

PROVIDENCE CHURCH CHAT

September 2018

1958 - Providence Lutheran Church - 2018



Sunday, September 9

10:30 AM Combined Service

(no Saturday worship)

Followed by Potluck & Fellowship

- † Come together as One for a single worship service on this special Rally Day Sunday.
- † Join us as we dedicate our new hymnals in celebration of our 60th anniversary.
- † Includes FaithTrek for the kids!
- † Lunch will follow in the Family Life Center. Please bring a dish to share.

**God's work.
Our hands.**



"God's Work. Our Hands." Project Day

Saturday, September 8, 2018, 9:30am to 1pm

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.

Providence Lutheran Church will be volunteering at **Sunshine Inc.** for their **2018 Roll & Stroll**. We will be manning the **Walk Stations**. All ages are welcome to participate.

Please sign up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, call Becky Henderly at 419-351-6184 or any church council member.

Directions from Providence Lutheran Church to Sunshine's Maumee Campus at 7223 Maumee-Western Road, Maumee: Head west on Airport Highway (SR 2). Then, turn left onto Albon Road (CR 86). Then, turn left onto Maumee-Western Road (US 20A).

GIVE BLOOD
You can make a difference.



BLOOD DRIVE

at Providence

Sunday, September 23

10:30am to 3:30pm

In the Family Life Center

To schedule an appointment
call **1-800-722-2767**

or go online to:

www.redcrossblood.org
and enter sponsor code:
PROVLUTH



POWER HOUR

Wednesday Night
EDUCATION Hour
for ALL AGES!

KICKS OFF:

Wednesday, Sept 12

6pm PIZZA

+

6:30pm Bible Study
(Kids thru Adult)



Something for the
whole family!

Bible Study



Nehemiah: A Life Of Prayer

Wednesdays at 10am & 6:30pm
Starting September 12

Pastor Todd will lead this powerful bible study which focuses on the prayer life of **Nehemiah**.

Nehemiah prays a lot. He is a person of deep prayer, and seeks God's guidance and favor before taking action. Most of Nehemiah's prayers are short, though the prayer recorded in chapter 9 is the longest prayer in the entire Bible.

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6). This inspiring Bible verse and the faithful example of Nehemiah captures God's desire for us to pray.

Join us as we focus the foundational spiritual practice of prayer and learn how it has the power to transform you.



Faith Trek Continues Every Sunday For Children 3 years and Older

What is Faith Trek?

Faith Trek is Providence's version of "Sunday School." Here's how it works: Children start the morning with their parents in the Sanctuary with Pastor Todd and participate in the Praise Worship Service. After the Pastor gives his Children's Message he invites them to journey off to the Faith Trek area for bible lessons that are packed with fun, games, and teachable moments. Meets every Sunday during the 10:30am service. Visitors are always welcomed.

Volunteer to be a Faith Trek Leader
-See Judy Atkins, or E-mail her at:
judyatkns@aol.com



PUB THEOLOGY

BEER, CONVERSATION & GOD

all perspectives welcome

September 20 * October 18 * November 15
(Third Thursday each month)

Join Pastor Todd for lively conversation in an open, relaxed atmosphere at
The FIREPIT GRILLE at 7pm.
All Adults are invited.

Come drink a beer, a soft drink or an ice tea with us and join in on the conversation.

Join a Music Ministry

CHOIR & PRAISE TEAM

Practice begins Thursday, September 6

Choir will practice at 5:30pm in the choir loft. We will sing the 1st & 3rd Sundays each month.

Praise Team practice will begin at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. All musicians & singers encouraged to join in!

All are welcome to participate in these music ministries! No need to sign up, just show up!!

-Marlene Wainer, Choir / Praise Director



Join the Hand Bell Choir

New members are always welcome! We have a lot of fun and fellowship while ringing! We practice on

Tuesday nights at 7pm.

For questions about our next rehearsal:
Talk with Sue Runkle or any member of the team.

Scouting News!

Our congregation's Scouting units are getting back to their regular schedules for Fall!



Cub Scout Pack 144 Welcomes Both Girls and Boys!

Yes, you read that right. For the first time, we will be organizing dens for both girls and boys! Cub Scouting programs are for youth from Kindergarten through Fifth grades and are now open to the whole family.

Come check us out at our **Join Scouting Night: Monday, Sept. 10th at 7pm**; or come to our first pack meeting Tuesday, Sept. 11th at 6:45pm. Both meetings will be in the Family Life Center.



Troop 210 Kicks Off a New Program Year!

Our troop's youth leaders have planned a year of fun and adventure! In addition to our weekly meetings we'll have monthly troop campouts or activities, church/community service and lock-ins. The year will culminate next summer with a week at Camp Frontier for all Scouts and High Adventure for older Scouts in the Rocky Mountains of New Mexico. All boys who are at least 11 (or in the 6th grade) are invited to join us. Our troop meets weekly on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 in the Family Life Center.



Venturing Crew 210 Program is Youth Planned, Youth Led!

Our co-ed program is for all high school youth and includes elements of Adventure, Leadership, Personal Growth, and Service (A.L.P.S.). We have just returned from our week-long Keys Adventure at the BSA's Florida Sea Base – snorkeling, sailing, paddle-boarding, deep-water fishing, camping on a deserted island and more! We are in the planning stages for our new program year so join us and let your voice be heard! Our crew generally meets here at Providence on the first and third Sunday afternoons each month, although this can vary due to activities scheduled.

If you are interested in finding out more about Scouting contact Jim Whitehead, Providence's Charter Representative.



Catechism

Catechism Classes For 5th and 6th Graders

Confirmation classes for 5th & 6th graders (and older) will start Wed, September 12th. Families may choose for their child to attend Wednesday eves at 6:30pm, or Sundays at 10:30am. This is a two year program with classes held September thru May. If you are interested and didn't attend the August parent's meeting, please see Deacon Judy Atkins.



CALLING ALL PLC TEENS!

This year at Providence teen members 12 years and older will be able to participate in fun events and service projects. We would love to hear from you! Please stop by the lounge **BEFORE service on Rally Day Sunday, September 9th at 10:00am**. This will be a short meet and greet to sign up to be a part of this TEEN ONLY group. If you have any questions make sure to email Amy or Alyssa Baburek at baburek@bex.net



Young Voices of Greater Toledo Now Forming for 8th Season!

Young Voices of Greater Toledo, a children's chorus for ages 8—8th grade, is accepting new singers for their 8th Season. Interested children and parents are invited to attend one of two registration sessions on Tuesday Sept 4 or Tues, Sept 11 at 6pm at Monroe Street United Methodist Church, 3613 Monroe St., Toledo. Each child will receive a free professional evaluation of his/her voice. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the staff and ask questions. **For more info, call 419-473-1167, ext 230, or email: youngvoicestoledo@yahoo.com, or visit www.yvgt.org.**

From the Deacon's Desk

By Deacon Judy Atkins

FROM THE Doghouse of Obie & Eli ...



This is the day that the Lord has made. Rejoice and be glad in it.

This summer has flown by like we can't believe. We've been able to soak up a lot of sunshine and warmth just by plopping down on the lawn, looking for some of those little bunnies that have hopped around the back yard, and chewing some sticks that have fallen from the trees. Then there were the days when the rain provided us some unintentional showers, and we ran to the door to go inside because we really don't like being wet.

J shared about the VBS at Providence in June. She said there were more than 60 young people who were registered – tremendous! Plus she said there was a record number of Crew Leaders and volunteers who helped the week be a grand experience for all. AND . . . all the time and donations that were provided by the congregation. We didn't get to see the chancel as it was decorated for *Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus*, but we heard that it exceeded the expectations of everyone! The monetary donations of the children were nearly \$300 to send to help the victims of Puerto Rico, and the congregation added another \$1800. Pr. Miller, who used to serve the NWOS on Synod Staff and is now the pastor at Unity Church of San Juan, was surprised and elated to receive such a wonderful way to support the people who have been "shipwrecked" by Hurricane Maria. So on behalf of J, thank you to everyone for your care and support to make the Vacation Bible School,

2018, a super way to reach out to the kids of the community and beyond.

The educational programs at PLC will begin after Rally Day which is September 9. **Confirmands** - those in the 5th grade or older: Our program will start Wednesday, September 12 at 6pm with POWER HOUR and pizza! Group time will be 6:30-7:30. If you can't attend on Wednesday evening, group time will be at 10:30 each Sunday morning in the conference room! This will be a good year as we learn more about both the Old and New Testaments!

Lest we forget about the homebound members of PLC. Pr. Todd and J met with some of the companions recently to focus on those who can't get to worship. There are fifteen known homebound members. If you are homebound and would like visits from PLC companions, *please call the church's office*. If you are feeling God calling you to volunteer at PLC as a companion, *please call the church's office*. As things in our lives change, we need to be here for each other - and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ!

We canines - and parrots, too - become excited each day when the sunshine breaks over the trees. We try to wake R&J up to tell them that "This is the day the Lord has made. Rejoice and be glad in it!" May you be as excited that the Light of the World brightens your day and that you share His love with those in your lives. See you at PLC!!!

Many Blessings,
Obie & Eli



Do you, or someone you know, need a prayer?

To add a name to the prayer chain during the DAY call:

Marilyn Krichbaum – 419-865-5058

To add someone to the E-MAIL CHAIN just send an e-mail to Joanna in the church office jdaplcc@aol.com

**Join the
Toledo Lutheran
Mixed Bowling League**

If you are looking for a reason to get out of the house and have some fun we invite you to join us! This is a FUN league, not a money league.

Men & Ladies, entire teams or individuals are welcome to join us. We have 4-person teams, in any combination of men & women. We use 100% handicap. We have averages from 100 to 200 — believe me, you don't need to be a great bowler.

We meet 7pm Monday nights at Interstate Lanes in Rossford. Cost is \$14 per bowler. Adult beverages are ok with us, but we do ask each person to watch his/her language and actions. The League officially kicked off August 20, but there is still time to get in on the fun!

For more info, contact: Steve Mawhorter at:
mawhorters@yahoo.com



August 15, 2018

My dearest brothers & sisters in Christ at Providence:

First, I want to congratulate you on the excellent success in your mission. I hear and see that you are flourishing with the leadership of Pastor Todd, and with Judy. They are both “top drawer” faithful and effective servants of Christ Jesus! Also, I want to thank you for the overwhelming gift you sent, a total of \$2116. It was wonderful to connect from Puerto Rico to Providence for your VBS, and we are grateful that the VBS kids and their families gave us their offerings. However, Judy told me that all of Providence participated in this amazing offering — I thank God for your abundant generosity!! This was far more than I/we expected!!

So you know — the congregation I am serving in Puerto Rico is The Union Church of San Juan, an interdenominational Christian congregation which does ministry in English and Spanish. I never imagined myself serving in such a setting, but 3 years ago, I married a Puerto Rican woman and here I am! As Christians love to say, “If you want to make God laugh, tell God your plans!!”

Union Church’s mission is also growing and we have done some very good work to share Christ’s love after Hurricanes Irma and Maria. We even brought on a second full-time Pastor to be our Outreach Minister. She has visited literally every county in Puerto Rico, taking relief supplies of all kinds: food, medical supplies, generators, and emergency lighting. We will use your check to strengthen that fund, as we continue to visit families that are still struggling, almost a year after Maria.

I remember with extreme fondness my visits to Providence, and my opportunities to dream about God’s plans for Providence’s future growth. It gives me tremendous satisfaction to know that God used your and my humble work to accomplish great things for God’s kingdom and for the people of God.

Across the years and across the Atlantic, I remain your partner and your brother in Christ-

Pastor Marc A. Miller

THANK YOU!

From the Evangelism Team ...
Thank you for responding so generously to the call for school supplies! Your donations were distributed to Springfield Schools and others throughout Lucas County!



Check Out Our Church Website

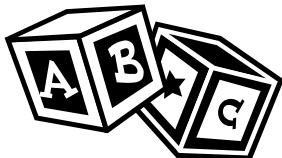
(see the PLC Calendar, Newsletter, Events, and MORE!)

GO TO:
providencelutheran.org

GIVE ONLINE
-Safe, Secure, Convenient-

**There's still time to enroll
your 3- & 4-yr-olds
for Pre-school
at
Taylor Learning Center
Located at Providence**

To register, contact Karen Taylor
at 419-360-1960.



ON GOD & GOVERNMENT

By Nelson "Bump" Bell

QUOTES WORTH REMEMBERING

- Norman Vincent Peale, "Change your thoughts and you can change YOUR world."
- Mother Teresa, "Love is a fruit in season at all times and within reach of every hand."
- George Washington, "It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and a Holy Bible."
- Abraham Lincoln, "A divided nation cannot long endure."
- Theodore Roosevelt, "A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education."
- Ronald Reagan, "If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, and then we will be a nation gone under."
- Bump, "Every child, unborn or born, is a human life with dreams, aspirations and opportunities beyond all expectations for success if given a chance to survive."

When the founding fathers met to develop the United States Constitution one person, James Madison, who later became a President was credited for introducing the Bill of Rights as amendments. He was called the father of this famous document. Madison quoted, "We have started the whole future of an American civilization not on the power of government. We have staked the whole political institutions upon the capacity of mankind to self-governing upon ourselves according to the commandments of God. The future success of America is not in the Constitution but by the laws of God upon which this Constitution is founded."

This statement is profound and truthful because too many politicians and political leaders have tried and failed to believe in the wisdom that has kept us believing In God We Trust. Anarchists are attempting to take our freedoms from us. We need to protect and defend our Republic so that We the People can continue to govern ourselves through elected representatives that include the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches. In the 242 years since our founding, we have had our share of great and bad representatives in the three branches who were either incompetent, corrupt or highly controversial but our constitution has not failed us from their tactics or destructive leadership. In 1776 a lady asked Ben Franklin, "What have you given us?" Franklin replied, "A Republic and now let us see how long you can keep it!"

Through the mercy of love and forgiveness mankind has hope for those who have strayed away from God and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Should those fallen from grace ever decide that there is an alternative to repent, confess and return to the reality of truthfulness, they will be welcomed back to become positive - productive citizens when they apply family value and the common-sense needed to survive any pitfalls that are unconstitutional.

SNAPSHOTS of Summer 2018

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & CAR SHOW



September Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

9/1 Kurt Wisnofske
 9/2 Cloee Chappetta
 9/2 Eva Harris
 9/2 Jeanine Herdman
 9/2 Cole Matthews
 9/2 Cecelia Wirick
 9/3 Daniel Crandall
 9/3 Tom Scott
 9/4 James Baburek
 9/4 Brad McCormick
 9/5 Robert Grams
 9/6 Sue Kistner
 9/7 Jim Caris
 9/8 Gabrielle Chartier
 9/8 Evan Pelton
 9/9 Shirley Ridenour
 9/9 Greg Smith
 9/10 Toni Bookenberger
 9/11 Roger Kleopfer
 9/12 Bryce Bolger
 9/12 Louis Crippen Jr
 9/12 Doug Hancock
 9/14 Troy Geer
 9/15 Tony Corr
 9/15 Kaydence Whitehead
 9/16 Jenny Williams
 9/19 Tyler Gerken
 9/19 Matthew Rardin
 9/19 Barb Sulad

9/21 Benjamin Carr
 9/21 Joshua Davis
 9/21 Tyler Sack
 9/22 Henry Hofmeister
 9/22 Jeffrey Williams
 9/23 Morgan Lee
 9/24 Pam Bickerstaff
 9/25 Thomas Gerken
 9/25 Rita Zaremski
 9/26 Cindy McCourt
 9/26 Kris Rockman
 9/27 Robert Barkhimer Sr
 9/29 Tracy Haynes
 9/30 Christine Borrillo



ANNIVERSARIES

9/1 Nick & Laura Konrad
 9/7 Mark & Jessica Naiber
 9/15 Tony & Brenda Corr
 9/16 Sherri & Scott Koback
 9/18 Charles & Jan Winke
 9/19 Kyle & Deborah Crippen
 9/19 Richard & Jan Evaritt
 9/21 Chad & Jennifer Cox
 9/24 James & Jinnie Corthell
 9/30 Tom & Helen Wakefield



This doe was recently spotted in the church courtyard — perhaps she was looking for a drink of water from the water fountain.

Parish Happenings

Baptisms

Olivia Lynn Naiber	July 1
Brayden Francis Haley	August 12
Arianna Marie Cabell	August 12
Layla May Cabell	August 12
Summer Grace Davis	August 26

Weddings

Heather Chartier & Shawn Binns	June 29
Staci Bailey & Willie Geiser	July 7



"God's Work. Our Hands" Project Day

At Sunshine Maumee Campus

Sat. September 8, 9:30am to 1pm

Your help is needed to support the 21st Annual Roll & Stroll event.

Providence will be manning the "Walk Stations"

All ages encouraged to participate.

Sign up Sheet is in the Narthex.

Sunshine
ROLL & STROLL
JOIN US!
 9:30 to 1 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 8
 Sunshine's Main Campus
 7223 Maumee Western Rd.

**It's hard to get in shape
spiritually if you only work
out on Sundays!**



**Join us on Wednesdays
nights for POWER HOUR!**