

THE CHIMES

St. John's Lutheran Church, ELCA 301 West Main Street
Walhalla, South Carolina

SPECIAL MID-MONTH EDITION

SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

WORSHIP AND FAITH FORMATION

Our outdoor worship service at Biggerstaff will continue through September at 9:30AM

Streaming on Facebook-Live will continue. Bulletins will also be available at worship.

Please note the weekly worship bulletin will now be posted on our website and Facebook page each week and will also be emailed to members and friends on our email distribution list.

St. John's Congregational Council will meet for its regular meeting on September 21. On the agenda will be the discussion of our timeline for reopening the sanctuary for worship.

Please keep your leaders in prayers as we discern next steps.

The Faith Formation Committee is also looking at how we can move forward in safe ways with Sunday School classes, Bible study, Youth group and Children's ministries via Zoom, in-person, and to continue to utilize Biggerstaff for groups and meetings as the weather permits.



St. John's has launched our long-awaited new website: stjohnswalhalla.org. **Be sure to check out the new site.** St. John's Preschool and Biggerstaff have their newly developed pages within the site. Be sure to check out the aerial video of Biggerstaff. Donations may be made through the Givelify link. Special thanks to Tom Ward who has been working diligently with our web designer, Josh Saint, for the last few years to bring this vital project to fruition!

Lutheran Disaster Response - The U.S. Wildfires, Hurricane Sally, and other recent storms have affected many lives. Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters. When the dust settles and the headlines change, LDR is there to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. To learn more or to donate go to: <https://ELCA.org/disaster>.



St. John's Endowment Fund

We have approached the time of year, when requests for funds from the Endowment Fund will be reviewed for our 2020 distributions. *Applications for consideration may be obtained from the church office and the deadline for submission is October 23.*

The Mission Endowment Fund was established in May 2007 with the objective of providing and enhancing mission outreach beyond the operational budget of St. John's. Since inception we have distributed over \$84,000 to worthy charities. Some past recipients have been St. John's Christmas Eve Meal Delivery, St. Luke Methodist Community Food Pantry, Tribble Center Special Needs Foundation, Lutheridge Luther Road Day Camp, Lutheran Homes of SC Foundation, Baby Read, St. John's Youth Fred and Jeanne Welch, ELCA Missionary Japan...Erin Ryan and St. John's Preschool.

Each year we distribute approximately 4-5% of our principal which has been successfully invested in order to perpetuate on going distributions. Our 2019 distributions were \$8,100.

We would encourage all members to consider gifting to the fund through estate planning, cash, appreciated securities and other property such as real estate, automobiles, boats, etc. Please contact any of the committee members for further assistance.

Endowment Committee: Joe Sears, Chair, Cathie Nowell, Kenny Pruitt, Lois Sharpe, Chuck Rawlins, Jan Long and Pastor Rachel Connelly



**THE STORY OF WALHALLA DAY -
On Short Street, Saturday, October 10th**

The City in conjunction with the Museums and Walhalla Partners in Progress are hosting a one-day event in association with Walhalla Oktoberfest. The traditional Sertoma Field Oktoberfest had to be canceled due to Covid-19 concerns. The theme of this Oct. 10th event is to commemorate and celebrate the history of the founding of Walhalla, particularly as it relates to our German ancestors. St. John's has agreed to participate. We need volunteers to help put together displays, lead tours in the sanctuary, and help sanitize and clean during the day. If you'd like to help, please contact Greg Harris or Joan Lewis.

St. John's Cemetery - we're looking for a team of gardeners to help in the restoration and beautification of our cemetery. There are opportunities for group or individual work. Times are flexible. If you'd like to help out, please contact Greg Harris - rimrodt.farm@gmail.com.



ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST—*please share updates with church*

Our Church Family

Peg Turner, recovering from fall
Thelma Miller, Lymphoma
Christy Bryson, health
Lois Cooley, ongoing health concerns/procedures

Those Grieving

The family of Joan Johnston (family friend of Cathy Plowden)
The family of Lib Seigler, especially Celia and Rachael
The family of Bob Johnson, especially Dolly
The family of Dwight Baldus, especially Jenine

Our Elders at Home or Assisted Living

Jenine Baldus
Gloria Shealy (Hospice Care)
Julie Corbett
Betty Sosebee
Arthur and Evelyn Todd
Jeanne Welch, continued need for healing
Marie Palmatier
Ann Sloan, Home care
Betty Hoadley, Park Place
Louise Nothdurft, Home Hospice Care
Margaret Penington, Lila Doyle
Betty Wallace, Belvedere
Jean Pittman, under Hospice care at Park Place

Our Extended Family and Friends

Fran and Claudia King, (Jan Long's Dad/healing Mom/support)
Mary Busse, hospitalized for heart problems (Carolyn Brandt's sister)
Ken Palmer (wife Karen is Lynne William's sister)
Betty Egeland, stroke (Anne Fogel's Aunt)
Shane Chastain, Covid-19 (co-worker with Tina Stephens)
Dottie Bleinski, diabetes (friend of Scot/ Linda Williams)
Ina, cancer (Betty Sosebee's friend)
Kay Davis, cancer (friend of the Daniels)
Herm Spitzer, friend of the Safrits
Ike Lewis, OC Deputy in MVA
Mary Miller, Lymphoma (John Hewell /Beverly Hardin)

Blake and Sabrina, grief
Tom Oliver, effects of COVID-19 (friend of Honeycuts)
Thomas Shea, back surgery (Al Pittman's son- in-law)
Ed /Betty Watkins (Betty Sosebee)
Kolt (Jan Long's co-worker's son)
John Heasley, diabetes (Johnson's son-in-law)
John Couba (Al Pittman's Son-in-Law)
Frank Couba (Al Pittman's family)
Dohnvan (Kathy Scherter's grandson)
Anthnet Moore (Kathy Scherter's mom)
Gwen O'Looney (Fogel's sister-in-law) cancer
Tom Tyree, treatment for multiple myeloma (Sears' friend)
Judy Candler, lung cancer (friend of Patty Shepard)
Bob Perliwitz, brain tumor, his wife Heidi (Jan Long)
Leon Lee, health issues
Harold Smith (friend of Tina Barrett) heart issues
Jennifer Webb (friend of the Nortons) Lyme Disease
Dolorico Perez (Josie Perez's father)
David Morgan (Pat Morgan's son) cancer diagnosis
Eddie Harper (husband of Diane Harper) health
Evelyn Bishop (Betty Mantell's sister), cancer
Eve Mills, cancer (Francoise Fussell's niece)
The Drake family, Tammy Drake has bone cancer
Dan Fogel (son of Dean & Anne) prayers
Lauren Hartman, (Bowmans' daughter) Lyme disease
Gina Daly (daughter of Bob Johnson) prayers for health
Lily Sander (granddaughter of Bob/Dolly Johnson)

All those affected by the fires in California, Oregon and others Western states — especially those grieving the loss of family, homes, and properties. Prayers of strength and protection for all the firefighters, rescue response personnel, and disaster response staff.

Those recovering/rebuilding from Hurricane Sally and other recent storms.

Our teachers, staff, college students, youth and children going back to school

**Our elected leaders, for wisdom
Deployed military personnel**