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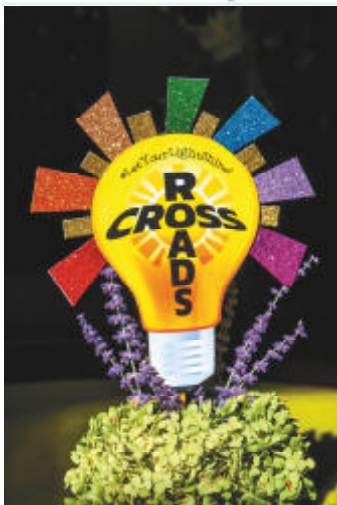
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Dear Family of God,

It is hard to believe it is already October. But the truth is that God is always calling us forward. God is calling us forward in time, calling us forward in growth as God's children, calling us forward in mission and ministry. There is a deep truth in the saying that we are either growing or dying.

We as the people of God at Trinity are always being called forward. We are called forward in our giving, as we will experience in the Stewardship focus that is coming in October. We are called to grow in generosity. We are called to grow in our responsibility as members of the body of Christ. We are called to grow in gratitude. We are called to grow in our giving to the work of the Gospel and our giving to Trinity. We are called to give money- **yes money**- to carry on the work of the church. But even more we are called to give ourselves to God in new and exciting ways.



We are called to move forward in mission. We are called to offer God's love into the ever-changing world we live in. We have been called in the past to give to the needs of the hungry and the homeless. We have been called in the past to care for those with suicidal ideologies and people in foreign lands who need to hear the gospel. We have been called to hear the cries of the aging and the young in their need. But today we are called to hear new calls. We are called to hear the cries of those who are struggling with opioid addiction. We are called to notice the cries of the immigrant and refugee among us. We are called to be a voice for peace and unity in an ever more divided and contentious world. We need to grow in the ministry that we are doing. At Adult Forums throughout the month we will be asking what new thing is God calling us to do. Come and share in the struggle.

Most of all we are called to move forward in loving God and one another. It is always uncomfortable to face change and growth. But the essence of life is growth, is change, is movement into a new day. That is symbolized in the new commitments our confirmands will make on October 13<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to come and renew your commitment to growth with them. One of the most powerful images in the book of Acts is at the very beginning of the book. Jesus has ascended into heaven. For the disciples, everything has changed. What are they to do now? They stand looking up to where Jesus has gone, and some angels appear and speak these words:

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'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

What are we doing standing around? Jesus will return, but in the meantime, there is work to do and love to share. The Church should never be standing in place. We should always be moving forward. Sometimes faster, sometimes slower and it is ok to rest and celebrate some, but in the end, we are called to move forward, trusting in the grace of God.

Let's go,  
Pastors Cris and Dave

# HAPPY RALLY DAY 2019!



**WELCOME TO  
OUR HOUSE!**





Continuing the theme of books that call us to grow as God's people, for this month we will be reading Dear Church by Lenny Duncan. Here is a description of the book from Amazon:  
Lenny Duncan is the unlikeliest of pastors. Formerly incarcerated, he is now a black preacher in the

whitest denomination in the United States: The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Shifting demographics and shrinking congregations make all the headlines, but Duncan sees something else at work--drawing a direct line between the church's lack of diversity and the church's lack of vitality. The problems the ELCA faces are theological, not sociological. But so are the answers.

Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, Dear Church offers a bold new vision for the future of Duncan's denomination and the broader mainline Christian community of faith. Dear Church, rejects the narrative of church decline and calls everyone--leaders and laity alike--to the front lines of the church as renewal through racial equality and justice.

It is time for the church to rise up, dust itself off, and take on forces of this world that act against God: whiteness, misogyny, nationalism, homophobia, and economic injustice. Duncan gives a blueprint for the way forward and urges us to follow in the revolutionary path of Jesus.

This book truly is a love letter encouraging Lenny's church, our church, to become what it can be. There will be two opportunities to discuss the book. The first will be at 8:30 AM Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>. The second will be on Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Whether you can join us for discussion or not, please take time to read this powerful book and think about where it is calling us to travel.

### **WATCH FOR DETAILS COMING SOON**

Plans are being made for a beaded jewelry class in November and another card making



### **GATHER FOR THE GATHERING**

The Gathering in Milwaukee is a community of guests, volunteers and staff united by a common goal: To feed the hungry in body, mind and spirit.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday November 9**, when Trinity will have the opportunity to help prepare and serve lunch at the downtown Milwaukee meal site. There are tasks for children (age 10 and up) to adult, so make this a family event! Details on times and carpooling coming soon!



Bible Study—In October we will continue the Book of Acts. The book gives us a picture of the early Church, moving forward in so many ways. The Church grows in numbers and in generosity. The Church grows in the power of the Spirit and in spreading the gospel. The Church in Acts is never standing still. Come and hear this exciting story and share with us in figuring out what this story means for us as the Church today. The Bible Study group meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 and all are welcome.

### **ADULT FORUM**

Through the month of October, we will continue our discussions on Immigration and those seeking asylum. The structure will be a bit looser during these sessions as we look to answer questions and consider what possibilities are available to walk beside our neighbors, both those who are immigrants and refugees and those who work in areas that touch and impact the immigrant community. If you are looking for a deeper understanding and discussion of these issues, we hope you will join us after the 9:30 service every Sunday.



**F I S H—FYI???**

4th - 6th Graders are considered the most “at risk” age group nationwide?

- If a young person doesn’t make a central place for their faith at this age, it will become less likely to ever happen.
- If a youth identifies church with friendships and a feeling of belonging, they will WANT to be involved.

This ministry CANNOT happen without the support of BOTH youth and parents! We consider Trinity’s ministry to this age group to be extremely important!!

**Upcoming Events for October and November:**

- Halloween Party: October 27<sup>th</sup> – 11:00-12:30pm
- Family Bowling Party: Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 - 1:30pm

**Senior High - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

Trinity’s Senior High Ministry invites all folks in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade to gather together throughout the year for: First Sunday meetings; Lock-ins and activities; planning, fundraising and preparing for the 2019 Senior High Summer Servant Event.

**ALL Senior High Youth are invited to our October First Sunday Meeting on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.** There’ll be time to reconnect and a chance to share dinner, discussion and communion.

Next Meeting – November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 – 6:00pm-7:30pm

**Confirmation Schedule**

Wednesday, October 2nd:

Topic- Being a Disciple in Today’s World.

Snacks- Arik and Michael Loomans

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>:

Topic- Following Jesus in Today’s World.

Snacks- Aleks and Bethani Schweiger

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>:

Confirmation Rehearsal for all 9<sup>th</sup> Graders

10:00am-11:30am.

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>:

Conirmination Service—**9:30am**

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>:

Topic- What do we believe? - Creeds

Snacks- Frannie Anderson

Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Topic- Apostles' Creed Article 1

Snacks- Kayla Bruder

Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>:

Topic- Apostles' Creed Article 1

Snacks- Glen Clark

Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>:

Topic- Apostles' Creed Article 1

Snacks- Mason Ellis

**Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>-Sunday,**

**November 10<sup>th</sup>:** Confirmation Fall Retreat at

Pine Lake Camp

Topic—Apostle’s Creed/theTrinity and Article 1

Please pray for Trinity’s young adults who graduated from High School between 2015-2019. Pray that God will watch over them, bless and strengthen them and use their gifts wherever they are in their life’s journey.

**CONFIRMATION AND SENIOR HIGH SERVICE PROJECT  
DONATE TRAVEL/HOTEL SIZE TOILETRIES**

The collection of supplies needed for the kits went well! Some of our local businesses donated to the cause—Downtown Family Dental, Comfort Inn in Jackson (where the kids stay for retreats!) and, of course monies from our friends at Thrivent. We should have enough to fill 250 “gift bags” at least. The confirmation classes will be assembling soon and be delivered to Mr. Bob. Thank you to all for your kind contributions! To learn more about the mission of Mr. Bob’s Under the Bridge, see

<https://mrbobsunderthebridge.org/>



## **Stewardship**

This is your reminder of all things stewardship:

Remember our Council Presidents challenge at the beginning of the year: Bring one person to church, sign up for one new activity at the church that you have not participated in, and give \$1.00 a week more in your offering.

This challenge was an invitation to move forward in our life together. It is

not too late. You can still accept the challenge. Don't forget.

Remember your commitment to Trinity as we approach the end of the year. Whether your commitment was written down or not, please remember your intention to give at the beginning of this year. Now is the time we want to keep to the path and even move forward so that at the end of the year we can stand on a firm foundation. Thanks to all who have been faithfully giving financially to the church: your money has been funding incredible ministries such as children's ministry, work with Family Promise, shut-in visitation, growth in God's work, enlivening worship, new outreach opportunities and many other things. We are one of the most welcoming and open churches in the area and it is because of the faithfulness of our members.

Remember stewardship is not just money, but the giving of ourselves. Remember God's Work Our Hands, on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Remember the needs of children's ministry, remember the needs we have for worship participants and remember the needs of the caring organizations in the community. As Christ gave himself to us, may we give ourselves to the needs of the world.

Remember to prayerfully consider your commitment for next year. God is calling us forward into new work for the kingdom, work that changes lives. How is God calling you forward in that work?

Remember to give thanks for all the gifts that God has given you. It is only polite.

Remember there are new ways to give as well. You can give online at the website and you can sign up for direct withdrawal every week. These new methods are meant to help you in faithfully giving.

But most importantly remember why we do all this, so that we as God's people can continue to share the Love and Promise of God everywhere. Our true thanks is to the God who we serve.

### Trinity's 2019 Worship Schedule:

**Saturday 5:00pm-6:00pm** – Traditional Worship (Using one of the sung/spoken liturgical settings found in the Cranberry Hymnal)

**Sunday 8:00am-8:45am** – Traditional Service of the Word (Spoken liturgy with songs.)

**Sunday 9:30am-10:30am** – Created to Praise (Contemporary Christian Music with a spoken liturgy.)

**DURING ADVENT AND LENT - Thursday Evenings 6:30pm-7:00pm** – Prayer Around the Cross (Meditative prayer worship)

### **In our troubled world, let us pray for:**

- Peace among nations
- Understanding among people
- Forgiveness when wrongs are committed
- Realization that we are all one in God's eyes
- A place of shelter for those displaced and homeless
- Food for the hungry
- Love overcoming hate
- Care for the precious world God has entrusted to us
- Courage and strength to work for all these things





Be God's Love To Our Neighbors Every Day!!!  
Wear a GWOH shirt on Rally Sunday to show your commitment!

# God's work. Our hands.



Fall & Winter Opportunities: God's Work. Our Hands. Oct 5 | härmenē benefit Oct 6 |  
The Gathering Nov 9 | Youth Hygiene Kit project | Family Promise | The Giving Tree |  
Incredible Edibles Sale | Food Pantry | Blanketeers | Prayer Shawls | Visiting Shut-Ins |  
Sock & Underwear Drive | Compassion International - Support Kaori

# härmenē III

härmenē three-peat | *Because we care about our community AND good things come in "threes"!*

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**OUTREACH FOR FALL – Important Dates**

October 5: God’s Work. Our Hands.  
October 6: 12:30 – **Härmønē** benefit  
November 9: Serve lunch at The Gathering  
in Milwaukee  
December 7-8: Incredible Edibles sale in  
conjunction with Advent cantata.  
Thanksgiving baskets and Giving Tree

**ATTENTION! Women of Trinity!!**

Coming this fall “Poetry of the Old Testament” by Anna Maddsen. In this three-session study we will explore selections from Job, Psalms and Lamentations. Drawing from the experiences of these ancient writers, we will learn to look for God in times of deep emotions, such as joy, anger, celebration, depression, misunderstanding and contentment, finding hope and grace along the way. Stop in for a free sample and see the Bible in a whole new light! We’ll save you a chair! The first Monday of the month (except for holidays) at 6:30—meet in the Heritage Room here!

**ADVENT CANTATA – December 7-8**

Planning for Trinity’s 14<sup>th</sup> Advent Cantata is underway, with the choir again under the direction of Darci Ketter. If you have not sung with the cantata choir in the past but would like to join this year, see Hazel Griffin to be added to the e-mail communication list!

**Rehearsals** are Wednesdays from 6:30-8 on:  
October 2—November 6  
November 20—December 4—and  
Final dress rehearsal on the afternoon of  
Saturday December 7  
**Cantata worship services:**  
Saturday December 7 at 5 p.m.  
Sunday December 8 at 9:30 a.m.

**Why should I give money to Trinity??**

It is time to consider our financial commitment to the work of Trinity Lutheran Church. Without the commitment of every member we cannot continue to do the vibrant ministry that we carry out in our community. As many of you know, last year we had to cut salaries on staff that keep our variety of ministries running in order to meet the budget. This limited Trinity’s ability to reach out to share the love and promise of God both with church members and within our community and world.

We realize that here are many worthy causes asking for your support. **But please consider that Trinity is called to a role that no other single charity can fulfill.** Our purpose is:

To communicate and pass on the faith - an understanding of ourselves and the world rooted in the love, grace and forgiveness of a God who is still at work within all God’s creation to bring new life, growth, wholeness, connectedness and hope.

To encourage, illuminate, inspire and support people so they are better able to notice and care about the needs and issues that are happening beyond their own present personal experience.

To bring together people from various backgrounds, experiences, and generations to form a community of respect, support and encouragement that allows people to recognize and use their gifts to touch a divisive, isolated, self-absorbed and despairing culture with God’s love.

To provide each generation with the roots of love, strength, hope, purpose that will help them stand, grow and shine amidst the pain, hopeless and darkness of the world they face.

To illustrate God’s work of compassion, renewal, growth and life going on all around us. **If each member of this congregation could give \$5.00 more a week (the cost of a trip to Starbucks or a Cheeseburger meal at McDonalds) we could reinstate and even expand our ability to live out our role as carriers of love, grace, life and hope.**

Throughout October, stewardship materials for the 2020 will be made available that outline the way our financial resources are used to carry on the ministry of Christ. You will see that we do not use our funds extravagantly, but faithfully use each cent to do our work.

There will also be several small group sessions in which members can ask questions and share ideas. We encourage you to come and share with other members as we each prayerfully consider our commitment to the God’s calling.



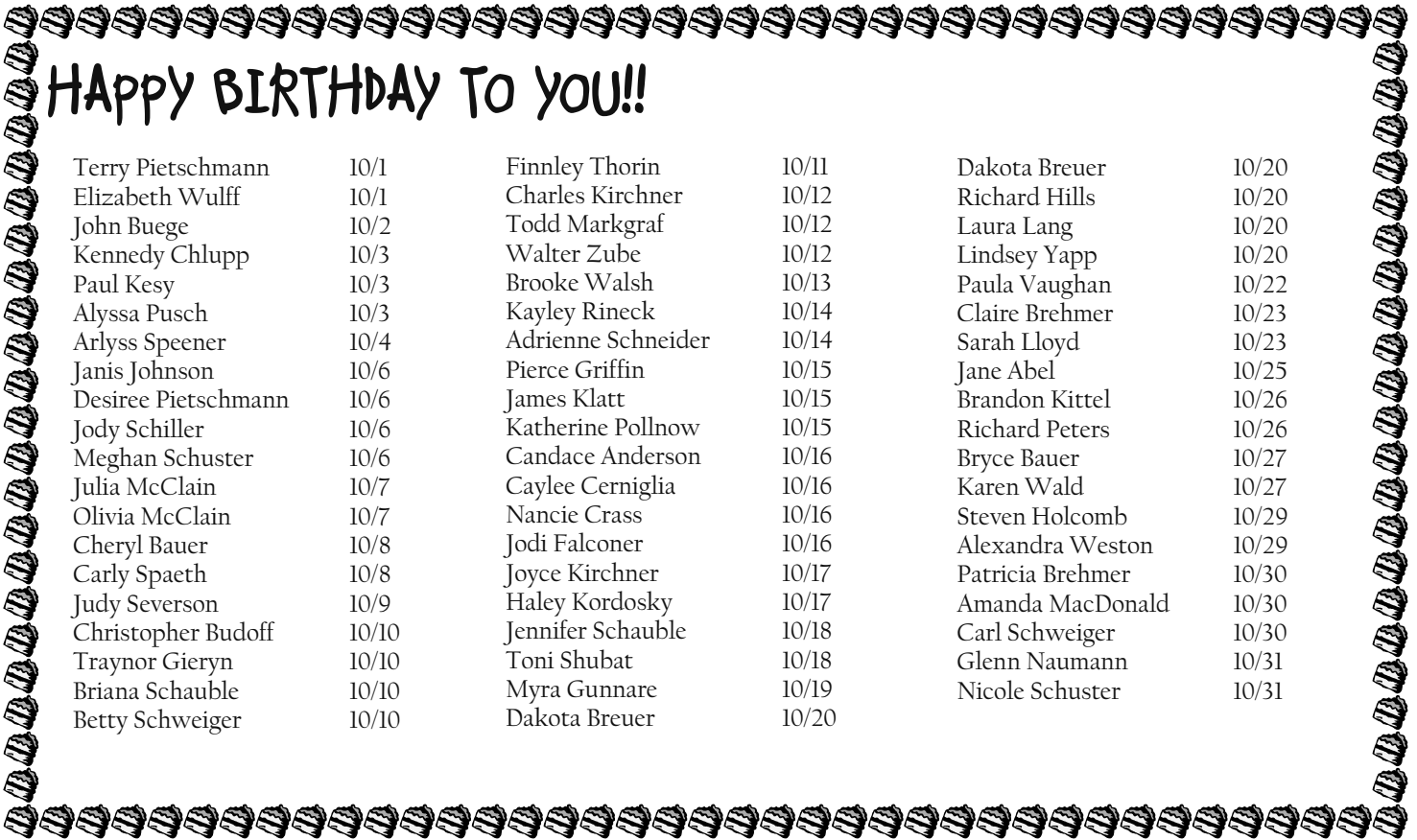
## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

*Counters* Anita McClain & Jody Schilling  
**Saturday, October 5, 5:00 pm**  
*Ushers* Arlyss Speener  
**Sunday, October 6, 8:00 am**  
*Ushers* Ron/Rosemary Fink, Jay Nelson, Carol Peters  
**Sunday, October 6, 9:30 am**  
*Ushers* Pauline Lentz,  
 Kevin Schmitt, Sam Laatsch

*Counters* Linda Amacher & David Putnam  
**Saturday, October 12, 5:00 pm**  
*Ushers* Mark Sergeant, Debbie Burns  
**Sunday, October 13, 8:00 am**  
*Ushers* Dale, Myra, Cory, Cary & Kyle Gunnare  
**Sunday, October 13, 9:30 am**  
*Ushers* Glenn Pietschmann, Nick Laatsch,  
 Mike Kozlowski, Jim Klatt

*Counters* Dawn Spaeth & Judy Ehmke  
**Saturday, October 19, 5:00 pm**  
*Ushers*  
**Sunday, October 20, 8:00 am**  
*Ushers* Bill/Cheryl Casey, Mary Immekus,  
**Sunday, October 20, 9:30 am**  
*Ushers* Todd Markgraf, Anita McClain,  
 Daniel Schmidt

*Counters* Rich Hills  
**Saturday, October 26, 5:00 pm**  
*Ushers* Carl & Betty Schweiger  
**Sunday, October 27, 8:00 am**  
*Ushers* Jay Nelson, Lynne & Eric Thorin,  
 Ken Juedes  
**Sunday, October 27, 9:30 am**  
*Ushers* Paul Anderson, Ron Wicke, James Winkler



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

Terry Pietschmann	10/1	Finnley Thorin	10/11	Dakota Breuer	10/20
Elizabeth Wulff	10/1	Charles Kirchner	10/12	Richard Hills	10/20
John Buege	10/2	Todd Markgraf	10/12	Laura Lang	10/20
Kennedy Chlupp	10/3	Walter Zube	10/12	Lindsey Yapp	10/20
Paul Kesy	10/3	Brooke Walsh	10/13	Paula Vaughan	10/22
Alyssa Pusch	10/3	Kayley Rineck	10/14	Claire Brehmer	10/23
Arlyss Speener	10/4	Adrienne Schneider	10/14	Sarah Lloyd	10/23
Janis Johnson	10/6	Pierce Griffin	10/15	Jane Abel	10/25
Desiree Pietschmann	10/6	James Klatt	10/15	Brandon Kittel	10/26
Jody Schiller	10/6	Katherine Pollnow	10/15	Richard Peters	10/26
Meghan Schuster	10/6	Candace Anderson	10/16	Bryce Bauer	10/27
Julia McClain	10/7	Caylee Cerniglia	10/16	Karen Wald	10/27
Olivia McClain	10/7	Nancie Crass	10/16	Steven Holcomb	10/29
Cheryl Bauer	10/8	Jodi Falconer	10/16	Alexandra Weston	10/29
Carly Spaeth	10/8	Joyce Kirchner	10/17	Patricia Brehmer	10/30
Judy Severson	10/9	Haley Kordosky	10/17	Amanda MacDonald	10/30
Christopher Budoff	10/10	Jennifer Schauble	10/18	Carl Schweiger	10/30
Traynor Gieryn	10/10	Toni Shubat	10/18	Glenn Naumann	10/31
Briana Schauble	10/10	Myra Gunnare	10/19	Nicole Schuster	10/31
Betty Schweiger	10/10	Dakota Breuer	10/20		

**FOOD PANTRY ITEM**  
**Canned soup/stew**

# OCTOBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm CONFIRMATION	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS</b> 2:30-4:30 PM HARMENE REHEARSAL 5:00 pm Traditional
<b>6</b> 8:00 am Traditional 9:30 am CTP / Brockman Baptism  <b>1:30 HARMENE CONCERT</b> 6:00 pm 1st Sunday Meets	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Women of Trinity Bible Study 2:45—6:00 pm MUSIC THERAPY	<b>8</b> 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm CONFIRMATION	<b>10</b> 1:00 pm OWLS <b>POTATO LUNCH!! (starring Terry Kuss)</b> 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>11</b> 9:00 am Blanketeers	<b>12</b> 5:00 pm Traditional
<b>13</b> 8:00 am Traditional 9:30 am CTP Children's Ministry <b>CONFIRMATION!</b>	<b>14</b> 2:45 pm Music Therapy	<b>15</b> 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm CONFIRMATION	<b>17</b> 10:00 am Prayer Shawlers 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:00 pm Traditional
<b>20</b> 8:00 am Traditional 9:30 am CTP Children's Ministry	<b>21</b> 2:45 pm Music Therapy 7:00 pm COUNCIL MEETING	<b>22</b> 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm CONFIRMATION	<b>24</b> 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>25</b> 9:00 am Blanketeers	<b>26</b> 5:00 pm Traditional
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**Worship Schedule**

Saturday..... 5:00 pm (Traditional)  
Sunday..... 8:00 am (Service of the Word)  
Sunday..... 9:30 am (Created to Praise)  
Holy Communion Celebrated at all services

**Church Office**

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