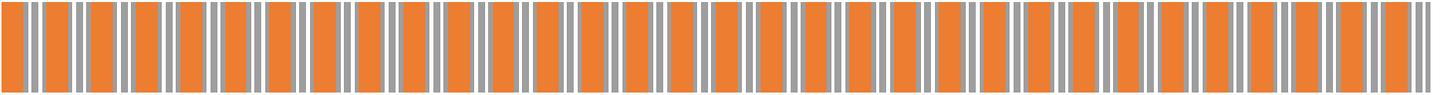


## GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1, 2021

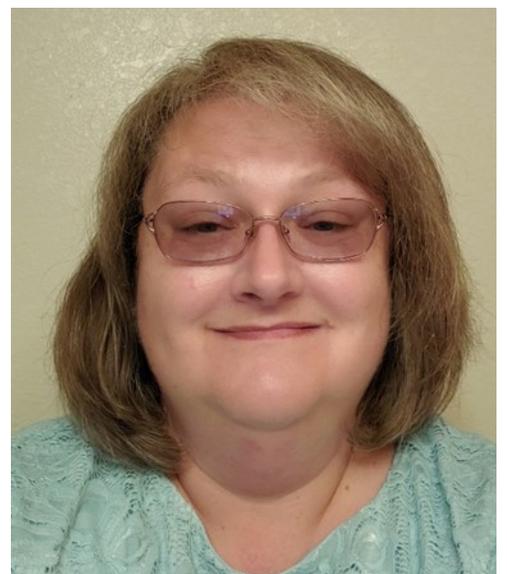


### FAREWELLS



Gloria Dei bid farewell to Pastor Peggy Yingst on her final Sunday, September 26, with a time of Fellowship first on ZOOM then outside with members attending the service in person. Pastor Peggy served our congregation for the past two years as Interim Pastor, guiding us through the development of the Ministry Site Profile while shepherding us through the global pandemic. We thank Pastor Peggy and pray for her safe travels to Connecticut to start the next adventure in her life. We pray for her partner, Carole, as well, as she heals and waits for Peggy's return.

Angela McAlister has served us faithfully for four years as Church Custodian. She also stepped in to help in the office while we searched for a new Office Manager. Angela will be greatly missed, as she put so much of herself into her work and took care of many details most people wouldn't notice. She was also active in many areas of the church, including our feeding ministries and serving on Church Council. Angela is relocating to help her mom take care of her grandma. Her last day at work will be Oct. 8. She plans to worship with us on Oct. 10. We pray for Angela as she travels to her new home.



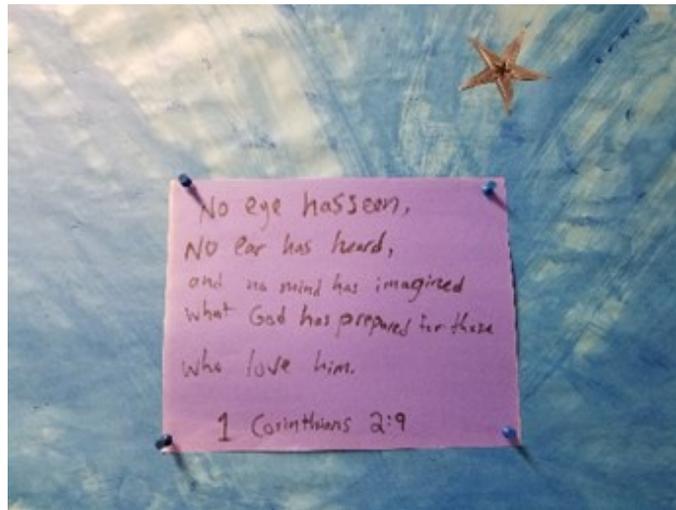
## **WE NEED YOU!**

Volunteer opportunities abound on Sunday mornings! We have sign up sheets for greeters, readers, and camera operators. If you would like to serve as a ZOOM co-host, please let the office know and training will be provided!

Flowers are also welcome; there is a sign-up sheet for flowers, as well.

If you would like to sign up, you may do so on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex, or contact the church office and Barbara will happily put your name on the sheet for you!

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**



It was so great meeting with our kids in person on Rally Day, Sept. 12th! Kira and Doris Smith decorated the Sunday School wing with balloons, streamers, and a big "Welcome Back!" banner. Kallie Mill led us in singing our favorite songs, then we enjoyed our multi age group lesson and crafts. Kira is serving as our crafts leader this year, so we're delighted to put her artistic creativity to good use! We're a small group, but we're so thankful to be together again. We all wear masks and space out from each other inside. We know God has wonderful things for us again this year. Our theme Bible verse is a good reminder of this: "No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love God." I Corinthians 2:9

Sunday School Planning Team: Lynn Danner, Janet Tilton, Kathy Whitwer

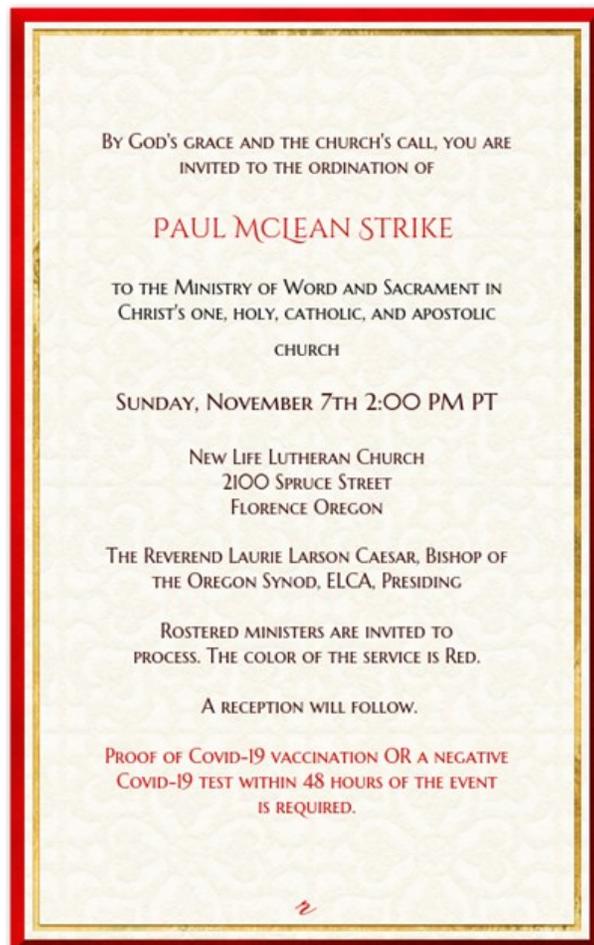
# PASTOR YOUNG RETURNING TO GLORIA DEI PULPIT

Pastor Richard Young, who has been a “supply pastor” for us in the past, is joining us again to preside over our services on October 3 and 10. He is graciously helping out in the time between Pastor Peggy leaving and Pastor Alyssa arriving. We appreciate Pastor Young’s presence leading our services on these two Sundays in October.

## FORMER INTERN PAUL STRIKE TO BE ORDAINED

Our former intern Paul Strike has accepted a call to New Life Lutheran Church in Florence, Oregon. He will be ordained on November 7, 2021, at New Life Lutheran Church, with Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar presiding. Members of Gloria Dei are invited to attend this service!

Please note that there is a proof of COVID-19 vaccination or recent negative COVID-19 test requirement for entry into the service. That’s due to general health and safety, but also due specifically to the Synod’s requirements for such services right now. If folks want to send their proof of vaccinations (just a photo or scan of the card is fine), they can send them to Char, New Life’s secretary. Her email address is [newlifelutheransecretary@gmail.com](mailto:newlifelutheransecretary@gmail.com).



## **WELCOME NEW STAFF**

Gloria Dei is welcoming several new staff members this fall. Barbara Stevenson began her duties as Office Manager on September 20. Eddie Cramer, our new Custodian, started on September 30. **We anticipate the arrival of our new Pastor, Alyssa Augustson, in mid-October!**



### **Eddie Cramer:**

Here's the smiling face under that mask!



### **Barbara Stevenson:**

Masked and unmasked!



## COALBANK VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE

The Devereux Center (DC) hosted an Open House at the new Coalbank Village Transitional Housing community in Coos Bay on Sept 30. DC Executive Director Tara Johnson explained that Coalbank Village is the best of public-private partnership, as the City of Coos Bay worked with the DC and other partners including Pacific Power to bring the Village to completion.

There are currently 24 units, 19 of which provide housing. The other units provide office space, electrical housing, a kitchen, and soon an overnight space for people with medical needs. The housing units are full, with a waiting list. The residents are happy to have space to call their own. Many have already moved on to more permanent housing solutions, allowing others to move in. Here are some photos of this new community.



Housing units neatly lined up, some with flowers and chairs in front.



A view inside a home. These small spaces appeared cozy, and the residents have made them homey.

## **DEVEREUX CENTER NEEDS**

The Devereux Center had a list of needs posted at the Coalbank Village Open House. These needs are:

- \*Warm weather clothing (I'm guessing warm clothing for cold weather)
- \*Tarps
- \*Water resistant gloves
- \*Cold weather hats
- \*Rain Gear
- \*Full sheets of plywood
- \*Full size refrigerator
- \*Heavy duty 4x4 pallets
- \*Building generator

Donations of items for the Devereux Center can be dropped off at the church, although for larger items it would be better to contact the DC at 541-888-3202 for pickup



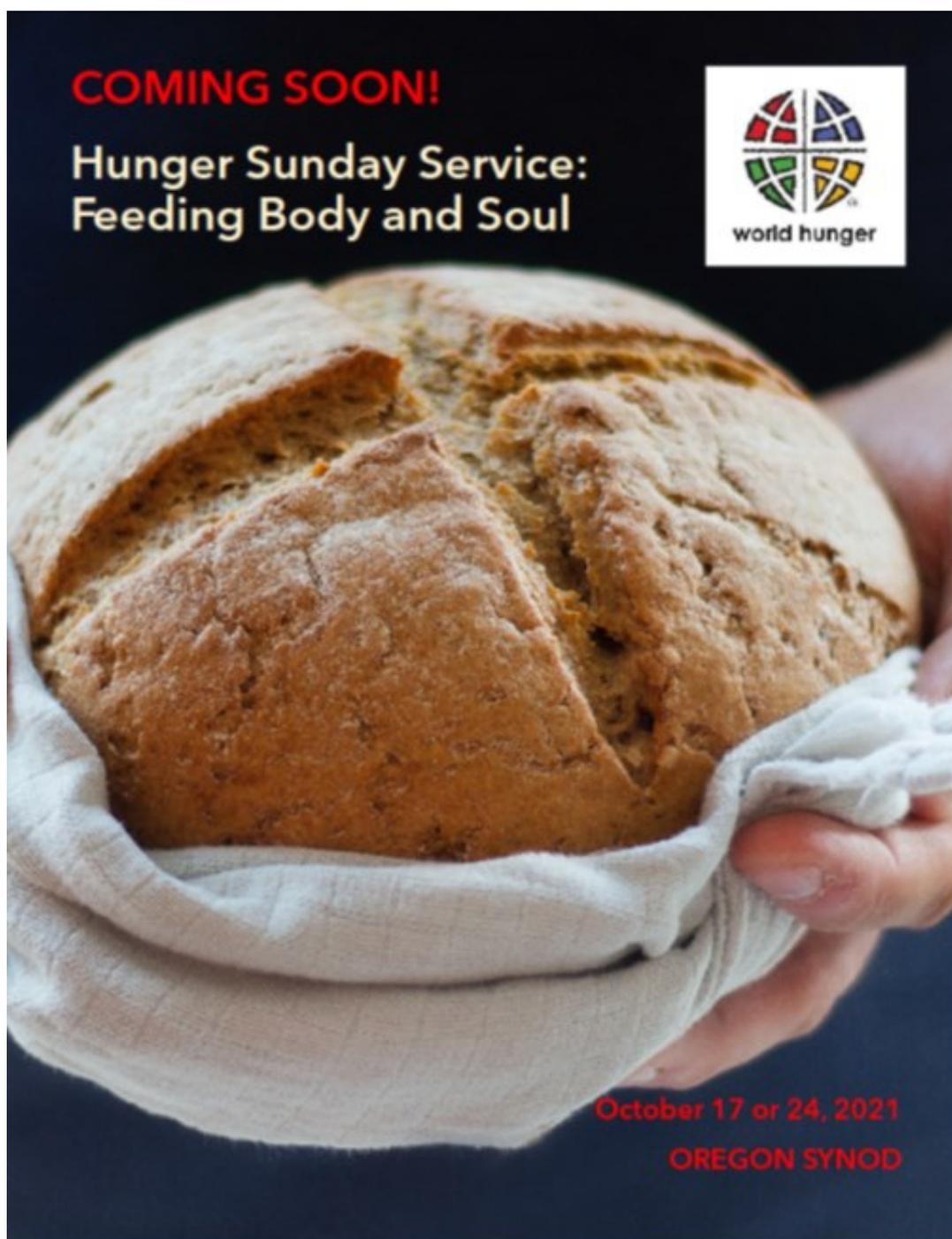
### **NEW ROOF FOR OFFICE/ENTRY AREA!**

We live in a wet climate. We all know that! We've had a few roof leaks over the years...

Over the last couple of weeks the roof over the office areas and the entryway was redone, with a new sloping metal roof installed over those areas. We are hopeful that the new roof will eliminate the leaks we've had in Pastor's office. Gutters are on order and will be installed when they arrive.

# HUNGER SUNDAY

Your Oregon Synod Hunger Team has designed a **Hunger Sunday** worship to help bring awareness to hunger issues here in Oregon and around the world. Gloria Dei will observe **Hunger Sunday** on **October 24**. A special offering to support ELCA World Hunger will be taken that day. Look for more information as we get closer to the day.



**COMING SOON!**

Hunger Sunday Service:  
Feeding Body and Soul



world hunger

October 17 or 24, 2021  
OREGON SYNOD



## **CAMP LUTHERWOOD FUNDRAISER**

Camp Lutherwood is holding its annual fall fundraiser, Spirit of Harvest, online this year. The official event is Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 7 pm, but their online auction is live now. They have some pretty awesome items, some made from parts of Lutherwood (the bridge!) Check it all out here:

<https://charityauction.bid/SPIRITOFHARVEST2021>

## **AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT INFORMATION**

**Below is a recording of the September 23 meeting with Lutheran Community Services NW (LCSNW) on Afghan resettlement.** If you are interested in or curious about how we are helping our Afghan neighbors as they arrive in the Pacific Northwest, check out this video. It's an hour long, fyi, and it looks like you'll have to copy and paste the link into your address bar.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1hIYYLaQKk>

For more information:

LCSNW: [REFUGEE-RESETTLEMENT-HOW-TO-HELP-.pdf](#)

To donate:

LCSNW [donation link](#) or donate through the church by check or cash, just note that the donation is for Afghan Resettlement.

**HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!  
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE  
IN THE NEWSLETTER?**

Please let the office know what kind of news and other information you would like to receive in the Gloria Dei newsletter.



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