



Salem Chimes



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WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS for AUGUST

The Worship & Music Committee continues to supervise the planning of Salem's worship services during this interim period without a pastor in residence. Our current worship schedule of *ELW Setting 3* on the first Sunday of the month, *With One Voice Setting 5* on the second Sunday of the month, *Chicago Folk Service* on the third Sunday of the month, and *ELW Setting 3* on the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month, will continue throughout the summer months.

Because of ballooning deficits, the Worship & Music Committee has decided to return to an earlier Salem tradition, and serve communion only on the first and second Sundays of the month during August. This will save on expense for communion supplies. On August 29, the fifth Sunday of the month, the worship service will be held in the Salem Fellowship Hall, to save the expense of cooling the church sanctuary. This worship service will begin at the usual time of 10:30 a.m., and following the service, a pitch-in luncheon will take place, also in the Fellowship Hall.

In a further effort to save expenses, the Worship & Music Committee has decided to hire Supply Pastors only for the first two Sundays of August. On August 1 and 8, Pastor Charles Allen will lead our worship service and administer communion. Pastor Allen has led our worship service several times before, and he is Chaplain of the Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry at Butler University and at IUPUI. On August 15, 22, and 29, our very capable Lay Assistants will lead the worship service, as they have done on recent Sundays in July. In addition, Diann Ryan will present a meditation at the sermon time on August 15 and on August 29, a hymn sing will take the place of a sermon.

The Worship & Music Committee has adopted the current worship schedule in the belief that making sacrifices to work within the limits of our current reduced monthly income is the best way to keep our church afloat. Congregations across the country, in our Synod, and in the Indianapolis Conference, are doing as we are doing to avoid the closure that has befallen many churches in these difficult times. Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church is now the oldest 'Lutheran congregation in Indianapolis. Next year we will be celebrating our one hundred and seventy-fifth year as a House of God.

We hope you will attend and enjoy the worship services and music planned by the Worship & Music Committee in cooperation with our Organist and Music Director, George Karst. As our Lay Assistants assume more responsibility for leading our worship services, we urge you to complement them if you enjoy the service, if not with applause as you have done for our musicians' performances, then with words of encouragement. If you have questions or concerns about the worship services, please let the committee know.

Our sole mission is that you come to worship with us again and again to hear God's word and sing His praises. May God bless us as we seek His will for our lives and for our congregation.

Charles Rader, Chairman
Worship & Music Committee

COUNCIL VACANCY NEEDS FILLING

As you may know, Tony and Dawn Santagata, who are moving to California, recently resigned from the Congregation Council, creating two vacancies. Charles Rader has volunteered to fill one vacancy as a representative of the Worship & Music Committee. This still leaves one vacancy yet to be filled at a time when we face tough decisions about Salem's future.

The constitution requires that the council appoint a voting member of the congregation to fill this vacancy. This appointment would last only a few months, until the next regular election of council members, which has traditionally been at the Fall Special Congregational Meeting in November.

Won't you please consider volunteering to serve on the Salem Council for the next few months and help plan for Salem's future? At present, our church's monthly income is so low that we cannot afford to hire a full-time pastor. How long can we wait to see if our attendance and income will increase? How can we increase our income so that we can hire a part-time Interim Pastor?

Questions like these and others will need answering in the months ahead. If you are concerned about whether Salem will survive, your ideas are needed in council discussions. Please contact our president, Jennifer Christie, or our Church Secretary, Alter Collins, and leave your name. Thank you for your service to the ministry of Salem Lutheran Church.



COUNCIL VACANCY

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Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:00 a.m

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m

The Sharing Place Wish List

Pantry and clothing bank supplies are low at The Sharing Place, Lutheran Child & Family Services' material assistance ministry for families in need. The current wish list includes: canned meats, canned vegetables and fruit, pasta and spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese mix, crackers, cereal, and underwear and socks, **especially adult sizes.**

Please deliver your donations to: Sharing Place East 7049 E. 10th Street. For directions or for additional information, please contact Mary Beth Trotter, Manager at 359-5467, ext. 215 or mtrotter@lutheranfamily.org.

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Created by God to make Christ known, and filled with the Holy Spirit,

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a ministry of Jesus that, through word and sacrament:

- † Strengthens and energizes individuals and families in the Christian faith;
- † Contributes to the growth of fellowship;
- † Equips and affirms individuals in their acts of ministry;
- † Encourages freedom of expression;
- † Encourages all members to participate in the tasks of common life; and
- † Is dedicated to bringing the strength of individual and collective Christian commitment to community involvement.

Volunteering at The Sharing Place=Discipleship!

Now, more than ever, families are in need of assistance to help make ends meet. You can make a difference in the lives of others by donating your time and talent to The Sharing Place, a ministry of Lutheran Child & Family Services providing food and clothing to families in need. By helping "the least of these," you will discover new opportunities for discipleship as you outfit a family with gently used clothing or guide them through the pantry menu options.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Leslie McCotry, Volunteer Resources Coordinator, at volunteer@lutheranfamily.org or 359-5467, ext. 242.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Harry Bowden	8/1
Garrett Lowery	8/3
Bill Ayres	8/5
Fred Winter	8/7
Charles Rader	8/12
Ken Hendrickson	8/14
Alexander Winter	8/19
Susan Kunze	8/20
Sandra Brandenburg	8/24
Kelsey Vance	8/26
Johanne Ely	8/27
June Bowden	8/28

JULY VISITORS

RETURN VISITS

VISITORS

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(Note: The following meditation on Luke 10:38-42 was presented by Rosemary Rader during the sermon time of the July 18, 2010, 10:30 a.m. worship service.)

A Clash of Personalities

Today's Gospel lesson talks about two sisters who are followers of Jesus. Mary and Martha, though sisters, have very different temperaments.

I never had a sister, but I have known families with several daughters. Usually the girls were very individual in their talents, temperaments, and even in their looks. My maternal grandmother had two sisters, one older than she, and one younger. The oldest, Johanna, was only 4'10" tall, but she was an active farm wife who raised two sons. She was always plump, and had brown hair. Her life was hard, because her husband died in middle age, while Aunt Hannah lived to be 101. The younger sister, Clara, was nearly 6' tall--even as a teen, she was the tallest person in her family. Her hair was brown and she was pencil slim all her life, though she had five children. My grandmother, Rosa, was 5' tall. Her hair was red, but she did not have a fiery temperament--she never raised her voice with me or anyone. She was always slim and the prettiest of the three sisters. What I remember most about her was her boundless energy--she was a dynamo. As a farm wife her day began at 4:00 AM, and she spent the whole morning during spring and summer days working in her garden while it was cool. She canned over 100 quarts of green beans from her garden each summer, at least that many quarts of tomatoes, and 'put up' many jars of corn, beets, greens, pickles, sauerkraut, soups, fruits, and even cooked chickens. Each day she cooked three big meals, washed all the milk cans, buckets and supplies, collected the eggs, fed and watered the chickens, and still found time during the week for all the usual chores of cooking, baking, washing dirty laundry and hanging it on the line to dry, ironing cotton clothes and bedding. To me it seemed as if her chores never ended. Though I appreciate a clean house, I despise regular bouts of vacuuming and dusting. The sight of an empty laundry hamper makes me happy, but, I am also a little sad to know how quickly it will again be full of dirty clothes. I seldom iron more than once a month. When my automatic dishwasher suffered a recent temporary breakdown, I had to wait **two weeks** for the repairman to bring a part. Oh, how I missed that dishwasher! Grandma never seemed to mind the repetition of **her** chores, though she lived on a farm without running water, and washed mountains of dishes, pots and pan each day.

During my childhood, I waited anxiously each spring to learn when my father's one week of vacation would be. As soon as Dad knew, my Mother would write to Grandma to let her know when to expect us for our annual summer visit. It was a grueling trip, which began in Detroit as soon as my Dad got home from work on a Friday night. Mom would have already prepared our dinner, also a hamper of food and a gallon jug of ice water. We would eat dinner, then Mom would wash up the dishes, supervise the packing of the car with food, drinks and luggage, then get us all into the car. Dad would sleep in the backseat while Mom drove all night long. My brother and I sat in the front seat with Mom, to watch for road signs and read the map for her. Dad would drive the next day, but with the poorly marked roads in those days, Mom always stayed awake while he drove to help him as **his** navigator. The trips were long--about eighteen hours, if there were no floods or detours. But, when we arrived at the farm in southwestern MO, we knew Grandma and Grandpa would be waiting in a spotless house, with a pantry full of good food for us. Grandma cleaned her house from top to bottom before our visits, and often wall-papered several rooms with the help of a friend. Like Martha, she had a long list of 'chores' to do prior to our visits, and she was never satisfied until all was in readiness for our arrival.

Mary, as we have read, is not the domestic dynamo in her family. She is the contemplative one, who wants to soak up all of Jesus wisdom during the short time he will be in her hometown. So, she has sought him out, and has spent her day listening carefully to his words. Martha, probably worn out from her preparations, is distracted, tired and obviously disgusted that her sister has not stayed home to help prepare the food and the house. It is difficult sometimes for an active person to understand someone who simply sits and thinks. And the person who is devoted to prayer and quiet meditation is apt to look down on one who is continually bustling with activity. This is not a case of one sister being right and the other wrong. God needs both Marthas and Marys, and Jesus says that. Tolerance for the differences we may observe between ourselves and others, and patient acceptance of them is what God requires of us.

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There is perhaps a second message for us in this story. Jesus, you remember, is on his way to Jerusalem, where he knows he will die. He has walked a long way, and spent much of his energies in talking to his followers, trying to prepare them for the trials to come. Martha, in her eagerness to welcome him to her home in Bethany, has fixed a big meal, and fussed over every detail on her "to do" list. Jesus probably arrived greatly fatigued, looking forward to a simple meal and a quiet oasis in which to relax away from the crowd, if only for a few hours. Mary is quiet and comforting, but Martha is agitated and distracted by her desire to welcome

Jesus **her way**. **Her way** may not be the best way for Jesus at that moment.

This is one of the difficulties we face in life sometimes, when we wish to be kind to someone. Usually, we try to prepare everything ahead, like Martha, to find something to do or a gift to give which seems appealing to us. If the recipient of our gift does not recognize and acknowledge all of our energies spent for '**him,**' we may be offended or feel unappreciated. Sometimes an offer of a quiet, relaxed conversation is actually a better gift--**listening** to the other person, letting him decide what kind of activities **he** would like, and what kind of food **he** needs, is often the kindest thing we can do for another person.

We know that there are many daily chores which need to be done, but perhaps we can remember to efficiently prioritize our 'to do' list to allow us to adopt the best qualities of both Martha and Mary; to slow down, and set aside some quiet time each day to meditate, pray, read and hear God's word. It seems to me that is the lesson for us in this story of the two sisters.



***JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 18TH,
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR AN
ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT 1:00 P.M.***

***WE WILL HAVE LOTS OF ICE CREAM,
TOPPINGS, EVEN NUTS.***

***THERE WILL BE BINGO, CARDS, VISITING AND CATCHING UP
TOGETHER.***

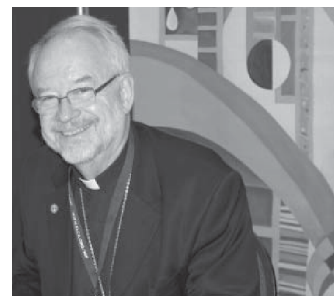
ALL WELCOME!!!!

I-K Lutheran

Where mission meets the road

From Bishop Jim Stuck

Aug. 2010



Dear Friends in Christ,

At the end of this month I will have completed my final year as your bishop. It has been an honor for me to serve as shepherd of the synod. It has been an extraordinary privilege for me to walk the journey of faith and service in and through the church with you. I will miss those opportunities to be with you in celebrative and challenging times.

One of the truths that I learned from my father and father-in-law (who were both pastors in the church) was that the Call in ministry is for a "time and a place." My time to be your bishop has ended and I look forward to what my next Call might be in the church.

I look forward to what God is doing; He continues to provide leaders to meet the needs of the church. I am encouraged by the missional leadership I see emerging; God is blessing us with faithful, bold and courageous leaders. I am grateful for our mission-minded synodical leadership and our newly elected bishop, Bill Gafkjen. I am grateful for you and your commitment to be in mission in the world for the sake of the Gospel.

At the assembly I was honored for my service as your bishop. It was humbling and heart-warming. I am grateful for the expressions of love and appreciation and the generous donations to the Freed to Lead Fund and a Camper Scholarship Fund through Outdoor Ministries. I give thanks to God for you all and am grateful for your support of me and the church. Thank you for your prayers and may God continue to bless you richly. And may we continue to share the Good News of Jesus with the world.

Your brother in Christ, *Bishop Jim Stuck*

ELCA News ELCA Bishop Says Time for Immigration Reform is Now

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- The time has come for immigration reform in the US, according to the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the ELCA. Although issues surrounding immigration are "complex and not easily resolved," the biblical witness for reform is clear, Hanson wrote in a July 13 pastoral letter to the 4.6 millionmember ELCA.

"The distinctions that so often divide humankind are overcome in Christ," wrote Hanson. "By grace through faith on account of Christ we are joined together in a radically inclusive community."

"We cannot welcome people into the ELCA, however, without caring about their lives, their concerns and their experiences as newcomers in this country. For that reason the ELCA repeatedly has affirmed the biblical witness and our shared experience," culminating in a 2009 Churchwide Assembly action. That action commits the ELCA and the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) to work toward comprehensive immigration "reform that balances respect for the law with the recognition of due process and respect for humanitarian principles," he wrote.

In his letter Hanson identified LIRS' four foundational values for immigration reform -- keeping families together, maintaining basic human and worker rights, helping new neighbors come out of the shadows, and seeking a path to permanence for new neighbors.

Around the I-K Synod

It is not holiday food-drive season, but local food pantries need food right NOW. Suggestions:

- Canned meats such as tuna, chicken or fish, peanut butter
- Soups and stews, rice and pasta, cereal
- Canned vegetables, including tomatoes and tomato sauce
- Canned or dried beans and peas
- Canned fruits
- Fruit juice, canned, plastic or boxed
- Box mixes such as macaroni and cheese or Hamburger Helper
- Shelf-stable milk: dehydrated milk, canned evaporated milk and instant breakfasts

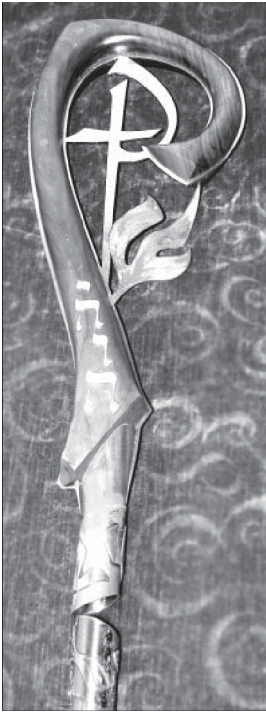


FREE Book of Faith Webinars

- Aug. 3, 8:00 p.m.**
Spark Webinar: "Training the Trainer"
- Aug. 5, 3:30 p.m.**
Building Bible Literacy with Children
- Aug. 10, 1:15 p.m.**
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About Your Synod: The Bishop's Crozier



You may have noticed that Bishop Stuck carries a beautiful shepherd's staff when presiding at ordinations. The name of this staff is *crozier*, also spelled *crozier*. The carved crozier carried by the bishop of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod was handmade by Sandra Mikel Essex in 1993. She writes, "Because a shepherd's staff must have been made from the wood at hand, it seemed appropriate to use walnut, a beautiful hardwood indigenous to both Indiana and Kentucky."

Ms. Essex incorporated the symbols of the Trinity into her crozier design. God is represented in the Hebrew words, fashioned out of sterling silver, "I am that I am" from the book of Exodus. For the Son, Ms. Essex used brass to form the Greek *chi* and *rho*, the oldest of the Christ symbols, in combination with the cross. The flame, made out of red, brown and yellow colors swirled together as enamel and baked on copper represent the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world.

Since the crozier must be taken apart to fit in its case, the artist has used brass to conceal the joints of the staff. Sterling silver renditions of burning bushes and doves are laid on the top half of the brass ferrule and on the lower ferrule, sterling silver fish represent the faithful since the bishop, as clergy, is known as a "fisher of men."

Bishop Stuck has also used the crozier for children's sermons. He remarked that children seem to be intrigued by its shape and design. Also, since the crozier comes apart for storage and transportation, and fits into a rectangular case (pictured), Bishop Stuck has had to answer many questions about what could be in the case he carries: A musical instrument? A set of tools? A rifle? This always brought the opportunity to tell the story, *to make Christ known!*

The symbol for the office of bishop is the crozier, or shepherd's staff because a shepherd is expected to protect his flock from danger.



2010 I-K Synod Events & Opportunities

Stewardship Workshop North: "Celebrating a Generous God"

For pastors, lay rostered professionals, congregational leaders, stewardship committees, and church council members

Saturday, September 11
Epiphany Lutheran Church
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Registration form and additional information available online at www.iksynod.org

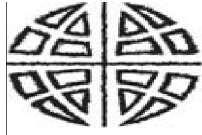
Keith Mundy, ELCA Assistant Director For Stewardship, will be the keynote speaker.

\$15.00 for materials, lunch; Call 260-486-1664 or send an email to: Marceilet@redmons.com

Calling all singers...

Join the choir for Bishop-Elect Gafkjen's installation on Saturday, September 11, 11:00 a.m., at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. The worship team is recruiting singers to form a choir for the festival worship service. We'd love to fill the choir loft! We encourage all choir directors to recruit singers from their congregations and help them learn the music. The music team will conduct area rehearsals within the last two weeks before the event itself. A final rehearsal will be held on Saturday morning prior to the service.

Information about the music will be forthcoming in a few weeks, but until then contact Maretta Hershberger, music coordinator, mhershberger@sbcglobal.net.



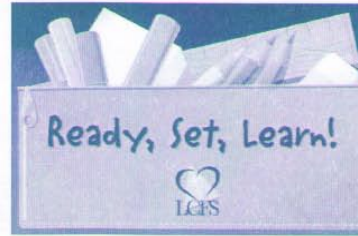
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**Burlington Lutheran
Church**
cordially invites your presence
and prayers for the
Installation Worship Service
of
Pastor Laurin Vance
on
Sunday August 8, 2010
9:30 a.m.
at
Burlington Lutheran Church
134 E Victoria
Burlington, WA 98273

A brunch reception will follow



**A Back to School program sponsored by
Lutheran Child and Family Services
and The Sharing Place**

***You can help disadvantaged children be ready
for the new school year!***

Children served by Lutheran Child and Family Services as well
as those in your community need all basic school supplies.
The following are the most in demand:

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| √ Uniform Shirts (Sizes
4—Adult XXL) | √ Uniform Pants, Shorts
(Sizes 4—Adult for
boys) | √ Uniform Pants, Skirts,
Dresses (4—Adult for
girls) |
| √ Underwear (Sizes 4—
Adult XXL) | √ Belts (All sizes) | √ School Supply Boxes |
| √ Socks (All sizes) | √ Markers | √ Notebooks (No Spiral
Bound) |
| √ Erasers | √ Colored Pencils | √ Loose Leaf Paper (Wide
Ruled and College
Ruled) |
| √ Kleenex | √ Rulers | √ Solid Color Pocket
Folders (No Prongs) |
| √ Glue/Glue Sticks | √ Scissors | |
| √ Pencils | √ Highlighters | |

Please consider sponsoring a donation drive!

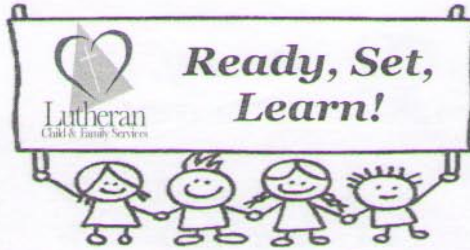
The *Ready, Set, Learn!* “School Store” will be open
August 13th-16th for families in need.

Bring your donations to

The Sharing Place (M-Th 9:30a-3p)
5321 E. 42nd St.
Indianapolis, IN 46226

or

Lutheran Child and Family Services
1525 N. Ritter Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46219



**You Can Help Disadvantaged Children Be Ready
For The New School Year!!**

Ready, Set, Learn! gives needy families in our community the opportunity to shop at The Sharing Place "School Store" for mandatory school uniforms and supplies they may otherwise not be able to afford. They can pick out exactly what their kids need free of charge. For this, we need YOUR help to make sure no child goes back to school unprepared.

Your gift of:

- \$25 will buy all the school supplies one child needs for the entire year.
- \$50 will buy 2 uniforms plus socks and underwear for one child.
- \$150 will buy uniforms, socks, underwear and school supplies for a family with 2 children.

Donations of pencils, markers, colored pencils, folders, notebook paper, glue, scissors and all other school supplies are also welcome. Check your church's bulletin board or call 317-359-5467 ext. 211 for a complete list.

**I want to help children in need be ready for
school this year!**

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Church: _____

Return to: The Foundation for LCFS
1525 N. Ritter Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46219



August Worship Serving Schedule

AUGUST	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	NURSERY	USHER	GREETER
1	Charlie Rader	Devoe Slisher			Burt Hall	Stacey Parker
8	Ralph Oberlander	Rosemary Rader			Harry Bowden	Bel Hedlund
15	Laura Morgan	Diann Ryan			Devoe Slisher	
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Please make a note in your personal calendar so that we may count on your availability to serve. If for some reason you are unable to serve,



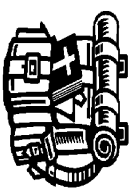
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Jim & Dee Warriner	2 Frederick & Jody Winter; Alexander, Delaney	3 William Winter	4 Sandra Wuensch	5 Tom & Candace Yost	6 Gino & Barbara Agresti; Amanda, Angela	7 Connie Alexander
8 Thomas & Nancy Alexander	9 Ernestine Allen	10 Gayle & Phyllis Anderson	11 Erika Anttila	12 Karen Anttila	13 Stina Anttila	14 William & Linda Ayres; Sarah, Samantha
15 Jeff & Ellen Barraclough; Emily, Anne, Christina	16 Aileen Blue	17 Daniel & June Bowden	18 Harry Bowden	19 David & Sandra Brandenburg	20 John Brentlinger	21 Ismay Broomes; David
22 Susan Bunhu	23 Peter Bush	24 Peter Bush	25 Susan Carr	26 Maria Childers	27 Bill & Jennifer Christie	28 Michael Cozmanoff
29 Johanne Ely	30 Nary Etchison	31 Sally Flint				



AUGUST 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10:30 am	2	3	4	5 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	6	7
8 Worship 10:30 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (After Worship)	9	10	11	12	13	14 Game Night 5:30—Food 6:00 Games
15 Worship 10:30 am	16	17	18 Ice Cream Social 1:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)	19	20	21
22 Worship 10:30 am	23	24	25 Chimes Deadline	26	27	28
29 Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Hall	30	31				

AUGUST 2010

CHURCH STAFF

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Alter L. Collins, Secretary

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