

# The Peace Post

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Peace Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We believe, teach, and confess the doctrine of the evangelical, catholic faith as it is taught by Holy Scripture and faithfully confessed in the Book of Concord of 1580. We are committed to the pure preaching of God's Word and the right administration of the Holy Sacraments, catechesis of all people in the Christian faith, and liturgical worship consistent with our Reformation heritage. We are an evangelical, orthodox, and catholic congregation, proclaiming Jesus Christ crucified, risen, and reigning for the salvation of the world!



## From the Desk of Pastor Messer "You Cannot Cover Up or Hide Your Sins, but God Can and Does!"

(This article I wrote was published in the Summer 2013 edition of "Around the Word" - for info, go to [www.aroundthewordjournal.com](http://www.aroundthewordjournal.com))

*"And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed" (Gen. 2:25).*

Before the Fall in the Garden, Adam and Eve knew nothing of shame. They dwelt in paradise. There was no sin – no lust, no pride, no greed, no selfishness, no grief, no evil at all of which to speak or feel or experience. They had a perfect relationship with each other, with all of creation, and with their Creator. They knew nothing of shame.

But, then they ate fruit from the forbidden tree, the fruit that brought them the knowledge of good and evil. Immediately, they knew shame, for now they knew not only what was good and pleasing in God's sight, but also what was evil. What was beautiful and natural and perfect only a moment ago was now ugly and unnatural and broken by their sin. They knew they were naked and covered themselves with fig leaves, for they were now ashamed of their nakedness. With their newfound knowledge of good and evil came the shame and guilt of knowing that they had done evil – even more, that they *were* evil. They were sinners now – naked, lustful, pride-filled, greedy, selfish, sinners. And, they were scared of what God might do to them if He found out about their sin. So, they did what sinners who know and feel the shame and guilt of their sins are always prone to do: They tried to cover it up and hide themselves from God.

As sons and daughters of Adam and Eve, conceived and born into this world as sinners, we know this ploy all too well. When our sins bring us shame and guilt, our immediate instinct is to do whatever we can to cover them up and hide them. And, we're actually pretty good at this; we've perfected the craft of keeping our sins secret and well-hidden from others. Even when something in our armor cracks and our sins somehow escape from the secret chambers into which we have carefully secured them, we are usually able to cover them up with masterful, imaginative stories or cleverly devised excuses. We are masters of deceit; experts in the art of lying. We know how to cover up and hide our sins from others, so that the shame and guilt we experience remains personal and seemingly manageable. Our greatest fear is that we become exposed and naked before others; that our sins become known to them. It is one thing to piously acknowledge to the world and everyone we know that we are sinners; it's quite another thing for the world and everyone we know to actually see the reality of what we rightly confess.

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However, here is the sobering truth, my friends: All of our efforts to cover up and hide our sins are as futile as the attempt our first parents made to cover up their nakedness with fig leaves. We may be able to deceive ourselves, those we know, and even the whole world, but we cannot mock, or fool, God. Adam and Eve covered up their nakedness with fig leaves, so that they would not be ashamed of one another, but they were still naked and exposed before God. So are we, no matter how elaborate or clever or imaginative or secure our shame-and-guilt-covering “fig leaves” of lies and deceit may seem to us. We are exposed, found out, naked. God knows.

But, here is the amazing thing: Rather than expose us for the sinners we are; rather than rat us out to everyone we know and to the whole world, God covers up and hides our sins Himself. Even more amazing, He covers up and hides our sins *with* Himself!

God’s response to our first parents’ disobedience in the Garden, which brought sin into the world and corrupted His perfect creation, is remarkable. He asks them what they have done, and they are immediately slain by the Law. They know they have sinned. They are ashamed. They are guilty. They are exposed. And yet, despite all of that, and despite the flimsy excuses they offer in their desperate attempt to deflect the blame away from themselves and cover up their shame and guilt, God preaches the Gospel to them. He promises to send the Seed of the woman to pay for their sins and crush the devil’s head – to save them. Then – and please don’t miss this! – He makes for them garments of skin and clothes them. God sacrifices animals in their place, that He might cover up and hide their shame and guilt. Gone with the fig leaves of their own devising - their futile attempt to cover up their shame and guilt. They cannot cover up or hide from God the shame and guilt they know and feel and experience because of their sins, but God can, and does!

It is the same for us. Our sins bring us shame and guilt, for the Holy Spirit directs our attention to what we have done and we know that we have eaten of the forbidden fruit and disobeyed God’s Law. His Law accuses us and shows us our sins. We are ashamed, guilty, and exposed before God, no matter how well we are able to cover up and hide our shame and guilt from others. But, God’s answer is not to condemn us and put us to the shame we most certainly deserve, but to save us. Thus, the Holy Spirit directs us to the Cross, where our Lord Jesus Christ, the Promised Seed of the woman, paid for our sins in full with His blood. On the Cross, Jesus is naked and exposed, laid bare before His Father, bearing the shame and guilt of all sin of all time, so that we don’t have to bear it ourselves. In the blood of Jesus, our sins are blotted out and our shame and guilt are put away – covered up, hidden. And – again, please don’t miss this! – He is the unblemished Lamb of God, who is sacrificed in our place, precisely so that we can be clothed in Him.

We cannot cover up or hide from God the shame and guilt we know and feel and experience because of our sins, but God can, and does! We have been baptized into Christ, clothed in the white garment of His perfect holiness and righteousness, and we are continually washed clean in the Blood of the Lamb through Holy Absolution, Holy Preaching, and the Holy Supper. Our sins are forgiven and remembered no more, obliterated by the blood of Jesus. And because of this awesome, most glorious fact, we shall not be put to shame when our Lord Jesus returns in great glory on the Last Day!

*“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin” (Rom. 4:7-8; Ps. 32:1-2).*

In Jesus, blessed are you!

In Christ,  
*Pastor Messer*

### **Wednesdays and Thursdays on Hiatus**

As most of you know by now, my mother was just recently diagnosed with lung cancer. As I write this, it is not yet known how advanced her cancer is or what her treatment plan will be. She will be having several tests and consultations with doctors over the next several weeks and I’d like to be there for as much of that as possible. So, at the suggestion of a few of the saints here at Peace, I’m going to put Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings on hiatus until August 21 and 22,

respectively. We'll resume our regular schedule of midweek activities then. Thanks so much for your understanding, and for your prayers.

In Christ,  
Pr. Messer

## A HOMILY UPON THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION

Feast Day is July 2

Luke 1:39-55

*In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Imagine the scene: The young virgin maiden Mary pays a visit to her much older, and should be barren, cousin, Elizabeth. Neither of them should be pregnant, and yet they both are. And, neither of them should know about the other's pregnancy – no word from one to the other has been sent; no email or text message has been sent; no posting on Facebook to announce either's miraculous conception – and yet, they know. The Lord has sent His messenger to them and they know. They know because they believe that the Lord's messenger told them the truth. They are filled with the Holy Spirit and believe. And, more than that, they are filled, that is, pregnant, with the two most important figures of all time: St. John the Baptist, whom Our Lord calls the greatest of those born of women, and Our Lord God, Jesus Christ.

But, what is even more amazing than the fact that Mary and Elizabeth know full well, without ever having communicated with one another, that each is pregnant is the fact that the two babies in their wombs know each other. Already, while yet in the womb, these two cousins are communicating. The Lord is preaching to John, preparing him for his office. From inside his mother's womb, St. John hears the greeting of his Lord's mother to his own mother and leaps for joy. His mother, being full of the Holy Spirit, then prophesies: "Blessed is she who has believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

Blessed indeed, Elizabeth! As are you, dear woman, who carries in your womb the forerunner of your Lord. Both of these women are blessed, and we continue to acknowledge that in the Church through the ages, and will continue to do so until our Lord returns on the Last Day.

But, dear friends, neither the Blessed Virgin Mother of our Lord nor the Blessed Mother of His forerunner would have us focus on them. Both would have us focus our attention on the Savior in Mary's womb, our Lord Jesus Christ, who took on our human flesh in order to live and die in our place and win our salvation.



The prophecy given to Elizabeth concerning Mary is that she is blessed for believing that the Word of God is true. That is also true for you: Blessed are you who believe what God says, who trust God's Word. Blessed are you who believe that what the Lord has said to you will be accomplished.

And, what has the Lord has said to you, dear friends? He has said: "You are Mine. I gave you My Name when you were baptized into Me - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I claim you as My child and give you citizenship in My eternal Kingdom." He has said: "I forgive you all your sins on account of my Son who lived and died for you. Your sins are gone. I remember them no more." He has said: "Take, eat, this is My Body. Take, drink, this is My Blood shed for you, for the forgiveness of your sins. I am in you and you are in Me. I am with you always." He has said: "You are my precious little lamb, for whom I laid down My Life, and no one shall pluck you from My Hand." He has said: "You are my beloved child, perfect and without sin, spotless and blameless and the gates of Hell shall not overcome you."

Blessed are you who believe what the Lord says to you, for such faith will not be disappointed. You believe because the same Holy Spirit who overshadowed the Blessed Virgin Mary and filled her blessed cousin, Elizabeth, has impregnated you with faith by the Word spoken in your ears and applied with water to your heads. And, through the same Word which brought you to that faith, you are kept in the belief that gifts you with forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Nazareth and Bethlehem were backwater villages of no reputation, no strategic value, no abundance of natural resources. And yet, today there are scarcely any places so famous. So also Mary and Elizabeth. Nobodies. But God elevated them to great positions and we're still considering how blessed they were by our Lord nearly two thousand years after they lived. In the grand scheme of things, you may consider yourself to be a nobody, but you are no less a nobody than Mary or Elizabeth. The God who is not far off, loves and knows you so intimately and personally that every hair on your head is counted. He notices you and is interested in you. He cares for you. His angels rejoice over your repentance and faith. His words of comfort and promise to you are not empty vanities or mindless flattery. They are words that are, and will be, fulfilled, as sure as the Virgin pure bore a Son.

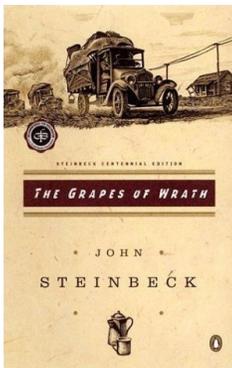
Come, then, and be filled with the Word Incarnate by means of His very Body and Blood in the Holy Supper. This is the Food you need to sustain you in your journey through the wilderness of this sinful world. Receive it in repentance and faith, and depart in peace, singing the Magnificat with the Blessed Virgin, for it is most certainly true that the Lord has looked upon your humble estate and done great things for you. He has brought you from death to life and has in store for you eternal blessings that cannot even be fathomed by our futile human reason. Holy is His Name – Jesus, your Savior, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary to live, die, rise, ascend, and return in great glory for you! In Him you have life and have it to the full! Amen.

*In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

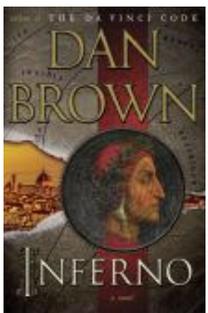
# PEACE NEWS & NOTES

## Peace Book Club

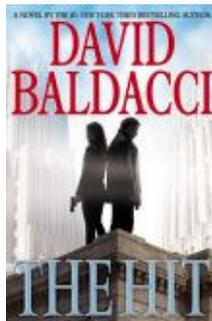
The Book Club will take a break from meeting for a few months, although we will be busy reading. We selected four very different titles for summer reading: The classic, *The Grapes of Wrath* by John



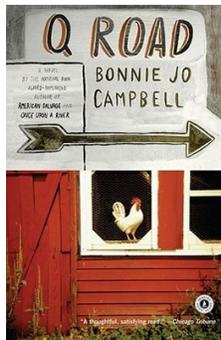
Steinbeck, the thriller, *The Hit* by David Baldacci, Dan Brown's *Inferno* and



*Q Road* by Michigan author Bonnie Jo



Campbell. If you are looking for something to read



this summer, why not try one of our choices and join us in September (date to be announced later.)

## SALT NEWS

SALT will take a break from meeting during the summer and will reconvene in September.

*Please see our Meeting Minutes on the SALT Bulletin Board*

### SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS

This is an ongoing outreach for the SALT Committee. Please get in touch with Carolyn if you know of a person in the armed forces who is serving abroad. (email [ckj1969@yahoo.com](mailto:ckj1969@yahoo.com)).

### SECOND TIME AROUND SALE

SALT and the Ladies' Guild are planning another Second Time Around Sale. The dates are July 12 and 13. Please bring any donations to the church by July 7, at the latest, so that they can be priced in advance of the sale. Please put items in the grades 3-5 classroom.

Also, on the SALT bulletin board in the fellowship hall there is a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with set-up and the sale. Helpers are needed on the 12th and 13th during the sale and also in advance for pricing items and setting up. Please see Dorothy Trgina or Coaline Luplow with questions. Thanks for your support!

**CHURCH PICNIC**  
**Sunday, August 11**  
**(see page 9 for details)**

# PEACE NEWS & NOTES Cont'd



## JULY

### Happy Birthday

- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Ella Shaw        | 22 Gretchen Harrison |
| 2 Savannah Blair   | 24 Sharyn Greening   |
| 9 Brandon Brown    | 25 Chris Brown       |
| 22 Shawna Greening | 25 Pastor Messer     |

### Happy Anniversary

- 7 David and Mary Girard
- 13 Gabriel and Amy Blair
- 20 Jonathan and Debra Penzien
- 22 John and Amanda Row
- 31 Art and Cassie Tennant

## AUGUST

### Happy Birthday

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 4 Bill Reichardt  | 29 Jeannette Bige- |
| 5 Phillip Schafer | low                |
| 7 Bill Hendrick   | 29 Mike Harrison   |
| 10 Jennie Harmon  | 30 Amy Lesinger    |
| 20 Megan Brown    | 31 Jon Penzien     |

### Happy Anniversary

- 9 Larry and Andrea Elliott
- 14 Daren and Carolyn Johnson
- 14 Phil and Lois Ramsey
- 18 Blaine and Tina Schafer
- 23 Jack and Janice Langan

*If we ever miss your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so that we can update our records.*

## REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

We all love to receive greetings from people who care for us. What better way to remember our shut-ins (when it is difficult for us to make a personal visit) than to send a note or a card periodically to let them know we are thinking of them and to give them something to look forward to in the mail, and especially at this time of the year! Please consider dropping a few lines to our shut-ins during the course of each month.

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Vivian Strom  
Masonic Pathways  
1200 Wright Ave.  
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Joan Burch  
Schnepp Health Care Center  
427 E. Washington  
St. Louis, MI 48880

Also, while correspondence is not requested for him, please remember our dear brother in Christ, Dick Wiser, who is at Pine River in St. Louis, in your prayers.



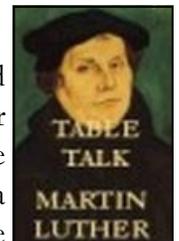
## LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH

**Ladies' lunch bunch is taking a break for the summer. Stay tuned for more information as we resume in the fall.**



### Table Talk

Our Table Talks are informal and informative discussions with Pastor Messer on various topics decided by the group in attendance. Table Talk is a great time to take advantage of the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. We will resume meeting in the fall. Check the September Peace Post for more information.



# Ladies' Guild

## Ladies Guild Meeting

Our Ladies Guild will break for the summer. Next meeting is **WEDNESDAY, September 4 at 12:00 pm.** with Lois Ramsey as hostess. All Ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our Guild meetings. If you are a confirmed female member of Peace, you are a member of Guild. We would sincerely encourage you to participate and be an active member of the Guild.

## PLC Women's Prayer Chain

The current list is posted on the Ladies' Guild Bulletin Board. All participants should have a copy. If you wish to be added to the prayer chain as a caller, or if you wish to have yourself or someone else "sent through the chain," please see or call Marlene Miller at 463-3710.

## Altar Flowers

There is a flower calendar for 2013 is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. We are now working toward ordering altar flower arrangements that coordinate with and enhance the liturgical colors of each Season of the Church year. Depending on the dates, flowers may not always be displayed for a calendar month. Some Seasons of the Church year cross calendar months. If you wish to place flowers on the altar sometime during the year, please put your name on the calendar. A bouquet costs \$25. We encourage two persons (families) to purchase flowers each month, one for each plant stand. Please make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church, attach a note marked "Altar Flowers" and place in the Financial Secretary's envelope in the church office. Any questions may be directed to Carol Zeile or Coaline Luplow. Thank you for helping to beautify our chancel.

## PEACE LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD



The Ladies' Guild is collecting the following items to send to Lutheran World Relief:

### SCHOOL KIT

- 4- 70 SHEET NOTEBOOKS
- 1- 30 CENTIMETER RULER
- 1- PENCIL SHARPENER
- 1 - BLUNT SCISSORS
- 5- PENCILS
- 5- BALLPOINT PENS
- 1 BOX CRAYONS 16 -24 COUNT
- 1 2 ½ " ERASER

ONE STURDY DRAWSTRING BACKPACK-STYLE CLOTH BAG APPROXIMATELY 14 X 17 WITH SHOULDER STRAPS

**COLLECTION DATES: JULY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30**

## PEACE LADIES GUILD COOKBOOK

Cookbooks are available for \$10.00 and can be purchased during fellowship time from any member of the Guild. Please see Coaline Luplow with any questions.

## LADIES GUILD SELLS CUTLERY

Rada cutlery is on display the 3rd Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall during the coffee hour., We have seven different items in stock: Paring Knife, Large Slicer Knife, Tomato Slicer, Serrated Steak Knife, Spatula, Pie Server, and Veggie Peeler. A product catalogue is available for viewing and orders may also be placed through the catalog.



### July

Carol Zeile

- 7 Shawwna Greening
- 14 Miriam Cross
- 21 Carol Zeile
- 28 Lisa Messer

### August

*Altar Care*  
Andrea Elliott

### Coffee Hostesses

- 4 M.Miller/C.Dargie
- 11 Jenny Baughman
- 18 Carolyn Johnson
- 25 Tina Schaffer

### September

Carol Zeile

- 1 Carol Zeile
- 8 Jenny Baughman
- 15 S.Greening/M.Brown
- 22 Dorothy Trgina
- 29 Coaline Luplow



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

## Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School and Adult Bible Class (currently studying *Revelation*) is offered on **Sundays at 11:15 a.m.** (Last day of Sunday School is June 2 and will reconvene in September).

## Together in the Word

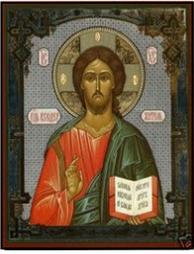
- We meet every **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.** We are currently studying *2 Kings*. All are welcome to join us!

## Wednesday Bible Study

- Meets every Wednesday at 6 pm for a study of *Acts*.

## First Communion and Confirmation Classes

- First Communion Classes take place as arranged (see Pastor Messer if interested); Confirmation starts in fall.



### PASTOR MESSER IS BLOGGING!

[www.abideinmyword.blogspot.com](http://www.abideinmyword.blogspot.com)

*Check in from time to time  
to see what's on his mind.*



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### PAROCHIAL REPORT

(as of 6/30/13)

#### Membership at Peace

Baptized - 143; Confirmed - 118

Membership gains: 0

Membership losses: 1

*Donna Bebow called home by our Lord (6/24)*

#### Financial Report through 6/30/13

YTD Budgeted.....\$56,550.00

YTD Receipts.....\$52,307.26

Difference.....-\$4,242.74

## The Green Season, Liturgically Speaking

As you may recall, most of the summer we will be using the green superfrontal, pulpit bookmark and sanctuary banner on Sundays. After Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday, we enter the “Green Season.” This is a non-festival time of the church year, sometimes called “Ordinary Time” since these Sundays have no seasonal name and are indicated by ordinal numbers. You will see that we use Trinity 1, Trinity 2, Trinity 3, etc. to denote the Sundays after Holy Trinity. The color green was chosen as the liturgical color since it is often considered the color of life and growing things. Even in the “ordinary” time of the church year we continue to grow in faith as we receive the Lord’s gifts of Word and Sacrament.



# Peace Church Picnic

Sunday, August 11, 2013

12:30 p.m.—? rain or shine



Hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings, tea, lemonade and games for all ages will be provided by SALT. (Some games will include water, so plan accordingly!)



Please bring lawn chairs, a dish to pass, friends and family and anything else you want to drink.

See Andrea Elliott or Carolyn Johnson if you have questions.

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# July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm - Council	<b>3</b> <i>No Bible Study or Divine Service</i>	<b>4</b> <i>No Together n the Word No Weight Watchers</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> <i>Trinity 6</i> 9:30 am - Divine Service 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - Bible Class 	<b>8</b> <b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <i>No Bible Study or Divine Service</i>	<b>11</b> <i>No Together n the Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers</i>	<b>12</b> 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Second time around sale	<b>13</b> 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Second time around sale		
<b>14</b> <i>Trinity 7</i> 9:30 am - Divine Service 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - Bible Class 	<b>15</b> <b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>No Bible Study or Divine Service</i>	<b>18</b> <i>No Together n the Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>		
<b>21</b> <i>Trinity 8</i> 9:30 am - Divine Service 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - Bible Class 	<b>22</b> <b>23</b> 7:00 pm - Stewardship Committee Meeting	<b>24</b> <i>No Bible Study or Divine Service</i>	<b>25</b> <i>No Together n the Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>		
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>4</b> <i>Trinity 10</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>September 1</b> <i>Trinity 14</i> <b>9:30 am - Divine Service</b> 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - Bible Class 	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>				

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*The mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to welcome all people into the fellowship of God's love by proclaiming the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and to nurture our members with God's Holy Word and Sacraments.*

## *Serving in July/August*

	ELDERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS
<b>July</b>				
7 - 9:30 am <i>Trinity 6</i>	Terry Luplow	Paige Harwager Morgan Johnson	Jon Penzien Chris Brown	Dorothy Trgina
14 - 9:30 am <i>Trinity 7</i>	Miguel Ortiz	Farrah Blair Myka Luplow	Gabriel Blair Vern Jakolat	Blair Family
21 - 9:30 am <i>Trinity 8</i>	Gabriel Blair	Aaron Cross Savannah Blair	Troy Cross Miguel Ortiz	Jenny Baughman
28 - 9:30 am <i>Trinity 9</i>	Larry Elliott	Sierra Luplow Natalie Penzien	Tyrel Harwager Daren Johnson	Charlotte Dargie Marlene Miller
<b>August</b>				
4 - 9:30 am <i>Trinity 10</i>	Terry Luplow	Paige Harwager Aaron Messer	John Lemmermann Chris Brown	Yvonne Elenbaas Mary Girard
11 - 9:30 am <i>Trinity 11</i>	Miguel Ortiz	Morgan Johnson Farrah Blair	Gary Miller Jon Penzien	Sharyn Greening
18 - 9:30 am <i>Trinity 12</i>	Gabriel Blair	Myka Luplow Aaron Cross	Vern Jakolat Troy Cross	Dave and Carol Zeile
25 - 9:30 am <i>Trinity 13</i>	Larry Elliott	Savannah Blair Sierra Luplow	Miguel Ortiz Tyrel Harwager	Terry and Coaline Luplow
<b>September</b>				
1 - 9:30 am <i>Trinity 14</i>	Terry Luplow	Natalie Penzien Aaron Messer	Daren Johnson Gabriel Blair	Lillian Manns Lois Ramsey

*“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men” (Eph. 6:7)*