



TIDINGS

October 2021

SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH TO RESUME OCT. 10

Sunday school (preschool-5th grade) and youth group (6th-12 grades) at Mt. Carmel will resume Sunday, Oct. 10. Both will follow worship, running from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

LEGACY PARTNERS ANNUAL BRUNCH

Sunday, October 31

Hosted by Mt. Carmel Church Foundation Board members, this year's Legacy Partner brunch will look a little different this year. The foundation will have their famous Carmel rolls and coffee to share on this Sunday as well as information available on what it means to become a Legacy Partner.

Please join us at church (on-line viewers can drive by after church to share) for Carmel rolls and coffee. All attendees and drive by participants will receive a meal voucher for picking up Legacy Partner information.

ANNUAL SCOUT WREATH FUNDRAISER

The Mt. Carmel Scouts BSA Troop 132 (formerly known as the Boy Scouts) sells Christmas wreaths (and Trails End Scout popcorn) to raise funds for operating and camping over the course of the year. Please see the inserted order form to order from and support our troop. Please return your completed order form to the church office by Sunday, Oct. 31.

Ordered wreaths will be available at the church on Sunday, Nov. 21. We will follow up with those unable to pick up that day. Contact Jim Evans at 612-208-0104 or jamesevans64@comcast.net with any questions. Thank you for your support!

WEBSITE MAINTENANCE

Due to unexpected technical issues, Mt. Carmel's website needs to be redesigned. While we have a temporary page up for visitors, it will be a few weeks before our complete website (and all of it's links) will be back. If you have questions or need something sent to you, please contact the church office at office@mountcarmelmpls.org or 612-781-2796. We appreciate your patience.

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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 to give online.
- 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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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Mt. Carmel has been experiencing change and transition for the past year. I hope this is helpful in discovering the difference between change and transition:

Change: Is situational—new job, new boss, new policy, new house, etc.

Transition: The psychological process people go through to come to terms with the new situation. There are three steps to go through in transition.

Step 1: Endings

The starting point for transitions is not the outcome, but the “ending” we must make to leave the old situation. Think of a big change in your life—new job, marriage, move, birth of a first child etc.

Transition begins with ending, by letting go of something! Think how the change started with an ending. What are those things you had to let go of as a result?

Step 2: The Neutral Zone

The no-man's land between the old reality and the new; between the old sense of identity and the new. It is a time when the old way is gone and the new doesn't feel comfortable yet.

It's important to understand this “wilderness place” because if you try to rush through it, you will be discouraged when you cannot do so. You may mistakenly conclude that the confusion you feel is a sign that there is something wrong.

You may be frightened and will disengage from the situation. If you escape prematurely, you'll not only compromise the change but also lose a great opportunity.

As painful as it can be, the neutral zone is waiting and listening for God to call you into a new place! This time is the church's best chance for creativity, renewal and development.

Step 3: New Beginnings

People get to the new beginnings only if they have first made an ending and spent some time in the neutral zone.

You have spent a good deal of time in the Neutral Zone. Now, you are moving into New Beginnings. The Transition Team is in place and ready to go to work. The Transition Team's job is to choose a process that will not only change where you are today, but help people make the psychological reorientation that must happen if this transition is to work. Please keep the Transition Team in your prayers (Karen Matthes, Steve Ristuben and Sinéad Carolan).

You are in my prayers, thank you for yours!

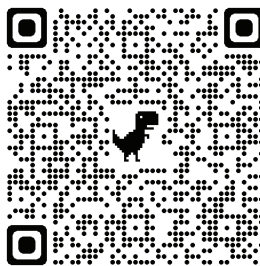
Pastor Christine, Interim Pastor

MT. CARMEL CHILD CARE

It's time for our braided bread fundraiser, it's a fall favorite and comes just in time for Thanksgiving. Ordering is easy as we have a paper option (pay by check/cash) or an online order and pay option. This is our third year selling bread and we have purchased gym equipment enjoyed field trips. Extra order forms can be picked up in the church office.

Ordering begins Oct 20. All orders are due by Nov. 8 and orders can be picked up Nov. 22, 3:30-5:30 p.m. outside by the childcare entrance of the church.

Thank you for your continued support!
Brenda Wetzel, Director



Use your phone's camera to scan this QR code and order online!

PROPERTY THANK YOU

The Property Committee would like to send a big thank you to those that helped clean the church yards and gardens in September. We collected 14 bags of yard waste that were recycled and spread five bags of new rock in the gardens prior to Rally Sunday. We worked on Tuesday, Sept. 7 and Friday, Sept. 10.

Thanks to Rich Feist, Rick Sundly, Barb and Bob Hollister, Myrna Flatland, Steve Ristuben, Leona Olson and Doug and Linda Jones. Many hands made this a big success.

—The Church Council and the Property Committee

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 EVERY MEAL

In memory of Patty Griffith:
Lory Dubbels, Lynette Dubbels

In memory of Joyce Hegstrom: Lory Dubbels, Lynette Dubbels

TO THE FOUNDATION

Given in memory of Patricia Griffith: Douglas and Linda Jones, Barbara and Brian Roach, Carrie Patch Sample, LuAnn Swanson, Millie Anderson, Kathleen and William McReavy, J. N. and G. R. Johnson, Diane and Bruce Anderson, Margot and Richard Jacobson, Steven Ristuben and Jo Alice Boatright, David and Leona Olson, Carol Panning, Timothy and Jean Jones, Myrna Flatland, Kathy and John Spelman, Allen and Audrey Erickson

Given in memory of Raymond Carlson: Lorraine Carlson

Given in memory of Joyce Hegstrom: Myrna Flatland, Lori Ames, Betsy Kremser, Steve Ristuben and Jo Alice Boatright, Roger Leclair, William Rudelius, Roger Peterson, Terry Lovaasen, Kathi and Terrence Margo, Douglas and Linda Jones, Michel and Debra Dolence, Carol Panning, Judy Tills, S. K. Julson, B. A. Frye, Louise Stich, Scott and Terri Black, Cheryl Jones, Pauline Anderson, Diane Langer, Richard and Susan Feist

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

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

Online 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 Fireside Room (Contact Barb Hollister at 612-590-6469 or bjhollister@comcast.net)

COVID TASK FORCE UPDATE

As we head into October, we continue to be cautious while still allowing activities in the church building.

As a reminder, we continue to require everyone to wear masks when in the building to work, volunteer, worship or gather, unless you are doing a task on your own in a closed room. We ask that you continue to keep a safe distance between you and others during events and meetings, and avoid going into the childcare areas.

The delta variant is a difficult version of this virus: it's more infectious, can be carried and transmitted by those who are vaccinated, and has been shown to be more dangerous to those who become infected with it, including children. While we know that most of our members have been fully vaccinated, we know that the children of our church aren't yet eligible, and while our current precautions are primarily to keep them safe when they are in the building, they are also to minimize the risk to everyone. For children's and youth events, we are continuing to watch guidance from government agencies and paying attention to how the area's schools are responding.

The good news is that we are slowly adding back suspended services or functions, most notably the resumption of bus service on Sundays. Masks must be worn on the bus for safety, but we thank and appreciate the drivers for agreeing to resume the service.

As booster shots are approved and available, we encourage those eligible to get them, and we anxiously look forward to the day we can all be in the building together, safely vaccinated as an entire congregation.

Paul Lathrop

TREASURER REPORT

Aug. 31, 2021

Mt. Carmel finances continue to be in the red. We are still ahead of our budgeted deficit, but need to faithfully continue our work towards erasing this deficit. Thankfully, expenses have continued to come in below what we budgeted, but our income is significantly behind as well. The YTD Actual Income/Expense at a negative (- \$7,512.13)

YTD: Actual Income/Expense
(- \$ 7,512.13)

YTD: Budgeted Income/Expense
(-16,412.95)

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

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.



**Bubble blowers
of all ages
enjoyed a
little friendly
competition on
Rally Day.**



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.

Oct. 9: Connie Wegner

Oct. 25: Rudy Roy

NEXT TIDINGS DEADLINE

Oct. 19, 10 p.m.

Submit articles to
jenni@jennilathrop.com.

Issues are delivered the first week of the month.

MT. CARMEL COUNCIL

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Karen Matthes, Secretary

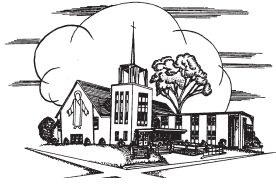
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Sunday worship

9:30 a.m.—In person or online on
Facebook or YouTube.

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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 on YouTube.



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