

# Woestina Reformed Church Newsletter

**September 2023**

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## **A McHeard Moment:**

*You thought it would never happen to you. There you were minding your own business when the knock came to the door. There were people with balloons and a check announcing that you won seven thousand dollars a week for life! Wow...you never thought it would happen!*

*I wonder how many of God's people wish that they would "hit it big!" What about waiting? Why does it seem that the "rewards" or benefits that God promises only comes when we all get to heaven? Well, while some things are promised to children of God in heaven, plenty of wonderful things are available to God's children right now.*

*For instance, Children of God are promised God's presence with them forever. Two ways we see that made certain,*

*First, God promises to never leave us or forsake us (Psalm 46:10 and Hebrews 13:5). How wonderful it is that we can know that we are never forsaken of God. Secondly, God also promises to grant eternal life (Dan 12:2 and John 3:16). The gospel writer, John, affirms that those who have believed in Jesus HAVE (present tense) everlasting life. Daniel's prophesy affirms that some will be raised to everlasting life.*

*God promises to forgive sins (Psalm 103:10-14; Isa. 1:18 and Hebrews 8:12; 1 John 1:9). The passage in Isaiah is of particular interest.*

*Isaiah 1:18 (RSV18) "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."*

*Imagine having on an all-white suit or dress, only to have red dye splashed and sprayed all over your outfit. Suppose all the oxyclean and bleach on the market was unable to take away the stain. Now imagine that someone suggested to you to dip your stain ridden garment on a bowl of blood.*

*How ridiculous, you think? Imagine your surprise to find that the blood not only took away the red dye and all of its effects, but it also whitens your garment brighter than any fullers soap or laundry facility could.*

*Thankfully, the child of God does not have to use his or her imagination in such a scenario. One of the precious promises of God is that the Blood of Jesus Christ, His son, cleanses us from all sin. Though our sin might be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow*

## *So, what is the Labor Day Holiday all about?*

**Labor Day** is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States.

Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, diverse groups of trade unionists chose a variety of days on which to celebrate labor. In the United States, a September holiday called Labor Day was first proposed in the early 1880s.

*According to one early history of Labor Day, the event originated in connection with a General Assembly of the Knights of Labor convened in New York City in September 1882. In connection with this clandestine Knights assembly, a public parade of various labor organizations was held on September 5 under the auspices of the Central Labor Union (CLU) of New York.<sup>[8]</sup> Secretary of the CLU Matthew Maguire is credited for first proposing that a national Labor Day holiday subsequently be held on the first Monday of each September in the aftermath of this successful public demonstration.*

*An alternative theory maintains that the idea of Labor Day was the brainchild of Peter J. McGuire, a vice president of the American Federation of Labor, who, after a visit to Toronto where he saw parades celebrating labor that May, had put forward the initial proposal in the spring of 1882. According to McGuire, on May 8, 1882, he made a proposition to the fledgling Central Labor Union in New York City that a day be set aside for a "general holiday for the laboring classes". According to McGuire he further recommended that the event should begin with a street parade as a public demonstration of organized labor's solidarity and strength, with the march followed by a picnic, to which participating local unions could sell tickets as a fundraiser. According to McGuire he suggested the first Monday in September as an ideal date for such a public celebration, owing to optimum weather and the date's place on the calendar, sitting midway between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving public holidays.*

*In 1909, the American Federation of Labor convention designated the Sunday preceding Labor Day as "Labor Sunday", to be dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement. This secondary date failed to gain significant traction in popular culture, although some churches continue to acknowledge it.*

*The popularity of the event spread across the country. In 1887, Oregon became the first state of the United States to make Labor Day an official public holiday. By 1894, thirty U.S. states were already officially celebrating Labor Day. In that year, Congress passed a bill recognizing the first Monday of September as Labor Day and making it an official federal holiday. President Grover Cleveland signed the bill into law on June 28. The federal law, however, only made it a holiday for federal workers. As late as the 1930s, unions were encouraging workers to strike to make sure they got the day off. All U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories have subsequently made Labor Day a statutory holiday. Labor Day became a federal holiday shortly after the Pullman Strike.*





## SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

### ***For our Church Family:***

*For members who are ill or in need, or who have recently lost loved ones.*

### ***For our Community, Nation, & World Peace:***

*Those serving in the Armed Forces and their families, and Christians throughout the World. For victims of the Maui Wildfires,.*

***Please give your prayer requests to Pastor Kent***

## JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY



**Sunday's @ 9:30 a.m. (see bulletin board for occasional changes)**

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The food pantry is always taking donations. If you or someone you know in our community has any needs, please call Karin Carr or Linda Young (contact information below) and they will be happy to assist. The pantry is currently open every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from **9:00am - 11:00am**. Any emergent needs can be met by scheduling a pick-up appointment by calling either Linda or Karin. Current items needed are Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Canned Pasta, Jello, Pudding, Juice and Snack Foods

**Karin Carr - (518) 256-5640**

**Linda Young - (518) 952-4310**

# Ginny's Lunch

Westina Reformed Church welcomes you to Ginny's Lunch, a free lunch held on second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Doors open at 10AM Lunch served at Noon

## **September 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Sloppy Joes  
Mac and Cheese  
Brownies*



## **September 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Twice Baked Potatoes  
Polish Sausage or  
Bratwurst  
Italian Bread  
Sauerkraut  
Cupcakes*

If you plan on attending, please call Nancy MacLea at 518-355-0543

or email her at [nmaclea@nycap.rr.com](mailto:nmaclea@nycap.rr.com)

Please leave a message with your name and phone number if needed. Bible Study Afterwards

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## September Birthday's & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

*9/04 - Jim Baker  
9/07 - Garrett McHeard  
9/08 - Linda Foote  
9/12 - Jayden Salisbury  
9/22 - Jackie Borne  
9/23 - Nancy Gore  
9/23 - Janine Lordi*



### Anniversaries

*9/14- Jim & Elaine Baker  
9/17- Alan & Jodi Decker  
9/20- Craig & Linda Foote  
9/29- Kathleen (Herrick) &  
Wayne VanDetta*



# *\*Mission of the Month\**

## ***The September Mission of the Month is Schenectady City Mission***

The Mission's Goals are:

Provide shelter to over 100 men, women, and children every night

Feed the hungry by preparing 600 meals a day

Empower employment by helping men and women become sustainable by empowering them to discover their future story

Teach Life skills that will help them

The mission is located at 425 Hamilton Street, Schenectady, NY 12305

Phone # is 518-346-2275



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## ***Wreaths Across***

## ***America***

***The cost is \$17, See  
Nancy Gore to place  
Your Order.***



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## Sunday School News

*Can you believe that summer is almost over.? Just wanted to let everyone know that Sunday School will begin on September 10 at 9:15 am. Can't wait to see everyone and hear all about your summer adventures. If you know some kids in your neighborhood, please invite them, and maybe offer a ride if they need one.*

*We are still doing our Saturday story time hour from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome.*

*I have also sent some pictures from VBS that will be on a separate page. We had a great time!*

*We are also still collecting empty soda & water bottles. You can drop off at Southside Beverage at 1451 State Highway 5S, Amsterdam, NY 12010 or leave them by the garage in the ed center. Make sure you tell them they are for the Woestina Church Youth Group.*

*So let us begin another year with God's blessing and see what he would like us to learn this year.*

*Nancy Gore  
Sunday School Committee*

## CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

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### **Alpha and Omega**

*The beginning and the end. In the Greek alphabet, in which the New Testament was written, alpha is the first letter and omega is the last. In the Book of Revelation 1:8 and 22:13 God says, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last," meaning that God remains from the beginning to the end of time.*

2023						
SEPTEMBER						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### **SPECIAL DAYS CELEBRATED IN SEPTEMBER**

**SEPTEMBER 4- LABOR DAY**

**SEPTEMBER 6 OR 7- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**SEPTEMBER 17- NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**

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*From the Congregation*

*There are Large Ships and Small Ships*

*But the best Ship of all is Friendship*



# KIDS PAGE

*Can you answer these riddles?*

*God instructed Noah to build an Ark. He said it should be 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high. How long is a cubit? Genesis 6 14-16*

- Who were the first people God created?  
Genesis 2:7 and 21-22
- Who betrayed Jesus?  
Matthew 26; 14-16
- Where did Jesus grow up as a boy?  
Acts 10:38
- What sea did Jesus calm during the storm?  
Exodus 14
- What did Jesus turn into wine?  
John 2:1-11

Answers in next  
month's Newsletter





This month we celebrate Labor Day. What does the Bible say about Labor?

Psalm 127:1

*Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.*

Ecclesiastes 5:18

*This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot.*

Colossians 3:23

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters*

Matthew 11:28-30

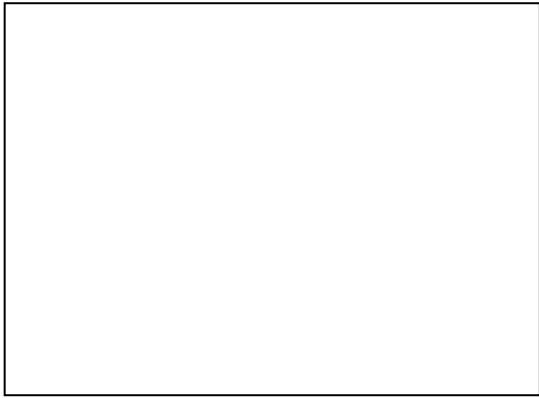
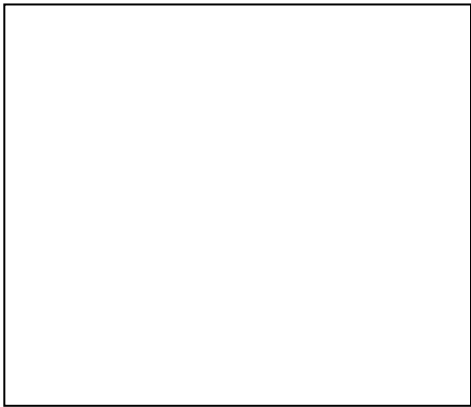
*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light*

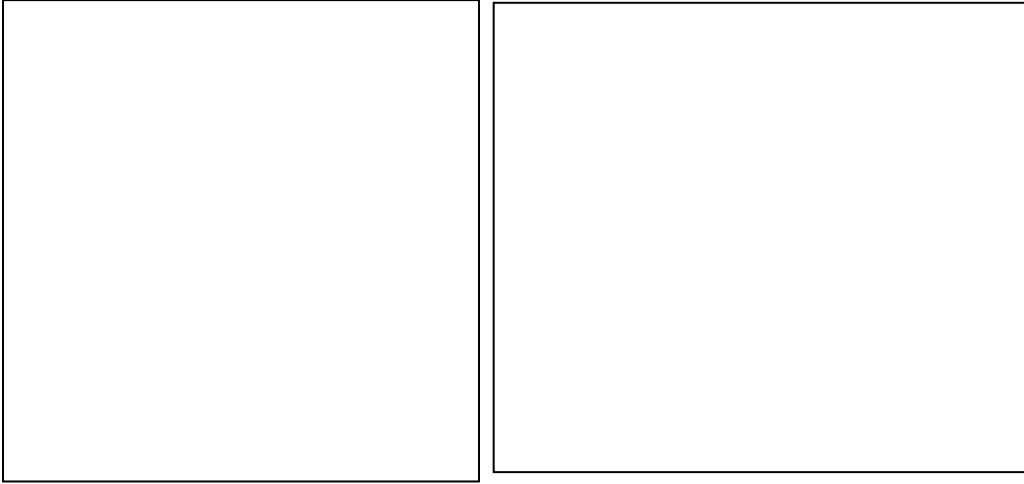
# *Vacation Bible School 2023*



*Look for the return of THE CHOSEN*

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*Hello March! In like a Lion, out like a Lamb?*