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OCTOBER
2015

**The Seven
Marks of
Discipleship**
✠Pray

✠Worship

✠Study

✠Invite

✠Encourage

✠Give

✠Serve

Our Discipleship Together

Why Make a Pledge/Commitment/

Estimate of Giving?

We make commitments to things that are important to us. I made a public commitment to my wife that I would be faithful to her, and she made the same commitment to me, and we have been able to build a marriage upon that mutual commitment. Every week my Kiwanis group says the Pledge of Allegiance because we are committed to the values our flag represents. When I applied to the Doctor of Ministry program, I made a commitment to see it through because I

knew it would help me as a pastor and help us as a congregation. I made the commitment even though I really didn't fully know what it was going to demand of me. It certainly was an act of faith.

We make commitments to things that are important to us. Growth in faith is important to us, and the way that we give to the mission of Christ is deeply linked to our faith. When we grow in our giving, we grow in faith, and as we grow in faith we grow in our giving. The two cannot be separated. Making a commitment in giving helps our faith grow. It is a valuable spiritual discipline. This is why giving is one of our Seven Marks of Discipleship. As we engage in these Marks of Discipleship, we grow in faith. And, as we grow in faith, we continue to push ourselves to grow in these Marks of Discipleship.

Some worry that they may not be able to fulfill the commitment. I worry about that every time I make a commitment to exercise more and eat better. And yes, sometimes I do not fulfill the commitment I made, but it is always better to make the commitment than to shy away from it because of possible failure. Who knows? This might be the time that really makes the difference, and the commitment helps to make that difference.

If you have not yet made a commitment to grow in faith through your giving, consider doing so. I know that it has made a huge difference in my life as well as in my wife's life. I am confident that it will make a difference for you too.

Pastor Keith

How can we help with the Lutheran World Relief Boxcar?

By helping pack boxes at Zion Lutheran Church on Friday morning, October 9th at 9:00 a.m. We will also need 10 volunteers on Saturday, October 10th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please put these dates on your calendar and contact Bill tipple in person or call him at 715.732.2318, if you are able to help.

Zion is advertising!

Notice Zion's advertisement on the placemats in La Cabania in Menominee, Luigi's in Peshtigo, and Apple Jack's Marinette. This advertising was done with help from an evangelism grant given by the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

Certainly we pray that this brings visitors to Zion. Please, please, please welcome and introduce yourself to those you do not know in worship. Please! Also, please invite them to coffee time when we have it, and be sure to sit with them as well. Please and thank you!

Wednesday Night Worship

A new worship service is being held on Wednesday evenings starting at 5:30 p.m. It lasts only a half hour because our SPARK & Confirmation classes start at 6:00. This service is designed for families, but all people are welcome. (We ask that an adult accompany children.) This service includes Holy Communion and focuses on the text for the upcoming Sunday; the text that the SPARK kids will be studying following worship.



Summary of September 2015 Council Meeting_____

The Council met on Tuesday September 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

The average Worship attendance for August was again down from 99 in 2014 to 94 in 2015.

There was a Baptism on August 23 for Aiden James Bailey and a wedding for Jessy Haid/Jacqueline Kolstad on August 15.

Pastor attended meetings for the Edgewood Manor Board on August 10th and Synod Candidacy Committee on August 18th, 2015.

Vacation days this fall for Pastor will be August 31-Sept. 12; Sept. 27; and Nov. 13-19

Here is a summary of August's financial reports:

August Financial Reports

- General Fund balance increased \$2,092 from \$5,394 to \$7,486
- Capital Improvement Fund increased \$818 from \$45,042 to \$45,860.
- Fortune Lake Campers Fund balance increased \$15 from \$1,032 to \$1,047.
- Community Camper funds increased \$340. \$2,127 is available for camper fees.
- The Sabbatical Fund is being funded at approximately \$167 per month.
- The Intern Fund Balance increased \$26 from \$626 to \$652.
- The Garden Grant Fund fund balance is \$418.
- The Helping Hand Fund balance is \$924.

Spark and Confirmation will start on Wednesday September 16, 2015 at 6pm. This year a family Worship service will begin at 5:30 each Wednesday in the Chapel.

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Summary of September 2015 Council Meeting_____

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The Fellowship Committee reported that the 140th Anniversary Celebration was a success. The picnic and service were held indoors due to uncooperative weather.

This year's Stewardship Drive will be modeled after last year's Consecration Sunday. *Going Where Jesus Leads* will be held on October 4, 2015. The Council will attend a dinner with a brief message regarding the spiritual-growth dimensions of stewardship in preparation of our *Going Where Jesus Leads* Sunday on September 29th at Schloegel's Bay View Restaurant.

The Council will be hosting the coffee hour on September 13th. We will be honoring Pastor George Olson's 60th Anniversary of his Ordination.

Pastor Keith submitted his second proposal for his Sabbatical for 2016 entitled *How Much is Enough?*

Sharon Powilaites will be hosting a game day called Zion's Jolly Times from noon to 3pm on the first and third Wednesdays of each month beginning on October 21st. This will be open to the public. You bring the game and they will play it.

The Sanctuary Arts Committee will be revitalizing the main entryway into the Narthex. They will be painting and updating light fixtures. If you would like to help paint, please contact Kathy Heimbuch.

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th, 2015 at 6:30.

The meeting ended with the Benediction.
Respectfully Submitted, Julie Williams, Recording Secretary

The Stewardship Corner

I'm a compulsive list maker especially if I have a lot on my agenda for any given day or week. I love it when I complete a task and cross it off my list; it provides me a feeling of accomplishment. Nevertheless, the real reason I make lists in the first place is they keep me focused. They help me to remember what it is I want to accomplish. They save me time because I don't have to rack my brain to remember what I was going to do next. I look at my list and I'm instantly focused. Just like you, my time is limited so I need to utilize it to full advantage.

On January 25, 2009, this congregation adopted its own list of faith practices or things we intend to focus on. We called it Zion's Seven Marks of Discipleship. Those Seven Marks are Pray, Worship, Study, Invite, Encourage, Give, and Serve. We began working on these faith practices in 2009, and we still are not able to cross one of them off as being completed because we're supposed to continue to grow in each and every one, individually and collectively, as a congregation.

This article has been especially hard to put together. I've been working on it and thinking about it for months, and just now have completed it. I think that's because when I think about the Seven Marks, I don't like the fact that I fall short. I mean, who likes to talk about their shortcomings? I don't - I've got way too many of them as it is. Nonetheless, I'm going to press on and with God's help, hopefully this will be a meaningful article for you and me.

Okay, let's look at our Vision Statement through the eyes of these Seven Marks of Discipleship. In condensed form here's what our congregation envisioned on January 25, 2009:

- 1) A congregation that prays regularly, not just at worship, but daily in our personal lives;
- 2) a congregation that is so hungry to worship that over half its baptized members worship weekly;

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- 3) a congregation, and the families within it, that regularly read and study God's word;
- 4) a congregation that invites others and warmly welcomes visitors;
- 5) a congregation that encourages and supports one another and those in our community;
- 6) a congregation that generously gives its time, talents, and treasures to further God's work; and,
- 7) a congregation that serves to assist children and their families.

These Seven Marks are the congregation's list and they open us up to the presence and power of God in our lives. They also help us to deepen our life-long journey of grace and growth that began at baptism.

Given all of this, how do you feel you are doing? Are you following God's dream for you of "Going where Jesus leads?" How do you feel Zion is doing?

As for me, I continue to struggle. My refrigerator has two magnets affixed to it - "Pray" and "Serve." I wish I could tell you they remind me daily about my personal faith practices, but that isn't the case. They may be there, but like a lot of stuff hanging on my refrigerator, they are often forgotten.

I personally feel like I'm doing okay on some of these marks and falling far short on others. I guess I have to accept that I'm human. My mind continues to wander when I don't want it to, I often forget to pray, I don't read my Bible often enough, I make a lot mistakes, and a lot of time I don't see people or things through God's eyes. I'm not, nor will I ever be, perfect, but I continue to hope my life is a blessing to God.

Do these Seven Marks cause you concern? If they do, you know you're still a work in progress. Together we'll continue to press on asking God to lead and guide us. What else can we do.

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"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'"

Yes, lists are wonderful. They keep us focused and on target – they can also point out our shortcomings. Zion's congregation is blessed to have these Seven Marks of Discipleship, along with our Mission and Vision Statements, to guide us in our daily activity. We'll never be able to cross off one of these Seven Marks from our list; if we're doing it right, they'll be with us as long as we live.

Thanks be to God!!

Karen Sylvester

Hooks & Needles Knit & Crochet Group

Our group of crafters will begin meeting again this month on Sunday, October 18th from 1-3pm at Zion.

Special thanks to Zion's Sew for Missions group for giving us a bunch of yarn! We've been working over the summer on our Warmth for Warriors project and we are looking for new projects that we can do in addition to the wool hats which will use the yarn we were given.

Come and see what we're up to. You can bring your own yarn, hooks & needles or you can use what we have on hand to get started. We're happy to help you learn how to knit and/or crochet and we'll have snacks.



Going Where Jesus Leads Sunday

October 4th is Going Where Jesus Leads Sunday. During the worship service, we will be making our commitments to share with Christ a percentage of our income for his ministry through our congregation. Following the worship service there will be a free brunch.

If you are unable to attend that Sunday, we will be sending you a commitment card in the mail early the following week. If you do not receive one and desire to grow in faith by making a commitment, please contact Zion's office and we will be sure to get a card to you.

No Second Mile Campaign in 2016

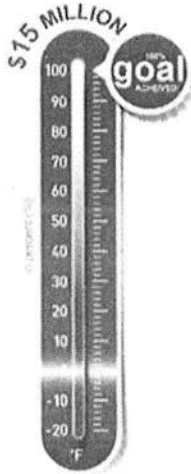
In 2016 we are committed to continuing our practice of not holding a second mile campaign. However, we will still be contributing, as a congregation, to the recipients of our second mile campaigns in the past! We do this by committing percentages of our income to the General Fund to our Capital Improvements Fund (4.5%), the DAR Boys and Girls Club (2%), and community scholarships for Fortune Lake (2%). We commit 11% of our income to the work of the wider church through our Synod. We also commit percentages of our income to the ministries that we co-own: Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp (1%) and Northland Lutheran Retirement Community (.18%). These last two ministries have always been a part of our budget, but now, rather than committing a flat figure to them as we have in the past, we are committing a percentage of our income to their work. This is how much we have given through August: Northern Great Lakes Synod - \$13,748; Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp - \$1,375; Northland Lutheran Retirement Community - \$219; DAR Boys and Girls Club - \$2,530; Community Scholarships for Fortune Lake - \$2,530; Capital Improvement - \$5,833. Your generosity continues to make a difference and obviously there are many who are very grateful for it!



ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN: WE DID IT!

SEPTEMBER 2015

www.ELCA.org/malaria



We have incredible news! The ELCA Malaria Campaign just reached its fundraising goal of \$15 million! Thank you for being a part of this monumental milestone and helping us protect countless lives from this preventable, treatable disease. We couldn't have done it without you!

Five years ago ELCA members, congregations and synods came together, dreamed big with our Lutheran companion churches and partners, and set out to raise \$15 million for malaria programming. Today we celebrate all that we have accomplished together.

Working with our Lutheran companions and partners in 13 African countries, we have brought about lasting change. But our work is not over. While the ELCA Malaria Campaign will come to an end on Jan. 31, 2016, our commitment to ending deaths from this disease will not. In the coming years, support to our companions and partners to address malaria will come through gifts to ELCA World Hunger, which has a long history of supporting health-related work.

Without you, none of this would have been possible. Thank you for your prayers, your partnership and your generosity.

..... Together we have made a great impact!

Your gifts have helped educate more than 2 million people, distribute 50,000 nets, test 160,000 people and treat if positive, empower 12,000 households economically, provide 32,000 pregnant women prevention medication, and so much more. Thank you!



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

COMING IN OCTOBER! -

"GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR!"

Who: You and your friends

What: Zion Jolly Times

When: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

Beginning October 21, 2015

Where: Zion's Social Hall

2714 James Street - Marinette

Time: Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Bring: Your bag lunch & beverage to eat at noon.

Game playing starts at 12:30

For: A COMMUNITY gathering to PLAY:

- Cards - Smear, Sheephead, Cribbage . . . and more!
- Games - Mexican Train Dominoes, Jenga, Uno . . . and more!
- Something for everyone

"YOU BRING IT, WE'LL PLAY IT!"

Questions? Call Sharon at 715-735-5577



News from Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp_____

- **Oct 3- Fall Fest & Quilt Auction.** Enjoy a wonderful day at Fortune Lake and help support our Ministry! Buffet Brunch from 9:30- 11:00, Quilt viewing begins at 9:30 and the auction at 11:00. There will be a country market featuring breads and pies and a Country Store with smaller handcrafted items. There will be children's activities available as well. FLLC is now accepting donations.
- **October 16th and 17th - "I Believe" a Junior High Retreat.** Join FLLC for this exciting weekend of games, new friends, songs, worship, and Bible Study. Those attending will be studying the 2nd article of the Apostle's creed and digging into what Jesus means to them. Retreat begins on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and ends Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$45.
- **Nov. 6th – 8th a High School Retreat and U.F.O. (Unfinished Object Crafting Retreat)**
- **Dec. 4th - 5th a "Long December: A Grief Retreat"**

For more information on any of these events, see the FLLC website at www.fortunelake.org.

In God's Peace and Love, Karen Sylvester FLC Flame

Dear Members of Zion,

Thank you for your gift to support the mission of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp of \$146.98.

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is a partner and an extension of your congregation's mission and ministry. Your expression of this partnership through this gift strengthens our mutual ministry and our partnership.

Rev. Tracy Polzin
Fortune Lake Camp Director

Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord_____

It is not too late to join Zion Lutheran Senior Choir. We would love to have some new faces so we can continue to sing four - part music. Our rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:10 in the balcony of the sanctuary and last an hour. We have some members that come every other week. We can also offer babysitting if needed. If you are interested ,give me a call. I tell people just come and when you feel confident then sing with us on a Sunday. If you have a love for singing and music, check us out. It does not matter if you have never sang in a choir or read music. You will find our rehearsals filled with laughter, song and prayer. We usually sing two Sundays a month and for special services such as Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve.

Blessings, Ann Buscher 715 735 3017

Zion Ladies Luncheon Group_____

Zion Ladies luncheon group will be meeting on Thursday, October 29th at LA CABANA Mexican restaurant in Menominee at noon. You do not need to make a reservation. Please call Ann Buscher with questions or if you need a ride. Try inviting someone new at church this Sunday to join us! We have a lot of fun! Blessings, Ann Buscher 715.735.3017

NEWCAP Donations_____

Our NEWCAP collection theme during the month of OCTOBER is "All things Halloween." Such items as, canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, sugar, treats, etc. NON-PERISHABLE." Your donations will be given to the NEWCAP local food pantry.



Farmers, Fair Trade & You _____

The 2015-2016 Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade Catalog has arrived and there are some new items that I'm excited to tell you about. First, you should know that when you purchase LWR Fair Trade items you are not only helping farmers get a fair price for their crops but supporting cooperatives that educate farmers on best growing practices for good yield and improved knowledge of their markets. A portion of your purchase is also donated to LWR's Small Farmer Fund so that Lutheran World Relief can continue to support smallholder farmers around the world with lasting solutions to poverty.

In addition to the coffee, tea & snacks that you see for sale in the narthex on a regular basis we'll soon have chocolate again and these new items: Organic *Dark* Hot Chocolate; three new organic teas: Green Tea with Ginger, Ginger Tea (*Caffeine free*), Rooibos Chai Tea (*Caffeine free*); and [DRUM ROLL, PLEASE] Organic Single Serve coffees compatible with K-cup brewing systems.

Equal Exchange is proud to offer more environmentally-friendly single serve cups, made from recyclable plastic and aluminum so you can enjoy all the convenience with less waste! Single serve organic coffees are available in boxes of 12 no.5 plastic cups. Choose from Breakfast Blend, French Roast & Unwind Decaf. They are also offering a stainless steel reusable filter for single serve machines as another eco-friendly alternative.

If you like to make your coffee in a French press you might also be interested in the 16-oz bags of coarse-ground Fellowship Blend for percolators.

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Farmers, Fair Trade & You _____

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At the time I wrote this article I also placed an order for some of these items. Check the display in the narthex to see what came in. If you are interested in items that you don't see at Zion you can learn more about them at lwr.org/fair-trade or shop.equalexchange.coop I am also happy to order special items on our next order, just give me a call (906.864.2289). Heidi Beland

Harvest of Hope Community Garden _____

Thank you to all who have donated their time helping with the Harvest of Hope Community Garden. A special thank you to Michelle Larson and Heidi Beland for their many hours working in the garden, planting, weeding, and delivering the many vegetables to our local food pantries.

DAR Boys & Girls Club News _____

The DAR Boys & Girls Club thank you for the donation of \$340.29. They have just started their after school program. These funds will help get their school year program off to a great start! Once again thank you for all your support.

Richard Crevier, CPO DAR Boys & Girls Club

Give Away – _____

Three slightly used wigs in original boxes. Must be washed and combed. Last used in 1996. Contact Karen Sylvester at 715.732.4206.



Bible Study

Is This The Time?

Interpreting the Mystery of Revelation

Come join us for Bible study, we are studying the Book of Revelation. We are offering this at two different times and places, either Tuesday mornings beginning at 10:30 at St. James Lutheran on Main St. or Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00 at Zion.

The class includes a series of DVD presentations by Dr. Craig Koester, professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary. This video series will help the student discover Revelation's message of God's love and hope for the world, shrouded in symbolism, prophecy, conflict and fear. Mining the rich material from his popular course, workshops and books. Koester's intimate, personal and direct explication makes for a dynamic and engaging learning experience. The teacher's mission: "I want you to believe all of what God wants you to believe about Revelation." Dr. Koester uses the rich histories of art and music to tell the story of the entire Book of Revelation. He examines the sensationalistic interpretations of Revelation and related apocalyptic theories, showing why these approaches are problematic.

This class will provide a much-needed, truly biblical perspective on what is arguably the most difficult book of the Bible.



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2015

October 1

Bev Johnston

October 3

Annette Anderson
Joyce Anderson
Carol Bohan
Steven Olsen

October 4

Kathy Saxton

October 5

Pam Goes

October 6

Al Peterson
Tim Saxton

October 7

Chad Francour

October 8

Justin Schoen

October 9

Anna Marzahl
Mitchell McFarlane
Ethan Schomaker

October 10

Nila Krenos

October 11

Nora Plym

October 12

Brittany Kloida
Marlea Wienandt

October 13

Shelby Atwood
Lynn Francour

October 15

Gary Grom
Mark Swenson

October 16

Alicia Gaudes

October 17

Megan Buenning

October 18

Charles Nord

October 19

William Beattie

October 20

John Heimbuch

October 21

Nicole Oleson

October 22

David Despins
Kaitlyn Francour

October 23

Kurt Breuer
Austin Trepanier

October 24

Michael Peterson

October 26

Carole Boerner
Belinda Dufek
Sarah Rabideau

October 28

Alex Cording

October 30

Randy Schroeder II

October 31

Bryan Gutknecht
Laura Rowe



Happy
Birthday



VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Sunday, October 4, 2015

Acolyte – Sydney Lund Lector – Heidi Beland
 Greeters – George & Nila Krenos Head Usher – Nancy Sallee
 Communion Assistants – Sue Baxter (Pouring), Roxy Bowdin,
 Karen Dill) (Distributing the Host)
 AV Team – Sarge Rudell & Kathy Heimbuch
 Stewardship Brunch

Sunday, October 11, 2015

Acolyte – Alexis Roth Lector – Carole Boerner
 Greeters – George & Ruth Olson Head Usher – Pat Rondeau
 Communion Assistant – Jacki Renne
 AV Team – Jonah Zuehls & Cheryl Maxwell

Sunday, October 18, 2015

Acolyte – Travis Lund Lector – Pastor George Olson
 Greeters – Jane Landenberger Head Usher – Michelle Larson
 Communion Assistant – Ellice DeBenedetto
 Coffee Time Sponsor – George & Ruth Olson and
 Oliver & Shirley Swenson
 AV Team – Troy Cording & Sharon Powilaite

Sunday, October 25, 2015 (Confirmation Sunday)

Acolyte – Jonah Zuehls Lector – Karen Dill
 Greeters – Shirley & Oliver Swenson Head Usher – Nora Plym
 Communion Assistants – Johanna Zuehls (Pouring), Karen Sylvester,
 Sarge Rudell (Distributing the Host)
 Coffee Time – Confirmation
 AV Team – Troy Cording and Gage Schutt

Zion's Thrivent Financial Members . . .

. . . as well as those considering membership:

On Sunday, October 18th, following our morning worship service, we are going to hold a special informational meeting regarding the ways that your membership in Thrivent Financial can support the mission and ministry of Zion. Alan DeWitt, one of our local financial representatives, will be with us to help explain some of the programs available to Thrivent members. Two of the big programs are the Thrivent Choice Dollars program and the Thrivent Action Teams. There are other educational and service opportunities as well. It is pretty exciting, but more people in our congregation need to know about how it all works.

So, if you are a Thrivent member, or are thinking/wondering about being a Thrivent member, plan to stay after worship on the 18th, to learn more about how you can make a difference with the help and support of Thrivent.



October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:00pm Worship at Northland Village	2	3
4 9:30am Worship 5pm Service of Reflection	5 Noon – Kiwanis 4:30pm Personnel Com 6 – 8 pm Ecumenical Adult Bible Study 6:30-8pm Lay School at Community Covenant Church in Menominee	6 10:30am Bible Study at St. James	7 5:30pm Worship 6-7pm SPARK, Confirmation, Bible Class 7:10pm Choir	8 6:00pm Worship at Northland Village	9 9am Packing boxes at Zion for Lutheran World Relief	10 9am – 12 noon Loading of the Lutheran World Relief Boxcar
11 9:30am Contemporary Worship 5pm Service of Reflection	12 Noon – Kiwanis 4:15pm Worship & Music Committee 6:30-8pm Lay School at Com. Covenant Church 7pm Cub Scout Parent meeting	13 9-11:30am Sew-for- Missions 10:30am Bible Study at St. James 6:30pm Council Meeting	14 5:30pm Worship 6-7pm SPARK, Confirmation, Bible Class 7:10pm Choir	15 6:00pm Worship at Northland Village	16	17 10:30pm The 9 th grade Confirmation Class meeting
18 9:30am Worship 11am Thrivent informational meeting 1-3pm Hooks & Needles 5pm Service of Reflection	19 Noon – Kiwanis 6-8pm Ecumenical Adult Bible Study group	20 10:30am Bible Study at St. James Lutheran Church	21 5:30pm Worship 6-7pm SPARK, Confirmation, Bible Class 7:10pm Choir	22 5-8pm Menominee Valley Conference Assembly at Northland Village 6:00pm Worship at Northland Village	23	24
25 Confirmation 9:30am Worship 5pm Service of Reflection	26 Noon – Kiwanis 6pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7pm Sarah group at the home of Jo Schutt	27 9-11:30am Sew-for- Missions 10:30am Bible Study at St. James Lutheran Church	28 5:30pm Worship 6-7pm SPARK, Confirmation, Bible Class 7:10pm Choir	29 6:00pm Worship at Northland Village	30	31 Halloween 9:30am Set-up for the Harvest Dinner