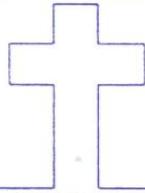
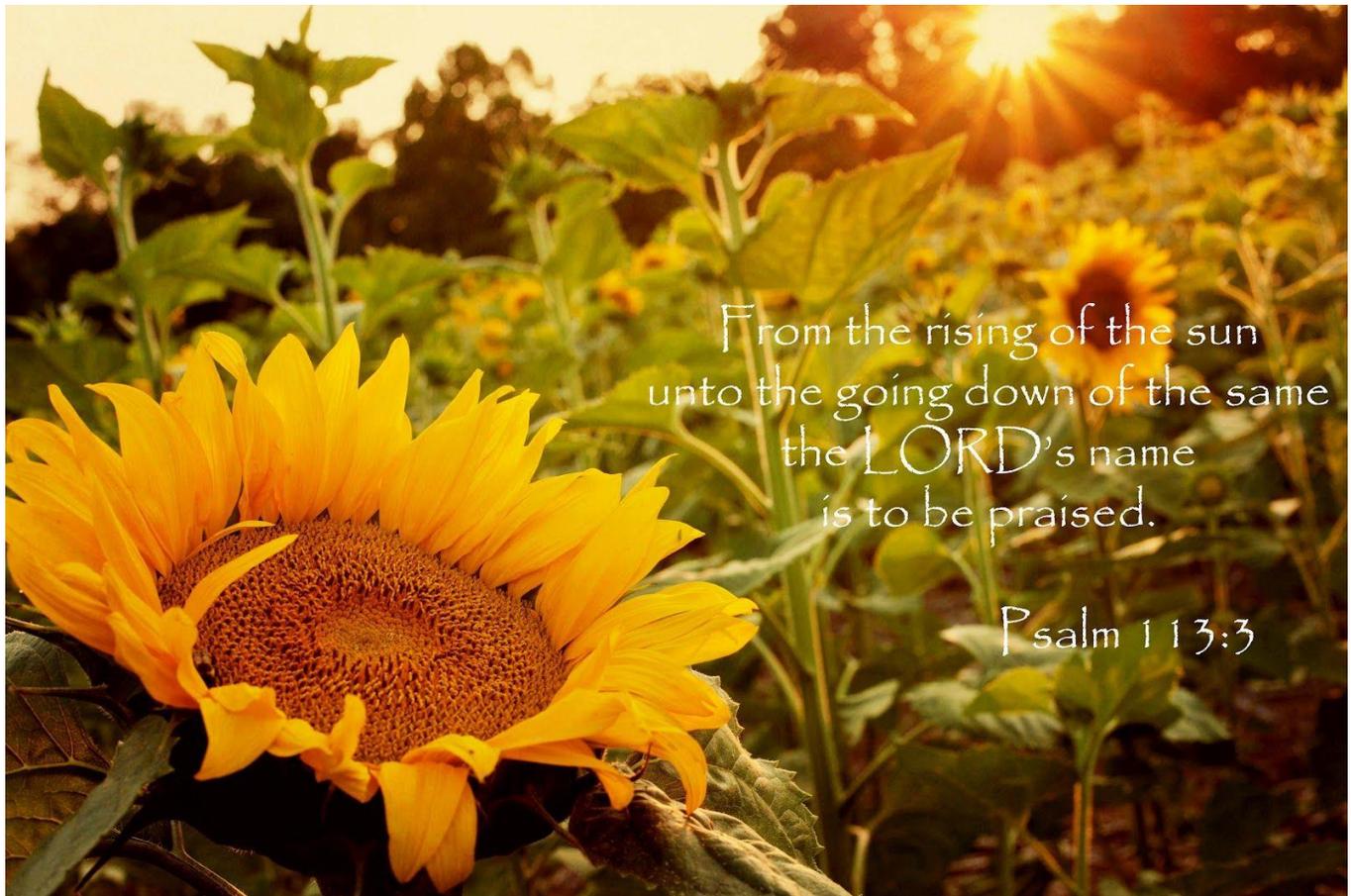


# The BELLRINGER



CLINTON HEIGHTS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



From the rising of the sun  
unto the going down of the same  
the LORD's name  
is to be praised.

Psalm 113:3

**August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**      **Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.**  
**Live stream at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Emailed with vimeo link at 11:00 a.m.**  
**Via church home page (click on vimeo at service date)**

**August 16**      **Outdoor Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.**  
**In church parking lot**  
**A recorded version available at online sites.**

**August 4, 11, 18, 25**      **Lesson study via zoom online**

## ***F***rom the Pastor

On Friday, March 13 our world changed. That day we heard that things were going to be shutting down because of the presence of the novel coronavirus in our country. We still had worship on Sunday, March 15 – we had about half of the people we usually have. We cancelled Holy Communion, the passing of the offering plates and sharing the peace, but we sang and prayed and heard God’s word. Soon after that, we joined other churches in cancelling in-person worship. At first it was for the rest of the month ... then for April, then May, then for the summer (except a few outdoor services), and now it is through October. Scientists have told us that being together in a rather confined space, sharing the aerosolized water droplets from our mouths when we breathe, speak and sing for a prolonged period of time is the way to best spread this virus, so we have stopped these in-person activities indoors out of an abundance of caution. Some congregations have returned to worship in their sanctuaries ... without congregational singing for services lasting about 30 minutes with MANY other restrictions. Some have even begun to share communion. Our leadership will be meeting and discussing ways that we might be able to return to some opportunities for in person gatherings in the upcoming month, all with an eye on the continuing presence of the virus in our community.

Please pray. Pray for our community leaders, for our schools, day cares, senior care facilities, churches, bars, and restaurants who are trying to keep people safe while still surviving both economically and socially. Pray for doctors, nurses, technicians, hospitals, scientists, researchers, and all who are busy treating Covid19 patients and seeking better treatment and a vaccine. Pray for all citizens of our city, state, and country that we do what we are called upon to help curb the spread of the virus, thus protecting the most vulnerable and guarding our hospitals from being overwhelmed. Pray for our nation as we are so divided right now, not only about the pandemic but also about issues like racism, social justice, police support and our upcoming election. When we feel so helpless, prayer is a gift from God which unites our voices and links us to our gracious and merciful God.

I want to give an update on what is happening around the church at this time:

**Worship** – we will continue to live-stream our services through October. In addition, we will have in-person outdoor services August 16, September 6 & 20, and October 4 & 18. These worship services have gone very well, and everyone present has enjoyed being together. We had 27 in attendance on June 21, and 38 on July 19. The shaded spot on the east parking lot has worked well, and we even catch the eyes and ears of some passers-by on their morning walks. The Intercessor Lutheran Mission (The African group who also use our sanctuary) have been live streaming their services from their pastor’s home. They have also begun outdoor services in July and will have another on August 2. I believe that they are planning to have outdoor worship the second and fourth Sundays of September and October as well.

**Christian Education** – the only thing happening in this area of ministry is our Tuesday morning Bible study, which is done through Zoom at 11:00 a.m. I am hoping to talk with the Christian education and youth leadership about how we will go about this ministry in

the fall, possibly through mailings and virtual gatherings, if not in person. Our Men's Bible study and Women's circles have not been meeting either.

**Outreach** – we have provided food for the two Faith Mission Meals during this time, but they have not been allowing outside folks into the kitchen until recently and that is a limited number. Our in-gatherings continue for LWR Health Kits and the LSS Food Pantry, and Clinton Heights members have continued to volunteer regularly at the pantry.

**Kid's Club** – They returned to the building in mid-July with smaller group sizes. Instead of up to 30 total children, they have two groups of six each. They are diligently cleaning and sanitizing each day and plan to go through August 14. Plans are still being discussed for the school year, especially since Columbus City Schools just announced that all schools will be virtual, at least through the first nine weeks.

**Property** – We are getting very close to installing the new lighting in the sanctuary. Our electrician has finally found some lights that meet our needs and the trustees have checked them out for approval. Money has been approved and is in hand for this, so my hope is that they can be installed soon. This will improve the quality of our live-stream services as well, since the lighting has seemed a bit dull.

This is certainly an unprecedented time for all of us who are alive today. I personally am about tired of this new way of life, but I am also concerned about my health, the health and well-being of my family, and the safety of our church family. Nothing would make me happier than to put a bunch of tables in my back yard, smoke a bunch of pork and have you all over for good food and fellowship. I miss it dearly. I am disappointed and a bit angry – not at any politicians or health officials, but at this tiny, unpredictable virus that has infiltrated our society ... kind of like that yeast that the woman put into the three measures of flour did in the parable that I preached on last Sunday (July 16). The worst part is, we just don't know when and how it will either end or transition into a healthier situation for us mentally, socially and economically. What we do know is that it will. It will come to an end – like all evil and death, this virus is not the last word for our church, our families, our community, and our world. In Matthew 24:32, Jesus says, "The one who perseveres to the end will be saved." Our call is to perseverance, trusting that Jesus walks with us in these difficult, challenging days, and that one day they will come to an end. Come Lord Jesus. And come soon! Amen.

Pastor Ralph Wolfe



## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY



Our Christian sympathy is extended to Art Daehnke on the passing of his son, Charles, in mid-July. May the Good Shepherd console all who grieve and bring them the comfort of His loving presence.

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14 Elspeth Koerner  
24 John Saylor  
26 Ruth Brown  
27 Donna Clawson  
28 Mitchell Hester  
30 John Botkin  
31 Wendy Wesemeyer

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

5 James & Carol Myers  
9 Carl & Janelle Adler  
10 Rev. Ralph & Lucy Wolfe  
15 Thomas & Michelle Walton  
22 Mike & Julie Rush



## THANK YOU!

Many thanks for your thoughts and prayers that got me through three weeks of isolation in the hospital. Bless all of you for your love and caring.  
*Eda Jane Spivey*

Many thanks to my church family for all the comforting thoughts expressed at the death of my Mom. She always appreciated the chance to worship at Clinton Heights when visiting. During this time of physical separation, it was nice to hear from you. *Mary Ellen Franzen*

We would like to thank all of the bakers for providing cookies for Faith Mission. Over 200 cookies were delivered to the clients. We are sure they were much appreciated. **Missed this "bake off"? Watch for another opportunity in the upcoming weeks.**

Sincere thanks, *Mission Committee*

*(Items for Gethsemane Lutheran Church's Food Pantry were collected in the spring.)*

On behalf of the Gethsemane Food Pantry, I want to thank you for your recent donations of toilet paper, canned goods, and soap. We appreciate your support of our efforts to help our needy North Columbus neighbors. Best wishes to all of you, especially during this difficult time.  
*Jane Sieberth*

*(The proceeds from the pre-Lent Pasta feast in February and an endowment grant were designated for Camp Noah, a camp for children in the Miami Valley traumatized by floods and tornadoes.)*

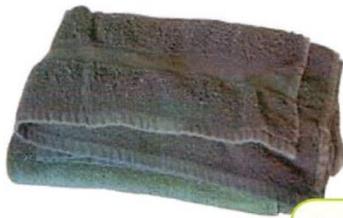
On behalf of all the children in the Miami Valley area we want to thank you for your most generous gift of \$1000 towards the Camp Noah program. Regrettably, we had to postpone the camp this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We plan on holding Camp Noah in the Miami Valley in the spring of 2021. If you would like more information, please point your browser at [www.peacebeavercreek.org/camp-noah-info](http://www.peacebeavercreek.org/camp-noah-info). Thank you again for your generous donation.  
*Kevin E. Pyle, Parish Admin.*

Peace Lutheran Church,  
Beavercreek, OH

Summer projects sponsored by WELCA are ingatherings of **Personal Care Kits and bars of soap** for Lutheran World Relief. The kits and soap are distributed world-wide, including the US. Your donations may be dropped off at the church during the week or at the outdoor worship services until the end of September. If you prefer, you may make a monetary donation (checks made out to *CHLC WELCA*), and WELCA will do the shopping for you.

## PERSONAL CARE KITS

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:



**×1**

One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended



**×2**

Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping



**×1**

One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*



**×1**

One sturdy comb, remove packaging



**×1**

One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging



Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

\*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap



Lutheran World Relief  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.



Sasha is a lovely young woman I have known since she was a teenager. She and her beautiful 2 ½ year old daughter K'Lil (both U.S. citizens) are stuck in Canada while embroiled in an International custody battle. That means both U.S. and Canadian lawsuits, which as you can imagine makes everything complicated and expensive. Because Sasha did not enter Canada on a work visa (she and K'Lil were visiting), she is not permitted to hold a job there. An immigration lawyer in Canada is working to obtain an extended visa that would allow her to obtain a work permit. Sasha's family and friends here in the U.S. are paying all her living and legal expenses as well as providing emotional support to Sasha who is alone with a toddler in a country where she has no support system.

Progress was being made to bring Sasha and K'Lil home, but then came COVID-19 shutdowns in the U.S. and Canada. In addition to slowing down legal the legal processes, they are making it difficult for Sasha to obtain affordable clothing and supplies for a growing toddler – even the thrift stores are closed! At least the playgrounds opened this week, so K'Lil is happy!

Shipping to Canada is extremely expensive but under these circumstances, we need to collect some clothes for K'Lil and ship them up to Sasha. I'm hoping that our WELCA group can help with shipping costs, as well.

**Here are the urgent needs:**

- **3T summer clothes**
- **Toddler size 7 shoes (she has one pair), size 8 to grow into would also be welcome**
- **Training Pants (cloth, trying to get away from pricey Pull-ups)**

If you have 4T fall/winter clothes to donate, they would also be appreciated. We can ship the summer clothes immediately and send the others later. There's no telling how long this will last, but even when it is over, it will take a while for Sasha to get back on her feet. Sasha, her family and I are very grateful for anything help you can provide.

I will be happy to come and pick up donations (contactless pick up, of course!) Just give me a **call or text at 614-915-6442** or (pending Pastor/Phyllis' approval) you can leave them at the church and I'll pick them up there.

THANK YOU!!!

Michelle Walton