

The Ringer

September 2022 Newsletter

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¹³ "But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Luke 14:13-14 NRSV

I recently read about a Nebraskan who grew an 800+ pumpkin, carved it out and floated for 12 hours down the Missouri River! It was impressive. I have been to many a fair in my day and have marveled at the huge pumpkins that are on display-and have wondered also "what in the world are these used for?" Now I know! Or did Duane Hansen do it for another reason? He did actually. He had heard of an Ohioan attempting to break a Guinness Book World Record by floating over 25 miles in a pumpkin! Duane said "hold my beer!" (Well, actually not, he had a cup holder in his pumpkin!) To say the least I was impressed that he floated for 38 miles and blew the record out of the water. (And Yes, I LOVE THIS STORY)

I am amazed at the lengths people will go to get noticed. As social beings it is important for many to get a headline now and again. Last month when I was on vacation my cousin brought with him copies of about 400 pages of our local newspapers archives. They are now available free online and are searchable; and he did just that, searching for mentions of our friends and family and teachers that we might be interested in. It lent itself to some interesting conversations. What made for news in a small town would be considered trivial by larger standards, but after fifty years it was nice to see mundane stories that we were surely quite proud of back then. Being noticed is important.

Through Christ our eyes are opened to the least. The rest of world may say "why notice them, they can't do anything for you?!" but in Christ we were noticed and we were loved and we were incorporated into the greatest story ever told. Let us notice others!

In Christ

Pastor David

Council News

Council Highlights for August 4th Meeting

The Redeemer Council met with the Councils of St. Johns and Immanuel Lutheran churches to discuss how the three ELCA Churches of Salina could come together to help serve the community and share ministries and fellowship with each other on Saturday August 27th. The meeting went well with the first steps being that the churches will share event calendars with each other so that members from each congregation have the opportunity to attend events at the other churches if they so wish. Plans were also made to come back together at the end of September to discuss what other initiatives the three churches would like to take together.

Also Pastor attended a seminar on August 17th on how to better help and serve those with PTSD.

The Council would like to remind everyone that Godly Play starts on Wednesday September 7th, with the meal starting at 5:30pm so get the kiddos and invite their friends to come have fun on Wednesday nights!

The Council would also like to thank the members of the Endowment Committee for approving and working with the council to set aside a sub account from the endowment for future AC replacement that the Council and Church has been told will need to talk place possibly over the next 5-10 years.

And lastly the Council would like to send out a huge thank you to the Redeemer Treasurer Jan Jackson for the numerous hours of her time she volunteers to make sure that the bills are all paid and everything financially is straight for our church. It is a very tough, demanding, and sometimes thankless job so from all of us at Redeemer thank you again Jan!

God Bless,

The Redeemer Council

Redeemer Endowment and Memorial Committee funds are available to our members by application. There are application guidelines for each committee. For more information please contact Wayne Keeler for endowment & Cheryl Itschner for memorial.



The Endowment Fund

Council News

Treasurer's Report for end of July

Total Income \$136,905
 Budgeted Income \$223,840
 Total Expense \$158,352
 Budgeted Expense \$263,608
 Mortgage Balance \$276,212



If you are interested in keeping the Blessing Box stocked, please contact the office. We'd like to build a rota for the once-weekly duty of picking up groceries from the Food Bank, so that the present crew get some relief.

	7/31/2022	7/31/2021
Money in Bank		
Operating fund	61.41	5,384.22
Youth Group	2321.02	811.23
Memorial Fund	17,055.50	5,504.26
Total fund Bank VI	\$ 19,437.93	\$ 11,699.71
Mortgage checking	6014.22	\$ 6,014.22
MMA -special projects	1,600.38	
Edward Jones	\$ 10,049.15	\$ 9,666.31
ELCA Checking	\$ 581.62	\$ 578.36
ELCA Endowment fund	\$ 210,661.21	\$ 236,182.56
Endowment fund allocated AC replacement	\$ 5,747.00	
TOTAL ELCA Endowment Fund	\$ 216,408.21	
Mortgage	\$ 276,212.76	\$ 296,762.67
Monthly Income - excluding Additional mortgage paydown	\$ 17,091.73	\$ 15,448.00
Monthly expenses	\$ 24,366.11	\$ 14,254.38
Net Income	\$ (7,274.38)	\$ 1,193.62

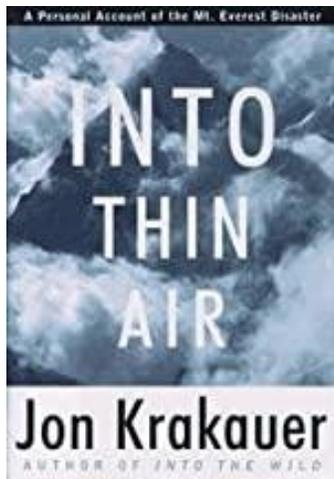
Year total		Projected % of budget
YTD Budget Projection		58%
Total Income (does not include additional funds that pay down on Mortgage)	\$ 136,905.41	61%
Budgeted Income for year (Keep in mind that our budgeted income is low by almost \$40000)	\$ 223,840.00	
Required income to meet expense projection - We are low by 6% based on the NEEDED income for 2022	\$ 263,608.88	52%
total expenses YTD	\$ 158,352.42	60%
Budgeted Expense	\$ 263,608.88	
Mortgage Balance	\$ 276,212.76	

Redeemer News

Begins Wednesday,
September 7 at 5:30 p.m.
Register via the form on
page **12** of this newsletter.



PAGETURNERS



4 PM on Tuesday, September 20th

Into Thin Air

By Jon Krakauer

Meet at Ya-Ya's

Host & Leader: Rick Henderson



for Godly Play!

Looking for volunteers,
Redeemer men & women, to
help prepare meals & clean up
afterwards. If you are able to
commit to working two to
three times a month, fall and/or
spring or both, that would be a
big help! Please call Charlotte
Herrman 643-9445 or Sue
Mettlen 658-5642.

Please and thank you!

Creation Care Team news & information

God's Work, Our Hands September 11

September 11 is God's Work, Our Hands Sunday this year. We will partner with Immanuel and St. John's (the downtown ELCA churches).

At 9:30 we will have a joint worship service at Immanuel, 255 S. 7th Street.

Afterward you can choose among 3 projects:

Cleanup at Oakdale Park

Cleanup at Salina Grace (homeless shelter)

Making baskets of goodies at St. John's (for shut-ins)

There's work for every age and ability, so we hope you all will join us!

Cleanup at Oakdale Park September 11

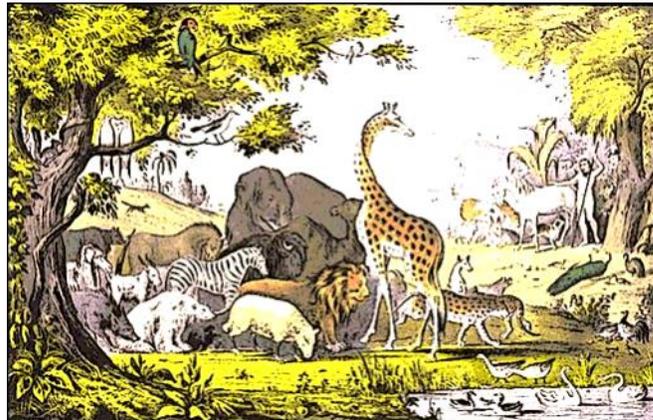
If you want to work outside that morning, we'll be picking up trash in Oakdale Park (and even Kenwood Park if we have enough people).

After the 9:30 worship service at Immanuel, we will walk, drive or bike to Oakdale and **meet at the Eric Stein Stage** to get our 'marching orders.'

If possible, please **bring**:

Work gloves

Small bags for putting trash in (the Park & Rec department will provide)



Season of Creation:

September 18 - October 2

All around the world, Christians are uniting to pray and take action for our common home. As people of faith, we are called to till and keep God's garden, and to participate in the renewal of the whole inhabited Earth, so that life may flourish and all may have a just and sustainable home.

Three Sundays to Celebrate

The ecumenical Season of Creation lasts from September 1 through October 4. But since we participate in God's Work Our Hands on September 11, Redeemer will celebrate just 3 Sundays of the Season of Creation this year.

September 18: Celebrate Local Foods

The Creation Care Team will provide the snacks after both services, with ingredients grown by local farmers.

October 2: Celebrate Our Animal Friends

To honor the Feast of St. Francis on October 4, we will have a Blessing of the Animals service on October 2. Weather permitting, we will worship outdoors, so you may **BRING YOUR PETS! (10:30 service only - no crocodiles, please).**

(If you prefer, you may bring photos of your pets, or stuffed animals, or pictures of wild animals.)

Support Your Local Farmers & More!

Fresh produce, meat, honey,
eggs, cheese, and more!

~Tuesday afternoons~

Harvest Farmers Market

Emmanuel Church

1325 E. Cloud Street

4:00—7:00 PM

Outdoors (usually);

Indoors in inclement weather

~Wednesdays~

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Elmore Center

(Front Street & Crawford, across

From Central High School)

Outdoors

~Saturday mornings~

Salina Farmers Market

Waters Hardware parking lot

460 S. Ohio

7:30—11:00 AM

Outdoors

~Tuesday thru Saturday~

10:00 AM—6:00 PM Tues-Thurs

10:00 AM—5:00 PM Fri-Sat

PrairieLand Market

305 E. Walnut Street

Indoors



Healing Hope

Grief Support Group

September 6 @ 11:30 1st Tuesday

Perkins Restaurant

September 15 @ 5:30 evening group

At Hospice of Salina

September 20 @ 2 PM 3rd Tue

At Hospice of Salina

JUST A SHOUT OUT THANK YOU to Wally Koers for supplying the coffee beans that we keep in the freezer and grind, here at Redeemer, for years!!!

In the past the coffee was a special Shepard's Blend made in Amarillo, TX. The coffee has changed and is now coming from the Blacksmith Coffee Shop & Roastery out of Lindsborg. It is a totally different flavor, but a medium black full body coffee that offers us a change.

If anyone ever has a question about the coffee beans in the freezer or the grinding process, please let me know.

THANKS AGAIN WALLY!



Redeemer News

“GUYS” (Gearing Up Your Spirit) This is a very active group of Redeemer Men who meet monthly on the second Tuesday for a meal, Bible study and search for outreach activities. We do not meet during the summer: June, July and August. Otherwise, it occurs every month on the second Tuesday from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Our regularly scheduled meeting time is the second Tuesday of the month, September 13, 6:30 pm at the church.

If you are willing to come and provide the meat dish, please respond to this email.

Thanks!



Also, I welcome any suggestions as to programming for the fall.

Tom Mertz

MEN'S GROUP

List of items needed from each Congregation for Joy Baskets for God's Work Our Hands Sunday

Redeemer (8 baskets)

4 dozen cookies

Brownies (32 individual pieces)

24 Beef sticks (individually wrapped)

16 small packages of trail mix

16 packages of cheese and crackers

8 small packages of powdered sugar donuts



Redeemer News

Mark your calendars for EDUCATION SUNDAY on September 18. We will install and bless those who make Godly Play, Rejoicing Spirits, GUYS, Women's Life Group & Page Turners possible.



The Breakfast Club will meet at Perkins Restaurant every second Thursday at 8:30 AM. Hoping to see you there on August 11th!

I received the following information recently about Lutheran World Relief. If we as members of Redeemer Lutheran would like to continue working with Lutheran World Relief please let me know and let me know how you would like to see us continue. I would be happy to head up doing Baby Kits again (or any type of kit) I just need to know if I have backing of people both help wise and financially as I know we don't have any money in the budget for this.

~Debbie Beckman

To Members of the Central Conference

From Del



Lutheran World Relief

Several of you have been asking about the ingathering of quilts, school kits and layettes for Lutheran World Relief. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has withdrawn from Lutheran World Relief, therefore Trinity Lutheran in Salina will no longer be the place to bring all these materials. Marty Ryan from St. John's in Salina has been in contact with the Baltimore office of Lutheran World Relief. She has graciously volunteered to serve as the chairperson for the ingathering and the ingathering will be held sometime in November and it will be here at St. John's Lutheran. The exact date has not yet been determined and we will let you know as soon as we know. Could you please let your women know this information. If you have any questions, Marty's phone number is 785-342-1932. Marty would also like to know how many will be bringing materials.

Lectionary for September

September 4 — 13th Sunday after Pentecost

[Deuteronomy 30:15-20](#)

[Psalm 1:3](#)

[Philemon 1-21](#)

[Luke 14:25-33](#)



²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

September 11 — 14th Sunday after Pentecost

[Exodus 32:7-14](#)

[Psalm 51:1-10](#)

[1 Timothy 1:12-17](#)

[Luke 15:1-10](#)



¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep

that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

September 18 — 15th Sunday after Pentecost

[Amos 8:4-7](#)

[Psalm 113:7](#)

[1 Timothy 2:1-7](#)

[Luke 16:1-13](#)



¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in

Lectionary for September cont'd

a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

September 25 — 16th Sunday after Pentecost

[Amos 6:1a, 4-7](#)

[Psalm 146:7](#)

[1 Timothy 6:6-19](#)

[Luke 16:19-31](#)

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"



Come worship with us on Saturday,
 September 10th
 at 11 AM

Rejoicing Spirits is for individuals of all abilities
 Bring the whole family & find new friends!
Food, Fun & Fellowship

Partners in Ministry

ALTAR GUILD: Rod & Rosemary Anderson and Janet Whitaker

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 8:00 SERVICE

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Greeters	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">9:30</p> <p><u>Greeters</u> Janet Whitaker & Kahlan Metcalfe</p> <p><u>Ushers</u> Tom & Mary Mertz</p> <p><u>Communion</u> Kathy Lowman</p> <p><u>Lector</u> Ted Wire</p> <p><u>Sound</u> Ray Beckman</p> <p><u>Fellowship</u> Volunteer</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">9:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Combined Worship at Immanuel</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">God's Work Our Hands</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Three projects after Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Fellowship</p> </div>	Gary & Sue Mettlen	Ted & Barbara Wire
Ushers			Ted Wire & Kathy Lowman	Ted Wire
Communion			Cheryl Itschner	Gary Mettlen
Lector			Jan Jackson	Charlotte Herrman
Sound			Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen
			Tom & Mary Mertz	
PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 10:30 SERVICE				
Greeters			Jim & Viv Cook	Joe & Kathy Heinrich
Ushers			Joe Plumer & Mike Ramage	Grant & Kris Johanson
Communion			Janet Whitaker	Kris Neff
Lector			Marty Holmquist	Mary Mertz
Sound			Mary Mertz	Ray Beckman
Fellowship			Creation Care Team (both services)	Callahan



Are you looking for an opportunity to serve?
 The Altar Guild welcomes new members & we would love to have you join us. It usually involves setting up or cleaning up communion for one month at a time, however more than one-month positions are available. Please contact Viv Cook at 785-502-5346 if you are interested.

Thank you!

Godly Play registration

2022-2023 Godly Play Registration

Please complete this registration for your children **3 years old through 4th grade**. Return this form to Redeemer or mail to: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 743 East Magnolia, Salina, KS 67401 or call 827-8195 to register by phone.

Begins September 7, 2022



Wednesday Night Schedule:

5:30-6:00 Light Dinner
6:00-6:10 Sending
6:15-7:15 Godly Play

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Age: ___ School grade entering this year: _____

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Age: ___ School grade entering this year: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Address _____

Cell Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Medical considerations/Allergies: _____

PERMISSION: Do you agree to have your child's picture taken for part of the program and possible display on bulletin boards, church publicity and the church website without his/her name. Circle: **Yes** **No**

CONTACTS: Debbie Beckman 452-5662 rdjj421@cox.net
 Carol Keeler 493-5485 cwkeel13@cox.net

Redeemer Celebrations for September



Wedding

Anniversaries

- 3 Dan & Janet Gill
- 4 Jim & LaNita Pratt
- 13 Wayne & Carol Keeler
- 17 Ken & Tresa Mayfield
- 17 Aaron & Amanda Nuss
- 27 Tom & Sandi Drown

- 2 Ayden Whitaker
- 3 Phyllis Harris
- 6 Mary Mertz
- 7 Nancy Harding
- 12 Jon Plumer
- 19 Jordan Alstatt
- 21 Kheaven Washburne
- 22 Corey Pennington
- 25 Kahlan Metcalfe
- 26 Gus Peterson
- 27 Jan Jackson
- 29 Kayla Nuss



September
BIRTHDAYS

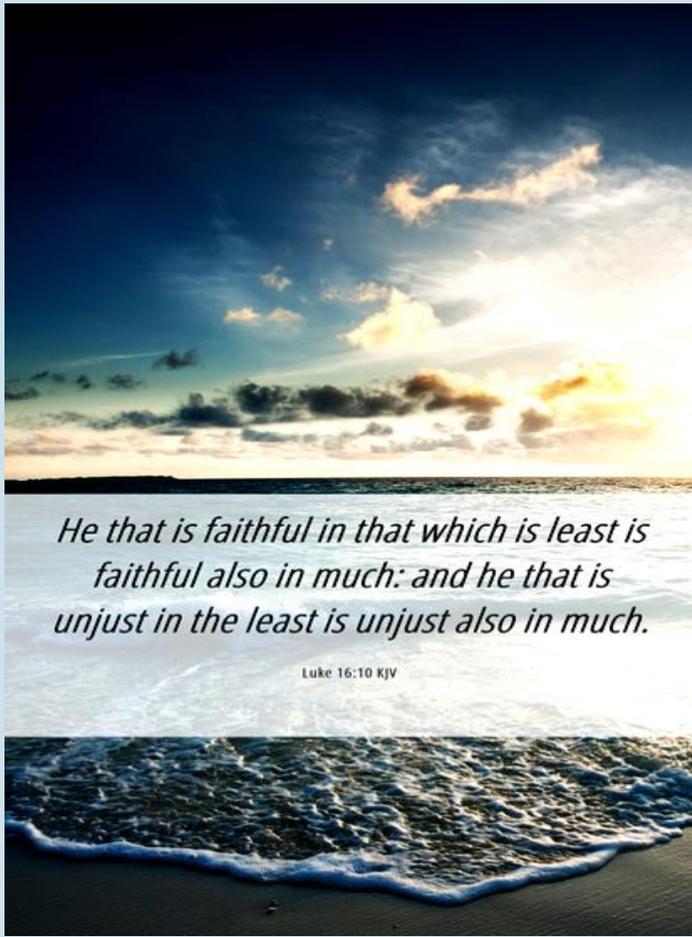
Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The October newsletter deadline is September 26th at 12:00 pm.** Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 115 Women's Life Group 600 Church Council	2	3
4 930 Worship 1030 Fellowship	5 LABOR DAY Office Closed	6	7 1000 Bible Study 515 Education	8 830 Breakfast Club 115 Women's Life Group	9	10 1100 Rejoicing Spirits 
11 GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS 930 Worship 1030 Fellowship	12	13 630 GUYS dinner	14 1000 Bible Study	15 930 Silver Needles Sew-In 115 Women's Life Group	16	17
18 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship EDUCATION SUNDAY	19 600 Silver Needles	20 400 Page Turners	21 1000 Bible Study	22 115 Women's Life Group	23	24
25 800 Worship 1030 Worship 1130 Fellowship	26 1200 Newsletter Deadline	27	28 1000 Bible Study	29 115 Women's Life Group	30	



for worship services
always available!



He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Luke 16:10 KJV

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Weekly Church Events

Sunday Worship until September 18

9:30 Worship
Fellowship after service

Sunday Worship after September 18

8:00 and 10:30 Worship services
Fellowship after second service

Rejoicing Spirits

2nd Saturday every month
11:00 AM Worship

Wednesday morning

10:00 Bible Study

Organist: Ruth Mirtz

Choir & Bell Choir Director: Ann Metcalfe

2022 Council

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