

# GRACE NOTES

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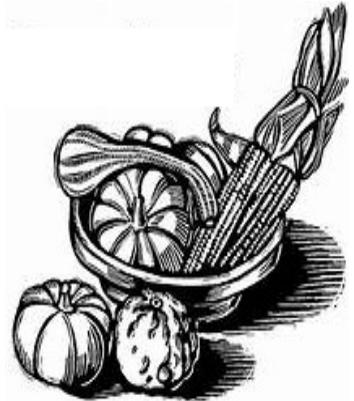
### **GRACE LUTHERAN'S MISSION STATEMENT**

*As disciples in Christ, we support our faith community, encourage spiritual growth in everyone, and serve all creation with Christ-like love.*

*We accomplish this by:*

- ♦ *spreading God's Word*
- ♦ *building relationships*
- ♦ *serving the community*
- ♦ *reaching out to those in need*

# October 2019



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## Pastor Wayne Sez

### **IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO GET YOU OUT OF THE DAMBOO**

The dream always started the same. I would be in Africa on a hilltop and panic would settle in. I was hopelessly lost with no idea how to get back to where I needed to be. We had been in Zambia for five days installing Shallow Water Wells

with Marion Medical Mission and things were going well. We were getting in lots of wells and we were laughing and enduring the rough roads to the next well site.

Then it happened, the trail we were traveling presented an obstacle. and a decision was made to go across country on the grassy plain. But unknown to us this grassy plain was really a dambo, a marshy area made up of grass and mud. It wasn't any time until we were stuck in the dambo up to the axel of the four-wheel drive Toyota. And no matter what we tried there was no getting out.

Then I looked up and there it was that hill in my dream exactly as I had pictured it and the panic this time was not a dream. We tried to use our cell phones but we had no service. Now I knew that people in Marion Medical had a general idea of where we were going that day and eventually we would be found but the prospect was beginning to look like we would be there a least overnight. Our maintenance supervisor went on foot the 4 kilometers to the village where we were to install the next well and after a lengthy time he returned with several men from the village. It took a couple of hours and putting our heads together with language not held in common but eventually with the joint effort we were able to get the truck out of the dambo.

Well the question at this point might be so what? Well when the Church seems to be in a dambo buried up to its axel with no apparent way out we need the village of brothers and sisters under the direction of Christ to get out of the dambo.

The Church is always faced with three basic questions 1) Who are we? 2) Why are we here? And 3) what then should we do? Can you find the answer to these three questions in Grace's Vision statement?

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## Pastor Wayne Sez continued...

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*Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:4-5 (NIV)*

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## PASTOR APPRECIATION

October is Pastor Appreciation month. Let him know how much you appreciate him and keep him in your prayers.

*We Pray... Ever-living God, strengthen and sustain pastors and bishops especially Pastor Wayne, Bishop Roth and Bishop Eaton, that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people. Grant that together they may follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## REFORMATION WEEKEND Oct 28/29

We invite everyone to wear the color **RED**, on **October 28th and 29th**, because **RED** represents the Holy Spirit. There are five theological principles that unified the various streams of the Reformation: *Sola Fide* (by faith alone); *Sola Christus* (through Christ alone); *Sola Gratia* (by grace alone); *Sola Scriptura* (by Scripture alone); *Soli Deo Gloria* (glory to God alone). Luther believed that the Reformation was a direct result of the Holy Spirit moving him and others to action. This day is a celebration of the Holy Spirit that continues to move us toward the grace and mercy of God, even today.



## Text and Tune

Have you ever wondered why some of our hymns have the same tune, but different words? (e.g. "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" and "As We Gather at Your Table" are both sung to the same tune.) Or, have you ever wondered why some of our hymns are known to more than one tune. (e.g. There are two well-known tunes for "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less.")

Think of hymns as being two things put together: a text and a tune. The text is a poem, and may have been written with that tune in mind, or not. In any case, like all poetry, it has a meter. (Remember high school English class, with iambic pentameter and rhyme scheme?) You count the number of syllables in each line to get the meter of the hymn:

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow	= 8 syllables
Praise God all crea - tures here be - low	= 8 syllables
Praise God a - bove ye heav'n - ly hosts	= 8 syllables
Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.	= 8 syllables

So, the meter for the doxology is 8.8.8.8.

The tunes to hymns also have meter. The tunes, usually written in ALL CAPS, are sometimes given the same name as the text commonly associated with them, but more often, have another name, having something to do with the history of that tune. For instance, the tune we know for the Doxology is OLD HUNDREDTH, which reminds us that its original text was a metrical version of Psalm 100 "All Creatures That in Earth Do Dwell."

Theoretically, then, any text and tune with the same meter would be interchangeable. You can sing "Amazing Grace" to the same tune as "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," or *vice versa* since both texts have the same meter: 8.6.8.6. You probably wouldn't do that, though, since both texts have their own strongly associated tunes. "Amazing Grace" is always sung to the tune NEW BRITAIN and "O God, Our Help" is always sung to the tune ST. ANNE. Besides honoring well-established traditions, a good text/tune "marriage" must also convey the meaning and emotion of both.

JB



Are you interested in learning more about inviting people to follow Jesus? We can all cringe a little about people who make us uncomfortable as they attempt to share their faith and invite others. If you want to find something more comfortable and authentic

you might want to check this online course. It's a small financial investment, and the website describes the course requirements: <https://www.garrett.edu/online-offerings/evangelism-non-evangelists>

### **Have you Invited anyone to...**

- Help in the Food Pantry
- Sunday Church School/Adult Forum
- Sing in the Choir
- Crop Walk



## **FUN FELLOWSHIP FACTS OCTOBER 2019**

Please join us whenever possible and support local restaurants, drama performances and events that are going on in Springfield and the surrounding communities, along with events here at Grace.

### **UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:**

**December: Advent Suppers** – Wednesdays Dec 4,11,18  
Wednesday, December 4 Theme Hope Psalm is 25:1-7  
Wednesday, December 11 Theme Faith Psalm 126  
Wednesday, December 18 Theme Joy Psalm 81:1-5

**Caroling** – December 8th. Keep watching for more information

**Butter braids, cookies and pizzas...**we are selling butter braids, cookie dough and pizzas in October and November to be delivered Nov 23 & 24 before Thanksgiving. See the white board in fellowship hall for the order form. Tell your friends and relatives about this semi-annual fundraiser to help local social service agencies in Springfield.

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**



### **Maybe a Stephen Minister can HELP!**

In Stephen Ministry, a Care Receiver is someone who needs a Christian friend, a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers work in confidence to help meet the needs of individuals who are:

- Bear one another's, burdens* ♦ Homebound/alone
- ♦ Hospitalized/recently discharged
  - ♦ Facing serious or terminal illness
  - ♦ Experiencing major adjustments to jobs/careers/residences
  - ♦ Residents of long-term care facilities
  - ♦ Facing decisions on the future care of aging parents/spouses
  - ♦ Experiencing absence of family members due to death, school, military assignments, marriage, divorce
  - ♦ Persons adjusting to becoming single parents

Working with a Stephen Minister is kept completely confidential. Consider having a Stephen Minister walk with you or a friend on a journey to wholeness.

### **How can you receive a Stephen Minister?**

Fill out the information below. Return it in a sealed envelope and put it in the Stephen Ministry mailbox located in Fellowship Hall between the office and the Capitol Street entrance.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I am interested in obtaining more information about receiving a Stephen Minister.

## **FOOD PANTRY REPORT**

*Helen Appleton*

*As Christ fed the multitudes, the mission of the Historical Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry is to feed the hungry.*

In August of 2019, we served 649 families composed of 1303 individuals compared to 571 families composed of 1263 individuals in 2018. Year to date, we are serving about 2% more households this year.

Over 20% of our clients were seniors in August. We are at about 22% for the year thus far. We use the grant from the King's Daughters Organization to add a little nutritional extra to the bags for seniors.

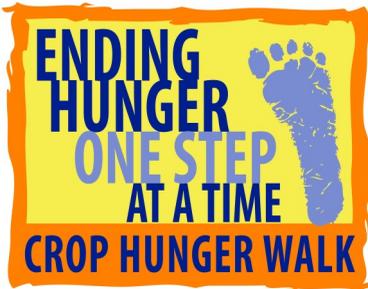
We started the month of August with a balance of \$29,972.08 and ended the month with \$22,277.86. There were \$3,035.56 in deposits and \$10,729.78 in expenses. The Food Board previously made the decision to decrease the amount of food each family gets if our account drops below \$20,000. We have started some cost saving measures, such as providing the ingredients for a rice based casserole rather than a box of a cheeseburger skillet dinner (without the meat).

This is the lowest amount we have had in the last couple years. We continue to write grant requests and encourage donations and will have some grant opportunities and fundraisers this fall that will help. But it is a challenge to keep up as we try to provide our clients with more healthy, fresher foods.

Thank you to everyone for your time, donations, and prayers!

You can donate your leftover Halloween candy to the Food Pantry. A container for the candy will be in the back of the church.





**Crop Walk: October 6, 2019**  
**All youth, families and adults are encouraged to collect funds and walk.** The Walk will be on **Sunday, October 6, 2019.** Check-in is at 1:00 and the Walk begins at 1:30. The Walk begins and ends at Third Presbyterian Church, 1030 N 7th St, Springfield and passes several of our supported food pantries, including the pantry

at Grace Lutheran. Our Walks raise money when walkers get pledges from friends and families. Please consider joining in on this year's walk. To donate, please go online and donate with CROP WALK at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/springfieldil> **Find the GRACE LUTHERAN WALKERS**



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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**LAND OF LINCOLN CHORUS PRESENTS:**

# **BENEFIT CONCERT**

**FOR GRACE FOOD PANTRY**



**NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**STARTS AT 3:00 PM**

**HOSTED BY:**  
**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**2645 OLD JACKSONVILLE RD, SPRINGFIELD, IL**

**CHURCHES INVOLVED:**

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN,  
 OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Programs presented by the Land of Lincoln Barbershop Chorus are funded in part by the Community Arts Access with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and Illinois Arts Council Agency.

## Community Ministry

### **Grace Lutheran's on going relationship with local schools.**

Just a week ago I was contacted by McClernand School to set the dates for holiday baskets distribution for the coming school year. The upshot of the call was the school appreciates all of our efforts to help them. Our contributions really do help the needy students at those schools enjoy the holidays and address other issues within their school community. With that in mind it is time once again to look toward funding and implementing the holiday basket program. Though funded separately from Grace Food Pantry by Grace, Peace Lutheran and St Johns Lutheran, we use obtain the food through the pantry and reimburse it for the costs. By the middle of October we will be stocking up for the baskets for Thanksgiving. Please consider donating to the Holiday Baskets, which cost about \$50 per basket. Grace pays for 60 baskets per holiday. That is \$3,000 for each of Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Your help is appreciated. —Randy Heidorn

**SUPPORT FOR MCCLERNAND...** Thank you for your prayers and continued support of the students and families of McClernand. Please continue to pray for the staff, children and families for a safe and enriched year. You are a blessing!

**Pop Tabs...** Money from the recycling payment of these tabs is used to subsidize the cost for parents of hospitalized children to stay at the Ronald McDonald House. Our container for the tabs is in the kitchenette off the Fellowship Hall, near the coffee.

**FYI...** They also gladly take used ink cartridges of all sizes as well.

### Servant Opportunities

- **Serve as a worship participant i.e. Worship Assistant, Communion Assistant, Reader, Greeter/Usher, Altar Guild at Sunday 8:00am or Saturday 5:00pm**
- Help stuff animals to donate to agencies serving children and elderly
- Walk or sponsor a CROP WALKER
- Cook a meal for Lunch Bunch
- Give out Blessing Bags
- Collect food for the Holiday baskets

# Christian Education News



## **WELCOME BACK FAMILIES AND LIFE LONG LEARNERS!**

Sunday School classes meet each week in the room at the end of the hall on the second floor beginning at 9:15 am. We will have music and worship with JB then to our classes.

**We hope to see you there!**

**Adult Forum** is in the Fellowship hall beginning at 9:30 am. What do the ELCA social statements say about environmental and economic issues? Come to Adult Forum to learn and discuss! The first two Sundays in October, Randy Heidorn, who has a professional expertise in the area of natural resources, will be presenting on the social statement "Caring for Creation." He will take a break and finish addressing this social statement in November. Starting October 20th, Michael Darling will lead adult forum on the social statement of "Economic Life: Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All." With the current concerns about climate change and the homeless, these are very relevant! All are welcome!

**On October 13th...** we will have **ONE** Sunday service at 9:15 am. Saturday at 5:00 pm will be as usual.

**Our Education hour that week will begin at 10:30 am.**

Mark your calendars and put reminders in your phone now.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** will resume on **Thursdays at 12:10 p.m.** This continues to be a popular Bible Study group at Historic Grace, so grab your lunch and a friend and join us. Questions? Contact JB George or Chris Schofield.



## **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Sunday School Confirmation classes continue each week in the Youth Room in the basement at **9:15 am**. These classes will focus on the Youth ALPHA.

## THE PUMPKIN PRAYER

*Begin your devotion by talking to the children about Halloween and All Saint's Day. A long time ago there was a festival on October 31st. to celebrate the harvest season. People tried to scare away evil spirits by dressing up in scary costumes. Many years later children dressed up like evil spirits. They went door-to-door telling people that if they got a treat the evil spirits would go away. Later the church decided to change the festival by making it a celebration of the eternal life, not evil spirits. Instead of honoring evil spirits, they honored all the Christians who had died in the last year. November 1st was called "All Saint's Day" or All Hallowed (holy ones) Day". The evening before was called "All Hallowed Eve". Over the years the name was shortened to "Halloween.*

## THE PUMPKIN PRAYER

Dear God, As I carve my pumpkin help me say this prayer:

**Open my mind so I can learn about you;**

(cut the top of the pumpkin)

**Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.**

(clean out the inside)

**Open my eyes so your love I will see;**

(cut eyes shaped like hearts)

**I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all you've given me**

(cut a nose in the shape of the cross)

**Open my ears so your Word I will hear;**

(cut ears shaped like the Bible)

**Open my mouth so I can tell others you are near.**

(cut mouth in the shape of a fish)

**Let your light shine in all I say and do! Amen.**

(place candle inside and light it)



### MEMBERS HOMEBOUND

DOROTHY BAHRE  
BETTY FOWLER  
GLORIA GAGNON

DELORES KERN  
HELEN MOORE  
GENE RUBLEY

ELEANOR SAKRIS

## **COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The September Council meeting was held on September 24 at 6:30pm.

Further information concerning Council action can be seen below.

- October 6 Crop Walk
- 9:15 am Quarterly worship will be October 13, December 22, March 22. Education hour will meet at 10:30 am.
- Call Committee will turn in reports into Synod in the next two weeks.
- Pastor Wayne working on Congregational statistical adjustment
- Caroling scheduled for December 8
- The weekend "4 corner" police officer is in effect until end of September we will look into whether still needed ongoing.

## **FINANCIAL/ATTENDANCE REPORT**

### **August 2019**

Income: \$32,195  
Expense: \$28,664  
SURPLUS: \$3,531

### **YTD 2019**

Income: \$222,507  
Expense: \$222,344  
SURPLUS: \$163

### **August 2018**

Income: \$40,746  
Expense: \$28,197  
SURPLUS \$12,549

### **YTD 2018**

Income: \$234,041  
Expense: \$243,855  
DEFICIT: (\$9,814)

### **Attendance records (based on weekend attendance)**

#### **Attendance for August 2019**

416 (4 weeks)

**2018 AVG. TD: 117**

#### **Attendance for August 2018**

421 (4 weeks)

**2018 AVG. TD: 120**

*Average attendance, year to date: this is the total number of worshippers divided by the number of weekends in the year to date. (i.e. Total attendance 800 divided by 6 weekends=133 members in average attendance).*

### **gracelutheran-springfield.org**

Have you seen the Website lately? Check it out at [gracelutheran-springfield.org](http://gracelutheran-springfield.org) It is rebuilt and up and running. We will have an unveiling celebration tentatively Sunday, November 3rd at the beginning of Adult Forum.



**Please note the following schedule for what is happening:**

**Faith/Grace Circle** - will meet on **October 2, 2019** at 12:30 pm.  
Location to be determined. If you have questions, please contact  
Charlotte Blumle.

**Sew n' Sowers** - will meet **October 12, 2019** at 9:00 am.  
Contact person is Charlotte Blumle.

**Greetings from the Women of the ELCA in the Central/Southern Illinois Synod! You're Invited to the 2019 C/SIS Women of the ELCA Biennial Convention Friday & Saturday October 11-12, 2019** We are excited to invite the women of your congregation to join us at our **Fall Retreat Registration forms are in the Fellowship hall.**

**The WELCA Quarterly Meeting** will be held **October 19, 2019** at 9:00 am in the church Fellowship Hall. A light breakfast will be served followed by a brief meeting. The school kits will be assembled at that time for Lutheran World Relief, Project Promise. Ruth Circle is hosting. Thank you for your support!

**Ruth Circle** - will move the October meeting to **Thursday, October 29** at 7:00 pm at church. November and December meetings are combined in a Christmas dinner, date and time to be determined. Our January meeting will be Tuesday, January 21 at the church at 7:00 pm. Women of Grace, all are welcome!

**Thanks-Giving** **REMINDER...** Thank Offerings are due in November.  
Contact persons - Pat Casper and Claudia Cross.

*Give Thanks*

**TWISTED STITCHERS**

The Twisted Stitchers meet **October 1 at 7:00 pm**, at the home of Josie Anderson.





## YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Parish Nurse...Diana Weyhenmeyer

### Tips for Halloween Candy



My safety tips:

If the candy has been opened, throw it away.

Tampering could have occurred.

Encourage your children to go in a group when trick or treating.

Encourage them to carry a flashlight for safety and so they can easily be seen.

Be careful with caramel apples unless they are in a sealed package with a date on it.

Web site's safety tips

- When selecting a costume make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Since masks can sometimes obstruct a child's vision, try non-toxic face paint and makeup whenever possible.
- Have kids use glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

The simple act of slowing down on neighborhood roads will not only make Halloween more enjoyable for everyone, but it could also save lives.

Retrieved from:[http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field\\_audience/parents/field\\_risks/halloween?gclid=CKjEjejwwLkCFSJqMgod6k8Asw](http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_audience/parents/field_risks/halloween?gclid=CKjEjejwwLkCFSJqMgod6k8Asw)

Be safe and have fun, in Christ's love, Diana

**REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED  
THE THIRD WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH!**

## Thoughts from Stewardship ...

### "You Reap what you Sow"

Grace Lutheran Church has been truly blessed. The Church has provided for others in need through many of our activities, committees and members. The work is rewarding. This is ever so evident in what has changed in our Church over the last few years. The Church has made many improvements to the building. There is a cost for this activity but it was all necessary in order to continue to have a place for worship, learning, community work, sanctuary and fellowship.



*1 Peter 4:10, Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God.*

We are all Stewards in Gods world. God owns, controls and is the decision maker for everything. We are his Stewards and charged to manage the resources under which we may have influence.

Labor day has passed. It is hard to believe we will soon be in the Christmas Season. We will celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Let's remember to also celebrate Grace Lutheran Church. Be sure to remember our Church during this Season of giving.



How is consecrated wine treated differently than regular wine? So what's the difference between a paten and a purificator? If you don't know, or if you do and would like to share and increase your knowledge, altar guild would like to invite you to shadow a member preparing for communion and/or attend our next meeting, which will be **Tuesday, October 22 at 1:30 pm.** Teens, men,

and women are invited to come and consider serving the worship assembly in this way. Those who are already serving should watch their mailboxes, you will be getting some additional information in the next week or so. In addition, those who participate by washing communion glasses, caring for brass, or doing banner and linen work as also invited to attend. If you work during the day, we plan to have one more meeting this year, with an evening time. Thanks to all who serve and all who offer their service!

## Thank you's

Thank you so much for the flowers. I think they were in honor of Orr's anniversary and delivered by Anna Mae Handshy—Marcella McGowan

*"Be mindful. Be grateful. Be positive. Be true. Be kind."*  
— Roy T. Bennett

Since I did not receive many thank you's this month I thought I would reflect on things we can all be thankful for not just at Thanksgiving time:

Your Faith in God	Forgiveness
Your family and friends	Teamwork
Your <u>health</u> and wellbeing	Spell checker
The opportunity to have an education	Jumping into a swimming pool in the summer
Food on the table	Finding music that moves you
Waking up every morning	Comfortable clothes
Access to medication	Who you are
Having some time to yourself	Senses
Kindness of strangers	Finding people who bring the best out in you
The fact that there is no one else like you in the world	Being able to experience all emotions
Learning from your mistakes	Being able to drive
The weekend	Speaking to family and friends from all over the world with new technology
Payday	Fresh bed sheets and duvet
The seasons changing	Getting a takeaway/going to a restaurant
The progression of human rights	Long drives
Being able to see colors	Having a passion
The ability to create your own family	Transportation
Great co-workers	Old photographs
Puppies	Meeting up with old friends
Equality and diversity	A nice bubble bath
Traditions, such as Christmas and Easter	Not having to set an alarm
Nice neighbors	Sunday mornings
The honesty of a child	Bad days that make you appreciate the good ones
Creating a future with someone	
Having deep conversations until the early morning	



### **Lunch Bunch COOKS WANTED:**

If you enjoy cooking you are always welcome to prepare one or more items for a meal. If you are willing to do so, contact Charlotte.

**Lunch Bunch will be October 20 following 10:30 worship.**

The next meal will be Oct. 20 immediately following the 10:30 service. Menu: mushroom pork chops, vegetable, salad, apple dumplings. Cost \$4. Friends and relatives are always welcome. The reservation sheet is on the white board in fellowship hall. Deadline for reservations is Oct. 13.

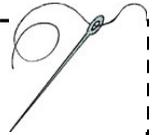


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**\$250...** may be available for a project you are working on this year, e.g. Animal Protective League, scouts, school supplies, Grace Food Pantry, etc. If Thrivent approves your application for funds, you will receive a credit card for \$250 to purchase advertising, supplies, etc. See Charlotte for more information.

### **SEW 'N SOWERS STUFFED ANIMAL PROJECT...**



We will offer animals made with Halloween fabric. Suggested donation is \$3 for small animals and \$5 for large animals. We make stuffed animals and donate them to Washington Street Mission, Intercity Mission, American Red Cross and Contact Ministries. We meet the second Saturday of every month from 9:00-noon. We meet October 12. You can come as time permits. Cutting out and sewing can also be done at home. We are also in need of people to deliver the animals. Questions may be referred to Charlotte, 546-5573.

**HOSPITAL VISITS...** Let us know if you are going into the hospital so that Pastor may call on you. Also if you or your family has welcomed a baby to your family also let us know so that child can be recognized in church with a rose!

## October Birthdays

Oct 1 Betty Fowler  
Adam Lowery

Oct 2 Wayne Benanti  
Frank Krone

Oct 3 Amy Thompson

Oct 5 Sarah Kennedy  
Maurine Orr

Oct 6 Mary Plymire

Oct 7 Kacey Crum  
Sharon Knop

Oct 9 Charlotte Blumle  
Anna Mae Handshy

Oct 12 Becky Schlouch

Oct 13 Sandra Benanti  
Trent Benanti  
Harold Janssen

Oct 14 Bethany Jackson  
Ryan Nation

Oct 15 Liam Monahan

Oct 17 Henry Appleton  
Valerie Benanti  
Kari Downey  
Pat Janssen

Oct 19 Dustin Janssen  
Elliot Janssen

Oct 20 Leona Garrison  
Leora Harry

Oct 21 Leo Alvies

Oct 22 Travis Benanti

Oct 23 Kelsi Slowe  
Michael Wilson

Oct 24 Laurie Jones  
Tom O'Fallon

Oct 26 Cameron Dees

Oct 28 Marge Hanner

Oct 29 Laurie Farrell  
Charles Kreutzer

Oct 30 Lorraine Bivin

Oct 31 Patricia Little



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GODS  
BLESSINGS TO YOU!!!**

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE COMMITTEES THEY REPRESENT**

<b>Administration/Finance</b>	Tom Appleton, John Klint, Susan LeMasters
<b>Christian Education</b>	Diana Weyhenmeyer, Larry Weyhrich
<b>Community Ministry</b>	Randy Heidorn
<b>Evangelism</b>	Janet Conrady, Deb Landis
<b>Fellowship</b>	Mary Schofield
<b>Long Range Planning</b>	Phil Galloway
<b>Mutual Ministry</b>	
<b>Parish Life</b>	Deb Landis
<b>Property</b>	Bob Ellis
<b>Stewardship</b>	Phil Galloway
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	Janet Conrady, Wanda Williams
<b>Youth</b>	Lindsey Gietl

**REMINDER:** Committee chairs and/or secretaries please stop at the work room every week so that you can sign off on transactions vouchers.

Thank you for giving your time.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### **September-May**

Saturday 5:00 pm / Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am

#### **June-August**

Saturday 5:00 pm / Sunday 9:15 am with fellowship following

Our church is ACCESSIBLE for wheelchairs

A nursery area is available at all worship services.

During the summer we staff nursery Sundays from 9:00—10:30am.

Please call the church office for any information.

Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30...522-3965 (voice mail available)

The **Food Pantry** operating schedule is:

Mon, Tues, Thu 11:00-2:30, Wed 11:00-1:00...522-9707

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