

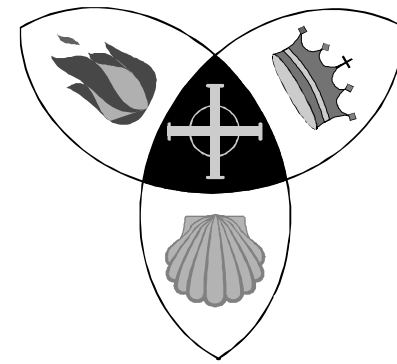
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MLC Congregation Meeting
Sunday, November 20th at Noon

Jesus said, "Do not worry about your life..." Matthew 6:25

Dear Friends of the Living Messiah,

"BE CAREFUL!" That is what most people say when I tell them I will be in Israel November 1-10 with a group of 14 members and friends of MLC. My response is, *"When Bonnie Jane and I were in Israel this past January we felt very safe the whole time."* I appreciate people's concern for our safety, yet....

THE SAFEST YOU and I have ever been probably was when we were being carried around in our Mother's tummies before birth. What warm, wonderful days those were. Unfortunately, we do not remember them. Then, whether we were ready or not, the time came for us to be born. *That's when things abruptly got much more dangerous.* Suddenly our life and safety were being passed around. We were dependent on countless people's hands — steady and trembling hands; young and old hands. We did not get to choose those people. They picked us up and at that point we were just 'along for the ride' wherever they took us. As you know, entrusting our lives and loved ones to the hands of others does not stop as we get older.

CAREFUL SAINTS??? Sunday, November 6, is *All Saints' Sunday*. I cannot think of any saint that is remembered primarily for her/his actions or words that focused on *safety*. The saints we honor are/were driven by convictions and courage rooted in their faith in Jesus. Honoring and serving their Lord took priority over *everything*, including personal safety. To take this to the **next level**: Imagine as Jesus was about to take on human flesh and be born to Mary our Heavenly Father saying to Him...

"BE CAREFUL, JESUS! *The world I am sending you to is a rough place. If you are not careful you could end up hurt, abused, rejected—even dead."* No, taking on *everything* that is wrong about this world, including what is wrong about us, is exactly why Jesus came to live among us. He did not come looking for safety. He came looking for lost sinners to save. So, for sinners like us...

OUR SAFETY IS ASSURED (*Disclaimer: Our safety is not assured in this life, but it is promised by our Lord for eternity—and BTW He does not lie*). We live with risks in this life knowing that eternal life is promised to us. Certainly we are NOT called to risk our lives on trivial, minor, or foolish matters. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to pour out our lives in service to our Lord, our neighbors, and His good creation. Usually that means years of faithful service rather than a single heroic act or one pool of blood. Yet, if it does require the heroic, we are covered. That is enough to empower us to get up and go out to serve our Lord wherever that leads.

Grace and peace, *Pastor Scott Peterson*

P.S. -Reports of our experiences while in Israel, will be at www.mlutheran.org

COOKIE BAKERS ARE NEEDED!

Messiah has been asked to provide 30 dozen cookies for shipping to deployed military personnel as part of the Youth Serving Youth Workshop. Please contact Lauren Gray at youth_director@mlutheran.com if you can help. She will provide you with the recipe. Cookies should be delivered to the church by **Saturday morning, Nov. 12.**

Incarnation Information – November 2011
“Learning from Abraham & Joseph”

It seems that God is not satisfied having me just intellectually interpret and cleverly communicate the readings assigned for each Sunday’s sermon. So often, God makes my life a classroom for learning the reality of the text on which I will be preaching. I have gotten to the point where I don’t feel ready to preach without having the text personally engage my life.

We have been doing a sermon series on understanding the Bible using the lenses of Covenant and Kingdom. I have been told that the messages are blessing the people who hear them, but I must admit the process of writing them has been blessing me probably more than anyone else.

After finding out Incarnation is being discontinued by the ELCA, my first two sermons were on the story of Abraham and the story of Joseph. Abraham is told to GO from what is comfortable and familiar. Along the way, it seems God has forgotten him and Sarah, but Abraham chooses to believe (despite the circumstances) that God is able to use him and his descendents to bless many. Joseph is given a vision of what his life is to be, but jealous brothers, slavery, false accusation, and imprisonment all became classrooms to prepare him to have the character where God can use his position to bless and save many. In the end, Joseph can look back at all of these negatives and choose not to be bitter toward those who have hurt him but rather to be thankful that God had used him to bless others.

These texts have spoken clearly to me. I haven’t heard God’s voice speak clearly to me very many times, but a week before being told Incarnation was being closed, I heard God say clearly, “Get ready to go.” Because I heard Him before I heard the Assistant to the Bishop, I am ready to GO. I don’t see what God is up to yet, but I trust Him to be faithful to me and my family. After the announcement, I felt like I had been thrown into a well and sold. When I came to Alabama, I had visions and dreams of what I thought God would do through me at Incarnation, but those dreams seem to have died. Yet I trust God is shaping my character and faith to make me more available to be used by him to help and save others in the future. I also seek to be able to let go of the frustration and praise God for putting me in a place to bless others & not continue being bitter.

God has me in His classroom. May I learn what He desires to teach me. May I become more available to be used to bless others. Maybe you are in His classroom as well. May the stories of Abraham, Joseph and others become more than nice stories. May they engage you as they have engaged me. May the sermon you hear this week do more than inform you in a creative way. May it grab hold of you in a way that will bless and change you forever.

Please pray for my search for a new church and for the sale of our house. Thanks!

Incarnation’s Last Worship Service – Sunday, November 6 at 11:00 AM at Ford’s Chapel United Methodist

We spent two of the first three Sundays at Ford’s Chapel (the two Sundays after the tornado) worshipping together with people who have become friends and who have been true partners in ministry. It only makes sense to have our last worship service together with our friends and ministry partners from Ford’s Chapel. Our last service as Incarnation will be November 6 at 11:00 in the main sanctuary of Ford’s Chapel as we join their 11:00 service. I (Pastor Mark) will be preaching at that service and at their 9:30 service that day. Plan to join us after the service for a potluck reception and a time of fellowship to thank God for the time we have had and grieve together that it is coming to an end. We hope lots of friends from All Saints, Messiah & St. Mark’s will be able to join us!

November Services of Worship

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV = With One Voice LS = Lord’s Supper

Sundays at 8:30am

Nov. 6 LBW *Setting 2* w/ LS

Nov. 13 *Serv. of Word and Prayer*

Nov. 20 LBW *Setting 2* w/ LS

Nov. 27 LBW *Setting 1*

Sundays at 11:00am

Nov. 6 LBW *Setting 2* w/ LS

Nov. 13 *Now the Feast* w/ LS

Nov. 20 Contemporary *Serv. w/ LS*

Nov. 27 *WOV Bread of Life* w/ LS

Advent Services at 7:00 pm

November 30, December 7, 14, & 21: Holden Evening Prayer Service with meditations on the dreams in the gospel of Matthew

December 14 Children’s Christmas program

DREAMING OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Did you know there are five (5) dreams in the Christmas story as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew? These dreams will be the subject of the meditations at the mid-week Advent services of worship.

Christmas Eve Services at 3:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm and 8:00 pm

December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Advent Mid-Week Services of Worship

Make plans to attend Advent services of worship at 7 pm on Wednesdays in December, using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. Everyone is invited to supper which will be served before the Advent Services, beginning at 5:30 pm. The Advent offering received this year will be divided between the support of the Vine Pastoral Counseling Center and the ILAG (Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala).

Missionary Pastor Amanda is Coming!

With us on December 18th will be Pastors Amanda Olson de Castillo and Horatio Castillo from the ILAG (Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala). They will lead an adult forum during the Sunday School hour and Pastor Amanda will preach at both services.



LIFE PASSAGES

This newsletter feature announces significant transitions in the life of our community of faith. Birth, Death, Baptism, Graduation, Confirmation, Job Change Relocation, Engagement, Marriage, or any other life passage you would like will be included. Contact Claire Strand.

NEW MEMBERS: *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."*

On September 25th we joyfully received into membership:

- Lisa Evers and Kirk Hamlet
- Steve and Debbie Bono, Taylor, Michelle
- Terrence and Amy Chance, Terrence, Lauren

BIRTHS: *"Lord, you knit me together in my mother's womb." Psalm 139:13*

- Carol Ann Madden and Debra Jean Bono were Baptized on October 2nd.
- Michael Robert Alferink was Baptized on October 9th.
- Dan and Carolyn Scroggins announce the birth of their grandson, Noble Nikolai Scroggins. He was born on October 16th weighing 7lbs 8oz and 21 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Ben and Tatiana Scroggins. The baby is named after his paternal grandfather, Noble Robert Scroggins. His middle name is of Russian origin which is fitting since Tatiana was adopted at age 5 from a Russian orphanage.

MARRIAGE: *"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13.*

- Ron Wagner and Carol Padinha were married October 1st.
- Russ and Helen Kollman are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on November 6th. They were married in 1951 in Ravenna, Ohio.

DEATHS: *"Remember I am with you always to the end of the age" Matthew 28:20*

- Beth Gloe's grandmother, Mary Ellen Petersmith, passed away on October 13th in Iowa. She was 88.

On Eagle's Wings Advent Breakfast

On December 11, enjoy breakfast in the Fellowship Hall while supporting the On Eagle's Wings ministry. Breakfast will be served 9-10:45 a.m. Stay after the early service for good fellowship or arrive hungry before Sunday School. *On Eagle's Wings* provides Bible Schools and ministry to children and adults in



remote and isolated areas of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut in Canada.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

by Mary Ann Stasiak

This November, Fellowship will be hosting a **Family Game Night** on Saturday November 12th, 4-8 PM in Fellowship Hall. We'll bring the pizza, you bring the games and desserts.



The **OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans)** will have a Harvest Gathering on Saturday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Janice and Bill Murphy are the hosts for this event – watch for more details.

Bridge Club meets on the second Friday of every month starting at 7:30 PM AND the 4th Sunday after 2nd service, this month on November 11th and November 27th. New and experienced bridge players welcome! Bring a friend and a snack to share - Contact Mary Ann and Ed Stasiak.

Thanks again to Cornelia Tegtmeier-Rottach for a German cooking class that was a delicious success by every measure. Cornelia has graciously agreed to host a **Specialty Christmas Cookie class** on Saturday December 3rd in Parish Hall kitchen, 10-2. We will have the Christmas Cookie and Ornament Exchange in Classrooms 11/12 at 2 PM as a follow-on event the same day. Please see Mary Ann Stasiak if you are interested in the cookie class, and watch for the sign-ups for the cookie and ornament exchange.

Lessons and Carols Service at Sewanee: The University of the South in Sewanee, TN will hold its 52nd Festival of Lessons and Carols during the Advent season this year. This is a lush festival of the Advent season, featured in Southern Living magazine last year. "At once solemn and joyful, the Festival of Lessons and Carols evokes the meaning of the Advent season through the radiant music of the University Choir and selected readings by members of the University community." On December 4th, a bus will pick us up from Messiah in the early afternoon, take us to the campus for the 5 PM service, and return us to Messiah by about 8 PM – a great event with great folks and no driving! A boxed meal will be provided. The cost will be \$35 per person, and we are limited to 52 seats. If you are interested in going to the service with us, please make your reservation with Mary Ann Stasiak.

Other events coming up through the end of the year:

- Specialty Christmas Cookie Cooking Class with Cornelia, Saturday Dec 3rd, 10-2
- Christmas Cookie and Ornament Exchange, Saturday Dec 3rd, 2-4
- Swedish Advent Fellowship, Sunday Dec 4th
- University of the South Festival of Lessons and Carols, Sunday Dec 4th
- Italian Advent Fellowship, Sunday Dec 11th

- American "Southern" Advent Fellowship, Sunday Dec 18th

OUTREACH NEWS by Claire Strand & Janell Zesinger

Stephen Ministries is conducting a pilot program on "*Coping with Feelings*". The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings with a light supper at 6:00. This will be followed at 6:30 by an hour of dealing with the not-so-light feelings of depression during the holidays or rejection, rage, loss of a job, problems involving coping with children or aging parents, frustrations or whatever stresses us including anything up to heart wrenching grief. These sessions will be led and moderated by Dr. Carl Malm who has expertise in dealing with 'all the feelings of our infirmities'. Sessions will be scheduled for November 8, 15 and 29 (skipping the Tuesday before Thanksgiving). They will resume on December 6 and 13. Then we will recess for the holidays and if we have sufficient interest will continue in January at a time available then.

There will be a **Bake Sale** to benefit Messiah's Kit Ministries on November 30th, between services and before & after the Congregational Meeting. Please sign up outside the Parish Hall to bring a homemade treat, and indulge your sweet tooth on the 30th!

Messiah's **Christmas Giving Mall** is coming this Advent. Before you head to the shopping mall this holiday season, please stop by our Giving Mall. The Messiah Giving Mall will include the Angel Tree, the ELCA Good Gifts Program, and Messiah's Gifts for Mission. For those hard to shop for on your list, consider a gift to those in need throughout our community and the world.

Thank you for being *God's people, reaching out*

Emergency Preparedness Tip of the Month

The batteries in your smoke detectors should be checked every month and replaced *at least* once per year. An easy way to remember this is "Change your clock, change your batteries." November 6th marks the end of Daylight Savings Time and we will be setting our clocks back one hour. Please take a moment to check/change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

November is the secondary severe weather season in Alabama. This means the changing weather patterns can trigger strong storms and tornadoes. Please be prepared.

Updates ~ MLC has 'adopted' a tornado survivor of the spring storms. Mrs Hamlet's home in the Lockhart area was demolished and with the settlement money from her insurance she is planning to rebuild. Her immediate need is rent for her storage building. MLC has already paid this through October and the expense for the remainder of the year is \$320. Please help us reach out to our neighbor in her time of need. Contributions may be made to the *MLC Disaster Task Force Fund*.

Kay Spence
Chair, MLC Disaster Task Force

Education & Youth News

by **Linda Peirce**



New Wednesday Night Adult Education Class "*The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*" by Timothy Keller. John Shriver and Pastor Scott have begun teaching this new class at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. All are welcome!

Looking Ahead to Christmas: The Children's Sunday School Christmas Program "Bethlehem, Nothing Ever Happens Here" will be presented **Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.** Information on scheduled practices is forthcoming. See Gary Garrison for more information.

Senior Youth grades 9-12 are meeting weekly on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Youth Director Lauren Gray has a varied program planned each week. Eleven Senior Youth have signed up to attend the **ELCA National Youth Gathering** next July 17-22, 2012, in New Orleans. Come to a meeting if you haven't attended in a while and find out what the Youth are planning!

Junior Youth had their first meeting with Lauren on Oct. 23 to plan monthly activities. Their next meeting will be a joint **Jr-Sr Youth Luncheon for Youth and their parents** hosted by Lauren following the late service **on Sun Nov. 6th.**

Thank you to the **Junior Youth** for planning the games for the Halloween Party! You helped to make the party a success!

Senior and Junior Youth groups and Tweens are participating in **Operation Christmas Child** by collecting a variety of gifts to fill shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. These will be delivered as Christmas gifts to children in third world countries. **Tweens**, youth in grades 3-5, will meet to decorate filled shoeboxes on Sat. Nov. 12 at Messiah. **Junior and Senior Youth** will meet with other Huntsville Lutheran youth groups on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church to deliver the shoeboxes and wrap them for shipping. This **Youth Serving Youth Workshop** will also make 500 Thanksgiving and Christmas craft items for Meals on Wheels clients and prepare cookies for mailing to deployed military and college students. Pizza, soft drinks and cookies for youth will be provided by Thrivent. Contact Lauren Gray for more information at youth_director@mlutheran.com

✚ Youth Zone ✚ by Lauren Gray

Director of Youth Ministries

National Youth Gathering:

We have 11 youth signed up to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering taking place next summer, July 17-22, in New Orleans! We are looking forward to having a great trip and getting the opportunity to serve and grow.

Christmas Workshop:

Youth are starting to collect items to fill the Christmas shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. These shoe boxes will be going to children in third world countries. On November 13, our youth will be joining other Lutheran youth to wrap these shoe boxes and prepare packages of home-baked cookies to be mailed out to our military and college students. If you would like to participate in the making of shoe boxes or cookies, contact Lauren Gray youth_director@mlutheran.com

Get together lunch with Lauren:

November 6, after the second service our Youth Ministry Director, Lauren, will be hosting a lunch for Sr. High and Jr. High Youth and their parents. This event is mainly for the opportunity of getting to know Lauren and giving her the chance to get to know you. Yes, there will be food, so please join her for some afternoon fun!

Congregation Meeting November 20th

On Sunday, November 20th a congregation meeting will be held at noon in the Parish Hall to adopt the 2012 budget for Messiah Lutheran Church. All confirmed members are voting members. Everyone is welcome.

A mailing of the proposed budget will be sent to members prior to the meeting. Please attend to celebrate God's blessings and seek together the future God has planned for us.

Ring and Sing

Messiah's annual Ring and Sing concert will be held on Sunday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m. Music from adult and children's handbell and chime choirs and vocal groups will be featured. Audience hand chime participation for ringing of Christmas carols is also on the program!



How's Worship Going in the Parish Hall?

Fabulously! Much thought and work has been put into making the space worshipful and welcoming. Jackie Myers made a beautiful fabric cover for the "new" temporary welcome center; the Webbs and Myers made beautiful matching flower stands in memory of Jeff Graff to display the arrangements; Jim Nelson's carved candlesticks beautify the altar. Have I overused the word beautiful? Maybe so, but allow me one more: It is so beautiful to have the Baptismal font, the altar, and the pulpit together in front. The word, the sacraments, including a visual reminder of my (our) rebirth in Christ together in our temporary chancel, raised in exaltation to our Lord is a beautiful thing. Since regular worship began in the Parish Hall, we have had four baptisms: two children and two adults. With the font in front and elevated the view is much better. Other improvements are the addition of book racks to hold the Bibles and hymnals since we don't have pew racks in the Parish Hall; the audio team has routed sound out to the entry area; pockets were added to the welcome pads to hold offering envelopes, pencils, and online giving cards; the table and chair setup crews are meeting all the facility usage needs; and Communion distribution goes smoothly now. Thanks to so many for the thought and work and patience to make this transition successful! Remember this is a temporary arrangement. Do you think when we look back on these months, we will say, "That went pretty fast"? ~ Claire Strand

Filled Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes...

are needed for both boys and girls in the following age categories: 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14. Please label the shoebox either boy or girl and the age category. Please include a donation of \$7 to cover the cost of shipping. Gift suggestions include school supplies, toys (please include any needed batteries), hygiene items such as toothpaste and toothbrush, comb, etc. and miscellaneous items such as t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, watches, flashlights. Shoeboxes should be delivered to the church no later than Sat. Nov. 12. Please contact Lauren Gray for more information. Lauren Gray's email is youth_director@mlutheran.com.

The Handmade Market was a huge success!

Over \$5,400 was raised for the *Lunches for Learning* mission in Honduras, including \$800 supplemental funding from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Every penny received will be used to provide lunches consisting of legumes (for protein), grain (for carbohydrates), a daily vitamin, and a glass of milk for all the children at the school we sponsor. Thank you to all who generously gave items to sell and those who purchased items. Special thanks to Jackie Myers and her team for coordinating the event.

Comforter's Quilt Auction This Month

The Comforter's annual auction will be held the month of November. Funds will be used to purchase materials for future use in making comforters. Comforters are made and sent to Lutheran World Relief and to local missions. Comforter materials include rolls of batting, thread, fabric, sheets for backings, sewing machines, scissors, crochet thread, pins, and needles. Comforters will be displayed in the Parish Hall niche. We will receive matching funds from Thrivent. The Comforters will meet every Tuesday in November @ 10:00. For information, contact Annette Joens.

Hunger Looms in Guatemala After Flooding

Our sisters and brothers in Guatemala lost their crops to floods just as they were on the verge of harvest. Most of the people of the member congregations of ILAG are subsistence farmers. When they lost their crops to the floods they lost their food for the coming year and their seed for the next planting.

Those of us who have traveled there and/or have heard the story of ILAG through Pastors Amanda and Horacio know the incredible work done by the Lutheran Church in Guatemala (ILAG). Even small gifts go a long way in helping the people and churches there.

During Advent, one half of our Mid Week offerings will go to ILAG. Pastors Amanda and Horacio will be with us on Sunday, December 18 at both services of worship (and during Sunday School hour) to update us on the situation in Guatemala.

If you wish to make a designated gift to address this disaster, checks may be made out to MLC and please note that it is for ILAG. Thank you.

Stewardship Thought.....

"It's what I'm Supposed to Do" by Josh Nelson

A Christian writer was telling about a new convert to the faith that started attending his church. She was in her early 30s, but already very successful in her career and was well compensated. When she became a Christian, and started attending that church, the offering totals were noticeably increased and it was apparent that this new Christian woman had quickly and remarkably become the church's top giver.



The writer asked this young woman what her motivation was for giving so much to the work of this church—was it gratitude for her own personal financial success? Or was it a feeling of joy that she received in giving so faithfully and generously? Why was she giving, and for goodness sake, why was she giving so much?

She was kind of surprised that her gifts were considered to be so far above the norm. She answered his question though by saying, "Gratitude? Sure I guess I feel gratitude for what I've achieved and what God has given me. But right now, at this brand new stage of discipleship, I'm just giving because it is what I'm supposed to do. It's what Jesus commands me to do. Maybe later, when I'm more adept at this, I'm sure I'll have all sorts of great theological reasons for my giving. But right now, I just give because I'm told to give."

That simple and straight-forward understanding of being a courageous and willing disciple is very helpful for us all, especially those of us who may have been in church a long time. Though we may have many reasons to give, it is very helpful to remember that our first impulse is simply a reaction to Jesus saying to us, "Come and follow me." And we give of ourselves, or of our time, our energy, our passion, our money—all because Christ has asked us to be faithful and to be his church.

Thank You to everyone who helped to make our 50th Anniversary Celebration so special. We feel very blessed to be part of the Messiah Family.

~ Jim & Ellie Nelson

NOVEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Dinner: 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Adult Class 6:30pm Notabella Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir <i>Ed & Georgann Trexler</i>	3	4	5
		<i>John & Jennifer Tresnan Trey</i>		<i>Joshua & Alicia Trexler</i>	<i>Charles & Lana Underwood</i>	<i>Alex & Liz Vaughn</i>
6 All Saints' Sunday 8:30am Worship LBW Setting 2 w/LS 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Council Forum 11:00am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8 10 am Comforters	9 5pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Notabella Bell Choir 6:30pm Adult Class 7:30 Adult Choir <i>Ron & Carol Wagner</i>	10	11 7:30 pm Bridge Club	12 Conference Gathering at Shades Valley LC in Birmingham 9:30am Family Game Night 4-8pm <i>DJ & Hillary Warren Abigail, Gina Saladino</i>
	<i>David & Linda Velazquez Matthew, Alex, Laura, Davey</i>	<i>Tim & Marsha Wade Maddie, Matt</i>		<i>Brian & Sarah Walker Justin, Evelyn</i>	<i>Wayne & Bobbie Walker Heather</i>	
13 8:30am Worship Serv. Word & Prayer 9:45 Sunday School 11:00am Worship Now the Feast w/LS 12:15 Instrumental Ens. 4PM – Jr & Sr Youth Workshop	14	15 10 am Comforters	16 5pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Dinner: 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Notabella Bell Choir 6:30pm Adult Class 7:30 Adult Choir <i>Richard & Tammy Weber Michael Ward, Scott Ward, David, James, Laura</i>	17	18	19 <i>6:00 p.m. OWLS Harvest Gathering</i> <i>Don & Karen Williams Alie, Bryan, Kain Blankenship</i>
	<i>Owen & Songae Wasmoen Chad, Cory, Chris</i>	<i>Richard & Bonnie Webb</i>		<i>Scot & Sharon West Jacob, Jordan, Kyle</i>	<i>Sam & Ginny Whitaker</i>	
20 8:30am Worship LBW Setting 2 w/LS 9:45 Sunday School 11:00am Worship Contemporary Serv w/LS 12pm - Congregation Meeting	21	22 10 am Comforters	23 NO 2 nd yr. Confirmation NO Dinner NO Choirs	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25	26
	<i>Pete & Devonee Woods, Abby, Aaron</i>	<i>Gloria Yoo Paul, Angela</i>	<i>Mark & Janell Zesinger Merritt, Jamie, Natalie</i>	<i>Paul & Linda Zutter</i>	<i>Hank Alewine</i>	<i>Rebecca Alferink Michael</i>
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	<i>Barbara Allen</i>	<i>Tracy & Staci Armstrong William, Zachary</i>				