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## *Jesus Loves*

### *October 2022*

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<sup>22</sup> And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? **Luke 12:22-26**

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### **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)**

314 - 4<sup>th</sup> 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."*

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#### **SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY):**

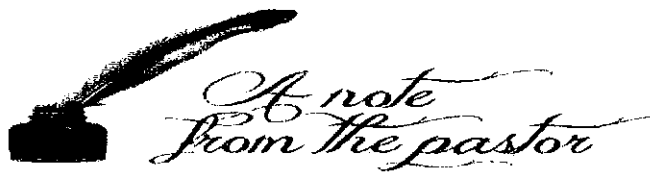
- ✠ **Divine Service w/Holy Communion:** 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✠ Sunday School begins at 10:15am in the Old Parish Hall
- ✠ **Adult Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.

**Pastor: Rev. Bob Lund (Vacancy Pastor)**    **Mobile Phone: (651) 324-9229**  
Email: [bltpbj@yahoo.com](mailto:bltpbj@yahoo.com)

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## CONSIDERING CHURCH GROWTH!

Declining attendance is not unique to our church, synod or denomination. It has not helped to have Covid19 disrupt our services. In America, church attendance has fallen dramatically over the past few years. The narrative that America is a Christian nation has been replaced with America is now a post-Christian nation. So how do we implement changes to bring people to St Paul Lutheran Church? One way to accomplish this is to make church growth a cause. A cause is defined as: A principle aim or movement that, because of a deep commitment, one is prepared to defend or advocate. In making a commitment to church growth, we need to be mindful to answer the question; is there a right way or wrong way to move forward?

Jesus gives us some guidelines in Matthew 15: Jesus tells his disciples what causes defilement: “But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. 19: For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. 20: These are what defile a person.” My teaching point here is: We are defiled by the evil that comes out of our heart. So, our main focus should not be on the end goal, of having more people in our church, but properly ministering to the ones who do come. In Confirmation, we are taught that, “in Christianity, the end does not justify the means.” How do we make sure this happens in our church? We need to make sure growing our church does not become a cause so large that it blots out the narrative of Christ, His Cross and His Resurrection. We need to remember in Mark 2:27-28 that Jesus tells his disciples “Sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath. So, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath”.

To make sure our focus is correct we need to: A) Continue to preach the Word of God, alongside the sacraments of Communion and Baptism. Practice daily confession and repentance of sin. Keep teaching our theology so that it ensures that those who do come, will have a solid foundation and be nourished by strong doctrine. B) We need to heed Jesus commands in Matthew 5:

- a. Pray for God to bless your enemy
- b. Forgive your enemy
- c. Show mercy to your enemy
- d. Repay his evil deeds with good deeds

Things we need to avoid include:

C) Making church attendance a cause by:

- a. Focusing on membership so much it takes the focus off of Christ
- b. Thinking of church membership as a sole indicator of how strong your faith is
- c. Thinking our meetings, policies and logistics matter more than Jesus Word and Sacraments
- d. Focusing only on St Paul’s church needs

In my perspective, the solution to grow church attendance should lie in heeding Jesus Commands (A&B) and avoiding pitfalls (C). I think growing our church should begin with our confession of sins and prayer to Jesus; for ourselves, the community, and especially our enemies. What we will discover is that when our hearts go from stone to flesh, harshness to loving kindness, we as a church will become much more attractive to those living near us. For we truly already have something they will not find anywhere else. We have forgiveness of sins and eternal life, in Jesus Christ. And this narrative supersedes all other narratives.

Paul says in 1<sup>st</sup> Cor 15:58 “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Finally, we need to remember work done in faith for the Lord, will not go to waste.

Pastor Bob Lund

## Mark your Calendars for these upcoming event

**PRO-LIFE: LFL Life Chain Invitation:** people are invited to come and participate in the Janesville Life chain event on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 from 1-2pm along Main Street and old HWY 14 in Janesville. Life Chain signs can be picked up in front of Trinity Church.



**Planning for Reformation Service & Fall Bible Institute—October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022- 2:30pm-7pm**

- Topic: Wokeness
- Speaker: Rev. Paul Dare
- Location: Camp Omega Retreat Center
- Meal: \$11.00/person
- Sign up by Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022



Youth Mission Trip Team **Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru fundraiser**  
Will be **October 14<sup>th</sup>** from 5pm to 7pm. You don't want to miss this!!! \$8.00 per meal \$2.00 for a slice of pie.



A reminder to contact the Church Office when you are hospitalized, so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Thank you



Please remember to mark on your offering envelope if you wish to give to any area of the church besides the general fund. Some options are: Church Improvements, Caring fund, Scholarships, Mission Trips, Memorial Fund, Pastors Discretionary Fund.



*Live Nativity drive thru*  
*December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022*  
*St Paul Lutheran Church and Christ the King*  
*If interested in participating this year contact Anita Nelson*

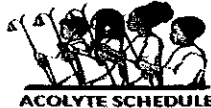


## Bible Reading Schedule

On October 31st, 1517 a monk named Martin Luther nailed a piece of paper to the door of a church in Wittenberg, Germany. This event is known as the beginning of the Reformation. The Reformation put the Bible back into the hands of the lay people of the Christian Church. Luther translated the Bible into the everyday language of the people. Today we are able to read God's Word in our own language. God's Word tells us of the blessed work of Christ. He came that sinners, like the penitent Publican, might be justified (Luke 18:14). In Acts God tells us that all who believe in Christ are justified (Acts 3:39). Because of God's justifying grace in Christ we shall be dressed in white linen robes. They symbolize the righteousness of Christ in which we have been clothed. In these robes we shall live as God's holy people for all eternity (Isaiah 61:10; Revelation 7:9-17).

### OCTOBER

1. Zechariah 10,11,12; Psalm 126; Luke 14
2. Zechariah 13,14; Psalm 147,134; Luke 15
3. Ezra 5,6; Psalm 138; Luke 16
4. Esther 1,2; Psalm 150; Luke 17
5. Esther 3,4,5,6; Luke 18
6. Esther 7,8,9,10; Luke 19
7. Ezra 7,8; Luke 20
8. Ezra 9,10; Psalm 131; Luke 21
9. Nehemiah 1,2; Psalm 133; Luke 22
10. Nehemiah 3,4; Luke 23
11. Nehemiah 5,6; Psalm 146; Luke 24
12. Nehemiah 7,8; Acts 1
13. Nehemiah 9,10; Acts 2
14. Nehemiah 11,12; Psalm 1; Acts 3
15. Nehemiah 13; Malachi 1,2; Acts 4
16. Malachi 3,4; Psalm 148; Acts 5
17. Job 1,2; Acts 6,7
18. Job 3,4; Acts 8,9
19. Job 5; Psalm 108; Acts 10,11
20. Job 6,7,8; Acts 12
21. Job 9,10; Acts 13,14
22. Job 11,12; Acts 15,16
23. Job 13,14; Acts 17,18
24. Job 15; Acts 19,20
25. Job 16; Acts 21,22,23
26. Job 17; Acts 24,25,26
27. Job 18; Psalm 114; Acts 27,28
28. Job 19; Mark 1,2
29. Job 20; Mark 3,4
30. Job 21; Mark 5,6
31. Job 22; Mark 7,



**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.

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022: (Sunday) Joel Hammer**

**October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022: (Sunday) Ton Bethke and Greeter Makayla Clark**

**October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022: (Sunday) Nalyce Quillen**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022: (Sunday) Ellie Hoban**

**October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022: (Sunday) Peyton Ross**



**Will meet September 26<sup>th</sup> at noon at the church for a potluck. Come join us ☺**



**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!)*

DiAnn Buker	Oct. 2	Noah Flom	Oct. 16	Faye Haakinson	Oct. 23	Kristina Berg	Oct. 27
Jacob Goetz	Oct. 2	Mallorie Gehloff	Oct. 16	Lisa Roemhildt	Oct. 23	Austin Brase	Oct. 27
Autumn Miller	Oct. 4	Marilyn Rucker	Oct. 16	Linda Cone	Oct. 24	Cindy Gilmore	Oct. 2
Nancy Lee	Oct. 4	Michael Ulschmid	Oct. 16	Megan Johanneck	Oct. 25	Nicolas Gentle	Oct. 2
Jeffrey Malenke	Oct. 5	Roger Dahlhoff	Oct. 17	Keith Schroeder	Oct. 25	Skip Ristau	Oct. 28
Rafe Arndt	Oct. 7	Craig Berberich	Oct. 18	Erik Ulschmid	Oct. 25	Bob Roemhildt	Oct. 2
Cindy Madson	Oct. 7	Peyton Ross	Oct. 18	Hannah LaCroix	Oct. 26	Lila Schaal	Oct. 28
Brett Waters	Oct. 8	Pam Rudolph	Oct. 18	Nancy Palm	Oct. 26	Rus Weir	Oct. 28
Nalyce Quillen	Oct. 10	Karen Zimmerman	Oct. 18	Judie Water	Oct. 26	Sawyer Larson	Oct. 3
						John Teskey	Oct. 31

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Sunday School is back in session and the kids and teachers are having a wonderful time!!

Bring your child(ren) to hear and know the greatest true love story! We begin at 10:15am, immediately following worship service. Ages 3 through 8th grade begin in the Old Parish Hall with Opening and Music, followed by Bible stories, craft and activities. Small group and special events are planned! Students are released to their parents at 11:15am. Contact Aimee Hill or Board of Education to get involved in this rewarding ministry. Church office phone 507-835-2647 or email [stpaulwaseca@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulwaseca@gmail.com).

### **Pack a Box!**

#### **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

**Box packing has already started! Sunday School students and youth will be packing boxes during their regular events. Adults can too – ask Jen LaCroix or Aimee Hill. The packing party in November will have a more manageable number of boxes. Please help us get started today!**

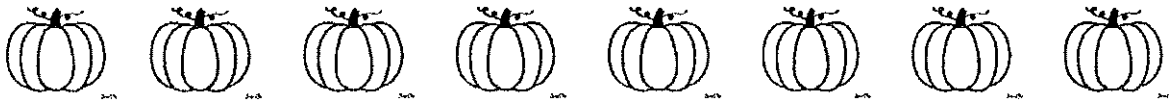
School supply sales, summer clearance clothing racks and clearance toy bins are a great way to stock up for shoeboxes. Items are needed for boys and girls ages 2-14. Monetary donations are also accepted for the \$9 shipping cost per shoebox. **Please note:** no liquids, pastes, doughs, military toys (water guns) or candy allowed. All items must fit into a medium-sized shoebox. Please pray for the program and the children around the world who will receive the Christmas boxes. Questions? Please contact Jen LaCroix at 507-384-1079 or [jenlacx@gmail.com](mailto:jenlacx@gmail.com). Thank you!

#### **Current needs:**

Washcloth wrapped around Bar soap with rubber band (need 70 of these)  
Pens, Pencils, Colored pencils  
Erasers, Dried watercolor paint sets  
Coloring books  
Combs, Brushes, Hair accessories  
Bowls Cups or Water bottles  
Jump ropes, Marbles, Jacks  
Playing cards, small games  
Solar calculators  
Sunglasses, Band-Aids  
Sock

# YOUTH activities

- **Jr. Confirmation Instruction:** Students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades meet Wednesday's 3:30 – 4:30pm with a light meal following.
- **Adult Confirmation Instruction:** Meets Tuesdays 3:30 -4:30pm.
- **YOUTH GROUP:** Will Meet Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:30 pm. Everyone grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> is welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** meets Sunday mornings at 10:15am in the Old Parish Hall
- **Mission Trip 2023:** People interested in going on the mission trip in 2023, there will be a signup sheet located on the bulletin board by the Scrip office, along with a deposit of \$100 due by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Destination will be announced at a later date.



## Board of Evangelism meeting: September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Linda began the meeting with devotion "Baptism makes us a child of God. Jesus died for us and offers forgiveness for our sins. We can't ever earn God's grace.

No Secretary's report  
Radio ministry going well.  
May invest in coins for community outreach.  
Discussed Nativity and grandparenting seminars.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Respectfully submitted by Barb Denn

## COTTA GUILD NEWS:



**Lutheran  
Women  
in Mission**

### September Cotta Guild Meeting:

Our meeting opened with Cindy doing devotions based on Jerimiah 18: 1-6 entitled "Working Hands." Hymn 722 was sung. The minutes and treasurer reports were approved.

A thank you was given for all food provided for our annual salad luncheon.

Don't forget to remember your secret sister's and brothers in thought and prayer.

On September 18 we will serve social hour with money going to the MITES. We will serve sweet breads.

The Polka Fest will be on October 1<sup>st</sup>. We need eight workers and seven pies.

Boxes are out for the NSC. We are collecting mostly protein items which are badly needed. But any donations will be greatly appreciated.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Owatonna Conference Rally will be held in Austin. Money is the "gifts of heart". A motion was made and carried to send a gift.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> thru the 7<sup>th</sup>, we will serve Connections in Mankato. Connections is a place for the homeless to go at night, to receive a warm place to stay and a hot meal.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> is LWML Sunday. A motion was made and carried to provide altar flowers on the Sunday. Kathy will take care of this.

We will serve bars for Pastor Appreciation Sunday which is October 9<sup>th</sup>. Two 10x15 pans of bars are needed from each circle.

Barb Denn has applied for a Thrivent Action Plan card for our bazaar.

The Large MITE collection boxes will be put out on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our next meeting is October 13<sup>th</sup>. This is our annual soup supper at 6pm. Each circle is to provide a crockpot of soup and Judie's circle will provide dessert.

There was no birthday's this month.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. Barb's circle served.

Kathy Flogstad  
Public Relations





LWML will be putting out a mite box on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month to collect mites for missions' projects. Thank you for your support on this project.

Mission Grant #11: Concordia Classical Academy, North Mankato, MN Jenean Cherney, interim principal and kindergarten teacher at Concordia Classical Academy included the following update in her email to confirm receipt of the first payment toward the \$20,000 mission grant: We are grateful to have received these funds. We have experienced a lot of growth in the past year and these funds are extremely helpful in preparing for our 83 students. With these funds, we purchased a new Phonics & Spelling curriculum for our Kindergarten, First & Second grade classrooms. We visited another classical school and their teachers expressed how beneficial this curriculum is to their students. We are excited to begin using it next week. This school year we have 23 more students than last year. As we were preparing classrooms, we realized we did not have enough working desks. With the "Growing and Sowing for Christ" grant, we were able to purchase 16 more desks. We are excited for this upcoming school year and to see God's hand at work. We are grateful for the LWML and their generosity towards our schools. In Christ, Jenean Cherney

It's exciting to see the growth and opportunities that are aided by the prayerful donations of the Minnesota South LWML! Please keep the students, faculty, and families impacted by Concordia Classical Academy in your prayers as the school year begins, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be faithfully proclaimed and lived among them all. Faithfully submitted by Molly Loder VP of Gospel Outreach.

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**LWML CONFERENCE RALLY**  
**(Women and men invited)**  
**Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**Registration: 8:30 am**

Brunch: 9:00 am followed by RALLY

Where: St Johns Lutheran Church in Austin MN

Cost: \$10.00 (includes brunch)

TOPIC: "ASYLUM SEEKERS IN ST. PAUL MN"

SPECIAL SPEAKER: Sarah Jane Holsteen

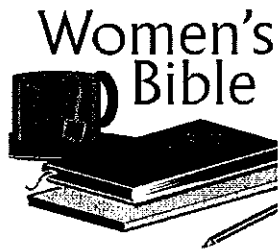
Gifts from the Heart: Money (checks to IAFR, memo line Jonathan House)



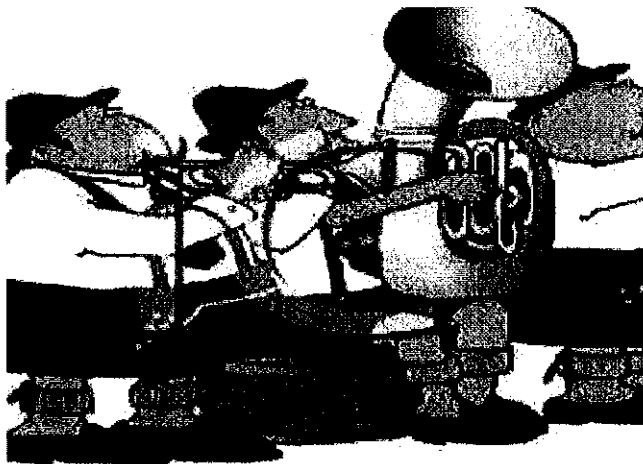
Are you in need of transportation to appointments or to the store? Are you able to drive someone to an appointment or to the store?? If you fit into either of these categories, please call the church office so, we can help you coordinate a driver.



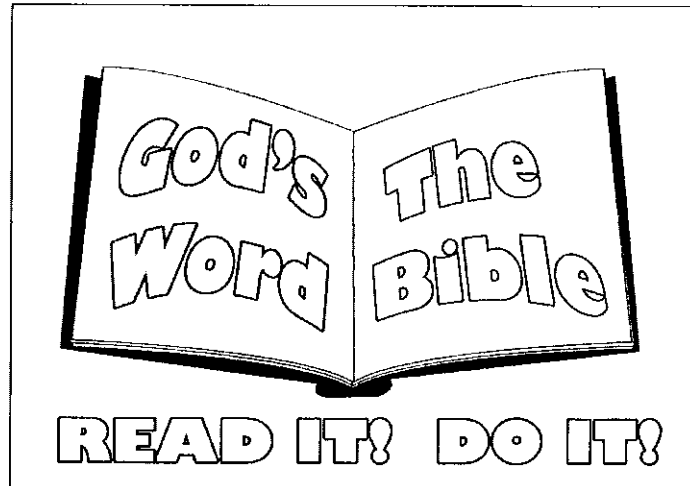
The Quilters meet Tuesdays at 1pm. If you have the time and talent to share, or wish to learn how to quilt with a group of wonderful, fun loving individuals please contact Donna Hildebrandt. Everyone is welcome!!!



Our Women's Bible Study would like to invite you to join us Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 10:45 am. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Wood at 835-5817.



*Reminder! Polka service on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.  
Service at 5:00 PM  
Meal at 6:00 PM*



**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:** Will meet on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am!  
Everyone is welcome to join us.

**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

**YOUTH GROUP:** October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm grades 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Every Sunday morning starting at 10:15 am

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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



Book suggestions for the "young of heart":

- **All will Be well: A Gathering of Healing Prayers**
  - This is a book for all in need of healing, for those who pray for others, for caregivers, pastors, counselors, Stephen ministers and compassionate visitors. It points to God's healing power and promises that in God's time and in God's way, "all will be well." This gathering of 250 healing prayers from around the world and through the centuries. We can learn from men and women of faith that include: Richard Foster, Henri Nowen, Mother Teresa and many more.
- **Angels: God's Secret Agents**
  - In this classic book on the spiritual realm, Dr. Graham lifts the veil between visible and the invisible world to give us an eye-opening account of these behind-the-scenes agents. These best-selling classic records the experienced of Dr. Graham and others who are convinced that at moments of special need they have been attended by angels.

Book suggestions for "The Littles":

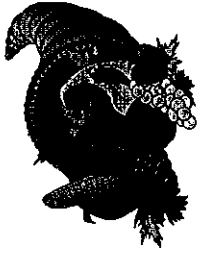
- **The Pumpkin Patch Parable**
  - This book is NOT a celebration of Halloween...no ghosts, goblins, demons, witches or monsters here! Instead, is it an alternative message for kids each autumn to remind them that since the Lord Himself created pumpkins, it seems appropriate to redeem this familiar symbol of the harvest season for His good purpose.
- **Thank You for This Food**
  - A book of Action Prayers, Songs and Blessings for Mealtime
- **Thankful Together**
  - With sweet rhyme and cozy illustrations, Thankful Together beautifully portrays how mother and child experience God's loving provisions all through the day, at playtime, bath time, and finally with a bedtime prayer, they thank God for his wonderful care.
- **Grandpa is There A Heaven?**
  - This book will help children better understand abstract concepts and see Jesus in everyday events.





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





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2. 9:00 am Worship-HC 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Adult Bible Study 	3. 10:00 am Prayer Team 6:00 pm Church council mtg	4. 1:00 pm Quilters 3:30 pm Adult Confirm. 6:00 pm Stewardship	5. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm 6,7,8 Catechism 6:00 pm Elders 7:00 pm Trustee/Evangelism 7:00 pm Senior Choir and Contemporary Ensemble	6. 6:00 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans 5:30 pm Education	7.	1. 5:00 pm Polka Service 6:00 pm Chicken Dinner 
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16. 9:00 am Worship-HC 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Adult Bible Study	17. 10:00 am Prayer Team 6:00pm NSC	18. 1:00 pm Quilters 3:30 pm Adult Confirm. Newsletter Articles Due	19. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm 6,7,8 Catechism 7:00 pm Senior Choir and Contemporary Ensemble	20. 6:30 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans	21.	22.
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