

The Spirit

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A Note from Pastor Robin

“Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

“Change is inevitable – nothing stays the same.”

This is a statement that we hear quite regularly these days. Everything seems to be new and improved. I finally began to appreciate my cell phone, when I exchanged it for a “smart” phone. Now, it looks like I’m faced with getting an upgraded “smart” phone because the one I currently own does not work with our computer system here at the church. Now I’ll have to learn something new all over again!

Seasons change, priorities change, people change. What once was important when the children were young, may take a back seat to a new adventure. Long-lost friends, occupations, hobbies, and interests all seem to change in importance over time.

We have some changes around here at HSLC. Our new youth team held a cook-out kick-off for the Sunday school and young people of our congregation. Nearly 30 people enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill while 15 of our young people stayed for the lock-in overnight. It felt strange sleeping in the worship space, but it was also a great experience to talk with the young people about their lives, those things that are important to them and how their faith fits into their daily lives in a growing and ever-changing world.

We are blessed here at HSLC to have a growing and thriving group of young people. In so many ways, they are more capable of the fluctuations of life than we “middle agers” might be. Please pray as our youth team and young people continue to discern the will of God in this congregation.

There is one thing that we can always count on...God’s love for us through Jesus Christ. God never lets us down or fails us. God never gives up on us or walks away from us. It is a wonderful thing to have this constant in our lives as we maneuver through life’s twists and turns. This same God gives us patience and a sure sense of the resurrection even when times get hard. Through illness, sadness, depression, and death, we are never left on our own.

As we enter into the month of October and look forward to baptisms, Affirmation of Baptisms, celebrations, and wonderful worship, let us be reminded of God’s constant love, grace, and mercy for us. AMEN!



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Inside this edition, you will find words from your Pastor, committee reports, ongoing events, upcoming events, and other exciting news. We encourage you to take part and get involved at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church.



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Is Hosting Its

Second Annual Apple Festival

Saturday, November 3rd

We are looking for donations of baked goods. Dust off those cookbooks and show off your baking skills! All types of baked goods will be accepted: Cakes, pies, breads, muffins, cupcakes, cookies, rice krispy treats...any kind of sweet you can think of. We would also like some gluten free items this year, so if you bake gluten free, maybe you could help us out with a couple of those recipes. If interested in purchasing apples to bake in your donated items, please consider ordering them from the church.

Please contact Linda Smith for ordering apples.

Other inquiries regarding baked goods please contact Rolanda Kugler at rkugler25@yahoo.com or (410) 549-0135

We Need Your Help!

We are in need of new or slightly used Silent Auction items for the Apple Festival. If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact Jennie Jones at the Church office at (410) 795-2287, or you can drop your items off at the Preschool Monday-Friday from 9 am - 2 pm.

Preschool Jumps into Fall Festivities

We have had a great start to the new school year. We have many new families to welcome. Our program runs from 9:00 until 11:30 for our academic portions of our preschool and we also offer enrichment programs from 12:00 until 3:00 in computer, math, art, science, and physical education. This has been a great success in the past and this year we have around 12 children using this program.

In the month of October, we have so many things planned and it will be so much fun. The 2-year-olds and the 3-year-olds will visit Buppert's Farm while the 4-year-olds and the pre-k will visit Larriland Farm. Each child will receive a pumpkin to decorate for the holiday. At the end of the month we will celebrate Halloween with a party and a costume parade.



Please don't forget to go on line to register your Martin's card with our Preschool; it only takes a minute. If you are planning to give to another school, you can register with multiple schools so that all can benefit. Our school ID # is 01779. This is a great way to support the school.

Be looking for information about our next fundraiser. Our October fundraiser will be The Kidstuff Coupon Books. Each book costs \$25.00. There are many coupons for many great savings in the community. These are not just for kids; there are lots of great coupons for adults also. Please call the preschool office at (410) 795-2287 if you want more information, or you can catch Marcie Beauchamp, Sue Graybill, or Sue Podobnik before or after church. Thanks for your continued support.

FASHION EVENT

Hosted by Augsburg Auxiliary

Martin's West

October 8th, 2012

11 am – 4 pm

Full Luncheon featuring Taylor Marie's Apparel and D.J. Jonathan Davis

\$36 (Reservation Required)

Groups of 4 or more: Edie (410) 679-0488

Groups of 3 and under: Rosie (410) 484-3955

50/50 Raffle • Silent Auction • 50% off Racks • Door Prizes

Matching Funds provided by Thrivent.



Greetings from Szarvas Hungary!

I have done a lot of traveling this past month. First, there was a one-week orientation in Chicago, followed by a flight from Chicago to Zurich and then Zurich to Vienna. From Vienna, the ELCA country coordinator, Miriam, picked us (three other YAGMs and me) up and drove us to Bratislava (where she lives). We spent four nights in Bratislava, decompressing, exploring the city, learning some Hungarian history, and worshiping at the Bratislava International Church (the congregation Miriam serves). From Bratislava we took a train to Budapest, and were treated to lunch and a tour of Budapest by the Hungarian Lutheran church. The next day we traveled to Szarvas for 2 weeks of intensive Hungarian training. The other YAGMs and I spent those 2 weeks learning Hungarian for 4 hours a day, cooking, eating, laughing, and worshiping together. When our language training came to an end, Miriam led a commissioning service for us and our host site supervisors escorted us to our host sites. For me, that meant a 5-minute drive to my flat.

This past month has been busy, sometimes overwhelming, and exciting. I'm excited to begin work and get to know the people in Szarvas. My supervisor gave me a more detailed job description. It has three major focuses. The first is teaching a theology class in English at the Lutheran secondary school. The second is serving as a conversation assistant for the English classes at the primary school. The third task is working with interested members of the community, figuring out ways Gadje (non-Roma) and Roma can be in community together.

Thank you for your prayers and support! I look forward to sharing more stories as I get to know the community in Szarvas better.

Shalom,

Matt Zemanick



Save the Date!

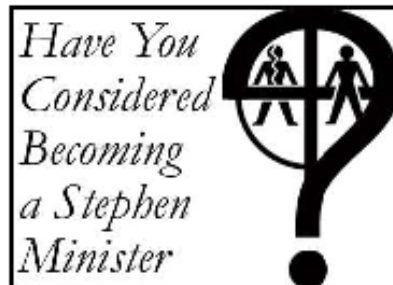
On October 21st, Holy Spirit will hold a special congregational meeting immediately following the second service. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the agenda for the annual congregational meeting; and to announce proposed changes to the HSLC bylaws.

Stephen Ministry Update



On Sunday, October 7, we will celebrate our first Stephen Ministry Sunday at both services. Pastor Robin and I will be commissioned as Holy Spirit's Stephen Leaders during the service. There will be a display of information about Stephen Ministry in the back of the multi-purpose room. I will be available to answer questions about Stephen Ministry and about becoming a Stephen Minister after the services. I will also be giving a presentation on Stephen Ministry during Sunday School.

We will begin to actively recruit Holy Spirit's first class of Stephen Ministers on that day. Sometimes it takes more than a parka or a blanket to keep another person warm. Sometimes it takes the presence of a caring Christian friend. Our Stephen Ministers will work alongside Pastor Robin to share the warmth of God's love with those who need it most: the lonely, the depressed, the grieving. Is God calling you to reach out to those who are hurting? If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. We will be accepting Stephen Minister applications during October and interviewing candidates in November. Training will begin in January, 2013. If you have questions or need more information, please contact me at the church office or by email (aim@hslceldersburgmd.org).



AiM Linda

Suicide Prevention and Suicide Survivor Support and Healing Series

Two Important Presentations

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012 7:00-9:00 P.M.

This presentation will focus on Mental Health Resources,
"Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)" Suicide Prevention Training,
and Suicide Survivor Resources.

Gary J. Arthur Community Center at Glenwood
The Patapsco Room
2400 State Route 97
Cooksville, MD 21723

QPR Training Presented by Tamara Van Newkirk of Grassroots
Suicide Survivor Support Programs Presented by Carla Spence

*A similar presentation for parents and students will take place at
Glenelg High School on October 29th, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012 7:00-8:30 P.M.

This presentation will focus on Faith Teachings
and Healing After Suicide

Calvary Lutheran Church
16151 Old Frederick Road
Mt. Airy, MD 21771
(just north of Rt. 70 at the Lisbon/Woodbine exit)

Presented by Rev. Anke Deibler and
Rabbi Sonya Starr, Columbia Jewish Congregation
Suicide Survivor Support Programs Presented by Carla Spence

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Sunday Worship Service: 8:30, 10:45 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am

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**“Our purpose is to love God
and to bring people into a
growing relationship with
Jesus and His church.”**



For newsletter updates, please send your electronic version to Lindsay Holbig at Lpodobnik@yahoo.com, or contact the church office at (410) 795-6333, or leave your printed copy in Ami O'Hara's church office mailbox.

Updates are due the 15th of each month.



- * October 4 – Jennifer Suther
- * October 5 – Emily Celly
David Willson
- * October 18 – Amy Potochney
- * October 29 – John Gondeck
- * October 31 – Sean Potochney



- * October 7 – Craig & Rolanda Kugler
- * October 18 – Frank & Lorraine Markosky
- * October 20 – Sean & Lisa Potochney

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