



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



At Acacia Park Lutheran Church, we welcome you!

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August 2019

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the summer things slow down, and the days are longer. Just as Nat King Cole sang,

"Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
Those days of soda and pretzels and beer
Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
Dust off the sun and moon and sing a song of cheer."

We are in the midst of summer. Our calendars are full and our days are busy, but we don't necessarily mind because it is full with hanging out with family and friends or vacations and barbecues. Summer is needed, we long for renewal. I hope and pray that many of you found a chance for a break this summer because we need it. Jesus made time to seek renewal and pray, he encouraged his disciples to give praise and thanksgiving and always be in prayer. We need breaks to hear the voice of God better. Sometimes we need to get away to be reminded of why we are in the communities we are in.

I will be on vacation August 11th through the 26th. My family will be driving through the southern states visiting places along the Civil Rights Trail and finding moments for renewal at Hot Springs National Park and other state parks along the way.

I pray we each found or will find time for renewal. From the ELW:

"O God, we thank you for times of refreshment and peace in the course of this busy life. Grant that we may so use our leisure for the renewal of our bodies and minds that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen."

Blessings,

Pr. Meagan Sherman-Sporrong

	Year To Date (YTD)	YTD Budget Trended	Diff Act/ Budget
Offering Income	\$20,558.36	\$22,475.00	(\$1,916.64)
Other Income	\$11,683.43	\$12,862.50	(\$1,179.07)
Expense	\$55,352.36	\$53,783.11	(\$1,569.25)
Net	(\$23,110.57)	(\$18,445.61)	(\$4,664.96)

Worship and Christian Education



PUB THEOLOGY

We will meet on *Tuesday, August 20th* at Marion Engler's home, 4842 N Crescent Ave, Norridge for fellowship and friendly discussion of topics including faith, spirituality, current events, and just about everything in between. If you'd like, bring an appetizer or treat to share. Everyone is welcome!



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

"You and the Word" Bible Study will be taking the month of August off. We will resume meeting in September.

For more information on either of these events, please call or email the church office at: 708-453-3662 or acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com.

Parish Events and Notes

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The church council meets on *Tuesday, August 13th* at 7:00 pm.

PASTOR MEAGAN'S VACATION

Pastor Meagan will be out of town on vacation from *August 12th to August 25th*. If there is any need for emergency pastoral care (hospitalization or other emergency), please contact Dawn at the church office (708-453-3662) during office hours or Council President Kären Tompkins (cell: 847-344-0359 or home: 847-228-0940).

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Save the date! We are having a Congregational Meeting on *Sunday, August 18th* immediately following worship to vote on extending Pastor Meagan's contract. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



COFFEE AND . . .

In August, *Coffee and . . .* will take place on *Sunday, August 4th* and then again on *Sunday, August 18th* in conjunction with our special congregational meeting. If you would like to

volunteer to bring a treat to share, please call or email the church office: 708-453-3662 or acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com.

Serving the Congregation and the Larger Community

TEEN AND ADULT HELP LINES INFORMATION

A list of resources for persons struggling with depression, crises and suicidal thoughts has been posted throughout the building, and wallet-sized information cards are available in the vestibule and the Narthex.

ST. CYPRIAN'S FOOD PANTRY

We continue to collect canned and non-perishable goods for [St. Cyprian's Food Pantry](#) the first Sunday of each month. Food donations may be left in the bin in the Narthex. **No open packages or expired food, please.**

From the ELCA

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH



Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this day of service. Whether your congregation prepares meals for neighbors in need, cleans parks and beaches, or writes thank-you notes to emergency responders, your service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: *All of life in Jesus Christ - every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life - flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.*

On *Saturday, September 7th* from 9:00 to 11:00 am, we will be participating in a food packing event at [Feed My Starving Children](#), 740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg, IL. Your hands will be so essential in the fight against world hunger; please join us. A sign-up sheet will be circulating before and after service throughout the month of August. Carpools will be available.

Fundraising

AMAZONSMILE

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Acacia Park Lutheran Church every time you shop and at no cost to you. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience--including Amazon Prime member benefits--at Amazon.com. You'll also have the added bonus that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Acacia Park.



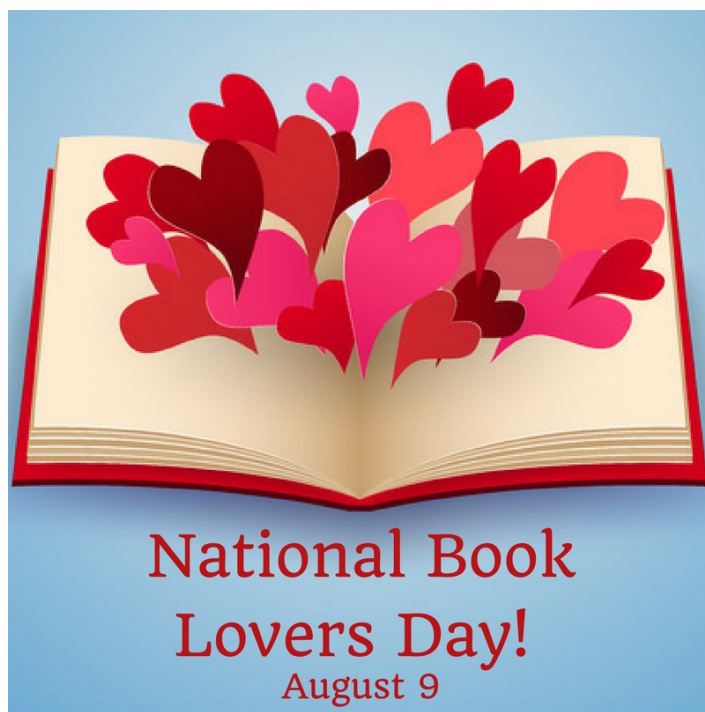
Log on at <https://amazonmile.com> to get started shopping.

August 9th is National Book Lovers Day!

Designed to encourage people everywhere to celebrate reading and literature, Book Lovers Day (or National Book Lovers Day as it is known in the U.S.) asks folks to put away their smartphones and other technological distractions for one day and instead pick up a book to read.

Need a book? Our Little Free Library is always filled with great reads for everyone! Stop by the church anytime to take a book or leave a book. Either way, you will be helping our community, sparking creativity, and inspiring folks to read.

Proverbs 20:15 There is gold, and abundance of costly stones; but the lips informed by knowledge are a precious jewel.

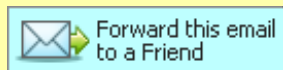


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Connect with us on the web or by email by clicking:

acaciaparkchurch.com
acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com

Share your thoughts with us by phone:
708-453-3662

Celebrate with us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.

Church office hours: Monday - Thursday, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.