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## EBENEZER LUTHERAN CHURCH LAKE STEVENS, WASHINGTON

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What do you think of when you hear the word "church"? The word "church" is used in several different senses. It can mean a building; it can mean a particular denomination (we are the ELCA—Evangelical Lutheran Church in America); it can mean a particular congregation within a denomination (we are Ebenezer Lutheran Church). But the most important meaning of the word "church" is the total number of people all over the world, in past and present and generations yet to come, who trust in and follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Scripture uses a number of images to explain or describe the church in this sense. The church is like a branch—Christ is the vine. The church is like a building—we are the individual bricks and pieces, Christ is the chief cornerstone. The church is like a bride—Christ is the bridegroom. The church is like a body—we are the individual members, Christ is the Head. The church is like a family—God is our Father, Jesus is our elder Brother, and we are brothers and sisters to one another.

The church did not come into existence because people decided to "become" a church. Rather, the church came into existence because God brought it into being and preserves it through Word and Sacrament. We need to remember that about ourselves. This is not our church, it is God's church, but we are given a task as God's Church.

The task of the church is two-fold: to strengthen and edify one another, and to "bear witness" to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world. In order to carry out this objective, there needs to be a constant ebb and flow, a continual back and forth motion going on within and without the congregation. Each week we gather together to be re-charged, re-filled through Word,



Sacrament, and fellowship; then we scatter to proclaim, share, witness, and radiate. The church is like a car—a car needs to stop at a gas station to have the gas tank filled, but the ultimate purpose is to go on and provide means for travel. Or, the church is like getting ready for a concert, a drama production, or an athletic event—the performers, actors, athletes come together to rehearse and practice, but then they go out to recite, perform, or play the game.

And each one in the church needs to be involved. Each one of us is called to carry out the work and the mission of the church. It doesn't fall only on somebody else. Someone has put it this way: "I wondered why somebody didn't do something; then I realized I am somebody."

September means that there are many ways you can be involved at church. Come and see what's going on. And may God bless us all as we work together as God's people carrying out His and Our Mission.

-Pastor Benson

## **Education**



Another year starting and I can feel it will be the best one yet! As summer comes to a close and fall starts showing its beauty, I look forward to the family rhythms that come with this change of season.

We look forward to seeing all families for Godly Play® on September 8 when we will dive into the story of the church calendar year. This story is always a hit and a great way to start the season as the kids know how the church tells time even better than most adults in our community!

#### **Consider Volunteering**

Volunteers are always wanted for our Godly Play® circles so please consider stepping up for this role if your life allows.

-Joy

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING** Tuesday, September 10, at 10 am

We welcome you to join us in Room 3 to discuss/plan our education opportunities.

#### WATCH (WEDNESDAY AT THE CHURCH) **Confirmation Orientation** September 25 at 6 pm

Students and parents will meet in the Choir Room for orientation. Confirmation will continue weekly on Wednesdays at 6 pm



Orientation

with Pastor Benson, Questions? Please call the church office, 425-334-0421.

#### WHERE DID YOU TAKE "FLAT JESUS"?

As summer is coming to a close, make sure "Flat Jesus" goes with you when you celebrate Labor Day and on the first day of school. Send pictures to JoAnn at finance@



ebenezerlakestevens.org. Check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall to see everywhere "Flat Jesus" has traveled this summer. And remember ... "Jesus is with you ALWAYS, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20b

-JoAnn

# Godly Play for Pre-K through 5th grade starts back up at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, September 8th, 9:30a-10:30a Come hear a story, wonder and play!

#### **6TH-12TH GRADERS MEET** Rally Sunday, September 8, after service in the Youth Room

Come by the Youth Room and pick up a donut and a drink after service.



The new curriculum, Gathering Remix, starts Sunday, September 15. Classes will begin at 8:45 am with Virginia and Kristin.

#### **GOD IS LOVE Bible Word Search** (SunCatcherStudio.com)



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#### Word List:

FAITH	MERCY
FORGIVE	PATIENCE
GRACE	SALVATION
GUIDE	TEACHER
HEAL	TRUST
LOVE	WISDOM

## Youth of Ebenezer Preschool

6th-12th Grade Youth Contacts: Virginia & Andi **Check your Ebenezer Phone Directory** 

#### **GATHERING PRESENTATION**



We were excited to show our Ebenezer friends some of our adventures in New Orleans this July. If you haven't watched the August 11 service yet,

go to Ebenezer's Facebook or YouTube; you'll be glad you did.





support everyone showed us throughout our planning, fundraising, and send-off was amazing and we want you to know how much we appreciated it. https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=0E73SvSwoY&t=2522s

#### **YOUTH-A-PALOOZA & EYC MEETING SUNDAY. SEPTEMBER 29** IN THE YOUTH ROOM

- YOUTH-A-PALOOZA at 5:00 pm ~ All youth and families join in planning events for the 2024-2025 year and learn how the Youth of Ebenezer works. Bring your calendar, schedule, and appetite; we will have dinner at 5.
- EYC MEETING at 8:45 am ~ Please attend to get the fun rolling!

#### **EBENEZER COMPOSTING**

Three youths went to the August Council meeting and talked about ideas they learned at the Gathering Interactive Learning Space. Everyone agreed that composting is something Ebenezer can start right away.

#### **NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 7:30-10:30 AM**

We thank NPB for their AMAZING support and are looking forward to another year of helping at the monthly community breakfast.



#### **GETTING READY FOR FALL 2024**

We are so excited to kick start the school year, to see former Preschool families, and meet our new families.

#### **SCHOOL START DATES & CLASS TIMES**

Preschool will start the year with a parent/ child and teacher orientation week. September 3-6 (see calendar). Letters have been sent to each family specifying your special time and date. Parents, please plan to stay for your orientation with the Director to go over Preschool policies, to fill out any paperwork, and to ask questions.

Regular classes will start the week of September 9.

- PRE-K CLASS: September 9, from 9:45 am-12:30 pm
- TOTS ORIENTATION DAYS: September 10-11; regular class starts September 17 from 9:55-11:55 am
- NEW BEGINNINGS 2-DAY THURSDAY/ FRIDAY CLASS: September 12-13 from 9:45 am-12:15 pm

#### **OUR BIBLE LESSONS**

We will learn about how God made the world and all that is in it. He wants us to take care of it and be thankful.

#### **OUR THEMES**

We will start off with colors. Preschoolers will be experimenting with mixing colors using water and food coloring, mixing different Play-Doh colors together, making rainbow fruit loop necklaces, and painting balloons. September is sure to be a fun month. We hope all of you had a great summer, and we're looking forward to seeing each of you.

#### A FEW MORE SPOTS

There are a few openings in our Pre-K and New Beginnings classes. Call or email the Preschool for info: 425-397-6374 or preschool@ebenezerlakestevens.org.

## **Worship & Music**

#### **FAST MINISTRY**

FAST Team Wilson members will serve during September. Team Papworth/Bauer will serve in October. Watch for your postcard coming in the mail in September.

#### **WOW (WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS)**

Midweek Worship is from 7:00-7:30 pm. The worship style changes each week and is very different from our Sunday worship. These services include:

- Contemplative Healing & Prayer
- Holden Evening Prayer
- *Unfailing Light* Communion
- Festival of Hymns

Join us to hear God's Word and receive His blessings. Holy Communion will be served at some of these services.

#### **WOW PET BLESSING**

On Wednesday, August 14, we had a Pet Blessing during our Holden Evening Prayer service. Many people brought their pets for a special blessing.



## **Personal Care Kits**

- 1 light-weight bath-size towel (20"x40" to 52"x27"): dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz.; any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in original wrapping
- 1 sturdy, wide-toothed comb; remove packaging (no picks or fine-toothed combs)
- 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Questions? Please call Betty Bauer.

## **Events Page**

#### "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." **GRUBBY SUNDAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 ~ 11 AM**



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is the ELCA's annual day of service. It is an

opportunity for us to celebrate God's grace by serving our community. So, on Sunday, September 8, wear your "grubby" clothes to church and join our volunteer crew following worship. We will be doing some weeding and light landscaping at North Cove Park, Lake Stevens from 11 am to 1 pm.

Parking should be available in the cement area usually used for the Farmer's Market and on the gravel parking areas between the cement and the Baptist church. We will start our cleanup on the North side of the grassy area behind The Mill. Volunteers should bring:

- heavy gloves
- preferred tools for weeding
- pruning tools (optional): clippers, etc.
- Label all tools with your name.
- Water and a light snack will be provided.

Please sign up early in the Fellowship Hall to volunteer. Let's dig-in and get grubby!

#### **2024 HOLIDAY BAZAAR SATURDAY. NOVEMBER 23**

Mark your calendar. The Bazaar will be a little earlier this year so Thanksgivingthemed items can be included.

Please start planning what you would like to contribute for this annual fundraising event: sewn items (table runners, wall hangings, hot pads, pillowcases), handcrafted items (jewelry, crocheted or knitted items, woodworking), baked goods (breads, cookies), candies, or other unique things.

Every Wednesday in September, October, and November from 10:30 am-2:30 pm in the Fireside Room will be a time for crafting. Bring your ideas and join in the fun. Questions? Contact Betty Bauer.

#### **NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST SEPTEMBER 21 ~ 7:30-10:30 AM**

Come to this yummy breakfast serving allvou-can-eat pancakes on the third Saturday of the month. The cost is ages



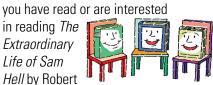
13-99 ~ \$10. 5-12 ~ \$5. 4 & under ~ FREE. 100+ ~ FREE. You're encouraged to bring friends and neighbors.

This breakfast will be a benefit for Hungry Hearts. We will partner with Thrivent. Come and enjoy!

#### **FELLOWSHIP EVENTS**

• Ebenezer's Book Club Discussion ~ Monday, September 2, at 4 pm. If

in reading *The* Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell by Robert



Dugoni, join us for a short discussion of August's book.

During September we'll read In the Unlikely Event by Judy Blume.

If you have questions or to learn how to obtain copies of these books, please contact Jane Briske.

• Pinochle ~ Sunday, September 8, beginning promptly at 1:30 pm.

We will meet at Hope Church to play pinochle. In October we return to meeting at Ebenezer. Check out



upcoming events on our webpage, www. ebenezerlakestevens.org. Questions? Call JoAnn Cross.

• Hike Cascade Pass ~ Saturday, September 28, carpool from church at 7 am. This is a beautiful place with moderate effort. We will carpool from church early due to the 2 hour 21 minute travel time. This is a bucket list hike.

Currently the Cascade River Road is closed due to the Pincer fire, but we anticipate it will be open again by our hike date. Bring lunch and plenty of water in your backpack. Contact Grey Robinson or Ken Cross for details.

**Secret Sister.** September is Secret Sister signup month. From October until January, ladies will be prayed for daily and sent notes of encouragement. If you would like to be a Secret Sister, the signup will be in the Narthex September 1-29. Questions? Call Jane Briske.

#### **Camping at Lutherwood.**

Saturday. August 17 seventeen people gathered



at Camp Lutherwood for a delicious potluck. It was a beautiful day at the lake where members from five camping units enjoyed the lake and sunshine.

#### All-Church Picnic August 25. It was

a great day for the Church Picnic at Lundeen! The sun shone on



the 62 members and friends who gathered to enjoy the park, the fine picnic fare, cheery fellowship. and baseball beanbag toss. Thanks to Fellowship Committee, BBQers





Mike and Grey, and everyone who helped with setup and cleanup.

## **Ministries of Ebenezer**

#### FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Thank you to all the faithful givers at Ebenezer! It is important to remember we are still serving our community and your gifts help to keep the church doors open as we are working in the world. Thank you for all your support.

#### Offering Envelope Booklets



Would you like to receive a booklet of 2025 offering envelopes? They are available for weekly or monthly giving. Using your numbered offering

envelopes helps the lead counter with the counting and recording of your gifts. Let me know as soon as possible. Envelope booklets will be ordered in September.

#### **Roof Update**

We are beginning the second year of our three-year pledges. If you are making annual donations, please send them in. We are so thankful to those who continue to faithfully give your roof pledges or donations to the roof fund.

–JoAnn Cross finance@ebenezerlakestevens.org

#### **COMMUNITY SUPPER**



Community Supper is currently serving FREE take-out only meals every Thursday from 4-6 pm. Since serving take-out meals, we have served

an average of 300 each week.

Thank you to a member for providing a Thrivent grant to purchase containers during the month of August.

"Like" us at Lake Stevens Community Supper on Facebook to see what is happening. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for this program. For more information, contact supper@ebenezerlakestevens.org.

#### **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY**



Pastor Benson's Thursday morning Bible Study will begin at 10 am on Thursday,

September 26. Join us each week in the Fireside Room as we dig deeper into the scripture lessons that will be read on the following Sunday.

#### MAR-CILLA CIRCLE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 ~ 10:30 AM

We begin a new year of Bible study for women at Ebenezer. You are welcome to meet with the Mar-Cilla



Circle in the Fireside Room at church. Study topic is "Turning to God, Time after Time." Bring a lunch—dessert and coffee will be provided. Welcome!

#### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY EBENEZER'S FIRESIDE ROOM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 ~ 10 AM

ALL women are invited to join us for this Bible Study from *Gather*, the wonderful women's magazine of the ELCA. Questions? Please call Lynn Riggs.

#### **FACEBOOK**



When you find Ebenezer Lutheran on Facebook, please comment or

share it on your own page. This will cause our Facebook feed to be more widely shown in Lake Stevens and more visible to visitors.

#### **EBENEZER'S ONLINE RESOURCES**

Did you know our church YouTube channel now has 137 Bible studies and over 415 worship and memorial services online? Just search YouTube for Ebenezer Lake Stevens. Ask Ken Cross if you need help finding it.

# **Council President's Corner**

We have had a beautiful PNW summer, and we have a little bit of summer remaining to enjoy. Fall is around the corner. Schools and preschools are starting.

We will be resuming our Godly Play® program on September 8. Along with our other youth programs and along with resuming our usual activities, we have some exciting changes beginning this year.

At our August Council meeting, we heard from our youth members who attended the Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July. They were inspired to help preserve our environment and will be starting a composting program here at Ebenezer.

We have also heard from youth leaders that our Ebenezer youth would like to be more involved in our worship services. We will begin to have quarterly youth-led services starting in Advent.

-Gretchen

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## OUTDOOR WORK PARTY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 ~ 7 AM

We will be working to repair some dry rot on our south wall next to the parking lot starting at 7 am on the 7<sup>th</sup>.



We also need people to scrape loose paint so

we can repaint that wall following the repair. Contact Ken Cross for more information.

#### **LUTHER'S MOST FAMOUS QUOTE**

I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. –Martin Luther



## **Our September Birthdays**

	Birth Date		Birth Date		Birth Date
<u>Name</u>	(month/day)	<u>Name</u>	(month/day)	<u>Name</u>	(month/day)
Schoenborn, Liam	9/2	Johnson, Louise	9/14 Riggs,	Myntti, Patty	9/20
Shultz, Pam	9/2	Lynn 9/14		Egtvet, Marion	9/23
Tate, Levi	9/5	Wright, Jill	9/15	Stewart, Sabrina	9/23
Studer, Joy	9/7	Kimball, Evelyn	9/16	Delgado, Isla	9/24
Shultz, Lon	9/9	Olson, Paula	9/16	Curtis, Lisa	9/25
Holmes, Alex	9/12	Robinson, Grey	9/16	Gust, Jeff	9/26
Schultheis, Amber	9/12	Probst, Melissa	9/17	Egtvet, Carrie	9/27
Holmes, Ken	9/13	Anderson, Dennis	9/18	Schultheis, Jason	9/28
Sutton, Brigitta	9/13	Bergerson, Mike	9/19	Sutton, Berit	9/28

## The Prayer Corner

#### **Prayer Chain:**



If you have an urgent need, please call Prayer Chain leader Ken Cross. He will contact Prayer

Chain members to pray for your request. Please pray for the following:

#### **Members of the Congregation:**

Neil Brandt Joe Probst (hospice)
Jennifer Flax Margaret Ren
Sheldon Hendrickson Kathy Spade
George Hughes Margene Squires
Pat Jackson Leah Tate
Colleen Kozak Alice Werner
Terry Lambert Dee Anne Williams
Debbie May

#### **Homebound or Special Care Residents:**

Ethel Coryell Marlene McSherry
Bob DeFrang Nancy Poremba

#### **Extended Family/Friends with Cancer:**

Jean (Kay Caulfield's friend)
Paul (Kay Caulfield's friend)
Kristine Andersen (Iris Ingram Forbus' friend)
Dan Bagwell (Melissa Probst's brother-in-law)
Verlin Bass (Kay Caulfield's friend)
Heather Bland (Kathy Parzyk's niece)
Marin Drage (Betty Bauer's friend)
LeRoy Ettlin (Fran Clapper's friend)

Chris Grigsby (Kathy Larsen's great-nephew) Ron Gunter (Kay Caulfield's friend) Ron Herzog Sr (Jackie Herzog-Robertson's friend)

Steve Himel (Cathee Himel's husband)
Debra Hoskins (Robin Lindsay's friend)
Curt Johnson (Neil Brandt's nephew)
Timmy Johnson (Kay Caulfield's relative)
Wyeth Larson (Robin Lindsay's cousin)
Peggy Layne (Terry Lambert's sister)
Bruce Mullikin (Fran Clapper's friend)
Dawn Nielsen (Kathy Larsen's granddaughter)
Kate O'Brien (Pat Jackson's friend)
Dina Peterson (Phyllis Peterson's daughterin-law)

Mary Platz (Glenda Platz's cousin) Susan Pratt (Fran Clapper's cousin) Jodi Sanders (Pam Shultz's friend) Adrienne Shaffer (Kay Caulfield's great-niece) Carole Thorngate (Fran Clapper's cousin) Sean Walker (Kay Caulfield's nephew) Lori Wight (Margaret Dildine's daughter)

#### **Extended Family/Friends with Needs:**

Helena (Kay Caulfield's granddaughter)
John William (Sally Yates' grandson)
Melissa (Sally Yates' daughter)
Zack & Riley (Mary Alstad's grandchildren)
Hans Bersas (Ellen Bersas' husband)
Kenny Blake (Pat Jackson's godson)
Terrie Bright (Patty Myntti's sister)
Rose DiVittorio (J & P Olson's granddaughter)

Heather Garbes (Mary Lamb's friend) Kayla Gay (Helen Hendrickson's niece) Wally Gustav (Paul Brandstetter's friend) David Hopps (Fran Clapper's brother-in-law) Ryder Jacobson (MaryJo DuBeau's nephew) Ron Koepsell (Betty Bauer's brother) Steve Kriesel (Paul Brandstetter's friend) Jim McGee (Pat Jackson's cousin) Eric Mittag (Patty Myntti's nephew) Sue Pryor (Helen Hendrickson's niece) Mark Rice (Alice Werner's nephew) Elinor Shultz (Alice Werner's sister-in-law) Diana Thomsen (J & A Wesling's daughter) Meggi Ward (Susan Shephard's friend) Bridget Campbell (M Ren's granddaughter) Cale Werner (Alice Werner's grandson) Fiona Werner (Alice Werner's granddaughter) Tom Wood (Ken Holmes' father)

#### **Preschool Director, Staff, & Families**

#### **All Our Military and Their Families:**

Hunter Gardoski, Sid Hendrickson Jr, Ethan Stuart, Alec Zimmerman, Tyler Perry

#### **Those Who Grieve:**

Bucher, Quanbeck, & Hanson Families - Barb Bucher's ex-sister-in-law Jan Quanbeck passed away

Caulfield & Carter Families - Kay Caulfield's cousin Brian Carter passed away Cooper Family - Erlene Cooper's son Daniel Cooper passed away

## **Readings for Worship**

#### September 1 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalm: Psalm 15

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: James 1:17-27

**Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

#### September 8

1st Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm: Psalm 146

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: James 2:1-17

**Gospel:** Mark 7:24-37

#### September 15 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

**Psalm:** Psalm 116:1-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: James 3:1-12

**Gospel:** Mark 8:27-38

#### September 22

1st Lesson: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm: Psalm 54

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson:** James 3:13—4:3. 7-8a

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

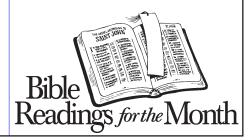
#### September 29

1st Lesson: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

**Psalm:** Psalm 19:7-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: James 5:13-20

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50



September 1 9:30 am September 4 WOW Service - 7:00 pm September 8 Rally Sunday - 9:30 am Worship Service with Godly Play®

September 11 WOW Service - 7:00 pm September 15 9:30 am

September 18 WOW Service - 7:00 pm September 22 9:30 am

September 25 WOW Service - 7:00 pm

September 29 9:30 am



### **Church Office Hours**

Monday Office Closed Tuesday 9:00-12:30 & 1:30-5:00 Wednesday 9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00 Thursday 9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00 Friday 9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00

## Living Lutheran

At Ebenezer we had the opportunity to see and hear how our youth experienced the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Living Lutheran online has a number of articles and videos of the Gathering.

Years of preparation go into the planning for an event involving 16,000 youth. The theme "Created to be Brave" had sub-themes each day: to be authentic; to be free; to be disruptive; and to be disciples. Bishop Eaton told the youth, "You are not the church of tomorrow, you are the church of right now."

One of the ELCA volunteers remarked that the regular staff of the arena were impressed by how polite and excited the youth were. Staff people wanted to learn more about "the Lutherans."

Photos and videos of the daily mass gatherings, outdoor activities, and volunteer projects around the city are posted online: www.livinglutheran.org.

## **Special Thanks**

#### **All the Pravers**

I want to thank the members of Ebenezer for all the prayers for Danny over the last several years. He passed away on Tuesday, August 6. God bless. - Erlene Cooper

#### **Successful Surgery**

My surgery was successful! It took 1 hour and 15 minutes. I came home with my wonderful caretaker. I was tired and woozy, but feeling better now. Thanks for all your prayers. -CC Kuehl

#### Thank You to ...

- Everyone who helped with the lawns and flowerbeds to keep our grounds looking beautiful.
- Thank you, Abbi, Angelina, Brigitta, Andi, and Kristin for sharing on Sunday, August 11, your wonderful presentation about your trip to New Orleans for the Youth Gathering in July. What an awesome experience! The fellowship goodies were delicious also.

Iris and everyone who provided special music that enhanced our worship

services during the summer. A special shout-out to Sarah and Martin Adams who sang What a



Wonderful World on Sunday, August 11.

## 50th LSHS Reunion

The nine of us in this picture taken at our 50th high school reunion on August 16



were all confirmands at Ebenezer in 1971: Steve Lund, Bob Berg, Jackie Butzer, Steve Metz, Sue Troy, Robin Johnson, Debbie McGee, Lisa Pound, and Shelley Zomak. We just had to have a picture together. -Robin

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Remember to post your calendar!

JESUS LOVES ...

## In the News

#### Into the Family of God



On
Sunday,
August
25,
Ebenezer
welcomed
Malachi.

Caleb, and Levi Tate into the family of God through Holy Baptism. They are the sons of Blake and Jessica Tate and the great-grandsons of Dee Anne Williams. Their sponsors are Rachel Amaya, Stephanie Weiner, Dee Anne Williams, Shelley and Terry Anderson, Margaret and Jerry Weiner, Leah and Kim Whalen-Tate, and Laurie and Roby Tate. God's blessings on Malachi, Caleb, and Levi and their family.

#### **Ebenezer Libraries**

Check out the NEW books in the Book Nook Library in the upstairs hall. Ebenezer's Book Club has a shelf with favorite books. Check them out using the clipboard. Enjoy!

#### Miracle Baby Boy

On August 15, Micah
Almgren said hello to mom
and dad. He was born
via c-section weighing
6 pounds, 3 ounces,
and 19.6 inches. Anya
and Garth say, "Micah's



favorite things include being awake when we aren't, sleeping on mom or dad's chest, having the dog lick his toes, and repeatedly saying what may be his first word, 'Hic!'" Congratulations!

#### A Grandson!

Esme and Ian are happy to announce the arrival of baby boy Edwin, weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces, on August 3. Rob



and Virginia are thrilled he is here and his big sister can't stop saying, "He's so cute!" Congratulations!

## WATCH OUT ~ Cryptocurrency-Romance Scam

Posing as internet love interests, they can cajole their targets into downloading an app and investing in fake crypto accounts. While the app displays data that seems to show your wealth growing, criminals are just taking your money. How to Stay Safe: Carefully scrutinize any investment opportunity, even if you think you are a sophisticated investor. People think it is not going to happen to them but it is happening to many, which is why you must keep your guard up. —Melissa Probst

#### A Little Girl!

Congratulations to new grandparents, Lon and Pam Shultz. Michael and Miranda Guimond's little girl named Harper was born on July 29.



Congratulations, Grandpa and Grandma!