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## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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9:15 a.m. Worship

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*“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7*

### What does it mean to be a “sanctuary church body”?

The ELCA, meeting in Milwaukee for Churchwide Assembly in August, became the first denomination to declare itself “a sanctuary church body.” A variety of news channels have picked up on this story and chosen to tell it through their own lens. Here are some things to keep in mind as you evaluate the information you are hearing and choosing how to respond:

- The Churchwide Assembly’s declaration that the ELCA is a sanctuary denomination binds only the ELCA Churchwide Organization; it does not bind congregations, synods, or other organizations.
- The Churchwide Assembly did not call for any illegal actions. All actions mentioned by the Churchwide Assembly are legal, and whether any person or organization chooses to engage in civil disobedience (and therefore accept the consequences) is up to them.

Each congregation will decide how and if it will be involved in sanctuary ministry. This decision by the Churchwide Assembly does not mandate or obligate congregations to do anything specifically. **In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith.** When we preach on Sunday that Jesus told us to welcome, we are called to use our hands and voices on Monday to make sure it happens.

Some congregations are already doing sanctuary work. They are offering English as a second Language (ESL) classes, marching as people of faith against the detention of children and families, and providing housing for members facing deportation. Many congregations are hosting thoughtful conversations about what our faith says about immigration. To declare ourselves a sanctuary church body says that we seek to provide concrete resources to assist the most vulnerable who are feeling the sharp edges of the broken immigration system.

In 2016 the Churchwide Assembly established AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) to walk alongside Central American children and families fleeing their communities. Through the AMMPARO strategy, *Welcoming Congregations* work on migration issues and welcome immigrants into their communities. Currently 151 welcoming and sanctuary congregations around the country form an active network. *Welcoming Congregations* support organizations and faith communities that work with deported migrants in Central America and advocate for the humane treatment of immigrants in Mexico. The ELCA also has five sanctuary synods, all of which do work with immigrants, refugees and asylum-seekers. Through our global partners in Central America we work to alleviate the conditions that cause people to migrate.

In baptism, we are brought into a covenant relationship with Jesus Christ that commits us to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Following the example of Martin Luther, we believe that advocacy is a crucial expression of baptismal identity. Welcoming people is not a political issue for us, it is a matter of faith.



*Reprinted and edited from a letter from Bishop Pedro M. Suarez, Florida-Bahamas Synod*

*"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with humans. God will dwell with them, and they will be God's people, and God will be with them as their God. God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'"* Revelation 21:3-5a

Dear friends in Christ,

The Book of Revelation is considered strange and scary, but it contains some of the most beautiful passages in the Bible, especially when it comes to worship. Over and over, John's prophecy describes the throne of God surrounded by angels worshipping and singing and praising God. In fact, more hymns are based on passages from Revelation than any other book in the Bible except the Psalms. (If you want to learn more about Revelation, you're welcome to take the class I'll be teaching next spring as part of our Trinity U [formerly known as "confirmation"] program – adults are welcome!)

In the explanation to the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the Small Catechism, Martin Luther tells us that "our sinful self ... should be drowned through daily repentance; and that day after day a new self should arise." Quoting Romans 6, Luther reminds us that baptism happens "daily," so that we "might walk in newness of life." By the grace of God, this newness is available to all of us in our baptism and every day.

September is upon us, and that means a whole lot of newness here at Trinity as well: New Sunday School and Trinity U programs, new children and youth joining these programs, new conversations and fellowship at Thirst Day, new songs to hear from the Trinity choir and Bell Choir, celebrating new members on September 15, and several REALLY new members joining our Trinity family by baptism in early October. We have Rally Sunday and the WELCA Meatball Dinner to look forward to, as well as celebrating the wedding of Elizabeth Johnson and Andrew Houdek. And I'm sure I'm leaving some things out.

After nearly a year and a half as your pastor, I can't say I feel "new," but I still feel blessed and excited about serving you.

God bless you!

~ Pastor Elizabeth



## THIRST DAY RETURNS SEPTEMBER 19! "Holy Everything," by Emily Carson

The back deck at the parsonage is open and ready for visitors! I hope we have nice weather as we begin our Thirst Day get-togethers again in September. We'll be looking at the book "Holy Everything: Reflections on the Spirituality of Daily Life," by Emily Carson.

Emily is a pastor on staff at the Southeast Minnesota Synod and she also writes a column for the Rochester Post-Bulletin. "Holy Everything" is a book of essays about how we encounter God in the everyday activities of our lives ... eating tomatoes ... washing windows ... thrift shopping ... and much more. There are copies of the book in the church office to check out, and you are welcome to read the whole thing or focus on a few essays that jump out at you. If you get ambitious, you can write your own short essay (or just bring a story to tell) of how and where you've encountered God in your everyday life recently.

Remember Thirst Day is always the third Thursday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. and the "B" in "BYOB" stands for ... Bible ... book you'd like to share ... topic that challenges your belief ... or idea that makes you feel blessed. Oh, and you should bring a beverage as well.

If you're thirsty for conversation about the Bible and topics of faith, I hope to see you at the parsonage – on the back deck! – for Thirst Day in September.

P.S. You don't have to read the book. Just show up for great fellowship!

**RALLY SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 8** Join us on Rally Sunday, September 8 to celebrate all of our wonderful education programs at Trinity. During the worship service we will pray for all of those involved in our programs and give Bibles to 3-year-olds and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade youth. The Praise Band will lead the service with music. After worship, Sunday School youth and families are invited to activities outdoors (weather permitting).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE NEEDED** Bekah is looking for Sunday School teachers for the 2019-20 year. Teachers only have to commit to two consecutive weeks at a time....it's a great way to interact with our youth! Please let Bekah know as soon as possible! The first week of teaching begins September 15. Bekah can be reached at [bekah@trinitysg.org](mailto:bekah@trinitysg.org) or 498-5291.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED** We're looking forward to a fun-filled year of Sunday School! Our activities and lessons take a lot of supplies! If you're interested in supporting the Sunday School education program here at Trinity, we welcome you to help us by donating supplies or a monetary gift. You can sign-up to bring an item by contacting Bekah in the office, 498-5291 or [bekah@trinitysg.org](mailto:bekah@trinitysg.org).

Items needed for the first two months — **September:** index cards (200), candy cane, large sequins, Christmas stickers, unbreakable nativity set (can be returned after use), star stickers, yellow gift wrap, small perfume bottle (can be returned after use), Christmas cards, pony beads. **October:** sugar cookie dough, margarine/butter, frosting in various bright colors, black and red licorice, chocolate sprinkles, small gumdrops, sandwich bags, paper plates, brown yarn, hot glue gun (can be returned after use), *Aladdin* DVD (can be returned after use), newspaper, hand mirrors (can be returned after use), white lunch bags.

## WELCA SALAD LUNCHEON AND CRAFT AND BAKED GOODS TAG SALE—SEPTEMBER 8



- Sunday, September 8
- Serving after church until 1:00 p.m.
- Salads, sandwiches, bars – free will offering
- Anyone can donate items for the Tag Sale!
- Please bring crafts to church by Saturday, September 7, baked goods and garden produce can be brought on Sunday morning.
- Questions? Please contact Judy Bratland, 498-5147.
- Proceeds from the luncheon and sale help support various groups, projects, and activities at Trinity and beyond.

**CONFIRMATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 11 AT 6 P.M.** This meeting is for all students entering 7th-9th grades and their parents. We will be introducing our new confirmation program — Trinity U!



**BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AND WORKBAGS** As the school year begins, on September 15 during the 9:15 a.m. worship service, Pastor Elizabeth will give a blessing of backpacks (and workbags, purses, etc.). Children and youth are encouraged to bring their backpacks to bless their school year ahead! Adults can bring their workbags and purses. Everyone will also receive a key chain with a Bible verse to put on their bag, keys, or anywhere else!

**PUERTO RICO INFORMATIONAL MEETING** Come learn about 2020's mission trip to Puerto Rico! Bekah will have a short informational meeting on Sunday, September 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Deadline to sign up for this trip will be October 1, so consider coming to the meeting to learn more about the trip!

## MUSIC

**TRINITY HANDBELL CHOIR FALL RETREAT**

**WHAT:** What does a Handbell Choir look and sound like? Have you ever been curious about handbells? Would you like to know how to play them? Polish them? Or as an experienced ringer, have you missed ringing over the summer months?

**WHO:** Come to the Fall Retreat! ALL are welcome—new and returning members. No year-long commitment necessary, come just for the day to try it out! Keep coming to rehearsals if you enjoy the fellowship and music.

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 21st, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**SCHEDULE:**

9:00 a.m.: Ringing basics and reading music/handbell notation

10:00 a.m.: Refreshments, fellowship, and handbell maintenance/polishing

11:00 a.m.: "Let's Ring Together!"

Weekly rehearsals (you are invited to attend, but not committed after the Retreat!) will be Wednesdays 7:00–8:00 p.m. in the church Sanctuary beginning Wednesday, September 25.

**WHY:** Fun, fellowship, and strengthening our Christian faith through music!

For questions or more information, email Willy at leafwi01@luther.edu.

**PRAISE BAND** Singing contemporary Christian music along with hymns, the Praise Band includes instruments such as percussion, guitar, violin, piano, and more. All are welcome to join! Praise Band is open to anyone from 7<sup>th</sup> grade on up through adult! We sing the second Sunday of each month September through May. Practice is in the sanctuary on the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and at 9:30 a.m. the Saturday before we sing. Questions about Praise Band? Contact Mark Udstuen, 498-5536 or udstuenm@gmail.com.

**CHOIR** Our choir sings an anthem each Sunday morning September through May. They also present a concert in December. Practices are Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All ages from 7<sup>th</sup> grade through adult are invited to come and be a part of this vocal group! Questions about Choir? Contact Scott Solberg, 498-5472, or sjsol@springgrove.coop.

## TIDBITS

**HOEDOWN FOR HOMES** You're invited to the Hoedown that is hosted by Habitat for Humanity-La Crosse Area and Thrivent. This **FREE** event brings members of the faith community together to celebrate our accomplishments and look forward to the future as we provide families with a place to call home. There is free food, square dancing lessons, s'mores by the fire! Thursday, September 19, 5:30-8:00p.m. at Horstmann Homestead — W3351 Horstman Road, West Salem.

Sign up to attend: [www.habitatlacrosse.org/hoedown-for-homes](http://www.habitatlacrosse.org/hoedown-for-homes).

**SEMN SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION CONVENTION** Saturday, September 21, 8:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran in Owatonna. Morning presenters are Jo Marie Morris (Jeremiah Program), and Habibo Haji (Serving our Children Lunch); Churchwide message by Karen Voris; and afternoon presenter is Pastor Kevin Doely ("Laugh for Life"). Registration is \$25 with deadline of September 2. Contact Diane Linbo, (507) 634-6602.

**LIVING WELL WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS** This is a group workshop designed to help people better manage their symptoms and improve their daily lives. Participants learn practical skills to reduce pain and fatigue, make better nutrition and exercise choices, understand new treatment options, and improve communication with medical providers and loved ones about health concerns.

Tuesdays October 8-November 12 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room at Trinity. Register online, [www.ccsomn.org](http://www.ccsomn.org). Questions? Contact Susan Degallier, (507) 450-0287 or [sdegallier@ccsomn.org](mailto:sdegallier@ccsomn.org).





**THANK YOU!!** Thank you to all who donated school supplies, hygiene items, and gently used clothing items for the Helping Hands Give Away at Caledonia United Methodist Church. More than 200 backpacks, each filled with school supplies, were distributed to area students in need of a little extra support when it came to back-to-school shopping. Trinity contributed one van full of items, and provided many volunteers for setting up and assisting clients with shopping. Thank you to those who graciously shared their time and resources!

**CARE TEAM-LISTEN, RESPOND, CARE, SERVE AND PRAY FOR OTHERS.** Many members are visiting our Friends in Faith. We have 13 members being visited by seven members. We are finding it good to get to know, visit, and bring news of Trinity to these members. If you know someone homebound who would like a visit, please contact Milly Halverson or Pastor Elizabeth. On October 6, we will invite members over 80 years young to be guests at a "Wisdom Luncheon". We will host a noon meal after coffee hour. We would invite sharing about faith that has helped them through their many years. Invitations will be going out soon. Food is in place and we will start the HIP program at the school when school resumes.

**SERVANT SUNDAY** September has five Sundays and so September 29 will be our Servant Sunday. Youth that traveled to Indianapolis this summer had a great time and will be sharing their experiences through a message during worship on Servant Sunday. All of the youth wish to thank the many supporters at Trinity for their gifts as Stockholders in the Youth Programs. A special thank you will also take place this day. Thank you all for supporting and being a blessing to our youth.

## AUGUST 14, 2019 CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### Motions approved:

- To approve and accept all eight members to serve on the Facilities Planning Team. Those members are: Bev Nelson, Mark Udstuen, Andy Allen, Nolie Kapplinger, Mark Dokken, Steve Kemp, Jacque Wennes, and Fred Arnold.
- To designate the September Noisy Offering to AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities).
- To lease space in the Gathering Room at Trinity on Tuesdays, from 9-11a.m. for 6 weeks for Living Well with Chronic Conditions.
- To approve the recommendation of the Property Team to accept Expert Insulations proposal for insulating the entire attic (chancel ceiling, floor below bell tower, sanctuary ceiling) for a total cost of \$7,939.

### Updates:

- Care Ministry Team will be hosting a Wisdom Luncheon on Sunday, October 6 for Trinity members age 80 and over. Invitations will be sent out soon.
- Indianapolis Mission Trip youth will be sharing their experiences with the congregation on Stewardship Sunday, September 29.
- Wind has caused some damage to the steeple. Krause Konstruktion looked at the steeple, main roof, and chimney and cost estimates were: steeple (\$58,000), main roof (\$350,000-\$375,000), and removal of chimney (\$8,220).
- Railings at the southwest entrance have been repaired.
- Day Camp and Vacation Bible School next summer will be June 22-25, 2020.

**Next Meeting: September 11 at 7:45 p.m. in the Gathering Room.**

Complete minutes are on Trinity's website, at sanctuary entrances, and in the office.

**FALL MEATBALL DINNER**  
**September 18 ▪ 3:30-6:30 p.m.**  
**Carry-outs only ▪ \$10**

WELCA is pleased to announce that our fall meatball dinner is back after a year's hiatus due to construction displacement in 2018. Mark your calendars for this delicious meal of meatballs in gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, dinner roll, lefse, rømmegrøt, and brownie. Guests who prefer to eat their meal in the Fellowship Hall are welcome to do so, but service will be limited. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold the day of the dinner in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like a dinner delivered to your home, please contact the church office. Sign-up sheets for deliveries will be available at the Manor, Assisted Living, Tweeten Apartments, and the nursing home.

WELCA is very appreciative of all the volunteers who make this dinner possible. It takes many hands to make the potatoes, stir the rømmegrøt, sell the tickets, etc. Thank you for your help! Below is a list of workers for the meal. Please review it for your name. If your name is *not* on the list and you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office, 498-5291, or [trinity@springgrove.coop](mailto:trinity@springgrove.coop) to let us know. Thanks to all of the workers for helping to make this a successful event. Proceeds are used by WELCA to sponsor many worthwhile projects.

### WORKER LIST

**Chairpersons:** Jean Ellingson (498-5114) & Judy Tollefsrud (507/429-5874)

***IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO YOUR SHIFT PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT***

**Cashiers:** Nolie Kapplinger, Glorianne Mulvenna

**Publicity:** Robin Bartell

**Get groceries from Red's and Kwik Trip on Monday, September 16:** Cindy Thorson, Paul Gray, David Selness

**Get meatballs/gravy from Red's on Wednesday by 1 p.m.:** Bruce Hegge, Roger Housker

**Rømmegrøt:** Jan Kraabel, Mary Deters, Roxanne Finnesgard, Janna Myrah

**Fill rømmegrøt cups:** Dawn Hewitt, Leeann Hermanson, Carol Gunderson

**Mashed Potatoes:** Angie Berns, Joyce & Justin Landsom, Sam Neuzil

**Carrots:** Dean & Sue Wiste, Dan & Kari Alstad, Bill & Karen Fried

**Make brownies and bag, Tuesday 12 p.m.:** Peggy Landsom, Barb Gulbranson, Bev Nelson

**Rolls and Lefse, Tuesday evening:** Missy Bratland, Sarah Schroeder, Diane Guberud

**Pick up lefse in Rushford, Tuesday after 11 a.m.:** Dave Solberg

**Home deliveries:** Peggy & Steve Landsom, Bruce Bratland

**Supplying serving tables:** Lois Guberud, Willy Leafblad, Danny Neuzil, Mark Udstuen

**Serving tables:**

**Table 1:** Terry Holland, Bonnie Solberg, Karen Bingham, Carol Sherburne

**Table 2:** Joyce Bergrud, Barb Morken, Susie Jahnke, Jessi Strinmoen

**Clean-up:** Rachel Olerud, Kris Bjerke, Cindy Gunderson

**Floater:** Deb Spence

MEATBALL DINNER





**2019 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY**  
AUGUST 5-10, 2019 • MILWAUKEE

## CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY 2019 IN REVIEW

Our denomination, the ELCA, holds a churchwide assembly triennially – to worship, vote on matters of governance and policy, and be church together for the sake of the world. This year's churchwide assembly was full of important votes and actions, including:

- Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton was reelected for a second six-year term on the first ballot.
- A declaration of apology to our siblings of African descent, which was received by the African Descent Lutheran Association with thanks and a call for accountability and living into the words shared.
- Approved resolution declaring the ELCA is a “sanctuary church body,” encouraging participation in the ELCA AMMPARO initiative for migrant children, discernment of care for our immigrant neighbors in our context, and the promise of forthcoming resources for this work.
- Approved support for the World Council of Church's Thursdays in Black, awareness movement for a world without rape and violence.
- Voted to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance, in honor and remembrance of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9.
- Approved a declaration for inter-religious commitment, reaffirming ecumenical and interfaith partnerships.
- Approved the recommendations from a strategic taskforce which has been studying how to work toward authentic diversity in our church.
- Approved memorials: affirming but not “endorsing” the Poor People's Campaign, care for immigrants and refugees, and other statements.
- Adopted a new social statement, “Faith, Sexism, and Justice: a Lutheran Call to Action,” and its implementing resolutions.
- Deacon Sue Rothmeyer was elected Churchwide Secretary, a full-time position which acts as executive administrator and leader on all constitutional matters and interpretation.
- Constitutional change for Deacons (rostered ministers of word and service) to be ordained, from the previous practice of consecration.
- Celebrated the milestones of 50 years of women's ordination, 40 years since the first woman of color was ordained, and 10 years since full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ clergy.



## INSTALLATION OF BISHOP REGINA HASSANALLY

By the grace of God, Rev. Regina Marie Downing Hassanally is called as the fourth bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

She will be installed at a festive service of Holy Communion on  
**Saturday, September 14 • 2:00 p.m.**

**St. John Lutheran Church,  
1301 Lincoln Avenue, Owatonna**

Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA will preside.  
A reception will immediately follow the service at the church.

All are invited to attend.





**The Habitat for Humanity build in Spring Grove has begun!**

Trinity has already supplied some great volunteers to help the project get underway!

Questions about the project? Contact Steve Nelson, (507) 421-2212



PHOTOS





## ◀ ▲ Indianapolis Mission Trip!

Nine youth and two adults traveled to Indianapolis for a week long mission trip where they helped the community in a variety of service projects. Pictured on the left is one task they did — packing bags of beans to give out at a food shelf. They worked side-by-side with youth from four churches from Illinois.

The youth will tell more about their experiences on Sunday, September 29 during worship.



## ▲ ► Churchwide Assembly

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly was held in Milwaukee. Bekah and Pastor Elizabeth both attended. A peaceful walk to the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement office along with a prayer vigil was attended by more than 900 churchwide attendees.



## ▲ Newsletter volunteers

Each month a great group gets together to help prepare this very newsletter for mailing. Thank you ladies for your work!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>9:00am</b> Hymn Sing <b>9:15am</b> Worship/Communion <b>10:15am</b> Fellowship	<b>2</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>5:00pm</b> Worship Team, MR <b>8:00pm</b> Choir <b>8:00pm</b> 3:16s	<b>5</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Education, MR <b>7:00pm</b> Finance, GR	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>9:00am</b> Praise Band <b>5:00pm</b> Worship/ Communion
<b>8 Rally Sunday!</b> <b>9:15am</b> Worship/Praise Band <b>10:15am</b> Fellowship <b>10:30am</b> Sunday School activities for Rally Sunday <b>10:30am-1:00pm</b> WELCA Salad Luncheon & Sale <b>11:30am</b> Worship at Tweeten Care Center	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>9:00am</b> Deborah Circle <b>10:00am</b> Staffing Team, GR <b>5:00pm</b> Support Team, GR	<b>11</b> <b>9:30am</b> Adah Circle <b>6:00pm</b> Confirmation Info Meeting <b>7:45pm</b> Council, GR <b>8:00pm</b> Choir <b>8:00pm</b> 3:16s	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Middle School Game Night	<b>14</b> <b>2:00pm</b> Bishop Hassanally installation, Owatonna <b>3:00pm</b> Johnson/ Houdek wedding
<b>15 New Member Welcome</b> <b>9:15am</b> Worship/Communion <b>10:15am</b> Fellowship <b>10:30am</b> Sunday School, Outreach, Property <b>11:30am</b> Puerto Rico info meeting, FH	<b>16</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Hannah Circle	<b>17</b> <b>2:30pm</b> Phoebe Circle	<b>18</b> <b>2:00pm</b> Eve Circle, Manor <b>3:30-6:30pm</b> WELCA Meatball Dinner <b>8:00pm</b> Choir <b>8:00pm</b> 3:16s	<b>19</b> <b>9:30am</b> Communion at The Manor <b>7:30pm</b> Thirst Day, parsonage	<b>20</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Newsletter Info due	<b>21</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> Handbell Retreat <b>5:00pm</b> Worship/ Communion
<b>22</b> <b>9:15am</b> Worship/Communion <b>10:15am</b> Fellowship <b>10:30am</b> Sunday School <b>8:30pm</b> Bonfire	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>7:00pm</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation meeting <b>7:00pm</b> Handbells <b>8:00pm</b> Choir <b>8:00pm</b> 3:16s	<b>26</b> <b>9:30am</b> Communion at Tweeten Apartments <b>10:30am</b> Communion at SG Assisted Living <b>2:00pm</b> Newsletter mailed	<b>27</b> <b>9:00am</b> Love Day, FH <b>10:00am</b> WELCA meeting during Love Day	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>9:15am</b> Worship/Servant Sunday <b>10:15am</b> Fellowship <b>10:30am</b> Sunday School	<b>30</b>					

**FH** = Fellowship Hall (large room in basement)

**GR** = Gathering Room (in basement near men's bathroom)

**MR** = Middle Room (upstairs by offices)

# VOLUNTEERS

*Thank you for all that you do!*

	SEPTEMBER 1	SEPTEMBER 8	SEPTEMBER 15	SEPTEMBER 22	SEPTEMBER 29
LECTOR	Sheri Allen	Maggie Lile	Lara Wold Mendez	Lenny Myrah	Jess Sherburne
ACOLYTE(S)	Lydia Solum, Ella Wennes	Alison Frydenlund	Madilyn Ostern, Maria Albrecht	Austin Conway	Ellie Halverson
COMMUNION SERVERS	Barb & Dennis Gulbranson, Janice Messner		Joyce & Justin Landsom, Jan Kraabel		
COMMUNION BREAD	Karen Fried				
ALTAR GUILD	Linda Pierce (chair), Betty Dokken, Marcia Holland, Betty Johnson, Doris Sherburne, Gloria Sagdalen				
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	Linda Pierce, Sue Schulte, Barb & Steve Morken	WELCA Salad Luncheon	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
498-AMEN	Aug. 25– Sept. 7: Greg Wennes	Sept. 8-21: Jessica Kraus		Sept. 22-Oct. 5 Susie Jahnke	
USHERS	Al Lochner (captain), Jim Hunzeker, Jim Wilhelmson, Mark Engebretson, Dennis Gulbranson, Bruce Anderson				
MEALS ON WHEELS	September 2: Joyce Bergrud; September 3-4: Dennis & Barb Gulbranson; September 5-6: Jim & Darla Hunzeker				

**HAVE YOU...**moved? ...changed phone numbers? ...changed email addresses? Let the office know! Thanks!

**LET US KNOW.....**If you have a loved one ill or hospitalized, have a new baby, would like a pastoral visit, or if any pastoral need arises.

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