



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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016



## Grace Notes

What is “God’s Work” anyway? And why does it require “Our Hands”?

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday 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. The suggested date for the 2016 dedicated day of service is Sunday, Sept. 11. Mark your calendars today! If your congregation cannot participate on this date, please consider another day.

This year’s dedicated day of service will also mark the 15-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States.

As you continue to share God’s love with your neighbors, whether it is preparing and delivering meals to people and families rendered homeless or cleaning your neighborhood parks, consider thanking and holding in prayer the emergency responders in your area as part of your service.

“The world can be a dangerous place. But there are some who, when disaster strikes, run toward the danger. These are the first responders, firefighters, police and EMTs, who live out their baptismal vocation in service to their communities in times of intense need. They do God’s work with their hands.”

– ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, dar-

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### Church Happenings

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| Prison Worship .....       | 9/4  |
| God’s Work Our Hands ..... | 9/11 |
| Rally Sunday .....         | 9/18 |
| Novel Ideas.....           | 9/27 |
| Tapping Into Faith.....    | 9/30 |

### Special points of interest

- Our Local Benevolence focus this month is the Domestic Violence Shelter (also the sight of God’s Work Our Hands Sunday).
- Sunday School begins on Sept. 18—Rally Sunday. Join us we celebrate the beginning of another year of Christian education.

Grace and Mercy Welcomes You

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## Dwelling in the Word

15th Sunday after Pentecost - August 23, 2015

"When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." So says our Lord Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel Lesson, Luke 7:1, 7-14.



The picture here is called "The poor invited to the feast." It is a 1973 image by African artist Jesus Mafa.

Is this a picture of the Church? I mean there is no church building, no cross, no apparently liturgy being sung, no preacher. Of course, our lesson from Luke isn't necessarily about "church" either, is it? What is it about?

I think the Gospel lesson this week is about God's mission, and God's mission isn't church. God's mission is people - "life," joy, feeding, feasting, caring, sharing. Is your church, your congregation, your mission? Or, is church simply a vehicle through which God's mission unfolds?

Look at all the things going on in the world around you. Like this picture what you see is God at work in the world!

Bp. Dave

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ing confidence in God's grace.

This year we will again be doing yard work at the domestic violence shelter. We will gather for a short service of blessing and be on our way. We will regather by 9:30am and get right to it.



We pray for your presence and your tools as we minister in this way to those who suffer



# September 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 4 16 Pentecost C<br>9a Worship<br>10:15a Fellowship<br>5p Worship @ Prison | 5 Labor Day<br>6:32a Next Text Classic<br>10:a Next Text 2.0 | 6<br>8a Coffee | 7 | 8<br>10a Quilting | 9 | 10 |
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## Pastor Inch—Hermiston

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| 11 17 Pentecost C<br>God's Work Our Hands<br>9-9:15a Blessing Service<br>9:30-Noon—Work @<br>Domestic Violence Shel-<br>ter | 12<br>6:32a Next Text Classic<br>10:a Next Text 2.0 | 13<br>8a Coffee<br>6:30p Leadership Meet-<br>ing | 14 Holy Cross Day<br>10a Gather Study | 15<br>10a Quilting | 16 Citizenship Day | 17 |
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| 18 18 Pentecost C<br>Rally Sunday<br>9a Worship<br>10:15 Fellowship & Educa-<br>tion Hour | 19<br>6:32a Next Text Classic<br>10:a Next Text 2.0 | 20<br>8a Coffee<br>6:30 | 21<br>9:30a Foot Clinic | 22<br>10a Quilting | 23 | 24 |
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| 25 19 Pentecost C<br>9a Worship<br>10:15 Fellowship & Educa-<br>tion Hour | 26<br>6:32a Next Text Classic<br>10:a Next Text 2.0 | 27<br>8a Coffee<br>5:30p Novel Ideas | 28<br>10a Gather Study | 29<br>10a Quilting | 30<br>7p Tapping Into Faith |  |
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Pastor Inch—Vacation

### Serving God's People

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Reader</i> | <i>Refreshments</i> | <i>Acolyte</i> |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Sep 4       | Amber Cooper  | Coopers             |                |
| Sep 11      |               | Schmidt/Osborne     |                |
| Sep 18      | Stacey Meyers | Stacey Meyers       |                |
| Sep 25      | G. Meyers     | Rochelle Meyers     |                |

### Celebrations

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Celebration</i> | <i>Celebrant</i>        |
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| Sep 19      | Anniversary        | Katriena & Ivan Ford    |
| Sep 16      | Birthday           | Flora Larson            |
| Sep 14      | Birthday           | Dorothy Lee             |
| Sep 6       | Birthday           | Kari Inch               |
| Sep 3       | Anniversary        | Katja & Jerry McMichael |
| Sep 25      | Birthday           | Ian McMichael           |
| Sep 28      | Birthday           | Aitiana Nava            |