



THE CHRISTIAN ECHO



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Water Olympics were on tap at the August 4 meeting of Les Youth Group (*top & bottom left*). Allison received her nursing pin to go with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN) on August 11 (*top right*). Beautiful flowers grace the steps of the church (*bottom right*).



MINISTER'S MOMENT



We were blessed on Sunday morning, August 25, when Jessica, Gabi, Bryson, Natalie, and Rylan joined Glen Echo Christian Church. Jessica, who is Linda's sister-in-law, has been looking for a church home, and she was impacted by the friendliness of the people at Glen Echo. After attending for a few weeks, Jessica and her children came forward at the end of Sunday's service, much to the delight of all who gathered to worship the Lord that day.

With the addition of these children, the size of our children's Sunday School increased. Additional children prompted the addition of another teacher, and Mary volunteered to work with Teresa and Abby. Their kind spirits and lively imaginations will minister to the children as they continue to communicate the reality of God's love.

A couple of the teachers recently shared their desire to augment the Sunday School lessons with child-friendly lectionary curriculum that would extend the teachings of the Children's Messages. This week, we were able to obtain from Iowa Religious Media Services (which is sadly closing its doors) three years of material from the excellent series *Whirl*. This curriculum comes complete with Children's Bibles, teachers' guides, DVDs, CDs, and children's bulletins, and it is divided into age appropriate segments that run from Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. (A small portion of the material is pictured below.) The new resources can be used independently, or in conjunction with previously-used resources, for many years to come.

I am excited that our new sisters and brothers in Christ have joined this family of faith. I am also excited by the way that God is providing for our children's spiritual care. A loving congregation, committed teachers, and new curriculum can help these precious little ones grow in the knowledge that they are cherished by God. Jesus states in Matthew 18:5, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." Thank you for welcoming these children -- and Jesus -- into our midst.

So blessed to minister with you,

Pastor Dawn



SEPTEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	<u>NEW TESTAMENT</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>
Sept. 1	Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14	"God's Banquet"
Sept. 8	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Philemon 1:1-21	"Reordered Relationships"
Sept. 15	Numbers 21:4b-9	Luke 15:1-10	"Missing Peace"
Sept. 22	Psalm 113	Luke 16:1-13	"Say, What?"
Sept. 29	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16	Luke 16:19-31	"Inverted Perspective"

BEVERDALE PARADE



Butterflies, symbolizing new life in Christ, will adorn Glen Echo's float in the 2019 Beaverdale Parade!

Julie has gathered input from Glen Echo folks and is in the process of designing the float. Similar to last year's procedure, we'll paint her graphics at the church on Thursday and Friday evenings, Sept. 5-6, at 6:00.

Don has graciously offered to let us use his garage on Friday, September 13, to assemble our parade entry. Come to 4620 NW 62nd Avenue in Johnston at 6:00 PM to eat pizza and play with butterflies. Bring staple guns if you have them. (No real butterflies will be hurt in the making of the float.)

Please add your name to the bulletin board sign up sheet to let us know if you'd like to ride on the float or walk in the parade. Cars will begin to ferry people from Glen Echo to the parade staging area at 8:30 AM on Saturday, September 21.

Join us as we spread our wings and rise to new heights in Christ during this year's fall festival!

GIVING GLORY TO GOD

For many people, the familiar words of "Gloria Patri" (#36 in the Chalice Hymnal), bring comfort and peace during worship services. The lyrics reinforce the understanding that God has been present since the beginning of existence, and God's presence will never end. The image of a strong, consistent Heavenly Father provides stability in a world that constantly changes.

For other people, the image of God as a Heavenly Father hinders their connection to the Holy One. If people have not had positive relationships with their earthly fathers, the image of an all-powerful masculine deity can result in a sense of threat. Similarly, if people have not had positive interactions with their earthly mothers, a sense of threat may occur if female pronouns are used when speaking about God.

Members who hold all of these views have spoken with Pastor Dawn in recent months, and these concerns have been discussed with the Elders and the Worship Committee. In order to be more inclusive of all, the decision has been made to alternate singing the "Gloria Patri" and "Glory to God" (#34 in the Chalice Hymnal) during different months. As an Elder said, "In both cases, God is glorified, which is the important point."

COOL-AID CAMPAIGN



\$5,530.00 has been collected for the Cool-Aid Campaign.



OUR LIVES TOGETHER

Baptisms and Brunch

High school senior, Mahayla, started to come to Glen Echo several months ago. She approached Pastor Dawn about being baptized, and she has been participating in Baptism Classes for the last month.

Mahayla will be baptized during the worship service on Sunday, September 29. After the service, the Fellowship Committee will host a brunch to celebrate the baptism of our new sister in Christ. Please save the date in order to participate in this celebratory event.



Spreading the Word

Church member Joan, the work that she's done with the Adult Literacy Center, and the outreach ministries of Glen Echo Christian Church are featured on page 19 of the August issue of *Beaverdale Living Magazine*. The article can be found online, as well as on the church's bulletin board.





LES YOUTH GROUP

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE	SEPT 1	SEPT 8 MISSION	SEPT 15 WORSHIP	SEPT 22 BIBLE STUDY	SEPT 29 FELLOWSHIP
SUPPER	Labor Day Weekend No Youth Group	Kathy	TBA	Jean & Dawn	HPPC
CHECK-IN QUESTION		Katie/Dawn	Heather	Brian	Kathleen
DIRECTIONS		Kathleen	Dawn	Heather	Julie/Dawn
ACTIVITY		Kathleen	Dawn	Heather	Julie/Dawn
PRAYER		Katie/Dawn	Heather	Brian	Kathleen

SENSE OF VALUE

This is the balance for the
General Fund for July 2019:

6/31/18 Balance	\$ 216.15
Receipts	9,833.32
Expenses	9,357.04
7/31/19 Balance	\$ 692.43

September has arrived, which means that we are in the process of putting together the budget for next year. Committee Chairs, please give your 2020 budget requests to Terri by October 6.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 4	70
August 11	67
August 18	56
August 25	67

PRAYER LIST

Ben	Marilyn
Kathy	Kenzy
Diane	Charles
Ruth	Ione
Jim	Suzie
Steve	Keith
Neta	Ruth
Chris	Cathy
Lynette	Jenny
David	Samantha
Tom	Lily
Julie	Molly
Rosemarie	Jim
Sandy	Arianne
George	Bill
Mike	Gene
Donna	Debbie
Nelda	

Dear Glen Echo Family,

A simple thanks may not be enough, but I still want to send this note to express my heartfelt gratitude. Growing up in this church has been such a blessing, and I know I wouldn't be where I am without each of you and your love, support, and encouragement. Thank you so much for thinking of me and my graduation from nursing school.

God bless,
Allison

My husband and I attended Sunday's service (during General Assembly). Your musician was FANTASTIC!!! She played various styles and she had the perfect touch! I've been a part of many DOC churches from Maryland to Pennsylvania and now in Missouri. You have a jewel! She raises the experience to another level! Thank you for sharing your talent!!!

Naomi

We've Got Mail



Thank you,

I appreciate the messages on your sign. They provide me with great food for thought and peace.

Again thank you,

Michael



SEPTEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:30 Coffee 3:00 Edencrest No Youth Group	2	3	4 6:30 Choir Potluck 7:15 Choir Practice	5 2:00 Prayer 6:00 Float Painting	6 6:00 Float Painting	7
8 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:30 Coffee 5:00 Les Youth Group	9	10 7:00 Committee/ Cabinet/ Board Meetings	11 7:15 Choir Practice	12 2:00 Prayer Homeless Shelter meal	13 6:00 Assemble float at Smith's	14
15 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Choir 10:15 Worship 11:30 Coffee 5:00 Les Youth Group	16	17	18 7:15 Choir Practice	19 2:00 Prayer	20	21 Beaverdale Parade
22 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Choir 10:15 Worship 11:30 Coffee 3:00 Craft Group 5:00 Les Youth Group	23	24	25 7:15 Choir Practice	26 2:00 Prayer 7:00 Elders Meeting	27 10:00 Deacon Callers	28
29 Reconciliation Offering 9:00 Sunday School 9:45 Choir 10:15 Worship 11:30 Baptism Brunch 5:00 Les Youth Group	30					

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SERVING SCHEDULE

September 1

Worship Leader: David
Elders: L. Louise, David
Diaconate: Juanita, Mark
Jim, Ashley

September 15

Worship Leader: Barb
Elders: Deb, Ivan
Diaconate: John, Kathy
Debbie, Linda

September 29

Worship Leader: Kathleen
Elders: Ron, Deb
Diaconate: Mary Ann, Jim
Kathy, Julie

September 8

Worship Leader: Brian
Elders: Ivan, Barb
Diaconate: Jim, Ashley
John, Kathy

September 22

Worship Leader: TBA
Elders: Kathleen, Ron
Diaconate: Debbie, Linda
Mary Ann, Jim

Visiting Elders: Ivan, Barb

***Elders, Deacons, the Choir, and the Worship Leader
are asked to gather in the lounge at 10:10 AM.**