

Hallelujah for Labor!

“...and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!” *Psalm 90:17*

“...knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” *1 Corinthians 15:58*

In 1887 the young state of Colorado was one of the first states to designate a holiday in honor of the American worker. In 1894 the first Monday in September officially became a federal holiday called Labor Day. Today Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer. While most of us mainly enjoy Labor Day as a day off work, to relax with family and friends, the original intent of the day was to pay tribute to those who labor, and to acknowledge the benefits that accrue to our whole society through the toil of those who work.

While Christians do not work for our salvation, we do work as those who are already saved by grace! The Bible has much to say about work. From the tending of the Garden of Eden that Adam was appointed to do even before the Fall (Gen. 2:15) to the toilsome yet joyful missionary labor of the apostle Paul, Scripture testifies that work is a blessing from God.

Work, labor, effort—while we all enjoy a day away from it, we can also attest to the fact that work brings pleasure and satisfaction. And the more so for us who know God, and who know that we are God’s chosen children in Christ Jesus. The above Bible verses speak about work in a very positive way. The Psalm verse, which is the last verse of Psalm 90 in which Moses reflects upon the brevity of life, is a plea to God about our work. It’s a prayer that God would make our work worthwhile, make it stand, make it have lasting value.

The second verse, which comes at the end of the great resurrection chapter of 1 Corinthians, is the confident affirmation by St. Paul that our labors for Christ are *never* wasted time or wasted effort. What an encouragement! Be encouraged by that promise! Be encouraged patiently and diligently to do the Christian work that belongs to your calling!

We learn here that...the devoted love and attention extended in Jesus’ name to one’s ailing spouse, day after mundane day, *is not in vain!* ...the earnest endeavor to be a godly parent and to teach one’s children about the Lord, even on those days when it seems you’re spinning your wheels, *is not in vain!* ...the instruction of a congregation in discipleship, stewardship, and evangelism, even when fruit doesn’t grow at the rate you’d like, *is not in vain!* ...the daily routine of teaching, grading papers, administering discipline, meeting with parents, and the like, when done with the prayer that the Lord would bless it according to His will, *is not in vain!* Indeed, all that we undertake in faith, according to God’s will and in Jesus’ name, will be crowned with God’s blessing—that is His promise. We may not in our lifetime see the ultimate outcome, but we may trust the promise.

Let that fact encourage you to keep up all your various labors in the Lord. Rest assured, you are saved not by your works, but by grace, by virtue of *Christ’s* work. That Gospel liberates you to roll up your sleeves for the Lord. Hallelujah—praise the Lord—for labor!

Pastor Groth



THOSE SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

Ushers

Dan Adams

Scott Davidson

Roger Ruff

Fred Brechbuhl

Elders

9/4 Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

9/11 Rick Mericle & Cal Meisner

9/18 Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

9/25 Rick Mericle & Cal Meisner

Acolytes

9/4 Nicholas Little

9/11 Joey Weinstock & Corrie Rose

9/18 Damien Dittrich & Katelynn Rose

9/25 Nicholas Little

Altar Guild Jan Meisner and Lynda Meisner



Women, where would we be without them?

What an opening line for a great joke, but not this time.

I'd like to take this opportunity to do something a little different. Instead of passing along some information concerning your spiritual growth or the needs of the church of your time, talents or treasures I would like to thank some of the people that are doing just that.

THANK YOU

We have a team of some pretty wonderful women at Beautiful Savior that are rarely recognized for their hard work. The truth is, a lot of important things are done behind the scenes that many have no idea who does it or how it happens. I'm not going to mention names because these gals do this out of the kindness of their hearts and love for their church. I will, however, cite some examples of things that are done that most people don't really think about.

The greeters before Sunday service welcome everyone with a warm good morning assuring the day starts out on the right foot. Another thing you see every Sunday is Communion. Those little wine jiggers don't fill themselves. Hired custodial workers do not clean the pews. The florist does not place the flowers with care. And at the end of service, none of these things get cleaned up by themselves.

Here is something very special: the care taken to present the family of a departed member an informal time for friends and family to enjoy a lunch and God-given fellowship. The members of the women's guild coordinate these meals. They arrange the fellowship hall, prepare the food, set up the serving tables and then when it's over they clean, clean and clean. Other selfless duties include the Lenten and Advent soup suppers, missions where clothing has been handmade for underprivileged children, the Christmas decorations, and really you could say all the decorating for special times all year long.

These are only a very few examples of the care they put into the church. Another great gal is the church secretary. Day in and day out she works with Pastor Groth and never says a word. She just keeps things in order and does everything a good secretary does, and then some.

You probably know some of these ladies. Take a minute and thank them for their work and if it so moves you, offer your help. "The more hands, the lighter the work".

Rick Mericle for the Board of Elders





September Birthdays

Sept. 2	Joshua Jurischk
6	Joseph Bonder
12	Damien Dittrich Bailey Murphy
15	Caleb Brechbuhl Benjamin Groth
17	Deann Davidson
18	Marge Buss Esther Carpenter
19	Christine Young
21	Shellie Douglass
23	Bob Akmenkalns
27	Roberta Nigon



September Anniversaries

Sept. 4	Jeff & Brenda Davis
7	Gene & Wyonne Sylvester
28	Jim & Gayle Phillips

Family Fun & Fellowship Picnic! Celebrating "Christian Education Sunday" & "Honoring the Anniversary of 9/11"



Sunday, Sept. 11th, 10:30 a.m.

**Beautiful Savior Lutheran
Church & School
6995 W. 120th Ave., Broomfield**

*ALL Church & School Families,
Friends and the **Broomfield 1st Responders**
as our **Special Guests** are invited to attend
this celebration of our
Life Together and Our Community!*

**GOOD FOOD! ACTIVITIES & GAMES for
EVERYONE!**

(Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Side Dishes and Desserts)

**"Side Dishes" Needed and Greatly
Appreciated!**

Please see the "**Sign-Up**" Sheet on the **Church & School Bulletin Boards** for the suggested *Side Dishes* and *Misc. Picnic Supplies*. Please contact the Church or School Office with any questions or other concerns you may have. **Thank you!**

***Please Note:** The "*Family Fun & Fellowship Picnic*" will begin after the 9:00 a.m. "Christian Education Sunday" Worship Service.

***Be Sure to "Save the Date" & Please
Join Us***

**A Vigil of Repentance in Remembrance
Of the Victims of Abortion
Saturday, September 10, 2016, 1:00**

Ascension Lutheran Church
1701 W. Caley Ave, Littleton 80120



Through the wood of the cross, joy has come into the world! Death has been put to death, and Satan's evil work against the smallest of children will only continue for a time. Pausing to remember the deaths of these babies, to pray for those who are plagued by guilt over the deaths of their children, to come alongside women in crisis pregnancies is worth it because each one of them is of worth to Christ.

Please join us in a Day of Remembrance. Let us kneel together before the Crucified One who yet lives, who is working all things, even death and suffering and hardship, for good. He causes us to pray and, wonder of wonders! HE has seen fit to remember us day in and day out, no matter who we are or what we've done. He hears and He answers!!!

More info: Ascension 303 794 4636, Lutherans for Life 303 972 0873

Below are the sites where some unborn are buried in the Denver area.



Memorial for the Unborn
Queen of Peace Catholic Church
13120 E Kentucky Avenue
Aurora, CO 80012

Memorial to the Unborn
Shrine of St Anne Catholic Church
7555 Grant Place
Arvada, CO 80001

Memorial Wall for the Unborn
Sacred Heart of Mary Cemetery
6739 S Boulder Road
Boulder, CO 80025

Planned Parenthood Sites Metro Denver for your prayerful vigil

921 E. 14th Ave, Denver CO 80218

2030 E. 20th Ave., Denver CO 80205

12000 E. 47th Ave. Denver CO 80239

1400 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Lakewood CO 80232

950 Broadway Denver, CO 80203

7155 E. 38th Ave, Denver CO 80207



Happy
Fall
Ya'll!

Listed below are the names and addresses of some of our members that are either homebound or due to distance and/or lack of transportation are not able to worship with us on a regular basis. I'm sure they would enjoy receiving cards from anyone wishing to send them.

Mrs. Melva Anderson, 1055 Adams Circle, #236, Boulder, CO 80303

Mrs. Dixie Cassily, 12919 Lafayette Street, Unit G, Thornton, CO 80241

Mrs. Maxine Craiger, 269 Garnet Street, Broomfield, CO 80020

Mrs. Gerd Crandall, 1171 E. 1st Ave., Apt 1702, Broomfield, CO 80020

Mrs. Wilda Davenport 1232 Tipperary, Boulder, CO 80303

Mrs. Rowena Davis, 10190 Wadsworth Blvd., Apt 113, Westminster, CO 80021

Karl & Linda Duchrow, 10044 Lee Street, Broomfield, CO 80021

Mrs. Linda Frederking, 225 Waneka Pkwy, Room 108, Lafayette, CO 80026

Mrs. Pat Hanket, 1603 Daphne Street, Broomfield, CO 80020

Mrs. Doris Hintz, Clear Creek Care Center, 7481 Knox Place, Westminster, CO 80030

Mrs. Roberta Nigon, 1213 Jefferson, Louisville, CO 80027

Mr. James Nuoffer, 9160 W. 64th Avenue, Apt. 1, Arvada, CO 80004

Mrs. Wanda Renzelman, 760 Marble Street, Broomfield, CO 80020

Mrs. Vee Rotvold, 451 Malley Drive, Apt. 153, Northglenn, CO 80233

Mr. & Mrs. Don Sall, 12810 Hudson Street, Apt. 322, Thornton, CO 80241

Mrs. Ruby Stolz, 10300 Sheridan, Suite 103, Westminster, CO 80020

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Sylvester, 2425 W. Miller Court, Lakewood, CO 80227

Mrs. Julie Vogel, 12322 Clayton Court, Thornton, CO 80241



In Christ, for the Church and the World

“In grateful response to God’s grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through the Word and Sacraments, the mission of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is to vigorously make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities and the world.” (LCMS Mission Statement – 2010)

Dear Family in Christ:

Greetings in Christ!

“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life” (Galatians 6:7-8, NASB)

This teaching from our Lord’s Word is the foundation for the following message that I found to be very helpful with understanding a couple of words that many people seem to get confused.

Have we gotten our **circumstances** and our **consequences** confused?

Circumstances are events beyond our control, resulting from forces or influences we did not cause and cannot change. Some of these *circumstances* are what we might call trials – painful *circumstances* allowed by God in order to transform our conduct and character. Losing a loved one, struggling with cancer, being rear-ended at an intersection – these are examples of trials and *circumstances*.

But ***consequences*** are life events and experiences that result wholly or in part from what we ourselves have done: what we’ve said, places we’ve gone, priorities we’ve pursued, choices we’ve made.

Everything that God commends in Scripture – those things we’re told to do, things we’re taught to esteem as good – He commends for our blessing, and He makes sure blessing comes to us from choosing them. But everything He forbids in Scripture comes with a painful *consequence*. Why? To give us a glimpse of the wisdom behind His command. Or, as I’m fond of saying: when God says “don’t”, He means “don’t hurt yourself”. When we choose to sin, we choose to suffer – the *consequences*.

It’s the law of sowing and reaping. **“Whatever one sows, that will he also reap”**. And it’s important that we know the difference. It’s important to know if what’s happening in our lives is a *circumstance* or a *consequence*, because the Bible gives us different instructions for handling either.

When you are dealing with a trial or *circumstance*, the faithful response is to wait, watch and endure. The Old Testament character Job said, **“When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold”** (Job 23:10, NASB). We’re to wait on the Lord, allowing the ordeal to make us more like Christ. It will teach and train us, making us more dependent on Him as we become more trusting, humble, and usable in His service.

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We're to persevere through trials by faith, knowing they've been allowed by a good God Who is ultimately making "**all things work together for good**" for those who love Him and are "**called according to His purpose**" (Romans 8:28) – even the purpose behind the *circumstance*.

But a lot of what we consider trials and *circumstances* are actually *consequences*. And you don't endure *consequences*. You repent of what caused them.

The only door out of the hallway of *consequence* is repentance. Changing your mind. Whatever you've become so adept at rationalizing and so invested in explaining away – just come to the place where you finally say, "It's not acceptable and I'm not doing it anymore. It's wrong. That's what God has always said about it and I'm not making excuses for it any longer. I repent. I'm done with this".

That's when the grace falls. That's when change is experienced. "**You have plowed iniquity**"; God said through the prophet Hosea, "**you have reaped injustice; you have eaten the fruit of lies**" (Hosea 10:13). But there's a solution for those who have sown to the flesh and reaped the *consequences*. "**Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, that He may come and rain righteousness upon you**" (Hosea 10:12).

Now listen, what's in the ground is in the ground. There's nothing you can do about last year's harvest, but there's a whole lot you can do about this year's harvest. And you can start doing it right now.

Let Us Pray:

Lord, thank You for making Your Word permanent and unchangeable. Thank You for establishing principles that can never be refuted, abolished or skirted around. Your Word holds me steady, blocks me from straying off the path, and promises exponential blessing, simply as I walk in agreement with You. I confess that I've needed the threat of consequences to motivate me toward obedience, but I'm grateful that You love me enough not to let me get away with what hurts me. I surrender my will again to You today.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

(From: James MacDonald, "Our Journey – Walk in the Word" on Aug. 12, 2016)

God Bless You Always!

Your fellow servant in the Lord;
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"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7)



“The Lutheran Hour” Sermon Schedule for September 2016

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Sept. 4th ***“Choose Life!”*** (Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

In Christ, you have been called God’s friend. Now you get to befriend others in His Name.
(Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz**)

Sept. 11th ***“There’s No Other Friend Like Jesus”*** (Luke 15:1-10)

We befriend, love and show care for other people because Jesus loved, befriended and loved us. (Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz**)

Sept. 18th ***“Be Careful Who Sings Your Praises”*** (Luke 16:1-15)

God invites us to take all that He gives us and then put it to work for others.
(Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz**)

Sept. 25th ***“Unlimited Patience - Almost”*** (1 Timothy 1:15-16)

In this life the Lord of perfect patience invites sinners to faith and forgiveness. But remember, it is an invitation for this life only.

(Lutheran Hour Speaker Emeritus: **Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**)

Please contact Mike Brown at (303) 438-5766 or mbrown_llrmd@comcast.net with any questions you may have about “*The Lutheran Hour*” or any of the numerous **Outreach Resources** available from **LHM**.

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Our Stewardship Message

(September 2016)

The devil, though defeated by the death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, remains a very capable and clever foe. He is smarter than we are. He's been watching us and taking notes for a very long time. He knows what we want, and he knows how to lure us away. And he does this by telling us what we want to hear. That's what makes it so difficult.

To us who are greedy, he says: "You are not greedy. You are prudent. You are frugal. You are a good steward with your money. God doesn't want you not to have all the things you want. He wants you to be happy. He wants you to have the latest and greatest toys for both young and old." So if you consider yourself to be wise in the way of money and finances, beware of who just might be telling you these things.

Satan is a liar. He tells us what we want to hear. He lures us away from repentance and confession and faith, so that we harden our consciences and place our souls in peril. We must not underestimate the enemy. We have all taken his bait. We have all failed in this. None of us can say that we have fought this temptation to hold back with everything we have and won.

And we must repent. Yes, God wants us to be happy. But this happiness is never at the expense of faithfulness. We have a calling. We are a member of His family, the church. That relationship places a duty upon us: to give a generous proportion of the first fruits of the income He provides.

Only God is true to His Word. Only God is true to His promises. His promises never fail. His Word endures forever. His mercies are new every morning. He is faithful. He provides everything that we need. He provides food and clothes, house and home, everything that we pray for in the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer.

There are a whole host of things that we have that we do not need. The question that we need to ask ourselves is whether these have come at the expense of our faithful, generous proportion of the first fruits of our income. If they have, then we must repent, turning away from our selfishness to Him who is faithful by giving His Son into death so that we are reconciled to Him and justified in His sight.

The devil will always tell you what you want to hear. But God tells us and gives us what we need to hear. With law and gospel, He cuts us to the heart, so that we will repent and believe His Word and promises. He is faithful. He is good. He will not forsake you, or leave you destitute. So believe and trust in Him. And you will not only be happy. You will be blessed.

We are "Consecrated Stewards" to the Glory of God!