

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
OCTOBER 22, 2017

READY FOR PICK UP! Your FREE picture from Lifetouch Photography is ready to be picked up. If you didn't already get your picture in the mail, check the counter in the office and take your packet today. Thank you!

THE "NOT-SO" ELEGANT EVENING OUT at the Eastside Restaurant in New Britain on **Sunday, October 29 at 4:00pm.** Set up for 50 people in a separate room for us. Cost per person will be \$33 (that includes the cost of meal, tax and tip). Cash bar – everyone separate tabs for drinks. Sign up slips are on the big poster in the Carter Gathering Space.

CALUMET SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - Learn more about the ministries of Camp Calumet, our New England Lutheran camp for families, individual adults, and kids! On November 12, we will welcome Mr. Paul Jackson, Calumet alum and current supporter, to give a temple talk during worship about the difference Calumet makes in the lives of young people and adults as they grow in faith, love and service to God. We will also have an opportunity to support Calumet financially on this Sunday. Join us!

BLOOD DRIVE - **Monday, November 13 from 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** In the aftermath of disasters like Hurricanes Harvey and Irma your donation is urgently needed. The American Red Cross is asking donors in areas not impacted by the severe weather to donate now to ensure a sufficient blood supply. The Red Cross can move these blood products to the areas where they are needed most. To schedule an appointment call 800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org

GREETERS AND USHERS – No experience necessary! We just need your brilliant smile and dazzling personality. Greeters and Ushers are particularly needed at the 11:00 service. Please contact Terri in the office (860) 673-3301 and let her know your interest. Thank you!

ALL SAINTS' DAY PRAYER REQUEST postcards are available in the prayer request box in the Carter Gathering Space. Fill in a name (or names) of loved ones that have passed on and they will be lifted in prayer on
All Saints' Day, Sunday November 5

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Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee

HEALING PRAYERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

The ministry of healing has been a part of the church's practice since ancient times. Christians practiced laying hands on one another and praying for each other as a sign of God's reign breaking into everyday life. Today, many communities continue this tradition, inviting people to receive a healing prayer and a blessing in the worship service.

On the fifth Sunday of the month, our worship ministry will include Healing Prayers for anyone who wishes physical, emotional or spiritual healing. During the distribution of Holy Communion, the Pastor will stand near the window at the rear of the church, and on your way to the altar, or as you return, you may stand with the Pastor as individual prayers are offered and a touch of oil is placed on your forehead. You may mention a specific situation for healing, or simply ask for 'general healing.'

The purpose of our prayer is stated in our ELW hymnal:

"In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community, nor does it promise a cure. Rather the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith." Praise to God for these healing gifts in our community.

This ministry continues...**December 31, 2017, April 29, July 29, September 30, & December 30, 2018**

It's not on our flag, not on government buildings nor bumper stickers. In God We Trust is printed on our money.

Why is that? From a historical point of view, the motto was placed on American currency during the Civil War, when there was an uptick in religious fervor and the fear of national disintegration.

As Christians, we can also look at this motto as an important reminder that our money is actually a spiritual tool.

We can choose to use our money to purchase security through buying insurance, a house in the right neighborhood or a healthy investment portfolio. But our ultimate security can only be found in the God who loves us. **It is therefore important that we also choose to use our money as a means of showing our trust in God—liberating some of our money to be used for God's purposes of justice and generosity in the world.** Whenever we give money away, we trust that God will provide for us again. Sharing generously of our financial resources becomes an exercise in building spiritual muscle.

This stewardship season, let us grow together in our generosity and our trust in God.

