



## Waiting...for the 15<sup>th</sup> time

By Bonnie Scranton

Waiting for an interim pastor and/or a newly called pastor is not new for Christ Lutheran. This will be the 15<sup>th</sup> time since Robert Hauss became our first called pastor in December of 1961 that this congregation has waited on the Lord for either an interim or a newly



called pastor. You would think we would be used to it by now. But are we really? Probably not. And especially if you are like me, that “AA” control freak who hates to wait and wants to get things done yesterday!

But this situation is different from our ordinary tasks and daily challenges. Unlike waiting for the light to turn green (that makes me crazy, too!) we now find ourselves waiting on the Lord. Which begs the question, “Why is waiting on the Lord so difficult?” It’s not only difficult, but sometimes it seems impossible. Is that perhaps because we are so human, so mortal that we want and expect things to happen within our own timing, according to our own plans?

Taking to heart the words found in Psalm 18:30 can help us deal with this humanness, with this impatience. It reads, “This God – his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.” God’s ways are indeed perfect. God has a greater perspective of life’s events, and His perspective, plans, and schedules are perfect and holy, because He is perfect and holy. And so, knowing that, we wait in the knowledge that God knows our situation. He cares for our needs. And He is good to the end. In His time an interim pastor will be appointed. And in His time our next spiritual leader will heed His call to ministry at CLC.

So, what do we do in the meantime? We trust in the Lord! And as President Tabb states in his article in this edition of *The Seed*, we “stay calm and carry on.”

## Update from the PA

To say the least, it has been a busy month. I am learning new things every day and am extremely proud of how hard everyone is working to keep the mission and the work of this church on track. Bree has been our secretary for five years now and her knowledge and experience has been invaluable during this transition.

We have also been fortunate to have a group of retired pastors available to preside on Sunday’s, with Pastor Jim Trutwin carrying the bulk of that load. Thanks, Pr. Jim!

On three different Sundays over the next two months, Dan Wilson will be presiding. Dan served in this capacity for us a number of years ago. Dan is a Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM) within our synod. The SAM program offers a unique learning opportunity for lay people, professional church workers, and others. The SAM program offers quality theological education so as to develop gifts for discipleship and ministry in various settings in our synod. Among other roles, graduates of the SAM program can serve as supply pastors, as Dan will be doing for us. He has also been given approval by Bishop Roth to preside over the sacrament of Holy Communion. We are looking forward to having Dan back with us.

We look forward to seeing you in church on Sundays if you are able. Hope everyone has a great September!



## Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2019

**Members Present:** Dick Tabb, Matt Futhey, Katie Rupp, Bonnie Scranton, Kathy Buckman, Jim Hobbins, Connie Hornsey, Tom Jett, Sara Klusmeyer, Andrew Maas, Brandon Ross, Bill Wolters

At 6:25 p.m. Dick Tabb opened the meeting with prayer; Sara Klusmeyer led devotions. Dick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Additions to the Agenda: Andrew Maas requested that Scouts be added under New Business.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion for the minutes to be approved as amended carried. Motion that the minutes of the August 13 council meeting minutes be approved carried.

**President's Report:** Dick reviewed the update that he had given the congregation on August 18.

**Parish Administrator's Report:** Bonnie Scranton presented a printed report for review by the council. Motion that the report be approved, carried.

**Treasurer's/Financial Secretary's Report:** Printed reports for July were distributed by Bonnie Scranton for council to review and discussion. Motion to accept reports and to place the financial report on file pending audit carried.

Bonnie reported that she would arrange two meetings in Sept. One with the Executive Committee to discuss/establish salaries and the second with the Finance & Investment Committee and Property Team to discuss capital improvements for 2020.

### Ministry Team and Committee Reports:

- **Communications:** No report
- **Fellowship:** No report
- **Learning:** Sara Klusmeyer reported that the first KNO of the school year would be Sept. 27, and that the CLC-LMC Youth Group would have a gathering at CLC on Sept. 29. The youth group is for youth in grades 6 thru 12. The Learning Team is looking for members who would be interested in organizing activities for adult learning. The Learning Team will be asking for cash donations with which to provide the KNO meal rather than food donations. Any funds received over the cost of the monthly meal will be saved specifically for future KNO meals. Sign-up for children to attend KNO can be completed on-line.
- **Mutual Ministry:** No report
- **Property:** Andrew Maas reported that the removal of plant material along the south wall of the church building will be on Sept. 7. Some of the scouts and their parents will be volunteering to help pick up and load branches. Andrew Maas, Jim Dunn, Stu Bell, and Richard and Sara Klusmeyer will do the cutting with chainsaws. Bonnie Scranton reported that Keith Klusmeyer, a professional landscaper with Bergman Nurseries, said that a retaining wall was not needed in that area. She also said that additional volunteers are needed to load brush. Jim Hobbins reported that after his meeting with Keith, he was concerned about how the south wall could be used to tell people "We are Christ Lutheran Church and we are here for you." As much work as possible would be completed this year and the rest in 2020.
- **Service:** Connie Hornsey reported on the following: Second Sunday collection in July to support the Back to School Fair totaled \$625.04; in Aug. to support LWR the total was \$193; in Sept. the Second Sunday collection will be on Sept. 15, the third Sunday. GWOH plans are finalized for Sept. 8. CLC is hosting indoor projects, lunch, and childcare. The CROP Walk is

scheduled for Oct. 6, at the Illinois Veteran's Home. Registration begins at 1 p.m. CLC is the hosting church and we will need to provide volunteers. "Adverse Childhood Experiences" will be presented by Shawna Bunnell, of Chaddock, at our fall public education event on Oct. 17. Next meeting will be Sept. 26, at 5:30 p.m.

- **Stewardship:** Matt Futhey reported that the Stewardship team, Matt, Teresa Clauss, Katie Rupp, Bill Wolters, and Jerry Spurgeon will meet Sunday, August 25 to discuss campaign.
- **Worship:** Kathy Buckman reported that the team reviewed Goal #1 of the Strategic Plan. Team members approved the 2019 update. Hymns were selected for Aug. Supply pastors have been chosen for Aug. and Sept. The next meeting is Aug. 14, 2019.
- **Risk Management:** Andrew Maas said a plaque confirming room capacity of Fellowship Hall needed to be ordered.
- **Memorial Garden:** Bonnie Scranton reported that the work was 90% completed. Solar lighting, stones, and fences need to be added. She reminded us it's never too late to add a memorial.
- **Finance and Investment:** No report
- **Endowment:** No report
- **Columbarium Oversight:** Bonnie Scranton reported that visitors from St. John's Anglican Church downtown came to view our chapel/columbarium and memorial garden. St. John's is considering the addition of a columbarium.

Motion that Ministry & Committee Reports be accepted carried.

### Old Business:

- a. Copies of 2019 updated Strategic Plan were presented/ reviewed. Motion that 2019 Strategic Plan be approved, carried.
- b. The council revisited the request by the Service Team for an official letter from CLC supporting the rental inspection program for Quincy. The council agreed and Connie Hornsey volunteered to write the letter for council approval.

### New Business:

- a) Dick Tabb suggested that a sub-committee be formed to begin work on the MSP. Dick also reported the congregation letter has been written and includes copies of the 2 surveys, 1 per member and a return envelope. He asked council members to complete their surveys & encourage others to do the same.
- b) Pastor Gayle belonged to the Quincy Area Ministerial Association. It was decided that this was an important community connection to keep. Dick Tabb will contact the group and let them know that while we are without a pastor, the congregation of CLC will continue to support QAMA.
- c) Pastor Gayle gave Dick a list of visitors and potential new members she had been communicating with prior to retirement. Dick will follow up with this list and proposed that Shepard Leaders may be able to take over hospital and shut-in visits.
- d) Andrew Maas requested that the church put up signage inside an outside to support the Scouting program.
- e) A member of the congregation suggested that CLC consider the idea of purchasing a parsonage. In light of the information provided by Pr. Maureen Stein on August 13, and after discussion, the council came to a unanimous decision not to recommend purchasing a parsonage.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Rupp, Secretary

*NOTE: These minutes are slightly condensed. Full version is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.*

## President's Message

### Stay Calm, and Carry On!



*By Dick Tabb, President*

Dear Friends in Christ, "Stay Calm, and Carry On!" I saw this poster on a medical staff room many years ago, and really began to think how true this is. There are many derivatives on it today, but the message is still correct. As I mentioned during my transition

update to the congregation on August 18<sup>th</sup>, now is the time for all of us to remember this phrase. And, we are doing just that as a church family. The Memorial Garden is nearly completed, Stewardship has met to discuss our fall campaign, Ministry Teams are planning their activities with hope and determination and your church Council is doing what is necessary to complete the necessary information for the Synod Office regarding a permanent Pastor, while, our Parish Administrator keeps our daily needs accomplished. We continue to welcome visitors and continue our meaningful worship each Sunday.

Our opportunity is to carry on God's work here at Christ Lutheran while providing support and stability to each other. As I mentioned that Sunday, those of us who have gone through similar transitions, developed a bond that still exists today, and, that will happen now as we move forward together. I ask that each one of us take a moment to thank others for all they do in making our congregation strong. Remember, "Christ Cares, Share the Faith"

## SERVICE TEAM NEWS

### September Food Donations Going to Luther Memorial



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

*By Sue Hobbins*

We are receiving food gifts for the Luther Memorial food pantry during September. Our gifts in August went to St. John's pantry.

This is a project we have been doing for several years and it seems like it is the same old

activity every month. Please put yourself in the position of needing to use a food pantry.

How would you cope with fixing dinner with no food in the house? Most of us go to the pantry or freezer

and need to make a decision of what sounds good. What if you had no freezer and you had nothing or just one package of something in the pantry?

Many of us compare prices and quality as we shop. When you find a "special buy", could you purchase one more for the grocery cart? You did a great job of filling the cart last month! Can we top it in September? Examples of food items to donate include:

- Protein items (includes baked beans, chili beans)
- Canned meats (chicken, tuna)
- Canned meals or boxed meals
- Macaroni & cheese, spaghetti & spaghetti sauce
- Soups, especially chicken noodle & vegetable
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Nuts (dry roasted almonds, peanuts, etc.)
- Bisquick (or similar mixes that make a variety of dishes with little or no additional ingredients)
- Fresh apples, potatoes
- Boxes of powdered milk & canned evaporated milk
- Dry cereals
- Paper products (toilet tissue, facial tissue, diapers)
- Laundry detergent, cleaning products
- Deodorant, shampoo, toilet soap
- Hotel size soaps, shampoos, lotions, etc.
- Baby care products and baby food

### God's Work. Our Hands

**God's work.  
Our hands.**

*By Connie Hornsey, Service Team Chair*

All systems are go for our joint workday with Luther Memorial

Church on September 8. Please wear your GWOH shirts. If you plan on volunteering at the Illinois Veterans Home garden, feel free to bring your personal gardening gloves, and tools labelled with your name. Pray for warm and sunny weather!

### CROP Walk Oct. 6

*By Wendy Maas*

The Crop Walk will be October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Illinois Veterans Home. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> year for the walk to stop hunger. Everyone is welcome to walk. Hopefully it will be a nice fall day. Sarah Stephen from Horizons will give a temple talk on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Horizons will receive 25% of the money raised from our local walk. Our second offering for September will go to the Crop Walk. Any questions, please feel free to contact me, Wendy Maas, 217-779-6794.



## August Second Sunday Offering for Lutheran World Relief

By Connie Hornsey

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we received \$193 in donations for LWR in our Second Sunday, Second Basket collection on August 11<sup>th</sup>. This money will be used to purchase soap and fleece blanket kits. The Service Team greatly appreciates your donations to this annual project.

### Some Notes of Thanks

#### *From the Fellowship Team*

*We would like to give our heartfelt thanks to Dave & Daune McCulloch for the purchase of our new dishwasher. All of us are touched by your generous gift and how you both of you were so involved with our team throughout the years. Again, thank you and God bless you.*

#### *From Shelly Crane & Family*

*Thank you to the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church for all the beautiful sympathy cards. It's so wonderful to have such a caring church family. Mom is in a much better place now where there is peace and love and no pain. She loved this church and all of the wonderful people in it. And so do I.*

#### *From Pastor Gayle*

*Dear Christ Lutheran Church Family: Thank you, again, so very much for the beautiful "send off" on July 28. It was nice to feel so appreciated. But even better was the sense of the Holy Spirit having been at work in our midst during my time as your pastor. I am forever grateful.*

## A Loving Gift

If you stay for fellowship on Sundays, you're aware that we have been using styrofoam cups for almost a month now, as our dishwasher bit the dust in late July. But thanks to the generosity of Dave & Daune McCulloch we can now use real cups again!

Dave, at Daune's instructions before she passed away, not only purchased the dishwasher but paid the bill for its installation. I had to chuckle when Dave said, lovingly, that even though she is gone, Daune is still telling him what to do!

We are extremely appreciative of their gift and their love for our church family. When you drink that next cup of fellowship coffee in a real cup, please tell them both thanks!



## Recycling at CLC

By Katie Rupp

The recycling of office and kitchen recyclables by congregation members has been in operation for six weeks and is going smoothly.

I appreciate the assistance of those who have volunteered to take materials home to recycle. As we were organizing this program, several people came to me and asked where they could recycle glass. I finally have an answer for you. Palmyra Recycle Center at 810 West Line Street, Palmyra, MO is open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will take clear, brown, blue, or green glass that has been cleaned and the labels removed. As a matter of fact, all recyclable containers need to be cleaned and labels removed.

The Palmyra Center will take many other items that are difficult to recycle and I shall post the 2019 Guidelines for those of you who are interested. The guidelines also indicate what items cannot be recycled and specifies that items may only be taken to the center on the two Saturdays indicated. Anything left when the center is closed will be considered trash and goes to the landfill. This is an operation run by volunteers and offers opportunities to become involved. For more information about the program contact Jim Bross (573-629-7418).

## Memorial Garden Update



By Judy Wegehenkel

What a lovely addition to our church! I think the garden is even more than what we

envisioned on paper. There are still some things that need to be completed or "tweaked". The good Lord blessed us with a much-needed rain just after the plants went in to make them happy.

As of last Sunday, we have volunteers to help with watering through September. We need to continue this through the fall until hard frost. A sign-up calendar will be out next to the worship sign-up. If we have significant rain (1/2 inch or more) before assigned days, there will be no need to water.

The Garden Committee will be meeting September 10 to discuss our progress and future maintenance needs. Of course, anyone wishing to purchase a brick, paver, or boulder may contact Bonnie Scranton or me. September and April are ordering months for new memorials per Harrison Monuments. So now is the time to get your order in!

We do hope to see more memorials “walking” up our path. Again, many thanks to all who have helped with this project. It will continue to be an on-going gift of service to this church for the glory of God.

## Putting Her Words into Action

Most of us knew, loved, and miss Mary Reeve. I don't know how many are aware that before coming to Christ Lutheran, Mary visited about 30 churches in the area looking for the one that she thought was the best fit for her. We were blessed that she chose Christ Lutheran. And if you had asked Mary, she would have told you that a major part of that decision was based upon how welcome she felt here.

Once Mary made her decision to join us, she jumped in with both feet! She got involved and took a leadership role in multiple activities. One of those was to serve on the founding committee of the Christ Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund. Mary was a strong advocate for setting up an endowment fund designed to help sustain the mission work of this church for many years to come. As it turns out, Mary not only advocated for this fund, she practiced what she preached. As a part of her estate plan Mary specifically included the CLC Mission Endowment Fund as a recipient. That check arrived this week...in the amount of \$18,118.03! What a wonderful gift from a wonderful woman!

## COMING EVENTS

### Sept. 4: Calling All Singers!

By Amy Stollberg, Choir Director



Choir rehearsal begins Wed., Sept. 4 at 7:15 p.m. We will begin singing at our 9:30 service on Sunday, Sept. 8. Singers of all voice

types are needed, but we especially need tenors and basses. Come join the fun!

### Sept. 7: “A Night in the Delta”

Behind the Mask presents “A Night in the Delta”, a southern hospitality barbecue benefiting Adams County Suicide Prevention Coalition. It will be Saturday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Barn on the Bluff, 7425 N. 12th St.

It will be featuring The Kay Brothers Band, southern food, local talent, bourbon pull, a live auction and a cash bar. The night is hosted by: Behind The Mask Committee with special thanks to Michael Bayles and Kathy Goltz for donating the venue.

### Sept. 7: Community Shred Day

On Saturday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. come into HomeBank, 305 N. 48<sup>th</sup> St., and bring your private documents for secure destruction. Old bank statements, taxes, investment reports, etc. There is no limit to the number of documents you can bring and no appointment necessary.

### Sept. 10: Birthday Lunch



This month's Ladies Birthday Lunch is at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Dunnbelly, 4403 Broadway St. If you can come, sign up in the church narthex or call the office and we'll add your name to the list. Ladies with September birthdays are treated by the rest!

### Sept. 3 & 17: Prayer Shawl Group

By Bonnie Cox

Prayer Shawl will meet September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in the Brides Room from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Please note change of time. We want to invite anyone interested in joining the ladies who knit, crochet or quilt our prayer shawls to attend these work times. We have given over 250 prayer shawls away. We want to continue this mission ministry and need all the willing hands to help.

### Sept. 23: Create-A-Card Class

By Bonnie Cox

Create-A-Card class will meet Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at either 9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., at 1620 Windermere Court, Quincy. We will be creating 12 various cards using a quick technique of embossing and distress inks. Cost is \$8 for the 12 cards this session. Please contact Bonnie Cox to sign up for class or at bcox3407@yahoo.com or 779-8481.

## Sept. 24: Books N' Brew

By Pat Bell

I hope everyone had a fun summer of reading and relaxing. We will resume our get-togethers on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Fazoli's. Please plan to have ideas ready for our future book picks. Discussion will be about the good books you enjoyed during our summer break. This would be a great time to join us if you've been thinking about it. See you soon!

## Entering into Retirement



*"Did You Know" is a monthly column by our Endowment Fund Committee describing various aspects of the Fund and how members may contribute to it.*

By Bonnie Scranton

At the last Endowment Committee meeting we discussed topics that might be helpful for members of our congregation. Ron Lerner mentioned how important it was to meet with a financial advisor when it comes time to enter into retirement. His wise words are the basis for this article. The following is taken from Kiplinger's "7 Important Steps to Take in the Year Before You Retire."

Per Kiplinger's, "You wouldn't dream of running a marathon without undergoing months of training. Or heading into the wilderness without making sure you have adequate provisions. Or betting your life savings on a business venture you haven't thoroughly researched. But when it comes to entering retirement – when a failure to plan can have devastating consequences – a surprising number of people are unprepared. More than half of workers older than 55 haven't developed a plan for paying themselves in retirement, and almost two-thirds haven't identified which investments they'll tap first. Many people wait until they've set their retirement date to put together any kind of plan at all.

Planning late is better than never planning, but your chances of a secure retirement will improve if you start making decisions and checking items off your to-do list at least a year out."

These are the seven steps recommended by Kiplinger's. Be sure to check with your financial advisor to see what he or she recommends before you walk out the door of your job for the last time!

1. Sign up for Medicare
2. Make a Retirement Budget
3. Maximize Social Security
4. Review Your Portfolio
5. Set Your Withdrawal Plan
6. Weigh Pension Choices
7. Consider an Annuity

If you would like more information on the CLC Endowment Fund, feel free to contact any committee member: Charlie Bach, Conny Bakker-Gerhardt, Jim Dunn, Ron Lerner, Bonnie Scranton, Roger Wegehenkel, Bill Wolters.

## Words from the Worship Team: Worship Team is Extremely Grateful

By Bonnie Scranton, Chairperson

August was a new beginning for the Worship Ministry Team. It was a bit strange to be planning worship without a pastor at the table to guide us. Fortunately, we're able to do what needs to get done... it's a fairly "quiet" time in the church year, a number of us have served on the worship team for more years than we care to count, and there's an archive of resources that we can fall back on in our planning. In spite of this new challenge, the Worship Ministry Team is so blessed and thankful to have such a wonderful church family to serve.

We will soon hear the voices of our choir raised in glory to the Lord! They'll be back beginning September 8<sup>th</sup>. We know lots of folks are looking forward to it, whether singers or listeners!

And we want to give a special shout out to Cathy Flick for all the work she has done this summer in planning and arranging for special music at various worship services. And thanks, too, to all of you who shared your musical gifts with us during that time!

Needless to say, we are extremely grateful to Pastor Jim Trutwin for agreeing to preside so often while we await the arrival of an interim pastor. Not sure what we would do without him! Please give Pastor Jim a pat on the back next time you see him.

And we are also very thankful for all of you who give so freely of your time and talent in assisting with worship services each Sunday. Without you we'd be up the proverbial creek (or is it crick?) Whichever it is, we could not manage to have worship services worthy of our Lord and Savior without all of you. And if any of you who aren't serving as a wordship

leader want to join this cadre of volunteers, please let Bonnie Scranton know. We can always use the help.

Looking forward, per the advice of Pastor Maureen Stein, Assistant to the Bishop, we are scheduling supply pastors through at least the month of October. Coverage for the five Sundays in September, in order, are: Pr. Jim Trutwin; Dan Wilson, Synodically Authorized Minister (S.A.M.); Pr. Jim Trutwin; Dan Wilson; & Pr. Paul Schwartzkopf. All September Sundays will include the sacrament of Holy Communion. We looking forward to having you join us in worship!



## C/SIS Women of the ELCA Biennial Convention

The C/SIS Women of the ELCA will hold their Biennial Convention on Friday and Saturday, October 11-12 at Lake Williamson Retreat Center. All women of the synod are invited to attend. The convention will include featured speakers, a panel discussion of women in ministry, Holy Yoga, time for worship and song, as well as business. For a conference brochure or registration form check with Bonnie Scranton, Parish Administrator.



## Stewardship Planning Has Begun!

The Stewardship Committee had its initial meeting on Sunday, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>. Members of the committee are Teresa Claus, Katie Rupp, Jerry

Spurgeon, Bill Wolters, and Matt Futhey, chairperson. The campaign will kick-off in Oct., followed by a number of temple talks, and will finish up with a congregational luncheon in early Nov. Mailing of pledge cards and new Time & Talent sheets will go out to members immediately before the campaign kick-off. Stay tuned for updates as the committee finalizes its plans!

## BRIEFLY . . .

- ❑ **Pastoral Support is Available!** CLC Members, just a reminder that pastoral support is available should you need it in the event of an emergency. A number of pastors in the area have offered to help. Just contact Bonnie Scranton and she will get in touch with one of them for you. Bonnie's cell number is 217-577-9086.
- ❑ **Thank You, Green Thumb People!** The hard work that many of you have been doing to keep your sections of the church property looking good is greatly appreciated! How we look on the outside says a lot about who we are on the inside. A group of volunteers are lined up to cut down all of the overgrowth on the south side of the sanctuary next weekend which will also make a big difference in our "curb appeal". Keep up the good work, all you green thumbs! And if anyone wants some bulbs to plant in your garden next year, please see Marcia Johnson. She has some bulbs around the tree across from the new Memorial Garden that are available for the asking.

## LEARNING TEAM BRIEFS

By Trish Santos

- ❑ **Get ready for youth weekend – Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup>!** Friday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8 p.m. is our first Kids' Night Out! The theme is "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands". It's going to be fun, but we need some volunteers! Please sign up to help.



- ❑ **Sunday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> after church our Blessing Buddies will go bowling and have pizza at Casino Lanes!** Also, Sunday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 5 – 7 p.m. our first event with our joint youth group! Grades 6 – 12 will meet at the church for a cookout and fun! All youth are welcome to bring friends! Sign-up sheets are posted and you can contact Trish Santos with any questions.



Join the fun!

## SEPTEMBER MILESTONES

### BIRTHDAYS

1	Kathy Bringer	18	Bernice Colgrove
2	Mary Trutwin	25	Judy Heilmann
	Katie Rupp	27	Joyce Alford
4	Judy Bach	29	Troy Carney
10	Scarlett Abell	30	Brian Comire
	Floyd Leenerts		
13	Taylor Klusmeyer		
12	Debbie Fleer		
15	Keith Fleer		
16	Trish Santos		
	Hannah Dunmire		

### ANNIVERSARIES

14	Patty & Darrel Kruse
18	Joyce & Kent Alford
19	Debbie & Tom Hemmerle
28	Kara & CJ Koyer

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Month	2018	2019
January	90	82
February	88	91
March	90	88
April	116	122
May	99	97
June	86	85
July	98	125
August	93	85
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>97</b>

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

- ☐ **Stacey Dunmire** – New Cell Phone  
217-617-7266

## Operating Budget Highlights through July 31, 2019

By Bonnie Scranton, Treasurer

Our operating budget balance continues to be in the black when 2019 pre-pays are taken into consideration, although it continues to tighten up a bit as the year progresses. This is expected and will only become an area of concern if we see offerings drop off unexpectedly. And we are not anticipating that happening.

It is hard to believe that the time has already come to begin working on 2020 finances! Planning for the annual stewardship campaign has begun and the development of the 2020 operating budget will soon

follow. That process begins with the setting of staff compensation recommendations followed by the submission of budget requests from each of the ministry teams. If you have something in particular that you think one of our ministry teams should be doing in 2020 that will have financial implications, please discuss your ideas with them asap.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the church's finances in general, or the budget process in particular, please don't hesitate to ask me. Church council continues to be thankful to all of you for your faithful giving as we work together to glorify the Lord and share our faith.

Category	Actual Through 7/31/19	Budgeted Through 7/31/19	Actual as % of Budget
Year-to-Date Budgeted Receipts			
Pledged Offerings	\$104,609.44	\$111,698.40	93.7%
Non-Pledged Offerings	\$9,466.00	\$10,141.74	93.3%
Other Budgeted Offerings	\$3,370.67	\$1,997.95	168.7%
<b>Total YTD Budgeted Receipts*</b>	<b>\$117,446.11</b>	<b>\$123,838.09</b>	<b>94.8%</b>
<b>YTD Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$119,782.58</b>	<b>\$123,838.09</b>	<b>96.7%</b>
<b>YTD Budgeted Income (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$2,336.47)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>Total Balance of All Funds*</b>	<b>\$185,046.62</b>		
Checking	\$66,054.59		
Savings	\$118,992.03		

\*Excludes the Endowment Fund of \$55,869.14



# SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:30 am Worship with Pr. Jim Trutwin Presiding 10:30 Coffee Hour (Group 7)	<b>2 – Labor Day</b>	<b>3</b> 10 am Prayer Shawl Group 6 pm League of Women Voters Meeting	<b>4</b> 9 am Property Party 7:15 pm Choir	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm The Table 6:30 Tai Chi	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 11 am CROP Walk Meeting
<b>8</b> 9:30 am Worship with Dan Wilson, S.A.M. presiding 10:30 Coffee Hr (Grp 1)	<b>9</b> 5:30 pm Scouts 7:15 Youth Group Meeting	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm Church Council	<b>11</b> 9 am Property Party 7:15 pm Choir	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm The Table 6:30 Tai Chi	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30 am Worship with Pr. Jim Trutwin presiding 10:30 Coffee Hour (Group 2)	<b>16</b> 1:30 pm Fellowship Meeting 5:30 Scouts	<b>17</b> 10 am Coffee & Devo, Good Samaritan Home 10 Prayer Shawl Group 12 pm Ladies Birthday Lunch, Dunnbelly	<b>18</b> 9 am Property Party 5:30 pm Worship Team Meeting 7:15 pm Choir	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm The Table 6:30 Tai Chi	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 am Worship with Dan Wilson, S.A.M. presiding 10:30 Coffee Hour (Group 3)	<b>23</b> 9 am & 1 pm Create-A-Card Class 5:30 Scouts	<b>24</b> 5:30 pm Paddles for a Purpose	<b>25</b> 9 am Property Party 7:15 pm Choir	<b>26</b> 6:30 The Table 6:30 Tai Chi	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm Kids' Night Out	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 am Worship with Pr. Paul Schwartzkopf presiding 10:30 Coffee Hour (Group 4) 5 – 7 pm Youth Group	<b>30</b> 5:30 pm Scouts	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9 am Property Party 7:15 pm Choir	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm The Table 6:30 Tai Chi	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

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## Assisting with Worship in September 2019

POSITION	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Asst Minister	TBD	Roger Schaefer	Jerry Spurgeon	Sue Reeder	Diane Jones
Deacon	Brandon Ross	Bonnie Scranton	Roger Schaefer	TBD	TBD
Greeters	Darlene Perry	Karen & Roger Schaefer	Darlene Perry	Kathy & Charlie Buckman	TBD
Reader	Sue Reeder	Judy Wegehenkel	Bill Shuler	Bonnie Cox	TBD
Sound Tech	Matt Futhey	TBD	TBD	Brian Cox	Connie Hornsey
Usher	Bonnie Scranton	Roger Wegehenkel	Dave Tooke	TBD	TBD
Sun. School	Trish Santos	Kensey McGartland	Marcy Bigley	Trish Santos	Corrine Sutcliffe
Nursery	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Marcia Johnson	TBD	Bonnie Scranton	TBD	TBD
Verger	Bonnie Scranton	Katie Rupp	Bonnie Scranton	Judy Wegehenkel	Dave Tooke
Coffee Hour	Group 7	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Acolyte	Brian Tallman	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Flowers	Debbie & Tom Hemmerle	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A