



TRINITY TIDINGS



"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22 (NIV1984)

OCTOBER 2016

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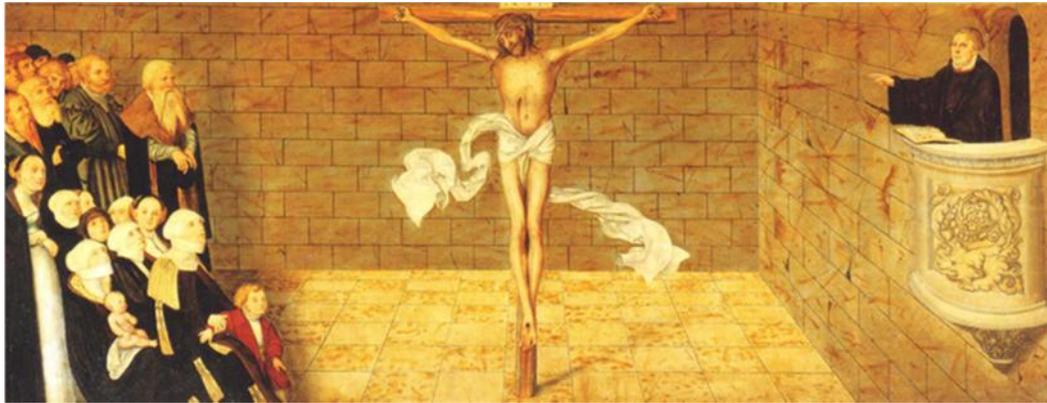
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Pastor's Page



On October 31st we will celebrate the 499th anniversary of the Reformation. The Rev. Dr. C.F.W. Walther, the father of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, wrote the following: “When a theologian is asked to yield and make concessions in order that peace at last be established in the Church, but [if he] refuses to do so even in a single point of doctrine, such an action looks to human reason like intolerable stubbornness, yea, like downright malice. That is the reason why such theologians are loved or praised by few men during their lifetime. Most men rather revile them as disturbers of the peace, yea, as destroyers of the kingdom of God. They are regarded as men worthy of contempt. But in the end it becomes manifest that this very determined, inexorable tenacity in clinging to the pure teaching of the divine Word by no means tears down the Church; on the contrary, it is just this [this very attitude] which, in the midst of greatest dissensions, builds up the Church and ultimately brings about genuine peace. Therefore, woe to the Church which has no men of this stripe, men who would stand as watchmen on the walls of Zion, sounding the alarm whenever a foe threatens to rush the walls, and rally to the banner of Jesus Christ [ready] for holy war!...

Let us therefore, bless all the faithful champions who have fought for every point of Christian doctrine, unconcerned about the favor of men and disregarding their threats. Their worldly disgrace, though it often was great, has not been borne in vain. People cursed them, but they continued to bear their testimony until death, and now they wear the crown of glory and enjoy the blissful communion of Christ, of all the angels and the elect. Their labor and fierce battling has not been in vain. For even now, some 1,500 years or – in the latter case – some several centuries later, the Church is reaping what these faithful champions sowed.

Let us then, my friends, likewise hold fast the *treasure* of pure doctrine. Do not consider it strange if on that account you must bear reproach just as they did. Consider that word... ‘Even unto death fight for justice, and God will overthrow your enemies for you,’ will come true in our case as well. Let this be your slogan: ‘Fight to the death on behalf of the truth, and the Lord will fight for you!’” (Walther’s Fourth Evening Lecture, October 3, 1884)

This marvelously depicts the truth that has faced the Church in this fallen world from the beginning and this also marvelously depicts the attitude and character of the men who fought the Reformation. For the sake of the Gospel, they would not concede one point. Their rallying call was indeed the Latin phrase “*Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum*”; which means, “*the Word of the Lord endures forever*” (1 Peter 1:25). His holy, inerrant, inspired, and unchanging word does indeed *endure forever* – thanks be to God!

+ The Lord be with you +

With Christ’s Peace,
Pastor Shaw

Read, mark and inwardly digest. . .



It is not uncommon to find instances in which Scripture is said to be eaten. I think immediately to Ezekiel.

It was then I saw a hand stretched out to me, in which was a written scroll which he unrolled before me. It was covered with writing front and back, and written on it was: Lamentation and wailing and woe! He said to me: Son of man, eat what is before you; eat this scroll, then go, speak to the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth and he gave me the scroll to eat. ... I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth (Ezekiel 2:10-3:3).

And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill

your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey. (Ezekiel 3:3)

Or Jeremiah: Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. (Jeremiah 15:16)

Or Psalm 119:72, 97, 101-103, & 111 or Job 23:12 or Revelation 10:9-10. . .

Scripture is not meant to live outside of us as something unfamiliar or foreign to our nature and mind. No, indeed, the Word of God is meant to live within us. God enters us through His Word and makes His dwelling place within us and in this way His Word lives in us by faith. Baptism does not compete with this but seals us to Christ's death and resurrection so that the old has passed and the new has been born wearing Christ's righteousness and recognizing the voice of Christ in His Word. We arise from the font to desire the voice of our Good Shepherd and by the power of the Holy Spirit His Word makes its home in us.

As a child growing up we ate hot grains for breakfast in the winter. Oatmeal, Farina, Cream of Wheat, Malt-O-Meal. . . My mother insisted that we needed food to *stick to our ribs* as we went out to walk to school or play in the cold and snow or do our chores. She was right. Christians need the food of God's Word to stick to their ribs so that they carry it with them. We read Scripture not like we read for knowledge but as the hungry desiring the food of life, as the sheep desire to know and hear the voice of their Good Shepherd, and as the people of God who desire to be like Him in holiness of life and speech.

The sad truth is that the Word is not internal to many Christians, many Lutherans. We have itching ears and desire the new and different more than the forever and familiar. We are enamored of novelty and sentiment and get more excited over what somebody found meaningful on Facebook or

Pinterest. We are weak and easily led astray because the Word is not inside us but on the fringes of our minds, hearts, and lives. We are easily swept away by the winds of change, by culture that seeks to inform the faith instead of the other way around, and by other authorities that compete with the Word of God.

Faith comes by hearing and it stays by hearing -- hearing not only what is outside of you but the Word of God that the Lord has planted within you. Planted and rooted in you, this faith grows and sustains, endures and remains, and commends us when Christ returns in His glory.

The ancient collect gets it just right. It is our prayer as the Scriptures are read in the Divine Service and at the Daily Office. It is our joy as we pray them at home and in our devotional lives. It is our duty as we teach them to our children. It is our responsibility as we speak them to those who have fallen away from the faith. It is our privilege to speak them in witness to those who have not heard. But it all begins with me -- with the Word of God stuck to my ribs, inhabiting my mind, and informing the desires of my heart. Won't you join me in praying this collect daily?

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

By Rev. Larry Peters – Grace Lutheran Church – Clarksville, TN

The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Is Near!

September 15, 2015 in *Lutherans Engage*
by Randall Golter

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017 is not about Martin Luther but the One who forgave him freely by grace through faith. It's the perfect time to confess Jesus Christ alone as our conscience cleanser. (Erik M. Lunsford/LCMS Communications)

A careful reading of a letter Martin Luther wrote to Cardinal Albert of Mainz on the same day (Oct. 31, 1517) he nailed the 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg's Castle Church shows his pastor's heart. This letter delightfully details Luther's deep concern for the laity.

What was his concern? For their clean conscience and that they remain clean, a cleansing made possible by hearing the comforting Word of Christ! Luther simply asks: "How can the [indulgence agents] then make the people feel secure and without fear [concerning salvation] by the means of false stories and promises of pardon?" Luther goes on to identify what is most crucial: "The first and only duty of the [pastors], however, is to see that the people learn the gospel and the love of Christ."



For Luther, the fundamental issue for the church of his time was proper pastoral care, that is, the sweet and clear preaching of Jesus Christ alone, without addition. The church in America is under fresh and aggressively hostile attack. God's weaponry — the church's surgical sword — remains the same. "*It pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe*" (1 Cor. 1:21). And the apostle John chimes in some 40 years later, "*They have conquered [the devil] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony*" (Rev. 12:11).

Right around the corner is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation! Some people will consider this event an opportune time to highlight Luther's heroism.

Others might complain about his later caustic words or the church division that resulted. Fundamentally, the anniversary is not about Luther but the One who forgave Luther freely by grace through faith. It's the perfect time to confess Jesus Christ alone as our conscience cleanser! In other words, it is still all about Jesus! "*The blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin*" (1 John 1:7b). This remains the Father's way of bringing everyone home to Him.

Make plans for how you and your church might magnify the Savior's name inside and outside the walls of the church. Take a look at LutheranReformation.org, and mark your calendar for the four dates of celebration that begin in November 2016 (Nov. 10, 2016 — Luther's birth;

Feb. 18, 2017 — Luther's death; June 25, 2017 — Presentation of the Augsburg Confession; and Oct. 31, 2017 — Reformation Day).

Along with Reformation opportunities and resources, a renewed focus on preaching is starting, called "Preach the Word." This effort will provide pastors an opportunity to improve on the craft of preaching and the laity in their hearing of it. Oh, how the devil hates this focus on the communication of God's enlivening Word!

Luther says it so well: "The Word is so effective that whenever it is seriously contemplated, heard, and used, it is bound never to be without fruit [Isaiah 55:11; Mark 4:20]. It always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devoutness and produces a pure heart and pure thoughts [Philippians 4:8]" (Large Catechism I 101).

Learn more at:

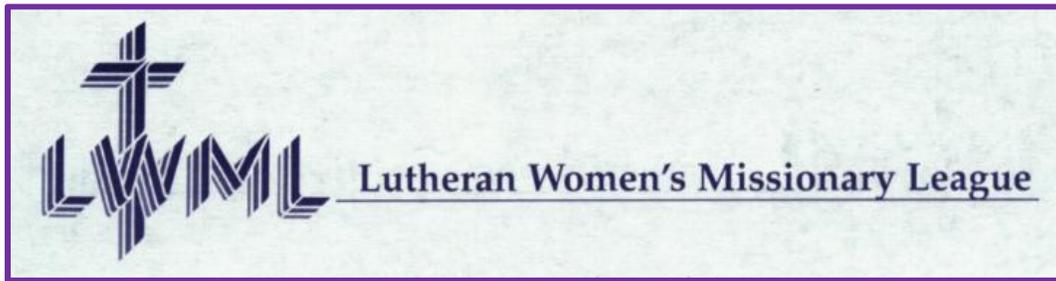
Reformation 2017 website: *LutheranReformation.org*

The Rev. Randall Golter is special assistant to the LCMS president. He is responsible for leading the Synod in planning the 2017 Reformation-anniversary celebration.



If you need a box of Offering Envelopes,
please leave a note on the secretary's desk
in the church office or send an e-mail to
trinitygallatin@trinitygallatin.org

A new box of Offering Envelopes
will be placed in your mailbox here at Trinity.



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Fall Zone Rally
will be held
at

Ascension Lutheran Church
610 West Old Hickory Blvd.
Madison, TN

Saturday, October 1, 2016
Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

The theme for the service is based on Proverbs 31:8-9:
*"Speak up for the people who have no voice, for the rights of all the down-and-outers.
Speak out for justice! Stand up for the poor and destitute!"*

Pastor Gregory Bauch will lead the Worship.
The speaker will be Mrs. Lacey Tolar, a representative of Rescue 1 Global organization,
an interdenominational mission focused organization addressing human trafficking.

A light breakfast will be served during registration and
Lunch will follow the service, business meeting and presentation.

Our ingathering will be for
Grace Oasis: Nashville Safe House for Minors.

ITEMS NEED FOR THE INGATHERING

Paper Goods – plates, cups, paper towels, toilet paper
Laundry & Cleaning Supplies
Towels & Wash Cloths
Canned goods
Cereal & Snack Foods
Coffee & Tea
Office & School supplies (paper, pens, and pencils)

Please contact Rosalie Replogle if you are interested in attending.



Saturday - October 14

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you have any items to donate for our bazaar, please bring

"clean and ready to sell" items such as:

- working small kitchen appliances
- kitchen and household goods.
- electrical items such table lamps,

(Electrical items without a power cord or a faulty power cord cannot be accepted.)

- No clothes or items that need to be washed or large furniture items.
- Crafts that people have made and would like to donate are appreciated.

But if you would like to sell your crafts,
you can 'rent' a table for \$20.00 to display and sell your items.

- We will be selling **baked goods** as well, so donations are greatly appreciated!!

Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be available to purchase for lunch.

Proceeds from the bazaar will go to Pastor's son in law. Peter Adelson,
who is attending Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

If you have any questions, contact Debbie Scott at 615-642-3400.



Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. If you believe this gospel, if you stand upon it, and cling to it, you are saved. Trust in this is the dividing line. It defines, either positively or negatively, all men. It separates and divides Cain from Abel, Job from his so-called friends, Abraham from Abimelech, Isaac from Ishmael, Jacob from Esau, David from Saul, Daniel from Belshazzar, Joseph from Herod, Lazarus from the rich man, and the tax collector from the Pharisee. What defines men is not whether they are good or bad, but whether or not they believe in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

The problem with man is his heart. Our hearts are fallen and predisposed to think that we can impress God. We think that if we do all the right things God will reward us, and we will escape evil. We think that God will be impressed with our gifts, that our prosperity and goodness is evidence that God loves us or that it should motivate God to love us.

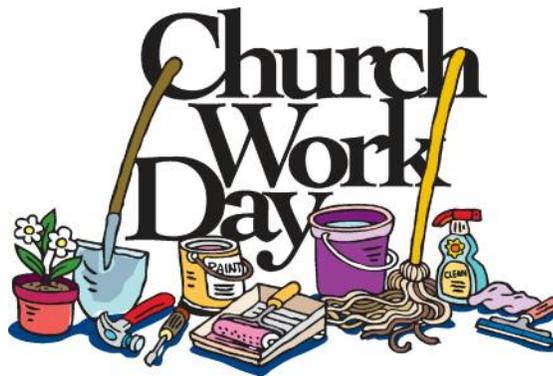
But we know better because God has blessed us with the faith of Abel, Job, and Abraham. We know that God's grace in Christ saves us, not our works.

We know that God is not impressed with our giving. He is not impressed when we give him that which is already his. God doesn't benefit from our giving and He doesn't need it. But our neighbor does need it. And God delights in us growing more and more like Him. He blesses us, and He invites us to bless one another with our giving: so that the Gospel may be proclaimed, so that the poor may be fed, so that all God's work through the Church may be done.

So consider God's priorities in comparison to your own. And be honest. Reevaluate where you are and where God has called you to be. Look into your own bank statement. Would any accountant think that the Church was your priority? He would see a spreadsheet filled with where your money actually goes: into house and clothing and cars, into eating out and beauty supplies and entertainment. Indeed, much of it wasted on frivolous things. But would he find great percentages going to the church? Figure up the percentage. Put it in relation to the proportion of your income. What percentage of your income do you give for the mission of the church: the preaching and teaching, the baptizing and communing, the help for the weak and poor brothers of Christ? Is it even enough for a deduction when you file your income taxes? The widow gave all she had and thought nothing of it. She was glad to do it. The rich man gave what to him was meaningless, trifle amount and desired a plaque in his honor. Why is it that the less we give the prouder we are and the more credit we expect?

All your works, even your monetary gifts, done in faith please God now for Christ's sake. No matter how great or small, frequent or infrequent. They are all washed and cleansed by grace through faith on account of Christ. Whatever you do from faith in God pleases him for the sake of the Son. So reevaluate your generosity in the light of the grace of Christ. Freely you have received, freely give.

The monthly Stewardship Newsletter article is provided by LCMS Stewardship Ministry.



Our Fall Work Day is Scheduled

for

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 8

We will have outdoor and

Indoor projects!

All members should help keep

God's House clean and in good repair!

See James Hygrell for more information.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be ordering Poinsettias to decorate our Altar for Christmas from Young's Nursery in Gallatin.

They request that we turn in our order by November 4.

These plants are in 6.5" pots with 5-7 blooms and are \$5.90 per plant.

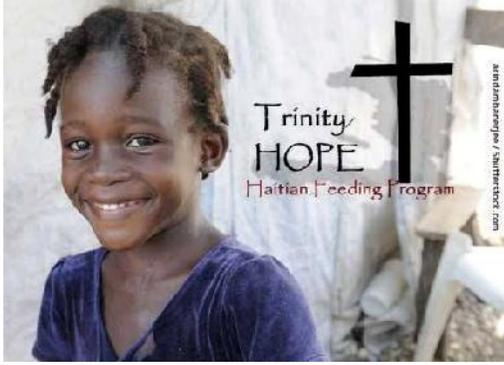
There is a choice of Red, White, Pink, White Glitter or Marble.

If you would like to purchase one or more of these plants, please sign-up on the list on the bulletin board, indicating the number of plants and which colors you want to purchase.

A payment envelope will be placed in your mailbox here at Trinity.

Return your payment in the envelope to the church office.

Do not place your payment in the offering plate.



News from Trinity/HOPE

This is one of a series of articles which we make available each month to keep congregations informed about our activities. Trinity/HOPE, a not-for profit charitable organization, raises funds and administers feeding programs that provide a noon meal for the hungry children who attend our schools in Haiti where the Good News of Jesus is daily shared. It is blessed to have numerous supporters in this church.

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 Facebook: trinityhopehaiti

Imperfections

By Jay Brinkmeyer

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Do you know why golf balls have those little dimples all over their surface? It would seem that the appearance of that ball with all those “imperfections” would be much more appealing if that outer skin was smooth. If the golf ball’s skin was smooth the game would take much longer to play as those dimples actually help the ball travel much farther and higher. I’ve got a warehouse full of ‘imperfections’ that I won’t share with you today; if you know me you know what I got. We all have some degree of visible ‘imperfections’. Take a close look at these three girls from Ouanaminthe and think about their possible ‘imperfections’.

Our Heavenly Father, Creator has brought each of us along our journey with the unique imperfections made especially for us, to be used by Him to reach others with the Good News of His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. These three unique and imperfect smiles will prayerfully be on your mind and in your prayers this month as a reminder of the diversity of people He calls upon to accomplish His Will. A dentist may see work to be done while God sees three active and energetic lives to bring HOPE to souls still caught up in voodoo. Our Heavenly Father will use the lives of these three girls to bring a message of HOPE to their families, friends and neighborhood and you and I have been given an opportunity to be a part of His plan for them; being a Trinity/HOPE donor. Some may think their gift is too small and imperfect but to our Heavenly Father it is perfect. His plans for these girls will come full circle through you with your daily prayers and financial gift. Let us give thanks unto the Lord...for He is GOOD and uses us in spite of our worldly imperfections.



THANKSGIVING NIGHT IN THE HUNGER FIGHT EVENTS

Each year a series of Thanksgiving Night in the Hunger Fight events are planned throughout the US. Typically, a traditional thanksgiving meal is served, an update on feeding programs is provided by a Haitian feeding program director or supervisor and a silent and live auction are held to raise funds to feed children in Christian Schools in Haiti.

Calendar of events for 2015:

Sunday – November 15 at Noon

Christ the King - "Chili Bowl to Reach a Goal" - 5296 Park Ave., Memphis, TN 38119

Thursday - November 19 at 5:00 pm

St. Matthew by the Lake - 3966 US Hwy 641 N, Benton, KY 42025

Thursday - November 19 at 6:00 pm

Emmanuel Lutheran Church - 1003 Hickory Hill Lane, Hermitage, TN 37076

Friday - Nov 20 at 5:00 pm

St. Andrew - 908 Murfreesboro Rd., Franklin, TN 37064

November 20 at 6:00 pm

Concordia - Kingsport, TN

Saturday – November 21 at 5:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church - 720 Lock Four Rd., Gallatin, TN

November 21 at 5:30 pm

Our Savior Lutheran Church - 5110 Franklin Rd., Nashville, TN

Sunday – November 22 at Noon

Christus Victor - 4110 Central Ave Pike, Knoxville, TN

November 22 at 4:00 pm

St. Timothy in Hendersonville, TN



*The music ministry of
Grace Lutheran Church
2041 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN
presents their Music at Grace Concert Series
For the 2016-2017 concert year.*

MUSIC AT GRACE 2015-2016 Season

Sunday, October 23, 2016, 4 pm

“Cumberland Winds”

Dance Band Music of the Big Band Era
Chili Supper follows

Sunday, November 20, 2016, 4 pm

“Sweet Adelines”

Women’s Barbershop Style Harmonies
from the Nashville Award Winning Group

Sunday, December 4, 2016, 4 pm

“Red River Breeze”

A Celtic Musical Christmas Concert

Sunday, January 8, 2017, 4 pm

Choir & Orchestra & Soloists for Handel’s Messiah
Handel’s Messiah with Choir, Soloists, and Orchestra -- the BIG Oratorio

February 26, 2017, 4 pm

“Les Kerr and the Bayou Band”

Mardi Gras

Ushering in Lent to the Mardi Gras sound of New Orleans

March 26, 2017, 4 pm

“Gabriel Faure – Requiem”

Choir & Orchestra & Soloists

One of the most popular and moving requiems
by Gabriel Faure and orchestral music to cap off the season

Admission is free to all concerts.





HENRIETTA CHURCH MOUSE HERE!

Henrietta Church Mouse Here!

Well, she is here, but she is under the covers in her bed, sniffing, sneezing and coughing. Maybe if you sent her a 'get well' card or brought her a cheese tray, some cheese soup, or maybe even a cheese cake - she would feel much better.

She is so excited about Fall...playing in the leaves, going to the pumpkin patch! And she's looking forward to the church bazaar. She'll be there helping. And then on October 30 there is the Pot-luck/Octoberfest! She's searching for new recipes for the dish she is bringing to share. Do you think it will have cheese in it?

Let's hope she recovers quickly and is back to feeling great real soon!

Until next time ...

Henrietta Church Mouse is in residence!



**WE THANK GOD FOR THESE
CELEBRATIONS IN OCTOBER**

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Clyde Schroeder
- 1 Patti Welch
- 2 Jer Geiger
- 3 Patty Simon
- 6 Frankie Coleman
- 8 Dennis French
- 11 Kelly Garrison
- 11 Destiny Garrison
- 12 Sean Smith
- 15 Dylan Vietor
- 18 Myron Cheatham
- 20 Linda Roca
- 27 Emily Coleman
- 27 Zailey Ferguson
- 27 Louise French
- 28 Michael Chandler



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 James & Wanda Richardson (2009)
- 7 Clyde & Carolyn Schroeder (2009)
- 11 Matt & Angela Graves (2012)
- 12 Michael & Lauren Claxton (2013)
- 17 Rick & Michelle Halliburton (1993)
- 18 Jerry & Joyce Knapp (1969)
- 24 Allen & Adela Klein (1985)
- 25 Larry & Patti Welch (1986)



SERVANT SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2016

PASTOR

Kenneth B. Shaw

ELDER

Clyde Schroeder

OFFERING COUNTERS

Loren Replogle & Tim Hartley

ALTAR STEWARD

Lisa Benjamin

GREETERS

Susan Smiley & Linda McCormick

USHERS

To be determined - Center Aisle

To be determined - Side Aisles

ACOLYTES

October 2 - Paige Smith

October 9 - Gabriel Alvarado

October 16 - Christina Levan

October 23 - Elena Alvarado

October 30 - Isadora Hygrell

VOLUNTEER CLEANING SCHEDULE

September 25 – October 1 –

October 2 – 8

October 9 – 15

October 16 – 22

October 23 – 29

October 30 – November 5 – Dennis & Louise French