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Sunday October 3

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Holy Communion

Sunday October 10

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Celebrate Service

Sunday October 17

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Holy Communion

Sunday October 24

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Fall Harvest Service

1st Stewardship Theme

Sunday October 31

Reformation Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Prayer & Healing

2nd Stewardship Theme



2010

Pastor's Page



I have to smile when I reflect on my family's first big move, which was to the United States. Jakub was 3 months old, and we were literally leaping forward on faith that

God would hopefully show us His path in good time. One Sunday a month before we left, someone from our congregation approached me and asked, "How are you planning to move everything?" And my immediate joking response was: "By the grace of God." One week later we were gifted with a donation of money that made it possible for us to finance our trip across the country to the airport and afford to check two extra bags. It turned out that we truly did move by the grace of God— via a generous gift of one of his disciples. As I reflect on this story, and remember those generous people from our past, I'm reminded that we have been blessed to be a blessing. And the best way to be a blessing is through a life of committed discipleship.

There are incredible things that lay ahead of us here, great ministries in the name of Jesus and I have no doubt that God is preparing us for revival. We have been praying for this moment, we have been waiting for this, now it is time to move forward as we share God's love and serve him in real

and visible ways. But to do so we have to tackle some challenges that lay ahead of us and one of them is our massive deficit. We have a stewardship campaign that's coming up through which we'll be looking at our financial commitment for the next year. I have faith that we'll be able to put together a bold budget that will reflect our excitement for Christ's ministry. But before we do that, we'll still have to cover this year's shortage. Right now our general monthly giving is about \$2,000 below what we need it to be in order for us to break even on an "operating basis". And this forces us to decrease our financial support of the broader church and its mission. (*Benevolence*).

Stewardship and giving aren't always easy to do, (or to talk about!) they take serious commitment and are often the most real way of living out our faith, for our giving affects the way we live our everyday lives. I have faith in the commitment of our congregation to serve Christ and I have no doubt that by the end of this year our deficit will be zero if not in surplus, but it will take serious dedication from every single member of Shepherd of the Hills, it will truly require all of us to take to heart the words of our Lord: You've been blessed to be a blessing.

Dear Lord, your riches are poured upon us every day, and many of your gifts we take for granted. Give us the faith to follow you, give us generous hearts to be a blessing and give us the courage to take a leap of faith towards costly discipleship. Amen

Worship

WEEKLY HOLY COMMUNION

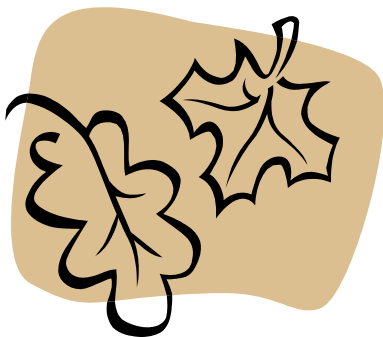
The Worship and Music Committee decided in their July meeting to go to weekly Holy Communion starting with the Fall Kick-Off Sunday on September 12th. Some of you might be asking, "Why weekly Holy Communion?" The truth is that weekly Holy Communion is practiced by the majority of the ELCA Lutheran Churches, and more importantly it is one of our two sacraments through which we come together as a church family and receive forgiveness of sins. Holy Communion is something Jesus Christ commanded us to do in the remembrance of his love and sacrifice for us. There are couple reasons why churches didn't take communion weekly in the past. The first is that Martin Lutheran once said, that communion should be taken at least twice or three times a year and so churches started to take communion twice or three times a year. Going back to weekly communion is like rediscovering that Christmas present we once received but over time we put it away and then one day realizing that it is still there available to us; we started to use it again.

As Lutherans we believe that in Holy Communion God is present in our midst through the body (wafer) and blood (wine) of his Son Jesus Christ and through these elements and the power of his Holy Word he liberates us from sin and gives life and salvation. This is something God is offering us as his children, we are excited to celebrate and receive this gift! If you have any questions regarding the sacrament of Holy Communion or would like to discuss this change further, please talk to Pastor Drahus.



FALL HARVEST

COME AND JOIN US FOR HARVEST HOME WORSHIP SERVICE



We are truly blessed daily as our Lord pours upon us the abundance of his gifts. We are blessed with families, friends, with material possessions, with time, talents and abilities, with our Church family and its support. Let us take a moment this year and thank the Lord for his blessings, during a special Harvest Home worship service. Help us decorate the sanctuary with mums and other appropriate fall harvest decorations and come to celebrate with grateful hearts the abundance of our Creator. The Harvest Home worship service will be on **October 24th**,


the orders for mums are in the newsletter and in the bulletin as well. Our church will be participating in Issaquah Food Drive again which will go through October 23rd. Harvest Home will be a nice way to celebrate this team effort of collection food for the hungry.



MUMS

If you already read the article about the Harvest Home Sunday you realized it is the time to order mums for Harvest Home worship service. The cost is \$6 per plant. Help to make our church beautiful on Sunday, **October 24th**. Please do not delay in placing your order. The form may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office. **The deadline for orders is October 10th!**

Quantity _____ X \$6 = Total Enclosed \$ _____

In  memory of _____
In _____ honor of _____
To _____ the Glory of God _____
By _____

CHOIR

The choir meets on Thursday at 7:30 to 8:30 in the sanctuary. We will meet EVERY Thursday so we can contribute to the worship service on a more consistent basis this year. We are committed to sing during worship on the first and third Sundays of the month. During other weeks of the month, the second and fourth Sundays are available for Celebrate service and for handbell choir. As a choir, this schedule is a step up from previous years but a welcome one for many of our singers who want to contribute more to worship. We look forward to seeing choir members from past years as well as those who are interested in joining us for the first time. Feel free to come and try us out for a few weeks if you have not done so.



If you have questions, please contact me for more information. Jeff Jewell - (425) 868-1579.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE AND PIE SOCIAL

Come and Join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service and a Pie Social. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 24th at 7:00 PM. We'll have an evening worship followed by wonderful fellowship full of pies. Please sign up if you're willing to bring a pie.

I will make and bring a _____ pie:
Name: _____ Phone: _____

MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR SPECIAL MUSIC

Calling all musicians, soloist, duo's or groups. We are looking for people to perform special music during worship. Please contact Ardell Razor if you can help 425-333-6603.

CELEBRATE WORSHIP SERVICE – ALL ARE WELCOME!

Since December 1993, we have offered our “Celebrate Service” to add variety to our worship experiences. While often referred to as a “contemporary” service, this service closely follows the format of a traditional Lutheran service with the oldest favorite and sometimes even forgotten hymns, music from the 70s-80s “Jesus Music era”, and songs new and current from the 90s and today. Unique to the Celebrate service is the ongoing flow of music and scripture readings that help to focus and lift spirits and the beginning of worship.

A team of 10-12 musicians is involved in leading worship, never with an emphasis on “performance”. Some are “choir types” but others share their gifts of music and worship in only this unique way. We have included children as young as 3 years old, elementary age, and teenagers. In addition to vocalists, we have piano, acoustic guitar, additional stringed and wind instruments, and percussion. The worship team often accompanies special music and/or readings by our youth, sharing what they have been learning in Sunday School.

We have once-a-month rehearsals for the Celebrate Worship Services to be offered on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Let us know if you would like to join the worship team. All are welcome!



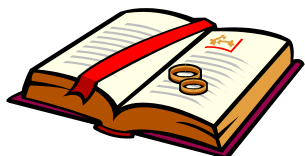
Education

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to a Wednesday morning Bible Study led by Marlice Gilmore. Bible Study is held every 2nd Wednesday , 10:00 AM through 11:30 AM. The place is the first classroom in the fellowship hall.

In September we began a new series: People of God: Unity in Diversity. This study is prepared by a clergy couple who are diverse- he is from Liberia and she is from Minnesota.

The monthly sessions will look at: Reading the Bible, Body of Christ, Stewardship, Gifts in Grace, Worship, Loving Relationships, Barriers to Resurrection, and Witnessing and Evangelism.



YOUTH EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES - 9:00 — 9:45 THE EDUCATION HOUR!

As we begin a new school year, some traditions of our youth program will continue and some new and exciting changes were made! The 9:00 – 9:45 coffee hour at the Klahanie Starbucks for high-schoolers will continue. 9:00 - 9:45 will also be the education hour for children preschool age through 8th grade. Yes, this year we are offering Sunday School for our Middle School kids, 6th through 8th grade. They meet in the youth room starting at 9:00 AM and Shari Einfalt is their teacher, Kris Matson is a teacher for preschool age through 1st grade and Laura Radek is teaching 2nd through 5th grade. Lisa Whatley is leading the Sunday School opening starting at 9:00 AM for ages preschool through 5th grade.



The nursery is staffed during this hour as well for younger children so that parents with children of any age can attend the adult bible study from 9:00 – 9:45. This hour can be the education hour for the whole family! Classes conclude at 9:45, so no one will miss the worship service. Please contact Tom Lindsley or Pastor Drahus if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

INTO THE WORLD: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Jesus sends his disciples out into the world with a great commission... *Go and make disciples of all nations...* As a community of believers we are called to do likewise. **Into the World: The Acts of the Apostles Bible Study** will take us through the church's earliest mission effort as it is captured in the book of Acts. We'll visit the key personalities, review their activities, reflect on their meaning and discover their message to the church today. This study will challenge, engage, and motivate all of us to carry on the church's mission in our day.

Come and join us during the Adult Sunday School hour for this exciting new Bible Study starting at 9:00 AM!

Pastor Drahus



GETTING TO KNOW THE BIBLE

A new adult class at the church from 9 to 9:45 AM, taught by Marlice Gilmore. It is called, "Getting to Know the Bible" and is especially for those who want to get to know the Bible and haven't had the opportunity (but anyone is welcome)! We meet in the library. All materials will be provided.

Youth Corner

CHURCH CLEANING

The youth are no longer cleaning the church as a fund raiser for our group. They have some other ways that they'd like to raise money this year. However, if you pre-paid for us to clean for you and have already contacted Karen Stillwell about cleaning, we will of course still clean that week for you

YOUTH PLANNING RETREAT WRAP-UP

We spent a wonderful day at the Nordal's Camano Island cabin, beach walking, praying, playing and deciding on activities and service projects for the upcoming school year. The calendar will be posted on the church website...check out what's going on



CHURCH LOCK IN

THE CHURCH LOCK-IN is back! The weekend of the 22nd - 23rd from 8:00 - 8:00, or after the football games, all middle and high school students are invited to come have some fun, carve some pumpkins and sleep(?) at church. After breakfast and worship in the morning we'll head for home. Invite your friends and join us!

OCTOBER'S SERVICE PROJECT

We will be mailing out care packages to college students from our congregation at the end of the month. It has been said that October is a long dark month for those away from home, especially for Freshman. We thought a little care coming from their church family would brighten their day. So please, if you have someone off at college, send the church office their address so they can be included. We will be baking cookies on the 17th to add to the packages and we'll be collecting donations of items like, Top Ramen, Cup 'o Noodles, Gum, Life Savers, Granola Bars and the like in a box you'll find in the Narthex. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and we'll be adding little notes as well. October's activity.

WE NEED COLLEGE STUDENTS' ADDRESSES!!

For school year 2010-2011, please submit addresses to the church office by filling out the form below. We would like to forward all college students our monthly newsletter and who knows, maybe there will be some Valentine care packages sent out in February. ☺ **Even if your address is the same as last year we still must receive an address slip.** If you are living at home and commuting to college, please keep us informed. Thank you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

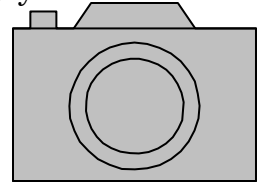
Email: _____

Graduation date: _____

Ministry & Fellowship

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY-PLEASE SING UP

Part of staying connected as a church family while being inviting and welcoming to new members is to have an updated pictorial directory. This is a wonderful tool for us to see who is a part of our congregational family; it provides updated addresses and phone numbers of all members and gives us an opportunity to share a little bit from our life, ministry and mission. It is a great tool for all new members (or a new pastor). We are putting together a pictorial directory this fall. We scheduled the picture taking for the week of October 12th through 16th, Tuesday through Friday 1:00 pm through 8:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am through 4:00 pm. Appointments are being scheduled right now. You can register online at our church website www.shephillschurch.org. If you have any questions please talk to Lynn Woods.



SHLC'S TRUNKS AND TREATS

October 31st, 4-5:30pm

On October 31st, we will gather in the church parking lot for a night of good old fashioned fun. We want to provide our children with a safe, fun night to visit with their church friends and show off their costumes. Have your kids dress up in their costumes, & come and receive treats from their SHLC family. These can be home baked goodies, candy, fruit, whatever you want to give out. But here is the kicker. We want you to decorate your trunk, or the back of your van - let's have fun in our parking lot. Make your car a harvest celebration, lights, costumes, etc. to make it fun, but not scary.



Come see our SHLC kids! We'll give them a safe, fun night! Decorate your trunk – we'll provide the trophy for the “best decorated” trunk! We'll provide cider and a treat under the front door canopy.

It all begins at 4:00pm and goes until 5:30pm on October 31st on the main church parking lot. Come out and have some fun! Let's show our kids we care!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, OPERATION NIGHTWATCH AND MORE

We will be meeting every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at the church. On the first Wednesday, we'll meet at 7:15 PM for a brief prayer time. At 7:30 PM we'll depart for Operation Nightwatch. On the 3rd Wednesday we'll meet at 7:00 PM for a bible Study. Our Bible Study will be from the Master Builders Bible for Men and the first series will be on *Accountability*. Just read the quote and be inspired: *“It's about time men got together and got real. I know what's right and what I need to do. I don't need advice, but I do need a group of guys to listen, keep what I say to themselves, and hold me accountable.”* Come join us for a good time of fellowship, study and prayer. First topic will be: Our Need for Others – *Everybody needs some body* – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

The Men's Annual Retreat – SAVE THE DATE!

January 22 – 23, 2011 Men's BS and More Annual Retreat – the date has been locked in for NEXT YEAR'S retreat. Once again we will be headed to Warm Beach Camp and Dr. Bruce Grigsby will be leading us in study.

WOMEN IN MISSION

At our September meeting, the Women in Mission agreed once again to sponsor a student at the MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School. The story is so compelling - if not for the chance to attend this school, these girls would be sold to their father's friend in exchange for cattle and sentenced to a life of hard labor. How can we not help? The student we sponsored for five years, Naseriani Lemama, will have completed her education and will be teaching at the primary school level next year so we will sponsor a new first year student in the 2011 school year. To fund the scholarship we are going to try something new --- a CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL!!! Details will be provided in the coming months. The second part of our ministry is assembling kits for either Global Health Ministries or Lutheran World Relief. We will continue to assemble midwife kits at our next meeting on October 26. These kits are distributed in developing nations in Africa and South America by Global Health Ministries, a division of the ELCA. All are welcome to join us at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall!

ISSAQUAH FOOD DRIVE

The Mayors of east King County have come together to launch the "Mayors' Month of Concern" for the hungry. Our church is will be again participating with other 8 local churches in Issaquah in this wonderful team effort. Please help us to fill the shelves of the Issaquah Food Bank and feed our neighbors in need. Look for more info in Church bulletins.



JEHOIADA CHEST

We're going to do something new this year. We will be collecting a special offering towards a part of the building that needs repair.

This goes back to the Old Testament when the temple high priest, Jehoiada took a special collection to repair the temple. Jehoiada took a chest and bored a hole in its lid. He placed the chest in the temple near the altar so the people could place their offering in it when they came to worship. Money collected from this collecting has been then used to repair the temple.

Last year our overflowing gutters lead to water damage at the back of the sanctuary near the storage closet. We have cleaned out the gutters and have a plan to keep them clean going forward. Now we need to bring the Sanctuary back into good repair and appearance. The drywall around the back windows needs to be replaced, patched and painted. This work will cost approximately \$1,500.

Special envelopes will be available the envelope for your donation. This special offering will be collected during the months of October and November. Thanks for helping to make this project a success!

PRAYER CHAIN

To add a prayer to the Prayer Chain, or if you are interested in joining the Prayer Chain, please contact Mary Ardissono via email at jmlpsa@comcast.net or via phone at 425-557-0263. If you would like Pastor Osluk to pray for someone during the Sunday service, please contact the church office, and the first name of the person you wish to be prayed for will be mentioned during prayer petitions.



FALL CITY FARMS FELLOWSHIP AFTERNOON

Come and join us for a family fellowship afternoon at Fall City Farms on **Sunday, October 10th, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM**. You can enjoy presentations on how to make apple cider and donuts; you can visit a pumpkin house, walk through a hay maze, pick your own pumpkin, or enjoy hayrides and bluegrass music. (There is no admission fee; hayrides are \$ 1:00.) This will be a family friendly fellowship afternoon and a great opportunity to get to know each other better. Please invite a friend. The address is: 3636 Neal Road, Fall City, WA 425-222-4553.



DO NOTHING'S GROUP

This group is a part of Women's ministry and gets together every first Monday of the month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM for a wonderful time of visiting and fellowship. Please bring your own lunch, coffee and desert will be served. You're always welcome to invite a friend. If you have any questions please contact Vivian Sauerbrey at (425) 392 – 3964.

YOUTH ENCOUNTER CAPTIVE FREE TEAM IS COMING!

Captive Free Team is a group of young adults ministering in congregations with a faith-encouraging program of music, testimonies, drama and games. **They will join us for Family and Youth Night on Thursday, November 18th**. It will be a team of 5 young adults performing a kid's friendly concert, skits and delivering an uplifting spiritual message. Please come and join us, bring your whole family and invite friends.

Captive Free will arrive on Thursday at 4:00 pm; the program will begin at 6:30 pm. They will be leaving for the Everett Youth Quake Zone on Friday morning.

We will be looking for families to host these young people from Thursday evening until Friday morning. You would need to provide a bed and supper on Thursday evening, and you would be providing Friday breakfast. If you can help, please call the office, or complete the form below.

Captive Free Assistance November, 2010:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

I can accommodate #_____ of guests:

Male_____ Female_____

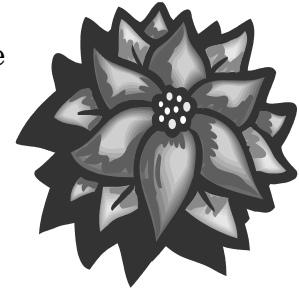
In my home, there are:

Smokers:_____ Dogs:_____ Cats: _____



ADVENT FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS
DECEMBER 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 2010
WEDNESDAYS, 6-8:00PM

Welcome one and all!!! Children and parents, seniors and singles, members and friends of Shepherd of the Hills; this year in Advent we invite you to gather with us in the Fellowship Hall for some fun, food, fellowship and worship. We are very excited to share a simple meal of soup, bread, and dessert (which we encourage you to sign-up for and bring), then we'll work on different fun advent projects and we'll conclude the evening with a brief devotional worship.



Projects include:

Dec 1st – Advent Wreath Decorating



Theme of Worship: Annunciation

Come and decorate an Advent Wreath. Everything is provided except decorating skills. Complete one as a family and enhance the magic of the Advent season with a beautifully decorated wreath on your dining room table.

Advent Wreath - \$9.00 (November 7th is the absolute deadline for ordering these!)

December 8th – Carols & Cookies

Theme of Worship: Visitation

We will enjoy a cookie swap, and cookie decorating. Bring 3 dozen cookies to share, plus you can decorate some cookies that will be provided. We will sing carols throughout the night. A night of good old fashioned fun!

Cost - \$1.00 per person



December 15th – Christmas Ornament

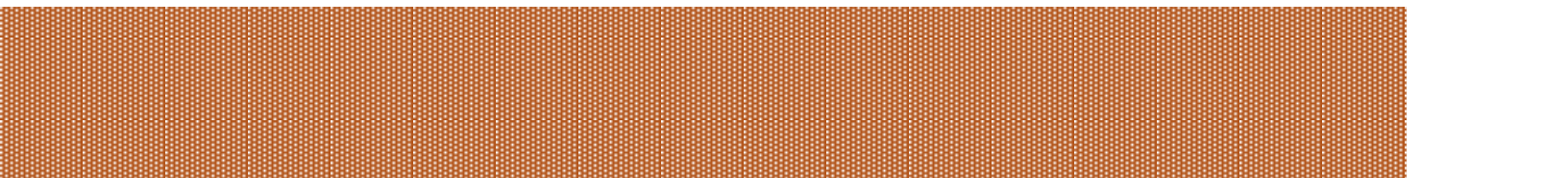
Theme of Worship: Nativity

Come and make your own Christmas ornament that you can use to decorate your Christmas tree or gift to someone close.

Christmas Ornament - \$ 1 per ornament (November 7th is the absolute deadline for ordering these!)



Please use other column to make reservations, sign up to make soup, bread or dessert (everyone needs to bring a food item to share), and place your craft orders.



ADVENT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT RESERVATION FORM



Name _____

Phone Number: _____

We will attend on the following Nights:

December 1: ____ (Please list number attending)

December 8: ____ (Please list number attending)

December 15: ____ (Please list number attending)

Yes, I will make and bring:

____ Soup Date(s): _____

____ Bread Date(s): _____

____ Dessert Date(s): _____

CRAFT ORDER

We would like to order the following number of crafts:

December 1st

____ Advent Wreath(s) - \$ 9.00

December 8th

____ Cookie Decorating - \$ 1.00 per person

December 15th

____ Christmas Ornament - \$ 1 per ornament



(Money must accompany form. You may use a special giving offering envelope and place in the offering plate, or return to the church office.)

Stewardship

GET READY FOR THE GREATEST STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN EVER!

This year's stewardship campaign is going to be a lot of fun. We're using an amazing stewardship program called MAKE IT SIMPLE that provides opportunities for study, reflection, and discussion about the choices we make in our daily lives. It is biblically centered to help us grow in faith and our daily living as a disciple of Jesus. Together we'll be focusing on simple living and generosity through four separate but related themes: *Following Jesus; Facing the Truth; Acting Together* and *Sharing Enough*. We will contemplate these themes in Worship during four Sundays starting on October 24th. Sunday, November 14th is going to be our Commitment Sunday where we'll have an opportunity to commit ourselves to support and fund God's mission in our midst. Please join us on this exciting and spiritually enriching journey of the MAKE IT SIMPLE program.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT UPDATE

Whew! Summer is over, and we're all getting back into the normal rhythm now that vacations are over and the kids are all back in school. We had some planning sessions with both Council and the Youth in the past month as we look forward to 2011. Just a few things that I wanted to quickly cover...the first being is that it we're still having some budget issues. What makes it a little complicated is we absolutely need to do some maintenance right away on our facility and outdoors, and we'll need to do more improvements and repairs in 2011. So, we have three basic components that we need to look at in terms of budget. The first is the normal operating deficit, we also have the moving expenses which were unanimously approved by the congregation (\$9K), and now we have maintenance on our facilities which must be done immediately (lighting in the parking lot, and our sign which must updated and moved) . So, as you can see we're already running behind in budget, and we're anticipating some expenses in the near future. I would ask that you consider making a special donation to help bridge these gaps, if you are able to do so. I firmly believe that we are now getting prepared for the wonderful things that will be coming to SHLC.

The other item that I want to let everyone know about is that we will be having the Spanish Academy Preschool at our facility from 9:00a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. The Spanish Academy is a Spanish immersion preschool program, they have a Bellevue location and are also expanding to Woodinville as well as up here on the Sammamish plateau. We are pleased to be able to offer our facility to the community in this manner.

Holly

WHY SOME FAMILIES LET THE OFFERING PLATE "SIMPLY" PASS BY!

Have you ever noticed in our church that some people simply let the offering plate just pass right by them? Don't they want to support the Church? Are they poor? NO! They are **Simply Givers!**

Simply Giving is an electronic funds transfer system that automatically lets families support the church, either weekly, twice a month, or monthly. You can designate your gifts to the general offering, the building fund, and evangelism/outreach.

There is a simple form to fill out, along with a voided check or bank deposit slip, and then you are set. *Simply Giving* is also easy to change should you want to increase or decrease your giving at any time. This program is especially valuable to us during the summer months, when attendance goes down. Our *Simply Giving* members give while they are on vacation or even snowed in.

It is easy and it saves us money on envelopes! So what are you waiting for? Pick up a sign-up form in the church office, or at the *Simply Giving Table* on Stewardship Weekend!

VISITORS WELCOME BAGS

The Community and World Outreach Committee is organizing materials to create visitors welcome bags. We're hoping to give these bags to new visitors who come through our doors, as well as make them available to members to gift to their neighbors who may be new in the community. The bags will include a useful brochure of basic information about our church services, and programs—as well as some fun welcome materials. We are open to ideas!

† We extend our sympathy to Mary Beth Dybevik & her family on the death of her mother.

RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS:
Richard Schmidt

WISH LIST - LAPTOP AND CD PLAYER

Living in the age of media, almost everything requires computers. This fall we began a Confirmation program that is full of PowerPoint presentations. At this point the congregation does not have a laptop with PowerPoint, so we're using our personal computers. We would love to purchase a new laptop but it's not in this year's budget. Karen Stillwell's own laptop that she used as her office computer was stolen a couple weeks ago during the second church break-in.

We don't need to have a brand new laptop but maybe you have one at home with PowerPoint that you'd be willing to donate to church. Please think and pray about this and if you'd like to donate one to church please talk to Pastor Drahus or Karen Stillwell.

The other item we need for our Sunday school is a CD player. Currently we have one that's half working. Again, we don't need a new one but if you have a CD player that you're not using at home anymore and would be willing to donate it to church, we'd be really grateful.

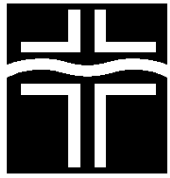
Thank you,
Pastor Drahus and Karen Stillwell

October Worship Leaders/Volunteers

Oct	GREET/USHERS	READ	HOSTS	COUNT	ALTAR GUILD	Flowers	COMM ASSIST	CLEAN	ACOLYTE
3	Jeff & Kris Matson	Jeff Matson	Holly Nordal	Laura Radek & Eric Torrison	Laura Radek	Caroline Barr	Mark & Jane McDowell	D'Errico & Jewell	Janina Loos
10	Rick & Kim Aue	Rick Aue	Amy Wise	Gary Hanson & Werner Hoeft	Sharon Solsvik	***	Steven & Kyle Akre	Seiler & Nordal	Hunter Mapes
17	Jim & Mary Ardissono	Jim Ardissono	Marlice Gilmore	Jeff Matson & Chris Anderson	Karen Stillwell	Jane McDowell	Lynn & Peter Woods	Jenson & Graham	Sabrina Loos
24	Holy Nordal & Jay Kutzke	Kim Kutzke	Terry Akre	Jim Ardissono & Nancy Anderson	Lynn Woods	***	Kim & Rick Aue	Aue & Knapp	James Radek
31	Spencer & Amy Wise	Amy Wise	Kris Matson	Velma Bak & Jay Kutzke	Denice Cronin-Hanson	***	Denice Cronin-Hanson & Gary Hanson	R Johnson & Seeley	Victoria Woods

October Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship-Holy Communion 4 PM Confirmation</p>	<p>4 11 AM Do Nothing's</p>	<p>5 7:00 PM Worship & Music Meeting</p>	<p>6 1:45 PM Chinese School 7:15 PM Operation Nightwatch-offsite</p>	<p>7 7 PM Celebrate Service Rehearsal 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>1 8</p>	<p>2 9:30 AM-4:30 PM Master Chorus Retreat Weed N Feed</p>
<p>10 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship-Celebrate Service/Baptism 11 AM Baby Shower 3 PM Fall City Farms 4 PM Spiritwood Service-offsite</p>	<p>11 6-9:30 PM Master Chorus Eastside-Sanctuary</p>	<p>12 1 PM-8 PM Picture Directory 7 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>13 10 AM Bible Study 1 PM-8 PM Picture Directory 1:45 PM Chinese School</p>	<p>14 10:45 AM Marionwood Service-offsite 1 PM-8 PM Picture Directory 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>15 Newsletter Deadline 1 PM-8 PM Picture Directory</p>	<p>16 10 AM Celebrate Rehearsal 9 AM-4 PM Picture Directory Weed N Feed</p>
<p>17 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship-Holy Communion 4 PM Confirmation 6 PM Youth Service Project</p>	<p>18 6-9:30 PM Master Chorus Eastside-Sanctuary</p>	<p>19 7 PM Youth & Education Meeting</p>	<p>20 1:45 PM Chinese School 7 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>21 7:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>22 5:45 Issaquah Hot Meals 8 PM Youth Lock In</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship-Holy Communion/Fall Harvest Service</p>	<p>25 6-9:30 PM Master Chorus Eastside-Sanctuary</p>	<p>26 10 AM Women in Mission Meeting 7 PM Community & Outreach Meeting</p>	<p>27 1:45-5:45 PM Chinese School-</p>	<p>28 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>29 5:30 PM Hot Meals-offsite</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 Reformation Sunday 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship-Holy Communion 4 PM Trunks and Treats</p>						



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LOOKING AHEAD-DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Nov. 7-All Saints Sunday | Dec. 19-Christmas Pageant & Meatball Dinner |
| Nov 14-Commitment Sunday | Dec. 22-Decorating the Sanctuary |
| Nov. 18-Youth Encounter Family Night | Dec. 24-Christmas Eve |
| Nov. 19-21-Youth Encounter Retreat | Jan. 14-Youth Ski Weekend |
| Nov. 24-Thanksgiving Eve Service/Pie Social | Jan. 22-23 -Men's Retreat-Warm Beach |
| Dec. 1-Advent Fellowship | |
| Dec. 8-Advent Fellowship | |
| Dec. 15-Advent Fellowship | |

Newsletter Deadline is the 15th of the month