

Cross of Christ News

A Note from Pastor Sherry October 2009

Greetings to you all! What a beautiful month! The sanctuary has been adorned with the fruits of the earth, and the fall colors are gorgeous. We are very blessed to be here and now in God's kingdom to celebrate all that is new and fresh and to cherish all that has come to us in the past.

This year for our stewardship focus we are asked to take an inventory of our lives. Are we making decisions that build up the body of Christ? Are we empowering one another to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ? How are we spending our first fruits? What gifts have we been given by the Holy Spirit that we have yet to tap into? And keep it simple! What is your impact on our environment? Can we simplify? What about spending habits? Or, what about your commitment to Christian Education? Now is the time take that inventory and to rearrange in order to set priorities. I have to do this often because I get busy with other "stuff" and lose sight on how I had set my priorities. Review, re-focus, and commit. This doesn't mean that as we grow in Christ that we are not called into new leadership and servant roles, or that we are able to change financial commitments as we are called. But it does mean that we are focusing on our call to stand in solidarity with those who are suffering, and serving one another as we have been served.

One of the blessings of being called as a family in Christ is that we are always working through the ups and downs of what it means to be a broken human being together, an actual family! And when we recognize that we are all sinners redeemed by our Lord and Savior through the blood of the Lamb, we are set free again to simplify our lives...serve and be served, love and be loved, to be good stewards. This requires no judging. Our response to God's grace is a celebration of time talents and treasures that we are

returning to God to use to further the Gospel message! What a blessing and what a gift we have been given.

So let us get busy with the business of God! Go tell it on the mountain! And live life celebrating what we have been given! We are servants of the Lord accountable to the Lord and to the family of Christ. Let us go forth boldly to live a simpler life with a heavy message of relationship and reconciliation with our Lord and Savior!

"Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together." Psalm 34.3

God's Peace,

Pastor Sherry

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Readings and Lessons for the month of October 2009

October 4th:	Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16
October 11th:	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31
October 18:	Isaiah 53:4-12 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
October 25, Reformation Sunday:	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

WANTED!

Give me an S!
Give me an O!
Give me a U!
Give me a P!
Put it together: SOUP!
Bring in Soup for Brother Dan's Food Pantry.

COLLECTION REMINDERS: We are collecting the following items:

- Campbells UPCs/Lids for assisting Shepherd's Ministries— can in foyer
- Pop can tabs for assisting the McDonald House—in Campbells can
- Oleson's receipts for Pastor's Discretionary Fund—in Campbells can
- Returnable cans and bottles for the Youth—plastic can in foyer
- Used household batteries for recycling— designated cans at soup collection point
- Soup for Brother Dan's Food Pantry— wooden container near entrance way
- Frequent Diner Reward Cards from Bob-In, J.W. Filmore, etc.—secretary box
- old cell phones (functional or not) - bag at soup collection point

Do you check your e-mail on a regular basis? Could you spare a few minutes to place a phone call? If you said yes to both, we need your assistance. Our congregation members without e-mail need someone to call them when prayer requests are sent out. If you are willing to place a phone call, drop a note in the SECRETARY box to let Tricia, the church secretary, know or e-mail her at CofCoffice@sbcglobal.net.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!



We are looking for homemade baked goods that can be frozen (cookies, banana bread, etc.) to be used as a back up for Emergency Sunday Fellowship coffee hour. If you have time to bake an extra tray, place the goodies into a ziplock bag and label it Sunday Fellowship and just slip them into the freezer in the Lower fellowship area. *We are also seeking communion bread bakers.*

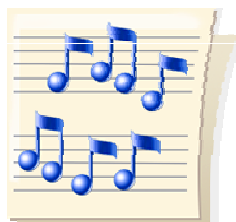
MEMORIALS

Are you looking for a way to honor or remember someone? At Cross of Christ you can give an honorarium or a memorial. When you do, the name is calligraphied in our Memorial book which you can see as you enter the sanctuary. The memorials and honorariums are non-restricted and help us grow in many ways. There are envelopes found on the memorial book or you can contact the office for more. (347-5448 or crossofc@sbcglobal.net)

Invitations

Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Lansing, MI, with the support of the North/West Lower MI and Southeast Michigan Synods is hosting musical artists Agape*, Lost and Found, and Rachel Kurtz for a *Jesus, Justice, Jazz: The Tour* concert on Friday, October 9th at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10/advance, \$15/door, \$20 gets you a download card with songs from each artist. All proceeds are going towards ELCA World Hunger. To register, e-mail j3tourlansing@gmail.com and supply the following information:

- ▷ Congregation's name, phone, and address
 - ▷ Contact person's name and cell phone #
 - ▷ Number of people attending
 - ▷ Your ServantLife assignment from the ELCA Youth Gathering (if you attended)
 - ▷ How you will be arriving at the concert (bus, van, car, plane, etc.)
 - ▷ If you plan to stay for a lock-in Friday night *and services projects on Saturday*
- Contact person: Pastor Matt Smith 517-482-3225
(see the poster on the bulletin board for more information about the tour)



Our new church musician and choir director, Julie Pierpont, wishes to remind everyone that choir practice is open to all individuals middle school and older. Choir meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Please Join Us! You can contact Julie at 622-1893 if you have any questions.



A small snippet from the September newsletter from Trinity Lutheran in Frankfort, MI:

DOOR—OPENER

When the book of Acts (see 16:25-26) reports that Paul and Silas sang in the Philippian jail at midnight, it doesn't record whether they were basses or tenors. It doesn't even report if they sang on key. It simply says they sang. And as they sang, there was an earthquake and the prison doors were opened.

Many of life's doors open more easily when we sing. So why not open some doors by joining the choir?

RECEPTION FOR MUSIC AND CHOIR DIRECTOR, JULIE PIERPONT, WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, FOLLOWING THE SINGLE 10 AM SERVICE AND AS A PRELUDE TO THE REFORMATION DINNER.

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News for all members of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod July 2009

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Living Water Ministries is a shared mission of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod and the South-east Michigan Synod. In addition to the many camping programs provided during the summer months, Living Water Ministries hosts several retreats throughout the year, some of which are listed below. For more information, visit www.elcalivingwater.com or call **989-848-2230**.

Women's Retreat October 2-4, 2009 at Michi-Lu-Ca Led by: Lisa Jeffreys Cost: \$75 for meals and accommodations

Calling all busy women! Do you need a few days away to just relax, breathe and be with other women? This lightly structured retreat is for women who want to just get away, meet some new friends and have time of their own with very little responsibility or programming. Bring your favorite books or crafts and find a spot in the woods of your very own.

Greening Our Spirits, Greening Our Congregations October 9-10, 2009 at Michi-Lu-Ca Led by: Kim Winchell, Diaconal Minister Cost: \$75 for meals and accommodations

Calling all congregational "green team" members, or clergy and laity who are interested in beginning a congregational earthkeeping group! Come for a time of renewal, encouragement, and support for leading and maintaining congregational earthkeeping efforts. This retreat offers time for group discussion, sharing helpful ideas and resources, and reflection along the camp's special hiking trails. Members of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod's EarthKeeping Opportunities Team (EKO Team) will also help with this retreat.

Quilting Retreat October 16-18, 2009 at Michi-Lu-Ca Led by: Jean Coleman Cost: \$95 for meals, accommodations, and materials.

This workshop is set up for teams of two to learn and execute the construction of two quilts as we fellowship together. Participants need not know how to do quilt piecing to attend this workshop. One person will be the sewer, the other the presser and cutter. Fabric for a fast, easy nine patch lap quilt measuring about 40" x 40" will be provided. Participants are asked to provide fabric for a second quilt. Patterns for both will be provided. Supply lists will be sent with registrations.

Scrapbooking Retreat November 6-8, 2009, or March 19-21, 2010 at Michi-Lu-Ca Led by: Pastor Sherry McGuffin Cost: \$75 for meals and accommodations

Pray! Crop! Pray! Lavish yourself in a weekend getaway with your own scrapbooking table in a beautiful rustic environment. Exchange scrapbook secrets and faith stories as you layout the perfect page. Work till dawn or sleep all day, but don't worry about the cooking. We'll take care of that! Bring a friend and crop till you drop! Registrants must be 18 years of age or older.

Youth Director Retreat November 12-14, 2009 at Michi-Lu-Ca Led by: Pastor Julie Bailey & Eric Travis Cost: \$75 for meals and accommodations

Spend time in fellowship with other youth directors, lavish in the wooded comfort of God's creation, and revive your own energies in a camp weekend that you didn't have to coordinate or plan. A weekend designed to rejuvenate your spirit and make you laugh with your colleagues. Enjoy this break to refresh yourself with other disciples called to strengthen the faith of our youth.

Council News:

Look on the bulletin board for meeting minutes.

COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12th AT 7 PM

Council members are asked to contact the church office if they cannot attend in order to be excused. You can reach the church office at 347-5448 or CofCoffice@sbcglobal.net. The congregation is invited to attend the council meetings each month. The sessions are open and we welcome visitors. If you would like to add to the agenda, please contact Bryan Young at 439-9237.

Council Members—area code 231

Term Expires Jan 2010:

Trudy Day 348-5834
Marilynn Smith 622-4833
Bill Yingling 525-8950

Term Expires Jan 2011:

Jim Armstrong 347-1784
Vicki Morgan 548-5091
Joe Palm 347-2827

Term Expires Jan 2012:

Marla Hofmann 347-5073
Ernst Rusche 347-2108
Bryan Young 439-9237

OFFICE NEWS

Church office related items (newsletter/bulletin submissions, returned forms, re-usable bulletins, etc.) should be placed into one of the following mailboxes: **Bulletin Submissions**, **Newsletter Submissions**, or **Secretary**. They are all located on the bottom level of the mailboxes for your convenience. Remember, just to the left of the **Secretary** mailbox there are paper and pencils for notes to be written, etc. Remember something on a Sunday, that is business related and you need the church office to know about it? Write a note, put it in the **Secretary** mailbox and rest assured, Tricia will get it the next time she is in to work.

Pastor Sherry attends Pericope Study on Tuesdays. She will be in Traverse City from 7 a.m. and return to Petoskey around 1 p.m. You can email (cofcoffice@sbcglobal.net) or leave a message (347-5448) with the secretary, Tricia Rodgers, should you need to reach Pastor or conduct church business.

Secretary Hours:

Monday, Tuesday 9—noon
Thursday, Friday 9—11 a.m.

Pastor's office hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
9—noon
and by appointment (347-5448)

Submission Deadlines:

- *Newsletter: Hard copy submissions:* 10th of prior month
- *Newsletter: Electronic submissions: (disk or email):* 15th of prior month
- *Bulletin Announcements:* 11 am Monday before
- *Web Page:* 1 week in advance of desired publish date.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

Petoskey area Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month, 7—8:30 p.m., 1 Hiland Drive
(meetings are free and open—see their newsletter on bulletin board for more info)

The Compassionate Friends is an international nonprofit, self-help support organization which offers friendship, understanding, and hope to families who are grieving the death of a child. The Mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

CONSECRATION SUNDAY: Make it Simple and Reform!

Our Stewardship program will be celebrated on Sunday, October 25 at one service at 10AM followed by a wonderful German meal. We need your reservations, so **RSVP via email at crossofc@sbcglobal.net or through the enclosed reservation sheet by either mailing it to the church by October 21st or by dropping it into the offering plate.** We will try to call everyone who has not responded by October 21st. This is a meal where we will celebrate with one another how God has worked through our congregation and each member to share the Gospel in our area and across the world. Let us celebrate well together! As a family we have been blessed in doing wonders through our Church!

Time and Talent sheets will be mailed to you on Monday, October 12. When you look at the sheets and where you can share you gifts that God has given you, be honest...don't hide them under a bush! If you want to try something for the first time, we have a great leadership team that will help you along the way if you want it! They are great at making sure you have everything that you need to get the ministry started and completed! Just write it on your Time and Talents...and **ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER IN TALENTS!** If you see a gift in someone in our congregation, encourage them to check that off on their Time and Talent Sheet! What a way to build up the body of Christ!

ADULT FORUM meets in the sanctuary from 10-10:30 am or 10:45 (depending when choir needs to practice!) We will begin the forum this year reviewing the Small Catechism and then moving into the program: Marks of a Discipling Congregation and take a look at what it means to be a congregation with a great story and great call through Christ. Grab a cup of coffee and meet and learn! We are never too old to share our experiences, our faith and to learn where Christ is calling us to be today in God's kingdom here and now!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH grades 9-12th

RSVP to events by signing up on the sheet near the office or by emailing the church at crossofc@sbcglobal.net

Meet on Sunday, October 4 from 7-8:30 pm at the church to put together fundraisers for mission trip to Alaska. We have our first fundraiser to organize to sell Christmas cards to the congregation. The meeting should only take about ½ hour and then we can play ping-pong and other games in the Lower Level Fellowship area. Bring a friend!

CONFIRMATION

- ▷ First class meets on Sunday, October 4 from 5 -7 pm with dinner. Bring your new Bible and Lutheran Handbook and look forward to lots of learning and good laughs!
- ▷ October 18: 5-7 pm at the church with your mentors. This day may run a little longer than 2 hours. We are watching a moving and having dinner...Make sure to remind your mentors!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:

will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 13th at 6 p.m. in the church yard. Please make sure that your pet is leashed and that you bring materials to clean up if your pet has made a mess. Water will be provided!

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study meets Monday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the church. We are studying the Gospel according to John. Bring your bible if you have one. Everyone is invited to attend.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH grades 6-8th

Remember to sign up for the events on the sheet near the office or by emailing the church at crossofc@sbcglobal.net

Meet on Tuesday, October 13 from 3:30-5:30 pm at the church in the Lower Level...a snack will be served and we will plan our calendar through December and then play games. Bring a friend...it should be a lot of fun!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

This year we have a brand new program from Augsburg Fortress called SPARK! and brand new teachers waiting for all of our students to return! What a great gift to give your children and the children in your neighborhood than Christian education! Invite your neighbors! The children will meet in the Lower level fellowship area from 9:45-10:45 am on most Sundays.

***NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25.
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS A FAMILY FOR THE
GERMAN REFORMATION DINNER AND STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION!***

STEWARDSHIP

MAKE IT SIMPLE!

Trying to simplify our lives affects not only our lives, but also our community. Through budgeting our funds and learning where we really do spend our money to recycling, in simplifying we learn that we can make a difference and eliminate stress in our lives. At Middle School Youth Group last month I asked the group what they would like to do this year. I was anticipating anything from Michigan Adventures to a road trip to the mall in Traverse City...but what I got was something completely different...One of our youth asked if we could adopt a grand parent at a nursing home! And another, can we join with another youth group and do something fun so that we can get to know kids better! Simplify...not go and spend money as if it grew on trees, but getting down to the basics: creating relationships. What a blessing it is to be a witness to the hearts of this group of children. What a blessing it is to get back to basics of serving and loving our neighbors...even those who are all alone.

Now is the time for your family to discern, how are we going to give the first fruits back to God? How is it that you can serve as an individual child of God in all of your uniqueness and as a family? How is it that you are part of the body of Christ?

And when you discern your tithe to the church, remember, your financial gifts go towards education, relieving world hunger, ending malaria, working with AIDS/HIV patients across the world, recovering from disasters, and opening new congregations. And here at Cross of Christ, your donations help to educate our children and adults, educate our community, remain good stewards of our building, and look to the future ministries of Cross of Christ.

Pray...pray that you hear where the Holy Spirit is leading you in returning your first fruits...what are your gifts? Have they changed? Do you see a different need in serving than what is listed? Then add it on!

Stewardship is our plan of returning the first gifts...so keep praying for one another and for our congregation as we move forward with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

CRAFT NIGHT Contact: Tricia Rodgers 347-4287

Crafters of all varieties are invited to join us for Craft Night on the first and third Fridays of each month beginning at 7 p.m. Bring your craft, a snack if you like, and join us for creativity, fellowship and fun. This month we will meet Friday, October 2nd and Friday, October 16th.

If you think you will be attending, please call the church (347-5448) or drop a line to cofcoffice@sbcglobal.net by noon that day. Forgot to RSVP? It's okay, come on up anyway.
Do you have a craft in mind that you'd like to try but don't know how to do? Let Tricia know and maybe she can find a teacher for you.

DEBORAH CIRCLE Contact: Dolores Wehrenberg 535-2942

The ladies of Deborah Circle will meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21st at the church.

ELDERBERRIES

**PRESIDENT: Norm Cutshall
347-2575**

**SECRETARY: Cyndi Yingling
525-8950**

The Elderberries will next meet at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16th at Sallie Lumadue's at the club house (1185 Hideaway Valley in Harbor Springs). Please call Sallie (242-8157) to RSVP and let her know what you bring to the potluck.

All retired members are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, call President Norm Cutshall at 347-2575. We always have a great meal, great Christian fellowship, and a short business meeting. You're guaranteed a good time and it's a great way to get to know some of your Christian family better.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**Contact: Marty Engel 347-1689, Susan Hoffman 348-8189
or Tom Olsen 347-1194**

The Church Hammers are hard at work and with two builds happening, we need you all the more! Look for opportunities to help out or contact Marty, Susan, and Tom directly to offer your personal talents and gifts. The Church Hammers Cookbooks are available for purchase. \$15/each. Please see Susan Hoffman or stop by the church office to purchase.

THURSDAY FREE LUNCH PROGRAM

Volunteer sign up sheets for the duration of the year are available on the coffee table. We are responsible for 3 Thursdays in October, and 3 in December. Sign up if you can provide food or stay and serve. The impact you can make in the lives of others is immeasurable, despite the simplicity of the act. We are serving more than 20 people now.

	GENERAL FUND	BENEVOLENCE FUND	PROPERTY FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	TOTAL
OPENING BAL.	11,357.89	5,212.31	13,535.49	163,534.76	193,640.45
+ INCOME	71,894.00	14,467.57	13,415.36	2,056.05	101,833.38
- EXPENSE	70,749.30	15,605.83	17,720.36	491.05	104,566.54
ENDING BAL.	12,502.59	4,074.05	9,230.89	165,099.76	190,907.29
2009 CHANGE	1,144.70	-1,138.26	-4,304.60	1,565.00	-2,733.16
		Synod: -451.32	Mortgage: -1488.24		

Birthdays

OCTOBER:

- 2: Jamie Linari
- 8: Joe McPherson
- 11: Patricia Avery
- 11: Noah Honaker
- 11: Russ Scott
- 13: Brian Morgan
- 15: Elisha Avery
- 16: Shelby Laser
- 16: Brendan Smith
- 19: Laeni Backus
- 20: Amber Michelsen
- 21: Molly Connin
- 23: Melanie Weaver
- 24: Gail Drake
- 25: Shawn Young
- 26: Christina Sears
- 30: Michael Drake
- 31: Lora Backus
- 31: Shannon Brown

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

- Ephesians 4:4-6

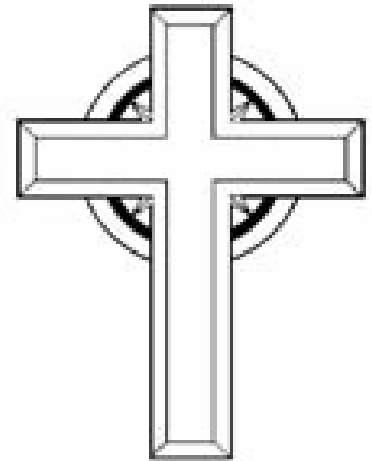
OCTOBER Wedding Anniversaries

- Oct. 23: Ron Marshall & Carolyn Matzinger
- Oct. 24: Don Honaker & Sue Finley

Baptism Anniversaries

OCTOBER:

- 1: Heather Engel
- 2: Bill Drake
- 2: Mitchell Tahtinen
- 6: Laeni Backus
- 7: Marla Hofmann
- 8: David Linari
- 10: Bill Heise
- 11: Courtney Doernenburg
- 14: Jamie Linari
- 15: Raleigh Goodspeed
- 15: Jamie Goodspeed
- 19: Vira Heise
- 25: Katie Doernenburg
- 29: Rachel Weaver
- 31: David Rodgers



VOLUNTEER/SERVER SCHEDULE

Oct. Recycling: Rodgers

Nov. Recycling: Morgan

	Greeter	Usher	Lector	Acolyte	Cantor	Deacon	Asst. Minister	Coffee Hour	Nursery	Lead Counter	Counter
Oct. 4 8:30 AM	Pemberton	Pemberton	Marilynn Smith	S. Armstrong	Choir	J. Armstrong	N/A	Morford	Samantha Young	G. Drake	Rusche
11 AM	Marshall/ Matzinger	Young	Lumadue	J. Young	C. Matzinger	B. Young	G. Drake	Manges/Wilder & Matzinger/ Marshall			
Oct. 11 8:30 AM	Scott	Rusche	D. Wehrenberg	J. Pemberton	N/A	Day	N/A	Munsterman	Meckstroth	D. Meckstroth	Marilynn Smith
11 AM	Meckstroth	B. Drake & M. Hansen	Matzinger	H. Jaskowski	Choir	B. Drake	B. Young	Meckstroth & Michelsen			
Oct. 18 8:30 AM	S&M Smith	Scott	C. Swender	S. Armstrong	Choir	Hamal	N/A	Olsen	Morgan	G. Engel	B. Young
11 AM	Morgan	Marshall/ Matzinger	J. Smith	N. Morgan		C. Matzinger	G. Drake	Morgan & Nayback/ McPherson			
Oct. 25 SINGLE 10 AM Service	Rodgers	Swender	B. Swender	G. Marshall	Choir	M. Hofmann	B. Young	Reception for Julie Pierpont	Hansen	C. Matzinger	D. Rodgers
Nov. 1 8:30 AM	D. Wehrenberg	Day	M. Michelsen	S. Armstrong	Choir	Marilynn Smith	N/A	Roberts	G. Marshall	D. Meckstroth	Jim Armstrong
11 AM	Sjoberg	Brown	Samantha Young	A. Young	C. Matzinger	Mike Smith	G. Drake	Sjoberg & D. Smith			
Nov. 8 8:30 AM	Bernier	Hamal	K. Hamal	J. Pemberton	N/A	J. Armstrong	N/A	Rusche	Samantha Young	V. Morgan	T. Day
11 AM	M&J Smith	M&J Smith	S. Woldt	J. Young	Choir	B. Young	B. Young	Somerville & Tahtinen			
Nov. 15 8:30 AM	Day	B. Hofmann	M. Hofmann	S. Armstrong	Choir	Day	N/A	Scott	Meckstroth	B. Drake	D. Tahtinen
11 AM	P&N Wehrenberg	Young	Josilyn Clark	H. Jaskowski	B. Young	B. Drake	G. Drake	Tollefson & P&N Wehrenberg			
Nov. 22 8:30 AM	Hamal	Meyer	Lewis	J. Pemberton	N/A	Hamal	N/A	Swender	Morgan	J. Palm	B. Pemberton
11 AM	Young	Drake	G. Drake	G. Marshall	Choir	C. Matzinger	B. Young	Woldt & Young			
Nov. 29 SINGLE 10 AM Service	Brown	Pemberton	J. Pemberton	N. Morgan	R. Morford	M. Hofmann	T. Rodgers	S&M Smith & Hansen	Hansen	D. Rodgers	G. Drake

All assignments were made from Time and Talent Sheets. Want to volunteer? Time and Talent Sheets are coming your way this month! Fill 'em out, turn 'em in!

October 2009

October 2009							November 2009						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				October 1 7:00pm Choir p.3	2 7:00pm Craft Night p. 8	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:30am Holy Communion Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Holy Communion Service 5:00pm Confirmation p.6 7:00pm Senior High Youth Group p. 6	10:00am Worship & Music Mtg 6:00pm Bible Study p.6	12:00am Pastor on Vacation	12:00am Pastor on Vacation	12:00am Pastor on Vacation 7:00pm Choir p.3		12:00am Newsletter Hard Copy Submissions Due
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30am Holy Communion Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Holy Communion Service 5:00pm Confirmation p.6	6:00pm Bible Study p.6 6:00pm Orchestra 7:00pm Manna	7:00am Pastor in TC	7:00am Reservations for German Dinner DUE 1:00pm Deborah Circle p.8	7:00pm Choir p.3	8:00am Don't forget your Time and Talent Sheets!	8:00am Girl Scout Training
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
12:00am Consecration Sunday 10:00am SINGLE Holy Communion Service 11:00am Reception for Julie Pierpont & German Dinner	6:00pm Bible Study p.6	7:00am Pastor in TC		7:00pm Choir p.3		

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*Empowered by
the grace of God
to love, lead, and
serve.*

October 2009

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Tues. Oct. 13:
Blessing of the
Pets: 6 p.m.**

**Sun. October 25:
Single 10 AM
Service
Followed by:
Reception for
Julie Pierpont
and our
German/
Reformation
Dinner**

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	<p>STEWARDSHIP: MAKE IT SIMPLE AND REFORM RSVP FOR DINNER</p>
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Our Stewardship and Reformation Dinner are on Sunday, Oct. 25th following a single service at 10 a.m. as well as a reception for Julie Pierpont, our new music and choir director. Whether you plan to attend or not, please complete this form and return to the church office (either by mail, e-mail to crossofc@sbcglobal.net, or by way of the offering plate) **NO LATER THAN OCT. 21st.**

Household: _____

Attending? Yes No # Attending: _____ Adults
 _____ Youth



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