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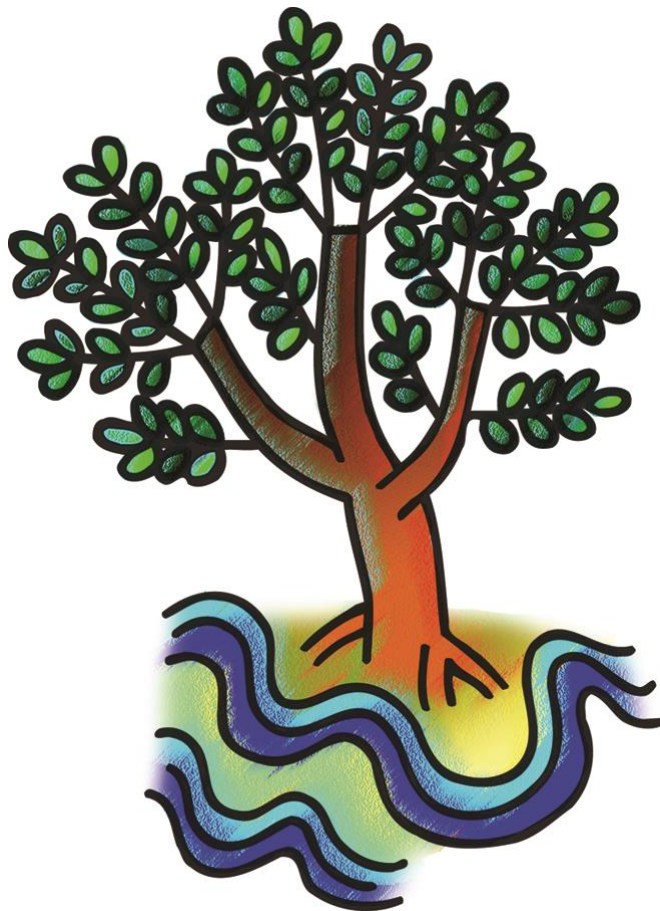
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Mike Patterson, Pastor

BRIEF ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 2, 2022

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Nothing but the Blood by Robert Lowry (Instrumental)

Please join in where the text is bolded.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Hymn #526

- 1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LITANY OF BEGINNING FOR INTERIM MINISTRY

Congregation President Louise Griffith: Pastor Mike Patterson has been contracted to be the Intentional Interim Pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Family. This is a ministry of specific tasks designed for the particularities of transition.

Louise Griffith: (Reads the Agreement)

Louise Griffith: (Addresses Pastor): Is it also your understanding of our agreement?

Pastor Mike Patterson: It is, and I commit myself to this new trust and responsibility. I promise to fulfill my responsibilities here to the best of my ability in accordance with scripture, with the Lutheran Confessions, and the Constitution of the ELCA. Will you as a congregation receive me as your pastor and partner in ministry as we seek God's call for us in this interim period?

Congregation: We will.

Louise Griffith: Welcome Pastor Mike Patterson. We now officially begin our partnership in this interim ministry in the name of the Father and of the Son  and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor Mike Patterson: Let us pray

Almighty God, you call your people in baptism into the death and resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ. You turn us from the old life of sin and gave us rebirth and everlasting life. May we be renewed daily by the gift of your Holy Spirit and may we be especially aware of your leading in this interim period. Grant us faithfulness and peace in all that we do so that you may be glorified among us. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: Amen

READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A time of silence follows the reading.

Psalm: Psalm 37:1-9

Refrain



Com - mit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD.

Psalm 37:5

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Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD. (Ps. 37:5)

¹Do not be provoked by | evildoers;

do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither | like the grass,
and like the green grass | fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight | in the LORD,
who shall give you your | heart's desire. R**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the LORD,
and see what | God will do.

⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light
and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds
in | evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land. **R**

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Mike Patterson



A time of silence follows the Sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Hymn #759

- 1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!
- 2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

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.**



*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ (*rostered and lay leaders may be named*). Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster (*especially*): relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died (*especially...*). Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

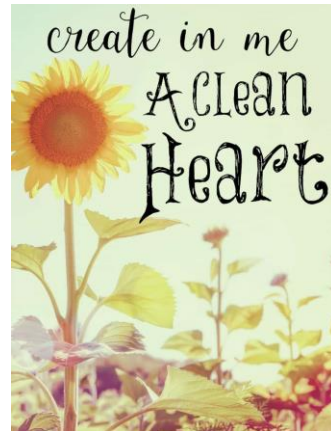
PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS ARE BROUGHT FORWARD

OFFERING HYMN: Hymn #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.



OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
Amen.

The table is set for Holy Communion.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.
When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.
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.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
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.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

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, thy 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 us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, forever and ever.**

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.



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O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn #471

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Hymn #461

- 1 All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
- 3 All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Hymn #641

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

- 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

HYMN #487

1 What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!

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2 What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!

3 What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.



SENDING SONG: Hymn #551

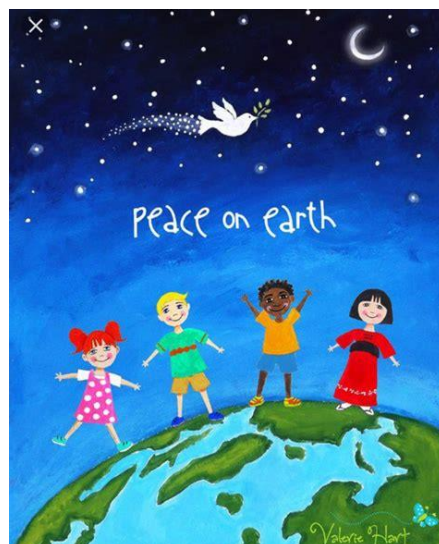
- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Let There be Peace on Earth by Sy Miller (Instrumental)



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Greeter – Judy McPhail

Reader – Louise Griffith

Communion Assistant – Hope Chowanski

Ushers – Dave Harrell and Jay Olshen

Counters – Judy McPhail and

Dave Harrell

Acolytes – Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

Youth Acolyte – Dorothy Fitzgerald

Live-streaming Team – Jay Olshen,

Deanna Fine, and Nick Cotsonis



October

Hope Chowanski

Heidi Jones

Musician

Dave Lingsjo



Faith L.I.N.K. meets from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

*The congregation and staff of
St. Paul's Lutheran Family
welcome*

*The Reverend Michael Patterson
as our Interim Pastor.*



Budget Goals

To meet our **2022-2023 budget**, we need average unrestricted donations of **\$4,594.00 per week**.

Unfortunately, we are falling short of this goal!

St. Paul's depends on **you** to continue its ministry and thanks you for your support.

"For it is in giving that we receive." St. Francis of Assisi

The Simply Giving Program is promoted by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and administered by Vanco Payment Solutions.

If you are interested in using this service, or have any questions, please call Holly McPhail at 775 443-6639. You may also pick up Thrivent forms at the church office.



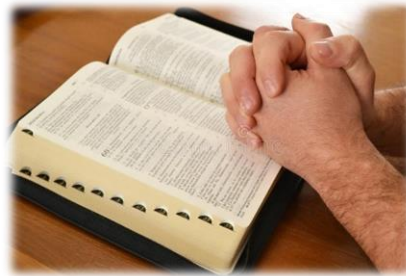
PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Denise Muller, recovering from surgery; Ken Elverum, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; Tom, a friend of St. Paul's, surgery; Patricia Rickard, mother-in-law of Shirley Rickard, stage-4 lung cancer; Sharon Olshen; Anna Little, recovering from back surgery; Dee Coughlin, a serious injury from a fall; Dick Lowther, recovering from a broken hip; Joan Yeskie, Mike Harrell (Dave and Ellen Harrell's son), COVID-19; son-in-law John Samp, a growth on his skull and spine, and daughter Vicki Ranger, early-onset dementia; Glenn Laursen, Edward Yoho, Madelene Yoho, Fern Yoho, Maxine McGregor (Madelene's sister) Dave Lingensjo, knee surgery, and a special prayer for all those living with devastating diseases and life-threatening injuries.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR

Bob Stroub, Audrey Stroub, health issues; Wayne Opperman, Bill Sandell, Frank and Shirley Bartlett, Bev Gutzman, Sandy Danforth, Sarah Jevne, Carol Kalleres, continued health issues, Bev Steinert, ongoing vision issues, James Wilson, continued health issues, Mary Ann Adamik, healing, Ellen Harrell, medical issues, Betty Razor, healing, Karen (Hone) Nolte, Hannelore Hanke, and Diana Johns.

Please pray for the people of Ukraine and for all those who suffer due to gun violence, genocide, famine, war, and civil unrest.



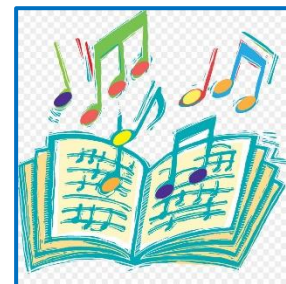
WELCA Bible Study

Please join us this Tuesday,
October 4th from
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
for a lively bible study.

Vicki Hamilton is the leader of this wonderful group.

Choir practice resumes **Wednesday, October 5th**.
Mark your calendars for every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
for practice.

If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact
Carol Arneson at: carol_arneson@yahoo.com
or Vicki Hamilton at: victoriahamilton9@gmail.com



Trunk-or-Treat

The Youth Group is hosting its 6th Annual Trunk-or-Treat on **October 16th at 2:00 p.m.** This is a fun event where children can safely trick or treat from the trunks of decorated vehicles in St. Paul's parking lot.

The youth need your help. We need trunks for the children to trick or treat out of, so please join the fun and sign-up to have your truck open for treating! We will award prizes for the top three trunks. There will also be crafts, snacks, games, and more for the kids the afternoon of the 16th.

Please contact Traci Angel at 775 721-5495 with any questions or to sign-up your trunk! Thanks!

“Stay Strong, Stay Healthy!” has returned to Carson City!

“Stay Strong, Stay Healthy” (SSSH) is a researched based eight-week program developed by the University of Missouri Extension researchers and specialists. It is for older adults and meets the recommendation for healthy muscle strength. The program's goal is to improve health and quality of life. Emphasis is on improving balance and upper body strength. And you have a good time!

The next eight-week program (meeting two times a week for an hour each time at the Elks Lodge, 515 N. Nevada St., Carson City, NV 89703), is sponsored by the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension; it begins Monday October 10th.

It is FREE to attend. Please call Carol Park TODAY at 775 882-3751 for more information or to enroll. Space is limited.



Coffee Hour Fellowship is held the first Sunday of each month. Please sign-up on the list in the narthex or call the church office to be a host. Thank you!



Don't forget to sign-up for WELCA's Monster Potato Mash on
October 24th at 5:30 p.m.

The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

It's going to be a delicious event! You don't want to miss it!

