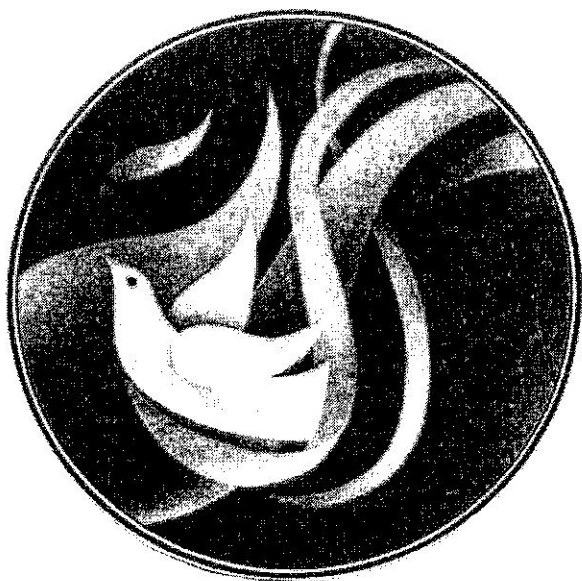


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SEPTEMBER 2021

Verse - Galatians 6:14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

This would ordinarily be the place that I post an article, however I have elected instead to highlight a few recently begun or upcoming opportunities. I pray that if you are already well engaged in home devotion, corporate and personal bible study, and prayer that you would continue in those Godly habits. The following is meant as a list of opportunities and encouragement.

Youth confirmation resumes on Sunday September 12 at 3pm (the time for classes) with a meeting and brief introduction to Luther's Small Catechism. This class is geared towards those of middle school age (often grades 7-8). It is a two-year course which journeys through the Catechism materials twice. Projects, sermon notes, and other expectations will be discussed at the meeting. Emails and letters will be sent to families with youth entering the seventh grade this year, but students may wish to begin earlier or later. If you did not receive a letter but wish to begin, please send an email to me (below) or call the church office.

Adult Inquirers, also called new members class, will begin on Saturday, September 18 at 6:15pm. This class is geared towards adults who wish to be confirmed into membership at Trinity or those wanting to refresh their memory. Each class is scheduled to last one hour and includes 10-12 sessions depending on discussion and need. If you are interested, or you know of someone who may be interested, please call the office or send me an email.

Sunday morning Bible study is connected to the Augsburg Confession. "The Augsburg Confession, also known as the Augustan Confession or the Augustana from its Latin name, *Confessio Augustana*, is the primary confession of faith of the Lutheran Church and one of the most important documents of the Protestant Reformation." Having only begun with an introduction on Sunday August 29, it is a great time to jump in.

I will also be announcing a daytime study in the next few weeks. I anticipate this class will meet on Wednesdays, but feel free to make a pitch for another day and suitable time.

Finally, I would like to make myself available for home, hospital, and other visits. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me, and I will do my best to pray for, consult, and care for you as the Lord wills.

Thank you for all the care my family and I have received.

Godspeed,
Rev Seth A Meyer
Revsahmeyer@gmail.com

A Note from the Deacon

Rev. Dr. Jerry Kieschnick, former President of the LCMS has a blog entitled “**PERSPECTIVES - Thoughts from Dr. Jerry Kieschnick on Life in Christ.**” You can sign up to get his blog, which he puts it out randomly. In one of his most recent blogs, dated August 5, 2021 he writes about taxes, something we all love! The blog for June 3, 2021 caught my eye, it was entitled “Sparky Was a Looser.” I enjoyed it and I learned something from it. I hope you will too!

When he was a little boy, his uncle called him “Sparky” after a comic strip horse named Spark Plug. School was all but impossible for Sparky. He failed every subject in eighth grade. He flunked Physics, Latin, Algebra, and English in high school.

His record in sports wasn’t any better. Though he did manage to make the school’s golf team, he promptly lost the only important match of the season. There was a consolation match. He lost that too.

Throughout his youth Sparky was socially awkward. It wasn’t that the other students disliked him. It’s just that no one really cared that much.

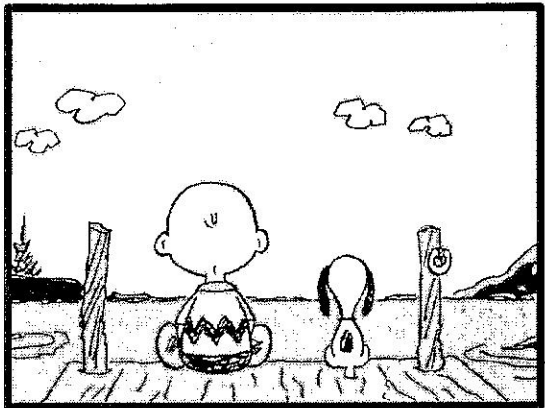
Sparky was a loser. He knew it. His classmates knew it. Everybody knew it. So he learned to live with it. He made up his mind early that if things were meant to work out, they would. Otherwise, he would content himself with what appeared to be his inescapable mediocrity.

One thing was important to Sparky. Drawing. He was proud of his artwork. In his senior year of high school, he submitted some cartoons to the yearbook. His editors rejected his efforts. Despite this brushoff, Sparky was convinced of his ability. He decided to become an artist.

After high school, Sparky wrote Walt Disney Studios. They asked for a sample of his artwork. Despite careful preparation, it was also rejected. One more confirmation that he was a loser.

But Sparky still didn’t give up. Instead, he decided to tell his own life’s story in cartoons. The main character would be a little boy who symbolizes the perpetual loser and chronic underachiever. It was what he knew best.

Sparky’s cartoon character went on to become a cultural phenomenon of all sorts. People readily identified with this “lovable loser.” He reminded people of the painful and embarrassing moments from their own past, of their pain and their shared humanity.



The character soon became famous: “Charlie Brown.” And Sparky, the boy whose many failures never kept him from trying, whose work was rejected again and again, became the highly successful cartoonist, Charles Schultz. He was born Nov. 26, 1922 and died Feb. 12, 2000.

His cartoon strip “Peanuts” continues to inspire books, T-shirts, and Christmas specials, reminding us that life somehow finds a way for all of us, even the losers, to succeed.

The Bible is full of stories of people who suffered failure and disappointment: Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah and his sons, Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers, Samson and Delilah, David and Bathsheba, and many others.

Yet in each story, God’s purpose was accomplished. The same is true of your story and of mine.

We all face difficulty and discouragement from time to time. I surely have. But we also have a choice in how we handle it. If we’re persistent, hold fast to our faith, discover and develop our unique talents, and trust God’s plan for our lives, there is no limit to our potential.

In the end, there are very few “losers.” Some winners just take longer to develop. Charles Monroe “Sparky” Schultz learned that truth about life.

His story is encouraging. It was to me. And maybe to you as well.

What is God’s purpose for your life? Hope you find your unique talents and put them to use them for God’s purpose.

Blessings always – Deacon Larry Junker

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 18B)

(5 September 2021) Isaiah 35:4–7a James 2:1–10, 14–18 Mark 7:(24–30) 31–37

Our Merciful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Does All Things Well

The Lord proclaims the Gospel *“to those who have an anxious heart”* to comfort and encourage them with His presence. He comes not only with threats of *“vengeance”* and *“recompense,”* but with His gracious salvation (Is. 35:4). He opens *“the eyes of the blind”* and *“the ears of the deaf,”* and He loosens *“the tongue of the mute”* to *“sing for joy”* (Is. 35:5–6). Like water on thirsty ground, He speaks His life-giving Word to people of all nations. With His Word and the touch of His hand, He does *“all things well,”* so that you may now speak *“plainly”* (Mark 7:31–37). You confess the truth of God in Christ to the glory of His holy name, and you call upon His name in every trouble, confident that He will hear and answer. As you pray and confess with your tongue, so also *“love your neighbor as yourself”* (James 2:8). Show your faith *“in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory,”* by loving without partiality. For God has *“chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom”* (James 2:1–5).

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 19B)

(12 September 2021) Isaiah 50:4–10 James 3:1–12 Mark 9:14–29

Christ Jesus Delivers Us from Sin, Death and the Devil

Those who teach the Word of God *“will be judged with greater strictness”* (James 3:1) because it is by the Word that saving faith is obtained, whereas false doctrine always threatens to destroy Christian faith and life. The tongue *“boasts of great things,”* whether for good or evil (James 3:5). In fallen man, *“it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison”* (James 3:8). But anyone who bridles his tongue with the Word of God, who *“does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man”* (James 3:2). It is Christ who opens His ear to the voice of His Father, so that, with *“the tongue of those who are taught,”* He is able to sustain the weary *“with a word”* (Is. 50:4–5). Entrusting Himself to His Father, even to death, He is not put to shame but is vindicated in His resurrection (Is. 50:6–9). By His faith and faithfulness, He casts out the *“mute and deaf spirit”* from us (Mark 9:25). He has compassion on us and helps us, so that we are not destroyed but cleansed from every evil and raised up from death to life (Mark 9:22–27).

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 20B)

(19 September 2021) Jeremiah 11:18–20 James 3:13–4:10 Mark 9:30–37

Our Father Cares for His Children with the Gospel of His Son

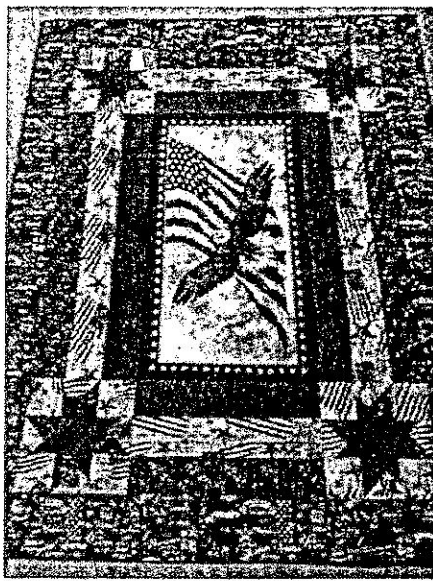
The sinful heart is filled with *“bitter jealousy and selfish ambition”* (James 3:14), which causes hostility, quarrels and conflicts, even among those who are fellow members of the Body of Christ. This should not be so! Rather, God *“opposes the proud”* with His Law, in order to humble them unto repentance; He *“gives grace to the humble,”* in order to exalt them by His Gospel of forgiveness (James 4:6–10). This true *“wisdom from above”* is found in the gentleness, mercy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of sinners (James 3:17). He was *“like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter,”* committing Himself to God, His Father, *“who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind”* (Jer. 11:19–20). Therefore, *“after three days,”* His Father exalted Him by raising Him from the dead (Mark 9:31). In Holy Baptism, He takes disciples of all ages into His arms like little children. In receiving Him through repentance and faith in His forgiveness of sins, they receive from His Father a share in the glory of His cross and resurrection (Mark 9:36–37).

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 21B)

(26 September 2021) Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29 James 5:(1–12) 13–20 Mark 9:38–50

Christ Jesus, the Son of God, Cares for Us and Serves Us with the Forgiveness of Sins

When the people of Israel wept, complaining that they had no meat to eat (Num. 11:4), Moses cried out to the Lord that *“the burden of all this people”* was too heavy for him and that he was *“not able to carry all this people alone”* (Num. 11:11–14). So the Lord had Moses gather *“seventy men of the elders of Israel”* (Num. 11:16), and the Lord *“took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders”* (Num. 11:25), so that Moses would not carry the burden alone. All who thus labor are honored, and all the people are cared for, in the name of the Lord (Mark 9:39–41). Everything is done with reference to Christ Jesus. So we cling to Him, and we flee from all sins that would separate us from Him (Mark 9:42–48). The life of the Church is one of repentant faith in Christ. Christians confess their sins to one another, and they *“pray for one another,”* that each would be raised up and healed by the Lord Jesus, who covers *“a multitude of sins”* and saves our souls from death (James 5:15–20).



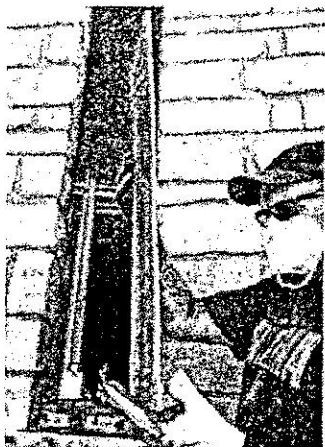
QUILT of VALOR ~ AMERICA the BEAUTIFUL
 On September 12, at the Sunday morning service, we will be presenting this Quilt of Valor to Susan Moellinger and Jennifer Garrison, Co-Founders of Passageways, in memory of CEI Charlie Volkenand, who served in the Navy aboard the USS Hugh Peris from 1958-1962. He also served in the Naval Reserve Construction Battalion (Sea Bees) from 1978-1995. The quilt is also in memory of Corps Wave Rosalie Volkenand, who served at the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia. This Quilt of Valor is to be given to a veteran who has graduated from the Passageway's program. The Quilt of Valor represents America, home of the free, because of the brave. It has been our honor to have known Charlie and Rosalie as friends and members of Trinity Lutheran Church. To learn about the mission of Passageways, visit: <https://passagewaysltd.org>. If you would like, you may give a memorial to Passageways in memory of Charlie and Rosalie.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

Tausha and Amber need someone to volunteer in the office from 11am-1pm during the week so they can serve lunch to the Day School kids. If you are interested, please let one of them know. You will be answering the phone and door, grading papers, wrapping plastic ware and other odds and ends.



THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH



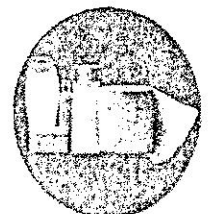
CHANGES, THEY ARE A COMIN' You may have seen some changes around the church lately. All of the stained-glass windows (made from German glass) are being removed so they can be serviced and put back. When the windows were originally made, a frame was made to surround the glass. Colored glass gets very hot and over time it expands enough that it no longer fits in the frame, which causes it to bow. (photo to the right) Each window sits in a solution for 24 hours so each piece can be taken apart. Once that is completed, the pieces are all put back together again. In addition to this, the giant, intricate stained glass of Jesus that Trinity owns (part of the original Trinity building) will be removed from that building, restored and safely put into storage.



TO MY TRINITY FAMILY: I have applied for and have been approved for a Thrivent Community Impact Card valued at \$250.00. I will use this money to purchase toiletry items (soap, face cloth, small towel, toothpaste, tooth brush, body lotion, shampoo, socks and foot powder). I will purchase these items and assemble them into packs, then place them in the Blessing Box in front of The Love Store on West 9th Ave., Winfield. I welcome your help with this project. If you would like to help, but are unable to shop or choose not to, I will graciously accept donations of cash. Please place your donation of toiletries in the box provided in the narthex.

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused a hardship for many in our community. As an example, the Tuesday's Table meal assistance has served 85-100 meals each Tuesday throughout the summer. This is an increase from the norm.

Thanking you in advance for helping me. ~Rita Hensley, 620-229-9743



CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



I am reaching out to you today to inform you of this year's decision on how we will conduct the Crop Hunger Walk. Due to the Covid-19/ Delta viruses we decided to not have the traditional Crop Hunger Walk. Due to a very high number of people with a critical need to eat, have shelter, or have clean water to use for their families we will be raising funds. We are asking the congregations of our local churches to give any amount they feel good about, knowing they will be helping people see God through the food they are saved with, the shelter that shields them from the harsh elements of nature, or violence, and danger. Having clean water provided to people that have none is a blessing from God that when we put our funds together can help with. The need for survival grew in unfathomable numbers due to the pandemic last year, but sadly we couldn't reach nearly all of them. So this year we will try different methods.

1. You can make a check out to CWS/Crophungerwalk and turn that into your church secretary. It will be picked up by Sheryl Pugmire (Walk Coordinator) or Bob Baer (Treasurer). Office secretaries please give one of us a phone call and we will be so happy to pick those up from you. Our phone numbers will be at the bottom of this email.
2. If people would like to give directly on the CROPHunger Walk website go to; crophungerwalk.org/winfieldsks. There you will read about our walk plans and see who has registered to walk on our chosen date of September 26, 2021. You may scroll down until you see where you can donate to one of the walkers registered. If you would like to register you may and then people can donate to you. You can set your own goal and ask your friends to donate to you. This could be a great challenge for some teenagers that may want to compete, or create teams. As of now Sheryl Pugmire is a registered walker. The safety is in walking around your block or wherever you feel comfortable, and not having to be around lots of people. You can have fun with your dog, kids, best friend or your horse!
3. Another way you could challenge one another socially to meet goals is on Facebook. You can video yourself walking on September 26, 2021 with a Crop Hunger Walk sticker, T-shirt, or a sign. The easiest way is Facebook live, using #EndHungerNow and #VirtualCROPHungerWalk.
4. If you would like to help and cannot do either of these options we could use Spirit Walkers which will pray for us out there raising funds and for those that need help.
5. Teachers, if you have a check for a donation please give one of us a call and we can make arrangements to pick that up to get it to the right people.

Attention!! All funds we raise 25% helps our own community!! The Food Pantry will receive 15%! Joseph's Storehouse in Burden which helps lots of local people as well will receive 10%!

If anyone has any questions about any of this please call me at 620-221-1994. I will return your call! You may reach Bob Baer at 221-3678. We do have some stickers, balloons, and pamphlets if you need some.

Let us help each other make a difference to some desperate families in need. We can show them the love of God together!!

Thank you and God Bless,

Sheryl Pugmire, Crop Hunger Walk Coordinator

There will be a parent/youth meeting on September 12th, 4:00-4:30. At least one parent is encouraged to attend with the youth. Parents will be dismissed and youth will have their regular meeting from 4:30-5:30pm. Following September 12th, the youth will meet weekly, 4:00-5:30pm. See you then!

It's time to commit to the "big stuff" for the year: District Youth Gathering, Middle School retreat and National Youth Gathering! Information will be distributed at the initial youth/parent meeting in September or mailed to your home if you do not attend.

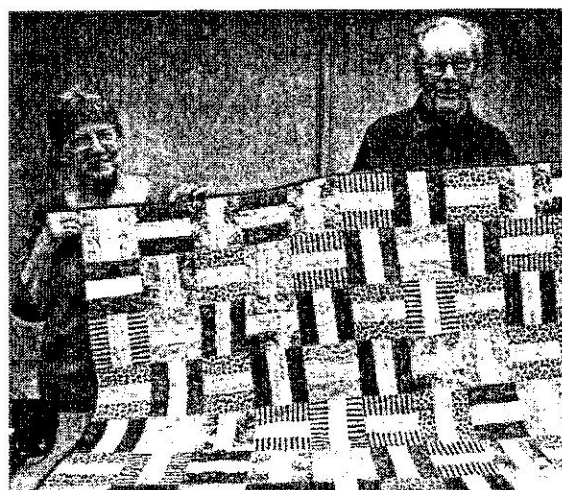
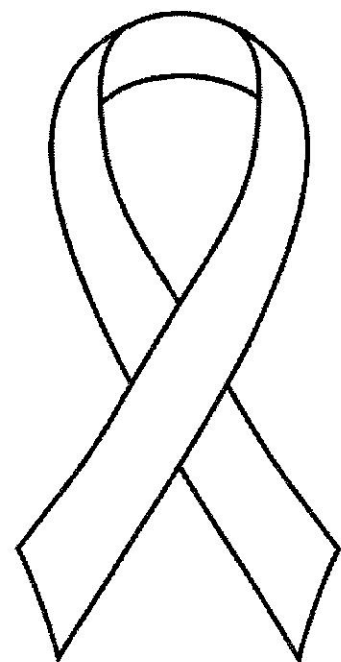
District Youth Gathering: November 19-21, 2021 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka. 9th-12th graders are eligible. The theme is "Faithful" from 1 Thessalonians 5:24. Debbie Dennett will be the primary adult attending, along with one or two others. Transportation, food and hotel are provided. \$95 registration is due October 1st. <https://kslcms.org/education-youth/youth-ministry/kdyg>

LCMS Youth Gathering: July 7-13, 2022 in Houston, TX. 8th-12th graders are eligible. The theme is "In all Things" from Colossians 1:15-20. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for some of our youth! Total cost is about \$1200 per person. Youth and adults owe the registration fee of \$395 and the rest will be covered by our fund-raising efforts. Commit now; this could be life-changing! <https://lcmsgathering.com/>
Youth leaders are Debbie Dennett, Mandy Maples, Brenda Cochran & Stacie Strait ~ Sunday School teacher is Tim Smith



Men's Breakfast—September 11th 7:30am in the Church Basement. Come join for a "battle of coffee cakes." David Ray will be providing the devotion. Plans are being made for a men's activity in October that will likely not be a breakfast. Please let one of the elders know if you have any ideas.

"Lights For A Cure, will be held September 11th, at the entrance of Island Park, from 7 PM - 10 PM. This will be a "Drive-Thru" event again this year where luminaria will line a path honoring lives touched by cancer. You can dedicate a luminaria in memory to a loved one lost or in honor of someone currently battling cancer or to anyone who has overcome it. If you would like purchase a luminaria for this event, please contact Sue Adams. Suggested donation is \$10 per luminaria. All proceeds go to Relay For Life on behalf of the American Cancer Society. Thank you for your support of Team Trinity as we raise funds to fight cancer!"



Our thanks to each of you who signed the quilt given to us during Bible class on the last Sunday we attended Trinity. Our thanks to those who did the quilting and helped with it.

We remember and will miss the many occurrences, ac-

quaintances and friends whom we got to know during our years in Winfield. We shall not forget the sacred memories with God's children, brothers and sisters in Christ. We send our love to you and hope to visit with you from time to time. Pastor is grateful for the opportunity to be the "Good Humor Man" for the Golden Eagles.

May God richly bless you and the Trinity Congregation with renewed vigor and vitality as you continue your ministry to the Winfield community, sharing the good news of Jesus, the Christ.

~The Haskells



PLANNING AHEAD:

Sept 12, 2021 - presentation of Quilt of Valor in memory of Charlie and Rosalie Volkenand to Passageways

Sept 27, 2021 - Sisters of the Heart welcome to LWML

Oct 3, 2021 - LWML Sunday

Nov 12-13, 2021 - Ladies' Christian Life Retreat, Wichita *Keeping the Focus on Jesus* with Pattie Ross (see bulletin board for info)

Dec 5, 2021 - Christmas at Cumbernauld 2 pm

THOUGHT TO PONDER:

You are the greatest Christian that someone knows! How does the light of Jesus shine through you? Be a buddy! Be a mentor!

Trinity LWML has submitted two grant proposals to the Kansas LWML District for funds Hope for Haiti to complete the second floor of the home for children in Port au Prince as well as for beds, bedding and other items needed to furnish the rooms. The applications will be reviewed and, if accepted, will be presented at the LWML KS District Convention in April 2022 for vote. Please pray for guidance for the selection committee and for those who will vote. The need is great everywhere we look.



SISTERS OF THE HEART

LWML 2021

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:21).... our treasure is Christ; our heart is with Him and is shown in service to others through LWML.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Circle Preference: _____

Joanna (2 pm 2nd Thurs) – Esther (9 am 3rd Tues) – Ruth (7 pm 3rd Mon)

Committee Preference: _____

Christian Life (Bible studies, Quarterly, Sonshine) – **Caring Service** (service projects, mission grants, ingathering) – **Special Focus Ministries** (invite, equip, develop for current and new members) – **Kitchen Courtesy** (kitchen, wedding, funeral & anniversary dinners) – **Hospitality and Greeters** (greet at services, send cards)

Bible Study Leader/Month(s) _____

Hostess/Month(s) _____

Co-Hostess/Month(s) _____

Questions/Comments/Suggestions

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September 5

"Living, Mighty, Active Faith"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

An elephant is a living, mighty, active thing. So is the faith of Jesus.

(Isaiah 35:4-7)

September 12

"Who is my Neighbor?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We can't build a more hopeful neighborhood if we don't know who our neighbors are and we go out of our way to avoid them.

(Luke 10:25-37)

September 19

"Scrapped Gifts"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God saves our scraps and regifts them with Easter possibility.

(James 1)

September 26

"Seek the Welfare of the Neighborhood"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

We can start to make the world a better place by seeking the welfare of the neighborhoods into which

God has placed us.

(Jeremiah 29)