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*Growing to and for Christ!*

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Psalm 46: a beloved Psalm to Martin Luther who put the words of this Psalm to his hymn, *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*.

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its tumult...the Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge. Psalm 46:1-3, 11 NRSV*

Dear Beloved Community of HRLC,

As we say at HRLC, *God is good all the time; all the time, God is good.*

This pastoral letter is adapted from the sermon on Sunday, August 16, 2020; live streamed from our home via the weak Sprint cell phone signal, six days after the Derecho:

On Sunday, August 9, we sent ourselves on our way with a hymn, *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*, that seems eerily poignant for us as we are living through, not only the unprecedented pandemic, but also the unprecedented aftermath of a derecho storm, the likes of which those of us who live here have never seen in all our born days!

*No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.*

*Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

The next day at around 12:30 pm, a storm of epic proportions swept through our town with very little warning at all. *How can I keep from singing?*

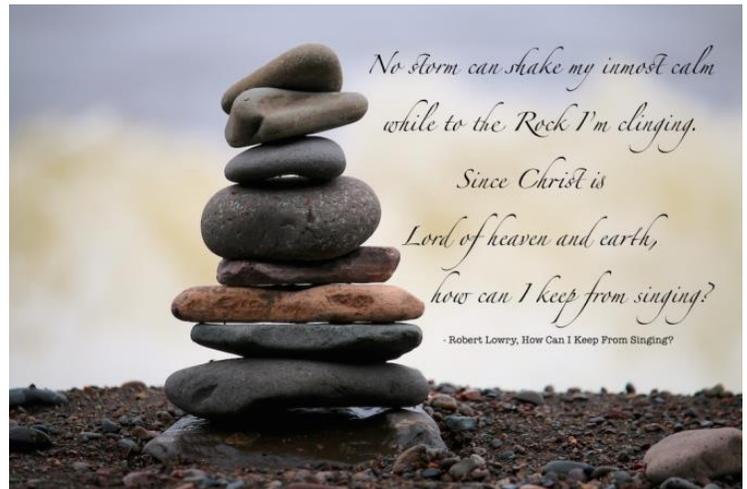
A gigantic wall of category 3 hurricane force winds (later reports indicated that the winds reached category 4 140 mph in the metro area) barreled over us, battering and beating down trees snapping them like they were twigs, flattening street signs and traffic signal, twisting and mangling siding, roofs and all manner of building material – flinging all this debris every which way into our beloved communities of Cedar Rapids, Marion and Hiawatha...flattening fields, farms and gardens, barns and silos.

How can I, how can we keep singing...in the midst of this terrible disaster?

You may have heard me tell the story of the people of Haiti who, on the Sunday morning after the horrific earthquake that rocked that island in January 12, 2010, five days later could be heard singing as they gathered for worship in the midst of the rubble of their sanctuaries. So, too do we gather in the midst of our rubble and sing. We sing in spite of the destruction and into the hope of recovery.

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble  
...the Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

We've seen more than our fair share of trouble since that Monday afternoon. The catastrophic destruction wreaked in the 770-mile path of the 110+ mile hour straight line winds that screamed through our town for almost an hour creating a 75 square mile scar of devastation was and is truly mindboggling and even that doesn't do justice.



Jack and I drove through the various areas of our combined metro area, viewing mile after mile of heartbreaking terribleness. From the NE to Marion, to Hiawatha and Robbins, to the NW and SW, then to Amana, Swisher, Shueyville and Solon and the farmland, to the SE – there was no place that was spared. None.

As in most natural disasters, it brings the best of humans – with neighbors helping neighbors and complete strangers. Sadly, it also brings out the worst in some – like the apartment manager who abandoned the residents of the destroyed complex leaving the refugees – families with children - to fend for themselves setting up little tents and lean-tos and cooking outside.

Once again, we have experienced what it's like to be utterly dependent on others for help and how surprising and jarring it is to be without lights, refrigeration, air conditioning, internet and phone service for days...some of you still without power and no way to take a hot shower or bath. Maybe when you were outside at night, you marveled and how dark it is when there are no city lights and maybe you marveled at how clear and beautiful the stars were without the loom of the city lights.

Over time, we will come to learn more about the storm, the casualties and the cost – the enormous cost for us all. But for now, in the midst of our lamentations and sorrow; grief and frustration, let us cherish one another and give thanks for the little blessings we notice all around us. We have already been and will continue to help one another and we will reach out to others who are hurting or in need. There will be things that we learn about ourselves and about our neighbors that we didn't know before. There has been and there will be grace lavished upon us by God that comes in the way of helpers and the kindness of strangers. May our ardent prayers, joined with our actions of care and love, be the twin disciplines of our faith in action for the sake of Jesus who surrounds and who walks with each and every day and who never leaves us alone.

In this month of September, we will be creating a list of those who have ongoing needs for disaster recovery assistance in the cleanup and repair of their homes and/or yards. We are aware that some of our members lost their homes and others have significant damage to roofs and buildings. Please, be in touch with Jeff Hand in the church office via email or phone to let us know if you or your loved ones need assistance and also if you are able to help on a work team. We will contact you to arrange days and times that work for homeowners and helpers. Perhaps it would be appropriate to designate the entire month of September as dedicated to “God’s Work, Our Hands” activities for those in need.

May you find rest, comfort and strength in Jesus, the Rock to whom we cling,  
Pastor Jayne Thompson

A prayer for our town and our times: God, our refuge and our strength, you are always at hand in times of trouble and tumult. You promise your grace, which is sufficient for each day and your healing power to surround and comfort us in times of disaster and destruction. We ask for your help in the midst of this terrible disaster. Be with those who have suffered great loss, fill their emptiness with your love. Bind this community together again in the hope that your future provides. Help us to look beyond the difficulties of these moments to the day when you shall embrace us all. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Great Healer, who suffered on the cross so that we might live a resurrected life. Raise us up to be servant leaders and to help others. Amen.

#### **An update on Jacob Vance from Pastor Jayne and her family:**

Thank you to all who continue to keep our nephew, Jacob Vance, in your prayers. Jacob was moved from the ICU Burn Unit to the UC Davis Rehab Unit where he is undergoing intense physical and occupational therapy to facilitate his discharge from the hospital and on to recovery at home in the first week of September. We are so grateful for your caring and prayerful support for Jacob. The cards and good cheer from the HRLC family have been such a bright spot in his life and his family's. Thank you!

His brother, Ben Vance, has established a GoFundMe page for those who would like to contribute to his ongoing support: [https://www.gofundme.com/f/jacob-vance039s-accident-fund?fbclid=IwAR2kCD4TWFDu5ybV6BtM-3cgsNpvGPDdtbI5BRZFjX4Jm\\_XtRZ\\_JXJ7ioyw](https://www.gofundme.com/f/jacob-vance039s-accident-fund?fbclid=IwAR2kCD4TWFDu5ybV6BtM-3cgsNpvGPDdtbI5BRZFjX4Jm_XtRZ_JXJ7ioyw)

# HOLY REDEEMER REOPENING TASK FORCE REPORT

August 31, 2020

Due to extenuating circumstances beyond anyone's control – an ongoing pandemic, a derecho, extensive and lengthy power outages, followed by storm clean up at individual homes, the church, and throughout the community – the Holy Redeemer Reopening Task Force (Pastor Jayne, Mark Marz, Lanny Eggers, and Brett Nitzschke) were unable to meet in the month of August.

Combined with increasing coronavirus cases in the state of Iowa and Linn County, a return to even modified in-person worship is still not safe. The Task Force will continue to monitor data from Linn County along with guidance from state and local public health experts and provide updates, as necessary.

Individually packaged communion sets have been ordered and delivered. Look for future announcements on when a drive through pick up of communion may begin.

We thank all our HRLC members who continue to support and pray for our ministry together during this unusually challenging time. We are confident that, with God's ever-present and enduring love in Christ Jesus, we will get through this together.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Task Force.

[This article submitted on behalf of the Task Force by Jeff Hand with information provided by Pastor Jayne.]

## Council Corner

Due to storm damage and cleanup efforts, Holy Redeemer's August Council meeting was postponed until Thursday, 27 August.

**Suspension:** The suspension of church activities continues.

The task force will continue to do its work and provide best practice recommendations. Council will continue to evaluate at their regularly scheduled meetings, the next of which is 10 September 2020 (also via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.).

**Finances:** During the month of July, we were short of our total budgeted income goal by \$3,270.

Detailed council minutes, including additional financial details, will be sent separately just a few days following this newsletter.

## Office Remains Closed

With the continued suspension of in-building activities, the church office remains officially



closed. You can reach Pastor by email ([pastor@holyredeemer.church](mailto:pastor@holyredeemer.church)), text or cell phone: 320-492-6377. She will get back to you as soon as she is able! Admin Assistant, Jeff Hand can also be reached by email ([secretary@holyredeemer.church](mailto:secretary@holyredeemer.church)),

text or cell phone: 319-899-7688. Jeff continues to stop at church daily to process mail, check voice mail, and handle the limited tasks that cannot be done from home. If you need to stop by the church, please contact Jeff to make arrangements.

## SE Iowa Synod

### Synod Online Assembly

The Southeastern Iowa Synod convened in online assembly at 4:00 pm August 5, 2020 and again at 9:30 am August 7, 2020. The production of this assembly was based at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines, Iowa. Holy Redeemer was represented by Pastor Jayne, Jack Hayes, and Allison Hubbell.

Though other business was attended to, the primary focus of this assembly was the election of a new synod bishop. Through a prayerful process and hearing from several early candidates, the assembly ultimately elected Reverend Amy Current. She is scheduled to be installed in October and begin as bishop on November 1.

What follows are comments and impressions of the assembly from **Jack Hayes**:

“This wasn't my first attendance of a Synod Assembly by far, but it was my first as a voting member as well as Allison Hubbell. It seemed this

gathering's agenda was mostly about the election of new Synod officers, and particularly the election of a new Bishop to serve the Southeastern Iowa Synod of the ELCA. As you probably already know, Pastor Jayne was nominated by her peers and colleagues for that position, an honor for her and for Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church. Now, being her husband, you might think I'm a little biased in my belief that she's well qualified; well, I am, and she is! Remember; I didn't nominate her, it was a number of her peers who hold her in such high esteem. Even though she grew up in Cedar Rapids, she's only served in this area for a relatively short time, and quite a few of her colleagues thought she should be nominated anyway. Unexpectedly, after the first ballot, she was tied for fourth place, and we were called to come be present at Hope Lutheran Church in Des Moines for the rest of the balloting process. So, off we went.

This is actually not the first time she has been nominated and gone through the process of ecclesiastical balloting that takes place at synod assemblies seeking a new bishop. It's the *third* time in as many synods as she has served. In two she wound up in the top seven candidates, a significant event. Before we left the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod, there was a serious movement afoot to nominate her for the position of Bishop for *that* synod!

This time, due of course to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Assembly took place in a strange mix of virtual and physical venue, but the process was much the same as usual. We didn't have a great deal of technical difficulty as one might have expected: the staff assigned to helping folks who have little experience with on-line meetings were superb and it seemed to me the whole thing went off with very few problems.

Bishop Michael Burk graciously oversaw the assembly, and the celebration of his years of service was made more poignant by the fact of the necessity of physical/social distancing protocol that had to be observed. We all thank him for his service. We welcome our new Bishop-Elect, Reverend Amy Current, whole-heartedly and with much anticipation.”

Pastor Jayne's comments on the assembly will be found in the council meeting minutes to be sent separately.

## Synod Disaster Relief

The Southeastern Iowa Synod was hit particularly hard by the derecho on August 10. As such, the synod has set up a synod Derecho Response (offering help throughout the synod). To learn more about this response or to contribute, you may do so at <https://seiasynod.org/synod-news/disaster-response-derecho-storm/>.

## Additional Synod Information

For more information from our synod, visit <https://seiasynod.org/>. There you can find weekly newsletters (<https://seiasynod.org/news-events/news/>), messages from Bishop Burk, and a number of resources related to COVID-19 (<https://seiasynod.org/covid-19/>).

## Outreach

### August Mission of Hope

To go lunches were again fixed for 100 people at Mission of Hope. Nicole, Allison, and Courtney Hubbell along with Jan and Judy made the sandwiches. The meals consisted of ham or turkey hoagies, chips, cookies, and peach cups.

Thanks to all members of Holy Redeemer for your support of Mission of Hope.

### Our next scheduled Mission meal is set for Thursday, September 17.

The Outreach Committee: Nicole, Loretta, Arlan, DeAnna, Jan, and Judy

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering

In September, our designated fourth Sunday offering is scheduled for September 27. The proceeds from this offering will go to **Madge Phillips Center/Waypoint**.

*“Madge Phillips Center/Waypoint is dedicated to moving people forward through proactive services and resources including our [Shelter and Housing Program](#), [Domestic Violence Victim Services](#), and high quality, affordable [child care](#) in our local community.”*

## Linn Community Food Bank

Following the derecho, most local food banks are in desperate need of donations as they continue to make meals available to storm victims in addition to those who are in regular need.

Our next Food Bank weekend (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month) is scheduled for September 13.

## How to Give to Special Offerings

With worship services and other activities suspended, you may wonder how to give to Madge Phillips Center/Waypoint, Linn Community Food Bank, or Take Away Hunger. When submitting your offering, simply indicate on your offering envelope, the memo line of your check, or in a separate note. Counters will ensure it gets the proper designation and funds will be sent to the organizations. Thank you for your generous support.

## God's Work, Our Hands

Please review the council minutes (to be sent separately) for further information on God's Work, Out Hands.

## Adult News

### General Notice About Activities

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, all in-building activities continue to be suspended except with approval of the council. With that said, if your group feels comfortable meeting in other ways – perhaps outdoors, in a park, or anywhere that you can safely distance – you are certainly welcome to do so.

Group leaders: If you would like to include group off-site group activities on the church calendar or in the newsletter, please let Jeff know in the office.

Group members: Wondering if your group is meeting? Your best contact is your group leader, but you are welcome to contact the office to see if we have information.

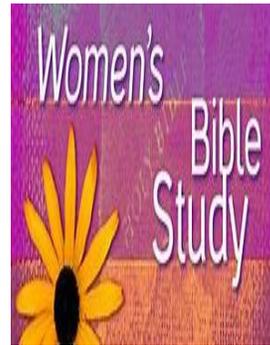
## Thanks from the Stellings

Thank you to our caring church family and friends for the loving words of comfort and cards we received when my mother passed away.

Jean Stelling

## Women's Bible Study

The Bible study for September is: *Holy Time* by Meghan Johnston



Aelabouni. Session #1 is : “Holy memory: Why we remember, and how God remembers us.” Theme verses are 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, Luke 22:7-23, Exodus 16:1-3, and Numbers 11:4-6.

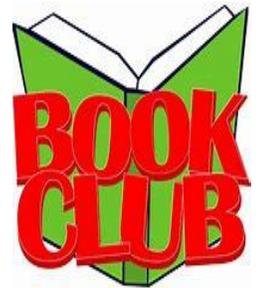
(Copies are available in the WELCA notebook on the shelf under the women’s bulletin board.) If you would like an email copy, please contact Jeff Hand, Administrative Assistant.

## WIGS (Book Discussion Group)

As with all group activities, WIGS is unable to meet at the church. However, this is an ideal time to read.

The book for the month is: *Educated* by Tara Westover

All are welcome to join us. The reading list for 2020 can be found on the Women’s bulletin board.



## Let's Do Lunch

*Will not meet in September*

## Celebrations of Life



Loretta Shannon and her family are in our prayers following the death of her husband, Marvin. Pastor Jayne will be officiating a private, graveside service on Saturday, September 5. Marvin's

obituary can be found at:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/greeleytribune/obituary.aspx?n=marvin-shannon&pid=196697527&fhid=13645>

A celebration of Tom Nutt's life is scheduled for Saturday, September 12 from 1-3 pm at Murdoch Funeral Home on Wilson Ave SW. Cindy said she would love to see and greet all who remember her and Tom. Murdoch has told Cindy they are following COVID-safe guidelines. Cindy is returning to Iowa from a "mandatory mask" state so please wear a mask.

## Direct Support Professionals Week



Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is a role that is both demanding and meaningful. During

September's National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives, especially during the extra challenges surrounding COVID-19 this year.

One way LSI empowers Iowans is through our Services for People with Disabilities. From 24-hour support to occasional respite care, the LSI team lifts up Iowans with disabilities as they find the confidence and independence they need to thrive. In recent months, our DSPs have been dedicated to the people we are privileged to serve, adding extra safety measures to continue supporting individuals in our 24-hour facilities and providing new activities to keep everyone entertained and busy when leaving the house was not safely an option.

This high-quality care is possible because of you – thank you for lifting up your Iowa neighbors in times of crisis! If you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of

philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org).

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://Facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

## We are Still Here: LSI's Services for People with Disabilities

LSI Team Leader Ada works at Harmony House in Muscatine, a 24/7 care facility provided through LSI's Services for People with Disabilities. The home provides consistent care to five Iowans with intensive disabilities and medical conditions. Ada and her team assist residents with most parts of their day, from movement around the home and hygiene routines to medications and meals.

Because of COVID-19, the residents at Harmony House have not been able to safely see their families or participate in the volunteering or work they love, as some are able to do. But Ada and her team are there to offer a familiar face and structure when everything else feels uncertain. On days when clients feel scared or unsure, Ada and her team provide support and comfort.

Throughout the pandemic, Ada and her team have worked long hours to ensure they follow additional safety precautions, protecting both themselves and the clients they serve.

“We are an essential part of their daily life, regardless of whatever storm lies in front of us. My work is needed for my clients to survive,” Ada says. “But they are essential to me and the other staff. They are the reason we do what we do.”

## From the Admin Desk: No Shame in Asking for Help

In the scripture readings for August 30, I was drawn to verses 12 and 13 in Romans 12. These verses read: “Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.”



In the last few weeks, I've seen evidence of all these things across our community. Those out-of-state workers that have come to help us are treated to Iowa hospitality. Contributions are being made to various organizations to get food and supplies to those most in need. Neighbor helping neighbor, so that we might all see a ray of hope. And yet, some are suffering, often in silence, unknown to those around them.

We have been through a lot this year – changes we neither expected nor particularly wanted. Such changes create stress. Over time, the effects of stress can add up and create physical problems. You (or others you know) may experience the stages of grief – denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and, finally (perhaps not yet), acceptance. If you are experiencing any of these things or sleep/appetite changes, mood changes, increased sensitivities, apathy, or feelings of disconnect, please reach out and talk to someone. If it will relieve stress to simply share how you are feeling, you can safely do that by contacting our Stephen Leaders – Marti Marz and David Adams. You are also welcome to call me (at the office or at home) and Pastor Jayne. If speaking to a good listener isn't enough, please talk to a health professional. (Below this article is a short list of resources; there are many others.)

One thing I've been told and find as a useful reminder: "Depression grows in isolation." Please don't self-isolate; I know the pandemic makes it harder to visit with others, including health professionals. The storm damage makes it harder to get out and enjoy a walk on a bright sunny day. But these things can be done. Call a friend. If you're doing well, check on others who may be alone. Really look for those moments of God's grace that give you reason to rejoice and keep on singing.

Resources:

NAMI - Linn County (<https://namilinncounty.org/>); 319-362-2174

Foundation 2 (<https://www.foundation2.org/>); also 319-362-2174 or 1-800-332-4224

Iowa State University's Iowa Concern Network (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/>); 1-800-447-1985

Covenant Family Solutions (<https://covenantfamilysolutions.com/>)

Both local hospitals have mental health programs, and Susan Adams shared this link to the Family Caregivers of Mercy newsletter:

<https://www.mercycare.org/app/files/public/10372/kg-derecho-letter-and-resource-list-9-2020-final.pdf>

## Encouragement

(While we take a global pandemic very seriously, a little humor and good cheer can help us through)



### Old Lutheran Reminder: "Love Is Greater"

While this image was included in last month's newsletter, I thought we could use an updated version; one that reads: "**Love > 2020!**"

A few verses that we might all draw strength from:

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9, NRSV)

I can do all things through [Christ] who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13, NRSV)

Be still, and know that I am God! (Psalm 46:10a, NRSV)

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, so I shall be saved from my enemies. (Psalm 18:1-3)

## Future Events

### September 2020

Note: Activities in our building continue to be suspended except with council permission.

<b>Sep 1 (Tue)</b>	Bible Study (via email)
<b>Sep 3 (Thu)</b>	6:30 pm Executive Mtg (Zoom) Committees (TBD - chairpersons)
<b>Sep 6 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship</b> (FB Live)
<b>Sep 7 (Mon)</b>	<b>Holiday – Office Closed</b>
<b>Sep 8 (Tue)</b>	Bible Study (via email)
<b>Sep 9 (Wed)</b>	11:00 am Pr & SM leader meeting
<b>Sep 10 (Thu)</b>	7:00 pm Council Meeting (Zoom)
<b>Sep 13 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship</b> (FB Live) Food Bank Weekend
<b>Sep 14 (Mon)</b>	6:30 pm SM Supervision – Group 1 7:30 pm SM Supervision – Group 2
<b>Sep 15 (Tue)</b>	Bible Study (via email)
<b>Sep 17 (Thu)</b>	Mission of Hope Meal
<b>Sep 20 (Sun)</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship</b> (FB Live)
<b>Sep 21 (Mon)</b>	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>Sep 22 (Tue)</b>	Bible Study (via email) <b>9:00 am Worship</b> (FB Live)
<b>Sep 27 (Sun)</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> W/E Offering: Madge Phillips Center/Waypoint
<b>Sep 29 (Tue)</b>	Bible Study (via email)

### October and November 2020

(All Events Tentative and Subject to Change)

<p><b>Oct 1:</b> 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study 6:30 pm Executive Meeting 7:00 pm Committee Meetings</p> <p><b>Oct 4:</b> 9:00 am Worship</p> <p><b>Oct 5:</b> 6:30 pm SM Supervision – Group 1 7:30 pm SM Supervision – Group 2</p> <p><b>Oct 6:</b> <del>9:00 am Staff Meeting</del> 12:30 pm Card Players 3:00 pm Bible Study</p> <p><b>Oct 7:</b> 11:00 am Pr. &amp; SM meeting</p> <p><b>Oct 8:</b> 9:30 am WiGS 7:00 pm Council Meeting</p> <p><b>Oct 11:</b> 9:00 am Worship Food Bank Weekend</p> <p><b>Oct 13:</b> 3:00 pm Bible Study SM Area-Wide</p> <p><b>Oct 15:</b> Mission of Hope Meal</p> <p><b>Oct 18:</b> 9:00 am Worship</p> <p><b>Oct 19:</b> 6:30 pm SM Supervision – Group 1 7:30 pm SM Supervision – Group 2</p> <p><b>Oct 20:</b> 12:30 pm Card Players 3:00 pm Bible Study <b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p> <p><b>Oct 22:</b> 11:30 am Let’s Do Lunch</p> <p><b>Oct 25:</b> Reformation Sunday 9:00 a.m Worship 4<sup>th</sup> WE offering – Willis Dady</p> <p><b>Oct 27:</b> 9:30 am DUO Day 3:00 pm Bible Study</p> <p><b>Nov 1:</b> 9:00 am Worship</p> <p><b>Nov 2:</b> 6:30 pm SM Supervision – Group 1 7:30 pm SM Supervision – Group 2</p>	<p><b>Nov 3:</b> <del>9:00 am Staff Meeting</del> 12:30 pm Card Players 3:00 pm Bible Study</p> <p><b>Nov 4:</b> 12:30 pm Craft Day</p> <p><b>Nov 5:</b> 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study 6:30 pm Executive Meeting 7:00 pm Committee Meetings</p> <p><b>Nov 8:</b> 9:00 am Worship Food Bank Weekend</p> <p><b>Nov 10:</b> 3:00 pm Bible Study</p> <p><b>Nov 11:</b> 11:00 am Pr. &amp; SM meeting</p> <p><b>Nov 12:</b> 9:30 am WiGS 7:00 pm Council Meeting</p> <p><b>Nov 15:</b> 9:00 am Worship</p> <p><b>Nov 16:</b> 6:30 pm SM Supervision – Group 1 7:30 pm SM Supervision – Group 2</p> <p><b>Nov 17:</b> 12:30 pm Card Players 3:00 pm Bible Study</p> <p><b>Nov 18:</b> 9:00 am SS to Scooters 12:30 pm Craft Day</p> <p><b>Nov 19:</b> Mission of Hope Meal</p> <p><b>Nov 20:</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p> <p><b>Nov 22:</b> 9:00 a.m Worship 4<sup>th</sup> WE offering – Grateful Grannies</p> <p><b>Nov 24:</b> 9:30 am DUO Day 3:00 pm Bible Study</p> <p><b>Nov 26:</b> Holiday - Thanksgiving <del>11:30 am Let’s Do Lunch</del></p> <p><b>Nov 29:</b> 9:00 a.m Worship 5<sup>th</sup> WE offering – God’s Global Barnyard</p>
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#### Church Office Hours

**Monday – Friday**  
**9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Worship Services**  
**Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**  
**(Streaming on FB Live)**



*If we live by the Spirit, let us also  
be guided by the Spirit.*

*Galatians 5:25 (NRSV)*



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*Join us as we grow to and for Christ!!!*