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Sunday, October 2nd

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Stewardship Theme—Following Jesus

8:30 AM Pre-Service Prayer

9:00AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, October 9th

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

2nd Stewardship Theme—Facing the Truth

8:30 AM Pre-Service Prayer

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Celebrate Worship Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, October 16th

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

3rd Stewardship Theme—Acting Together

8:30 AM Pre-Service Prayer

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, October 23rd

Harvest Home—Commitment Sunday

4th Stewardship Theme—Sharing Enough

8:30 AM Pre-Service Prayer

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, October 30th

Reformation Sunday

8:30 Pre-Service Prayer

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion



2011

Pastor Pages



Dear Friends,

This is my last pastor's message to you before Pastor Christiansen takes over as interim pastor. I was very happy to hear that Pastor Dick is going to lead you through this transition time. He is a wonderful man of God and a great pastor. I want to part with you with an excerpt from the book Covenant and Kingdom and the words of John 15:

"I am the true vine, and my father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does not bear fruit, he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful... Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself, it must remain in the vine."

As Jesus was walking through the streets of Jerusalem towards the Garden of Gethsemane, having left the upper room, and the scene of the Last Supper, he paints a remarkable picture of the new covenant. He says that as he and his disciples flourish under the care of their father, the covenant unity between Jesus and his followers will always produce new disciples. The relationship will sometimes feel "pruned" (cut back), especially after times of great harvest. Pruning is given by the gardener so that the branch ceases to concentrate on itself and focuses on the source of its life. The pruned-back branch is much more aware of its needs to remain connected to the vine. The natural consequence of remaining connected to Jesus is that we produce fruit:

"If you remain in me and I remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

When Jesus tells us to ask for whatever we wish, he is not suggesting that we pray with selfish motives or for symbols of prosperity. Rather he points out that the vine has a purpose established by the gardener to bear fruit. When we remain in him, his words speak to us, and his love flows through us so that we will always fulfill our purpose—which is to multiply the life of Jesus into the lives of others. The purpose of the vine is to bear fruit. The purpose of the followers of Jesus is to make more disciples.

In the past year we've had a wonderful time of harvest, counting God's blessings. This, I feel, is a time of pruning. Whether in time of harvest or pruning, Jesus is reminding us that he is the true vine. And as long as we stay connected to him we will continue to bear fruit that will last.

May God bless you always and in all ways as you embrace this exciting new chapter in the life of Shepherd of the Hills.

Let us pray. Lord, as we turn to you in prayer this day, we open our hearts, our minds, our lives to you. Come and enter in. Remember us, Lord, and give us the comfort of knowing that in Christ, the true vine, we are blessed beyond measure with riches that will not fade. With our needs met in you, set us free to serve. Amen

God's Peace,

Pastor Drahus

Music & Worship

MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR SPECIAL MUSIC

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



HANDBELL CHOIR



Handbell choir needs substitute ringers. If you would like to ring on an occasional basis, please contact Janet Benson at 425-391-8447. Our rehearsals are on Sundays at 11:30 am.



CHOIR UPDATE

Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:30 in the sanctuary to prepare music for the first Sunday in October. Our first number will be a two-part, men/women arrangement to get us started smoothly. Be assured that no experience is necessary to sing with us. We would love to have any newcomers try out a couple of rehearsals to see what it is like. Talk to Jeff or Marilyn Jewell to answer questions you might have.



CELEBRATE SERVICE FOR OCTOBER

Join us for Celebrate Worship Team rehearsal Thursday, October 6th at 7:00pm.



PRAYER TIME FOR WORSHIP – SUNDAYS 8:30 AM



It says in our Mission Statement that we're a: "Christ – centered, prayerful community. I've been asking myself for some time: "do we pray intentionally for our worship services, for the pastor, for all members that come to worship, for all the guests that come to visit?". In our bulletin it says: "It is no accident that you are here. We've been praying for you." Let's come together as a congregation to pray, to lift up our time of worship and all who attend, to the Lord. I invite all of you to come and join me on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM in the Prayer Chapel to pray for our worship services.



GOD'S WORD TO LIVE BY

As a part of this year's Stewardship Campaign we'll be inserting into bulletins Bible readings selected by Marlice Gilmore. These readings are showing us the blessings that are poured out upon us by our Heavenly Father and reminding us that we are all blessed to be a blessing to those around us. Please take these readings home, use them as daily devotional readings, contemplate them or even memorize them. Jesus calls us to abide in his word, *The God's Word to Live By* will most certainly help us this summer to do so.

Music & Worship

COME AND JOIN US FOR THE HARVEST HOME/COMMITMENT SUNDAY 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. We will 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 23th**; the orders for mums are in the newsletter and will be later on in the bulletin as well. This Sunday will be, as well, the Commitment Sunday which will end our Stewardship Campaign. Harvest Home/Commitment Sunday will remind us that we are blessed by our God to be a blessing for people around us.



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 23rd**. 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 _____

Youth & Education

NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



In our effort to make our congregation more friendly and welcoming to young families with little children we're hoping this fall to make some changes with our nursery. At this point we're running out of space with the number of children we have in the nursery during the worship services. We would like to divide the children that come to the nursery based on age and provide something more dynamic and interactive for the older kids in the youth room. Our hope would be to have children ages 0-3 in the nursery during the whole worship service and in addition to that we'd like to provide special children's activities for children ages 4-5 in the youth room. Children's activities would only start after the children's message. The kids would be back in sanctuary for the Holy Communion. This would give a more spacious and calm nursery for the little ones, plus give more room and structured time for the older children. With this said, we'll be looking for volunteers to help us lead the children activities in the youth room. Resources such as games, crafts, etc. will be provided. For more information please talk to Terry Akre.



LOOKING FOR NURSERY HELPERS

Please see Terry Akre or Nursery door sign-up for available dates to serve. We need a helper to sit at 10:00 AM worship time. The kids are really fantastic and this is a great way to meet them.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



We welcome everyone to join the adult class meeting every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the library. We are just beginning a study of Matthew with its wealth of Jesus' teachings and its showing of how Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament law and prophecies. -Marlice Gilmore



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



You are invited to Wednesday morning Bible Study led by Marlice Gilmore. We will continue to meet for Bible study on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10 AM. The subject for the October study in Mark is Jesus' mother and brothers- Chapter 2:1 to 3:35. Besides these relationships, the study deals with healing, the company we keep, food and identity, sabbath customs, controversy and tough sayings.



YARD AND BAKE SALE—THANK YOU!

The Youth groups would like to thank everyone who donated items for the Yard and Bake Sale and who supported us by purchasing items at the sale. A grand total of \$ 1,367 will be sent to the American Red Cross – Japan Relief, to help the victims of the devastating earthquake/tsunami. We would like to especially thank Sara and Terry Akre, James and Laura Radek, the Woods family, and Sharon Solsvik for all of their help.

Youth & Education

SUNDAY SCHOOL REVAMP THIS FALL



- Imagine a Sunday School where children learn key Scriptures in song and sign language each year.
- Imagine your sharing their Bible songs along with art they create in worship.
- Imagine the effects on family communication, Biblical literacy, and overall family ministry when families take Sunday themes home to share Highs and Lows, highlight the verse in family Bibles, sing the song, talk about their days, pray and bless one another seven nights a week.

These are the goals of our new Sunday School program called Bible Song. The mission of the Bible Song is to connect parents and children with one another and with the Bible every week in congregation and every night at home. This Sunday School program is designed to connect Sunday School to the home, and the home to worship. First we'll immerse our children and youth in a thorough understanding of a key Bible story by "Singing, arting, and signing through the Scriptures" each week. Next, our goal will be to connect church with the home in a nightly five-minute "Home Huddle." (See The Faith 5 poster in the Narthex.) We ask participating parents and children to commit to making this a key part of their family ritual seven nights a week. Finally we invite back to worship on some of the Sundays where their children share the Bible story in song, sign language, Reader's Theater, and art with the whole congregation.

This Sunday School would bring the whole congregation together, starting at 9:00 AM we'd start in the fellowship hall and then divide into small groups. All are welcome to help and participate!



FUNDRAISING DISCOUNT CARDS

For just \$10 you can own your own discount card with a picture of our church on the front and incredible deals on the back! Dominos Pizza, Taco Bell, KFC, Papa Johns, Big O Tires, Emerald City Smoothie, Denny's, Cold Stone, Boehms, Golden Teriyaki, I Hop, Papa Murphy's and other vendors all offer discounts, upgrades, freebies, etc...Please see Karen Stillwell or any of the youth to purchase a card and if you work in the area and think your co-workers would like to buy a card, take some to work and just return the ones not sold. This is great opportunity not only to save money but to also reach out to our community! \$5 of each card sold goes into the youth fund.

Youth & Education

FROM KARI-YOUTH DIRECTOR

***Something to Feed Your Soul**



Come join us for our monthly Feed Your Faith! We will be meeting at 6pm on Oct 16th! We will have a tasty dinner with bible study and worship to follow. Our lesson will be about emotion regulation and how to identify how you're really feeling. Of course, October would not be complete without...PUMPKINS!!! So we will also be carving awesome pumpkins to decorate the church with. Please bring a pumpkin, carving tools, and a friend! See you then!!!

***Something to Remind You:**

Don't forget about our synod wide Youth Serve event! It is on October 7th-8th. On Friday night we will meet at SOH at 6pm, head to Peace Lutheran Church in West Seattle for games, snacks and a devotional/worship time. After our pancake breakfast, we will then be doing various service projects in Seattle. Saturday evening we'll be home around 8pm. This is such a neat chance to meet other youth like us and serve others along side them! All food is provided for both Friday and Saturday. All you need is a sleeping bag, and a helping heart.

***Something Fun:**

Heads up for November! If you like good Christian music (which I know you do), we'll be going to the 2011 Winter Jam at the Tacoma Dome! Some of the bands that will be playing are Newsong, Kutless, Matthew West, Red, Newsboys, KJ-52 & Fireflight! The concert is Saturday Nov. 12th at 6pm and it's only \$10! Seriously. Check out the cool poster in the youth room!

***Something New:**

Check the bulletin board outside the youth room for detailed updates, random info, and fun facts. There is also a "suggestion box" where you can write your most puzzling questions, or your amazing ideas. Please refrain from using this as a "gripe box". ;) Let's keep things positive! Don't be shy, I want to hear from YOU!!!

***Something Interesting:**

Did you know...Moses had a speech impediment.

Youth & Education

YOUTH ENCOUNTER CAPTIVE FREE TEAM IS COMING AGAIN!



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 Sunday, November 6th.

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 Sunday at 4:00 pm; the program will begin at 6:30 pm. We will be looking for families to host these young people from Sunday evening until Tuesday morning. You would need to provide a bed on Sunday and Monday evening, Monday is their day off, usually spent by sightseeing or doing laundry. You would need to provide meals for Sunday evening, Monday meals and a sack lunch on Tuesday. If you can help, please call the office, or complete the form below.

Captive Free Assistance November, 2011:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

I can accommodate # _____ of guests:

Male _____ Female _____

In my home, there are:

Smokers: _____ Dogs: _____ Cats: _____

YOUTH ENCOUNTER

We are headed to Everett on November 18th – 20th to take part in Youth Encounter's Quake Zone. We'll enjoy getting to know other Christians and listening to some great music and speakers. Check the Youth Bulletin Board for updates.

Ministry & Fellowship

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 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.



WOMEN IN MISSION



Got some free time on Tuesday, October 25? Join the Women in Mission as they assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. No sewing skills necessary!! Come for a time of fellowship as we participate in this very meaningful ministry. We will meet from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch and stay the day or drop in as you can but please come enjoy the fun. Washable fabric donations are always welcome just place in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you to all who have contributed!



HOPE in a Blanket

Hi everyone! We are still going at our blanket project!

We are making more fun blankets and received donations to make 4 last month! Woo hoo! Soon we will show off the cool blankets during church, before we make our next delivery. We are a small group but have big aspirations! There are about 40 Sarcomacases at Seattle Children's each year. Our goal is for every kid to have one. We gave 22 out last Spring. If our project gets bigger (please consider helping!) we will be able to give to more kids with cancer at the hospital. We'd love to share the love with kids battling leukemia as well thinking of our amazing youth group leader Kari. In addition, although we are a small group this is becoming not only a Shepherd of the Hills youth church mission, but slowly bringing in the community as well (that's our hope!). Kids and adults think this is great and all are excited about our church's involvement in such a cool mission. Please see us soon! We gladly accept donations for our blanket project that puts a smile on a very sick child's face.

Thanks! Peace! Annika, Sara and Mikenna

Ministry & Fellowship



FALL CITY FARMS FELLOWSHIP AFTERNOON

Come and join us for a family fellowship afternoon at Fall City Farms on **Sunday, October 2nd, 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.

SHLC'S TRUNKS AND TREATS October 30th, 4-5:30pm



On **October 30th**, 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, what-ever 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.



Community & World Outreach

NEWS FROM JULIA HARRINGTON

Dear friends and family!

I hope you enjoyed the story of Virginia. She really is an amazing woman and I praise God for being part of His miracle in her life. She is just an example of why we do what we do. As one of you said "Jesus is coming soon", just imagine all the 'Virginia's' who have not heard that Jesus is coming and are not ready. It is our task to tell them; it is not an easy task but together we can get it done. This is what Jesus has been leading us to do here in Kenya. His many opportunities to share the Good News have continued to change lives. The Home Based Care Programme is a great way to minister to those who are really hurting and lonely. Pray for more opportunities to minister in people's homes.



The first ELCK Central Diocese Women's Conference was held in July and representatives from over 120 churches attended. It was a wonderful Spirit filled time of fellowship and learning. Many of these women had never met so they were able to forge new friendships and share the challenges and rewards they encounter in each of their respective areas of Kenya. Although it was difficult to plan and execute, all the efforts of many months of work proved to be fruitful as each woman left the conference refreshed and encouraged.

The addiction recovery meetings continue and have shown great success. Two members of the group have trained and become good at leading meetings and are now bringing new youth into the group. One of them will begin trade school classes next month. This young man has been drug free over six months and now helps lead Sunday school. One of the amazing aspects is the fact the meetings are becoming financially self reliant. When they did drugs they partially financed their habit by the recycling of plastic bottles and other scrap they scavenged around the streets. I started bringing my own plastic bottles to recycle for meeting funds and encouraged them to donate and now some even give small amounts of money in addition to the plastic we collect. They use the money to buy tea and sugar for the meetings. I still provide milk and mandazis (Kenya donuts) but they have seen they can be self reliant and make positive change in their lives. God is opening a window into the life of the only girl in our programme; Veronicah is coming to every meeting and starting to open up about her life. Pray for the Holy Spirit to touch her heart.

The work in the Central Diocese moves ahead as I work with other leaders to develop programmes according to the needs of each area. As you can see by the attached photo the Central Diocese is a large area to cover. They say be careful what you ask for, you might just get it; I asked God to give me a lot to do and He has done just that. Thank you for being part of this work and being faithful in our prayers and financial support!

I am getting more 'techy' all the time and I just posted my first You Tube video. It is about the problem with sexual abuse of the street youth. The link is <http://youtu.be/fHISul7m7mQ> The link for the ELCK Central Diocese is unavailable at this time but you can view some of the work at www.tksays.co.uk Please share the link with friends. I am trying to raise awareness of the problem. God has also opened the door to a partnership with The Ministry of Health and will be providing a counselor to help the traumatized youth in the addiction programme.

So I have gone on and on long enough. I could sing of His love and praise Him without ceasing; I could tell of His miracles and wonders all day. You know I can!

A special thank you goes to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Washington for partnering with us to spread the Gospel through the distribution of the Jesus Film (www.jesusfilm.org)

I am eternally grateful for all your love, prayers and financial support! May God bless your lives abundantly!
In His love and service,
Julia

Would you believe that after 8 months I finally was able to get a post office box! Talk about a long waiting list. It is at the main post office where all mail is shipped out so hopefully when I post letters they will now get to you. The address is:
Julia Leiyoole
PO Box 29588-00100
Nairobi, Kenya

Men's Ministry

OPERATION NIGHTWATCH

We will be meeting every 1st Wednesday of the month at the church. Ideally on those nights we need between 6 to 8 volunteers who are ready for the challenge!

2011 ~ Operation NightWatch Meal Schedule Depart SHLC at 7:30PM*			
10/5/2011	GROUP MEAL DEPART SHLC AT 6:30 pm Lead by Chef Darin		
11/2/2011	MARK MCDOWELL	425.643.0980	mcdowellmj@aol.com
	JIM ARDISSONO	4285.503.2556	j.ardissono@wfa.net
12/7/2011	GROUP MEAL DEPART SHLC AT 6:30 pm Lead by Chef Darin		
1/4/2012	ERIC TORRISON	425.333.6999	ectorrison@btpi.com
	PAUL ENGERT	425.427.1486	plengert@msn.com

NOTE: it is up to you team up with your partner to provide enough food to serve about 150 people. You can bring something as simple as soup and sandwich fixen's or any other hearty meal that you want to share! It's up to you. If you have questions, or need help getting ready - please call Rick Aue at 206.612.4522.

Gentlemen of SHLC.

Are you ready for "**Dinner Impossible?**"

On Wednesday, October 5th - Darin Leonardson, Executive Chef from Twist 180 & Leisure Care will be leading our effort to prepare a meal, from scratch using the food on-hand in the Operation Night-watch (ONW) kitchen and pantry. It is a fun and interesting way to work with a professional chef and serve the Lord by helping to prepare a truly gourmet meal for 150 hungry people!

Ideally we need between four and six volunteers to be able to arrive at ONW by about 6:30PM with a willingness to follow Chef Darin's direction and produce a great meal.

The day before, Chef and I will take an inventory and come up with the menu. We may also need to call on a few of you to help by providing some additional ingredients, drinks or other supplies so I'll keep you posted. But, if you are interested in helping with a donation, we ALWAYS need drink mixes (powdered or concentrate), sandwich fixins (bread, meat, cheese, spreads, peanut butter and jelly), paper bowls, plastic cups.

I know given the early start time, it may be more convenient to go directly to ONW from work - but we can talk about carpooling from the church as well.

If you have any questions, or to LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN GO, please call Rick Aue at 206-612-4522 or e-mail rickaue@comcast.net



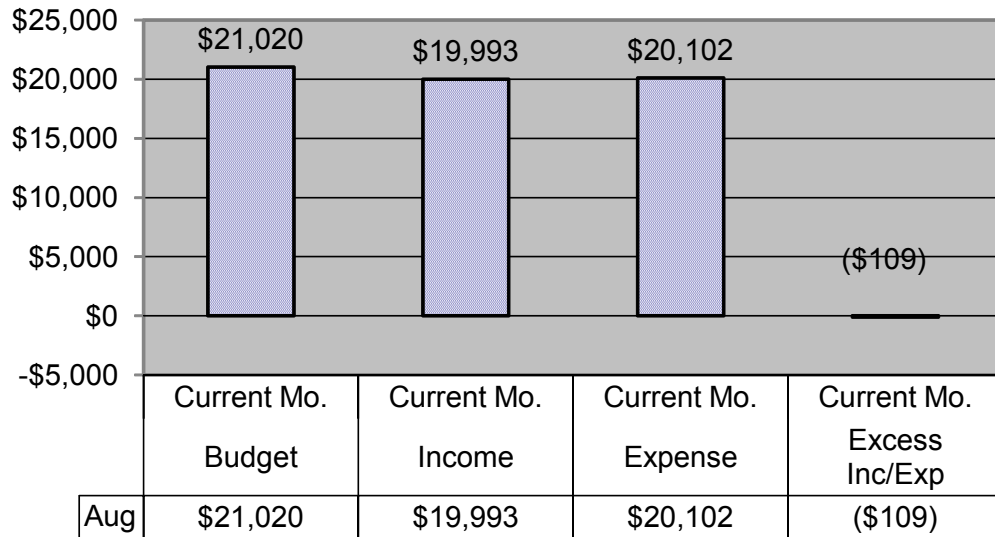
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On the 3rd Wednesday the Men's Group meets at 7:00pm for a Bible Study. Our Bible Study will be from the Master Builders Bible for Men—topic yet to be determined. Bible Study will be Wednesday, October, 19th.

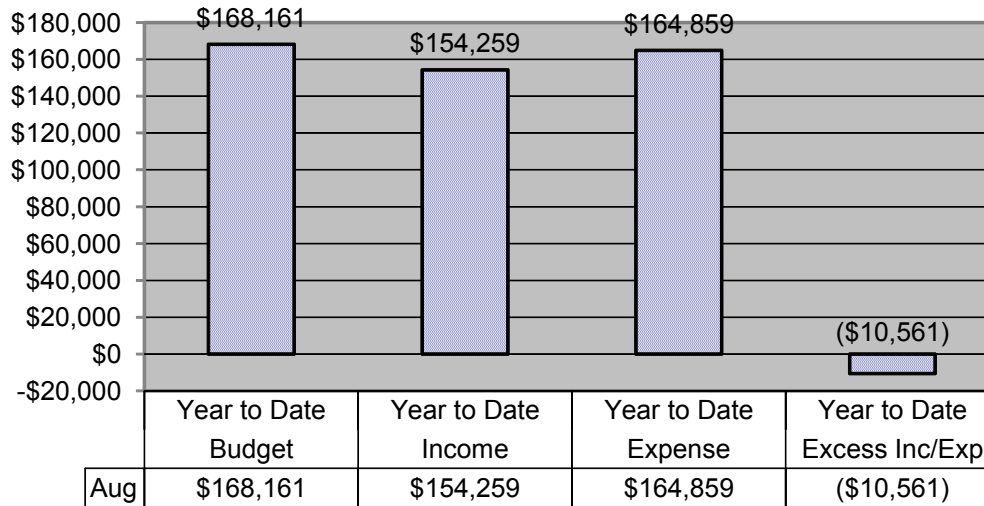


Treasurer's Report

Aug'11 General Fund



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Stewardship

MAKE IT SIMPLE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

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 September 25th. Sunday, October 23rd is going to be our Harvest Home/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.



Church Family



Marti Behrens	10/07
Megan D'Errico	10/08
Cyndi Hertzog	10/08
Amy Wise	10/09
Michael Einfalt	10/14
Thomas Lindsley	10/14
Tori Lindsley	10/15
Janet Hoeft	10/20



Matsons	10/02
Stillwells	10/12
Levines	10/21

President's Report

Well, we got through the month of September (whew!!). I know there were many mixed emotions with Pastor Drahus' announcement that he was leaving. I believe his sermon on September 18th was quite apropos...our Shepherd has not left us, the sheepdog who nipped at our heels is gone, but the one true Shepherd is in our midst every time we gather in His name. We now need to heal and resolve the many emotions from Pastor's departure.

I recently read a daily devotional from Ransomed Heart which states "Church is not a building. Church is not an event that takes place on Sundays. I know, it's how we think of it. "I go to First Baptist", "We are members of St. Luke's", "Is it time to go to church?". Much to our surprise, that is not how the Bible uses the term. Not at all. When The Scripture talks about church, it means *Community*. A shared life. They worship together, eat together, pray for one another, go on quests together...."

This really struck me as quite timely in thinking about our situation, we haven't lost anything, we still have our church community, our church family, our ministries, and we still have, and will always have our Shepherd who will never forsake us.

I am pleased and excited to announce that we have Pastor Dick Christensen who agreed to be our interim Pastor. There are still details to be completed by the Executive Committee regarding his appointment, however, I know this will come as really good news to many of you who had really liked Pastor Christensen's sermon one of the weeks Pastor Drahus was on vacation. In fact, we were going to have him as supply Pastor until such a time as were able to get an interim. God does work in mysterious ways. I spoke to Pastor Christensen briefly last night, and he is looking forward to serving as interim Pastor to Shepherd of the Hills.

I want to thank everyone for their very scrumptious dishes for Pastor Drahus' last day. He commented to me on how appreciative he was of the potluck, and his send off from Shepherd of the Hills.

May we move forward.

Blessings to you all,

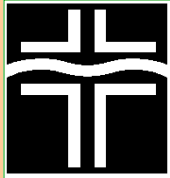
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October/November Worship Volunteers

October	Greeter/	Reader	Hosts	Comm. Assist.	Altar Guild	Flowers	Acolyte	Piano	Counting	Sound	Cleaning	Nursery
2	Werner & Jan Hoeft	Steve Akre	Bob & Robyn Johnson	Werner & Jan Hoeft	Laura Radek	Cyndi Hertzog	Annabelle Snook	Marilyn Jewell	Sharon Solsvik & Robert Williams	Eric Torrison	M. McDowell / Matson	Cyndi Hertzog
9	Tatiana & Ron Loos, Jr	Jeff Matson	Sue Loos	Jim & Mary Ardissono	Paul Engert	Deborah Yenubari	Lukas Whatley	Lisa Whatley	Mark McDowell & Paul Engert	Peter Woods	Lindsay / Snook	
16	Jeff & Kris Matson	Mike Nordal	Kris Matson	Denice Cronin-Hanson & Gary Hanson	Jane McDowell	Jane McDowell	Olivia Snook	Janet Benson	Jeff Matson & Laura Radek	Eric Slippem	Einfalt / Radek	
23	Mike & Holly Nordal		Vivian Sauerbrey	Paul & Linda Engert	Denice Cronin-Hanson	Kim Kutzke	James Radek	Marilyn Jewell	Werner Hoeft & Jim Ardissono	Cole Tollerfson	Akre/Seiler	
30	Paul & Linda Engert	Lynn Riggs	Cyndi Hertzog	Mike & Holly Nordal	Spencer Wise	Janet Benson	Annabelle Snook	Janet Benson	Chris Anderson & Gary Hanson	Trent Whatley	Hoeft / Ravindranathan	
November	Greeter/	Reader	Hosts	Comm. Assist.	Altar Guild	Flowers	Acolyte	Piano	Counting	Sound	Cleaning	Nursery
6	Denice Cronin-Hanson & Gary Hanson	Eric Torrison	Greta Hillman	Peter & Lynn Woods	Lynn Woods	Debra Zadinsky			Nancy Anderson & Mark McDowell	Nancy Anderson	Ardissono / Stillwell	
13	Jay & Kim Kutzke	David Jensen	Hildegunde Hanreiter	Al & Vivian Sauerbrey	Laura Radek	Ardeall Razor			Eric Torrison & Rick Aue	Eric Slippem	Wise/Olsen	
20	Tom & Tori Lindsley	Bob Johnson	Mary Beth Dybevik	Steve Akre & Eric Torrison	Paul Engert	Lynn Woods			Don Benson & Bob Johnson	Chris Anderson	Jensen/ Graham	
27	Ron & Sue Loos	Debra Zadinsky	Deborah Yenubari	Jay & Kim Kutzke	Spencer Wise	Vivian Sauerbrey			Mark McDowell & Jay Kutzke	Michael & Derek Einfalt	Williams/ Woods	

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 8:30AM Pre-service Prayer 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship—Holy Communion 11:30AM Handbell Rehearsal 3:00 Fall City Farms	3	4	5 7:30PM Operation Nightwatch	6 7 PM Celebrate Rehearsal 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal	7 6 PM Synod "Youth Serve"	8 9:30AM Synod "Youth Serve"
9 8:30AM Pre- service Prayer 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship - Celebrate 11:30AM Handbell Rehearsal 4 PM Spiritwood 4 PM Confirmation class	10 Mum Order Deadline	11 7 PM Council Meeting	12 10 AM Bible Study led by Marlice Gilmore 7 PM Youth & Education Meeting	13 10:45 AM Marionwood 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	14	15 Newsletter Deadline
16 8:30AM Pre-service Prayer 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship - Holy Communion 11:30 AM Handbell Rehearsal 6 PM Feed Your Faith	17	18	19 7:00PM Men's Bible Study	20 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	21	22
23 8:30AM Pre-service Prayer 9 AM Sunday School- 10 AM Worship - Holy Communion 11:30AM Handbell Rehearsal 4 PM Confirmation Class	24	25 9:30AM Women in Mission	26	27 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	28 4:30 Hot Meals	29
30 8:30 AM Pre-service Prayer 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship - Holy Communion 4 PM Trunk & Treat	31					



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- To be a dynamic and welcoming congregation (fellowship)
- To worship (worship)
- To grow in faith (discipleship)
- To share the gospel (mission)

LOOKING AHEAD—DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 6th—All Saints Sunday
- November 6th—Youth Encounter Family Night

Newsletter Deadline is the 15th of the month