

Christ Calls

The Monthly Newsletter of Memorial Lutheran Church
June and July 2026

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YET HE HAS NOT LEFT HIMSELF WITHOUT TESTIMONY:



He has shown kindness

by **giving** you rain from heaven
and crops in their
seasons;
he provides
you with plenty of food and
fills your hearts
with joy.

Acts 14:17, NIV

Dates To Remember

June 7	Quiet Service - 8:00 am Sunday School - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am First Sunday Lunch - 11:30 am
June 8	Church Council Meeting - 6:30 pm
June 14	Quiet Service - 8:00 am Sunday School - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am Children & Youth Group Roller Skating
June 21	Father's Day Quiet Service - 8:00 am Sunday School - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am
June 28	Quiet Service - 8:00 am Sunday School - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am
July 4	Happy Independence Day!
July 5	Quiet Service - 8:00 am Sunday School - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am
July 12	Quiet Service - 8:00 am Sunday School - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am Children & Youth Group Hiking
July 13	Church Council Meeting - 6:30 pm
July 19	Quiet Service - 8:00 am Sunday School - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am
July 20-25	Shippensburg Community Fair Stand
July 26	Quiet Service - 8:00 am Sunday School - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Siblings in Christ,

“And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:20b

The past few weeks have been a flurry of transitions and endings for many of us. I've seen teary-eyed photos and videos from the last day of elementary school, proud graduation moments from high school, university, and seminary, and families reorienting themselves to the pace of summer. Summer brings travel, different routines, family time, and opportunities to rest and recharge. I hope you find moments of joy, connection, and renewal with your family and friends this Summer.

Friends, even as schedules shift, ministry here at Memorial continues, and I'm grateful for the many ways this church keeps showing up for one another and for our community. At church, we also make this transition, with a different rhythm during the summer months, even as we continue to breathe in Christ. Here at Memorial, we will continue to have two services every Sunday throughout the Summer. Our digital adult Sunday school video series will be moved to the Fellowship Hall, and our children's Sunday school class will continue.

On July 4th this year, our beloved nation will celebrate the semi quincentennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Hurray! On Sunday, July 5, Memorial will host a thoughtful Thanksgiving service to mark this great celebration. The service seeks to celebrate in thanksgiving to God, lament the nation's history, affirm the reality of the current moment, and unite the diverse body of Christ for the life of the world. The service will include an **“Affirmation of Christian Vocation in Civic Life.”**

Beginning on Sunday, July 12, we will begin a five-week sermon series on the Gifts of Discipleship. On this same Sunday, I will host a conversation/forum at the Parlor on these topics: ***How are things here at Memorial now? What are your hopes and dreams for the future? What do you believe may help those hopes and dreams come about? What challenges are in the way of their coming about?***

Shippensburg Community Fair runs July 20 - 25, and we will need volunteers to help at the Memorial Fair Food Stand. Join us to represent Memorial at this year's Fair. Think of the youth and children's day at our stand? Late in the summer, we will have a day of Vacation Bible School on Friday, August 7, 2026.

I am deeply grateful for our life together as stewards of God's creation as well as partners in ministry. And I humbly encourage everyone and families to increase or maintain their financial support for Memorial Lutheran throughout the summer months. We have three projects in the pipeline, and you will be giving details as they become available to us. Remember that your generous contributions and support truly make all the difference here at Memorial and in the lives of our mission partners.

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Finally, I recognize that summer is full of schedule changes, and our own family schedule is affected. That notwithstanding, I highly encourage you to participate in worship on Sundays when you are in town. If for any reason you can't be present in person, join us online. As always, when possible, visit a worship community when you travel. Experiencing worship in new places can be a wonderful part of being a tourist, and it also brings spiritual benefits, opening our hearts and minds to see that we are part of a larger body of Christ.



God bless your summer season, and please be safe and joyful.

Godfred, Pastor.

COUNCIL

Church Council met Monday, May 11, 2026. The meeting was called to order and Concerns and Thanksgivings were shared. Thanksgivings and appreciations were given for the time given and work completed by the Preschool Committee and Personnel Committee. Thanksgivings and appreciations were given for all the men doing a great job leading the Prayers of Intercession on Mother's Day. Thanksgivings and appreciations were given for a wonderful performance of the Senior Choir and Bell Choir on Sunday.

Devotions were led by Vicky Conner. Vicky shared a reading from *The Word in Season* titled "Best Conditions" and scripture from Hosea 14:1-9. Vicky followed by opening with a prayer.

Pastor Godfred reported on several upcoming key events and their dates. The Safety Task Force is holding AED Training on Sunday, May 17th. May 24th is Pentecost Sunday and Memorial Day weekend. A Memorial Day remembrance will be held during the worship service. All veterans are invited to come worship with us as we remember those military members who have passed away. Confirmation will also be held on Pentecost Sunday. We have 3 confirmands: Jonathan Perdew, Olivia Perdew and Toryn Wilson. Additionally, Pastor reported that we have two new prospective members and a baptism might be held on Trinity Sunday, May 31st. Lastly Pastor reminded Council that he will be attending a Pastoral Training program and would not be at church Monday through Thursday (week of May 24th).

Finance Ministry shared that this month's cash flow decreased by approximately \$10,000 due to numerous larger than normal expenses including multiple elevator inspection and maintenance expenses, water bills much higher than normal, very high heating and electric bills, first quarter designated benevolence was paid out; and the full year of designated benevolence to C.A.N. and SPO was paid in March so they could benefit from matching fundraiser. Finance Ministry recommended energy

audits be performed in light of the increased costs. In closing, they noted that expenses are up and revenue is down. On a positive note, a new Use of Facilities request was received from Champion Force Athletic for Weekly Cheer Class on Thursdays evenings (9/2026 – 1/2027) which would contribute to revenue. The request was approved pending receipt of their proof of liability insurance.

Nominating Committee reported they will begin collecting nominations for the 2027 church year early May. Nominations are for 1 elder, 1 trustee, and 3 deacons. Nomination boxes and forms have been distributed and are available on the shelf inside the parking lot doors and the double doors to the sanctuary. The nomination process will end Sunday, September 13th. The nominations slate and biographies will be available in the October Christ Calls.

Christian Education/Youth/McCracken Award Ministry reported that Robert Creek is the recipient of the McCracken Award. The Youth Group is doing great and it would be wonderful for more parents to help out and support our youth. They also noted that the Uprise Festival held in Shippensburg annually might be an event of interest to our church youth.

Church Property reported that the retaining wall remains a top priority due to safety concerns. Discussions were held on the need for grading of dirt beyond the wall. It was noted that Katie's Place owns approximately half of the land at the base of the retaining wall. The Committee is waiting on retaining wall proposals. Wadel's inspected the mini-split units in the church and will provide a proposal for replacements. Lehman's Construction will be submitting a proposal for the replacement of the church red doors with an ADA compliant door with side light and a ramp system. Due to recent high-water usage, maintenance was performed on the church bathroom toilets. Lastly, there was a discussion of heating related issues including the need for an energy audit due to the significant increase in gas bills and the need for heating related upgrades and time to recover those costs.

Outreach Ministry reported Brian Wyrick was baptized during the Easter Vigil service and Besty Haller will be returning to ushering. An order for Hounds Packs has been placed. Food contributions are needed for the Little Free Pantry.

Personnel Committee submitted for review their handbook addition which outlines their ministry, goals, duties and responsibilities providing human resource services. The submission was approved by Council.

Stewardship Ministry reported they have a number of fundraisers they are looking into including holding a Smith's Chicken BBQ fundraiser, a Chipotle fundraiser and considering selling Weis/Giant gift cards from which a percentage would go to our church.

Worship and Music Ministry reported that attendance was very good at the April 30th Walking Tour Stained Glass Windows event. Hope Academy held a very good Temple Talk and Noisy Offerings will be collected to support Hope Academy. The May 2nd National Christian Choir 2nd Edition concert was very good.

Archives Committee reported continued work on updating the Key Findings document and set up of the museum. An open house is planned for this September.

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Preschool Committee reported their budget was approved by the Finance Committee and by the Congregation. The preschool does not need to be licensed but would be covered under the church's Certificate of Occupancy. The Preschool Director/Teacher position will be publicly posted.

SPO starting in June will allow a few select clients to shop for their food items at SPO.

With no further business to be brought to the table, the meeting was adjourned with the praying of the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting of the Church Council will be Monday, June 13, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Vargo

Congregation Vice President

KEEP IN PRAYER

Christiana Black
Sue Cline
Rachel Diaz Debias
Karen DeShong
Cheryl Drake
Pat Haller
Denny Hamilton

Pamela Hamilton
Rose Harris
Gary Hawbaker
Sandy Jones
Pat Maun
Mary Mensah
Natalie Miller

Mindy
Earl Nollenberger
Ed Pearson
Chris Pivnickny
Sarah
Francine Ritter
Bill Robinson

Jill Rotz
Ron Shuey
Wendy & Ross Thoman

June Prayer Focus:
FATHERS
July Prayer Focus:
OUR COUNTRY



Memorial's Prayer Chain - To have your prayer request placed on the prayer chain, please contact Jean Goldthorpe (717-532-9482), or you may give your request to the church office.

Fellow Members of Memorial,

One year ago this month, my cousin and closest relative, Lynn Slowey, suffered a brain bleed when an aneurysm in her head burst. Countless people who suffer this terrible event do not survive, so we knew this was a life threatening issue. Pastor Godfred was the first person I called when I received the news, and he immediately said we would put Lynn on our prayer list. She remained on that list for a year, and I am so happy to report that she is a walking miracle. Lynn survived weeks in the hospital including in the ICU, weeks in a rehab facility, and months of ongoing rehab sessions and doctors' appointments. She and her sister, with whom she continues to live for the time being, even spent Thanksgiving with me in Chambersburg. To all of you who included her in your prayers without even knowing who Lynn Slowey is, thank you. Lynn asked me to express her thanks as well. Our prayers were heard and it is with great joy and appreciation that we have removed Lynn from our prayer list. Blessings to all who reached out to the Lord on her behalf.

Jo Anne Coy



WHAT'S for LUNCH on SUNDAY, JUNE 7th? POTLUCK LUNCH ~ YOUR ~ FAVORITE ~ DISH! *The menu for our June lunch is what-*

*ever your favorite dish to share is! We're having a Potluck covered dish buffet lunch. Casseroles, soups, salads, desserts - let your tastebuds be your guide! **Fellowship will be offering roast turkey & stuffing** toward this lunch. Sharing good food and fellowship is always welcomed at the table with our Memorial family meals. †*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Elizabeth Drake	14 Jamie Nye	19 Pam Hamilton
3 Sandra Mailey	14 Dale Starry	20 William Freeman
3 Kylee Garcia	14 Ed Pearson	21 Craig Robinson
4 James Doyle	15 Michael Cloud	22 Jean Goldthorpe
6 Galen Piper	15 Jordan Wineriter	22 Robert Snyder
10 Ann McCrae	15 Dave Estep	24 Brandy Welsh
10 Joan Freeman	15 Ralph Ebling	26 Hailey McKee
12 Lisa Brundzo	15 Mia Estep	26 Abigail Perdew
12 Tucker Ditchcreek	15 Cheryl Drake	29 Mary Ann Dewey
13 Kalissa Linn	15 Madison Wineriter	29 Nancy Widney
13 Brian Wyrick	18 Nancy Thompson	

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Olivia Perdew	10 Linda Mansfield	25 Nicole Estep
5 Charles Goodhart	12 John Gates (98)	28 Wyatt Byers
6 Robbie Creek	12 Suzann Robinson	28 Marilyn Goodhart
7 Kelly Booz	14 Rebecca Howland	28 Stella Offner
7 Jeremiah Welsh	15 Bruce Miller	29 Jean Robinson
9 Ryan Leach	18 Andrew Alosi	31 Heather Gimmi Kipe
9 Carson Lyons	20 Maxine Enderlein	
10 Parker Andelin	20 Natalie Winter	
10 Matthew Brundzo	21 Gregory Coldsmith	
10 Zachary Evans	23 Kinley Killian	

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR SUMMER

Dear family of faith,

We are called to faithful stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure even during summer.

Blessing to you and your family as you prepare for summer. I hope and pray your summer will be more fun and you will be able to spend some time with family and friends. It is a privilege that we can take time out of our busy routines to relax, rejuvenate, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation, whether here in our local community or far away. I called a parishioner who was not at church recently, and she told me, "We are at the beach with our family", and I was so happy for them.

What are your summer plans? I hope to take some time later this summer to visit my sick mother back in Ghana. But I want you to know that I will be here this summer serving our Memorial and you. So, feel free to reach out whether you are here in town or during vacation and need to talk with me. You know my contact? Don't be a stranger.

What will you be doing for fun this summer? A pastor friend of mine wants to teach me how to play golf, but I am not excited about that. Rather, I would like to play some lawn tennis and hike if possible. But we will see what I will end up doing for fun this summer. I hope you will get to do something exciting and memorable.

What are you reading this summer? During the last session of my Lead Pastor Program held at the United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg, we were given two books on Stewardship: *Embracing Stewardship: How to put stewardship at the HEART of your congregation's LIFE* by Charles R. Lane and Grace D Pomroy, and *Funding Forward: A pathway to more sustainable Models for Ministry* by Grace D. Pomroy. I intend to read these books during the summer so that I can share some of the content with our parishioners during the fall stewardship campaign. For my personal bible readings, I am turning to the Psalms, my perennial favorite. I have always loved the Psalms because of the depth of emotion, vulnerability, and yet the gratitude they express. These 150 chapters teach us how to read scripture meditatively so that we can ultimately understand more about God and ourselves.

How are you going to support Memorial financially during the summer months? It is important to remember to be financially generous to Memorial during the summer months. To do this, you can set up automatic recurring donations online (speak with me or Amy, our parish coordinator), catch up on missed offerings before traveling, and respond to special parish appeals. These consistent habits prevent seasonal dips in funding and ensure that our church can maintain its ministries year-round. Our ministry of worship, prayer, pastoral care, faith formation, and hospitality continues, and the Little Pantry is busy as ever. You can mail a check to us or visit our website and click the Give button to support.

And remember, your generosity makes a difference and is changing lives.

Please know that you are loved and cared for, whatever your situation is, and I remember you with a grateful heart. May the Lord be with you and make your summer joyful, safe, and rejuvenating.

Godfred, Pastor.

FINANCES



April 2026				
FUND	INCOME	EXPENSES	DIFFERENCE	YTD
CURRENT	\$19,714	\$25,142	(\$5,428)	(\$9,902)
	Income	Paid		Needed to be paid
BENEVOLENCE	\$4,574	\$8,338	(\$3,764)	(\$330)

NOISY OFFERING

Thanks to everyone who gave to the Noisy Offering.
\$783.00 was received for Hope Academy as of Sunday,
May 17th 's collection.



Dear Friends at Memorial Lutheran Shippensburg,

I wanted to thank you again for your gracious welcome a few weeks ago when I visited to tell you about Hope Academy PA and Tree 4 Hope. I also wanted to say "WOW" and "Gracias!" (thank you!) for the amazing donation from your noisy offering for Hope Academy PA! We are thrilled to put it to good use supporting our learning community and so appreciate your generosity! Please remember that if you are ever in Middletown, please be in touch and stop by for a tour. I would welcome the opportunity to return to Memorial in the future to fill you in on what we're doing here to grow hope in our community!

Blessings and thanks, Jen Graf & Hope Academy PA

AD 2026: MEMORIAL LUTHERAN YEAR OF DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship as a Way of Life

Discipleship is our way of life and a state of being for followers of Jesus. True discipleship is rooted in a living relationship with Jesus, in which we learn and grow by following him and living his way. A disciple is a person who is called to learn how to be a place in the world where the acts of God can come alive. According to Christ, the way of life is this: To love God with all that you are and to love your neighbor with all that you have. Everything Jesus commanded us falls under these two commands (Matthew 22:37).

Discipleship is something we journey together, creating a culture of honor, love, vulnerability, and transformation. As our lives are transformed by Jesus through the Holy Spirit, the world around us must be transformed through us. The transformation of the world around us happens when we faithfully practice the gifts of discipleship.

THE GIFTS OF DISCIPLESHIP SERMON SERIES (July 12, 19, 26, August 2 & 9)

When we affirm our faith as baptized children of God, the presiding minister addresses us by asking these questions: Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism?

- To live among God's faithful people,
- To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- And strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

RESPONSE: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us (ELW, p. 236). After these responses, we are expected to claim and rediscover, in our daily lives, the God-given gifts of discipleship. On the Sundays mentioned above, we will reflect on these gifts and see how they overlap, intertwine, and flow from one to the next. These gifts are so important to our continuous growth as followers of Jesus.

WE'RE HIRING A PART-TIME Preschool Teacher & Director

Memorial Lutheran Preschool Ministry Shippensburg, PA



Memorial Lutheran Church is seeking a **part-time Preschool Director/Teacher** to help design, expand, and lead our growing preschool ministry serving the Shippensburg community. This role combines administrative leadership with hands-on teaching in a Christ-centered early childhood environment.

Position Overview

The Director/Teacher will oversee the full administrative operation of the preschool while also serving as a classroom teacher. This ministry-focused position requires a leader who is passionate about early childhood education, committed to Christian values, and eager to help shape a program that nurtures children academically, socially, and spiritually.



QUALIFICATIONS

Faith & Mission Alignment

- Will operate the program in alignment with the **Confession of Faith, Nature of the Church, and Statement of Purpose of the ELCA**
- Will provide a curriculum developmentally appropriate and centered in Christian faith education, enabling each child to engage in activities that will benefit him/her emotionally, physically, socially, spiritually, and intellectually.

Clearances

Must obtain **current Act 34 and Act 168 Clearance and Criminal Clearance** prior to employment

QUALIFICATIONS

Education & Experience

- Bachelor's Degree in **Education, Early Childhood Development, Elementary Education**, or a closely related field
- Experience working with young children in an educational setting



RESPONSIBILITIES

The Director oversees the full administrative operation of the preschool with the consent of the Board of Directors and Church Council.

HOW TO APPLY



Applications may be sent to:
Memorial Lutheran Church
34 E. Orange Street
Shippensburg, PA 17257
Email: office@memluth.org

Interested candidates please submit:

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- References
- Personal faith statement

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

SOME INSPIRATIONAL REFLECTIONS FROM PIPER ALSPAUGH

- + John 16:29: "Stay faithful, God will turn your tears and sadness into joy".
- + Isaiah 43:19: "Never lose hope. Just when you think it's over, God will make a way for you".
- + Psalm 56:3: "When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you".
- + Proverbs 4:23: "Guard your heart more than anything else because everything in your life flows from it".

Memorial's Youth and Children Ministry, in partnership with parents, has the sacred responsibility of shaping the faith of our youth and youngest members of a church family. We focus on creating safe, engaging spaces to teach biblical truths through interactive lessons, fellowship, and activities, while partnering with parents to nurture and develop the spiritual lives of our children and youth. We have the privilege of considering how best to inform, form, and shape the spiritual lives of the children and youth entrusted to our care here in this faith community. You are most welcome to help coordinate our Youth and Children Ministry, just talk with the Pastor.



UPCOMING YOUTH AND CHILDREN SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Sunday, June 14: Roller Skating

Sunday, July 12: Hiking and Picnic

Sign-up sheets for these events are on the counter across from the church office. Interested children and youth, please sign your name to the appropriate sign up sheet.

PRAYERS AND CONGRATULATIONS

Our warmest congratulations to the newly confirmed, Toryn, Olivia, and Jonathan, who were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday 2026. This is a beautiful milestone in your spiritual journey, and we are incredibly proud of you. May you always hold the love of Jesus Christ in your heart. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide, inspire, and bless you on every step of your life's journey. Remember, confirmation is not graduation from church, but rather the beginning of deeper involvement.



OUTREACH

More information on activities can be found at www.lutherancamping.org

Elder Camp (Nawakwa)

July 5-10, 2026

Family Camp (Nawakwa)

July 19-24, 2026



Kirkenwald Camp-K-Tion

Family Camp
August 2-7, 2026

Family Camp II (Nawakwa)

August 9-14, 2026



Please plan to be a part of Memorial Lutheran's presence at the 68th Annual Shippensburg Community Fair July 20th – 25th. Your help, donations and support are needed at our food stand! Watch for additional updates and a sign-up sheet to see how you can assist and be a part of this event. Thank you! †

Archives

We have moved to a beautiful room on the second floor. It has been renovated to Archival standards. We have relocated 250 years of documents. At this time we are developing a little museum with interesting artifacts and documents. We are planning to have an open house in September. More information to come.



NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS



Confirmation is an educational and pastoral ministry that helps individuals publicly affirm their baptismal vows and deepen their identification with the Christian community. Confirmation strengthens us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and deepens our bond with Christ and his Church because it perfects baptismal grace and equips us to live and witness the faith boldly as disciples of Jesus Christ.

If you/your child/ grandchild is seeking to join our next confirmation scheduled to commence in September, contact the pastor.

SHIPPENSBURG PRODUCE and OUTREACH

We at SPO are doing our best to provide healthy produce, dairy, eggs, and meat to residents of our area. While we cannot change our often divisive and polarized world, we can continue to follow our mission statement: *Called by the Grace of God to love one another, we reach out to those in need with food and/or services.*



This is a time to take care of ourselves by choosing activities that nourish our hearts and spirits. In Matthew 25:35-40, also known as the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, Jesus explains that serving those in need is equivalent to serving Him. Jesus is *not* saying that we will be saved by our giving to the poor (or any other good deed). He's saying that there is no way we can be saved if we do not give to the poor. If we are really saved, we will show that by our kindness and generosity to others, especially those who represent Jesus himself. As the Apostle John put it, it's simply not possible to love God and hate others.

If Jesus wants his followers to be like sheep, we ought to know what he means and do something about it. Goats are typically pushy, self-reliant animals. They are independent and think they know best. Goats do not respond well to shepherding. But Jesus frequently spoke of himself as the shepherd and his followers as sheep. In contrast to goats, sheep are gentle, they stick together, and they rely on their shepherd. It is these qualities that help us understand God's desire for compassionate service in and through us.

Jesus explains why he calls the sheep "righteous": "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." When they question Him: "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you?" He says to them: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Who are "the least of these"? They are the most vulnerable among us. 140 million children around the world are single or double orphans. 80 million people have been forced from their homes by violence, conflict and persecution. More than 125,000 children in the U.S. are waiting for adoption from the foster care system. Older adults whose pensions and Social Security can't keep up with rising costs. These numbers are overwhelming. We must remember that every number has a name, every name has a story, and every story matters to God. And if these stories matter to God, they should matter to us.

Jesus's message in Matthew 25 is simple: We are called to love God by loving people who are in difficult situations. It is not enough to preach about Jesus' love; we need to walk the talk. When we act kindly toward someone who is vulnerable, we are doing it for Jesus.

There is a sobering gap between the way God sees people and the way the world sees people. Until every person is safe, loved, and connected, we need to stand up, speak out, and advocate for one another. It means offering our food, our time, and our treasure to those whose needs are greater than our own. Jesus particularly uses the term "stranger" to emphasize that we can't limit our acts of

GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Please keep our homebound in your prayers.

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Remember to submit your nominations for the 2027 Church Council. Forms and collection box are on the counter across the hall from the church office and in the sanctuary.

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service to those we know; the most impactful Christian service is directed not only toward those we don't know but also extends all the way to our enemies.

Jesus' message in Matthew 25 goes so much deeper than inviting hungry strangers in and feeding them. It is not the *meal* that is important – it is the love and care that the meal represents. Service extends beyond tangible gifts to the intangible – being seen, and cared about, and valued for being a child of God.

The growing season is upon us, and we look forward to benefiting from our gleaner and local gardeners who bring excess produce to share. If your garden produces more than you can use, we gladly accept donations any Tuesday before 10:00 am.

As always, we are grateful for the time and donations that sustain us. If you would like to learn more about us and how we are growing, stop by SPO any Tuesday. We set up at 10:00 am and distribute from 3:15 pm to 6:00 pm. There are many small tasks needing a volunteer. Or just drop in and see what is happening as we strive to serve.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

Welcoming all.

Reaching out in love.

Growing together in Christ.

Worshipping and serving in Jesus' name.

