



### **Take a Bite Out Debt**

Our Take a Bite Out of Debt campaign was a resounding success! Between the BBQ, donut sale, donations, and funds from the ELCC Ministry Fund, we met our goal of \$5,000. This means \$500,000 in medical debt held by residents of Henry County will be forgiven. For some, this will be a life-changing gift! Thank you to every who participated, and especially to Mary Shulak, who led our efforts.

### **Wednesday night adult classes**

Wednesday night adult classes return on September 7 at 7:00 pm with the class "WTH? Odd and Disturbing Stories from the Bible." The class is offered both in-person and online.

### **Annual Yard Sale**

Our annual yard sale is scheduled for October 8. It is never too early to start going through your home, garage, and storage areas to find those gently used items that you no longer use and would like to donate. All proceeds go to our Thanksgiving Food Box ministry that serves families in our area. If you have questions about the yard sale or about an item you would like to donate, please contact Ezel Harrell. Drop-off begins September 18 after church.

### **September Collection for LWR**

Our ministry project for September is collecting items to make Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Completed kits are sent out all over the world, especially in areas of disaster, war, famine etc.

Items should be placed in baskets in the narthex from now until September 23. Items may be brought to the Gathering on September 23 where kits will be assembled.

You can also make a donation to offset shipping to Lutheran World Relief and to the final destination of the items. Please Make checks to the church and put Shipping for LWR in the memo.

Items needed are:

light-weight bath-size towels (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

adult-size toothbrushes in its original packaging

Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or baggies, sturdy combs, or metal nail clippers.

### **The Gathering**

Our women's Bible study group, The Gathering, meets the fourth Friday of the month, and will meet again Friday, September 23, at the home of Barbara Little. All women are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Barbara Little or Debbie Lundell.

## Upcoming Commemorations

### **September 2 Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872**

Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.

### **September 9 Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654**

Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the enslaved people who arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.

### **September 13 John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407**

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

### **September 14 Holy Cross Day**

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

### **September 16 Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258**

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

### **September 17 Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179**

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reprovved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

### **September 18 Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961**

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

### **September 20 Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF)**

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

### **September 21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

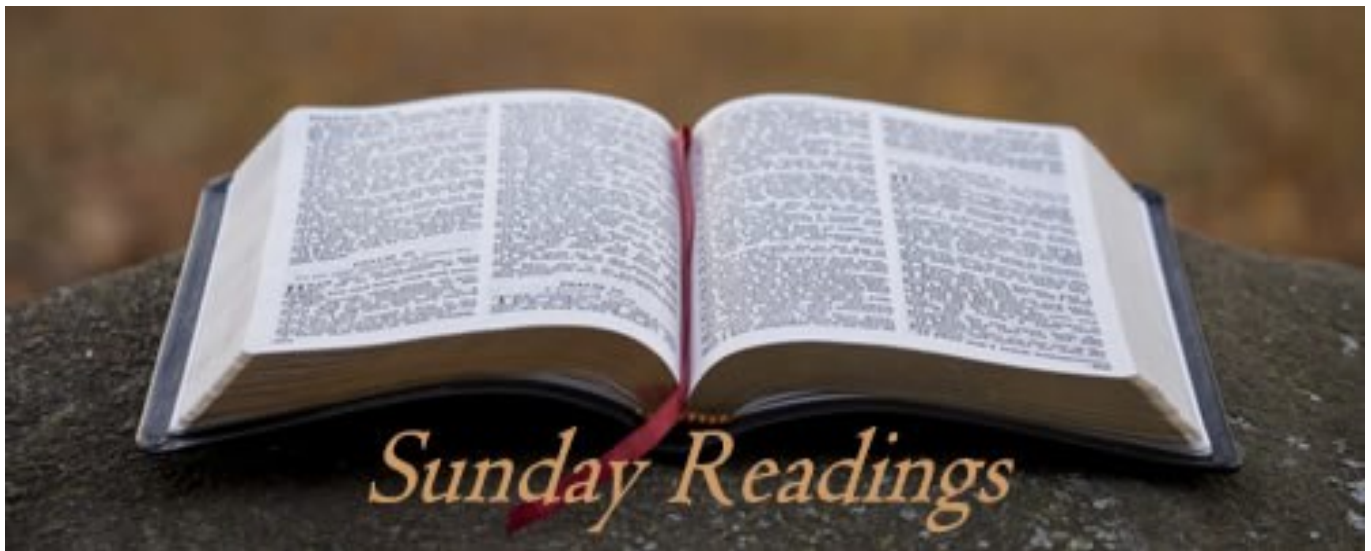
### **September 29 Michael and All Angels**

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

## Upcoming Commemorations (continued)

### September 30 Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.



### September 4

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 1  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33

### September 11

Exodus 32:7-14  
Psalm 51:1-10  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

### September 18

Amos 8:4-7  
Psalm 113  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

### September 25

Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
Psalm 146  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

## September 2022 Sunday Servants

### September 4

Assistant: Kelly Glow

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Ushers: John Shaw and Larry Egas

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

### September 11

Assistant: Debbie Lundell

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: The Egas Family

### September 18

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

### September 25

Assistant: Mary Shulak

Lector: David Ludley

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

### October 2

Assistant: Kelly Glow

Lector: Dave Barkdoll

Ushers: John Shaw and Larry Egas

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

### October 9

Assistant: Debbie Lundell

Lector: Shelia Kelley

Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaners: The Egas Family

### October 16

Assistant: Mark Rettig

Lector: Conrad Busch

Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner

Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace

Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

### October 23

Assistant: Mary Shulak

Lector: David Ludley

Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig

Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little

Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

### October 30

Assistant: Barbara Little

Lector: Eric Heckman

Ushers: Ed and Judy Joyner

Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig

Cleaning: The Joyners and the Sparrows



# PRAYER REQUESTS

**Please pray for:**

Joyce Smalley, Jennifer Khouri, Angelina DeWent, Stephanie Joyner, Mike Scott, Freddie Clark, Charlotte Baldwin, Judy Jenkins, James Taylor, Nilgul Taylor, Laura King, Lenore LaFranque

**Those Serving in the Armed Forces**

Connor Roberts, USMC

*If you have any prayer requests, please let Pastor Robb or Susan know so that they may be included on this list.*

# September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 AA 9 am
4 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	4 Al-Anon 12 pm	6	7 Bible Study 7pm <i>In person and on line</i>	8	9	10 AA 9 am
11 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	12 Al-Anon 12 pm	13	14 Bible Study 7pm <i>In person and on line</i>	15	16	17 AA 9 am
18 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am 12:15 pm Council meets; Start Yard Sale Drop-Off	19 Al-Anon 12 pm	20	21	22	23 The Gathering 11 am	24 AA 9 am
<b>Pastor Robb on vacation September 19-25.</b>						
25 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	26 Al-Anon 12 pm Deadline for newsletter submissions	27	28 Bible Study 7pm <i>In person and on line</i>	29	30	Oct 1 AA 9 am