

Helmar Heartlines



815-695-5489

helmarlutheran@gmail
helmarlutheranchurch.com

VOLUME 44 ISSUE 9
SEPTEMBER 2018

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Fall Schedule	2
Kids Korner, WeeCare	3
Supply List	3
Birthdays & Anniversaries	4
Family Mission, Quilters	4
Choir, Afternoon Bible Study	4

Heartline...

“Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!” – Psalm 27:14

My name is Gary Maxwell and I’m the new Youth and Family Minister here at HLC. The phrase that I’ve heard the most since arriving at Helmar is, “you’re finally here”. It was a long road to travel before we finally made it to Helmar Lutheran. Last fall, right before I was supposed to interview, I ruptured 2 discs in my back. Then in May as we were preparing to leave, Pastor Guhl got in a car accident and I was needed to preach at St. Paul’s in Gifford for an extra three months.

During that time, the Lord continued to show us His love and grace. My kids (Kaitlyn, Andrew, and Bekah) got to have a few more weeks of summer to say goodbye to their friends. Our family and the congregation at Gifford got a chance to minister to each other as we prepared to leave. We were able to pack and prepare for the move to the point that it was much cheaper to move than we originally planned.

Over and over again, we saw God’s faithfulness as we waited for Him and His timing. We saw the Lord open so many doors to get us to Helmar. Then we just needed to wait to walk through the last one.

There are many times in life where we feel like God is not hearing or answering our prayers. Maybe our prayers have already been answered with one word, “wait”. Maybe God is still preparing our hearts for what He has in store for our future. Much like my kids were able to prepare themselves for the move with those extra weeks, God may be strengthening our hearts and our faith for what lies before us.



We are not used to waiting in the world we live in. We live in the age of the internet and social media where information and the reactions to that information are almost immediate. We have drive thru restaurants, grocery pick-up, and self check outs. We don’t like to wait.

But God gives us this command, not once but twice in Psalm 27:14. Wait for the Lord! I am convinced that God has amazing things already prepared for us here at Helmar Lutheran Church. It’s easy to think with new changes and new staff, that things will immediately happen. It’s hard for me to wait also. I have a passion for ministry and a vision for what God could do. I also need to wait for Him. Wait for His Spirit to move us in the direction that He would have us go. Wait for His Word to confirm that direction. Wait for His timing and His provision.

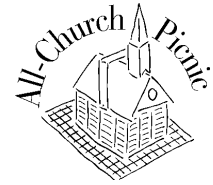
Thank you for praying for us. Thank you for your courage and your strength as you waited upon the Lord and His timing.

In Christ,
Gary Maxwell



September 9th Schedule!

Fellowship Time @8:30am in the FLC
 Rally Sunday @ 9am in the FLC
 Worship @ 10am in the sanctuary
 Potluck Picnic @11:30am outside under the pavilion



Shuttle service will be provided all day from the church to the pavilion for using the bathrooms or just getting outside after Rally Sunday or getting to your car! Everyone is invited to stay and join in on the games or just visit and watch those who are participating. More info coming soon!



Wednesday Night Alive!

Beginning Wednesday, September 12, 2018
 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

We will kick-off the new season with an Ice Cream Social at 6:15pm.
 Come and enjoy some fellowship before going to your class!

Adult Class

Helmar Bible Institute- a study in the book of James led by Pastor Lombardo

BLAST, *Bible learning and sharing together*

Preschool through 5th Grade

20 minutes each of Bible memory work, Bible story time and Game time

BLAST t-shirts designed to mark progress on Bible memory work

Earn BLAST Bucks to use at the monthly Rocket Shop store

JAM Club, *Jesus and Me Club*

6th through 8th Grades

Bible story, life application and fun with friends

High School Bible Study

Fellowship and encouragement

Real life application of the Bible



Open Gym for all ages

6:30 - 6:55 p.m.

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

Short on supplies?

A small, red notebook has been placed on the FLC kitchen counter that is labeled "Kitchen and Misc. Supplies". If you should notice that any supplies (such as paper plates, cups, lemonade, coffee/creamer, paper towels, table coverings) are running low, please jot it down in that notebook and I will put it on the "to order" list. Hoping this will help in keeping the kitchen well-stocked.

Any questions contact Jean Bazan ~ ~

KID'S KORNER

"So don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time. Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone, especially to our Christian brothers and sisters."
Galatians 6:9-10 (NLT)

"You are now entering the mission field." This sign hangs above the doors leading from Helmar's sanctuary to the narthex. It's been hanging there for years. It's easy to forget it's there as we visit with others walking down the stairs. It's also easy for us to think that mission fields only belong to missionaries. But they don't—they belong to you and me as well.

I know my mission field...can you guess? Yep, Children's Ministry. I learned long ago what gifts God's blessed me with and where to use them. How about you? How is God using you? Do you know what your mission field is? If not, I encourage you to do so. Galatians tells us to do good at every opportunity that presents itself...especially to our brothers and sisters in Christ. How will you do good at Helmar?

Kary Niles



WeeCare (Mother's Day Out) Program Begins September 7th

Registration is still open for 1-5 year olds. Forms are on the Information Table in the FLC lobby or you may register online at helmarlutheranchurch.com. Click on the Children's Ministry tab.

Since Stacy Swenson has stepped down as CMC Director, the following volunteers will be running the program until a new director is hired. Beth Adams, who has helped out the last few years, Debbie Anderson, grandma and recently retired teacher from the area, Linda Mathre, full-time babysitting grandma for the last 11 years, and Nate Akre, JJC student who works with the children's ministry at West Lisbon. Gary Maxwell, our new Youth & Family Ministries Director will also be in the building.

WeeCare will run on Fridays from 9am-noon, September through April, with the exception of December 21st and 28th. Snacks will be served each day. Our day includes a Bible Story, singing, crafts, play time and games. We will begin to work on memorizing a Bible verse each month. We suggest a donation of \$10 per session. More details will be available upon registration.

Birthdays and *Anniversaries For SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1

Ryan & Crystal Cryder*

Sept. 2

Taylor Adams

Shira Christian

Mark Frieders

David & Shira Christian*

Sept. 3

Sharon McKanna

Sept. 5

Hannah Greven

Brad & Treva Mathre*

Christian Pilon

Sammy Swenson

Sept. 6

Myrtle Duvick

Sept. 8

Brian & Carrie Pilon

Ron Thorson

Sept. 10

Marlon Mathre

Sept. 12

Tim & Katie Blanchard*

Henry & Pam Cryder*

Gayle Schoenfielder

Don & Gayle Schoenfielder*

Laverne Spera

Sept. 14

Tim Blanchard, Jr.

Sept. 16

Brandon Niles

Sept. 18

Diane Cryder

Sept. 19

Stephen & Sarah Meyer*

Mike & Tina Perkins*

Terry & Deena Schroeder*

Sept. 21

Steve & Tammy Underwood*

Sept. 22

Scott Anderson

Andrew Kittelson

Sept. 24

Autumn Sucher

Sept. 25

Rachel Navarro

Sept. 26


Bruce & Diane Meyer*

Sept. 29


Lori Chelsen

Sept. 30

Dave & Lori Chelsen*



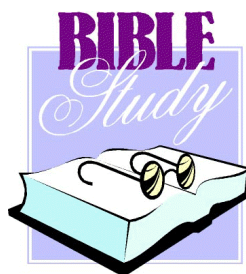
Worship Choir begins rehearsals on September 13th at 6:30pm in the choir loft. All are welcome to join us from Confirmation age on up! Bring a friend and sing! Please join us and bring a friend!



Quilting will begin September 12th at 9:00 am. We invite anyone to come and join us in the making of the quilts. We can teach you how to do the various aspects of the quilts. We have a great time and wonderful snacks and desserts

Family Mission

Family Mission will be Sunday, September 23rd with John and Carmina Donhowe, missionaries to Bolivia. Your entire family is encouraged to attend this Sunday School hour, beginning at 8:30 with a light breakfast served, as we learn more about our Helmar supported missionaries.



Our Senior afternoon Bible Study will resume on September 12th with a new name and time! The Wednesday Afternoon **Adult** Bible Study will meet from **1:30-2:30pm** in the library.

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 8:30am Fellowship Time 9am Worship in FLC	3	4	5	6	7 9am WeeCare	8
9 8:30am Fellowship Time 9am RALLY Sunday in FLC 10am Worship in sanctuary 11:30am Annual Potluck Picnic	10	11 6:30pm Deacon's Mtg. 7pm Trustee's Mtg. 8pm Council Mtg.	12 9am-2pm Quilting 1:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:15pm Ice Cream Social 7-8pm Adult & H.S. Bible Study, BLAST, JAM 8-9pm Open Gym	13 6:30pm Worship Choir Practice	14 9am WeeCare 5-7pm Food Pantry	15 8am Men's Bible Study
16 8:30am Fellowship Time 9am Sunday School 10am Worship with Installation Service 11:30 Dinner	17	18	19 1:30pm Adult Bible Study 7-8pm Adult & H.S. Bible Study, BLAST, JAM 6:30-6:55 & 8-9pm Open Gym	20 6:30pm Worship Choir Practice 7pm Faith Circle	21 9am WeeCare	22 8am Men's Bible Study
23 8:30am Fellowship Time 9am Sunday School in the FLC with the Donhowe's 10am Worship	24 3-5 pm Food Pantry	25	26 9am-2pm Quilting 1:30pm Adult Bible Study 7-8pm Adult & H.S. Bible Study, BLAST, JAM 6:30-6:55 & 8-9pm Open Gym	27 6:30pm Worship Choir Practice	28 9am WeeCare	29 8am Men's Bible Study
30 8:30am Fellowship Time 9am Sunday School 10am Worship						