

to know and proclaim Jesus Christ and as disciples reach out in love

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#### Worship Times

Saturday 5:15 pm  
Sunday 8 & 10:30 am

#### Christian Education

Monday Night Study 6:30 pm  
Sunday School (K-6) 9:15 am  
Sunday Adult Education 9:15 am

#### Coffee Fellowship

Sunday 9:15 am

#### Office Hours

Monday—Thursday  
8 am to noon  
1:00 pm to 5 pm  
Friday—8 am to 12:30 pm

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Our annual Harvest Festival takes place October 9. Please mark your calendars for a day of fellowship and good food. Invite your friends and family. We begin serving at 11:30 am.

The menu will be the same as in the past years, pork, turkey, squash, potatoes, vegetable, sauerkraut, rolls, applesauce, beverage and dessert. There will be hot dogs and chips available for children if they so desire.

The money will be dispersed as follows: 10% to the kitchen fund, 30% to the Good Samaritan Fund, 30% to Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin Missouri which was destroyed by the tornado, (Pastor Pape is the pastor), and 30% to the Reach out in Love Benevolence.

The ticket prices are:

Adults and children 13 and over — \$7

Seniors —\$6

Children 6 to12— \$4

Children 5 and younger—Free.

If you are able to cook squash for the event it is much appreciated. The squash may be cooked ahead of time and frozen. You may use the freezer in the kitchen. Please mark your container Harvest Festival. Squash may be brought to the church October 8 if that is more convenient for you.

As always we are requesting dessert donations. Many people choose pie with their meal but any dessert donation is appreciated. You may bring your donation to the church kitchen on October 8 or the morning of October 9.

Please consider helping with clean up after the meal. This helps the volunteers who

have worked all morning to prepare and serve the meal. Many hands will make the job easier and faster.

If you can help in any capacity please call Jeannine Mueller at 524-2838 or indicate where you would like to volunteer on the weekly attendance sheet.

### *Harvest Festival Silent Auction*

Photos of eagles, holiday wreaths. Quilted stars and rope baskets. Fall decorations galore! We are blessed with many talented, artistic, and generous members who have donated the various items for our silent auction. To play on the Chicago voting philosophy:

Bid Early: Bid Often.

### *Harvest Festival Saturday Worship and Bonfire*

**Willard and Linda Thies** have graciously agreed to host our fall celebration. Their farm, Century Farm, is located at S3815A LaRue Rd. La Valle. Join us Saturday, October 8 for outdoor worship at 5:15, followed by a bonfire, potluck dinner (hotdogs & hamburgers provided) and hayrides. You don't want to miss this joyous start to our harvest festival.

**Directions** from St. John:

**Turn** left onto **N. Park St.**(go 0.4 mi)

**Turn** right onto **E Main St.** (go 0.5 mi)

**Turn** left onto **S Albert Ave / Co Rd K**( go 0.5 mi).

**Take** the 3rd right onto **Co Rd K** (go 5.0)

**Turn** right onto **Old K Rd.**(go 1.0 mi)

**Continue** onto **Frank Rd.** (go 0.4 mi)

**Turn** right onto **LaRue Rd.** (go 0.4 mi)

We will have signs and balloon markers at the various intersections and Google maps in the Narthex. If you wish to caravan or car pool, we will leave the church parking lot by 4:45 pm.

## Congregational Council Notes

September 13, 2011

**Devotions:** Rich Sorom

**Worship Board Report:** This board is working on reviving the Altar Guild. Please contact Patty Sauvey if interested in working on this board.

Discussion was held to bring back the contemporary Worship Service on a regular basis. There was further discussion regarding the organ. Many repairs have taken place, but they will need to continue to make some repairs, in addition to tuning, each year in order to get the instrument back to where it needs to be. This way, there will not be a large cost at any one time. Another item concerns hiring a part-time (20 hours per week) music coordinator. With a church of this size and quality, we should be able to hire a part time music coordinator, but the budget task force did not include it in the 2012 budget because of the increase of calling a full time associate pastor. Increased financial support by the members would be necessary. Perhaps some of the designated estate dollars would cover part of the proposed salary for this coordinator's position.

**Lighting Project Update:** Tim has installed the lights in the education unit hallways. Lights in Memorial Hall will be installed after Tim is able to get some assistance. A \$2600.00 grant from St. John Foundation has been received and lights and bulbs purchased to date have cost \$1688.58. Gifts and memorials and general operating maintenance funds offer additional options for funding this project.

**Treasurer's Report:** Blaine Hedberg highlighted the printed reports (placed on file). Operating fund reflects negative \$66,069.81, with the deficit decreased by \$835.53. Dedicated Funds reflect a balance of \$300,153.41, with the net balance in the bank account at \$234,083.60.

August reflected a positive cash flow. Year to date income has exceeded expenses reducing the deficit by \$14,828.32. Benevolence Focus 2011 shows a balance of \$4,272.20.

Accounts payable totaled \$40,685.18, an estimated number because we are never quite sure how much help is needed from the Good Samaritan Fund, where requests are filled on an as needed basis.

Average August attendance was down for 2011 (239) compared to 2010 (273).

The Treasurer's report was approved.

**Budget Task Force:** The proposed numbers were provided for the Council to look over. Council will vote on this budget at the October meeting; then the information will be given to the congregation in the November *Evangel* so the budget can be intelligently voted on at the annual

meeting. A forum on budget items will be held on November 6, between services.

**Pastor's Report** Pastor David is concerned about attendance dropping in the summer, and is considering going back to two service during that time. A special blessing is that the "giving" has been healthy. He commended Pastor Jerry and Beth for covering the worship services when he was on vacation. He also thanked those folks that made Rally Day a wonderful time. Sunday school, adult forum and Monday night study are all back up and running. 6<sup>th</sup> graders this year will take a Sunday a month to help with various aspects of worship, as they are learning about them. LIFE has a couple of changes this year. A new projector (in memory of Ruth Roeover), and LIFE teaching will be divided among Pastor David, Ben and Beth. Ben is offering a contemporary focus time of song and devotion weekly between services beginning in October.

**Call Process** The committee continues, but there is nothing definitive to report at this time.

**Annual Meeting Date – November 20, 2011 between services.** Forums, held between services, will be held on November 6 to address the budget, and November 13 for any general concerns prior to the meeting.

**Articles for Annual Report are due in the office by October 1.**

**Meeting Adjourned** 8:25 pm.

Blessings to you all,

Migs Percy, Council President

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In Love

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## From Pastor David

Today was going to be fantastic! Today is the deadline for Evangel articles, and as I rolled out of my driveway I was set; no nagging me this month, no-siree, I was on top of this. When I walked into the office this morning I had a clear idea of what I wanted to say and where I wanted my article to go, and to top it off, I had a witty and funny story to get it all rolling. Really I did, or at least I thought I did.

You see one second it was all there and then a bunch of stuff happened...

There was a phone call, then I noticed an e-mail that landed in my inbox which needed my attention, and then a gentleman, whom I will call "Wilbur" wondered into my office and we had what might be best described as a very unique conversation. By the time I turned around to my computer to write, my once crystal clear idea was gone, completely gone!

I sat for about 10 minutes just staring at the screen in front of me and nothing came to me, so I got up and got a cup of coffee. Back to the computer, and still nothing. What once was a clear vision of what I wanted to accomplish was now, nothing more than a shadow of an idea.

Aggravation!

How many times have we had moments when we thought we had our lives well in hand, a plan firmly in place and a destination set, and then, life happens and plans change? There is a phone call, a doctor's diagnosis, a letter that comes to us and our plans change.

It is in times like these, both big and small, that we need to lean into the Word of God. When faced with challenges, both big ones and smaller ones like finding a theme for a newsletter article, I have found two verses particularly helpful. The first is one we read the other week in worship from the end of Genesis. Jacob had died and Joseph's brothers were sure their pasts were going to catch up with them. Joseph addressed them with these words: "Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today." Bad things happen, plans change, but we don't always see the full picture. Like Joseph, if we lean into the promises of God we can learn to trust that the story doesn't end with our change of plans.

The second verse builds on the first, and the verse is from Jeremiah 29:

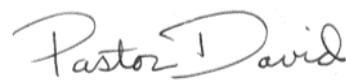
For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup>Then when you call upon me and come and pray to

me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup>When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup>I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile. (11-14)

Plans change, but we are not alone, we are not cast out to sea with no hope for rescue and we are never forgotten by God. As baptized children of God we have an irrevocable promise of God's love, mercy and care for us. It is just this promise, a promise of life, of a God who intends things for good even when all around us seems to be falling apart, that we are called to remember when plans change. This message of hope, of life, of restored relationship shown to us in Jesus Christ is what we are called to spread to all people. Living into the promises of God and sharing that good news with others is at the very core of reaching out in love. In a world where plans change, where often things go from bad to worse, where life is often tenuous, this message of God's ever present love and support, of hope and life in Jesus Christ is desperately needed.

Hmmm... Now if I could only remember what I was going to do for my newsletter article I will be all set, or maybe this was God's plan all along, and I just finally remembered!

Together in Christ,



Pastor David

## Reach Out In Love

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Speaking of spreading the good news of God in Jesus Christ, we are making fair progress toward our Goal of raising \$15,000 for benevolent ministries outside the walls of St. John. We are about a third of the way there, coming down the home stretch. Is there a way you can contribute either financially or by raising awareness of a particular need where we might help with these funds? If so go for it! Have some fun, spread the good news, and reach out in love!

*Taste of St. John* brought in another \$390.37, a great effort for this first time event.

## Christian Education News

*This logo represents Christians of mature faith holding the cross, inspiring the growth of others, while creating a shell of love and guidance.*



### Meeting Dates

#### Tenth Grade Confirmation Program

**Sun Oct 2** 4-6 pm Confirmation Retreat in Fellowship Hall

**Tues Oct 25** 6:30–8 pm Confirmation Rehearsal and Picture

**Sun Oct 30** 10:30 am Confirmation Service

#### Ninth Grade Confirmand Mentor Year

**Sun Oct 2** Names of mentors due

**Sun Oct 9** 4-6 pm Confirmand/Mentor Meeting

#### Seventh and Eight Grade LIFE

#### **Wednesday @ 6 pm Memory Work**

**Oct 5** Commandments 4-6 pg.296-297

**Oct 12** Commandments 7-8 pg. 297

**Oct 19** Commandments 9-10 pg. 298

**Oct 26** No LIFE Class

**Note: Acolytes schedule is on page 10. You are asked to find their own substitutes and notify the office of any changes.**

#### Sunday School Dates to Remember

**Oct 2** 9:30 am — Parent Breakfast  
10:30 am — Sunday School Kids Sing!

**Oct 30** 9:15 am — Meet In Sanctuary – Group Activity

#### Sunday School Scripture Focus

**Oct 2** Matthew 21:33-46

*Parable of the Vineyard*

**Oct 9** Matthew 22:1-14

*The Wedding Banquet*

**Oct 16** Matthew 22: 15-22

*Paying Taxes*

**Oct 23** Matthew 22:34-46

*The Greatest Commandment*

**Oct 30** Matthew 23:1-12

*Be Humble*

#### Adult Education

#### **Monday @ 6:30 pm**

**Oct 3** *Ten Trends to Watch*

**Oct 10** *Screwtape Letters*

**Oct 17** *Screwtape Letters*

**Oct 24** *Screwtape Letters*

**Oct 30** *Screwtape Letters*

#### Befriender Schedule

#### **Sunday @ 6 pm**

**Oct 2** *Giving and Receiving Help*

**Oct 9** *Grief and Loss*

**Oct 16** *Cancer and Life Threatening Illness*

**Oct 23** *Visitation*

**Oct 30** *Single Living*

—Beth, CED

### Monday Night Study

Starting Monday, October 10, join Pastor David as we go through a seven week study on C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters*. This book takes a look at the importance of deliberately living out the Christian faith from a very unique perspective. The story is in the form of a series of letters from a senior demon, Screwtape, to his nephew, a junior tempter named Wormwood, consulting him on how to tempt his "patient" away from God. Like the little devil sitting on the shoulder of a cartoon character, this book portrays the struggle between good and evil in a way that is at times deeply funny and at others (and sometimes at the same time) down right serious. If you have never read C.S. Lewis this might be the perfect place to start. This work of satire examines human nature and is as on target today as it was when it was first published in 1941. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for what promises to be a wonderful look at this Christian classic. You will need to get a copy of the book, which is easily available from most booksellers. We also ask for a \$3.00 donation to cover the cost of materials used in the class. If you have any questions please feel free to talk to Pastor David or Beth Voigt.

#### Scripture Readings for October

**October 1 & 2** — Isaiah 5:1–7, Psalm 80:7–15, Philippians 3:4b–14; Matthew 21:33–46

**October 8 & 9** — Isaiah 25:1–9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1–9, Matthew 22:1–14

**October 15 & 16** — Isaiah 45:1–7, Psalm 96:1–9, 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10, Matthew 22:15–22

**October 22 & 23** — Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18, Psalm 1, 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8, Matthew 22:34–46

**October 29 & 30** — Micah 3:5–12, Psalm 43, 1 Thessalonians 2:9–13, Matthew 23:1–12

## Parochial Report

### Baptisms

September 11— Aubrey Anliker, daughter of David and Kelly Anliker

September 25—Natalie Shaw, daughter of Chadwick and Kelly Shaw

### Marriages

September 17—Ashley Courtnage & Corey Leichtman

### Sponsorship Calendar— October Availability

**Altar Flowers (\$30)** — Oct 16 & 30

**Bulletins (\$25)** — all weeks available

**Radio Broadcast** — all weeks available  
(\$30, \$60, and \$90)

**TV Cable Broadcast (\$40)** —all weeks available

**Coffee Fellowship** — Check out the three ring binder in the coffee serving area to reserve the Sunday you wish.

**We need volunteers** to continue this ministry

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

This month St. John deposited \$391 because Thrivent Financial members have designated their “Choice Dollars” to St. John. These people include:

Donna Bergman, Bruce Karstetter, LeRoy Petersen, Sharon Petersen, Wendell Watts, Norman Wilbrandt,

### Meetings & Greetings

**Dorcas Circle** - 9:30 am, Wednesday, October 19.

**Hannah Circle** - 2 pm, Tuesday, October 4.

**Sarah Circle** - 1 pm, Thursday, October 20.

**Sunshine Circle** - 1:30 pm, Thursday, October 13.

**St. John Quilters** - 9 am, Thursday, October 6.  
- 9 am, Friday, October 21.

**Card Ministry** - 2nd Monday of the month .

**Men’s Breakfast** - 7:30 am, the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month at Marty’s

**Park Street Study** - 10:30 am—Tuesday, October 18  
Park Street Apts.

**Sheeper than Therapy** - 4-6 pm, weekly on Mondays in the Fireside Room

### Thank You

**To Shirley West** for initiating and coordinating the very successful *Taste of St John*; and to all the cooks and bakers who helped make this event a resounding success.

**To Willard & Linda Theis** for agreeing to host Harvest Festival’s Saturday night worship service and festivities.

**To David Julius** for helping to arrange our off site Saturday Evening Harvest Festival.

**To Jeannine Mueller** for coordinating the Harvest Festival for this year.



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**To Mike Johnson** for sponsoring the broadcast of the Packers/Bears game during Open Table.

**To Derek Horkan** for coordinating the Salvation Army Kettle Drive in Reedsburg this year. He has done such a great job in the past, and we look forward to working with him again this year. Be sure to sign up.

**To Judy Bransted** for organizing our greeters every week. If you would like to greet our worshipers, let Judy know.

**To Dave Knoble and Tim Brown** for painting and organizing the sound monitor room.



**Calling all ushers or usher wannabes. Pastor David will be offering usher training between services on Sunday, November 6. We really need ushers, so please consider this vital service.**

**Hold the Presses!!!!** Literally. All indications are that non-profit bulk mailing is going to cost more in the near future. Consider getting your newsletter on-line. **Added Advantages... it is in color**, its linked to the St. John Web page, its a down loadable and printable PDF file, and you can download the day the *evangel* is finished. No waiting for snail mail. The change is simple. Just call the office, 254-9763 and ask to be taken off the *evangel* mailing list and added to the email notification list. The current 55 people who receive the *evangel* exclusively electronically save the church approximately \$465/year.

## From... The Church in Society Board

The Church in Society board is looking for new members. Currently we meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Our meeting lasts approximately one hour (sometimes a little longer). We are the board that raises money/items for local, national and worldwide benevolence through Lutheran World Relief kits (LWR), the pie sale before Thanksgiving, and a Christmas project which usually changes each year. In the past we have raised money for Heifer International and 3<sup>rd</sup> world water projects. We have a very active board. Please come and check us out at the next meeting on October 18 at 7 pm in the Library. Call Andrea Holcomb at 768-3554 if you have questions

### ~Dan and Deb Kensel Missionary Life ~

In October Sandi and Owen Hughes will be entertaining their long time missionary friends, Dan and Deb Kensel. The Church in Society board has invited Dan and Deb to be guest speakers on the weekend of October 15 and 16. Dan has offered to give the Sermon that weekend and will have a forum between services in Fellowship Hall with slides of their work in Thailand working with the Po Karen tribe on the Burma/Thai border.

#### A message from Sandi:

Dan and Deb Kensel are looking forward to sharing some of their experiences as missionaries in Thailand. One of their major projects at this time is Bible translation for the Po Karen tribal people. It is exciting for them to spread God's word in the language of the Po Karen people

THEIR CHILDREN— JOHN (AGE 15) , JAMES (AGE 13), STEPHEN (AGE 11) AND SARAH (AGE 6)— WERE BORN AND RAISED IN THAILAND. THEIR LIFESTYLE IN THAILAND WILL BE OF INTEREST TO ALL WHO MEET THE KENSEL FAMILY.

## The Legacy of Martin Luther

For years Martin Luther had labored seeking to earn God's favor. He had kept the law; he had prayed and meditated; he had preached and taught. He had fasted and done countless acts of devotion. He walked from Nuremberg to Rome where he climbed the same steps Christ had ascended to the palace of Pontius Pilate in order to free his loved ones from purgatory. Still peace in his soul eluded him.

What changed? What transformed Luther, the pious monk, into Luther, the Reformer? The same thing that transforms us; the Word of God. How important is this treasure that God has given us! How we cheat ourselves when we neglect this great gift! The weight of the Law is lifted from us, as it was for Luther, when we read Ephesians 2:8-9:

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."*

Somehow many miss this truth. Although they have been brought up in the church, have read and studied their Bibles almost daily, the Gospel has eluded them. They strive, as did Luther, to appease God, our judge; they work to earn the favor of the One Who sits enthroned above. They live by the Law, burdened with the guilt of sin they can never rid themselves of. Let us pray for those who labor under this load that they may hear the freeing words. *"For by grace you have been saved through faith."*

Then having been freed from the constraints of the Law, we can view ourselves as God's *"workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them"* (Ephesians 2:10). We are saved by grace, and we are empowered by grace to give ourselves *"fully to the work of the Lord, because [we] know that [our] labor is not in vain"* (1 Corinthians 15:58).

*Away in  
the Basement*

**A Church Basement  
Ladies Christmas**

**At the Cal Center**

**Tuesday, November 29, 2011**

**2 pm & 7 pm**

It is 1959 and the day of the Sunday School Christmas Program. As the children rehearse up in the Sanctuary, the ladies of the kitchen are finishing up the goodie bags and putting the final touches on the Nativity pieces. Little do they know what surprises are in store for them as they are called upon to, once again, step in and save the day.

St. John is sponsoring this humorous look at the inner workings of the church. Mark your calendars and watch the announcements and the November *evangel* for ticket information.

You are  
invited to  
CareNet's  
Annual...



St. John  
Fall Lunch  
for  
Seniors



Thursday, October 20  
11:30 in Fellowship Hall

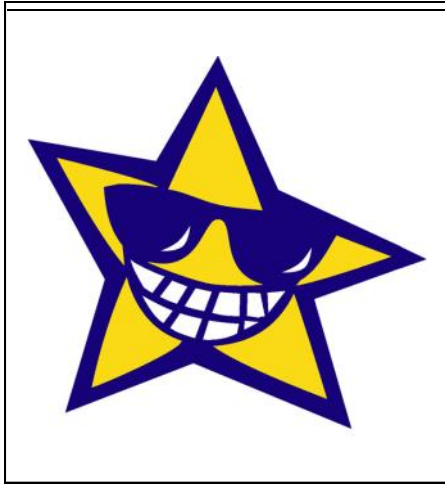
Come enjoy food and fellowship. We will be  
happy to provide transportation if you need.

Please RSVP to:

Andrea: 768-3554

Patty: 524-6150

Church office: 254-9763



# SHINE

Shine is a time to get together for music, fellowship, and teaching aimed at high school youth and young adults.

We will sing 4 to 5 songs for about 15-20 minutes, have a teaching time for about 10-15 minutes, then finish with prayer and songs.

The goal of SHINE is to help those who attend to grow in their walk with Christ and fellowship with others from our congregation.

**When:** Sundays starting Oct. 9

**Time:** 9:30-10:15 am

## Ministry Happenings

### Harvest Fest BBQ and Bonfire

**How:** Anyone and Everyone

**When:** October 8

**Where:** Century Farm, Willard and Linda Theis

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.-8:30

**Happenings:** Worship, BBQ picnic, hayride, and Bonfire

**Bring:** A dish to share during the BBQ, chairs, and favorite lawn game

Come out and celebrate the harvest fest weekend with us during our outdoor worship service, BBQ, Hayride, and fellowship around a bonfire.

## Calendar of Events

**King's Kids** October 5th & 19th

**Son Seekers** October 12th & 26th

**MSYG**

•Game Night Oct. 16th 6-8 p.m.

**YG**

•Wednesday nights at 7:00 in Youth Room!

**MSYG**

### Game Night!

**When:** October 16th

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

**Time:** 6-8

**Wear:** Tennis Shoes

**Games:** We will be playing fun Halloween/fall themed games



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> HC Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>9:15 AM</b> Education Hour <b>10:30 AM</b> HC Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Taste of St. John <b>4:00 PM</b> Open Table	<b>26</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Sheeper than Therapy <b>6:30 PM</b> Adult Study	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff meeting <b>5:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>7:00 PM</b> AA	<b>28</b> <b>See You At the Pole</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Son Seekers <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>6:00 PM</b> No LIFE <b>7:00 PM</b> YG <b>7:30 PM</b> Sr Choir	<b>29</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>5:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>7:00 PM</b> AA	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> HC Worship
<b>2</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>9:15 AM</b> Ed Hour & Sunday School <b>9:15 AM</b> S S Parents' Breakfast <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship—Sunday school sings <b>4:00 PM</b> Confirmation Retreat G-10 <b>6:00 PM</b> Befrienders	<b>3</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Sheeper than Therapy <b>6:30 PM</b> Adult Study	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff meeting <b>2:00 PM</b> Hannah Circle <b>5:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>5:30 PM</b> Cong Life Bd <b>6:30 PM</b> Education Bd <b>7:00 PM</b> AA	<b>5</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> King's Kids <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>6:00 PM</b> LIFE <b>7:00 PM</b> YG <b>7:30 PM</b> Sr Choir	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting <b>5:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>6:30 PM</b> Admin Bd <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> ChristCare	<b>7</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Breakfast at Marty's	<b>8</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> Harvest Fest Worship & Bonfire
<b>9</b> <b>Harvest Festival</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> HC Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>9:15 AM</b> Ed Hour & Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> HC Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Harvest Festival Meal <b>4:00 PM</b> Gr 9 confimands & mentors <b>6:00 PM</b> Befrienders	<b>10</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Card Ministry <b>4:00 PM</b> Sheeper than Therapy <b>6:30 PM</b> Adult Study	<b>11</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff meeting <b>5:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> Council	<b>12</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Son Seekers <b>5:00 PM</b> Parish Support <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>6:00 PM</b> LIFE <b>7:00 PM</b> YG <b>7:30 PM</b> Sr Choir	<b>13</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>1:30 PM</b> Sunshine Circle <b>5:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>6:00 PM</b> United Fund Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> AA	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Lindsay Steinhorst & Josh Crary Wed <b>5:15 PM</b> HC Worship
<b>16</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>9:15 AM</b> Ed Hour & Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>2:30 PM</b> 4H Rewards Banquet <b>6:00 PM</b> MSYG <b>6:00 PM</b> Befrienders	<b>17</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Sheeper than Therapy <b>6:30 PM</b> Adult Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Open Table Core Group	<b>18</b> <b>Evangel Articles</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>10:30 AM</b> Park St Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff meeting <b>5:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> Church in Society Bd	<b>19</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> DORCAS <b>3:30 PM</b> King's Kids <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>6:00 PM</b> LIFE <b>7:00 PM</b> YG <b>7:30 PM</b> Sr Choir	<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>1:00 PM</b> Sarah Circle <b>5:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> ChristCare	<b>21</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Breakfast at Marty's <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting	<b>22</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> Worship
<b>23</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> HC Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>9:15 AM</b> Ed Hour & Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> HC Worship & Confirmation <b>4:00 PM</b> Open Table <b>6:00 PM</b> Befrienders	<b>24</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Sheeper than Therapy <b>6:30 PM</b> Adult Study	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff meeting <b>5:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>7:00 PM</b> AA	<b>26</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Son Seekers <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>6:00 PM</b> No LIFE <b>7:00 PM</b> YG <b>7:30 PM</b> Sr Choir	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>4:30 PM</b> Foundation Bd <b>5:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation Interviews, etc G-10 <b>7:00 PM</b> AA	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> HC Worship
<b>30</b> Reformation Sunday <b>8:00 AM</b> HC Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>9:15 AM</b> Ed Hour & Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> HC Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> Befrienders	<b>31</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Sheeper than Therapy <b>6:30 PM</b> Adult Study	<b>1</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff meeting <b>2:00 PM</b> Hannah Circle <b>5:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>5:30 PM</b> Cong Life Bd <b>6:30 PM</b> Education Bd <b>7:00 PM</b> AA	<b>2</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> King's Kids <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>6:00 PM</b> LIFE <b>7:00 PM</b> YG <b>7:30 PM</b> Sr Choir	<b>3</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> AA <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting <b>5:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>6:30 PM</b> Admin Bd <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> ChristCare	<b>4</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Breakfast at Marty's	<b>5</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> HC Worship

## Worship Assistants October & November

October	Greeters	Lector	Acolytes	Ushers	Communion
<b>2-Oct</b> 8:00 AM	JR & Wendy Colvin & Family	Shirley Buss	Dillon Keller Ross Baldwin	Dan Biermeier, Deb Vanthournout JR Colvin, Shawn Foss	
10:30	James & Susan Peterson	Rachel Burkel	Logan Penkwitz Riley Fusch	Keith & Andrea Holcomb Norma Peters, Lorraine Kaun	
<b>9-Oct</b> 8:00 AM	Sylvia Weiss Delores Wersal	Arlo Ketchpaw	Darcy Ondersma Gabriel Gauf	Myron La Rowe, Dave Buss Ryan Hayes, Jim Knuth	Judy Bransted Shirley West
10:30	Judith Boe Lynelle Roessler	Donna Hahn	Mike Olson Alexis Johnson	Tim & Becky Greenway Lorraine Kaun, Teri Senzig	Norma Peters please volunteer
<b>16-Oct</b> 8:00 AM	5th Grade Youth	Jake Jacobson	Rebecca Schwerman Chris Johnson	Jerry & Mary Zuhlke Tom & Linda Reeder	
10:30	5th Grade Youth	Bunny Frank	Maddie Stieve Libby Peterson	Bill & Barb Klang Todd Sauey, Ed Zobel	
<b>23-Oct</b> 8:00 AM	Sandy Molitor Gladys Olson	Eva Kalin	Caitlin Voltz Danielle Schmidt	Jennifer Kitson, Barb Demaske Judy Bransted, Jim Knuth	Jeannine Mueller please volunteer
10:30	Ryan, Kim, Dylan & Madison Pearson	Wendy VanDusen	Haley Templin Max Steinhorst	Norma Peters, Teri Senzig Todd Sauey, Ed Zobel	Rydge Craker Carey Craker
<b>30-Oct</b> 8:00 AM	Gerald & Sharon Stevens	Cheri Newlun	Trenton Adams Rachel Anderson	Louie Voltz, Art Behnke Beverly Leake, Ron Snyder	Judy Bransted Deb Adams
10:30	Andy & Kristin Gestland and family	Joy Nowak	Jarod Davis Robert Yngsdal	Bill & Julie Ratajczyk and family	Norma Peters Bill Henke
November	Greeters	Lector	Acolytes	Ushers	Communion
<b>6-Nov</b> 8:00 AM	Please volunteer	Julie Adelman	Hannah Erdman Cody Plachetka	Jennifer Kitson, Barb Demaske Bob Weix, Ryan Hayes	
10:30	Please volunteer	Rachel Burkel	Brent Firari Ross Baldwin	Bill & Barb Klang Ron & Kim Chovan	
<b>13-Nov</b> 8:00 AM	Please volunteer	Alice Vandewater	Kate Gesteland Riley Fusch	Dan Biermeier, Deb Vanthournout JR Colvin, Shawn Foss	Please volunteer
10:30	Please volunteer	Lynn Horkan	Tasha Haase Gabriel Gauf	Derek & Lynn Horkan Tami VanBeek, Todd Sauey	Please volunteer
<b>20-Nov</b> 8:00 AM	Please volunteer	Norma Peters	Tyler Hongisto Alexis Johnson	Louis Voltz, Art Behnke Lorraine Kaun, Teri Senzig	
10:30	Please volunteer	Joy Nowak	Tarek Horkan Chris Johnson	Bill & Julie Ratajczyk and family	
<b>27-Nov</b> 8:00 AM	Please volunteer	Barb Exner	Dillon Keller Marissa Miller	Myron La Rowe, Dave Buss Glen Weirauch, Maggie Andres	Please volunteer
10:30	Please volunteer	Donna Hahn	Andy Matz Issac Mwakisunga	Keith & Andrea Holcomb Norma Peters, Lorraine Kaun	Please volunteer

### Communion Bread



October 1 — Yvonne Brekke  
 October 9 — LaVera Craker  
 October 15— Cindy Sandberg  
 October 23— Kristi Behn  
 October 29 & 30  
 — Rabecca Francour

November 5 Tracy Schmus  
 November 13 Carol Schulz  
 November 19 Diana McGlynn  
 November 27 Sheri Weldy

### Radio Monitor

Steve Muchow

### Videographers

Todd Gardner  
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**Note to ushers:** Please make your own arrangements when you need a substitute.

Also, head ushers are responsible for: turning on lights; taking attendance count and recording; and offering follow-up.

## Spiritual Reflection for October 2011

### Be the Beacon

If you have not had the chance to visit the shores of Lake Gitche Gumme (Great Water), also known as *Lake Superior*, from Highway 61 in Minnesota, I highly recommend you make an effort to do so. Having spent five days there during the summer months and a week, just weeks ago, in September, I have fallen in love with the area. One of the highlights along the stretch of highway near Beaver Bay, MN, is Split Rock Lighthouse. Let me share a reflection on being a beacon of light.

My sister and I had hiked with a group of 9 women on several trails during our stay in Beaver Bay, MN. One of our favorite stops between hikes was a visit to this amazing lighthouse. As I approached the lighthouse, standing 54 feet tall on a 130 foot cliff, it was hard to be anything but awed. Then when I got inside and learned the story of the dedication from the lighthouse keeper and his family to keep it running, I could not help but reflect on its meaning for me today.

The lighthouse was built out of smoothly polished white bricks and mortared together with a light gray mortar. The lens responsible for an intense beacon of light was built with 262 individual prisms of glass. Their position allowed for the light of a kerosene flame to be seen 22 miles away, provided the lens was not clouded with soot from the kerosene. Every day, every single day, the lighthouse keeper polished the soot and dirt from the pieces of glass. Not only from the pieces of glass, but also from the pure white bricks as he never knew when the inspector might make a surprise visit (Hmm, *never know the day or the hour*, that seems like a familiar theme in life).

As a group, we took some time to explore what causes our inner light to be dimmed. In considering the question, a couple of themes developed. These were the culprits: first, fear and second, the unnecessary expectations we put on ourselves to be everything for everybody. I would venture to believe that for many people these two things cause the most grime to build up on their inner light. It was amazing to consider how valuable the simple activity of cleaning a lens was for ensuring that light reflected out into the darkness, providing safe passage for travelers. Consider if you will the depth of commitment by the lighthouse keeper to polish these pieces of glass every day without fail, without tiring of the task.

I believe God is the keeper of the light and is ever present in our hearts, polishing away the fear, polishing away the false expectations we carry in our minds. Every day he works tirelessly, preparing a way for us to move through the darkness and to shine brightly for others. We need, I need, to be grateful for the keeper of the light within and the work being done to ensure our inner light never fades.

I encourage you to take some time to consider the power of a beacon of light--the power it must take to shine 22 miles in the darkness. The more polished the glass, the brighter the light. In a sense each of us is a lighthouse, standing on the solid rock of God, polished by the love of Jesus; the flame of the Holy Spirit shines forth as a beacon of hope for others to discover. Be the beacon.

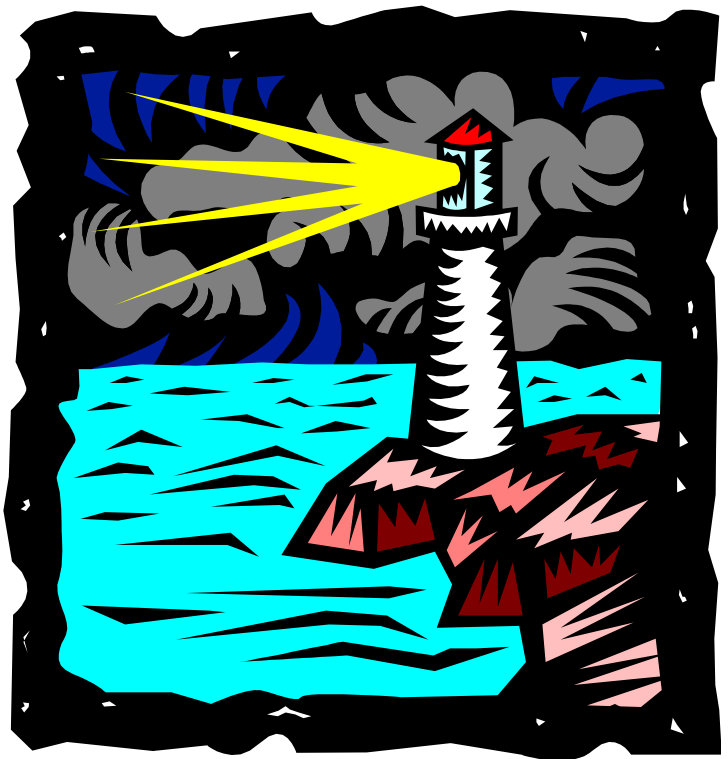
May God Bless You,  
Tammy Koenecke, RN, BSN, MASL  
Spiritual Care Coordinator, RAMC

*Consider these questions:*

Am I ready for an unexpected visit?

Am I reflecting my inner light?

Have I allowed the keeper of the light to enter my heart and remove the dirt and grime so that not only can His light shine on a path for me, but so that it might also provide a beacon of hope for someone else journeying through darkness?



*You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:13-16*

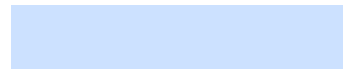
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