

# September 2017 Newsletter

## The Discipleship Chat

### Partners in the Gospel

For over a week now, our 'eyes' have been focused on the storms and flooding in the nation's SW (Texas, Louisiana), and the destruction and human need there. In our special offering received for flood relief through LCMS World Relief (which will distribute supplies through the neighbor churches to all the people in need), you gave over \$2100. Tremendous! Thank you. Like Jesus praying over the 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, we pray that God would take our offering and multiply it and use it to meet many needs.

Untold numbers of homes, churches, businesses etc were flooded. Yet the images we saw on TV were all of people helping people. These are a few images of **Lutheran South Academy** (HS) of Houston, flooded, yet housing people on the second floor, with supplies from the Cafeteria. When the waters receded, and the call went out for help to clean up, over 500 people from the neighborhood showed up!



We have yet to see what comes of Irma. We lift up in prayer the people, not just of Florida, but of all the other islands in the storm's path, ie. Haiti, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and Cuba (esp our brothers and sisters of St Pauls in Havana).

Natural disasters will always occur. May the Lord give us Opportunity Eyes, to see opportunities to minister to people and bring them the love of Jesus.

Pastor Dave

### Blind Football Player

Last weekend we heard about a very interesting human-interest story coming out of NCAA football. In the USC-WMU game, a blind ball snapper from USC came onto the field to snap an extra point attempt. This had been pre-arranged with both teams, that the snapper would not be rushed. There's more:

The snapper, **Jake Olson**, was a graduate of Orange Lutheran High School, of Orange County, CA, one of our largest Lutheran High Schools in the country. He played on their Varsity team for 2 years, snapping footballs in games. As Paul Harvey would have said, *'And now you know the rest of the story!'*

Special Class coming in October – Wednesday nights

**"As the Sun Sets"** is coming the four Wednesday evenings in October. Dealing with *Death and Dying* issues, it will touch on Preparing for the Twilight years, What is Available to me, Hospice and other facilities, Funeral Expenses, Final Wishes, Planning my funeral,



etc. Plan on joining us, and if there is something in there that you have questions about (or would like to see covered), please pass a note along to me (PD).



### Matinee Musicale is coming to Ascension!

Mark your calendars for afternoons of music at 1:00p.m. on the first Wednesday of the months of October 4, November 1, 2017, and February 7, March 7, and April 4, 2018.

Light refreshments follow the program.

*The following is from a board member of Matinee Musicale:*

Lansing Matinee Musicale is looking forward to coming to Ascension Lutheran Church to have our programs. We invite the members of your church to come to our programs. Our programs have very outstanding performers, they are free and open to the public. We hope this will be a time when the people of our organizations can interact and expand our memberships.

On occasion, we ask for people to become members, and our membership is very affordable. But we don't require people to be members to come to the programs.

**Women of Ascension** will meet Saturday, September 30th.

**September Council meeting Sunday after the service.**  
**September Elders Meeting September 12th**

**Thank you for your generous** response to the special Texas relief offering last week. \$2100 was given. For more information on donating to relief efforts contact LCMS World Relief and Human Care at [www.lcms.org/disaster-response](http://www.lcms.org/disaster-response). LCMS Disaster Response teams will deploy as soon as emergency

officials allow them to enter the disaster zone. More than 160 LCMS congregations are in the affected areas, and you can help with relief and mercy efforts.

**The 500th Anniversary Reformation Service** now has 10,000 seats reserved. This means that you may only get tickets by putting your name on a waiting list. If this is the case, please let me know so that I can distribute any possible extra tickets to congregation members instead of returning them. Kenda Bultman

**See the Signup Sheet for the Reformation celebration help.** Ushers, greeters and set up people are still needed. If we could get 10-20 ushers/greeters/set up from each congregation, that would be a great showing and support the 11,000 + worshippers who are coming. It will be a wonderful worship service, filled with hymns by Martin Luther, choir, orchestra, organ, and great preaching.

**Men's Venue** will be September 19th at Dublin Square, Albert and Abbot Streets. 6pm.

**Women's Venue** will be September 19th at Tannin. 5100 Marsh Road, Okemos. This is in the shopping center at Marsh and Central Park Drive, next to Maru Sushi and American Flooring. Meet at 6pm.

**If you are interested** in learning about the Stephen Ministry or becoming a Stephen Minister please contact Rebecca Baughan @ 517-898-8394 or [Baughan@msu.edu](mailto:Baughan@msu.edu) or Paul Halbig @ 517-775-9412 or [paul\\_halbig@aol.com](mailto:paul_halbig@aol.com).

**Former member**, Barbara Moore, broke her leg and is at Ingham County Medical Care - 3860 Dobie Rd (Room 314), Okemos for 8 weeks of rehab. Visitors and cards welcome.

**Date Change for Quilt Group:** They will be meet on Monday, September 18th at 1pm