

# Life-Lines

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## WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

October 29, Reformation Sunday, Avery and Sage will be confirmed as they Affirm their Faith, the faith of the Church. However, I ask that we not let them do it alone. Let us all Affirm our Faith. Let us affirm that Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions are the standards for our faith. Let us join Martin Luther in affirming that we are justified by faith through grace. Let us also affirm that this does not mean that we can then "skate through life" exhibiting few characteristics of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

Let us affirm that we are to gather regularly for worship so we can give thanks and praise to God for His enormous loving grace to us while receiving the visible signs of His grace in the Word and sacrament. Let us affirm that our presence at worship is a witness to visitors who may be new to Lord of Life.

Let us affirm that the great command to teach all nations begins with ourselves. We are to take time studying Scripture for our own spiritual growth and as a model for others. This can happen in our own homes or in our church home here at Lord of Life.

Let us affirm that our ministry includes "inreach" to our fellow sisters and brothers in Christ who may need our help and prayers to help sustain them in the midst of their daily lives.

Let us affirm that our ministry includes "outreach" to those in the community both as a collective church and individually as members and friends of Lord of Life. We will have a presence, first of all, in our own parking lot at our Trunk or Treat October 25 where any children are invited. We will have a presence at White Deer Park on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation when the community celebrates with a huge "Trick or Treat" event. Our policy is to open up our facility to community groups. It applies also to our parking lot. I was asked if the community could use our parking lot for a 5K race to occur Thanksgiving morning. I recently had communications with a group called MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) who may utilize our facilities but may also need our leadership.

If you know of any other opportunities by which we can outreach to others affirm our hospitality.

Through worship, nurturing, inreaching, and outreaching, let us all affirm that the Love of God in Jesus shines through all of us. During the course of this anniversary year and our entire lives may the love of God in Christ shine through.

*Pastor Wayne*

## Making Strides for Breast Cancer!

I participated in my FIRST Making Strides event on October 14. We gathered at the Midtown Park near North Hills Mall and walked through one of the adjacent neighborhoods. Many of the neighbors came out on their front lawn to wave us on.

I was overwhelmed with seeing the "sea" of pink floating over the hills of the neighborhood. What an AWESOME sight!

Practically everyone knows someone with breast cancer, from Mary Jo to Camille's mother, ELCA Morris-Jones. I have several coworkers who are also dealing with breast cancer treatments. It seems to be everywhere and to be affecting younger and younger people.

Please pray for your family and friends who are dealing with cancer of any kind.

Prayer is powerful and really works!

Thanks for ALL that each of you do to bring awareness to early detection and treatment of cancer.

"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven."  
James 5:5 (NIV)

Blessings,  
*Alecia*

### ***Fact about La Voz de Dios Iglesia***

The people of La Voz de Dios present babies to God in a ritual they call the Presentation.

It is biblical since Jesus as a newborn was presented in the temple.



**November**

- November 2 Maddie Terrazas
- November 2 Carolyn Watkins
- November 5 Tess Andrews
- November 7 Dennis King
- November 7 Benjamin Gerald Lowe
- November 8 Jeremy Hans
- November 11 Mark Macurduy
- November 14 Paul Savolainen
- November 15 Pam Hedley
- November 15 Ryan Johnson
- November 17 Kari Britt
- November 22 Bobby Grayson
- November 22 Brad Hunnicutt
- November 23 Christopher Hayduk
- November 23 Don Wallace
- November 24 Jason Blanchard
- November 28 Terry Barnes
- November 29 Lindsay Crocker-Fairchilds

**December**

- December 5 Rebecca Swanson
- December 7 Jim Rebbeor
- December 8 Lisa Grayson
- December 9 Neil Brennecke
- December 14 John Nalepa
- December 25 Jack Austin
- December 26 Becky Babel
- December 28 Karen Wright
- December 30 Betty Zapata



Thank you to Deanna Leuenberger for setting the altar for October. To those who have baked bread or donated wine, thank you also. These gifts are greatly appreciated.

A meeting of the Altar Guild was held on Saturday, October 14, in the church library. Schedules for the upcoming year were passed out, discussion and planning for Reformation was discussed, silver was polished. Thank you to everyone.

Reformation this year, the 500th anniversary, is held on October 29. I hope that everyone has the opportunity to attend. Thank you to Brad and the worship committee for the additional instrumentalists. Reformation Day is a day for giving thanks for Martin Luther and other reformers, but much more, it calls attention to the ongoing need for ecumenical growth and renewal of the church. Paraments for the day are bright red, the color of the Church.

All Saint's Day (November 1) is observed the following Sunday, November 5 this year. All Saint's Day commemorates all the baptized people of God who have died in the faith. Altar paraments are white.

Anyone desiring to be on the Altar Guild, please speak with Carol. We are more more than willing to have you join us, and we will train you.

---Carol Wallace

## Turkey trot time!!!

Happy Thanksgiving. That is what Social Concerns is trying to make certain as many people as possible have this month. We will be asking for donations of all the foods you think of when you hear the word *Thanksgiving*.

Our goal is 10 turkeys (10 to 14 pound size), five hams (canned, spiral, or whole); also canned green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, cream of mushroom soup, stuffing mix (different varieties), gravy mixes, applesauce, five pound bags of potatoes and sweet potatoes.

In addition to the food mentioned, it would be an added treat to have some cake mixes, boxes of large tea bags, and ground coffee. Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 23 so you are asked to bring your donations in by no later than Friday, November 17.

As always, any food you wish to donate is greatly appreciated by Gamer Area Ministries. An added note, GAM has many requests for pet food of any kind. So animal lovers, pick up something for them when shopping for their owners.

Happy Thanksgiving to all from Social Concerns Outreach.

---Connie Fortmeyer  
for Social Concerns Ministry

## Season's Greetings

This year you may wish your friends at Lord of Life a happy Christmas season a new way. We will have a large common card in the narthex. Just sign your name to wish "Happy Holidays" to all your friends instead of placing individual greeting cards in mailboxes. (Suggestion: money you save on cards and/or stamps you can donate to you favorite ministry.)

---Ginny King

## Congratulations to . . . .

Avery Britt and Sage Weatherwax who are Affirming their Faith in the rite of Confirmation on Reformation Sunday, October 29. They have been grounded in the faith from infancy and have been part of Lord of Life longer than Pastor Wayne has been associated with the congregation, and he reflects fondly on these children who have grown into two fine young ladies of whom we all can be proud.



Thanks to the many people who made this year's Lord of Life Stewardship campaign so successful! In his October sermons Pastor Wayne emphasized the many ways Christians can practice stewardship. Don Craig's temple talks were insightful and motivational. The committee and work group leaders set up display tables to share ministry information (and treats) with attendees at the ministry fair. The church web site and Facebook page were demonstrated and we hope many of you use and share these resources. Thanks to all of you who attended and participated in the Stewardship campaign events. We hope the information shared was helpful and inspirational.

Other ways we practice Stewardship is through our pledges of time, talent, and financial support for the ministries of the church. Forms that provide information on how you can participate were placed in each member and friend mailbox. If you have any questions about pledges please feel free to speak to any member of the Parish Committee. After completing the forms you can place them in the offering plate or in the Parish Committee mailbox. We would appreciate receiving these no later than Sunday, November 5, when we commemorate the Festival of All Saints. We will use the pledges received to plan next year's operational budget for Lord of Life. The time and talent pledges will be shared with the work group and committee leaders. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Meanwhile the other inreach ministries of the Parish Committee continue. If you are interested in helping with our work which includes visitor welcome, shut in visitation, emergency preparedness, environmental stewardship and fellowship coordination, we invite you to our next meeting to learn more about our ministries. We meet on the third Sunday of the month at 11:30 am in the church library. Or ask any of us for information: committee members include Grace Barnes, Terry Barnes, Tim Clark, Dave Hash, Rebecca Swanson, Karen Wright, Vince Wright, and Don Craig, Council representative.

---Rebecca Swanson, chairman

## Faith in bleak times

I have heard there are troubles of more than one kind.  
Some come from ahead, some come from behind.  
But I've brought a big bat. And I'm all ready you see.  
Now my troubles are going to have troubles with me!

– Dr. Seuss

I could just as easily recite from a poem I learned in high school titled "Don't Quit;" it focuses on the emotional struggles of everyday living and the pitfalls encountered along the way. However, I prefer the quote from Dr. Seuss because it echoes a bring-it-on mentality that I think describes a vibrant display of F-A-I-T-H. Faith in believing we're going to win out in the end; faith that we've got the biggest "BAT" in the universe as backup aka God; and faith that we're not alone in this solo undertaking called life. I pray that the residents of Puerto Rico will keep the faith and shake-off what may appear to be a lack of concern and caring for their immediate plight; as with God, we are on their side.

If the best things in life were easy, everyone would have the best. If we weren't confronted with some of our uphill scrapes, we wouldn't be the semi-sane and rational folks we are today. Don't get me wrong, I like easy and that character-building stuff has its place, but mostly, easy isn't always what it's cracked up to be. No matter what unexpected difficulty we face, whether it is an overwhelming task or a tiny gnawing issue, God is with us every step of the way . . . to right our ship before it sinks. Many times we forget to depend on God because our sense of faith wanes a bit. Many times we expect that things --- poverty, civil unrest, racial division --- has to get better soon but when it doesn't come in 'due time' disillusion sets in . . . don't let it. The challenge is not to solve all the world's problems at once, but to remain faithful! We want to please God and without faith, pleasing God is not possible.

Do you recall that old saying "when you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on?" Well, I'd like to make a slight revision that says, "when you get to the end of your rope, you'll find that God lives there."

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. (Ephesians 6:10); keep the faith!

Be blessed.

---Gale J. Isaacs

Whenever you're disappointed with your spot in life, stop and think about little Jamie Scott. Jamie was trying out for a part in a school play. His mother said that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, she went to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement. "Guess what Mom," he shouted, and then said those words that should remain a lesson to you: "I've been chosen to clap and cheer."



We pray for our world and those in it with hope for our future.

**Health Concerns.** . . Helen Reaves, Corrine Wichti, Dan Stamm, Mona Stamm, Betty and John Nalepa, Dennis King, Betty Zapata, Bob Baxter; and

**Family and friends** . . . Don and Carol Wallace's daughter, Carol Sclafani,

recovering from surgery; Susan Steckel's father-in-law, Bud Webster, radiation treatments; Julia Lochra's father, Albert, recovering from knee surgery, and her friend Sian McLean who has cancer; Karen Post's husband, Ken, snake bite; Geri and Paul Savolainen's friend, Dave, open heart surgery; Clyde Cook's brother, thyroid cancer; Lisa Grayson's mother, Betty Hooker, and uncle, Bill Winterbottom; Dan and Roxie Hayes' friends, Jacob and Cynthia

Sterling; Susie, Benjamin and Bryce Lowe; Camille Morris' mother, Ola Morris-Jones; Don and Carol Wallace's friend, Dan Grazewicz, lung cancer; Don Wallace's nephew, Chuck Wallace, and sister Marge; Shirley Poole's niece, Pamela Chrissinger; Barbara Kyles' niece, Sandy Blackburn; Shannon Thomsen's niece, Kylie Garner, and nephew, Nickolas; Kate Beck's friend, Lisa Gauger; Mary Cook's niece Sarah, nephew Will, son Daniel; Paul and Kerri Blanchard's son, Jason; Dave Hash's mother, Lucille Hash Stewart; Esther Bredell's sister-in-law, Marti Swanson; family of Michael Horvath; Mary Ann de Leon; Beth Owen; Darcy Williamson, Jack and Alice Austin's friends, Bob Anderson and Sam Mansour.

*Please note: prayer requests that have been listed for several months have been removed. If you have current requests or updates of those listed, please e-mail them to: paulampic@aol.com*

## Workers wrestle weeds, woods, waste and weariness

When the Property Committee announced a church work day for the first Saturday in October, 15 men and 5 women came out to work and work they did. Two trees were cut down. One was close to the building and had split into three pieces, the other was a dead tree near the Love Garden. The trees, branches and debris were chopped up and taken to a landfill and a portion of the fence was repaired.

Some items inside:, a small refrigerator, a small file cabinet and wire that was in the office all went to the dump. The gas grill was taken outside and thoroughly cleaned ready for the next cookout.

The women were busy cleaning the kitchen, refrigerators, stoves, and generally making it a neat workable place. The kitchen sparkled when work was done. The storage area was slightly

rearranged to accommodate a new freezer. It is a 20 cubic foot, frost free Frigidaire. The old one was taken away.

Also taken from the storage room and put into the metal cabinets in the fellowship hall, were many items used by the people who do the the Rotary breakfasts, freeing up much needed shelf space in that room. Some of the men worked inside changing air filters and doing small "fix it" jobs.

The following Saturday some of the committee returned to the church to finish up some projects that were started but not completed.

From Tim Clark, committee chairman, a big THANK YOU to all who gave of their time and talents to make our church and its grounds a clean and welcoming place.

*Connie Fortmeyer*, reporting for the Property committee

## Greetings from the Men's Group!

We celebrated our annual Oktoberfest at our last meeting! German food and beverages were plentiful and a good time was had by all.

During the business portion of our meeting we voted to make donations to support Angie's Restaurant in its Thanksgiving community meal, Heifer International with several flocks of chicks, and Camp Agapé which has been hit with a large increase in their flood insurance premiums.

• O' Holy Night! We have secured 30 tickets to O' Holy Night at Camp Agape. We are booked for the 7:00 pm show on Friday, December 15. More details will be available as the event draws nearer. If you aren't familiar with this event, it is an outdoor,

candlelit, musical telling of the Christmas story that involves a short walking journey and audience participation. It is a wonderful family event, and the camp serves heavy hors d'oeuvres before the performance. It is a must-see Christmas experience!

Our next business meeting will be November 10 at 7:00 pm. We are planning a meal of chicken, dressing, and other fixings. All men are invited to attend, and bring a beverage of your choice. If it is your first time joining us, your meal is on the house.

Thanks,  
*Gray Anthony*  
Men's Group President



The Council meet on October 1, 2017, with members and Carlton McDaniel and Tim Clark.

Carlton McDaniel introduced himself as the Director of Able to Serve. The organization now

needs more space as they are expanding, they need to utilize all four classrooms because they are now serving 31 clients. A contractor and engineer have looked at upstairs space over the education building for expansion and the engineer found trusses are suitable for renovation. Previously, Able to Serve did a \$17K renovation of the downstairs space through donor funds. Expansion for upstairs space would require outside stairs to access doors, HVAC, and permits. This space would be used primarily for storage and the administrative office, but would not be used for Able to Serve clients. Carlton said the Council will have the opportunity to review all options for this expansion; March/April is timeline for drawings and a local business is looking to support the financial aspect of the renovation.

The Council is in support of this effort and October/November will be a timeline to have more firm plans for review.

Tim Clark explained that the Property Committee had extensive discussions about the nursery last month based on concerns. The Committee decided that because they are the primary users, Las Voz di Dios should be the ones to write a list of simple rules in English and Spanish.

Barry Brown reported that contributions were a bit less than budget, but we are forward servicing mortgage on church which is favorable. He also explained that Lord of Life received a letter from the IRS regarding a credit due to not receiving a quarterly filing in September 2016. Another quarterly that wasn't filed was from June 2017. Barry will file the two quarterly forms that were missed, and send a letter requesting that IRS not penalize us for this and will report back on status.

Pastor Wayne reported that the 500th Year Reformation celebration will include a string quartet.

Social Concerns reported that the Yard Sale brought in \$1423 which will go back into the community as funds are requested through this Committee. Leftover clothes and couch went to Garner Area Ministries, and the Community Thrift Shop picked up remaining items.

Patrick Niemann will assume responsibility as the Worship & Music Council representative.

On the Website Upcoming Events section was added.

Wade Jensen resigned as President of the Council. Pastor reached out to Wade Jensen to let him know that he is available to talk through any issues; some other Council Members reached out in support. The Council reviewed the Constitution to determine Council's individual responsibilities. Shannon Thomsen will serve as interim president until January elections. Patrick Niemann will serve as interim vice president until the elections. Next Congregational meeting will occur on January 28, 2018.

Lindsay Crocker, Carolyn Watkins, and Patrick Niemann are at the end of term in 2017. The Constitution conflicts with existing Nominating Committee rules, however, Constitutional amendments should be added on the agenda for the Leadership Retreat. The Council will elect 2019 Nominating Committee outside the Council in the future. Pastor will ask Don Stang to serve on nominating

committee with the others since there are now four vacancies. Several members were suggested as potential nominees.

Patrick Niemann voiced a concern with one of the articles in the most recent newsletters that he felt was very adversarial toward the congregation. He suggested giving Paula the authority to leave out, or revise, certain articles that are not in keeping with the positive tenor of the newsletter. The Pastor will remind her that she has that authority.

The Council meets the first Sunday of each month right after worship in the church library. Meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. If you have anything you wish to discuss, please let the interim president of the Council, Shannon Thomsen, know ahead of time.

---from minutes submitted by Lindsay Crocker

## Joyful generosity . . . thank you (keep it up)!

<sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.  
<sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." - 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! Social Concerns has entered this autumn season riding a wave of giving WITH thanks! Thanks and appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of the Annual Yard Sale . . . those who donated items; those who gave of their time, talent, and physical labor, and a special thanks to Nancy Cahoon who is neither a member of Social Concerns nor of the congregation.

I'm sure that you are well aware of the ongoing, regular outreach ministries in which we participate and, as a reminder, the season of most rigorous giving is upon us; thank you in advance. Women of the ELCA have been added to the list of worthy causes to which we donate and Heifer International is designated for the month of November. The Angel Tree is ready to roll as we prepare to bring a bit of delight to children who would otherwise be deprived of a few basic joys that we take for granted. Let's not forget to offer our overflowing generosity to the holiday food initiative for Garner Area Ministries (you will hear more from Connie Fortmeyer).

Sure, it seems like there's always someone asking you to give something (especially us Social Concerns folk) but generous giving is the hallmark of any outreach initiative. But, if it helps, think of Social Concerns as the logistics arm of Lord of Life . . . just handling of the details of an operation called Outreach.

Social Concerns Ministry  
Gale Isaacs and Alecia Harrison  
Co-chairs

# Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World: a review

This most recent documentary on Martin Luther played on PBS several times in September, and now Lutheran clergy of the Triangle have scheduled a special showing of it at the Stone Theater-Park West 14 in Morrisville on Tuesday, November 7, at 11 am. Ticket price is \$12.



Thus, if you have an opportunity, go see it. If there is enough interest, I may be persuaded to purchase it so we can view it as a congregation.

However, do not expect great cinematography, great acting or even great drama. Most of us know the basic story of Martin Luther. Nevertheless, do see it because you get a chance to “walk where Luther walked”. Virtually all of it was filmed on location in Germany. Do see it for what you will learn about Martin Luther that you did not know: his humanity during personal tragedies, his

role in the family and his relationship with his wife. Do see it for the learned commentary from a variety of scholars, not just Lutheran, who share their insight with viewers. Do see it because it has been 500 years since Martin Luther changed the world, and we Lutherans need to alleviate our guilt about our lack of knowledge of our Lutheran Heritage.

It is an honest portrayal of Martin Luther, as he would say, warts and all. It faces issues that are controversial about him even today; namely, his support of the nobility against the peasants, and his anti-semitism. On the other hand he is rightly portrayed as a great and prolific theologian, a man of God who is “for the people”, and for whom all of us people are very grateful.

Obviously, I am unable to attend the screening, but anyone planning on going should let me know so I can pass it on to those leading this effort to bring this documentary to us.

---Pastor Wayne

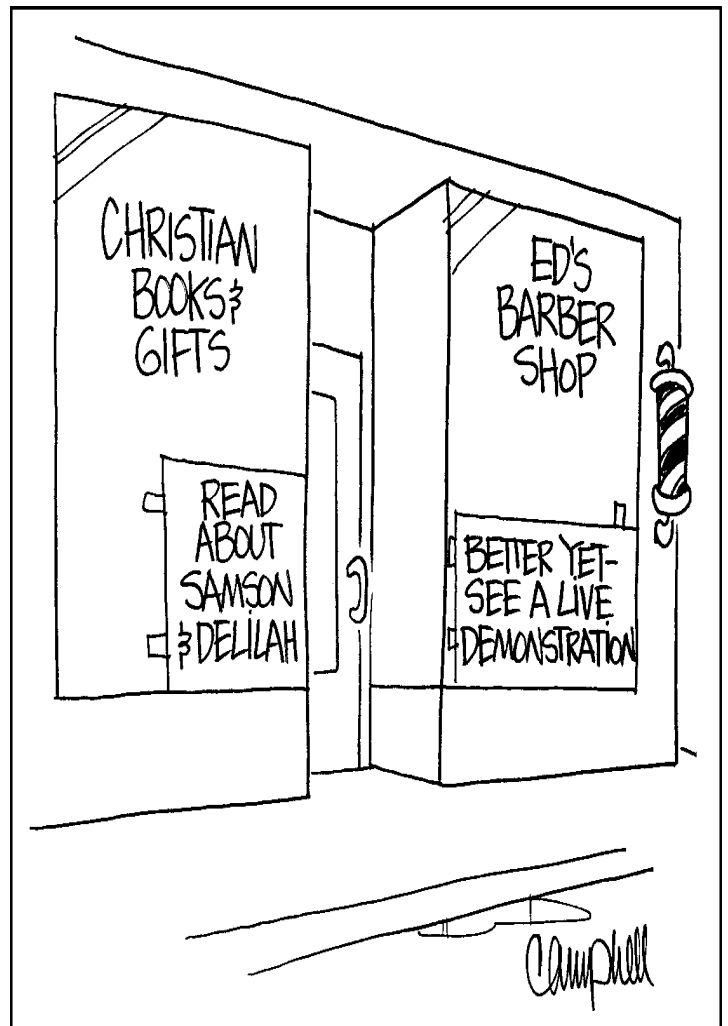
## The Children's Corner, by Gale Isaacs: *When Bad Things Happen to Good Tadpoles*

I know a little boy who absolutely loves tadpoles. As a matter of fact he named one “Mama Tuff” because it was so big and almost ready to become a frog. Well, one day he found Mama Tuff floating belly-up in his water tank; it had died because it ate too much spinach. So, he dug a hole, buried the tadpole, and had all of his family members say a prayer over the “grave;” it was not a good day for the boy because he was very sad.

Do you have bad days sometimes? It’s okay because there is always someone to help make you feel better. Even if you don’t have a tadpole that died, maybe there was a person in school who was mean to you, or maybe you had a test that was too hard, OR maybe you had a substitute teacher because your real teacher got sick! Whatever happened to cause you to have a bad day, God was right there making sure that there was some good in there and your whole day wasn’t ruined. That’s what God does; he fixes things that go wrong and makes us feel better because He loves us! AND He loves us because He made us, AND He shows you love by letting you learn all about Jesus!

When things go wrong and you have a bad day, just ask Him for help. First, tell Him what’s wrong (even though He sorta already knows), ask Him to help you, and then He will find a way to make sure you learn a good lesson that will make you feel not too bad. So, because of Jesus, God looks out for you and makes your day much better and keeps bad things from happening all the time.

And you know what happened to the little boy? He stopped being sad! I think the prayers everyone said for his tadpole made him feel better because he knew that Jesus loves and was taking care of Mama Tuff just because God loves us.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 am Rotary Breakfast  7:30 pm Choir Practice	2	3	4 10:00 a.m. Knitting/Crochet Classes
5 <b>ALL SAINTS</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Council Meeting <b>DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS</b>	6	7	8 7:00 am Rotary Breakfast  7:30 pm Choir Practice	9	10 7:00 pm Men's Group Dinner Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Meet 'n' Eat	11 10:00 a.m. Knitting/Crochet Classes
12 <b>23rd Sunday in Pentecost</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	13	14	15 7:00 am Rotary Breakfast  7:30 pm Choir Practice	16 7:00 pm Social Concerns	17	18 10:00 a.m. Knitting/Crochet Classes
19 <b>24th Sunday in Pentecost</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Stewardship	20	21 7:00 am Inspirational Book Club	22 7:00 pm <b>COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING PROGRAM</b>	23  <b>THANKSGIVING</b>	24	25 10:00 a.m. Knitting/Crochet Classes
26 <b>CHRIST THE KING</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Property	27 7:00 p.m. Worship & Music	28	29 7:00 am Rotary Breakfast  7:30 pm Choir Practice	30 11:30 am <b>LUNCH BUNCH</b> site tba		