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**October 2020**



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**WORSHIP**  
SCHEDULE

**10:00 am Sundays**

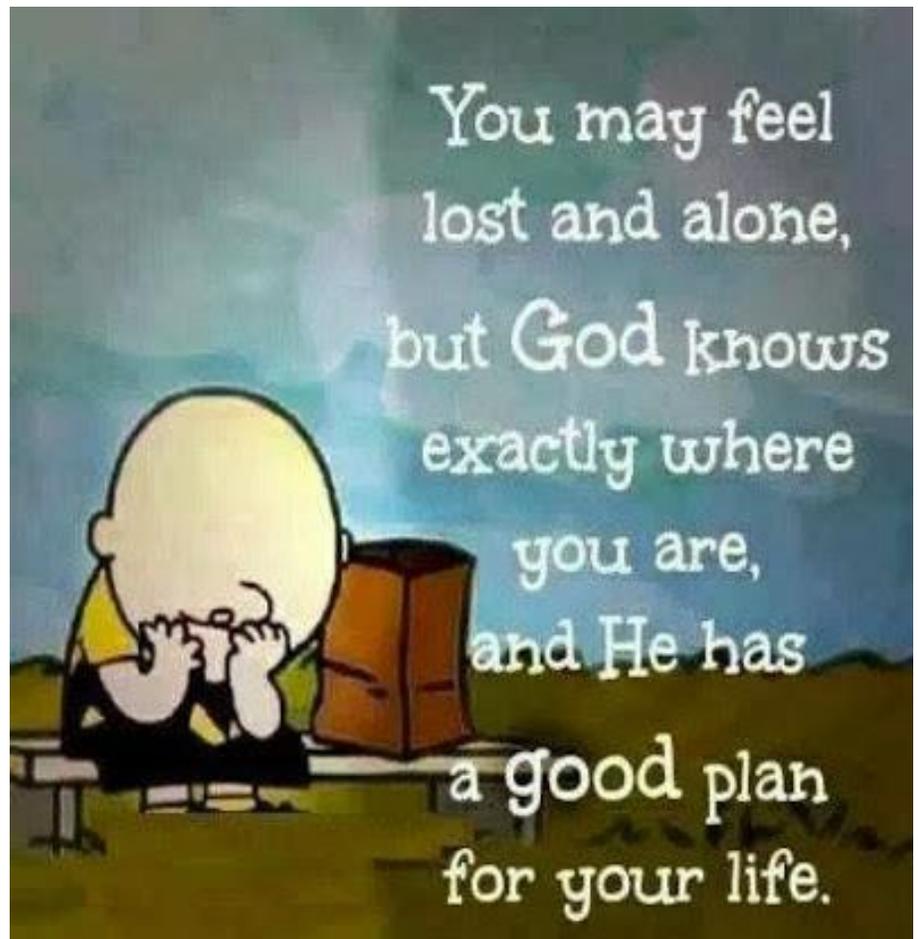
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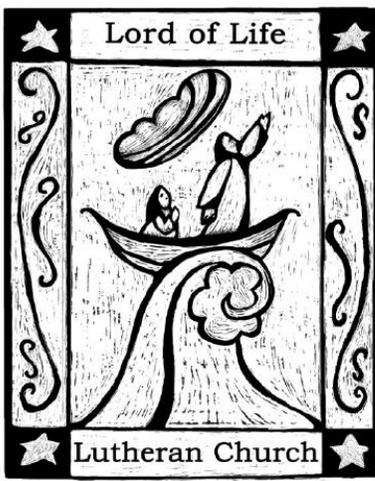
**Livestream**

*via Facebook Live*

<https://www.facebook.com/LoLLCGarner/>

**11:00 am Sundays**





# Life-Lines



October 2020

## WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

It has been now more than 6 months since we have worshipped together as a congregation in the sanctuary due to the pandemic we are experiencing. Speaking of these 6 months and beyond, I am going to take literary liberties with Charles Dickens first line of "A Tale of Two Cities". The 6 months we have just experienced have been "certain" times and "uncertain times". First, let's think of what makes these certain times. It was certain from the beginning that the corona virus was not merely going to "run its course and be gone". It is certain it does not "favor" some people or nations over others although its effects may vary due to age, race or economic status. It's presence has touched the entire world. It is also certain we can reduce the virus' effect by adhering to the three W's: Wash, Wait, and Wear. What is also certain, although it may challenge our belief system, is that "nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." St. Paul gives us a list, "death, life, angels, principalities, present things, future things, powers, height, depth, nor anything else in all creation (so we add coronavirus pandemic) will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:38-39) This is the most certainty we know in these times.

On the other hand, what makes these times "uncertain times". It is uncertain how long this will continue. It is also uncertain whether a future vaccine will be able to "wipe out" the virus once and for all, and when a proven vaccine becomes available, how long will it take to

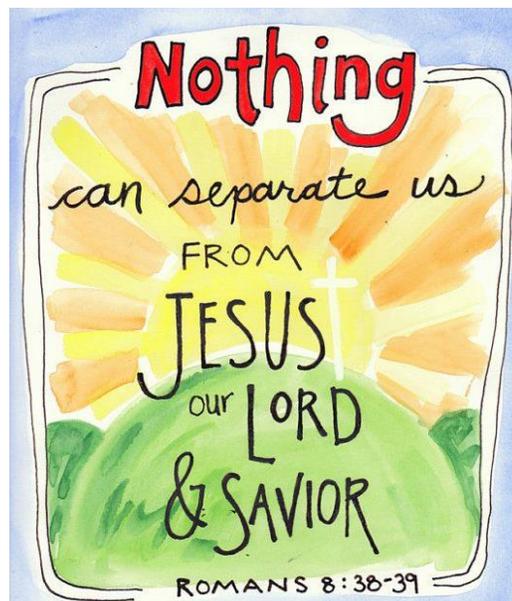
make a substantial difference especially given human factors. There are other uncertainties that we as a congregation may have as well.

The uncertainty we have as a congregation is when we will return to worshipping in person in the sanctuary. It is certain we will continue to live stream our worship from the sanctuary. It is certain we will worship in the outdoor chapel as long as weather permits, I am hoping at least to All Saints Day, November 1<sup>st</sup>. It is certain we will follow synodical guidelines based on safety. For example, in these uncertain times any indoor worship would include the spoken word only, no singing. Some of our committees, Girl Scout troops, and the breakfast Rotary have been meeting in the fellowship hall with safety guidelines in place. Meeting in the sanctuary to worship is a different challenge.

I, like you, may be thinking about Christmas. We can use our sound system to play Christmas carols, and depending on how many people can gather inside at

that time, we may ask for reservations so we are able to adhere to the guidelines. We may also add a worship service on Christmas Day. All of this is still uncertain. However much is very certain. Lord of Life Lutheran Church will continue to offer appropriate and safe worship opportunities. We will continue to pray for the Church, the world and all those in need. The Gospel of Jesus Christ will continue to sound forth from this place so that we may share the Gospel of God's love with all.

Pastor Wayne



## We Are Called...

*"Always have a willing hand to help someone, you might be the only one that does"*

--- Roy Bennett

Proverbs 19:17 says *"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."* The Social Concerns Ministry engages our community outreach efforts so that we can give without expectation of something in return. We know that helping others is the foundation of our existence and, as such, giving is essential, not because it makes us better people, but because we're able to make someone else's life a little bit better through our actions.

There are so many people in need in our community and there are many charities that are setup to help them. We offer support for charity organizations in addition to championing our more intimate in-house focus of food and monetary donations. To this end for the month of September, we contributed another monetary donation to Community of Hope to be used at their discretion. We continue our monthly support of Garner Area ministries (GAM) and thank Dan for transporting the food collections that reached 54 pounds this month!

The Rotary resumed meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup>. To meet State guidelines, the best sanitary health conditions have been employed from social distancing table arrangements, masks, and gloves, to cleaning and disinfectants.

In concert with Wake County Social Services Holiday Cheer, we have committed to give a hearty Christmas to a family with three to four children. This is the second year of our involvement in this charitable enterprise; more information will be forthcoming.

Despite the pitfalls encountered with our Relay for Life fundraising activities, we funded luminaries for 2020 instead of the torches that we usually purchase. The luminaries are given as a tribute to those who in some way were affected by cancer and were not



limited to memorials remembrances. This year's acknowledgements were for: Mary Jo Albert; Jack Austin; Rodney Finger; Lee Kyles; Mary Ann Kyles; Perry Proper; and Peg Stamp.

Your donations to our outreach efforts are greatly appreciated and enable us to share Lord of Life Lutheran Church with the surrounding community. Thank you.

Gale Isaacs & Alecia Harrison  
Co-chairs

# Rotary Garner



## Rotary Breakfasts Resume!

Hopefully by the time you're reading this, Rotary will have restarted. We last met in person on March 11<sup>th</sup>, and have continued meetings via Zoom.

Rotary in-person breakfast meetings will resume on September 30<sup>th</sup>. We have worked hard to prepare for this. The tables in the Fellowship Hall have been spaced out for social distancing as well as using only three chairs per table. Since we are now in Phase 2.5, we are allowed 25 people inside the hall. Rotary is limiting their guests to the 21 who sign up in advance or show up first. We will disinfect the facility before and after each meeting. Temperatures will be taken upon entry with facemasks and hand sanitizer available. We will be using Styrofoam filled containers for breakfast with disposable cutlery, glasses and coffee mugs.

During our hiatus, Rotary has continued to pay Lord of Life the full amount despite not using our facilities. We have used this money wisely. We have contributed to Garner Area Ministries, Camp Agapé, Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund, Community of Hope Ministries, American Cancer Society, Interfaith Food Shuttle, Crop Walk, and MS Society to name a few. We look forward to our continued partnership with this wonderful organization.

Helen Holderman



## From the Desk of Your Council President

Your Church Council continues to meet on the second Sunday of each month. We meet in the Fellowship Hall, physically distanced, wearing masks and not hugging or even shaking hands. We also offer a virtual option for those members that are out of town or uncomfortable with gathering.

I am happy to report that we STILL have money in the bank! We are cleaning up all the names on each account to ensure the proper people are on each account.

We are beginning to draft the 2021 church budget. If you have any changes to our current budget, please let anyone on your Council know as soon as possible.

We will also begin looking for three new Council members to serve from January 2021 to January 2024. If you are interested in applying or have questions about this role, again please ask any of your Council members.

The Girl Scouts and the morning Garner Rotary will resume meeting inside the Fellowship Hall. They will be limited to 25 people, check temperatures, wear masks and maintain 6 feet between participants as well as clean all areas used before leaving the facilities.

Just to be CLEAR, we will NOT gather as a Congregation in the Sanctuary until Governor Cooper puts North Carolina in Phase III. La Voz de Dios will also not gather in the Sanctuary until Lord of Life does. We will err on the side of caution to ensure safety of all members.

We continue to Live Stream our 10 am service and meet in the Outdoor Worship Space at 11 am for in-person worship. Consider joining us! Bring your chair and your mask! Pastor offers Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month.

Pastor Wayne is currently working on our Christmas worship expecting that we will still be physically distant, wearing masks and washing our hands! Stay tuned for more details.

We will have the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Plan to join us at the edge of the parking lot near our outdoor worship service.

The CROP walk will be virtual this year. Team members can walk 3 to 6 miles on their own in honor of those who have to walk 3 miles for water every day, ONE way! Walking should be completed by Sunday, October, 25<sup>th</sup> when the virtual ceremony will culminate. We are asked to submit pictures of your walk. I am terrible at taking pictures, BUT if you are good at it, please send in your pictures.

We continue to work on a way to give online. Stay tuned for details! We have put the recording system and kitchen renovations on hold until we are able to meet for a Congregational vote. We do however continue to collect money for Kitchen Renovations; THANKS! If you remember, the Council decided several months ago not to proceed with the renovation UNTIL we have collected ALL the money needed for the renovations. The Coronavirus has intensified financial strain in our country. As a Congregation, we did not want to take on additional debt, so the decision was made, as stated above, that we would collect all the money needed before starting the project. AND remember, the project CANNOT go forward without a Congregational vote. Just letting you know the things that we talk about in our monthly meetings.

We also continue to pray for our Congregation, Pastor, Synod, and our Country. Please continue to send in your prayer requests. There is power in collected prayers!

Blessings to you all!

Stay safe!

And I can't wait to see you ALL again!

Alecia Harrison, Council President



**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am  
In the Outdoor Chapel**



## Parish Committee

LOL Parish Committee hasn't met since February of 2020. Our last Lifelines submission was April 2020. I look forward to getting back closer to "normal", worshipping in the sanctuary, meeting in the library and fellowshiping in the Fellowship Hall.

Our new reality during the continued Corona Virus situation has drastically changed everything. No more handshaking, hugging or up close and personal conversations (without masks). Masks often make it difficult to understand conversations, not to mention if a person is smiling or not or trying to read lips for hearing impaired.

The Men's Group have been making personalized crosses (compliments mainly by Gerry Havenstein) for LOL members who have gone ahead of us to Heaven. I delivered the last cross on behalf of Betty Nalepa to her husband John a couple of months ago. I had visited him twice before that visit and he was doing well, mentally astute and in good spirits. John has a good neighbor helping him out with a cleaning lady/helper for his domestic needs. Per John's request, I left the cross in his mailbox and we didn't converse in person, only over the phone. I would have enjoyed a more personal conversation with a handshake, but John is high risk and following Corona precautions strictly, being a young man of 88.

I was very encouraged yesterday (Sep. 26<sup>th</sup>) by a "Prayer March 2020" held in Washington DC by Reverend Franklin Graham. AWESOME to witness tens of thousands of people in attendance, who

took time from their lives and jobs to participate in praying for the United States of America. Reverend Graham commented: "I think our country is in trouble, and Democrats will tell you that, Republicans will tell you that. ... We're coming today to call upon the name of God, because I believe only God can fix the problems that we face in this nation today,". I believe he's right, "Only God can fix our problems".

Yours in Christ,

PARISH Chair, Terry Barnes

PARISH COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Rebecca Swanson, Grace Barnes, Tim Clark, Dave Hash, Vince Wright, Barbara Kyles, Pastor Wayne, Steve Brantley, Roxie Hayes and Julie Roeser



Due to the ongoing Covid-19 shutdown, the Men's Group has decided NOT to meet in October. Our next meeting is tentatively planned for Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Gerry Havenstein,  
Men's Group Secretary

## German-American Day History

German-American Day celebrates German culture and heritage in the United States.

This holiday also serves to remember 13 German families from Krefeld, Germany that fled religious oppression in Germany. On October 6, 1683, these families established Germantown, Pennsylvania, the first distinctly German-American settlement. In the centuries that followed, more than seven million more German-speaking immigrants arrived on the shores of the US.

In 1983, on the 300th anniversary of Germantown, President Ronald Reagan declared October 6<sup>th</sup> as German-American Day. German-American Day is celebrated annually on October 6th.





Many of us have been surrounded by angels our entire lives and have never even noticed. We are well aware of the minor (and major) irritations that befall us, but we seldom recognize the ongoing good things; they're always here so we take them for granted. Of course, there are those 'special' times when we actually do grasp that we are blessed beyond measure... we recuperate from an illness, get an unexpected cash-flow boost, or experience a family triumph of some sort. God has an army full of angels ready to take care of us in unimaginable ways so don't let little hiccups ruin the day; opt out of becoming upset; rely on Him. I get it; some periods of life can be tough to endure. It can be hard even to know what to say to God. Right now, my heart is troubled... I'm feeling a little beaten... I know though, that I've got to get my head back in the game and let the surrounding angels take care of the huge 'small stuff' that affects us all. You know the 'stuffs' to which I refer... it's the status quo that glares in our faces 24/7, on the news – off the news, it remains resilient!

With all the strife, turmoil, and illness going on around right now, some folk still misguidedly think that it's not applicable because they have not been directly affected. Well, you are in need of a vigorous down-to-earth reality check... you ARE affected! (unless, of course, you're from Venus and just popped down to earth for a brief respite). Businesses are closing, the epitome of which causes a ripple effect across the country that includes unemployment and financial troubles which in turn lead to homelessness and poverty; there is physical pain and suffering; and there is isolation. Equally important is the odium of being different from our erroneously perceived societal norms, thus leading to the rejection of basic civil rights for all. There is solace to be found... we are surrounded by angels! In a hymn we sing "Wait on the Lord" and in another we ask Him to "Order My Steps" and we are heard! We also perpetuate that solace through the scriptures, as in 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed..." and

in 2 Timothy 4:18 we read, "The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen."

We need peace... we need a refocus away from disruptions... we need to lighten our load. If the load is a bit heavy for us, we can't hold up under the weight of it all but for our angels to remind us, "What a Friend we have in Jesus... all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!" This is not to say that because of our belief system we presume that our days will always be sunny and bright. Nowhere have I read that following Christ will automatically result in a life of good health and wealth.

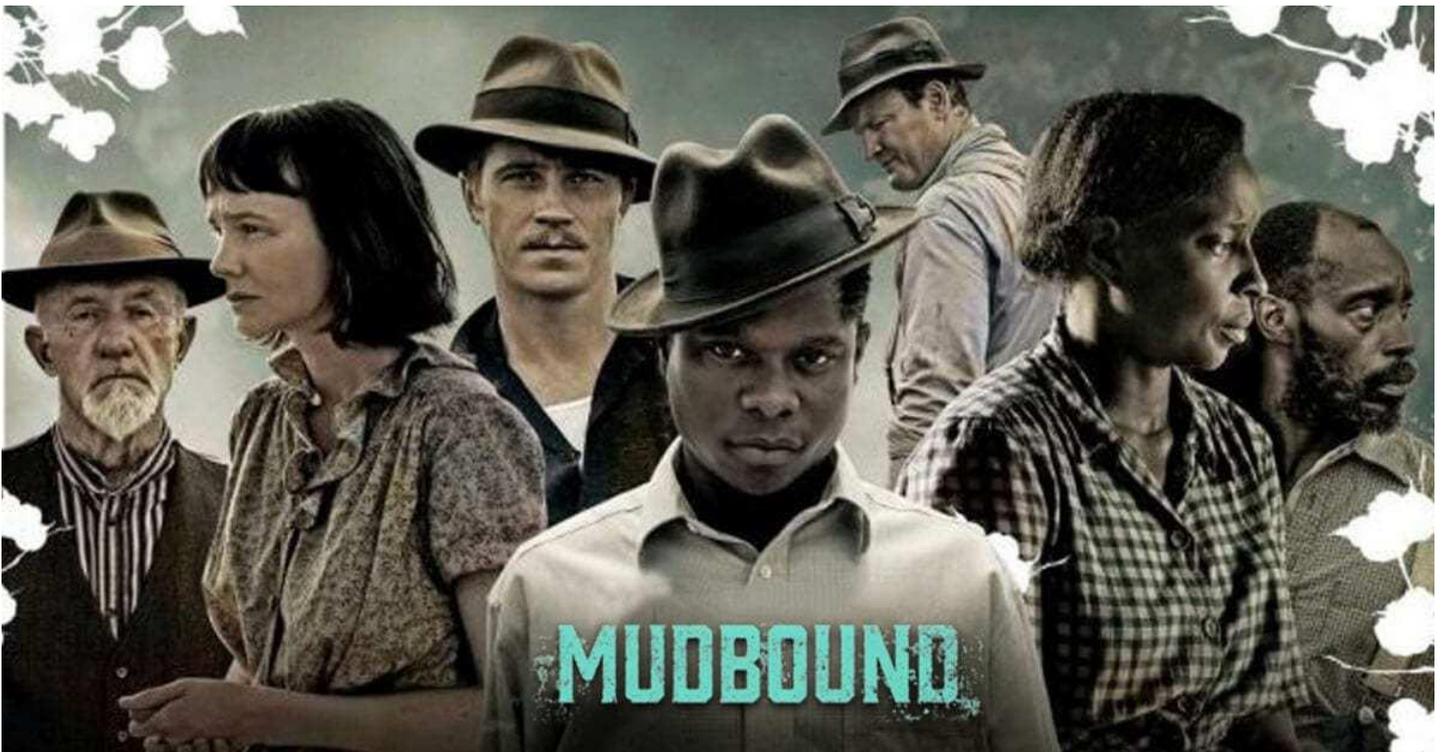
As a church, we are very much a part of the current *I-can't-believe-this-is happening* culture. I miss seeing my fellow congregants and I miss singing with the choir. I await the Newsletter each month so I can catch up on who's going to be a year older soon, and yes, I do read the entire Newsletter, but anyone who knows me, also knows that birthdays are of particular interest to me. The listing allows us the privilege of wishing that person sincere happiness especially in the midst of uncertainty. We know that this too shall pass... it might be a one-day-at-a-time process, but, let's remember that we are surrounded by God's 24/7 messengers, the angels who let us know that God loves us, and that we are never alone. Be blessed.

Gale J. Isaacs



When you feel lost, pause and look closely around you. Somewhere, somehow, an ANGEL will be waiting to guide you home.

We are never so lost that Angels can't find us.



## MUDBOUND: A REVIEW

An extensive review of the film “Mudbound” that I read before writing this has humbled me by informing me of all I “missed “ in the film necessitating a rare need to watch it again. So it ranks right up there with “Parasite” the only other movie in recent memory that I have watched twice. The reviewer’s conclusion is ... “everyone who sees it will have their viewpoints challenged and perhaps enriched. Dee Rees, the director, and her crew have crafted an unforgettable plea for empathy and justice. This is not an easy film but it is essential.”

The film is set in post-World War II Alabama. No well-known actors, except Mary J. Blige, to me. It focuses on two families: the Jacksons who are black, and the McAllans who are white. Both are farming as neighbors and so there is always a contrast between the two families. Since I am presently reading the book by Isabel Wilkerson, I see the caste both families are in. Henry, the McAllan patriarch, resents his situation being in the low caste of being “mudbound” working his farm. Hap, the Jackson patriarch, accepts his family’s caste as African-Americans in the south.



Both families have someone who fought in the war. Jamie, Henry’s brother was a fighter pilot. Ronsel, Hap’s son, drove a tank. Both survive the war and return to their pre-war lives with no physical wounds. Jamie has psychological wounds resulting in him drinking heavily upon his return trying to erase the horrors of what he experienced in the war while returning to the McAllan caste of working a poor example of a farm. Having escaped his caste in Europe experiencing respect for what he did to help liberate the people of France, Ronsel returns to the caste system he left behind forced to exit the general store by the back door.

Jamie befriends Ronsel because he made the deal with God which I mentioned previously, that if he got out of a firefight in which his gunner and copilot died, he would do kind things. Ronsel was the recipient of his kindness. He befriended Ronsel, defended him without regard for his own safety and his own status with the “white people” of the community including his brother and father.

Now this is a movie I don’t want to say much more about so as to ruin it for others. Suffice it to say the cast were all terrific not sugarcoating the very “hard” lives all were living. It is based on a book by Hillary Jordan which is fiction, but certainly there were probably numerous instances similar to those during and following the war.

~ Pastor Wayne

**PLEASE** review this Prayer List and let Laura or Pastor Wayne know of any updates, deletions, or additions.

thank you!



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

Friends & family of Olivia Elizabeth Franklin, Gale Isaac's mother, who passed away 7/19; Friends and family of Carol Wallace, who passed away 3/20;

Dennis King – prayer of thanks for improvement; Shirley Poole; Monna Stamm; Ken Fillingim; Peg Stamp - myeloma and back surgery; Eric Roeser – rotator cuff surgery; Julie Roeser - eye surgery; Perry Connor – “old” friend of Dan Hayes; Alice Austin's friend, Kathy Koonce – brain tumor; Ebony Avery and Stacey Foley, co-workers of Sarah Watkins – breast cancer; Julia Lochra's cousin, Les Salmon – 3<sup>rd</sup> spinal surgery; Tess Andrews brother, David Van Benschoten – multiple myeloma; Darcee W. – cancer has returned; Karen Rodgers – stage 4 cancer; Karen Post's friends: Blanca Hernandez – ovarian mass; Dr. Steve Rushton – lymphoma; and Sandy Murphy; Karen Post's cousin, Mike Harris – recurring prostate cancer; Lindsay Crocker's Nephew, Daniel Harman – health and healing; Karen Wright's mother, Carol Goodford – heart issues; Steve Klawiter's mother, Marylou – heart failure; Pam Klawiter's co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson – breast cancer; Larry Watson, Joan Stewart's son-in-law - ICV Stroke; Dennis King's sister, Beverly - several serious health issues; Holly Hans' sister, Heather House and her family; Holly Hans' mother, Carol Hardy; Shannon Thomsen's niece, Kylie Gardner – tumors and Turner Syndrome; Paul & Kerri Blanchard's son, Jason, mental disability; Chuck Wallace, Don Wallace's nephew, health problems; Mary Langworthy's son Kyle's Father in Law, Jim Jackson - Multiple Myeloma; Mary Langworthy's nephew, Blake Evans - Chron's disease, surgery for severe fistulas and going through a bad divorce/child custody battle; Christine Brennecke - Corticobasal Syndrome; Susie, Benjamin and Bryce Lowe.



## **October**

October 1	Kristin Hayduk
October 2	Tim Clark Connie Fortmeyer Page Gough
October 5	Keara Grayson Doris Weden
October 8	Avery Britt
October 10	Scott Lokken
October 14	Tom Harrison
October 25	Amy Macurdy Thomas Isaacs

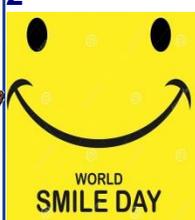
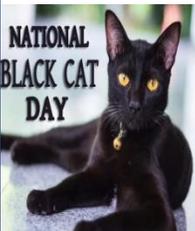
## **November**

November 2	Maddie Terrazas
November 2	Carolyn Watkins
November 3	Pastor Mike Deal
November 4	Paul Savolainen
November 5	Michael Eggert
November 5	Tess Andrews
November 7	Dennis King Benjamin Gerald Lowe
November 8	Jeremy Hans
November 11	Mark Macurdy
November 15	Ryan Johnson
November 17	Kari Britt
November 21	Ryan Roof
November 22	Bobby Grayson
November 22	Brad Hunnicutt
November 23	Christopher Hayduk Don Wallace
November 24	Jason Blanchard
November 28	Terry Barnes
November 29	Lindsay Crocker



*Please* let Laura know of any Birthdays that need to be added!  
*Thank you!!*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Sunday Worship Schedule Remains:</b>            10 am – Live Stream Virtual Worship            From the Sanctuary            11 am – Outdoor Worship in the            Outdoor Chapel  <b>Eucharist – First Sunday of the Month</b></p>				<p>1   <i>International            Coffee Day</i></p>	<p>2             WORLD  <b>SMILE DAY</b></p>	<p>3             Blessing            of Pets</p>
<p>4 10 am Virtual            Worship            11 am  </p>	5	<p>6 <i>German</i>    <i>American</i>  <b>Day</b></p>	7	8	9	10
<p>11 10 am Virtual            Worship            11 am  </p>	<p>12   <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b></p>	13	<p>14 <b>NATIONAL</b>  <i>Dessert day</i>  </p>	15	<p>16 <b>HAPPY</b>  <b>BOSS'S</b>  <b>DAY!</b></p>	<p><b>OCT 17</b>            WORLD DAY FOR  <b>OVERCOMING            POVERTY</b></p>
<p>18 10 am Virtual            Worship            11 am  </p>	19	<p>20 <b>NATIONAL</b>  <b>BLACK CAT</b>  <b>DAY</b>  </p>	21	22	23	24
<p>25 10 am Virtual            Worship            11 am  </p>	26	<p>27 <b>National</b>  <b>Black Cat Day</b>  </p>	<p>28 <i>National</i>  <b>Chocolate</b>  <b>Day</b>  </p>	29	30	<p>31 <b>Halloween</b>  </p>



# October

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

## *Beating Anxiety*

Day 1: Job 23:12

Day 2: Mark 11:24

Day 3: Job 19:25

Day 4: John 16:33

Day 5: Psalm 34:14

Day 6: Psalm 34:18

Day 7: James 5:13

Day 8: I Peter 5:7

Day 9: Romans 12:12

Day 10: Matthew 11:28-30

Day 11: Isaiah 41:10

Day 12: Psalm 27:10

Day 13: II Corinthians 12:9

Day 14: Psalm 55:22

Day 15: Psalm 23

Day 16: James 1:2

Day 17: Galatians 6:9

Day 18: Matthew 6

Day 19: Psalm 91:1

Day 20: I Peter 4:13

Day 21: Romans 8:39

Day 22: II Corinthians 1:3-4

Day 23: Proverbs 24:10

Day 24: Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 25: Ephesians 3:20-21

Day 26: John 10:10

Day 27: Psalm 4:8

Day 28: John 14:27

Day 29: Psalm 29:11

Day 30: Hebrews 4:16

Day 31: James 5:10-11

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.  
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*

