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 September    
2016

**The Seven  
Marks of  
Discipleship**

☞ Pray

☞ Worship

☞ Study

☞ Invite

☞ Encourage

☞ Give

☞ Serve

## ***Our Discipleship Together***

### **Growing in Faith**

I am very enthused about this year's Stewardship drive. For as long as I can remember, stewardship drives have always been about gathering pledges for the congregation's budget. We might talk about stewardship being about time and talent as well, and sometimes we actually make time for this emphasis, but usually time and talents takes a back seat to the pledge of financial support for the congregation. Not this year.

First of all, why do we hold stewardship drives? Some think we base the congregation's budget upon them. Rarely does that occur. Instead, we hold stewardship drives as an opportunity for people to grow in faith. Jesus promises us that where our treasure is, there is where our heart is also. (Luke 12:34) This is a wonderful promise, because if we don't like where our heart is, and we want it to change, then all we need to do is change where our treasure is. If I don't like my selfish heart, then I can move my treasure to more Godly investments and I'm promised that my heart will change. This is how we grow in faith.

Intentional, sacrificial giving is not the only way to grow in faith. It is one of many, and that is going to be our emphasis this year. Each of our Seven Marks of Discipleship are tried and true ways to grow in faith. Therefore, we are going to invite the congregation to make SEVEN pledges this year, one for each Mark of Discipleship! Each Sunday, from Sept. 11 to Oct. 23 will feature a different Mark of Discipleship.

We know that we all want to grow in faith. That growth can and does happen on its own, but it really happens when we are intentional about it; when we challenge ourselves to grow in certain ways; to move our treasure. This fall, through this drive, we will be challenging one another to grow in faith by making specific, growth focused commitments. How exciting is that!?!  
*Pastor Keith*

## **Council Summary for the Month of August \_\_\_\_\_**

**The Council met on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.**

### **Pastor's Report**

June Attendance: '16-84 '15-98 '14-99, '13-112, '12-122, '11-113

July Attendance: '16-89 '15-98 '14-87, '13-95, '12-115, '11-104

- Funeral for Geraldine Goddard on July 30
- Attended Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp July 17-22

### **June Financial Reports**

- General Fund balance \$6,725.
- Capital Improvement Fund \$35,884
- Fortune Lake Campers fund balance increased from zero to \$1
- Community Camper fund \$1,066
- The Intern Fund Balance remained at \$743.
- The Garden Grant Fund balance remained at \$308.
- The Helping Hand Fund balance is \$1,039.

### **July Financial Reports**

- General Fund balance is \$7,328.
- Capital Improvement Fund is \$36,372
- Fortune Lake Campers Fund balance is \$16.
- Community Camper fund is \$1,368
- The Intern Fund Balance remained at \$743.
- The Garden Grant Fund balance remained at \$308.
- The Helping Hand Fund balance is \$1,139.

### **Committee Reports and Assignments**

#### **Christian Education:**

- Vacation Bible School was held from August 8-11.
- About 30 children attended.

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### Youth Ministry:

- Worked Waterfront Festival Booth August 4-7th.
- Final profits aren't completed at this time.

### Stewardship and Generosity:

- Speakers for the fall Stewardship Drive are set.
- Time and Talent Sheets need to be shortened up. Consideration of having them filled out during the Stewardship Drive has been discussed.
- Considering adding a Worship Pledge card.

### Harvest of Hope Community Garden:

- The point and pump system is not working properly.
- A bunny has eaten the vegetables.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

- Festival of Congregational Renewal
- October 28th-29th, First Lutheran Church Gladstone, MI
- Congregation Council is encouraged to attend
- Endowment Committee Report and Funding Recommendation
- \$1,000 to the Philanthropy Fund of the M&M Area Community Foundation.
- \$2,000 to the ELCA Always Being Made New campaign. \$500 will be sent to the Northern Great Lakes Synod, ELCA and \$1,500 will be sent to the ELCA for all campaign goals on a pro-rata basis.

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- \$2,000 to Zion Lutheran Church, Marinette for Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp "Camperships" for members of Zion to attend FLLC.
- Discussion on Sunday Evening Service of Reflection
- Started in July 2013.
- Has not developed as had hoped. Average attendance in single digits.
- Request was granted by the Council to no longer offer the Sunday Evening of Reflection Service.
- Discussion on a Sabbatical Report
- Pastor Keith is planning a discussion on his Sabbatical experience during a coffee time in September.

**Next Meeting:** September 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Williams  
Recording Secretary



## SPARK Faith Formation to begin September 21! \_\_\_\_\_

SPARK Faith Formation will start on Wednesday, September 21. This is the educational opportunity that Zion offers for children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It includes Bible study, crafts, projects and music. If you would like more information about SPARK, please contact Stephanie Klein at (906) 424-0700.

## Bible Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

Bibles will be given to those entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at the Sunday morning worship service on September 18<sup>th</sup>. This is Zion's way of walking with parents of our children in support of the baptismal promises to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures. It is also a powerful way that we "Encourage" one another, which will be the "Growing in Faith" theme of that Sunday!

## Other Religions of the World \_\_\_\_\_

The Tuesday morning, (held at St. James beginning at 10:30) and the Wednesday evening, (held at Zion beginning at 6:00), adult study this fall will focus on other religions of the world. These studies will be led by Darrel Diers and you are welcome to attend either one, depending upon your schedule. Come find out what makes the Christian faith unique among the other religions of the world. The classes last one hour. Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 20 and Wednesday, September 21.

## Wednesday Evening Worship \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday evening worship will be offered once again this year. It starts at 5:30 and lasts a half hour. This is a communion service designed for young families, but all people are welcome. (We ask that an adult accompany children.) We focus upon only one text for the upcoming Sunday, the text that the SPARK kids will be studying following this service. There are a few simple hymns, prayers and a message, all of it designed to ground our children in the timeless treasure that is our liturgy.

These services will be held only on the days the SPARK is held.

Sometimes Sunday morning worship isn't a possibility, so, we offer this service, in addition to our Thursday evening worship service at Northland Village, as an opportunity for people to make worship a more regular part of their lives. Come check it out!



## Zion's "Growing in Faith" Stewardship Drive \_\_\_\_\_

Your Stewardship Committee is super excited about the fantastic stewardship drive that will be presented this year. Seven individual speakers from Zion will share their heartfelt thoughts and stories regarding one of our Seven Marks of Discipleship starting September 11 and continuing every Sunday thereafter until October 23.

Every Sunday, during the drive, pledge cards will be passed out focusing on one of the Seven Marks of Discipleship, encouraging us to grow in our faith through that particular mark. Stewardship includes so much more than money. It encompasses every aspect of our life. It is our hope that these presentations and the challenge to make commitments with each of these marks, will resoundingly bring that message home.

The drive will conclude on October 23 with the annual Harvest Dinner, which takes place directly after worship that Sunday. The theme of day is "service," and at this dinner we thank those who are 75 years old or older for their service and all that they have shared with Zion over the years. In order to make the Harvest Dinner a memorable event, the entire congregation is invited to attend. As usual, this dinner will be a pot-luck meal. So, please come to share a dish and the camaraderie.

Your Stewardship Committee



## God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

God's Work. Our Hands Day is September 11th. It is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

For the past few years, thousands of members from across this church have dedicated one day to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all people.

This year we will work together with members from Bethel Lutheran and Emmanuel Lutheran in Menominee to make hygiene kits for the "iCare" ministry which will benefit both Marinette and Menominee High Schools. September 4th and 11th we will collect hygienic products such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene, deodorant, soap and other toiletries, along with underwear and socks to make kits that are passed out as needed in the schools. The kits will be assembled at Bethel starting at 10:45 on the 11th. A meal will follow.



## The Stewardship Corner

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This is the final article from my presentation of a synopsis of the book entitled, "Enough - Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity" by Adam Hamilton. This last chapter is entitled "Overcoming Fear" and believe me when I say this, it is a powerful chapter. I hope you find it so as well.

Fear is part of the defense mechanism God has built into each of us. The brain produces a series of responses to a perceived threat, and we adapt to the threat by either fleeing from it, preparing to fight, or finding other ways to protect ourselves. But here's the dilemma we face: sometimes it is difficult to tell if something is a real threat. What's worse we tend to have overactive fear mechanisms. Sin has seemingly distorted the fear mechanism in us. Most of our fears are the result of our separation from God and the distortion of what is good in us.

If we're not careful, fear will beget fear and, at some point, the fear will outpace the reality. Adam Hamilton suggests three keys to overcoming fear.

### 1) Trust God

Mr. Hamilton tells the story about the twelve spies sent to the Promised Land. While those lands offered the people everything they wanted, the inhabitants were powerful and the cities fortified. Even the people were described as giants. (Numbers 13:25-33) The report was frightening. Joshua and Caleb, two of the twelve, saw the exact same things that the other ten spies had seen, but unlike the others they overcame their fear and sought to lead the people forward. They trusted God would somehow deliver them, but the people lacked faith in God and, as a result, were barred from the Promised Land and made to wander in the wilderness for forty years – all because of fear.

We have the choice to see the giants in our lives and live in fear, to pretend that the giants are not there and bury our heads in the sand, or to say, "Lord, I trust you. Bring something good from these difficult times. Guide my steps, and help me to walk with you."

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### 2) Offer Gratitude

Several years ago two researchers, Dr. Michael McCollough of Southern Methodist University and Dr. Robert Emmons of the University of California, conducted a study on the roll of gratitude in a person's sense of well-being. They asked several hundred people to participate in a study. One group kept a journal, noting all of the events that happened each day. Another group noted only the unpleasant experiences of each day. A third group noted things that occurred each day that they were grateful for. It was the third group that showed "higher reported levels of alertness, enthusiasm, determination, optimism, and energy" and lower levels of depression and stress. They also felt more loved and were more inclined toward acts of kindness.

Mr. Hamilton challenges us to try something for one week and see what happens. Just before going to bed, as you prepare to say your bedtime prayers, take a notepad and write down five things you are thankful for from your day; then thank God for these things. Do this for seven days and see what happens as you cultivate the habit of giving thanks.

### 3) Live a Life of Service and Generosity to Others

The third key to overcoming fear and finding peace is to take your eyes off yourself and live a life of service and generosity to others.

Mr. Hamilton speaks of a member of his congregation, John, who at age 83 was diagnosed with a blood disorder. He tendered his resignation from leading the congregation's Habitat for Humanity ministry. John wanted to do something to serve the Lord but felt he couldn't drive a hammer any longer. Every night John continued to pray that God would use him the next day. At 2:30 a.m. John was awakened with a message, "Teach the youth construction so they can take your place in Habitat and in missions." John outlined a short construction course. Over the next two years, he offered four of these courses to their youth, training thirty-six teenagers in wiring, plumbing, drywall, and general construction so that they would do as he had done, serving God by building houses.

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## The Stewardship Corner (continued) \_\_\_\_\_

Before he died, John took Pastor Hamilton aside and said, "Adam, the last eighteen years of this life, serving God here at the church, have been the best years of my life!" Wouldn't that be exciting – to have your last years be the best years of your life?

Something happens when we take our eyes off ourselves and choose to serve others. We "take hold of the life that truly is life." The same holds true when we practice generosity.

Yes, we are living in uncertain economic times. The key to finding peace in the midst of these times is trusting God. We are not alone. We will survive these uncertain times and see that goodwill comes through them. We must act upon our trust in God by giving thanks in all circumstances, choosing to serve others, and practicing generosity. As we begin to do these things, we will find our fear giving way to faith.

This really small, 110 page book is packed full of interesting insights into how we as Christians can find peace, joy, and contentment in our lives. I urge you to go to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and purchase this inexpensive book. I hope, like me, you find it a meaningful read.

In God's peace, joy, and love,

Karen Sylvester

## Senior Choir News \_\_\_\_\_

Zion Lutheran Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 p.m. We plan to sing our first anthem on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>. The choir practices each Wednesday and performs approximately twice a month and at special services such as Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Each rehearsal lasts about an hour. New members are welcome! Confirmation and High School students are encouraged to give us a try. Please contact Ann Buscher at 715.735.3017 if you are interested in joining. Each rehearsal is filled with song, laughter and prayer. Come give us a try!

## Worship, Offering, and Electronic Giving \_\_\_\_\_

The offering is a worship event that provides us with an opportunity for expressing our love for God in the purest way imaginable, by giving up something we value.

Those who provide their offerings electronically want to express their love for God in the same way as those who actively place their envelopes into the offertory plate. For that reason, the Stewardship and Generosity Committee has had cards made that can be used by those who provide their offerings in this manner.

These cards are located in an acrylic stand on the usher's table in the lobby. Those who give electronically may remove a card from the container as they enter worship, and place the card in the offering plate when it is presented.

## An Exciting Educational Opportunity\_\_\_\_\_

Has God entrusted you with a desire to learn more about one or two of the topics listed below?

Please join me as I am hoping to attend the **Festival of Congregational Renewal at First Lutheran Church in Gladstone, Michigan. The event starts at 6:00 pm Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and ends Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.**

**Advocacy:** Learn the latest on the scourge that is Human Trafficking and what we, as people of faith, can do to address the problem.

**Celebration Resources:** What can our congregation do to mark the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation? Get some ideas of where to start.

**Faith Out Loud:** How do we articulate our faith? How do we find the words? Come consider the challenges to putting our faith into words.

**How to Relate to those who are Suffering:** Learn some practical "How to" advice on how to be a helpful comfort to others.

**Leading in times of change:** Congregational leaders, Council members and others, come and learn about positive leadership in the midst of anxiety and change.

**Practice Discipleship:** Dive into a session that explores relationships, deepens theological understanding, and nurtures faith.

**Sneaky Visitor Initiative:** We never learn so much as when we listen to someone else's first impressions of us. Hear from a Sneaky Visitor about her experience as a first time visitor in many of our congregations and learn what you can do to improve the welcome that your congregation offers.

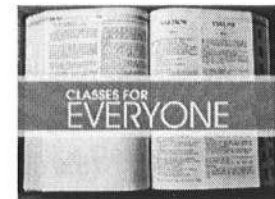
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**Social Media:** Does our church really need to be online? (YES!) What is the best way to do this? Webpage? Facebook "Group"? Facebook "Page"? What about photos? What are the best practices? Come hear all about it.

These are just a few of the outstanding educational worships that will be offered. For a complete listing, and/or to register for the festival, contact the church office.

Karen Sylvester  
Council President



## Salvation Army Thank You!\_\_\_\_\_

Thanks to those who assisted with The Salvation Army Back to School Program. They recently distributed most of the supplies to approximately 120 children (5 classrooms of children), and may have a few more before school starts. Every child was given a backpack, basic supplies, clothing including; socks, underwear, and shoes. This year they did not have to purchase backpacks so instead they purchased shoes for each child. This program is a great help to struggling families, and helps build confidence as children go to school prepared and not compared! There was an outpouring of gratitude from parents and students.

Sincerely,

Ron & Carol Lemirand  
Salvation Army Majors





## FIRST DISTRIBUTIONS APPROVED FROM ZION'S MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND \_\_\_\_\_

At the August meeting of Zion's Congregation Council, the first proposed distributions from Zion's Mission Endowment Fund were approved! Here are the details:

\$1,000 M&M Area Community Foundation  
Philanthropy Fund  
(Current programs only; not endowment)

\$2,000 "Always Being Made New" ELCA Campaign  
(25% to Northern Great Lakes Synod and  
75% directly to ELCA)

\$2,000 Campership Fund at Zion Lutheran  
(Member scholarships to Fortune Lake  
Lutheran Camp)

We are very excited about being able to use Zion's Mission Endowment Fund assets to support our community, our synod, the ELCA, and our congregation.

### **TWO WORKSHOPS COMING SOON – OCTOBER 4 and NOVEMBER 1**

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the following workshops to be held at Zion:

Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. – Dave Denby (Trust Officer at Stephenson National Bank & Trust) will be at Zion to present a workshop on basic estate planning tools and tips. Powers of Attorney, Wills and Trusts will be discussed. The information provided will give you a better understanding of these documents and their role in your financial planning.

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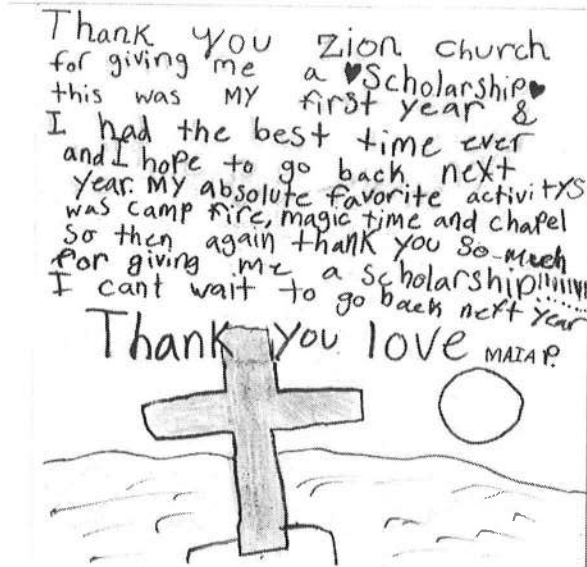
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Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. – Rev. Craig Mansur (ELCA Chaplain at Bay Area Medical Center) will repeat last year's popular workshop on the Five Wishes document. This document will help you consider many of the end-of-life decisions. At the workshop you can complete the document, giving your loved ones a wonderful gift!

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact a member of Zion's Mission Endowment Fund – Rev. Keith Kolstad, John Radloff, Karen Sylvester, Ellice DeBenedetto, Ann Buscher, Pam Lund or Karen Kolstad.



## Fortune Lake Scholarship Thank You! \_\_\_\_\_



Thank you Zion church  
for giving me a Scholarship!  
Camp was so much fun!  
I can not wait to go  
back next year! My favorite  
time was when we stayed  
up all night and played  
games and tie-dyed t-shirts  
and we watched a movie  
and went for a swim at  
4 a.m. it was so awesome!!  
Thank you so much for  
allowing me to go to  
camp!! Thank you love  
Maia P.

## Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Thank You \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your gift this summer to support the mission of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp of \$177.35.

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.

Thank you again for remembering Fortune Lake with your gifts. It is your on-going support to the General fund of camp which allows us to continue our ministry day by day, throughout the year.

Pastor Tracy Polzin  
Camp Director

**JOLLY TIMES** \_\_\_\_\_

The fun continues! This year we're moving the game day to THURSDAYS instead of Wednesdays. We hope to get more people to PLAY! Here's the details:

**Who:** You and your friends

**What:** Jolly Times Game Day - a Community gathering to PLAY!

**When:** Start THURSDAY Sept. 8 and Sept. 22 (every other week) Beginning in October meetings will be the 1st and 3rd THURSDAYS of the month

**Where:** Zion Family Room (enter North side of church)

**Time:** 1-3 p.m.

We'll be playing Mexican Train Dominoes (no experience necessary), plus cards or games of your choice.

## Fortune Lake News

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The 2016 summer camping season concludes this week with the second Victory Camp. Here's a quick review of the summer. All good news!

- Camper registrations topped 600 – the highest attendance in several years! This number does not include off-site day camp participation.
- More than 50 persons participated in Family Camp Week – the largest group involved in Family Camp in the history of FLLC!
- 13 congregations were served with off-site day camp programs; we don't have the total number of kids yet since two programs are in session yet this week.
- The four new tree houses in Vagland account for some of the increase in attendance. They are a big hit! Vagabond programs were nearly full and the Night Owl programs grew significantly (both junior and senior high school weeks were offered.)
- The first Adventure Race held Aug. 6 received high marks from participants. Racers who came from as far away as Arkansas and D.C. were impressed with the beauty of the area. Potential growth for this fundraiser is evident.
- Tenacious 200 Team giving is growing (slowly, but growing)

### Upcoming events this fall: flyers/posters to follow;

- **Monday, Sept. 12 (10 am – 2 pm): Senior Adult Day** with guest LuAnne Skrenes speaking about our companion synod in Tanzania.
- **Sept. 16 – 18: Women's Fall Retreat**
- **Sat., Oct. 1: Fall Fest Quilt & Fine Art Auction** with dedication of tree houses at 9:30 am. (see below)
- **Oct. 14 – 15: Junior High Retreat**

\*\*\* As stated above, Fall Fest on Oct. 1 will include the dedication of the new tree houses (probably at 9:30 am), so plan to arrive by 9:15. Hiking to Vagland is encouraged but it's possible to drive vehicles up there too. We will try to have a brief FLAME meeting immediately following the dedication, but you'll still have time to eat brunch before the auction begins at 11:00.

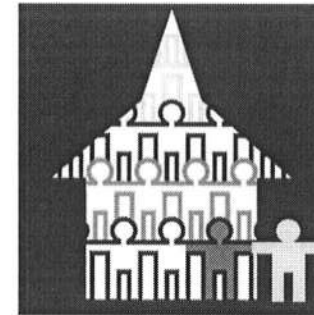
Enjoy the remaining days of summer! We have a beautiful fall to anticipate too!

Ruth FLAME coordinator

## New Member Group

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Starting on Sunday, September 18, a three-week new member group will begin. It will be an introduction to the basics of the Lutheran perspective on the Christian Faith as well as a time to get to know each other, and Zion. This group is not limited to those considering membership with Zion. Our gatherings will start at 10:45 and will conclude shortly after 12:00. New members will be welcomed by Zion on Sunday, October 9.



**Become  
Part of  
*Our*  
Church  
Family**

## NEWCAP Donations

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Our NEWCAP collection theme during the month of SEPTEMBER is "Items that start with the letters Q - R." We are collecting non-perishable items. Your donations will be given to the NEWCAP local food pantry.

## VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2016

### Sunday, September 4, 2016

Acolyte – Jonah Zuehls  
Greeter – Jackie Hamer

Lector – Karen Sylvester  
Head Ushers – Kenny & Nancy  
Sallee

Communion Assistants – Johanna Zuehls (Pouring), Barb Grom & Ellice  
DeBenedetto (Distributing the Host)

AV Team – Sarge Rudell & Cheryl Maxwell

### Sunday, September 11, 2016

Acolyte – Alexis Roth  
Greeters – Sarge & Joni Rudell

Lector – Carole Boerner  
Head Usher – Pat Rondeau

Communion Assistant – Jacki Renne

AV Team – Jonah Zuehls and Sharon Powilaites

### Sunday, September 18, 2016

Acolyte – Katelyn Sylvester  
Greeters – Kenny & Nancy Sallee

Lector – Chad Francour  
Head Usher – Available

Communion Assistants – Sharon Powilaites (Pouring), Roxy Bowdin &  
Karen Dill (Distributing the Host)

AV Team – James Martin & Sarge Rudell

### Sunday, September 25, 2016

Acolyte – Bristol Dugre  
Greeters – Don & Jo Schutt

Lector – Karen Dill  
Head Usher – Don Schutt

Communion Assistant – Karen Sylvester

AV Team – Jonah Zuehls & Kathy Heimbuch

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2016

### September 1

Karen Dill  
Jill Harding  
Braedhan Madden

### September 2

Tom Kaufman

### September 4

Diane Beattie

### September 7

Bruce Oleson

### September 10

Christian Klein  
Seth Kuhn  
Bradley Nelson

### September 12

George Olson

### September 13

John Powilaites

### September 14

Joe Larson

### September 15

Darwin Peterson

### September 16

Geraldine Brooks  
Vicki Guay

### September 18

Dolores

### September 20

Carla Clarke  
Amanda Oleson

### September 21

Donna Dietrich

### September 23

Larry Race

### September 24

Hilma Backman  
Julie Otto

### September 25

Mary Bodam

### September 26

Dorothy Bretl  
Bob Hamer  
Dan Johnson  
Kaya Lebick

### September 30

Kurt Aschim  
William Retza



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE  
**GULF COAST FLOODING**

AUGUST 2016

www.ELCA.org/disaster

At least eleven people have been killed, tens of thousands have been rescued and even more have been evacuated as floodwaters sweep across southern Louisiana. Massive search and rescue operations are taking place as flooding continues to affect communication, overwhelm streets and highways, and damage or destroy homes. This flood comes on the heels of several other floods that have hit the Gulf Coast region, starting earlier this spring. With more rain in the forecast, the full scope of this disaster has yet to be realized.

floodwaters. Lutheran Disaster Response's coordinators are actively present, collaborating with community leaders and officials to plan the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. The road to recovery will be long, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster. Your gifts are needed to launch recovery efforts.

**Gifts designated for "Gulf Coast Flooding" will be used to assist those affected by the floodwaters, until the response is complete.** Because of your generous offerings of prayer and financial support, the ELCA walks alongside disaster survivors. Thank you for your prayers, your partnership.

Through congregations, synods and our disaster-affiliate organizations, Lutheran Disaster Response is assisting those who have been affected by the

**Yes, I want to help!**

- Lutheran Disaster Response: *Gulf Coast Flooding*      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDG0085
- Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where needed most*      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDG0010

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Give through your congregation or make your check out to  
 Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center  
 P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "Gulf Coast Flooding" or "Lutheran Disaster Response, U.S." on your check's memo line.



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

# September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	2	3
4 9:30 am Worship	5 Office Closed  Labor Day	6	7  7:10 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 1-3 pm Jolly Times Game Day  6 pm Worship at Northland Village	9	10
11 9:30 am Growing in Faith Sunday: Worship 10:45 am God's Work. Our Hands at Bethel	12 6 pm Synod Stewardship Event at Emmanuel in Men. 6 & 7 pm Cub Scout & Parent meetings	13 9-11:30 am Sew-for- Missions Group 6:30 pm Council Meeting	14  7:10 pm Choir Rehearsal	15  6 pm Worship at Northland Village	16	17
18 9:30 am Growing in Faith Sunday: Worship 10:45 am New Member Group	19 6:30-8 pm Ecumenical Bible Class for adults w/special needs	20 10:30 am Bible Study at St. James 4:30 pm Endowment Fund meeting 5:30 pm Salvation Army	21 5:30 pm Worship 6 pm SPARK, Conf., Bible Study 7:10 pm Choir Rehearsal	22 2 pm Personnel Committee 1-3 pm Jolly Times 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	23	24
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