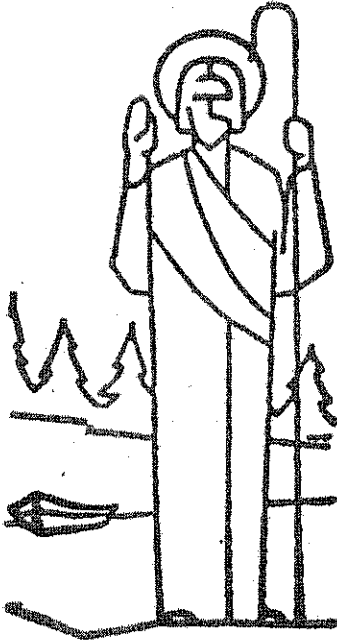


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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

Worship Service: Sunday 9:00 AM
Saturday 5:30 PM

*EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ROOTED IN THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE A LOVING
COMMUNITY THAT FOLLOWS JESUS, AND SEEKS TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD
AND PRACTICE IT IN OUR DAILY LIVES.*

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Office Hours

Bill Wendorf LLM's office hours:
 Wednesdays 9 AM to 3 PM
 Thursdays 9 AM to 3 PM
 Fridays Working from Home
 Saturdays 1 PM to 4 PM
 Or by Appointment

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
September 2022	15 th	17 th
October 2022	20 th	22 nd
November 2022	17 th	19 th

Email articles to secretary@SOTLsayner.com
Thank you.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am
Saturday 5:30 pm (May 27 – August 27)

RECORDED SERMONS: Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are Live-Streamed at 9:00 am. The services are also recorded and put on YouTube and will be available for viewing later on Sundays. Go to shepherdofthelakeschurch.org and on the Home Page, look for the YouTube link. Previously uploaded services are available on the link.

If you would like a copy of the current worship guide please look for the “**Bulletin**” page on the Church Website. You can open the files and print.

ONLINE GIVING: Also available on the Church website is a link to PayPal for online giving.

DEVOTION

What CAN'T you give up?

"Nothing shall separate us from the love of God. . . ." Romans 8:39

"What's one thing you can't give up?" the radio host asked. Listeners called in with some interesting (and unique) answers. Some mentioned their families. Others shared they couldn't give up on their dreams. All of us have something we treasure dearly---a person, a passion, a possession---something we just can't live without.

In the book of Hosea, God tells us that He won't give up on His chosen people Israel, His treasured possession. As Israel's loving husband, God provided her with everything she needed: land, food, drink, clothing, and security. Yet, like an adulterous spouse, Israel rejected God and sought her happiness and security elsewhere. The more God pursued her, the further she drifted away (Hosea 11:2). However, though she hurt Him deeply, He would not give up on her. He would discipline her to redeem her; His desire was to re-establish His relationship with her.

Today, all of God's children can have the very same assurance: His love for us is a love that will never let us go (Romans 8:37-39). If we've wandered from Him, He yearns for us to return. When God disciplines us, we can be comforted that it is a sign of His pursuit, not His rejection. We are His treasure; He will never give up on us.

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your love that never gives up on me. Help me to love You with my whole heart. Amen.

POSTAGE STAMPS

Please continue to save cancelled stamps throughout the year. There is a collection box on the coat room shelf.

CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS

While the church street address remains the same, we have finally given in and gotten a post office box. The new mailing address for Shepherd of the Lakes is:

*PO Box 130
Sayner, WI 54560*

Thank You!

THANK YOU'S

Thank you notes received from:

- Caritas
- Community Food Pantry
- Fortune Lake
- NATH (Frederick House)
- Vilas Food Pantry

QUILTING

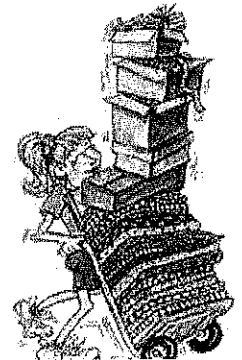
Please join us! The women of Shepherd of the Lakes will be quilting on the third Wednesday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. You do not have to be a quilter or own a sewing machine. If you can tie a knot, we want you. Everyone is welcome.

Our quilting ministry is community oriented. Finished quilts are donated once a year to the Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence in Rhineland. We would like to increase our ministry and our sewing circle. Come and join the fun.

Dates:

- August 17, 2022
- September 21, 2022
- October 19, 2022

We have all the supplies,
We just need your
smiling face.



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BRIAN'S BENEFIT

Join us in celebrating Brian Pierce and his recovery. Brian had several surgeries and will be in therapy for some time to come.

Brian's Benefit will be a "Northwoods Cook Out" here at church on Sunday, August 21, 2022 with a free will offering. We'll serve from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Anyone with questions, please contact Jean at 715-542-4213 after 7:00 pm or treasurer@sotlsayner.com. Preliminary menu is burger, brat, hot dog, potato salad, mac salad, cole slaw, beans, chips, ice cream, and soda, water, and coffee.

All donations to benefit Brian and his family for any and all medical costs.

RECIPE CORNER

Here's an old recipe I remember from being on the farm and we had plum trees. It's one of those I try to make at least once a year. You can substitute other fruit and it works really well with peaches.

Plum Kuchen

1 cup flour
4 Tbsp butter
4 Tbsp sugar
1 tsp salt
1 egg
¼ cup milk
1 ½ tsp baking powder
Plums or fruit of choice

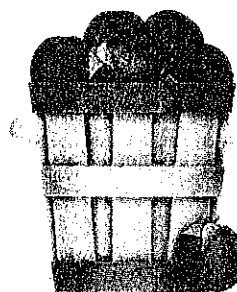
Mix dry ingredients, then mix egg and milk and combine with flour mixture.

Press dough into 9x9 pan.

Cut plums in half and place on dough, cut side up.

Sprinkle topping mixture over fruit.

Bake 30 minutes at 400°



Topping:

Mix together:

2 Tbsp flour

1 Tbsp butter

1 cup sugar

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CHURCH CLEANING

Jeanne will be unavailable for church cleaning from August 29th for six to eight weeks following surgery. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex with dates we will need the church to be cleaned. Please help if you are able.

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ST. GERMAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

A drive has been organized for the Saint Germain Elementary School for backpacks and school supplies. Drop off locations are Cathy's Ice Cream, St. Germain Chamber of Commerce, and Red Canoe Coffee Shop. Anyone with a business that would be willing to put out a collection jar please contact Cory Newton at 715-891-3259.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Shelle, Don, Gus, Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Tammy, Samantha, and Melody

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Zachary

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

Pray for those who have passed:

PRAYER REQUESTS

Your church family would like the opportunity to pray for you, make arrangements for you to receive Holy Communion, or support you by other means. Please contact us:

...if you or someone in your family are ill at home or hospitalized.

...if you are anticipating surgery or another medical procedure.

...if you have a birth or death in your family.

...if you want to request prayers for someone else, ask their permission first.

...if you have any other significant event in your family.

...if you would like to schedule a visit with Bill Wendorf LLM or another church member.

Never forget that each of you are valued, loved, and cared for by your church family. Please notify Bill Wendorf LLM at 715-617-6477 (pastor@SOTLsayner.com) or Jean Maines at 715-542-4213 (secretary@SOTLsayner.com) if you need prayers for any reason.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Council meeting September 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

The daughter answered, 'Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt.'

Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said 'Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming.'

LETTERS

The following is Bishop Katherine's response to Bill's earlier letter. It has been emailed to the "All Church" group and a copy of the letter is available on the table in the Narthex.



August 1, 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in these summer days!

Your Licensed Lay Minister, Bill Wendorf, sent me a copy of the letter he sent to you, in response to reactions of Shepherd of the Lakes to recent meetings and communications from the ELCA.

I was glad to be with you at the congregational meeting where there was discussion and decisions made regarding your financial partnership supporting ministry through the ELCA. As Bill states in his letter, this discussion was prompted by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's letter following the leaked Roe V. Wade decision. It is my understanding that her letter led to suspicion that the ELCA was financially supporting Planned Parenthood.

Bill's letter stated, "And not even our own Bishop Katherine could tell us definitely whether or not our funds were supporting such a controversial issue." And yet I can. The ELCA does NOT financially support Planned Parenthood. And I take exception to Bill's characterization of Bishop Eaton whom he wrote "pulled out the ELCA 1991 Social Statement on abortion, dusted it off and waived it in the face of the church."

The Social Statements of the ELCA are prayerfully considered within the context of scripture, the witness of Jesus, and in partnership with the whole church. Bishop Eaton did not "dust off" a statement that was no longer considered relevant. Rather these statements, given the intense, thorough, and prayerful preparation through which they are formed, continue to shape and inform the public voice of the ELCA in response to current events. These statements can be amended only through an action of the whole church at assembly.

Know that a desire for a social statement is proposed by a congregation, approved by a Synod assembly, and brought to the floor of churchwide assembly. If affirmed, the Church Council, made up of members from the synods (our own Bill Rice just completed his term), works to populate a new team to study the issue alongside scripture and develop a working draft of a statement. That draft then is published and the whole church is invited to study it and respond with comments, suggestions, and anything else they want to say. A final draft is then approved by the next Churchwide assembly. To learn more about the whole process and the reasons social statements are developed, I invite you to read the document at the link below. Or you can put Social Statements in the search engine of the elca.org website.

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Policies_and_Procedures.pdf?_ga=2.59932325.981187989.1659364597-2041873672.1632148220

Our Social Statements are not mandates. They are meant to guide the discernment of all church members as together we struggle to be faithful in the midst of complex social issues.

I also take exception to the phrase, “we don’t work for the ELCA, they work for us.” I believe this statement misses the point of ministry. We are partners together. Bill partners with SOTL and SOTL partners with Bill, congregations partner together grouped as conferences who make up a synod. With 65 synods, the church has a bigger, louder voice and influence for the work of Christ than any one of us alone. It is not an employee/employer situation. It is more like a marriage, with mutual accountability.

I remember the first time going to a churchwide meeting. I learned all the different ways that the church, MY church, is making a difference in the world. I was proud to be a part of an organization that advocates for the oppressed, gives voice to the voiceless, feeds the hungry, and lobbies lawmakers to remember the poor.

In Bill’s letter, I hear a desire to avoid conflict presumably caused by differing political views. Certainly, it is appropriate that congregation members do not impose a partisan opinion on each other or from the pulpit. As you know, the division of church and state is meant to keep the government from having influence in the church. Likewise, government is needed to defend the rights of all faiths, or no faith, to find expression. We are blessed to live in a country where we can gather without fear of government intervention. But our faith is meant to influence how we approach politics, just as it is meant to shape every aspect of our lives, in and out of the congregation. We are meant to look at our laws, policies, candidates and more through the eyes and the witness of Jesus the Christ. Our faith should come with us into the voting booth, no matter what our political stripe. Our faith prompts us to sign petitions and think critically about how laws can be improved to serve all people more effectively. It motivates us to support or reject a given candidate as we do the work of weighing that person’s platform against the metric of the gospel message. The community of faith is where we can disagree about these things, and much more, with mutual respect and civil discourse that can lead to deeper understanding. There is much more that can be said about all of these very complex issues. My reasons for writing this letter are motivated by the following:

- We do not all need to agree in order to partner together for the work of Christ, for mission, and ministry.
- I appreciate Bill’s leadership and the gifts for ministry that he brings to our work together.
- The complexities of abortion, faith, politics, and more cannot be unpacked in a single letter or explored thoroughly in one conversation, especially when they are so emotionally charged.
- I deeply value the partnership of Shepherd of the Lakes and your heartfelt discernment concerning your own investment in mission. I am grateful for your financial support of the ministry of the whole Northern Great Lakes Synod.

Please know that I am available for further conversation, and I look forward to worshipping with you again in the future.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Acts 10-12
- Monday:** Micah 5-7
- Tuesday:** Nahum 1-3
- Wednesday:** 2 Kings 20-21
- Thursday:** Zephaniah 1-3
- Friday:** Habakkuk 1-3
- Saturday:** Psalms 79-81

Verse to Remember

*Look at the proud!
 Their spirit is not right in them,
 but the righteous live by their faith.*

—Habakkuk 2:4

WAR and HATE

The words *hate* and *war* have been removed from the following list of words. The letters of each word, when inserted in the same order, *but not always consecutively*, will give you a new word. Study the examples provided and then write the word in the space provided.

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. sm <u>swarm</u> | 11. annifl _____ |
| 2. sn <u>hasten</u> | 12. ind _____ |
| 3. eer _____ | 13. aspyxi _____ |
| 4. cpr _____ | 14. reabilit _____ |
| 5. homed _____ | 15. wver _____ |
| 6. posph _____ | 16. cs _____ |
| 7. cod _____ | 17. ern _____ |
| 8. encnd _____ | 18. exusd _____ |
| 9. den _____ | 19. se _____ |
| 10. rior _____ | 20. sete _____ |

- ANSWERS:**
3. wearer,
 4. chapter,
 5. homeward,
 6. phosphate,
 7. coward,
 8. enchanted,
 9. warden,
 10. warrior,
 11. annihilate,
 12. inward,
 13. asphyxiate,
 14. rehabilitate,
 15. whatever,
 16. chaste,
 17. hearten,
 18. exhausted,
 19. swear,
 20. sweater.

BIBLE BOOKS: The answer to each clue is a book of the Bible. (You might find this easier if you have a table of contents for the Bible in front of you.)

1. The play "Romeo and Juliet" has five of these.
2. Professions of Judith Scheidlin, Neil Gorsuch and Joe Brown
3. Residents of Italy's capital
4. Before the Euro, Germans had the Duesche ...
5. He had a "cool hand."
6. His 714 home run record was broken by Hank Aaron.
7. The most famous bullfrog ever.

- Answers to Bible Books:**
1. Acts
 2. Judges
 3. Romans
 4. Mark
 5. Luke
 6. Ruth
 7. Jeremiah

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday: Acts 13-14
- Monday: 2 Kings 22-25
- Tuesday: Obadiah
- Wednesday: Jeremiah 1-2
- Thursday: Jeremiah 3-5
- Friday: Jeremiah 6-8
- Saturday: Psalms 82-84

WHAT NUMBERS?

What numbers should replace the question marks?

7	8	9	8
5	1	1	4
2	7	8	4
2	2	7	2
?	?	1	2

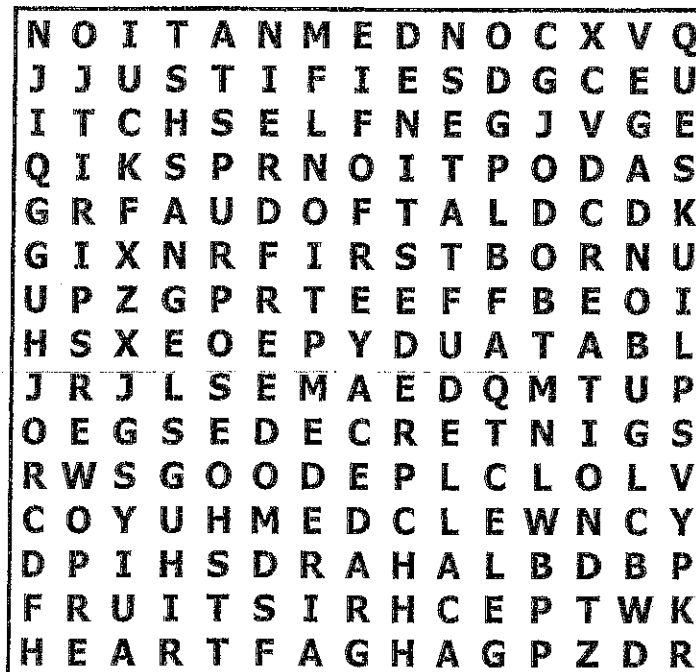
WHAT BIBLE BOOK?

In what book of the Bible would you find the following popular Bible stories? Write your answers in the white space to the right.

1. Jonah and the fish
2. Daniel in the lion's den
3. The visit of the magi
4. The prodigal son
5. Noah and the flood
6. David and Goliath
7. Manna in the wilderness
8. Joseph's multi-colored coat
9. The annunciation
10. The wedding at Cana

WORD SEARCH ROMANS 8

This is one of the great chapters of Scripture. In it we find such themes as what it means to walk in the Spirit and how we cannot be separated from the love of God. Find the words taken from this chapter in the word search below.



Abba	elect	Jesus	adoption	family
justifies	angels	firstborn	Lord	bondage
flesh	love	called	freedom	Spirit
Christ	fruits	powers	condemnation	heart
glorified	peace	creation	conquerors	
good	purpose	hardship	decay	
died	intercedes	redemption	predestined	

ANSWER to What Numbers?:
0 and 5. Subtract the lower line from the one immediately above it and put the answer directly below. Answers to What Bible Book?
1. Jonah
2. Daniel
3. Matthew
4. Luke
5. Genesis
6. 1 Samuel
7. Exodus
8. Genesis
9. Luke
10. John

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday: James 1-2
- Monday: Jeremiah 9-12
- Tuesday: Jeremiah 13-16
- Wednesday: Jeremiah 17-20
- Thursday: Jeremiah 21-23
- Friday: Jeremiah 24-26
- Saturday: Psalms 85-87

VERSE TO REMEMBER

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. —James 1:5

Things in Common

What is one thing shared by all three items in the same group?

A: a cow, a shoe, a baby

B: a doctor's office, a post office, music

C: a zipper, a shark, a comb

D: restaurant goer, a bird, the Senate

E: a potato, a hurricane, a target

F: a river, a person, a cave

Yea or Nay?

Read the following question and then answer with either a "yes" or a "no."

If the day before the day after the day before today was hotter than the day after the day before today, was the day before today hotter than today?

RIDDLE 1

You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?

THE SAME AS ... Can you identify the word that has a similar meaning (synonym)?

1. COERCE: reduce, mislead, improve, pressure.
2. EFFICACY: effectiveness, effortlessly, emergency, morality.
3. EBULLIENT: daring, violent, lively, ready.
4. CATAclysm: wonder, disaster, miracle, session.
5. ALTRUISTIC: greedy, humanistic, selfish, inconsiderate.
6. FACILITATE: worsen, hurt, block, expedite.
7. ENIGMA: undefinable, appease, clarify, enlighten
8. CONSENSUS: agreement, denial, refusal, opposition.
9. DOCILE: observant, obedient, headstrong, resistant.
10. EMPHATIC: weak, insistent, remorseful, trite.

RIDDLE 2

What is the only way a leopard will change his spots?

Answers: Things in Common—A. a tongue, B. a scale (or a key), C. teeth, D. a bill, E. an eye, F. a mouth. **Yea or Nay?**—Yes. The day before the day after the day before today was yesterday. The day after the day before today is today. And the day before today was yesterday. That is why yesterday was hotter than today. **Riddle 1**—An ear of corn or a chicken. **Riddle 2**—By going from one spot to another. **THE SAME AS**—1. Pressure; 2. Effectiveness; 3. Lively; 4. Disaster; 5. Humanistic; 6. Expedite; 7. Undefinable; 8. Agreement; 9. Obedient; 10. Insistent.



Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: James 3-5

Monday: Jeremiah 27-29

Tuesday: Jeremiah 30-32

Wednesday: Jeremiah 33-36

Thursday: Jeremiah 37-39

Friday: Jeremiah 40-42

Saturday: Psalms 88-90

Verse to Remember

Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. —James 4:8

NUMBER STRINGS

Directions: Fill in the blank spaces with the correct numbers based on the "pattern" clue. Notice the example in letter A.

A. 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64 (pattern is x2)

B. 5, 13, 21, 29, __, __, __ (pattern is +8)

C. 5, 7, 6, 8, 7, 9, 8, __, __, __ (pattern is +2,-1)

D. 98, 93, 97, 92, 96, __, __, __ (pattern is -5, +4)

E. 41, 39, 40, 38, 39, 37, 38, __, __, __ (pattern is -2, +1)

F. 10, 6, 18, 14, 26, 22, 34, __, __, __ (pattern is -4, +12)

G. 4, 20, 100, 500, __, __, __ (pattern is x5)

ADJECTIVE STRING:

Adjectives are words that modify nouns. "The big boy hit a small ball." In this sentence, "big" and "small" are adjectives. We will give you a NOUN, and then you must write an adjective that begins with its last letter, and then continue to add adjectives with the last letter of the previous word, until you can do no more.


Example: Motorcycle: eye-catching, green, new, wondrous, speedy. Here is your word:

RIVER. Write your responses below. Have fun!

ANSWERS: Number Strings

B. 37, 45, 53; C. 10, 9, 11, 10; D. 91, 95, 90, 94; E. 36, 37, 35; F. 30, 42, 38; G. 2,500, 12,500, 62,500


SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	
	5:30 PM Bible Study		9 AM Text Study 6 PM Choir Practice	11 AM Summer Picnic 5:30 PM Worship		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9 AM Worship Service	5:30 PM Bible Study		9 AM Text Study 6 PM Choir Practice 6 PM WELCA		5:30 PM Worship	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch	5:30 PM Bible Study		9 AM Quilting	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 9 AM Text Study 6 PM Choir Practice		5:30 PM Worship
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Brian's Benefit	5:30 PM Bible Study			9 AM Text Study 6 PM Choir Practice		5:30 PM Worship
28	29	30	31	 <p>Food pantry items needed for the month of August: Paper products including feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, napkins, paper plates, paper cups. Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.</p>		
9 AM Worship Service	5:30 PM Bible Study					

August Birthdays:

2 nd	Alyson Sima	20 th	Eric Eade
18 th	Nick Thompson	21 st	Joanne Pierce
19 th	Sharon Gust	23 rd	Sharon Geist
20 th	Jon Erpenbach	29 th	Charlyne Perrine

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Food pantry items needed for the month of September: Oral health & cleanliness items, including band-aids, toothpaste, tooth brush, mouthwash, dental floss, hand soap, handi-wipes, deodorant. Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.</p>						
4 9 AM Worship Service	5 Labor Day	6	7	8 9 AM Text Study	9 9 AM Text Study	10
11 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch	12 5:30 PM Bible Study	13 5 PM Bible Study	14	15 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 9 AM Text Study	16	17
18 9 AM Worship Service	19 5:30 PM Bible Study	20 5 PM Bible Study	21 9 AM Quilting	22 9 AM Text Study	23 Noon – 4 PM Blood Drive	24
25 9 AM Worship Service	26 5:30 PM Bible Study	27 5 PM Bible Study	28	29 9 AM Text Study	30	

September Birthdays:

3 rd	Susie Sechafer	7 th	Judy Bernhardt
3 rd	Gary Heeler	7 th	Jack Carlson
4 th	Carolynn Brink	24 th	George Lacharite
5 th	Will Maines	25 th	Carol Lacharite
6 th	Bruce Gust	26 th	LuAnn Brentlinger
7 th	Kathy Helge		