

**Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost ~ September 29, 2024**

***Abiding Hope Lutheran Church***

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Rev. Karen Parsh, Pastor

Sheryl Williams, Coordinator of Music

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ from Pastor...**

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Please stand*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross that sign that marked us at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

**Amen.**

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,**

**but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,**

**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN ~ Psalm 19

*♩ = 92*      C      Am7

May the words of my mouth and the med - i - ta - tions of my heart

4      Fmaj7      C/G      G

be pleas - ing to You, pleas - ing to You. May the

9      C      Am7

words of my mouth and the med - i - ta - tions of my heart be

13      Fmaj7      Dm7/G      C2      C/E

pleas - ing to You, my God. You're my

## CHORUS

F      G/B      C      C9/E      F      G/B      C      C9/E      F      G

Rock and my Re - deem - er. You're the rea - son that I sing. I de - sire to be a bless-

23      Am7      Dm7      Gsus      G      C/E      F      G/B      C      Cmaj9/E

ing in Your eyes. Ev - 'ry hour, ev - 'ry mo - ment, Lord, I

28      F      G/B      C      Cmaj9/E      F      G      Am7      Dm7      Gsus      3rd time to Coda

want to be Your ser - vant. I de - sire to be a bless - ing in Your eyes.

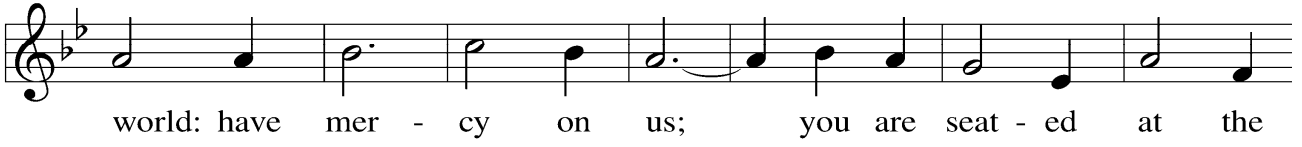
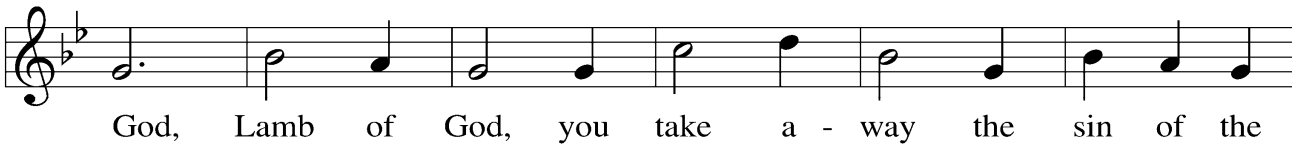
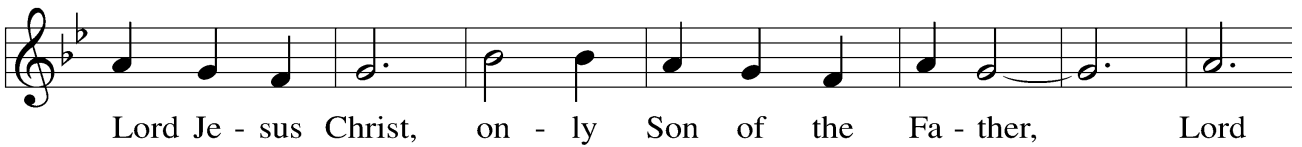
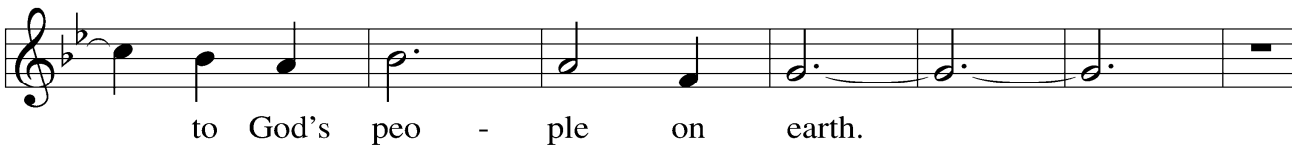
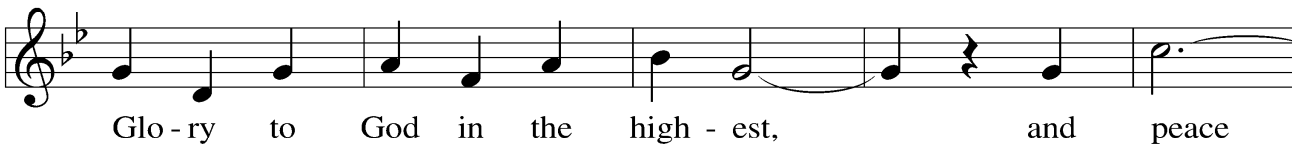
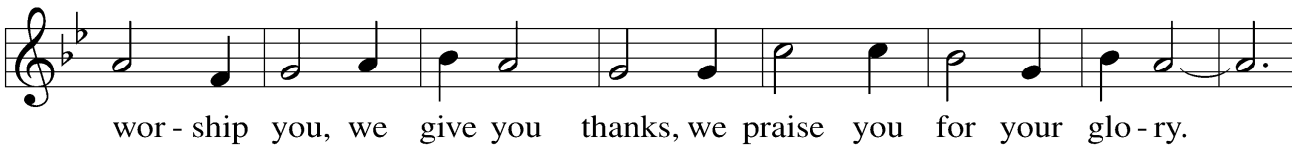
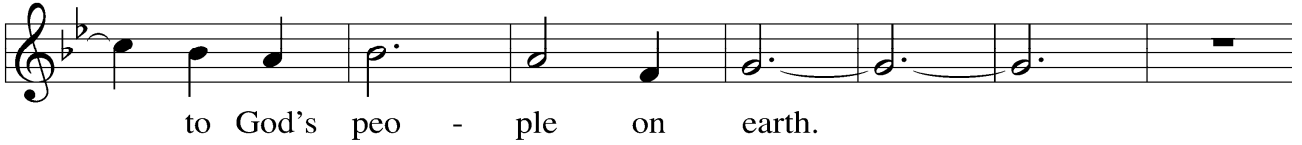
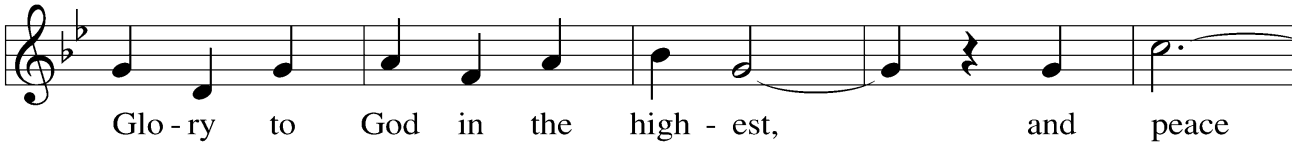
38      G      Coda      C

In Your eyes.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ WOV 607



HYMN OF PRAISE ~ WOV 607 CONT.



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo - ple on earth.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus



Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo - ple on earth.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let's pray together.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

<sup>16</sup>So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 19:7-14**                      **Sung Responsively**



<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | jice the heart;**  
**the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,**  
**sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one’s | own offenses?**  
**Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get  
dominion | over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in**  
**your sight,**  
**O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer. R**

**SECOND READING: James 5:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ WOV 613**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the first staff. The second staff is identical to the first, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' written below it. The music ends with a double bar line.

## **GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50**

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON** ~ Pastor Karen Parsh

*Please stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY ~ ELW 810** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need:

We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing especially Carolyn, Brian, Judy, Mary, Walter, Kathi, Karen & Dave, Ken and Donna, Tom, John, Don & Donna, Evelyn, our Little Library friends requesting prayers and all we name now in our hearts or aloud. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

**MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

**OFFERING** ~ "No Greater Gift" by R. Schram (Choir)

Please stand.

**OFFERTORY HYMN** ~ *Make Me a Servant*

♩ = 82

F Dm7 Gm7 C7 Gm7 B♭/C C7

Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek. Lord, let me lift up

7 B♭/F F F2sus F A Dm Dm/C G2/B B♭m6 F/A

those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be: Make me a

14 Gm7 F/A Gm7 F/C C7sus F2

ser - vant, make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant to - day. \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your heart. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

We celebrate the Holy Spirit, who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness. We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through him, made divine life available to all. We celebrate the Spirit, who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the Kingdom of God. And so, as we gather at this table, we recognize the Spirit's Presence among us, and we open our hearts to the Spirit's influence. Together we offer our praise and join in the hymn of all creation:

### *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* WOV 619a



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might:



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na



in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. **Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come, here is your God.

### LAMB OF GOD ~ WOV 621

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

### COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

### COMMUNION HYMNS ~ *Spirit Song* (Instrumental Meditation)

*Please stand.*

### PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful, ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN ~ ELW 540**    *Go, Make Disciples*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## Parish Notes ~ Sept 29

*Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
in honor of the 49th Wedding Anniversary  
of Damian and Marcia Santabene*



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**Please keep these members and friends in your prayers:** Carolyn Mariotti, Brian Gresh, Esther Klalamp, Judy Nordin, Mary Randall, Walter Nunemaker, Kathi (Cindy Filson's sister, Pastor Karen & Dave, Ken & Donna Bagamery, (Jeanne Tropper's sister-in-law), Tom Cirillo, John Belek, Don & Donna Holder, Evelyn Senger, and our Little Library friends requesting prayers.

**Receiving Communion:** If it is a challenge for you to come forward to receive communion, please alert the usher and you will be served communion at your seat.

**Sunday, September 29: @ 9:00 (warm-up) & 10:45 (rehearsal) ~ Bible Study 11a**

**TODAY! Sunday, September 29:** The 49<sup>th</sup> annual **Crop Walk** event that supports the Kearsarge Food Party and Second Harvest Food Bank will start from Beach 1 @ 1:00pm. All are invited to participate in the walk and of course, donate. **Please see Analee Cree** to sign-up for the walk or for donations.

**TODAY! Sunday, September 29 is World Hunger Day!** The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month has been designated as a time for AHLC to contribute financial support to help meet the needs of a hungry world. Pew envelopes are available in the pews for cash donations. If using a check, please make it payable to *Abiding Hope* indicating **ELCA Hunger Appeal** on the memo line and place your gift in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity.

**Monday, September 30th from 1:30 to 2:00 at New Hope Presbyterian Church:** Meet and Greet for international peacemaker from Fiji, Ms. Frances Namoumou. Ms. Namoumou has been involved in climate change and disaster management for over 20 years. She will be in Erie through October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Additional details on the narthex calendar.

**Sunday, October 6 ~ 11:00** in Fellowship Hall initial showing of **The Chosen**. The Chosen, a multi-season TV series about the life of Jesus Christ will be aired in FH the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday beginning October 6. The series depicts Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him. Discussion time to follow each showing.

**Boscov Saving Day is coming October 22:** Purchase a 25% off Boscov Discount card for \$5 from Analee or anyone in the office. All money collected benefits AHLC and you save 25% off your Boscov purchase on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone's a winner.

**Monday, September 30: Ladies are welcome to join the "Prayer Shawl" Gathering, 10a-12noonish** for prayer, good conversation, knitting/crocheting shawls, prayer cards, lap robes for the homebound. Start a new or maybe complete a piece you've started, but not quite finished. Experience not necessary, showing "how to" will gladly be offered. Meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month in the Conference Room.

**Saturday, October 19:** Plans are in full swing for the **Pumpkin Fest....** Volunteers are not only a vital part, but also an asset, in making this event a successful community outreach program. A form to sign with a list of areas where people are needed is on the center table in the narthex. Please consider offering a couple hours of your time to help out ... you'll have fun and be greatly award by the smiles and laughter of the children attending. Bath tissue cardboard rolls, for the children's craft project, no longer needed. A BIG Thank You for the contributions.

**Next Pumpkin Fest Volunteer Team meeting:** Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30.

**Office Hours:** For **Pastoral emergencies**, please contact **Pastor Karen @ 814-881-3266**.

**Little Library Update:** God is so faithful to this ministry! We are not in need of books right now, but donations of bookmarks with room for an Abiding Hope address label would be appreciated! The pantry can use dried fruit, meals in pouches or microwave containers, cereals, pasta, rice, juice boxes, packages of graham crackers, and peanut butter in plastic jars. How grateful we are for your generous donations! --you are truly impacting our neighborhood! -*Connie Kerr-Vogt.*

**KAFP Project Dignity:** September items, paper products; October Items, hair care products. Donations can be place in the basket on the shelf in the Heritage Room.

**Altar Flowers:** Anyone who wishes to donate flowers for Sunday worship, weekly sign-up and request forms are on the table in narthex. Arrangements- **\$20.00 each.** Place the completed form and payment in the offering plate, or to the office by the Monday prior your chosen Sunday.

**Erie Gives:** A check was received from the Erie Community Foundation for \$24,985.18. Donations from 23 patrons totaled \$23,801 with \$1,184 share from the Erie Gives. Thank you to everyone who participated.

**August Finances**

Income	\$3,637.00	Year to Date	\$76,037.03
Expenses	\$9,751.96	Year to Date	\$90,826.16
Difference	-\$6,114.96	Year to Date	-\$14,789.13

**YTD Budget \$90,051.68**