



# Weekly Announcements

## Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

**For the week of September 24, 2023**

**The parable of the vineyard workers**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

**Sunday School & forums resume today**

Sept. 24 faith formation sessions resume in earnest. We have up to six options to choose from: Sunday School for Pre-K through K; Sunday School for older kids; Youth forum for kids in confirmation through high school; Adult forum for high school through jubilarians; coffee hour; & Dwelling in the Word discussion around the Sunday readings.

As we begin a new program year and a fresh start, we welcome everyone home. By God's grace we begin each day, each week anew, each year through the covenant of Holy Baptism.

If there are Carmelites you've been missing, give them a call and tell them. All the things in store for this autumn can be found in the Sept/Oct Tidings.

### HOLY CROSS ART SHOW

Check out our congregational art gallery of the crosses in our life – in the narthex this month.

### SALTY CARMEL SERVING TEAM

The sign up sheet for Serving Teams for upcoming months is posted near the elevator in the narthex. We'd welcome three additional households for the month.

### SOUP-ER WEDNESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Join us for supper on Wednesday evenings in September. All are invited.

### AUTUMN ADULT FORUM

**Today – Ministry Team/Cluster leaders meeting:** a discussion of the logistics of our life together as our various program areas seek to accomplish their work – scheduling, process, tactics, goals, communication, facilities, etc.

**Oct. 1 – Discuss our partner ministries with President Karen Moeller:** in Northeast, throughout the ELCA and

beyond, CASA, MCCC, Better Together with GA, quilt and craft week, Trunk or Treat, VBS, etc. – the together way

**Oct. 8 – What are they saying about Philippians:** Dave Olson will lead us in an overview of Paul's letter to the church at Philippi. This letter forms the basis of many of the lectionary epistle readings in Sept/Oct this year.

**Oct. 15 – Intro to our program year handbook:** Pastor C will present an overview of the study materials used by the congregation council at their annual retreat. What is the current scholarship saying about church life post-pandemic?

**Oct. 22 – Catechism Re-Tread:** Intro to Sacraments, Holy Baptism (joint Youth forum & Adult forum)

**Oct. 29 – Reformation: Foundation Brunch**

**Nov. 5 – All Saints':** Funeral planning workshop

### TECH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**The time is now.** The tech team that runs our sound and video feed each week needs more members. Training is provided. Contact the office.

### CONFIRMATION – BIBLE YEAR INTERGENERATIONAL VERSION

Join the confirmation class for a year through the Bible. Reading assignments will be published weekly. Order the book "Manna & Mercy" from the office. (backordered)  
This week –

- Pick up a copy of chapters 2-3 from the office
- Read Chapter 2 "God Births a People" (3 pg. long)
- Read Genesis 12:1-6; Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16;
- Exodus 1:1 – 3:8; Exodus 6:28 – 15:21

Next week – Sept. 27

- Genesis 18:1-15; Genesis 22:1-18; Genesis 25:19-34;
- Genesis 27:1-40; Genesis 32:22-31;
- Genesis chapters 37, 39, 40 – 50 (Joseph story)

On Oct. 22 we'll have our first **joint youth/adult Small Catechism reread** (as in tires). It will be review for both groups. The topic: Sacraments, specifically Holy Baptism. We'll review the whole catechism (Lord's Prayer, Sacraments, 10 Commandments & Apostles' Creed) over this program year.



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## HEAR OUR PRAYER, O GOD

To include prayers on this list, contact the church office.

### GRIEVING

- Russ Ingebretson & family, on the death of Arlyne

### HEALING

- Kathy Halverson, for strength & healing
- Marlene, Kathy Halverson's sister, for strength

### HOMEBOUND & LONG-TERM CARE

Marlene Black, Lorraine Carlson, and Annette Dahl, Gerry Johnson, Russ Ingebretson, and Dorothy Warhol

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

- Sept. 24 – Linda Lee
- Sept. 26 – Bev Obright
- Sept. 29 – Ray Samletzka

## PRAYER CHAIN

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

## GOOD FRUITS BIBLE STUDY

This small Bible study group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 2:30. We are beginning a new series from the Women of the ELCA magazine. It's free on their website. Contact Leona. Email [onondave@yahoo.com](mailto:onondave@yahoo.com) or call 612-859-7075

## WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Sunday, October 1, 9:30 am Holy Communion

*A parable of doing God's will*

The gospel reading for Oct. 1 includes a short parable for all of us who have sometimes said No to God, and then later regretted it. Come to worship, to hear about God's welcome & receive that welcome in the holy communion.

- Blessing of legal & justice professionals (as a new Supreme Court term begins)
- Coffee fellowship; Youth forum, Sunday school
- Adult forum: Ministry cluster review: partner ministries

## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

SU, Sept. 24	Holy Communion, Coffee fellowship, Sun School, Youth & Adult forums, Casa worship & event
M, Sept. 25	AA
TU, Sept. 26	Good Fruits bible study, Scouts,
W, Sept 27	Men's bible study, Fitness class Soup, Bells, Confirmation, Choir
TH, Sept. 28	Scouts
SU, Oct. 1	Holy Communion, Coffee fellowship, Sunday School, Youth & Adult forums

## MT CARMEL METRICS

Annual Budget	\$303,679.
YTD budget (37 weeks)	\$216,080.
YTD received	\$195,807.
Needed weekly	\$5,840. (annual/52 wks)
Received last week	\$875.

Attendance last Sunday: 71

## AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

- Children's worship activity bags
- Care Notes – Provided by our BeFriender ministry. Help yourself to these resources near the elevator.
- Chancel Flowers – Sign up by the elevator. \$27 each.
- Salty Carmel serving teams - Sign up by the elevator

## COMMUNICATIONS EMAIL

Send announcements & articles to

[communications@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:communications@mountcarmelmpls.org). Indicate where your message should be shared and which weeks/month it should be included. Include a *short* version of your message for the Sunday announcements please!

## REMEMBERING TO GIVE

Thank you for supporting our congregation with your financial contributions. There are several ways to give:

- Mail your check or drop it in our secure mailbox.
- Online by credit card or bank account. Visit [mountcarmelmpls.org/give](http://mountcarmelmpls.org/give) or scan the QR code for online giving opportunities.

Thank you for your generosity.

## BRILLIANT

Thanks to our brilliant autumn clean up crew who spent Thursday morning together tidying up the church grounds!



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# LARGE PRINT EDITION

## HOLY COMMUNION



Sept. 24, 2023 + 9:30 am  
*The parable of the vineyard workers*

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Learn Live and Share God's Word

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*In the supper, we are joined to Christ the vine who gives us life*  
Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables, in which Jesus says the reign of God is like workers who get paid the same no matter when they start. When God changes his mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### PRELUDE

"Air from Overture in D"

J S Bach

*At the sound of the bell please stand and face the worship leaders.*

### GATHERING HYMN

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

(hymn) ELW 583

*in English*

### **Refrain**

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

- 1 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain**

### ***Refrain***

Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*

4 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adap.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875-1955

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be God: the one who forms us from the earth,  
‡ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy  
complete.

**C Our hands were empty and you filled them.**

A We need water to drink:

**C We need water to wash.**

A We need water to grow:

**C We praise you, O God, for water.**

A We praise you, O God, for water:

**C We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

A We praise you, O God, for your Word:

**C We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

A We praise you, O God, for your Spirit upon the waters.

**C We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

A Word and Spirit: extraordinary promises upon the waters.

**C We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*(hymn)* **WOV 671**

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

*stanza 1 & 5*

### ***Refrain***

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

**1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
holy is the king of creation. *Refrain***

**5 Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain***

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## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,  
you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants.  
Because we cannot rely on our own abilities,  
grant us your merciful judgment,  
and train us to embody the generosity of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*The presider continues with words of welcome.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song*

### CHILDREN'S WORD

*Children are invited forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.*

### FIRST READING

*God's concern for Nineveh*

Jonah 3:10—4:11

*After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but should not I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites who do not know the difference between their right and left hands?*

When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord GOD appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night."



<sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 145:1-8 (ICEL)

*The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (145:8)*

*Proclaimed antiphonally by the assembly,*

*beginning organ/lectern side C-LEFT; then pulpit side C-RIGHT*

CL I will exhalt you, God my king, for ever bless your name.

CR **I will bless you every day, for ever praise your name.**

CL Great is the Lord, highly to be praised,  
great beyond our reach.

CR **Age to age proclaims your works,  
recounts your mighty deeds.**

CL I ponder your splendor and glory  
and all your wonderful works.

CR<sup>6</sup> **They reveal your fearful power, I tell of your great deeds.  
They recall your ample goodness,  
joyfully sing your justice.**

CL Gracious and merciful is the Lord, slow to anger, full of love.

CR **The Lord is good in every way, merciful to every creature.**

## SECOND READING

*Standing firm in the gospel*

Philippians 1:21-30

*Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.*

*Paul writes to the church in Philippi:*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to

you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — <sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing: setting 10 p. 205:*

**C Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.**

**Let it burn like fire within us;**

**speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

## **GOSPEL**

*The parable of the vineyard workers*

Matthew 20:1-16

*Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus says:*

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the



vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’ <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ!**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord of Light”

*(hymn)* ELW 688  
stanza 1, 2, 4

**1 Lord of light, your name outshining  
all the stars and suns of space,  
use our talents in your kingdom  
as the servants of your grace;  
use us to fulfill your purpose  
in the gift of Christ your Son:**

#### *Refrain*

**Father, as in highest heaven,  
so on earth your will be done.**

**2 By the toil of faithful workers  
in some far outlying field,  
by the courage where the radiance  
of the cross is still revealed,  
by the victories of meekness,  
through reproach and suff'ring won: *Refrain***

***Refrain***

**Father, as in highest heaven,  
so on earth your will be done.**

**4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,  
never silent day or night;  
by the cross of Jesus, bringing  
peace to all and healing light;  
by the love that passes knowledge,  
making all your children one: *Refrain***

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860-1953, alt.  
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**APOSTLES' CREED**

**A We have been made God's people  
through our Baptism into Christ.**

**Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.  
In our Summer services the intercessions include a prayer of confession as we  
prepare to receive the Lord's Supper. Each petition concludes:*

*...in your mercy.*

**C Hear our prayer.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## **PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another.*

## **OFFERING**

*When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is  
gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*Please leave your offerings in the baskets in the aisles or give online During this  
time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**"In the Light of His Glory and Grace"  
choir & flute**

*Mark Shepherd*

## **Presentation of the Gifts**

### **Offertory Prayer**

**A** Let us pray together.

**C** God of power, God of plenty,  
all things belong to you.

**We bring your gifts to the table,  
that all might be fed.**

**Form us into the body of your Beloved,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P The Lord be with you.**

**C And also with you.**

**P Lift up your hearts.**

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

**P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**C it is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P ...and join their unending hymn:**

*setting 10; page 207*

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:*

**Lord's Prayer (1789)**

**C Our Father who art heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

### Communion

"Lamb of God"

*setting 10; page 208*

C O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save:  
have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave:  
have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made:  
give us your peace, we pray.

*silence for reflection concludes the communion*

### Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus,  
our joy and delight. Strengthened by this meal fellowship,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

## SENDING

*We are sent to be God's hands in the world*

### BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you,  
and direct your days and your deeds in peace.

C Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

*(hymn) ELW 669*

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God!  
From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
with nobler zeal might burn.**
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God!  
Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,  
the word of hope proclaim.**
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God!  
The kingdom's task embrace;  
redress sin's cruel consequence;  
give justice larger place.**
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God!  
Creation cries in pain;  
stretch forth your hand of healing now,  
with love the weak sustain.**
- 5 Commit your hearts to seek  
the paths which Christ has trod;  
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,  
rise up, O saints of God!**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

*“Take My Life that I May Be”*

*arr. Havergal / Pharisees*

*You are welcomed to be seated and enjoy the postlude if you wish.*

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## **SERVING TODAY**

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presider*  
Audrey Erickson, *assisting minister*  
Al Erickson, *reader*  
Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*  
Jenny Focht, *flute*  
Chancel Choir  
Myrna Flatland, Eric Ruser, *technology*  
Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*  
Al Erickson, Patrick Kutzer, *ushers*  
Doug Jones, *bus ministry*  
Salty Carmel team, *coffee hosts*

**Chancel flowers** this weekend are given by Kevin Ziegler in memory of Bonnie Ziegler, Zigmund Ziegler & Aunt Nellie.  
*If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex or call the church office.*

*Please join us for a coffee on the plaza/fireside room following worship.  
Casa is holding an event in the fellowship hall*

*This service is being streamed live on the internet.*

### **Inquirers Coffee Conversation**

Grab a cup of coffee and sit down with Pastor C during fellowship Sunday. This opportunity for conversation is held monthly (more or less) for guests or inquirers to visit about becoming more actively involved in our life at Mt. Carmel. (Or for regulars to share their faith story.)

### **Adult forum today: Ministry team leaders meeting**

We'll talk process, tactics and goals as we work to be on one page as leaders of a whole variety of ministries, to keep focus on our common mission.

### **Ministry cluster discussions continue:**

**Sunday, October 1 - 10:45 am** President Karen Moeller will lead us in a discussion about the whole variety of ministries with whom we partner from day to day. *ministry partners - the together way*

### **Adult forum October 8**

*What are they saying about Philippians?*

David Olson will lead us in a discussion about Philippians. Paul's primary purpose in writing this letter was to thank the Philippians for the gift they had sent him upon learning of his detention at Rome. However, he makes

use of this occasion to fulfill several other desires: (1) to report on his own circumstances; (2) to encourage the Philippians to stand firm in the face of persecution and rejoice regardless of circumstances; and (3) to exhort them to humility and unity.

## Serving Team members for October

Sign up in the narthex to join the Salty Carmel Serving Team for October. We'd welcome three additional households for the month.

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## WELCOME

**Everyone is welcome.** We are a faith community participating in the life of God, a life that is a gift to us and in which we are actively engaged. That gift compels us to be actively engaged in the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis as well. 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.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email [pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org)

**Children are welcome** at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.

**Welcome to the Lord's Table.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to you where you are seated if you require accessibility accommodation. Please inform the ushers. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. White grape juice is available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

**Welcome to the Holy Baptism.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. Our pastor will contact you.

### Friends of Mt. Carmel...Stay connected



Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you're one of them, we invite you to join a new network of Friends of Mt. Carmel. Email [pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org) for more information or to join.

**Digital giving** is available at Mt. Carmel. You can easily donate online through our website at [mountcarmelmpls.org](http://mountcarmelmpls.org) and click on **Give**. Mt. Carmel Lutheran is supported by generous people like you. Questions? Contact the church office at 612-781-2796.

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