us informed. Please call the church office, 612-781-2796, if you or someone you know of is hospitalized.



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WORSHIP WITH US

Join the Mt. Carmel faith community for worship in person or live on Facebook and YouTube, Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Worship with us in person or live online. For now, masks and physical distancing are required for all worship services and meetings. For those unable to worship with us in person, **we also broadcasting worship live on Facebook and YouTube.** Videos are available to watch at any time after live worship.



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