

Grace Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor

We are a society obsessed with food. Put us in a buffet and they have to use small plates – so we do not stock up for the whole week with one plate. Right along with our obsession with food is our obsession with losing weight. Andy Rooney once remarked that the two biggest sellers in any bookstore were the cookbooks and the diet books. The cookbooks tell you how to prepare delicious looking and tasting food and the diet books tell you how to avoid eating it.

A scientist in California has computed that the average human being eats 16 times his or her own weight in an average year. A horse, so the scientist has determined, eats 8 times its weight. The conclusion, obviously, is quite clear: if you want to lose weight, you need to eat like a horse.

Orson Wells once said, “My doctor has advised me to give up those intimate little dinners for four, unless, of course, there are three other people dining with me.”

A recent survey found that 41% of men and 55% of women consider themselves overweight. And those who mourn their excess weight have been known to go to extraordinary— OK, ridiculous lengths to shed a few pounds. Example: A mail order company came out with “Slim-Skins,” plastic pants with a “patented” hose connection. Simply connect the hose from your vacuum cleaner to the pants via the “patented” connector, start your vacuum cleaner and enjoy the results. They claim their pants will remove two-and-one-half- inches from your waist; four inches from your stomach; two inches from your hips; three inches from each thigh. Oh, yes, it will also remove about \$2,500 from your bank account, all in about twenty minutes.

If only we were this obsessed with spiritual food. You would think that many Christians today were on a spiritual diet the way they seem to take “just enough” nourishment to survive.

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” When He said that the people around Him replied, “Sure, Jesus, whatever you say.” But then, they questioned – “Who does this guy think he is? We know His parents. We know where He was born and raised. He is certainly no one special. Bread of life, indeed.” And they took offense at Him.

No group of people has been more wrong. “I am the living bread that came down from heaven,” Jesus declared. The one and only Son of God who came to seek and to save those who were lost, lost in their sins, lost in their doubts, lost in their hunger. Those who were estranged from God.

Mark was brought up a Lutheran, but he said that he was never very impressed by the church, all the ceremony, the liturgy, the Sacraments. He claimed he did not really understand most of what went on in the church, at worship. After high school he did not set foot in a church for about ten years. After college and graduate school he got married – yes in the church. It would be five more years before he would enter the church again.

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From the Pastor (cont.)

Mark and his wife were blessed with the birth of a son. He was the joy of their lives. Two years after his birth, their son was killed in an automobile accident. Nothing anyone said could touch or comfort Mark. He felt empty. A week after the funeral Mark and his wife decided to attend worship at the Lutheran Church where the funeral had been held.

As he sat there Mark became painfully aware of how far he had strayed from the God who had sent His own Son to suffer and die for him. He was empty inside, starving, spiritually anemic.

Mark and Kathy went to Communion that morning. He remembers that as the Pastor stepped in front of him and offered him the bread he said, "This is the Body of Christ, broken for you." Mark says he experienced a flood of God's love going from his mouth to his toes as he ate the bread. Mark and Kathy reaffirmed their faith and became members of the church. In fact, Mark entered Seminary and in six months, God willing, will be ordained into the Holy Ministry

You and I come to the same altar; receive the same nourishment. Our hunger is satisfied, our emptiness filled with the same bread of life. Jesus feeds us with His Word, He calls us to, "Come take and eat; take and drink. My body and My blood, given and shed for you."

When Jesus fed the 5,000 there was plenty left over – enough to feed many more. There are countless souls outside these walls who hunger and thirst for the truth of God's Love and Grace in Christ Jesus. The Epistle Lesson from last week reminded us that we are all ministers, called by God to share His love with others.

When we leave here today we can truly say that we have been fed with the Bread of Life. In Word and Sacrament God nourishes us and promises that those who eat of this life-giving bread which came down from heaven will never die.

Dear friends of Jesus – when we have finished eating here today at the Lord's Table there will be an abundance of leftovers. Our God is a bountiful provider. Take some of

this Bread of Life with you. Share it with someone who is hungry or empty.

"I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me and eats will not be hungry." Are you physically full but spiritually starved for the Living Bread? Come to the Lord's Table and be filled. Then, give the food you receive here to another who is dying of hunger.

Pastor David Bernard



Birthdays, Baptismal Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you are new to our family at Grace and have not given your information to our newsletter editor, Aaron Bahr, please take one of the pink forms on the corkboard in the foyer, fill it out and give it to him.



Statement in Response to U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Health Care Reform Law

June 28, 2012

In light of today's ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), we remain opposed to the controversial birth control mandate, which is one of the requirements included in the law.

The Court's decision today guarantees that we will continue to bring awareness to the threat to religious liberty represented by the birth control mandate, which requires virtually all health plans, including those of religious organizations, to cover birth control drugs and products that could cause the death of the unborn. We are opposed to the birth control mandate because it runs counter to the biblical truth of the sanctity of human life and creates a conflict of conscience for religious employers and insurers, who face steep penalties for non-compliance based upon their religious convictions.

We will continue to stand with those who have filed suit in the many religious freedom cases pending against the birth control mandate. Through education and civic advocacy, we will continue to educate the public about the vital necessity of protecting our First Amendment right to act according to the tenets of our faith. We remain steadfast in our opposition to the birth control mandate and will continue working to ensure our right to refrain from paying for products and services that conflict with our doctrine about the sanctity of all human life.

And, regardless of the Court's decision on the health care reform law, we in the LCMS will continue to uphold the sanctity of all human life while we care for the sick and work to restore the health and well-being of people in our communities and around the world.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew C. Harrison". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

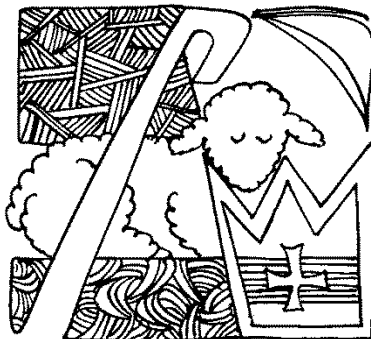
That's Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd	<i>That's Relationship!</i>
I shall not want	<i>That's Supply!</i>
He maketh me to lie down	
in green pastures	<i>That's Rest!</i>
He leadeth me beside	
the still waters	<i>That's Refreshment!</i>
He restoreth my soul	<i>That's Healing!</i>
He leadeth me in the	
paths of righteousness	<i>That's Guidance!</i>
For His name's sake	<i>That's Purpose!</i>
Yea, though I walk through the	
valley of the shadow of death	<i>That's Testing!</i>
I will fear no evil	<i>That's Protection!</i>
For Thou art with me	<i>That's Faithfulness!</i>
Thy rod and Thy staff,	
they comfort me	<i>That's Discipline!</i>
Thou preparest a table before me	
in the presence of mine enemies	<i>That's Hope!</i>
Thou annointest my head with oil	<i>That's Consecration!</i>
My cup runneth over	<i>That's Abundance!</i>
Surely goodness and mercy shall	
follow me all the days of my life	<i>That's Blessing!</i>
And I will dwell in the house	
of the Lord	<i>That's Security!</i>
Forever	<i>That's Eternity!</i>

Face it, the Lord is crazy about you.
 I thought this was pretty special, just like YOU!!!
 What is most valuable, is not what we have in our lives,
 but WHO we have in our lives!

'Do not ask the Lord to Guide your Footsteps if you are not willing to move your Feet'

Peace.



Evangelism/Outreach

God truly blessed us with a wonderful summer! For me, it means time to have a change of pace, catch up on projects and come up with the mission of what Evangelism could do in the upcoming year.

Yes, the Tri-fold will be completed by the end of September. It will be checked and rechecked with some several sets of eyes. Many thanks go to Aaron for his help and patience with this project.

The committee will be meeting some time soon as well. There are a number of things we are looking at doing for this year which will be helpful to our community of Canastota. We hope the members of Grace will be supportive to these efforts. As always keep your eyes and ears open to what's going on.

Relay for Life has been a huge success again this year. Hurray!!! To all those who helped make this happen. We continue to work on fundraising ideas that will have little impact with big results. So, keep your eyes and ears peeled for those events.

Just so you know—We post our information about our events on the bulletin board back by the emergency doors. Please take time to check out what's back there. Also, that's where any sign up sheets will be located.

Please consider being part of the group or be willing to lend a hand or even participate in the events that get planned. We put in time and effort to bring quality events but without you coming to them, the events aren't as successful as they could be.

Let's get out and show the community just who we are and that we run on God's power of love and forgiveness, compassion and caring, knowing that Jesus is the one who makes it all possible.

Hope to see you at some event this year!

*Respectfully Submitted,
 Teri Devan
 Evangelism Chairman*

Financial Peace University

God's way of handling money

Financial Peace University is a class that Christine and I teach to the community to help our neighbors get out of debt and on the road to building wealth and giving. We teach this class to pay forward the blessings we have received from this class; we receive nothing but the satisfaction of helping our neighbors and community to build a strong future for their families.

Dave Ramsey created Financial Peace after becoming a millionaire and then losing everything to bankruptcy and foreclosure. Dave and his wife Sharon had to start over from nothing. They found a close relationship with Jesus, and they also knew they never wanted to experience the pain of financial hardship again. Dave studied the Bible as well as successful Christians and decided he and his wife were going to put in place the principles that he learned. Over the next ten years, Dave once again became successful by implanting what he learned not only from reading in the bible, but from how the successful Christian families lived. Along the way, Dave built a business sharing what he learned, helping literally millions of people get out of debt with a class he calls Financial Peace University. Dave shares his ministry of freedom from debt everyday on his radio program, The Dave Ramsey Show. Dave now not only teaches families how to get out of debt, he now has a class for businesses, and one for churches.

Financial Peace University is a 9-week class that uses simple steps called "the baby steps" to get out of debt and build wealth. In this class you will learn about saving money, living on a budget, debt reduction, insurance, investing, becoming a student without a loan, debt collection, mortgages, and most importantly how to build and share wealth. This system is easy to follow, and all of these principles come right from the bible!

When Christine and I took this class three years ago for the first time, we were over \$70,000.00 in debt, with no hope, no sleep, and plenty of fighting over money. Using this class over the last three years, we have become debt free with the exception of our mortgage. The added benefit of this class is that it forced Christine and I to take

a good look at ourselves, it brought us back to the Church, and we are now closer to each other than ever before.

Christine and I are very passionate about this class because we know it works. This class works whether you earn \$10,000 or \$100,000 yearly. Millions of people have become and remain debt free all over the world thanks to Dave Ramsey and his Financial Peace University, and you could be next.

Howard F Jones



Fall Cleaning

10/29/2012 - 11/19/2012

Sign up with a friend or work as a family. Pick a room you would be willing to clean from top to bottom; AND, pick your own day and time within this time period. Responsible for inside of any windows; vacuuming ceilings, washing tables & chairs, etc. Sign up will be posted in the fellowship area. Cleaning supplies in the supply closet. Perhaps more people will be able to help this year. Many hands make light work!

God's Blessings & Thank you!

Dana Smith

Property Care Chair

697-9450



Voice of the Shepherd

If you have a desire to sing, come along and join us as we rehearse each Tuesday, 6:00 PM.

All you need is a commitment of your time and talents. Please speak with the Choir Director, Karen Devan (761-4004) for more information. Holy Scripture tells us to rejoice with singing and to lift our voices to song.

Many of us are unable to do physical stuff anymore but we can still be a teacher, greeter, usher, reader, acolyte and other duties that only require one hour on Sunday morning. Please check the servant lists in the back hall and put your name down.

Not only has God given us this beautiful world to live in and take care of, He has also given us the talents to earn a living to take care of our families.

In turn He wants us to be joyful givers, giving back part of what He has graciously provided so that His work can continue. My prayer is that we will all find it in our deepest of hearts to become more active in the ways that truly count. Participate in the worship services, teach SS, help with the building and grounds upkeep and increase our giving as we are able.

Submitted by Pat Clark

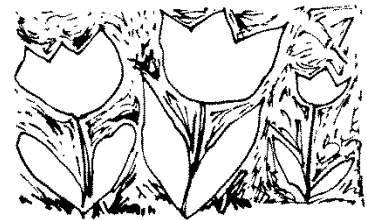
I've Been Thinking

I know for many of you, this comes as a huge surprise but I really do think sometimes before I speak!

I have been thinking about what Our Lord and Savior is thinking about us at Grace. What does He think when he sees the pews only half full? Does he feel sad knowing that we need to hear the Word? Does He get angry when we find other things to do on Sunday morning? Or does He just feel terribly sad knowing that Satan is hard at work seven days a week and most of us give Him one day? He knows that humans being what they are, are sometimes swayed to be of the world, not just in the world but He loves and forgives our weaknesses daily.

We have been given gifts from God (our time, treasure & talents) and have done the hard work of laboring long to build this beautiful house of worship. This is only the beginning. Now it is our responsibility to care for not only the church of Grace (our people) who are our main concerns but to care for the building as well.

As long has been the practice, all our labors for the church except the Pastor, Organist & now office manager have been volunteered. This means the lawn care, the cleaning of the inside and outside of the building, any upkeep and repairs must come from those of us who are able.



Prayers

Please remember those in need and keep them in your prayers...

Remember those who serve in the military, our family of Grace, Richard, Bill, Shirley, Amollia G., Janice Devan Durant, Sharon Knapp, Pauline Smith, Grover Hedgecock, James T. White, Christine Treece, Craig & Susan Hedgecock, Lorraine Sobieraj, Jackie Grimes, Andy Pavelock, Bob & Jenn Hedgecock, Mandie Egelston, Ann Eldred, Dan Smith & Tony Farrara, Ellie Russitano, Wes Mallore, Robin Piersall, Hayley Miller, Jill Froelick-Jones, Tim Haley, Jean Case, Tyson Fowler, Glade Cook Jr., Matthew Brooks, Annie Whitney, Duane Treece, Billy, Baby Savannah, Cody Metott, Barbara, James & Rebekah, Carmilla Spartano, Judy Williamson, Lee Della Longway, Joe & Alice Spear, Josh Sobieraj, Ethan Paredes, son of Pastor Tony & wife Sarah Paredes, Ryan Oldorff, Judy Dappen, Sandra O'Connor, and Trudy Fike.

HELP NEEDED FOR OUR 3rd ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL

10/27/2012

FREE ADMISSION

Will include Chicken BBQ, \$8.00; Hay Rides, Pony Rides, Face Painting, Bake Sale, Pumpkins, Games, the Talking Pumpkin & the Spook Walk. The Manley & Wallace families put a lot of energy, time, and most of all – Love – into this event, for which all proceeds go to the Mortgage Reduction Fund @ Grace. We need volunteers to help out with the different events and we are also looking for donations of products: charcoal, small pumpkins, canned soda, catsup, mustard, relish, dinner & hot dog rolls, candy, picnic tables, canopies. Let's make this year's the best yet!

315-697-9450 or
315-335-9834

Dana Smith

Kidz Korner

Wow!! What a summer!! Lots of sun and boy, was it HOT!! Lots of places had very little rain, which we think is nice until we realize that crops, trees, flowers, streams, rivers, and lakes are drying up. We need the rain to keep everything in balance. We are thankful for both the sun and the rain.

Now, September is upon us and our summer vacation from school is ending. I hope many of you were able to come to our VBS in July. I couldn't be there this year and I missed you. My husband and I were in Michigan celebrating his parent's 70th wedding anniversary. Can you imagine, 70 years? It was a wonderful celebration and one that doesn't happen for many people very often. When we returned home, I heard wonderful things about VBS and that everyone had a good time. I hope you come and tell me all about it.

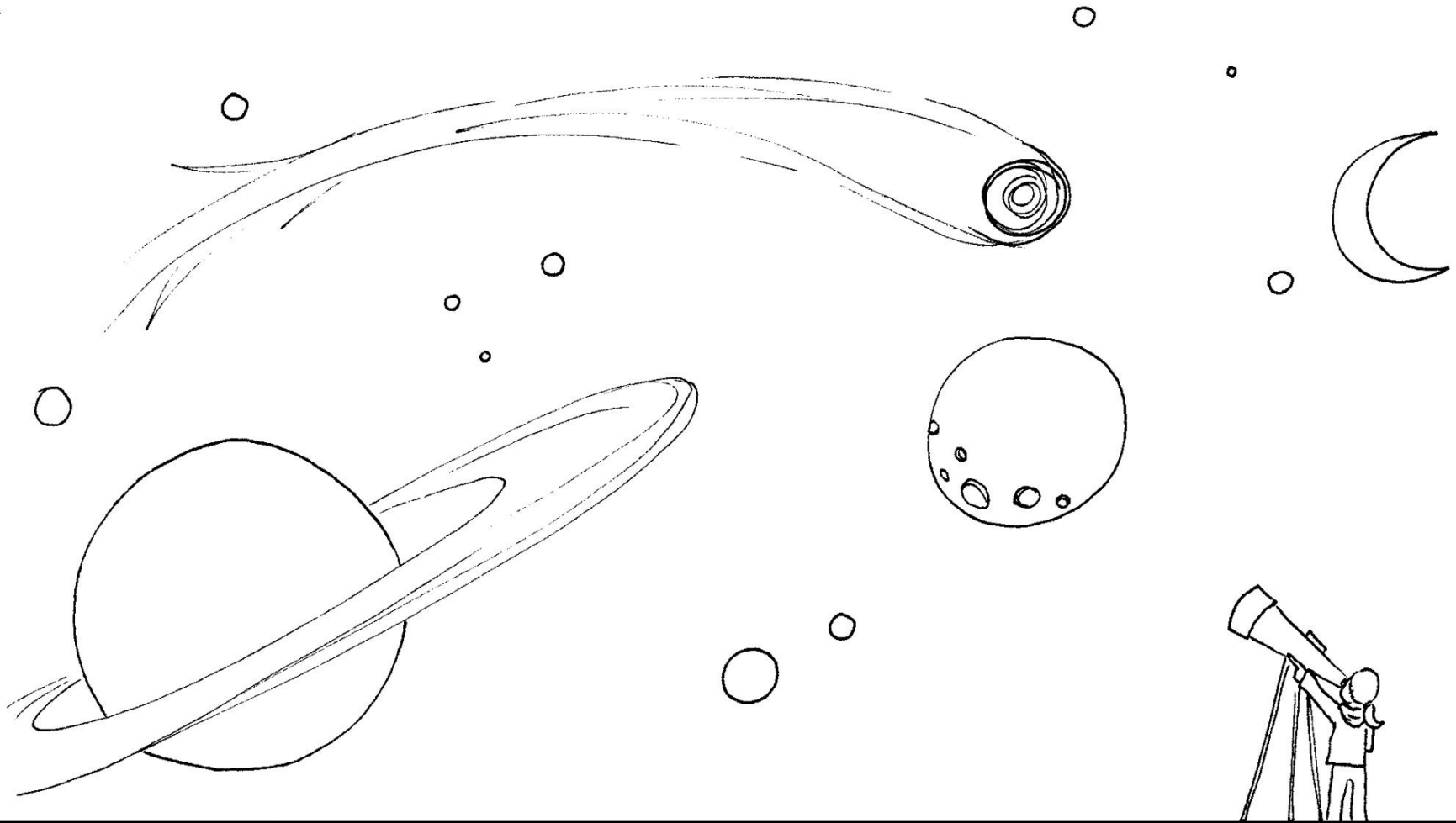
In September many folks are busily planning our fall activities here at Grace Lutheran. Flowers are being gathered for the altar, banners are being hung, music is being selected, retreats are being

planned, and church groups are meeting again to think ahead about things coming in the fall.

Your Sunday School will begin its 2012–2013 year in the church nave, on September 9th at 8:45 a.m. Your Sunday School teachers are preparing their rooms and new lessons and for you. Teachers this semester include: Pastor Bernard (Bible Study), Mrs. Kathy Pavelock (Grades 5 & 6), Mrs. Lorraine Warren (Grades 3 & 4), Mrs. Tammy Moran (Grades 1 & 2), and Mrs. Kate Hurrele (Grade K). Our substitutes are: Mrs. Karen Devan, Mrs. Teri Devan, and Mr. Aaron Bahr. Mrs. Kelly Gilbert will continue to meet with our Mary Martha “Friends Into Serving Him” teens. They will also continue with their confirmation studies led by Pastor Bernard.

We have much to be thankful for and much to plan for. We hope you are planning to be a part of the fun. Have a safe return to school and I'll see you again soon.

Linda Bahr
Chairman of Christian Education



The Heavens declare the glory of God.
Psalm 19:1

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Birthdays

- 9/1 Barbara Brinck
Kiara Burton
Emma Hurre
- 9/3 Rebecca Harrington
- 9/4 Marie Parent
- 9/7 Dolly Fowler
Alice House
Parker Scholl
- 9/9 Nkai Harmon
- 9/10 Velma Smolsey
Skye Wall
- 9/15 David C. Devan
- 9/17 Gage Everitt
- 9/18 DeLarno Burton
- 9/19 Bradey Narolis
- 9/21 David Eaton
- 9/22 Glen Bahr
- 9/24 Christopher Hurre
Phillip M. Neumiller
- 9/26 Jamison Everitt
- 9/28 Nelda Stevenson
- 9/30 Beth Scholl

Baptismal Birthdays

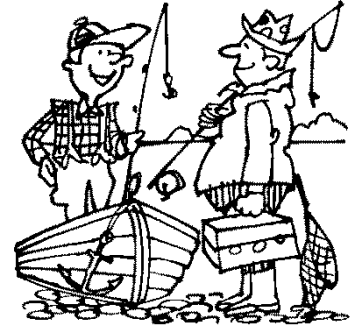
- 9/3 Rev. Ben Bahr
- 9/8 Jessica House
- 9/11 Karen Devan
- 9/15 David Thomas
- 9/19 Dana Smith
- 9/20 Tom Jones IV
- 9/23 Joseph Jones
- 9/28 Benjamin Scholl
- 9/? Marie Parent

Birthdays

- 10/1 Phillip M. Neumiller
Marie Parent
- 10/2 David C. Devan
- 10/3 Susan Dodge
- 10/6 Gale Hedgecock
- 10/9 Anna Gilbert
- 10/12 Tina Jones
- 10/13 Charles Flay
- 10/14 Gage Everitt
Jamison Everitt
Ashlee' Gilbert
Parker Scholl
- 10/16 Alice House
- 10/19 Beth Scholl
- 10/21 Kelly Gilbert
Millie Weismuller
- 10/23 Gordon Medley
- 10/28 Aaron Bahr
- 10/29 Rhiannon Snyder Kaplan

Wedding Anniversaries

- 10/2 Beth & Greg Scholl
- 10/9 Dolores & Doug Antl



Wedding Anniversaries

- 9/1 Jeanne & Paul
Griffin
- 9/2 Bill & Tabitha
Minor
- 9/3 Kendall & Jim
Seybert
- 9/5 Lorraine & Roger
Warren
- 9/6 Amy & Shad
McCormick
- 9/8 Barbara & Terry
Hartman
- 9/23 Dionne & Joe
Underwood
- 9/24 Dana & Bob Smith
- 9/27 Kathy & John
Pavelock



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See anything incorrect or missing on this page? Is your name misspelled? Did we get a date wrong? Let us know! Please send a quick email to the editor, aaronbahr@gmail.com, or call Aaron at 271-5932 to make any corrections.

September

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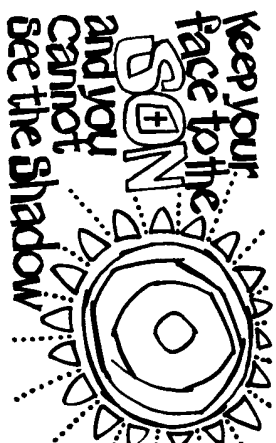
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Rev. David Bernard, Pastor
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Hours of Worship

Sunday 10:00 AM
Holy Communion 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays
Fellowship Hour 11:00 AM
Sunday School & Bible Study 8:45 AM
Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 10:00 AM

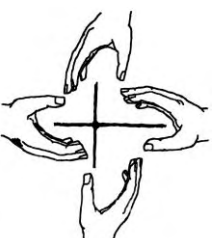


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