



# The Illuminate

*A publication of Family of Christ Lutheran Church*

## Family of Christ Vision Statement

**Family of Christ** is a family of God where all are welcome as we worship and grow in spirit and in life by...



- ~ **Connecting the scriptures** with our Christian faith and life experiences
- ~ **Serving** and caring for our neighbors and communities
- ~ **Building** relationships between people of all ages **and walks of life**
- ~ **Transforming** our world by teaching love, grace, peace, and kindness
- ~ **Moving purposefully** into God's future and we ask God to help guide us.

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### *All Are Welcome!*

You may have noticed the words “*All Are Welcome*” are popping up a lot around here. You have and will see them on our reader board sign. You have and will see them in our Sunday bulletins. At FOC we mean these words, but have you given much thought to all that they can and do mean for your life or the life of the congregation? I think the words, “*All Are Welcome*,” give voice to your *spiritual gifts* as a congregation.

The presence of *Spiritual Gifts* in a community is one of what theologians often refer to as “The Marks of the Church.” At Family of Christ, one of the strongest spiritual gifts, I believe is most powerfully evident, is that of hospitality. The *spiritual gift of hospitality* means that the FOC family not only welcomes the visitor, but is excited to see them—more than that, visitors are expected guests! A great example was our VBS and Funday on

Sunday where we welcomed our VBS families to worship, a barbeque, and an afternoon of wonderful fun activities. This is who we are. That's why the hymn “*All Are Welcome*” will be our theme in worship this summer, during the month of August.

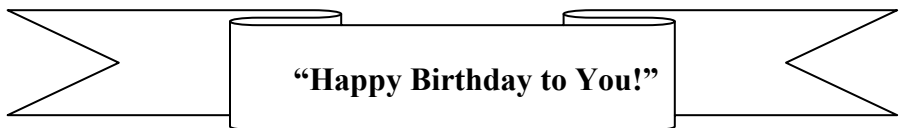
Oh, but hospitality is not the only *spiritual gift* blowing around FOC.

The *spiritual gift of generosity* has caused you to build strong connections with our Mission Partners, like Friends of the Carpenter, WHO, Share and Neighbors Helping Neighbors. We are closing in on two million meals through our Million Meals offerings. No child, no one, should go hungry. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need. I wonder how FOC might build upon the strong foundation of these vital ministries and deepen our connection to the community where there is the greatest need.

The *spiritual gifts of compassion and care* have led you to make many warmth giving quilts over the years. We will be blessing more on Rally Day. I know that those who receive them have a unique experience of God's grace through the work of your hands. That's not all. You are praying for each other. You reach out whenever there is a need without hesitation. I know this to be true because each and every time I have gone to visit a member or family in crisis, you have beaten me there! Will God do something new through these *spiritual gifts*?

Living out our *spiritual gifts* is at the heart of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. It is also how we are the church together. The Apostle Paul has a lot to say about the spiritual gifts of a congregation. Each person is gifted. Each person is important. Thanks be to God for the great wealth of spiritual gifts we have been blessed with here at FOC!

*Pastor Kit*



**On August 3rd Let's Celebrate**

**“Happy Birth Day to You!” to everyone that turns 90 in 2014!**

*Are you turning 90 or older?* We want to celebrate you and say thank you for all your years of serving, sharing and living out the love of Jesus! Following worship on August 3rd there will be a special cake and treats celebrating these landmark birthdays. Come join the party!!!!

Turning 90 or older in 2014...

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Fred Smith 3/23       | Lew Lardie 8/10       |
| Ione Connaughton 4/26 | Tory Luetjen 8/24     |
| Addie Vernon 5/08     | Luella Vilhaur 8/26   |
| Bill Wagner 6/19      | Phyllis Endresen 8/30 |
| Betty Guerrettaz 7/28 |                       |

(Oops! Did we miss listing you? Then we don't have your birthday information! Please call the office to update our records, thank you.)

**August Birthdays**

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|---------------------|-------|
| Becky Lowery        | 08/01 |
| Donna Lucky         | 08/01 |
| Meghan Connolly     | 08/02 |
| Brian Hanneman      | 08/04 |
| Allison Corlett     | 08/06 |
| Trevor Beems        | 08/09 |
| Louise Chissus      | 08/09 |
| Alice Huff          | 08/10 |
| Lewis Lardie        | 08/10 |
| Kimberley Koon      | 08/11 |
| Quinton Beems       | 08/15 |
| Madelyn Chapman     | 08/16 |
| Jeri Hanneman       | 08/16 |
| Clifford Benjamin   | 08/17 |
| Craig Church        | 08/22 |
| Tory Luetjen        | 08/24 |
| Traci Rogers        | 08/24 |
| Charlie Cameron     | 08/25 |
| Etta Goerl          | 08/25 |
| Randy Osbron        | 08/25 |
| Luella Vilhauer     | 08/26 |
| Rebecca Wuethrich   | 08/26 |
| Kevin Ausman Martin | 08/27 |
| Robin Church        | 08/27 |
| Chris Fry           | 08/27 |
| Evelyn Kinder       | 08/27 |
| Arlene Larson       | 08/28 |
| Sierra Vossler      | 08/28 |
| Phyllis Endresen    | 08/30 |
| Eric Church (22)    | 08/31 |
| Melissa Whittington | 08/31 |



**August Senior Lunch Bunch**

3rd Thursday, August 21st 11:30 am

Mill Creek Pub  
1710 SW 9th Ave, Suite 101,  
Battle Ground, Washington 98604



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**♥♥August Anniversaries♥♥**

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|------------------------------|-------|
| Les & Beth Stark(27)         | 08/05 |
| Trevor & Jennifer Beems (17) | 08/09 |
| Andrew & Carolyn Ness (11)   | 08/15 |
| Alina & Jim Staub(29)        | 08/17 |
| Don & Rachel Neslon(37)      | 08/20 |
| Fred & Patty Frimberger(33)  | 08/22 |
| Mathew & Natalie (11)        | 08/23 |
| Rick & Jackie Ochsner (23)   | 08/24 |
| Dale & Marilyn Wilken (56)   | 08/30 |





Save the Date & Come Join the fun!

Saturday September 27th from 3 pm to 7 pm

Location will be at the Cameron's new place! If you have a desire to help contact Sandie Beems (360) 989-4168 or Susan Dollinger. We will have food , games, music and fun!!! (More details to come)



### Our Summer Mission Partner—Friends of the Carpenter

Our Love surrounds our friends at Friends of the Carpenter upon the tragic loss of staff member Bill Jennings in a fire on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at the Friends of the Carpenter duplex where he lived. Bill will missed by the many folks he touched through Friends. A memorial service will take place on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at St. Paul Lutheran downtown Vancouver.

Even in this time of sadness at Friends, the ministry continues as each and every day those in need in our community find a place of friendship, comfort, and support at the Friends friendship Center. FOC is a faith based shelter that provides safety and a sense of purpose for members of the community. Friends of the Carpenter’s vision is to be a recognized leading resource in supporting: · People with special needs and/or people living in poverty · Community service, including the Development of job/life skills - See more at:

<http://www.friendsofthecarpenter.org>

### August 13<sup>th</sup> Dinner and Game Night at Family of Christ

Join us for fried chicken, salads, dessert and lots of fun playing *Farkle* on Wednesday, August 13. You won’t want to miss a scrumptious dinner and fun filled games! Everyone is invited, starting at 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm; be here for food, fellowship and games! A free will offering will be received to help cover our costs.



**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### Coffee Hour & Communion Hosts are Needed!!

Our list is dwindling down and we need your help with hosting! Currently we have 9 families hosting coffee hour at the 8:30 worship and 5 families for the 11:00. As you can see, we are in need of more hosts. It would be desirable to be able to have enough families signed up so that the list of hosting duties can be spread out throughout the months.



There is also a need for more Communion Hosts for both worship times.

There is a sign up schedule in the Family Room for you to see what dates would work for you to help. The duties are very simple. *This is an important ministry and we need your help!* Speak with Cheri Herzog or call the office.



## ROUTE 56 -SUMMERTIME ACTIVITY

**Note new date-Aug. 12:** Mini Putt Putt Golf at Safari Putt Putt Golf inside the Vancouver Mall Suite 102. We will meet at 10 am and go until 11:30 am. The cost is \$5. Please RSVP to Susan.



Susan Dollinger Congregational Life Minister

CongLifeMin@foclutheranchurch.org



Thank you to our friends at Family for the prayers, love, hugs, cards and kind words that we received at this sad time. Love heals! Blessings to all of you.  
George and Carol Hoffman

## OWLS Note New Date

The next meeting for the OWLS is **Monday, Aug. 11th at 10:00**. If you have a creative flair and ideas for Grandparents Day come and share.



We are creating a Family tree in the Family room out of pictures. This will be a fun project and will require many hands. All are welcome.

A Vancouver History Talk is also in the works. If you have lived here a long time or know of people who have please let Susan Dollinger know. We are looking for people who are willing to share stories and some pictures of Vancouver when it was a small town.



## August Social Concern donate canned fruit & veggies

Each month we collect for **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**. Located in Ridgefield and it really does help our neighbors. Place your donation in the basket by the sanctuary door.

**Join Us Tuesday 10:00 A.M.** – Pastor's Bible Study on the text for the upcoming Sunday will continue throughout the summer. *We are having a blast connecting the text and everyday life. The conversations are rich, occasionally humorous, and the fellowship is always lots of fun. Come join us!*



If you have extra produce you'd like to donate to the 6:8 church food pantry, please bring it to the church on Sundays and Judy Enders will take it there for distribution. The 6:8 Church pantry is giving out food boxes to 1600 people weekly.



## Rally Day Sunday September 7th

Grandparents day is **Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>** which is also **Rally Day** for Family of Christ. This is the day to celebrate ALL generations at Family, with a special emphasis honoring the grandparents among us. Join us for worship at 8:30 am or 11 am and in the Family Room at 9:45 am for lots of Fun Creating Family Tree's!

## Thank You

We'd like to thank Jim and Jeff Collell for all their hard work on setting up a camera security system.



## Million Meals Program

We collected \$519 at our July In-gathering. That will buy 6,483 lbs of food and as many meals. At the time of this printing we have provided 1,526,886 meals since starting this program. We are halfway to our second million now!

## Sunday School Update

Plans are taking place for the upcoming 2014-15 season. Sunday school registrations will be ready in August. Registrations help us to assimilate the classes as well as to give us the needed information for emergency contacts, communication, etc.

**Rally Day is September 7th with the theme "Celebrating Family and Grandparents day, activity hosted by OWL's.**

Then on Sept. 14 Sunday School Kick off begins with activities in the Family Room beginning at 10:00. First day of classes begins on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information will be available in the upcoming September Illuminate.

We are in need of team teachers for PreK-Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. All curriculums are provided and are fun and easy to use....plus the kids are just the cutest!

♥ Cheri Herzog



## Vacation Bible School "Here Comes Jesus!"

What a fun week it was to spend with 55 kids who came to VBS to hear stories about Jesus, meet new friends, sing songs, participate in games and activities! Stories included God's Peaceful World, Simeon & Anna, Jesus' birth, His Baptism and the time he was lost and found in the Temple.



This year's community service project was collecting school supplies for local families in need and we are so grateful for a terrific amount of supplies collected!!

Many of the families participated in our worship on July 20th where the children sang several songs they learned during the week for the congregation. After worship, a BBQ lunch, a couple of bouncy houses and several fun filled activities rounded out the week!

Many thanks to Jackie Ochsner and Pam Rausch for their leadership and coordinating this summer's Vacation Bible School! There were many wonderful volunteers who helped to make this year's VBS a success and we thank them for their time and commitment.



## Sunday Street Dinners for the Homeless

**Thank you good and generous friends!**

Every Sunday Judy Enders and Dave Slocum go seek out the homeless in our community and serve them a healthy meal from their vehicle. They also pass out socks, clean shirts, undergarments & shoes; and in the winter hats, gloves and scarves. (Donations are appreciated year round.)

- \* **Cookies or desserts**
- \* **Socks**
- \* **Ladies & \*men's underwear sizes small and medium**

\*most needed

## Update

Thank you to everybody who are donating food, paper plates and forks (we have enough of these now) and socks and clothes for us to take out on the street. The folks really appreciate having "new" to them clothes and socks. We had a "spa" night and the ladies loved soaking their tired feet and applying nail polish and getting clothes to feel pretty in. Your help is greatly appreciated.

-- Judy & Dave

Last month I had the chance to go to the Western States Youth Gathering with Messiah Lutheran Church. While we were there, we stayed at California Lutheran University. We also worshipped at First Lutheran Church in Inglewood, California. I look forward to the National Youth gathering in Detroit next year. Thank you so much for the prayers, donations and support.

*Sean Marble*



## Family of Christ moves to the new (2006) ELCA hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship!

### More Than Just a Hymnal

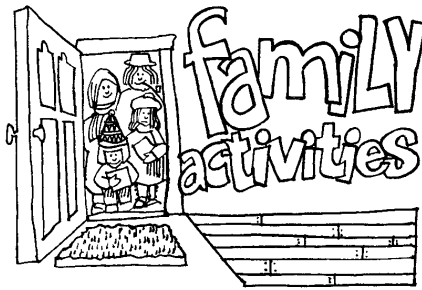


Thanks to the widespread participation of thousands of churches and individuals in the Renewing Worship process, Evangelical Lutheran Worship is here! This new core resource reflects the best in Lutheran worship today, with both familiar and new liturgies, hymns, and more... This worship book is more comprehensive than any previous resource — yet it is the same size as the Lutheran Book of Worship. It represents the full breadth of the church, including much that churches know and cherish from existing resources, while incorporating new liturgies, new hymns, and new texts. A prayer resource for worship, at home, and throughout your journey of faith.

Help equip our sanctuary! Hymnals can be purchased in honor or memory of your loved one. A special label will inscribe your dedication. Each hymnal costs \$22.50. 120 hymnals are needed. A special envelope and dedication are in your mailbox. Thank you for supporting worship at Family of Christ!

## We're gearing up for Fall!!!

*WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS "FAMILY NIGHT @ FAMILY OF CHRIST" RESUMES SEPTEMBER 10TH!!!*



**BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH** you can take

the night off from cooking, and relax and enjoy the fellowship while you enjoy a hot dinner prepared by loving hands. Folks that can, pitch in and help with clean up. *Dinner will be served from 5:00 until 6:30P.M.* The cost is \$3 per person, no family pays more than \$12. (No one is left out, so if cost is a factor, please talk to Pastor Kit). After dinner, join in on one of the scheduled activities. There will be:

- *Dinner will be served from 5:00 until 6:30P.M*
- *Intergenerational Ringers 5:30-6:00—Something new!!!!*
- *Little Christians for children PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade join together for lots of fun from 6:00-7:00P.M.*
- *Route 56 a Fun Youth Group for 5th & 6th Graders 6-7 pm*
- *Confirmation ~ 6:00-7:00P.M.*
- *Adult Book ~*
- *Adult Bible Study ~*
- *Chancel Choir Rehearsals~ 6:30-8:00P.M*
- *Board/card games will be available for high school youth and adults that wish to focus on fellowship*



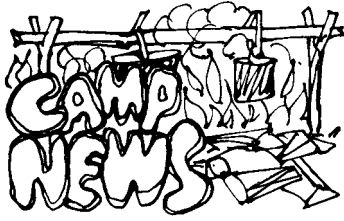
**Calling All Cooks! Sign Up sheets are in the Family Room for our Wednesday Night Cook Teams! If you have never cooked for Family Night, but would like to give it a try talk to Pastor Kit to find out just how easy it is.**

**The Bathroom Remodel is almost done!** We are well on our way to having fully handicap equipped bathroom for our members, visitors, and guest with special needs. Thanks to Gary Endresen, Dale Wilken, Rick Oschner, and Tom Sandeen for all their hard work so far! To see how you can help, check in with our team lead Gary Endresen.

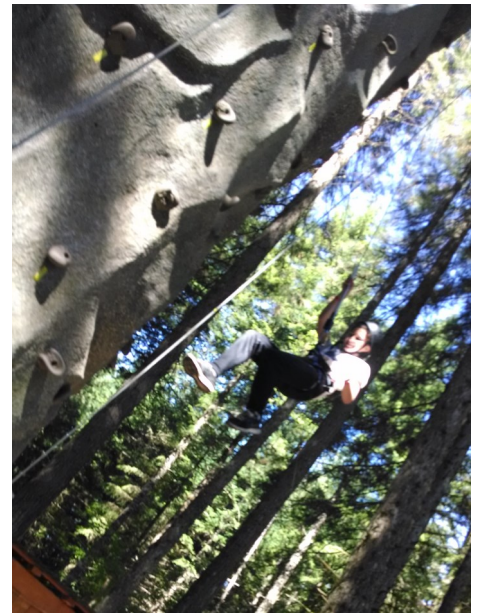
**How are we paying for all of this?** With a special gift last year from the preschool of \$5,000 plus your generous gifts we've been able to make our new ADA bathrooms a reality. Thank you for your generosity in helping make Family a place where all feel truly welcomed!

## Let's meet our kids where they are!!!

Our kids are busy with sports, dance, music and all kinds of things. Let's let them know that they are important to us by meeting them where they are. What better way than to show up and be their cheerleaders! Can't make the game? No problem, ask the kids how it went. You can support them by letting them know you're interested in them. That's why we are asking for our young ones' game and event schedules! So moms and dads, when you have your child's schedules please provide a copy to the church office. Each month we will feature a new article in the Illuminate, "Let's Meet Our Kids Where They Are!" This way those who are able can be cheering our kids from the sidelines and the rest of us will hold them in prayer and check in with them along the way.



**Our First Annual Confirmation/Youth Camp was a huge success! Relationships were strengthened, new friendships formed, and we even grew in spirit and faith! A special Thank You to our awesome team of adult mentors: Cecilia Shepherd, Tim Nelson, Ken Rausch and Pam Ausman for all they did to make this a fun filled and meaningful time. Check out the pictures!**





## News From China Connect



This is part of our chinaconnect teaching team.....The Family of Christ Connection! Three former FOC members volunteered as summer English camp teachers: Karen Bilter with her husband, Jim Saltness, and Sally and Joe Aalbue.

Our schedule was grueling, but we fell in love with our students almost immediately. That made it all worth it. We worked with 28 college English teachers and about 90 college students. All wanted to improve their oral English through lots of practice. They attended four classes a day and joined the casual English corner in the evening. Not only did their English improve, but connections and relationships were formed. The teachers formed a group on qq (like Facebook) and the students plan to stick together. They told us they learned about passion, family, respect, bravery, boldness, family and love. They are the future of China and they know it. They want a peaceful world where our countries can be the leaders who make that happen.

After our camp finished, we visited the countryside where chinaconnect supports four schools. It was heart-wrenching to see the conditions in which folks live, but our small efforts are making a difference. Chinaconnect believes they can be a model for what is possible so other small groups can pick up the idea and pass it on. So many Americans believe China is rich....There absolutely are rich, very rich people in China, but like America, there are the poor. Unfortunately, in China, that's 80% of the people.





**From the ELCA  
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CHILDREN**

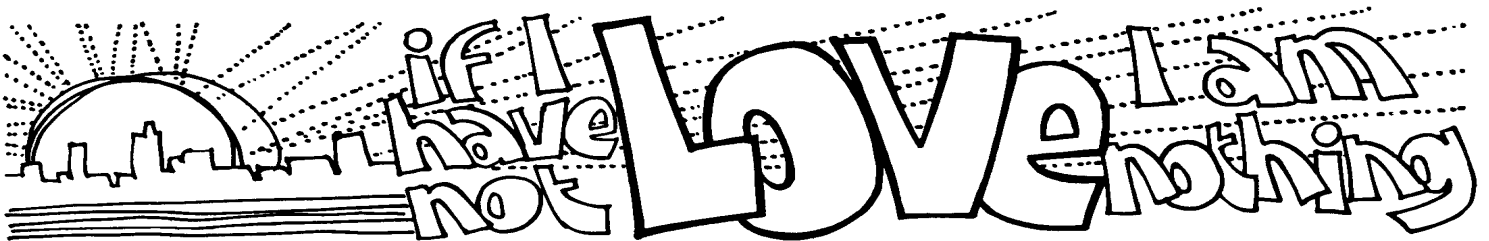
**JULY 2014** [www.ELCA.org/disaster](http://www.ELCA.org/disaster)

The recent influx of unaccompanied children arriving in the U.S. is a result of risk factors causing them to leave their home countries. The children’s countries of origin are aggravated by lack of protection from drug trafficking and poverty, among many other factors.

As members of the ELCA, we are called to love and welcome all. We answer the call when children who are running from hunger, poverty and harm arrive on our doorstep. We believe in protecting and caring for those who are most vulnerable by providing services to ensure their safety, upholding their human rights and recognizing and preventing risks of exploitation.

Working with our global companions and strategic allies such as Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to walking with unaccompanied and migrant children within the United States and across borders.


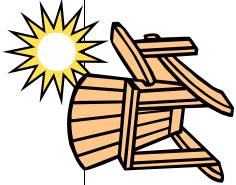
Gifts designated for Unaccompanied and Migrant Children through Lutheran Disaster Response will be used in full (100 percent) to help support efforts that will uphold the rights of those displaced. Thank you for your prayers, your partnership and your gifts. (You may give through the church, just write “Disaster response- Migrant Children” in the memo line of your check.)



**August Serving Schedule**

|                     | August 3                                     | August 10                                 | August 17                                   | August 24                                  | August 31                            |
|---------------------|--|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|
|                     | 9:30   | 9:30                                      | 9:30  | 9:30                                       | 9:30                                 |
| Greeters            | Jerry & Edie Dietzen                         | Sandra Farrell                            | Jerry & Edie Dietzen                        | Chris & Cheri Herzog                       | Tom & Sandi Sandeen                  |
| Ushers              | George & Carol Hoffman                       | Andrew & Carolyn Ness                     | Rick & Jackie Oschner                       | Gary Endresen                              | Jerry Dietzen                        |
| Acolytes            | Open   | Open                                      | Open  | Open                                       | Open                                 |
| Assisting Ministers | Linda Maurosek                               | Susie Caton                               | Marie Tilden                                | Ian Caton                                  | Pam Ausman                           |
| Cantors             | Brian Hanneman                               | Susie Caton                               | Randy Osborn                                | Ian Caton                                  | Pam Ausman                           |
| Readers             | Brian Hanneman                               | Connie Marshall                           | Tim Nelson                                  | Terry Caton                                | Jerry Dietzen                        |
| Communion Hosts     | Brian & Jeri Hanneman                        | Jim & Carol Collell                       | Dave & Karen Yankee                         | Ian & Terry Caton                          | Debra & Cliff Jones                  |
| Coffee Hour         | Barbara Sobocinski w/ Harold & Debbie Broers | Colin & Alice Huff w/ Andrew & Kathy Jans | Lew & Bobbie Lardie w/Andrew & Carolyn Ness | John & Sharon Ferdig w/Don & Rachel Nelson | George & Carol Hoffman w/Sandi Beems |

# August 2014

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
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| 3 9:30 am Worship<br>90+ year olds Milestone<br>B'day Celebration follows<br>worship<br>7 pm Centering Prayer | 4 8:30 am Prayer Breakfast<br>at Jollies Restaurant<br>10 am Quilters       | 5 10 am Pastor led Bible<br>Study<br>5:30 pm Worship Meeting                            | 6  | 7 1 pm Caregiver Support at<br>Judy Enders                                | 8  | 9   |
| 10 <b>Million Meals<br/>In-Gathering</b><br>9:30 am Worship<br>7 pm Centering Prayer                          | 11 10 am OWLS (New Date!)<br>(7-9 pm Boy Scouts)                            | 12 10 am Pastor led Bible<br>Study<br>10-11:30 am Route 56 Putt<br>Putt Golf @ Van Mall | 13<br><b>5-6:30 pm Dinner &amp;<br/>Game Night</b>                     | 14<br>(5:30 pm Sons of Italy)   | 15<br><b>*Illuminate Newsletter<br/>Articles Due today</b> | 16  |
| 17 9:30 am Worship<br>7 pm Centering Prayer   | 18 8:30 am Prayer Breakfast<br>at Jollies Restaurant<br>(7-9 pm Boy Scouts) | 19 10 am Pastor led Bible<br>Study  | 20 9:30 am to 3:30 pm<br>ELEA Pastors & PS<br>Directors<br>Conference  | 21 11:30 am Sr. Lunch<br>Bunch<br>6:00 pm Exec.<br>6:30 pm Church Council | 22   | 23  |
| 24 9:30 am<br>Worship<br>7 pm Centering<br>Prayer   | 25  | 26 10 am Pastor led Bible<br>Study  | 27<br><b>6 pm Choir Potluck<br/>6:30 pm Choir<br/>Practice Resumes</b> | 28 6 pm Preschool<br>Back to School<br>Social                             | 29   | 30<br> |
| 31 9:30 am<br>Worship<br>7 pm Centering<br>Prayer   |   |   |  |   |  |   |



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**\*Please submit photo’s, article’s or event announcements by the 15th of each month**

**Church office hours**  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday  
Through Thursday  
8 a.m.- 3 p.m. Friday

September

**7**

Sunday

**Mark Your Calendar! We return to 2 services on Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>!**