THE MESSENGER OCTOBER 2021

GILEAD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Service time 10:30 AM

**A WORD FROM PASTOR JEFF SILVERNAIL**

**October 2021 Newsletter**

Timeline

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I had the honor and delight of being able to attend

the installation of our new Synodical Bishop, Lee

Miller II. There I saw many colleagues and lay

members from across the Synod and beyond. In

addition, there were bishops from our region, the

Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton, bishops and leaders from other

denominations. Together we were gathered in a Baptist church.

In this show of unity, it was certainly fitting that the verse above was part of one of the Bible readings our new bishop chose for his installation. We may have differences but ultimately, we are one.

Bishop Eaton in her sermon reminded us of this as she pointed out the promises we

would in a few minutes be making.

“People of God, representatives of this Synod, will you receive Lee as a servant of God and a shepherd in the church of Jesus Christ?

Our response: **We will and we ask God to help us.**

“Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work’s sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

Our response: **We will and we ask God to help us.**

Bishop Eaton asked us all to take seriously this call and commitment to unity reminding us that we may not always agree on everything, but we are one body serving one Lord.

I am excited about Bishop Lee’s ministry and have already had a couple of substantive conversations with him. These are not easy times for the church, but we have a bishop who is deeply committed to serving the Lord, has a passion for caring for all especially the marginalized and wants very much to get to know and worship with all the congregations in our Synod.

May we do our part by living together in the peace and unity of Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Jeff

**GILEAD’S VISION STATEMENT**

We ring out a joyous message of welcome and togetherness to neighbors near and far through the Spirit of Christ!

**VALUES FOR GILEAD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

PRAISING GOD through Traditional and Contemporary music and Lutheran liturgy.

GROWING IN FAITH through Fellowship, Study, Prayer and Service.

STAYING CONNECTED with each other and reaching out to others in the community.

LISTENING for the Spirit’s guidance in all we do.

AFFIRMING each person as worthy of love and respect.

Please keep our homebound and those that can’t be with us in your prayers:

John Grassman, Mike Boomhower, Matthew Raymond, Tom Spade, Kelly Nutter, Bob Guerin, June Boomhower, Rick Brown, Peter Valdeon, Allen Sheffer, Audrey Hayner, Gretchen Ryan, Elaine Frank, Marcy Mulner, Dylan Grant, Greg Baxter, Dana Tooley and Joe Carista.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Jenny Falusczcak 1 Shayne Roberts 18

David Coonradt 4 Hannah Kreiger 20

Amy Blair 5 Dillon Flynn 10

Emily Jasuta 7 John Shanahan 12

Isla Jones 15 Gavin Jones 16

Jessica Shanahan 26 Glenn Hayner 16

Charles Keefer 30 Jason Bowman 31

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Joseph and Dawn Danner October 7th

Joseph and Jennifer Blair October 15th

Christopher and Carol Brown October 22nd

OCTOBER CHURCH CALENDAR

**13th Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 4th 21st Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 17th**

Holy Communion Holy Communion

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24 1st Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm: 8 Psalm: 91:9-16

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16 Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

**20th Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 10th 22nd Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 24th**

Holy Communion Holy Communion

1st Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm: 90:12-17 Psalm: 126

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16 2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

**Reformation Sunday, October 31st**

Holy Communion

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: 46

2nd Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36

**WORSHIP LEADERS READERS**

October 3rd Pastor Dan Hahn October 3rd Eleanor Bode

October 10th Deacon Jim Netzer October 10th Deacon Jim Netzer

October 17th Pastor Jeff Silvernail October 17th Leonard Flath

October 24th Deacon Jim Netzer October 24th Deacon Jim Netzer

October 31st Rev. Lori Kochanski October 31st Andrea Keefer

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

October 5th Multi Committee Meeting 5pm

October 4th Worship and Music 5:30pm

October 12th Council Meeting 6:30pm

October 17th Boreggo Solar Meeting after service

October 28th Body and Soul Pantry 3-5pm

October 31st Trunk or Treat 3-5pm

**INFORMATION MEETING**

We have an opportunity to lease a portion of our land for a solar farm. A representative from that company, Boreggo Solar, will be at church for an information question and answer on Sunday October 17th following the service. This is a great opportunity to help secure the financial future of Gilead. Hope to see many of you there.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

We are excited to announce that our 5th Annual Trunk or Treat will be held this year! On Halloween, October 31st from 3 to 5pm.

We NEED you!! We are anticipating a crowd, last year we saw almost **200** kids!!! We need folks willing to decorate their trunks and hand out candy to our little ghosts and goblins. Maybe you have a friend or co-worker or neighbor that would like to join us. Please spread the word.

Don’t want to decorate and hand out candy, there is another way you can help. Donate Candy or small treats for us to hand out. The only thing we ask is that the candy be individually wrapped and nothing homemade.

Questions, Comments, Concerns? Please contact Andrea Keefer 518-598-2231 (call or text) [akeefer.gilead@gmail.com](mailto:akeefer.gilead@gmail.com) or Facebook Messenger. I really hope I have so many volunteers that I need to keep a list of everyone that wants to participate. 😊

**COMMUNITY MINISTRY**

I would like to thank all who helped with the food pantry over the summer by contributing food and helping pack up and serve the patrons. I thought you might be interested in how many hours go into providing this service. Last month, there was a total of 52 hours in order to provide what we do at the food pantry. Jobs such as ordering food from the food bank, picking it up, shopping for items not available at the bank, packing the bags and providing them to the patrons from 3-5pm. If anyone is interested in helping pack bags and/or helping on pantry day, please contact me. Thanks again for your continued support. Lisa Kreiger

**BIBLE STUDY**

It's back to school time. And even if you graduated more years ago than you might care to admit, always remember education is always a life-long process. With that in mind, you are cordially invited to join Deacon Jim and others for Bible Study, right after worship on those Sundays that he leads worship at Gilead. We simply look ahead at the following Sunday's readings and unpack them and discuss them and share each other's insights about them and we'd like to hear your insights too, no theological degree needed, just a love of Holy Scripture and wanting to understand it a little bit better. Don't worry, we are usually done in an hour or so because we get hungry too! In fact there is no commitment and since the readings change from week to week, you don't have to play catch up if you miss a session, so just come when you can. We'd love to have you join us, so please do!

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING**

**HELP WANTED**

We are looking for one to two people who would be interested in teaching the Defensive Driving course. The course is set up in three separate sections. If you decide you would like to help, you would be responsible to teach one section.

There is no pay for this, any money collected for the course either go to NTSI or to Gilead. If you have any questions or are interested in this, please contact Michele Krill at 518-225-0462. We can provide you with the material you need to teach the course. Michele and John will also be available if you need help.

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