

GOD'S WORK ~ OUR HANDS DAY

Saturday, September 9th from 9am until around 12 noon. **After much too long** (COVID's fault-not ours) St. John's is headed back into the community with a Synod sponsored day of service.

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.



This year we will be having 3 projects- **WE NEED YOUR HELP AS VOLUNTEERS...**

1. There is a need for a handicap ramp to be built at the home of a Tamassee Senior Solutions client. *Our very own* Allen Gilliam (*aka Hayden's dad*) will be using his carpentry gifts to lead this project, but he can't do it alone. If you can use a tape measure, hammer, or saw- this is a project for you.
2. We will be doing a much-needed clean-up of the St. John's Cremains Garden. There is weeding, trimming and general clean-up needed in this area of the St. John's Cemetery. If you love to be outside in the garden, please join us on this project.
3. We will be hosting a BINGO game for the 17 residents at Lakeview Assisted Living. Here is an opportunity for us to bring joy to the residents doing something they all love to do. Tiffany Chapman will be using her "outside voice" to call the numbers- come out to make this a fun morning at Lakeview. Per the director at Lakeview- "this is the game they love". Tina and Terry Stephens of Iron Pig BBQ will donate a meal of meatloaf and fixins' for the residents.

Sign-up today at the Spiritual Gifts table or go online <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zgfbtkJ6l8s4NIsZYickKaqbXWUElifM/edit#gid=908732022> Let us know where you can help.

This is the area where the St. Johns star shines brightest- please plan to join us!



St. John's continues its ministry of Thursday Meal Delivery to those in our congregation who are shut-in, undergoing medical treatment, and those who just need a weekly visitor. Those involved in this ministry find gratification in knowing they have reached out in such a meaningful way. If you have considered becoming part of this ministry, NOW IS THE TIME! We need additional volunteers. Please contact Joan Lewis for information on how you can help.

WALHALLA MARKET DAY

SAVE THE DATE... On Saturday, October 14th, Walhalla will hold its annual MARKET DAY. Market Day is a community event that takes place on Main Street. This year St. John's will host a food booth on Main Street serving brats, sauerkraut, and German potato salad. We will also host a Fair-Trade Market booth, selling items made by people in third world countries. **NEEDED** are volunteers to help serve at the food both and work at the Fair-Trade booth. This will be a great opportunity for us to showcase St. John's and our historic significance in Walhalla. More information and sign-up will be available soon.





" Like, what is it? Simply put, Rally Day is often celebrated in churches in September as a new school year has started and the summer season comes to a close. It's a way to kick-start the fall and the return from summer. Through out our summer, many of our members and friends have been away on vacation, some of our ministries have been on pause or only with limited gatherings, and so Rally Day is a great way to get us excited for everything starting back up again!

Sunday School programming will begin again with new opportunities for Adult Studies. Confirmation Classes start up and those who will be confirmed in late October have final classes and reviews. WELCA groups are back in full-swing. Other studies and ministry gatherings for spiritual nourishment will be offered. In October we will also kick-off a new Stewardship program.

"Rally" literally means "a renewal of energy in joint action", and that's what we'll be doing on Sunday, September 17th! We will begin in the Fellowship that morning at 10am with some refreshments and activities. As we renew ourselves for this next program year, we can start getting excited for all that is to come!

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Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. In the last weeks we have had several domestic disasters, including: the Maui wildfires and hurricane Idalia.

If you would like to give to this worthy cause there are several options:

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Make checks payable to "Lutheran Disaster Response" and mail to:
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

By Phone:

800-638-3522
Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm central time

By Website:

Click on the QR Code below to give directly on the ELCA Disaster Relief site.



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