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Jesus Loves

May 2023

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⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

314 - 4th Ave NE, Waseca, MN 56093
Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm

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Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY):

- ✚ **Divine Service w/Holy Communion:** 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✚ Sunday School begins at 10:15am in the Old Parish Hall
- ✚ **Adult Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.

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One of the greatest Bible stories is Jesus' trek to the cross. According to the apostle Luke, there are three sub stories within the journey.

The first is when the soldiers seized a man called Simon of Cyrene. This event probably indicates the physical condition of Jesus was poor. Jesus had been beaten and whipped, at the same time he hadn't eaten or drank anything. He must have been close to fainting from the loss of blood. The fact Simon was chosen to carry His cross was probably a common practice. Those who were sent to the cross were almost always in a state of collapsing. I am sure Simon probably had no idea that he carried the Messiah's cross.

The second story shows Jesus speaking to the women who had followed Him during his ministry. St. Luke records in verse 23:28: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed! Then they will begin to say to the mountains, fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us. For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

This statement is actually a warning to the people watching and to us. Jesus is the green wood, and we are the dry wood. This reminds me of the statement "If life got better the further you moved from Jesus, you should be worried; I'm not worried!"

America is currently suffering from being very dry wood. As a nation we have chosen to move away from Jesus. We seldom attend church, we prefer to curse his name, we would rather attend sporting events than Bible study.

However, I think the greatest sin of our nation is turning our backs and allowing the abortion industry to operate at full steam. Jesus warns us that we are to suffer the little children. He also says in Matthew 18:10, a child's angel has face time directly with God. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." And Matthew 18: tells us: "whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea." Jesus loves children and he does not like us to hurt them in any way. Coming from the Lord of the universe, we should take note.

The third story, is the story of when Jesus turns and speaks to the crowd with these words from Matthew 23:34 "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Wow, this is a phrase that no human could utter. Jesus was able to forgive those who were going to kill him in just a few hours. Jesus had two choices at that point. He could call down angels to save him, kill his oppressors and restore him to power. Or he could forgive those who were about to kill him. He chose the latter.

This statement proves Jesus is God. This statement proves Jesus is obedient to God the Father. This statement shows that Jesus did what Adam could not do. Because Jesus did God's will, while Adam rejected God's will.

These statements are examples of what we should do when our enemies surround us. We are to forgive them and put them in Jesus hands.

- Pray: We would like to thank those who have agreed to give their time to be on the Call Committee and to ask the congregation to keep each of these people in their prayers as they diligently work and prayerfully consider the one God has chosen to be our next pastor: Kent Delon, Jim Wyffels, Jerry Flogstad, Andrew Gilmore, Bill Kuschel, Kris Dahlhoff, Jessica Klinger, and Aimee Hill.
- **LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION:** The Lutheran Witness Magazine Subscriptions are due by June 5th, 2023. The cost for the year is \$23.16. If you are interested in adding or renewing a subscription, please drop off your check in the amount of \$23.16 (payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church) to the church office by May 31st, 2023. Thank you!!



- May 4th, 2023 at 2pm St Paul will host the LWML Prayer Service at 2pm. Every one is welcome to attend. There will be dessert following the service.



Are you in need of transportation to appointments or to the store??

Are you able to drive someone to an appointment or to the store??

If you fit into either of these categories, please call the church office so we can help you coordinate a driver.



- **To all our Volunteers-** A sincere thank you goes out to each and every one of you. Volunteering is a gift one person gives to another. Whether you gave of yourself once or many times over, your time, talents, and energy have and continue to make a difference. Thank you again for sharing your gifts! **The Board of Stewardship**



The Board of Evangelism would love to hear your **"Coin Care Mission Stories"**. If you have some you would like to share, please tell them to one of the board members or write them down and give to the church office.



BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

This month we celebrate three major Christian festivals - the Festival of Christ's Ascension, the Festival of Pentecost, and the Festival of the Holy Trinity. May's Bible Reading Schedule speaks about the events just before Christ's Ascension (Matthew 28:16-20). We often read about the three Persons of the Holy Trinity (Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 1:1-6; I Thessalonians 1:1-5). We also read about the Holy Spirit's work in the Old and New Testaments (II Samuel 23:2; Psalm 51:11-13; Matthew 28:18-20). God's grace given us by the Holy Spirit in Word and Sacrament will keep us in the faith until the day when Christ comes to judge the living and the dead (Matthew 24-25; I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11).

MAY:

1. I Chronicles 14,15; Psalm 132; Matthew 18
2. I Chronicles 16; Psalm 106; Matthew 19
3. II Samuel 7; I Chronicles 17; Psalm 2; Matthew 20
4. II Samuel 8,9; I Chronicles 18; Matthew 21
5. II Samuel 10; I Chronicles 19,20; Psalm 20; Matthew 22
6. II Samuel 11,12; Psalm 51; Matthew 23
7. II Samuel 13,14; Matthew 24
8. II Samuel 15,16; Psalm 32; Matthew 25
9. II Samuel 17; Psalm 71; Matthew 26
10. II Samuel 18; Psalm 56; Matthew 27
11. II Samuel 19,20; Psalm 55; Matthew 28
12. II Samuel 21,22,23; I Thessalonians 1
13. II Samuel 24; I Chronicles 21; Psalm 30; I Thessalonians 2
14. I Chronicles 22,23,24; I Thessalonians 3
15. I Chronicles 25,26,27; I Thessalonians 4
16. I Kings 1; I Chronicles 28; Psalm 91; I Thessalonians 5
17. I Kings 2; I Chronicles 29; Psalm 95; II Thessalonians 1
18. I Kings 3; II Chronicles 1; Psalm 78; II Thessalonians 2
19. I Kings 4,5; II Chronicles 2; Psalm 101; II Thessalonians 3
20. I Kings 6; II Chronicles 3; Psalm 97; Romans 1
21. I Kings 7; II Chronicles 4; Psalm 98; Romans 2
22. I Kings 8; II Chronicles 5; Psalm 9; Romans 3
23. II Chronicles 6,7; Psalm 135; Romans 4
24. I Kings 9; II Chronicles 5; Psalm 136; Romans 5
25. I Kings 10,11; II Chronicles 9; Romans 6
26. Proverbs 1,2,3; Romans 7
27. Proverbs 4,5,6; Romans 8
28. Proverbs 7,8,9; Romans 9
29. Proverbs 10,11,12; Romans 10
30. Proverbs 13,14,15; Romans 11
31. Proverbs 16,17,18; Romans 12



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Please arrange a replacement if you can not acolyte at the service assigned to you. Please notify the church office at 507-835-2647 when you have changed with another acolyte. Please arrive to the church 20 minutes before the service begins, as the candles are to be lit 10 minutes before the service.

- May 7th, 2023: Joel Hammer**
- May 14th, 2023: Josie Ross**
- May 21st, 2023: Blake Schroeder**
- May 28th, 2023: Troy Ryan**

#29ERS

Will meet May 24th at Noon.
Pot Luck Hosted Roger and Marilyn Rucker



**Birthdays
This Month**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

(Please note: If your name is not listed; we do not have your birthdate in our church records. Please contact the church office and we will update our records. Thank you!)

Name	Birthday		
Matthew Klinger	May 1st	Giles Zimmer	May 13th
Timothy Roemhildt	May 2nd	Sloane Nestes	May 16th
Leslie Schult	May 4th	Michael bochman	May 19th
Ryan Berg	May 5th	Vivian Bohmbach	May 22nd
Susan Rucker	May 5th	Ronald Roemhildt	May 22nd
John Arnold	May 7th	Grant Duffy	May 24th
Debbie Pehrson	May 8th	Linda Hein	May 26th
Marilyn Teskey	May 9th	Eric Schwarz	May 26th
Stanley Stiernagle	May 11th	Kraig Deling	May 27th
Jacob Lemmen	May 12th	Levi Flom	May 28th



To all of our mother's out there, we wish you
a happy and blessed Mother's day!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Sunday School News – The Last Sunday is May 21st, 2023. It has been a fantastic year!! Thank you for sharing your children with us as we share the LOVE of JESUS with THEM!!! **See you back in September!!!**

Sunday mornings at 10:15am - snacks, music, skits, crafts, games, and God's word! Students are released to their parents at 11:15am. Ages 3 through grade 8, please register with the church office. High school students, come be a helper!

We are so thankful for all our loving volunteers! Contact Superintendents Aimee Hill (651-380-0207 or aimeebpaulson@gmail.com) or Jen LaCroix (507-384-1079 or jenlacx@gmail.com) to get involved.

Easter Breakfast Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Easter Breakfast. What a blessing to eat together! Money was raised for Camp Omega Scholarships. The Board of Education does not want any child to miss out on a great camping experience this summer due to financial hardships. If you are in need and have a student that wants to attend Camp Omega, please contact the church office to fill out a Scholarship application.

Vacation Bible School will be June 4th to June 8th, 6pm to 8pm at Christ the King Church. St Paul will be partnering again for the 3rd year with Christ the King. We hope your student will want to come and participate in the FUN we have in store this year as we go **"STELLAR"** and learn about God's love for us. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board or in the church office. Please have filled out and turned in by May 15th so we can ensure all materials are purchased for each child.

Empty Shoeboxes Available

Christmas shoeboxes are available to take home, fill, and return with shipping funds of \$9 per box. Just ask the church office or Jen LaCroix. Items are also available to fill your box!

Sunday School children will pack boxes in the fall, but we are planning for a more manageable number. (185 boxes this past year was a blessing and overwhelming for our small Sunday School.) To make donations to St. Paul Sunday School for packing, please remove bulky packaging and drop off at the church office. Small toys and games, trinkets, jewelry, cups/water bottles and craft/school supplies, toothbrushes, washcloths, bar soap and items are needed for ages 2-14, for both boys and girls. (No liquids, pastes, glue, putty, dough or slime of any kind. No toy guns or military items.) Monetary donations to cover the cost of special Christmas shoeboxes and the \$9 shipping fee per box are also welcomed. Thank you!

Questions about Operation Christmas Child? Please contact Jen LaCroix 507-384-1079 jenlacx@gmail.com, or Aimee Hill in the church office 507-835-2647.

COTTA GUILD NEWS:



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

April 13th, 2023

Cotta Guild Meeting

- Barb opened with devotions entitled "From Empty to Full"
- Our secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved.
- Judie Thanked everyone who has helped with coffee hour and Lenten Supper. *
- Remember your caring sister and brothers with card and prayer.
- Remember to pay your dues for 2023, if you have not already taken care of them.
- Linda Seifert reported on the LWML Winter retreat. She shared that mother and father day gifts have arrived.
- Cotta Guild donated \$500 toward the new kitchen oven. Church is still looking for donations to pay this item off.
- April 16th, cotta Guild is serving coffee hour.
- May 14th, Judie, Rhonda, and Linda will hand out Mother's Day Gifts.
- On May 4th, St Paul will host the LWML Prayer Service at 2pm, followed by dessert. Judie, Cindy, and Kathy will supply desserts.
- On May 16th, St Paul will host the Circuit Pastor Meeting and Meal. Linda, Kathy and Barb will serve coffee and rolls at 8:30am. Judie, Linda, and Cindy will serve lunch.
- We tabled "singing out" until next month.
- We have been asked by the Mission group if we could supply 10 pies for their beef drive thru on April 21. Judie, Rhonda, and Kathy have volunteered to bake.
- There were no birthdays this month.
- Our next meeting will be May 11th at 1pm. Linda's Circle will serve and Pastor will do devotions.
- We Closed with our LWML prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Flogstad, secretary

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Cotta Guild supports mission projects through the Mites for Mission donations. The mission projects are voted on at our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) national and district conventions by the delegates. Thank you for your support of these mission projects. Your donations may be placed in the Mites for Missions' boxes located at the church entrances on the second Sunday of each month.

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:13-14).

My mite box sits on my kitchen windowsill directly above the sink. Sometimes as I stand and fill a glass or a pot with water (often for my morning coffee!), I glance at it and have fleeting thoughts of doubt: *Do a few coins really make a difference for Christ and His Church?* But as someone who prays regularly for ways to assist with “the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him,” I know better.

The short answer is, “of course,” a few coins really make a difference. How do I know? In my role, I get to correspond regularly with many of our mission grant recipients. These emails and letters serve as constant reminders, such as the newsletters from Pastor David Baker, who receives direct support through our grant to Mission Central in Iowa (Mission Grant #4: LCMS Missionary Support – Running the Race Together).

Pastor Baker and his family currently serve as missionaries to the Muslim-background ethnic Kazakh people in Western Mongolia. Since his two-year vicarage in Kazakhstan nearly twenty years ago, he and his family have spent most of their lives in Central Asia. (Fun fact: Pastor Baker recently shared with me that his wife Rachel’s grandmother, Laverne Selle, was at the first ever LWML rally and was a president for some time of the LWML South Wisconsin District. What a legacy of “hands to work for Him” and “feet to go on His errands.”) In his most recent newsletter, Pastor Baker writes: “One of our main goals in moving out to Western Mongolia is to disciple and catechize families, helping them to be grounded in the faith and to grow in Christ. Over the last couple of months, we have finally started gaining some traction with over 30 members meeting in five small groups to study the basics of the Christian faith.” He goes on to discuss some of the challenges of ministry among the nomadic people: “These are the ones who tend to have the least ongoing contact with the church and need further instruction and discipleship the most.” He asks for our prayers “for the growth among the families in confirmation, both in true knowledge and Christian life,” and “for key people to commit to the classes in the outlying nomadic communities. Without someone taking responsibility in each of these far-flung communities, it becomes almost impossible to regularly find and meet with the scattered Christians.”

When I see my mite box on the kitchen windowsill, instead of allowing my mind to doubt, I can turn in prayer to the God of the universe, who alone can find a way to connect my coins with nomadic Kazakh workers, lost and in need of the good news of a Savior who died and rose to grant them the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. As the water flows from my faucet, I can be reminded of the life-giving water poured out at my Baptism, giving me faith in Christ by the power of His Word. I can give thanks for the Baker family and ask the Lord to bless them in their work with His peace, wisdom, and strength for the tasks they face. I know that because God faithfully hears and answers prayer, He will continue to use me, and the Bakers, and each one of you, to spread the news of His life-giving water around the world, through your mites and in countless other ways!

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Loder
VP of Gospel Outreach, 2022-2026

Our Prayer Team continues to meet on Monday mornings from 10-10:30 am to pray for what God is doing here at St. Paul Lutheran, for those with health concerns, and for all matters on our hearts. You're welcome to join us!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Women's Bible Study will meet May 3rd and May 17th from 9:30 to 10:45.

BIBLE BREAKFAST: Meets every Thursday at 6:00 am at Jonnie Beans!

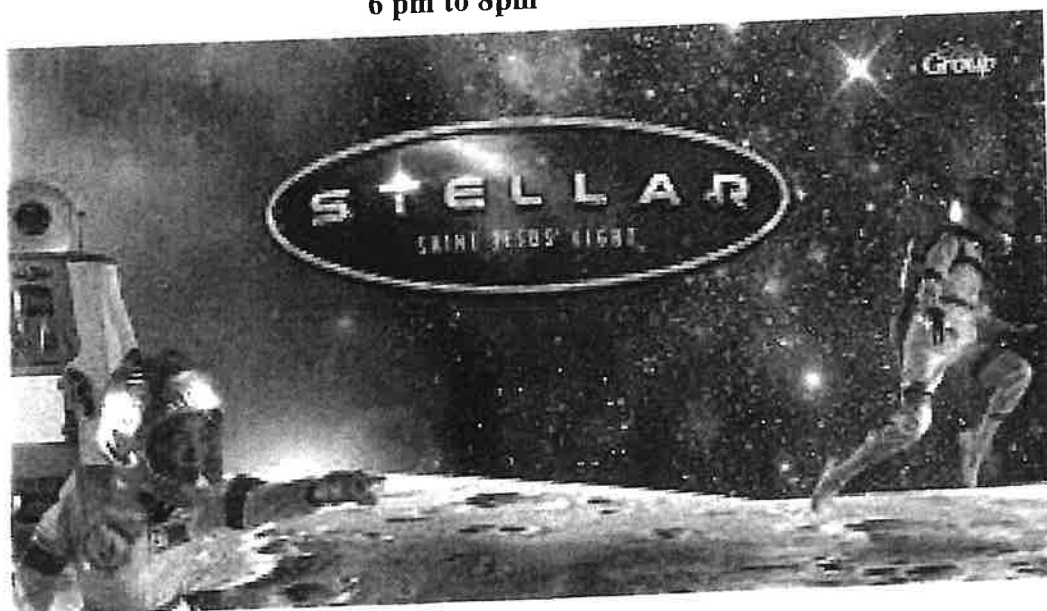
ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Meets every Sunday morning at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall led by Bill Kuschel. Come and join in for an hour of fellowship

YOUTH GROUP: Meets one Wednesday a month from 5:30pm to 7pm. Watch for upcoming events.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The last day for Sunday School 2023 will be May 21st, 2023. We will end the year with some fun activities. You do not want to miss this.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: St Paul Lutheran Church and Christ the King Waseca
WILL BE HELD AT CHRIST THE KING BASEMENT OR PARKING LOT
June 4th – June 8th, 2023
6 pm to 8pm





Book suggestions for our "Kids":

- Jesus is my Special Friend
- The Most Wonderful King
- Jesus Returns to Heaven

Book suggestions for our Young at Heart:

- **Innovative Grandparenting by Karen O'Connor:** How today's Grandparents build personal relationships with their grandkids.
- **He Began with Eve** by Joyce Landorf: With warm insight and wit beckon the modern world to learn from women of the Bible in this collection of short, novel-like portraits of five women from the Old Testaments... (Eve, Jochebed, Rahab, Abigail, and Bathsheba). From her own experiences as a daughter, wife and mother, this author projects how these five great women of God might have approached life, its traumas and joys and how biblical truth fits practically into the whirl of modern living.
- **Little Lamb, who Made Thee?** By Walter Wangerin Jr: Growing up is hard at any age. These stories portray children, teenagers. Adults and parents as they grapple with the deep realities of life.

These books can be found in the church library on the cart

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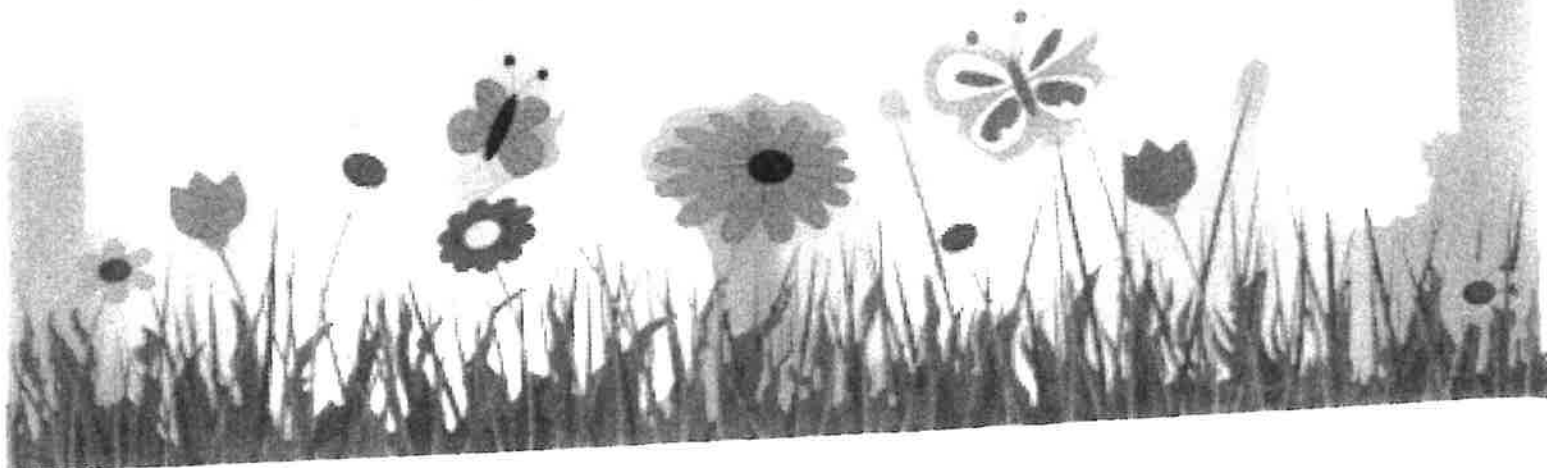
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Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
St. Paul Lutheran Church-Waseca

When: Friday May 19th, 2023
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church
314 - 4th Ave NE
Waseca, Minnesota

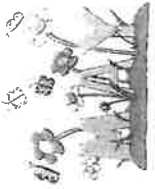
Cost: \$8.00 per Hot Beef Commercial
\$2.00 per Slice of Pie





May 2023

St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. 10:00 am Prayer Team	2. 1:00 pm Quilters 6:00pm Stewardship 6:00 pm Elders	3. 9:30am Women's Bible 7 pm Choir & ensemble 7pm Evang. & Trustee	4. 6:00 am Bible Study @ Johnnie Bean 5:30 pm Education	5.	6.
7. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study	8. 10:00 am Prayer Team	9. 1:00 pm Quilters	10. 7 pm Choir & ensemble	11. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean 1pm Cotta Guild	12.	13.
14. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study Happy Mothers' Day	15. 10:00 am Prayer Team 6:00 pm NSC Board	16. 9am Circuit mtg @ SPLC NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	17. 9:30am Women's Bible 7 pm Choir & ensemble	18. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean	19. 5p-7p Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru	20.
21. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study **Last Day Sunday School****	22. 10:00 am Prayer Team	23.	24. 7pm Choir & ensemble Noon 29er's @ Noon	25. 6:00 am Bible Study @ Johnnie Bean	26.	27.
28. 9am Divine Service 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Adult Bible Study	29. 10:00 am Prayer Team	30.	31. 7 pm Choir & ensemble			