

Newsletter

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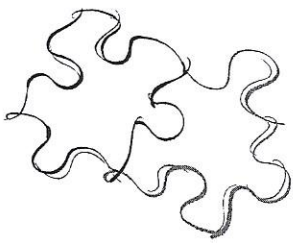
"Little Swatara is a Christ-centered Community of caring and serving people committed to peace and following Jesus Christ to: Grow Spiritually, Build Christian Community, and Share the Good News"

Worship Services 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.
Volume XLVIII

Matthew S. Christ, Pastor
October 2014

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Number 10

CONNECTING THE PIECES IN LIFE



As a young boy, one of my favorite pastimes was skipping rocks across the creek at our family cabin. If you are at all familiar with this practice, it takes just the right kind of rock to form to your fingers, to get a progressive skip. I can remember the competitions between my friends and I to see whose rock went the farthest. It was an intense day with the score tied and we intensely searched for that "perfect rock". It had to be flat, with just the right shape. I thought I found it and I skipped that rock and wouldn't you know, it went the entire way across the creek. This only happened once in a great while. Then my friends went and that day I was the victor.

There's something beautiful about forming your life with the right pieces. We have decisions daily that impact whether the size and shape of our piece is a match to what God would have for us. There's words that flow from our lips and actions that follow which have the potential to bring life or death upon our company. Our minds are continuously filled with what the world offers and there's a God filter necessary to properly examine the pieces.

Since our move, we haven't "connected" to a television provider and I must admit there's a greater God shaped thought process that keeps the pieces connected properly apart from the influence of certain shows we enjoyed. It's often the connections we have in life that have the greatest impact. The more we surround ourselves with pieces that do not properly connect to God, the more they have the potential to create missing pieces.

God desires us to be whole and complete through Him. Jesus tells us in Luke 12: 31, "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need." As life unfolds, we're learning that more and more. Our choices influence our created design. As we take in "garbage", it's evident what comes out. The pieces formed in Christ's likeness become missing and yet as we seek the Kingdom of God above all else, the missing pieces take shape.

To seek God's pieces for our lives is to find them and to find them is to complete the puzzle of our lives. There will be days we are better at it than others but it requires effort. How are we doing turning the pages of our Bibles, seeking God in prayer, and loving others. The pieces come together as we surrender and find sufficiency in Christ. He really is all we need. Our relationships are much more wholesome as our lives are pieced properly together. May the blessings of Christ overflow in your lives!!!

Pastor Matt ☺

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:

- Josh Bashore-Steury and Stacy Bashore-Steury to Lancaster Church of the Brethren, July 2014
- Dylan Boltz to Tri-County Worship Center, August 2014.

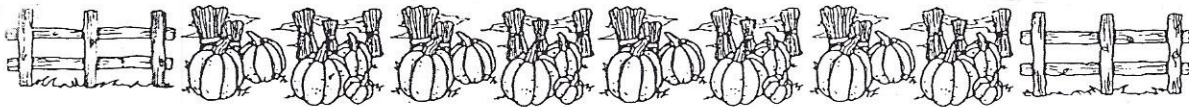
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE MARRIAGE OF:

- Heather Hollen and Kevin Strunk, June 14, 2014.



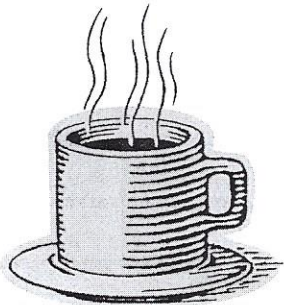
Members Birthdays for October:

Matthew Bicher	1		
Flora Willette	2		
Tammy Trout	3		
James Batz	4		
Aaron Hartranft	5	J. Hershey Myer	12
Sara Bryant	6	Alexis Yenser	12
Jennifer Younker	6	Beverly Zimmerman	12
Valerie Johnson	7	Stephanie Bostwick	13
Karen Myers	7	Robert Houser	13
Loretta Fittering	9	Rae Derr	13
Scott Gerberich	9	Gina Borelli	14
Debra Neifeld	9	Renee Hershey	14
Shirley Blouch	10	Jennifer Bashore	15
Tiffany Bicksler	12	Carol Peace	16
		Alan Bashore	16
		Robert Sweitzer	18
		Sandra Manbeck	18
		Alexander Hollenbach	20
		Craig Luckenbill	20
		Judie Ziegler	21
		Lisa Care	26
		Andrew Hollenbach	26
		Harvey Zimmerman	26
		Shawn Foesig	31
		Dorothy Lutz	31



THE GATHERING PLACE

I heard it at the Café...



I have been looking for a good place to go on a Saturday morning to enjoy good food and coffee. I have found it. Now I can bring friends and family to a relaxing, warm café.



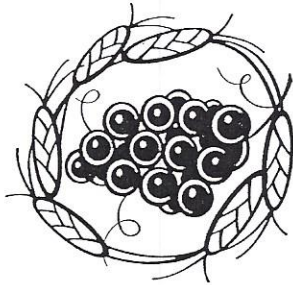
Pauline did such a wonderful job scheduling volunteers plus so much more! We all miss her! Pauline and Jerry are in our thoughts and prayers.

LOVE FEAST AND COMMUNION

October 5, 2014 – 10:30 a.m.

Our Fall Love Feast and Communion will take place on Sunday, October 5, 2014 (World Communion Sunday) immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship. Families are invited to sit together at the tables for the meal. In addition to the Soup and Meat, peanut butter and jelly will be available on the tables.

Hand Washing will also be available for those who cannot kneel to wash feet. Our Love Feast is open to **ALL** Christians, so join us for this time of remembrance of the sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



LITTLE SWATARA 50 YEAR CELEBRATION OCTOBER 12, 2014

There will be a celebration of worshipping for the last 50 years in this “new” facility, on Sunday **October 12, 2014**, when some of our former Pastors will be given a few minutes to reminisce with us. Pastor Matt, present pastor, will also participate.

Former Pastors participating are:

Jeffrey Copp, July 1985 to August 2007

Ervin Huston, Interim, September 2007 to August 2009

Bob Krouse, August 2009 to August 2013

All of our choirs will offer anthems during the service.

Pastors serving since the free ministry:

Glenn Goshorn, 1968 – 1976

John David Bowman, December 1976-July 1984

Harold Bomberger, interim, August 1984 – June 1985

Daniel Riccus, associate, August 1987 – July 1989

Audrey Finkbinder, associate, September 1991 – March 2010

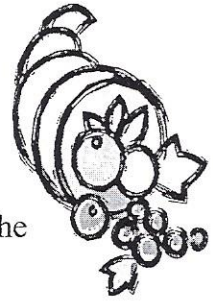
Sunday, October 12, there will be one worship service at 10:30 a.m. A meal will be served for all in attendance, and members are asked to bring either a salad or a dessert.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this eventful time!

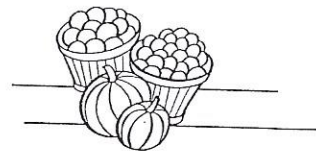
HARVEST HOME SERVICE

October 12, 2014

Remember to bring your “Harvest” donations to the church for Harvest Home Sunday on October 12. These items will be displayed on the Worship Table and then given to the Bethel/Tulpehocken Food Panty. Please bring your donations to the kitchen entrance by Sunday morning. The Harvest was abundant this season, so may there be much to display and give to the Food Panty. **THANK YOU!**



*The **MISSION OF THE MONTH** for October is the Food Panty and Harvest Home Produce.*



REMINDER: The “Golden Age” Dinner is scheduled for attendees 60+ years of age, on October 26, 2014, following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. A sign-up sheet is placed on the table in the Narthex. This will give the food committee a number for which to prepare.

Please sign up and join the “Golden Agers”

FREEBEE-A-THON

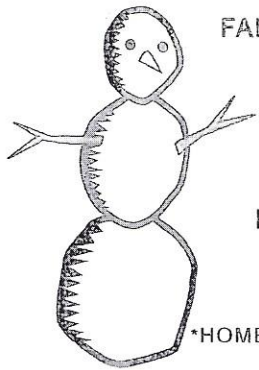


The Bethel-Tulpehocken Council of Churches will again have a clothing drive at Salem church, Bethel, October 24 and 25, 2014.

Donations of good, used, clean clothes may be brought to our church from October 19 to 22 and placed in the outer Narthex. After October 22, (no later than 6:00 p.m.) the items will be taken to the Lutheran Church for sorting. These articles are **free** to anyone in the community, so come to the Lutheran Church on October 24 and 25 to pick up your treasures.

LEBANON VALLEY BRETHREN HOME

FALL HARVEST AND CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR



OCTOBER 25, 2014
8:00 AM-1:00 PM

HAM AND EGG BREAKFAST
7:30 AM- 10:00 AM
TICKETS :\$7.00

HOMEMADE COOKIES BY THE POUND

**CRAFTS, PLANTS, PRODUCE, BAKED GOODS, NUTS,
CANDIES**

JEWELRY AND BOUTIQUE ITEMS

J.O.Y. BOOKSTORE

GIFT BASKETS

CHRISTMAS SHOP

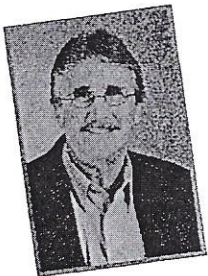
LVBH WOOD WORKERS TABLE

THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN

THE FOOD STAND WILL BE SERVING SOUP, SANDWICHES
AND DESSERTS

LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH WILL PAY THE \$15 REGISTRATION
FEE FOR ALL WHO WISH TO ATTEND.

pouring life
into ministry.



A Conference For
All Who Serve
The Church

with Dr. Steve Musser
worship led by Dean Sensenig

+ Worship
+ Lunch Included
+ Insight Sessions

Dr. Musser is an author,
pastoral leader, and
passionate communicator
focused on empowering
those who serve in local
church ministry.

cost: \$15

Register at ANE District Office 717-367-4730

November 8, 2014, 9am - 3pm

Ephrata Church of the Brethren Church of the Brethren

Registration Deadline: Oct 15



38th Annual Women's
Spiritual Retreat

October 15, 2014
Conestoga Church of the Brethren

Speaker - Ann Gibbel

Theme: "The Power of a Thankful Heart"

Registration and Refreshments, 9:00 a.m.
Morning Session - 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Afternoon Session 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Conestoga Church is located at:
131 E. Main St. Leola, PA Phone: 717-656-2493

The speaker is the wife of John and they live in
Lititz. She has shared God's Word with Women's
Groups over the years. Prayer and Prayer leading
is a high priority for Ann.

Offering Projects:

Morning - Gift and Food Bags for Cross Links
Afternoon - Open Door Youth Ministry

No Child Care will be provided. Lunch for those
pre-registered

Registration deadline: October 10.



District Senior Adult Fall Banquet

Wednesday, October 22, noon

Yoder's Restaurant

(14 South Tower Road, New Holland, PA)

Program: Ridgeway Brass

Menu: Choice of Broasted Chicken or Beef Stroganoff

Cost: \$16.50 Reservation Deadline: October 8

Register through your congregation's senior adult
contact or church office.



Annual Holiday Bazaar

November 1, 2014

8:00AM-2:00PM

Little Swatara COB Rehrersburg

Crafts, Food, Bazaar Items, Fellowship

This year featuring: Tupperware, Pampered Chef, and more!!!

Vendors Contact:

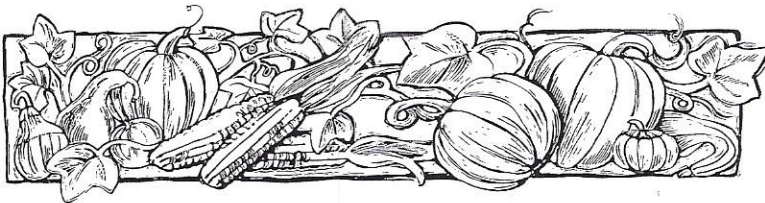
Jen Emerich 933-4085

Michelle Snyder 933-4856

Sally Emerich 933-8576

Tables are \$10 each and Benefit the Women's Fellowship!

A donation was given to the Women's Fellowship of Custom Made (colors pink and green) Girls (2 pairs) Bedroom Drapes, (2) Single Bed Spreads, and Pillows. These items may be purchased at the Women's Fall Bazaar on November 1. This is a Great buy!



THE MUSIC AND WORSHIP TEAM is requesting that you save clear gallon jugs (iced tea/orange juice, etc.) to be used for luminaries at the Christmas Eve Worship Service. A box will be place in the Kitchen stairwell for collections.

THANKS!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Following are the dates of the Women's events:
October 1 – Making chow chow starting at 8 a.m.

We definitely need help – volunteer now!

October 8 – Prepare to make subs at 4:00 p.m.

October 9 – Make Subs at 6:00 a.m. Help is needed both times of Sub making.

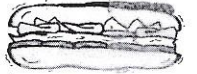
October 26 – Buffet Breakfast,

7 to 10 a.m. Again help is needed.

November 1 – Fall Bazaar, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The next Women's Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m., October 6 in Ladies Aid Room.

All women are invited to attend.



WESTERN BERKS SHEPHERDING

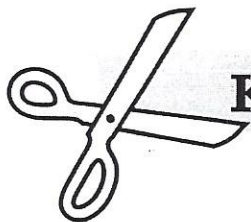
Random acts of kindness are often the keys God uses to open up wondrous blessings and miracles in our lives. Those blessings may be returned to us in quite unexpected ways.

There have been many acts of kindness and small miracles from May through August as we continue to serve others through Western Berks Shepherding Ministries. This outreach ministry requires so little of you as a volunteer, but means so much to those individuals who no longer are able to drive themselves to appointments.

A 30 minute training session for new volunteers will be offered on Wednesday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's (Hain's) church. When prayerfully considering joining as a volunteer, remember you only will be asked to drive one day a month; you will be provided with mileage reimbursement; you will be covered with insurance; you will not be asked to drive in bad weather.

Please call Cheryl Young at 610-670-5945 with questions. If you cannot attend on this training date, other arrangements can be made.

Shepherding Statistics for May-August
Clients served – 283; Services provided- 491;
Volunteers used – 368; Volunteer hours - 1148

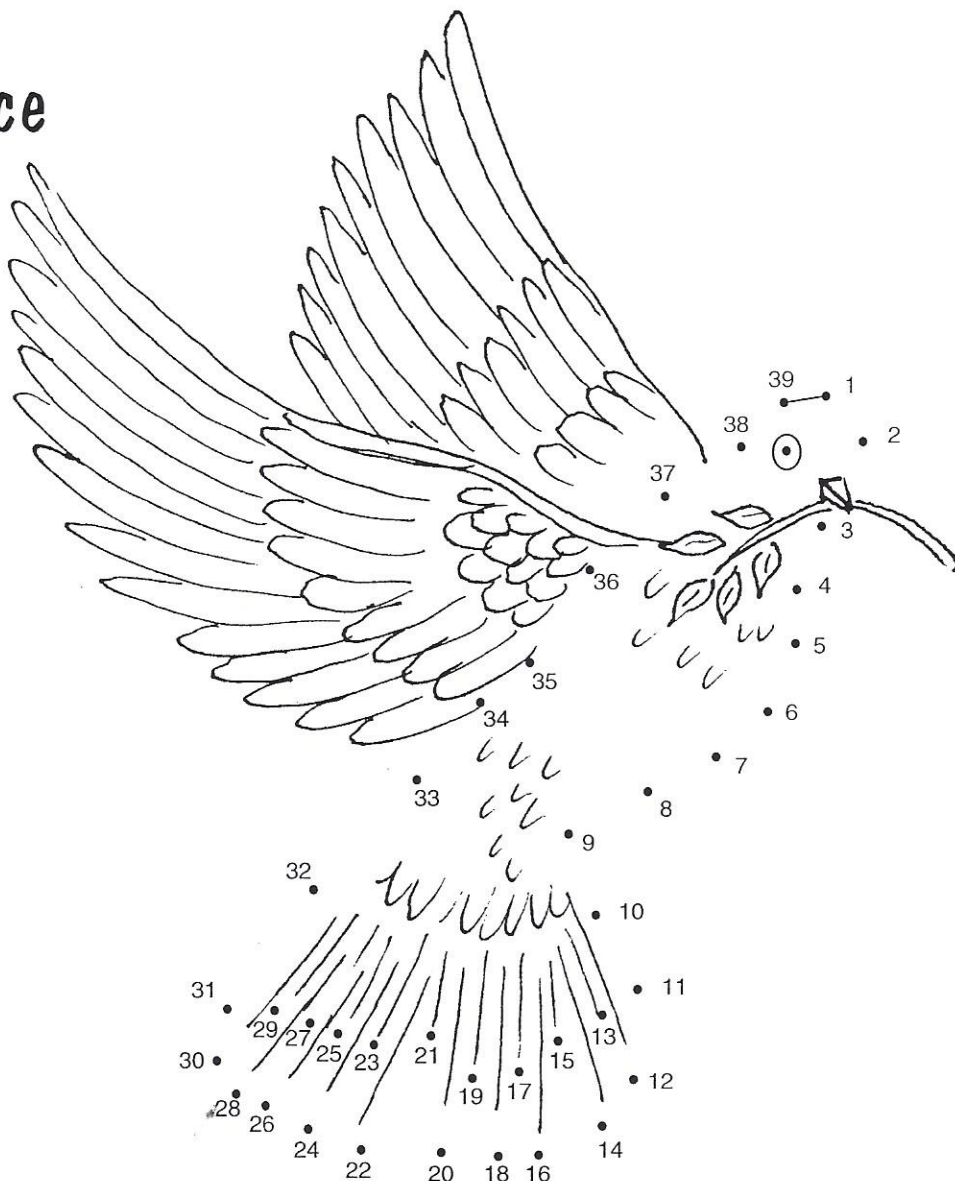


K I D S K L I P S

Dove of Peace

Here is a symbol of peace.

Connect the dots.



Peacemaking

In our world there is always trouble between nations. In Romans 14:19 there are wise words about peace. Unscramble these words to learn what this verse is.

ELT SU ENTH EUSRUP AWHT SAMEK

ORF PACEE DAN TAULUM DINGBLUIUP

What can you do to have peace in your life? Think of those around you. Are there disagreements and troubles sometimes? What can you do to have fewer arguments and problems?

Answers: Romans 14:19 Let us then pursue what makes for peace and mutual upbuilding.



Little Swatara Preschool

October 2014



Dear Friends,

Hello and happy Fall! At Preschool we are as busy as the squirrels collecting acorns for winter as we are making new friends and learning what preschool is all about. We're learning names of classmates and teachers, classroom schedules, how to be helpers, letters of the alphabet, color recognition and, that the Bible is an important book that teaches about God and Jesus. We are learning how to speak and participate in a loving manner within both large and small groups. Plus much, much more. Hummm, we might be busier than the squirrels collecting acorns.



Since we are **so** busy at Preschool I would like to suggest that parents give consideration to their child's eating habits. Breakfast/lunch and rest are important elements for a happy and cooperative preschool day. **If your child has been sick within the past 24 hours of their class time, please keep them home for the day.** The sickness has taken the energy from your child that would have been used for Preschool. Allow them to be home resting and regaining their energy. The entire class will enjoy playing together without spreading sick germs. And, your child will be ready to learn when they are well rested.



At preschool paperwork is used to reinforce letter recognition and formation, writing skills and following directions. Practice papers sent home do not need to be completed and returned. However, your preschooler is encouraged to complete the practice sheet and then show the completed paper to their teacher. The teachers will give a sticker as an encouragement for a "Job Well Done". We want the children to know they are valued and loved by their teachers. This bit of extra attention can go a long way in helping children feel good about the effort they put toward learning.



At L. S. Preschool we celebrate Fall and the harvest season . We do not celebrate Halloween. Crafts relating to the fall season include pumpkins, scarecrows, spiders etc.

Thank you for choosing Little Swatara Preschool to help ready your child for life. If you have a question or comment about your child to share with the staff, please speak with one of the teachers or myself. Our staff is available to discuss your child's progress any time during the year. We are happy to arrange a conference when requested by a parent. I can be reached at the Church (717)933-4500.

With warm regards,
Miss Cindy



CLASS PICTURES

Class pictures will be taken October 1 & 2. Ed Krick of Outback Photography from Lebanon will be taking individual and class pictures of our five classes. A memory folder that includes (1)3x5 student photo and (1)5x7 class photo costs \$14.00. There will be different photo packages to choose from along with additional items. **All checks must be written to OUTBACK PHOTOGRAPHY.** Payment must be made the day the pictures are taken. The students will be photographed on the following days: **Wed, October 1 = Mon/Wed class, Pre K 1 and Pre K 3 classes. Thurs, October 2 = Tues/Thurs class.**

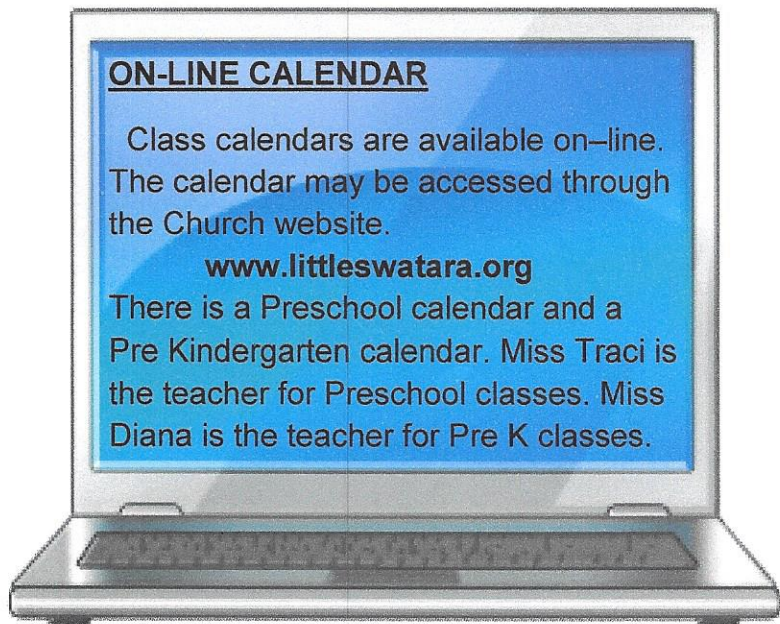


ON-LINE CALENDAR

Class calendars are available on-line. The calendar may be accessed through the Church website.

www.littleswatara.org

There is a Preschool calendar and a Pre Kindergarten calendar. Miss Traci is the teacher for Preschool classes. Miss Diana is the teacher for Pre K classes.



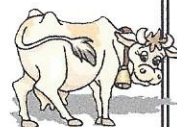
CLASS ROSTERS

Please be on the look out for a Class Roster form in your child's book bag. These are to be completed and returned to the teacher. The information shared will be only information you have approved and with your child's specific classmates.



FALL FIELD TRIPS

The *Preschool classes* will be visiting *Wheel Crest Dairy Farm* outside of Rehrersburg on October 15 and 16. We will take a tour, have a hay ride and a snack outside. **Dress warmly, and wear footwear that may be dirtied.** Boots or sneakers are best.



The *Pre Kindergarten classes* will tour *Over Home Alpaca Farm* on October 15. The farm is located outside of Rehrersburg. We will tour the barn and grounds to learn about Alpacas and the products made from their fibers. A store will be open if you wish to purchase Alpaca items. We will have snack outside. **Dress warmly, and in footwear that may be dirtied.**



Watch for permission slips to come home the beginning of October. We will need to car pool to the farms.

PIES FOR SALE, PIES FOR SALE

Please help Little Swatara Preschool by supporting our Pie fundraiser. The Board of Directors has chosen to sell pies from Country Fare Restaurant. Students and families sell vouchers for the pies. The buyer receives a voucher and calls Country Fare to order their choice of pie for pick-up. The voucher is good between Nov 10, 2014 thru Feb 10, 2015. The cost of the pies are \$13.00 each.

Family and friends are invited to raise funds for classroom resources and other essential educational needs. The sale runs Oct 20 to Oct 31, with vouchers being delivered to the students the week of Nov 3.



STUDENT PICK UP

-Morning program sessions are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

- Afternoon program sessions are dismissed at 3:00p.m.

We ask that you be considerate of our teacher's time and schedule by picking up your child promptly.

A late fee of \$10.00 for each 15 minute segment past dismissal is charged. This money should be paid directly to the staff member in charge.



2014 COMING EVENTS



- 1, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class(every Mon&Wed)
Chow-Chow making
- 2, 8am Quilting & knotting (every Thursday)
- 3, Wedding Rehearsal
- 4, FH,K-Prepare for Love Feast
3pm Wedding Schwenk/Sweitzer
- 5, WORLD COMMUNION DAY
Love Feast following 10:30am service
6pm Scout Leader Meeting
- 6, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
7pm, Women's Fellowship meet
- 7, 7pm Leadership Meeting
- 8, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
4pm Sub preparations
6pm Den meeting
- 9, 6am SUB SALE
- 12, 10:30am, ONE SERVICE
Church 50th Historical Celebration
Noon, Luncheon
Harvest Home Sunday
CROP walk at Grings Mill
3pm O, Girl Scout meeting
- 13, COLUMBUS DAY
8:45am FH, Exercise Class
8:45am-5pm 50 Plus Bus Trip
- 14, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 Plus Meet
6-7pm, Den Meeting
- 15, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
7pm, Christian Ed Meeting
- 17, 2-6pm Bethel FOOD PANTRY
- 19, WLBR Broadcast Sunday
- 20, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
Clothing Drive drop-off until Wed.
- 21, 7pm, Mission & Evangelism meet
7pm Music & Worship meet
- 22, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
6pm, end of clothing drop at LSC
Take clothes to Bethel church
- 24, Clothing Free-Be-A-thon Bethel
- 25, 7-10am FH, Breakfast Buffet
Clothing Free-Be-A-thon
LVBH Harvest & Christmas Bazaar, Palmyra
- 26, Noon, GOLDEN AGE DINNER
Newsletter Deadline
- 27, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
7:30pm, Steward & Property Meet
- 28, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 Plus Meet
6-7pm, Den Meeting
Ministry Team Minutes Due

- 29, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
- 30, 8am, Quilting & Knotting
- 1, 8am-2pm, WF Church Holiday Bazaar
- 2, Daylight Savings Time ENDS
National Jr. High Sunday
Teen Bible Presentation
6pm, Scout Leader Meeting
- 3, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
- 4, 7pm Leadership Meeting
- 5, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
- 6, 9am, Women's Fellowship meet
- 8, 8:30-10am FH, Teacher Training Event
1pm FH, 50 Plus Meet
- 9, STEWARDS SUNDAY
- 10, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
7:30pm FH, Every Member Council Meeting
- 11, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 Plus Meet
6-7pm Den Meeting
- 12, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
10am-4:45pm 50 Plus Bus Trip
- 16, Noon, Spiritual Nurture meeting
- 17, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
- 18, 7pm FH, Transitional Meeting
7:30pm Ministry Teams Meet
- 19, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
- 21, 2-6pm Bethel Food Pantry
- 23, Thanksgiving Sunday
Newsletter Deadline
- 24, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
- 25, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 Plus meet
6-7pm Den Meeting
Ministry Team Minutes due
- 26, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
NO Choir Practice
- 27, THANKSGIVING Day
Office closed
FH, K reserved
- 30, First Sunday of Advent

CHOIR REHEARSAL EVERY WEDNESDAY

Jubilee – 7:00-7:30 p.m.

JOY – 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Senior – 7:30 -8:30 p.m.



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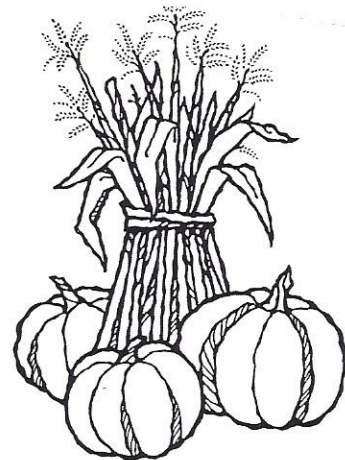
SERMONS AROUND US

William Shakespeare wrote of times when "our life... finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones and good in everything."

The month of October can preach breathtaking sermons. It speaks in the glorious colors of leaves, the splendor of the abundant harvest, the grass whitened by the first frost, the honking birds flying to their winter haven and busy squirrels gathering nuts before snow covers their feeding ground.

How wonderful October's sermons are, and how they bless us.

Thank You, Lord!



OCTOBER

"Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren." —Martin Luther