



SALEM CHIMES

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Dear Friends,

As we celebrate this special anniversary year, we are celebrating sacred moments from Salem's history. We are taking time to recognize Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings, and remembering loved ones who are a part of the Church Triumphant. With each of these celebrations, it is a time of remembering and reflecting upon the significance of sacred moments in our lives.

The Salem office has been a busy place these past couple of weeks and everyone who passed through the office helped with names and stories about former members. One of these names triggered a memory for Burt Hall. Burt sat down and shared this story with me.



Jenna Hall
1972

The Sunday Burt's daughter, Jenna, turned thirteen Burt watched Jenna go up to receive Holy Communion directly behind Thelma Gakstatter who had buried her husband, Paul, three weeks earlier. Burt was struck by the place each woman was in her life journey; Jenna entering the teen years of life and Thelma now in the state of widowhood. What were their thoughts and prayers as each welcomed Jesus in Holy Communion that day? Four decades later Burt still wonders about this.

Stories like this and memories of other events, both major and minor, are what this anniversary year is about. This year is a special invitation to remember and think about what things have happened in your life which center around Salem.

Salem is unique. Salem is located in the center of a major city where church membership turnover is common. Salem, on the other hand, still maintains many of the qualities of a family church and several members trace their family roots back to the founding families. What a powerful history from which to draw memories!

Although my history at Salem is measured in months, two of the best memories of my entire ministry have taken place during my time with you. I hope that each of you will think back over your years at Salem and come up with your own special memory or two.

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175 Years
1836 - 2011

Peace,

Pastor Bonnie

Stated Supply Pastor

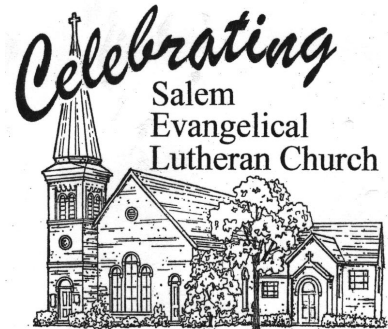
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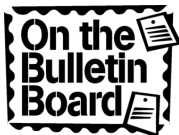
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175 Years
1836-2011



The wall outside the office is full of great opportunities to share your time, talents and tithes in ministry.

 Birthdays This Month	10/2	Bethel Hendrix	10/5	Anita Gooderum
	10/3	Jim Warriner	10/12	Steve Siroky
	10/4	Zachary Parker	10/26	Geraldene Sterritt
		10/28	Aileen Blue	

OCTOBER 15 SCHEDULE

Thank you to all who are working to make our **Episcopal (Bishop's visit) Celebration** a memorable and joyous occasion. Please mail or email your RSVP reply for the events:

- 2:00 p.m. Worship Event with Bishop William O. Gafkjen
A reception follows in the conference room.
- 5:00 p.m. 175th Anniversary Dinner
The menu features chicken and fish dishes, fall casseroles, salads, rolls, cobbler, bars and brownies.



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Bill Gafkjen was elected Bishop in June of 2010 to lead the 197 congregations of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He previously served as Assistant to the Synod Bishop under Jim Stuck. The Bishop has served as Pastor of congregations in Niles, Michigan; South Bend, Indiana; Mora, Minnesota; and Duncanville, Pennsylvania. He also worked with Lutheran Campus Ministries at Pennsylvania State University.

The Sound of Music

Greetings and may blessings abound,

What is it about the human psyche that allows the familiar to bring a smile to our face or a skip to our step that wasn't there before? Maybe it is the sense of reliving part of our history or perhaps it is the comfort in knowing that an era or stated period of time is not quite over yet. Whatever it is, we at Salem do have a lot of familiarity to smile about.

This past week my mind has wandered to events that have occurred at our church over the past fifty years or so. I remember that first weekend some twenty years ago where a fairly significant number of folks literally took sledgehammers to the walls upstairs so as to remodel for a much needed nursery. Were you there?

What in heavens' name were we thinking? Then as now we all know that one cannot simply remodel just one room. Upon completion of that renovation project many upgrades were made. As I also recall, the project was initiated at a time that Salem did not have a called Pastor.

This past week our new carillon was installed; what a blessing! Somehow, it seems fitting that our church should have a carillon operating again, just as fitting as stain glass windows or beautiful wood pews. Susan tells me that as she was growing up, just north of the church on Pollard Street, the sound from the carillon was very much a part of the community. I still remember our previous carillon, although it has been awhile, chiming the well known melodies of favorite hymns and anthems. It became a familiar sound even to those of us who did not live within the village of New Augusta, but were here at the church enough to appreciate that sound of music.

Salem has been blessed with an abundant past, some 175 years and counting. Part of that past will again bring us to our future, still at some length undefined. I also suspect that we are not nearly as secluded as we might think. Our billboard on West 71st Street is seen by thousands every day and our website is certainly accessible to anyone with internet capabilities. Our Fellowship Hall has been there to serve others as well as ourselves and will continue to be utilized by many different groups, some religious, some not. Now, with the advent of the new carillon, our church can now be heard in a very unique way. One can only imagine the extent that the sound of music will have on our community and on us.

I believe that Salem Lutheran Church will continue to bring the Good News of Christ Jesus to those who seek his words, through various means, over the ensuing years. The sound of music is yet another method to tell his story as only we can.

Peace and Grace be with you, Keith



Pastor Bonnie Sparks listens to the first concert from the new carillon.

To my friends at Salem - **change** is not always a bad thing.

As I sit in the Church office at 6:30 am, watching two men install our new carpet, I started to reflect on the many changes that have happened in the 19 years our family has attended Salem.

We have seen a lot of good people come and go through the front door of the sanctuary, a sanctuary that has been remodeled since we first attended. We have been very blessed to have raised our children here and have been a part of the growth of other families as well. Julie and I have had only one full time Pastor during our time here and yet we are still pleased with the current ministering that takes place on each and every Sunday. We have been very blessed with the music here at Salem. Even though there have been a few changes, God's gift for Salem has always been the awesome music.



Sean Rice reassembles Pastor's bookcase after the carpet installation.

I guess the biggest change around here that I really noticed is ME. You see Salem Lutheran Church is still the same. Sure we have been through some remodeling, new paint, and new carpet and even changed location once or twice in the past 175 years. But God's Love and Compassion for what happens inside the walls of this building or on the grounds of the Salem Park, has never changed. That is why I can say the biggest thing that I have seen change is me. In 1 Timothy Ch 1 v 16 Paul writes "But for that reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in Him for Eternal Life." Now I know I'm no Paul, but I have had to deal with a past that I am not proud of. But with His utmost patience, and the love of this community, I believe that the person God intended me to be is starting to develop. I wish I could tell you that God has transformed my life to the point that I no longer have faults or that my life is just perfect, but I thank God every day that it is not. Yes I thank God for placing great friends in my life, from right here in Salem to a great Bible study group of friends and especially a community through Via De Cristo that shows the love of Christ to me each and every day. I don't believe that God is ever done transforming our hearts and minds. But I do believe that we forget that we are still growing and learning and even changing.

So as we look back at all the good times and rough times, as we remember all of the people who have past through our doors, during the past 175 years, we need to celebrate that Christ is in each and everyone of us. He wants to grow and shine brighter than ever before through us. Everyday I wake up is the first and best day of the rest of my life here on earth, because I have the love of God in my heart. And that my dear friend is a BIG CHANGE.

GLYSDI, Sean Rice



The Music is Back

On September 20, 2011 at 5:12 in the afternoon the chimes rang forth from Salem's steeple once again. Tuesday morning Jeff and Caleb arrived from Chime Master Systems. After a full day of work they demonstrated the music to an excited group of listeners. Charles Rader, Devoe Slisher, Pastor Bonnie, Steve Siroky, Jeff Barraclough, Jim and Dee Warriner, Kevin Patty and a few neighbors walked around the property as hymns sounded in deep rich music, The hymns ended more than a decade of silence in the area. The new carillon is a glorious tribute to God in honor of the 175 years God has given Salem.

A dedication service will take place during worship on October 30, Reformation Sunday.

Those of you who still wish to contribute to this 175th Anniversary Project may do so with a check to Salem marked "Carillon" or by credit card online at www.salemELCA.com.

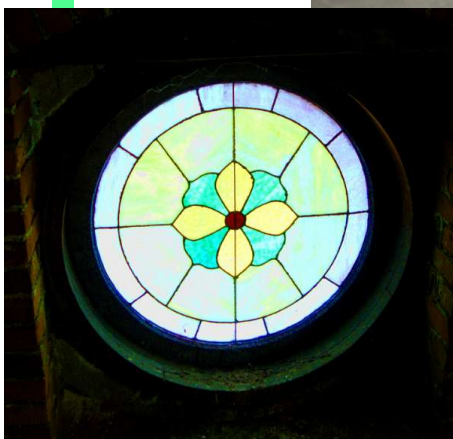


Above:
Charles Rader and Steve Siroky listen to the final instructions for programming the chimes system.

Right:
Wiring the chimes to the clavino keyboard.



Pastor Bonnie Sparks climbed into the steeple and snapped these images.



You're Invited!

Didn't get your invitation to the October 15 celebration? Oops! We'll blame it on the post office. Please contact the church office and we'll get one right out to you. If you did get your invite, please RSVP by mail or email as soon as possible. We want to make sure we have a table setting for you at the dinner. If you are one of the dozens who have responded—THANK YOU!



Fall Clean-Up

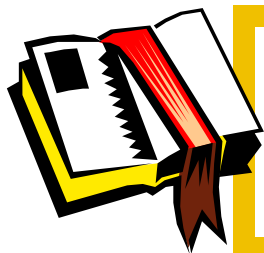
It is time to spruce up Salem.

Saturday, **October 1** we shall have a cleaning party beginning with a brief prayer and song to bless our work at 9:00 a.m. Who knows, after a hard morning of work, there might even be some sandwiches and soup to fortify everyone to finish in the afternoon. Bring your work gloves, pails, and enthusiasm.

Pastor Bonnie has been challenged to pen a new cleaning song - using Disney's HI-HO and including the name Gafkjen. Any suggestions?

New Sunday Morning Study

Beginning October 2, the Adult Sunday School will begin a six week study of **Paul's letter to the Romans**. Paul's letter to the Romans is very different than any of his other letters. Paul addresses many of the important questions that arise when one considers the relationship between God and creation. Pastor Bonnie and Steve Siroky will take turns each week teaching the class. Sunday School will continue to start at 9:00 a.m.



Noon Bible Study

Bring a sack lunch and join Pastor Mel Schroeder for the Monday Noon Bible Study on **October 10** and **17**. The group may return to Ernestine Allen's home or meet in the Fellowship Hall.

A Surprise Treat October 16, 2011

If you think the weekend of October 15 and 16 is full enough, there is another treat planned. Long time Salemites speak fondly of Pastor Roger Thompson. In early May, Pastor Bonnie invited beloved Pastor Thompson to preach on Sunday, October 16. Pastor Thompson willingly agreed and the two pastors have worked hard to keep this secret a surprise until now.

Please share this news with your friends from the Thompson era and invite them to join us at 10:30 on October 16.



Keeping Our Guests Dry

We wish to borrow a few large "golf" umbrellas to assist our guests on October 15. In the event of rain, we will escort those being dropped off at Pollard and 72nd Streets, as well as help our guests stay dry going to the Fellowship Hall.

Did you know we recycle?



Thanks to Jeff Barraclough, there is a **BLUE** recycling container in Pastor Bonnie's office for aluminum, plastic and styrofoam. Please toss your recycling in, when you have finished with your treats. There is also a box in each office and leading out of the sanctuary for recyclable paper.



Honoring the "Saints of Salem"

We will be celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday, November 13. As part of our 175th Anniversary year, we will be recognizing those members and friends of the congregation who have passed to the Church Triumphant. **Please update the church office with the current addresses of the living relatives** of those with funerals conducted at or by Salem, as well as all the members and friends who have passed.

Looking Good!

On **September 19**, the carpeting in the church hallways, conference room and the pastor's office was replaced.

Julie and Sean Rice put in many hours to make it happen. They brought in **Bob Hoopengardner** to install the new flooring. Sean "called in some favors" to gather a crew of young men to do the heavy lifting of removing the furniture, and bringing it back up from the basement. Special thanks to **Eric, Matt and Spencer** for their hard work. Julie grabbed a brush and painted Pastor Bonnie's office green to coordinate the room. **Steve Siroky** and **Devoe Slisher** lent a hand in clearing the space. September 20, **Jeff Barraclough** applied a coat of paint to the picnic tables and the shed next to the Fellowship Hall and **Burt Hall** rolled a few new stripes between the parking spaces on the west side of the church. And former member **Max Bewsey** has been mulching and landscaping some of the Salem flower beds.



Above:
Bob Hoopengardner installs the carpet and Steve Siroky dismantles the pastor's bookcase.



Jeff Barraclough paints the shed and picnic tables.

The games continue!

In September Bel Hedlund's birthday fell on the third Saturday of the month - Salem Game Night. Tom and Nancy Alexander joined us.

We will gather together at 5:30 on **November 19**, followed by the games at 6:00.

Tom Alexander, Richard Budach and Sara Jacobs roll a few strikes.



Stewardship Drive Update



On the Sundays of September 11 and 18, Commitment Cards were completed by those in attendance at the morning worship service. A total of fourteen cards were received during these two services, pledging \$40,068.00 in support of the ministry of Salem Lutheran Church during 2012. Soon a thank-you letter will be mailed out to those individuals and families who have already completed a card, confirming the amount of their pledge.

A follow-up letter will also be mailed out to those who have not yet completed a Commitment Card. If the current economy is preventing anyone from making a monetary commitment to support Salem during 2012, please make a small pledge that you know can be met, even if it is only a few dollars per month, as some of our members have already done. Making a commitment to support the church on a regular basis is more significant than the actual amount of that commitment. God has promised to reward the cheerful giver, no matter the size of the gift. As Pastor Bonnie's stewardship story in the August *Chimes* pointed out, a stewardship campaign cannot be considered a success unless everyone completes a card.

Salem's budget for 2011 is in excess of \$101,000.00, so the amount already pledged for 2012 would not cover half of this year's expenses. It is difficult to keep our church afloat not knowing whether we will be able to meet our expenses. If we ever hope to call a new pastor, now is the time to give, in return for the many blessings that God has bestowed upon each of us.

Charles Rader



Special Collections

Thank you to all who have given to meet our special expenses. We are nearing the halfway point of covering the costs of the new **carillon** with our 175th Anniversary project fund. As of September 22 we have received more than **\$7,400**.

The collection to help pay for the new **carpeting** is at **\$17**.

Please mark your envelope or check for any special gifts. **Thank you!**



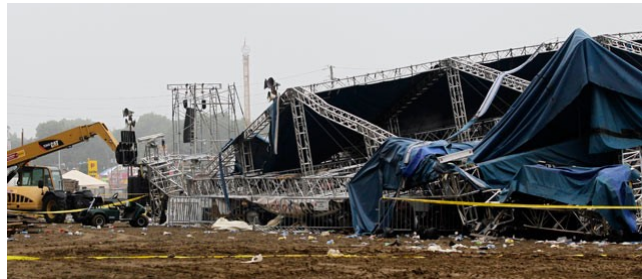
The CHIMES featuring highlights of our October 15 celebration will go to press the week of **October 24**.

Please share your favorite moments!

Follow up: Indiana State Fair Disaster

Those of you who were at worship on August 14th heard me share the experience of being directly in front of the Grandstand at the Indiana State Fair when the storm struck and the stage collapsed. I shared with you the story of taking refuge in a restroom in the Swine Barn and meeting others who felt this was a time for prayer.

That brief encounter with strangers has turned into a new friendship based in Christ with this family. Two weeks after the event Ridge Miller stopped by Salem to say “hello” and to share how each other’s family was dealing with the experience of August 13. Ridge shared a letter he had written for the *Indianapolis Star* about his experience and gave his permission to print it in the *Chimes*.



I greatly enjoyed reading Saturday's "Faith+Values" section of the paper reflecting on faith as the key to heroism at the fair. We were across the street in the Swine Barn when Saturday's tragedy occurred. I heard the sound of the stage collapsing but did not know at the time what it was. A person came running in to the barn saying she thought a tornado had touched down as I walked out to see hundreds of people fleeing from something to shelter. My family and I took cover and began silently praying with bowed heads. A lady nearby came over and asked if we were praying. When we said yes, she asked if she could join us and so there we were huddled together. We each began a round robin of petitions one of which was for those who had been affected by whatever tragedy had happened. We did not know how our prayers were being answered, only that they were. When we finished praying, the lady introduced herself and said she was a Lutheran pastor. We're Lutheran Christians ourselves and thus began a new relationship in Christ. After we learned what had happened, she, her daughter and their family then offered to take us home as we had ridden the Fishers train that morning. What a kindness! A new fellowship was borne of tragedy. Jesus said in St. Matthew, "wherever 2 or more are gathered in my name, there I am also". While there were 4 of us there, there were thousands more gathered around us! That is the essence of our common faith and the answer to the prayers of the faithful. I have wept since the tragedy for those I never knew who died or were injured that day, and for the display Hoosier heroism, a display of love that transcends our world.

*Ridge Miller
(Carmel Lutheran Church)*

PURCHASE FORM (cash only)

SALEM 175th ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIRS

Quantity

_____ PLATE (including stand) \$ 15.00 each

_____ T-SHIRT _____ Size (L, XL, or 2XL only) \$ 10.00 each

Money raised through the sale of these souvenir items will go toward the purchase of a new church carillon.

Purchaser's name: _____

Purchaser's address: _____

Purchaser's phone #: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

This is not a tax-deductible donation.



To purchase these items, please turn in the form above to the church office with payment. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday afternoons and before or after church on Sundays.

Labor Day Weekend in SALEM PARK

We sang familiar songs, heard God's word and offered praise to our Lord and Savior on Sunday morning, September 4. 12

Then we shared a meal with our Salem family and our neighbors and enjoyed a beautiful day in our own park across Pollard Street from our church.



Above, clockwise:

- Steve & Susie Siroky join the circle as we worship in-the-round.
- Sean Rice reads the day's lessons.
- Sharing the peace.
- Devoe Slisher tends to the grill.
- Susan Kunze, Connie Alexander and Dixie Richardson.
- Keith Kunze extinguishes his marshmallow at the firepit.
- Bart Richardson tosses the bean bag.

Left: Steve Siroky, Timm Parker, Tom Alexander and Harry Bowden in a meeting-of-the-minds.

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	3	4	5 RSVP deadline for October 15 events. Late reservations accepted as space permits.	6 6:30 pm COUNCIL in conference room	7	1 9:00 a.m. CLEAN UP DAY Bring work gloves. 8 Pike Historical Society Pitch-in Dinner
9	9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 Worship & Music Ministry Team Meeting	10 12:00 BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Mel in Fellowship Hall	11	12	13	14	15 2:00 p.m. Episcopal Celebration with Bishop Galkjen 5:00 p.m. Dinner in
16	9:00 Sunday school 10:30 Worship with Pastor Thompson	17 12:00 BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Mel location to be announced	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19 THIS WEEK	20	21 Reservations due for Synod-Fest (Oct. 29)	22
23	9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	24	25 Chimes Deadline	26	27	28	29 SYNOD-FEST 600 N. Ford Road Zionsville Contact Salem office to register by Oct. 21
30	REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship with dedication of the new carillon SIGN-UP FOR DIRECTORY PHOTOS	31					

One Word. Many Voices.

An Indiana-Kentucky Synod Day
Celebrating God's New and Renewing Word

9 AM - 4 PM, Saturday, October 29, 2011
Christ Church, Zionsville, Indiana

with plenary addresses by



William O. Gafken, Bishop
Indiana-Kentucky Synod



Robert A. Rimbo, Bishop
Metropolitan New York Synod

Also leading conversations:

Lorraine Brugh, Cheryl Deiter, Bonnie Harstad
Robert Hobby, Henry Langknecht, Rudy Mueller,
David Schreiber, Linda Henke

*Something for everyone in your congregation!
Gathering Eucharist with Bishop Rimbo preaching.*

One Word; many voices - and yours is one of them! Every time you gather as part of the worshipping assembly in your congregation, your voice proclaims God's Word. Every time your faith is active in word or deed, you make Christ known in our world.

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Add your voice to those of others in the Indiana-Kentucky Synod who will gather on **October 29**, at Christ Church in Zionsville to celebrate God's Word in our midst: renewing us, sustaining us, empowering us, equipping us, and uniting our diverse voices in proclamation of the One Word.

Plan to be part of this energizing and empowering day!

Cost will cover grilled brats, refreshments, materials and activities. \$20 per person; \$25 at the door; \$10 for persons under age 18; child care provided.

Register for this event online at salemELCA.com. **Make checks payable** to the Indiana-Kentucky Synod.

You may send it to the Salem office and we will forward our group together, or you may mail it directly to the synod office.

Let the Salem office know if you would like to carpool to the event.

Reformation Sunday

The roots of reformation of religion can be traced throughout Scripture: Noah and the flood, the Tower of Babel, God's covenant with Abraham, Moses delivering the Ten Commandments, the Prophets. Jesus Christ came not to found a new religion, but rather to reform the Jewish faith. In the Christian Scripture, the early Church was constantly called to reform as evidenced in the Letters to the various Church communities.

Europe's rebirth after the decline of the Roman Empire included many who genuinely work toward reformation. Throughout the Middle Ages Gregory the Great was known as "the Father of Christian Worship" because of his exceptional efforts in revising the Roman worship of his day.

Martin Luther posted 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg in 1517, a common academic practice of that day, it served as an invitation to debate. Luther was seeking reformation of the Church, not the founding of a new denomination. Luther was only one of the great reformers of his day. There are those of every age who continue to call the Church to reform. It is hoped that every pastor in every church throughout the world calls everyone to reform. Reformation Sunday is the day set aside to honor everyone who has called for reformation.

On Reformation Sunday, October 30, during worship, we shall dedicate Salem's new carillon. As Salem's carillon ring out to the community, we pray that it will serve as a call to all who hear it to reformation.



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CONNECT
our families

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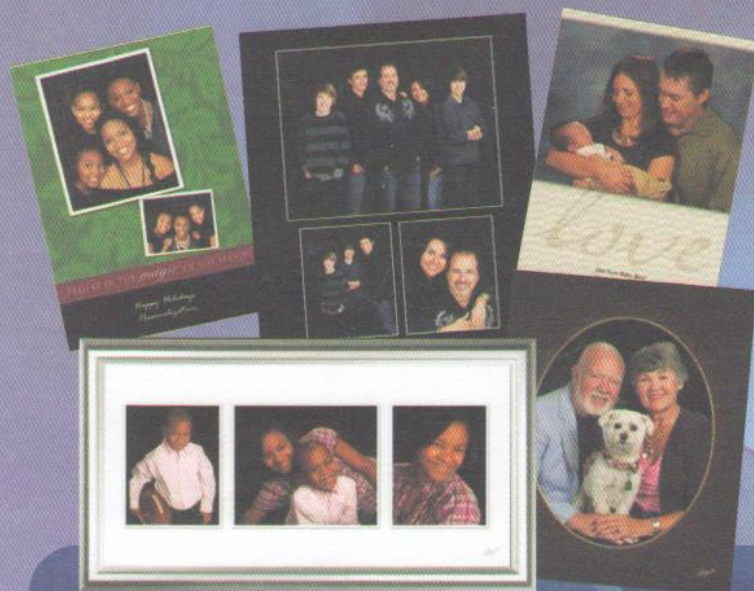
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We look forward to seeing you!



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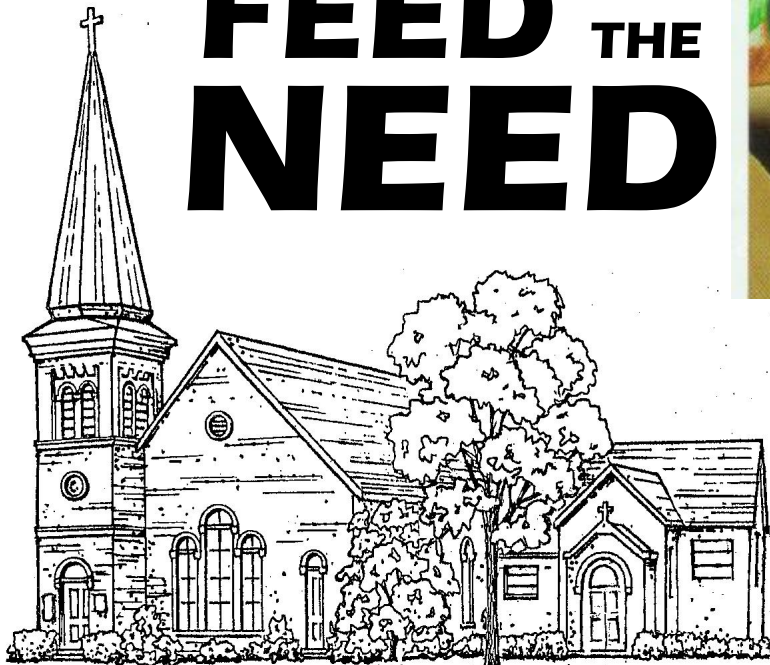
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Call the church office for more information (317) 291-5004.

Sunday Worship Serving Schedule

OCT.	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	ACOLYTES CRUCIFER	USHERS	GREETER
2 ELW	Charles Rader	Sara Jacobs	Sean Rice Julie Rice Steve Siroky	Devoe Slisher Harry Bowden	Bel Hedlund
9 WOV	Keith Kunze	Timm Parker	Devoe S. Julie Rice Burt Hall	Stacey Parker Susie Siroky	Constance K. Bel Hedlund
16 CFS	Sean Rice	Diann Ryan	Julie Rice	Keith Kunze Susan Kunze	Susan Kunze
23 ELW	Laura Morgan	Richard Budach	Keith Kunze	Burt Hall Harry Bowden	Julie Rice
30 ELW	Charles Rader	Rosemary Rader	Timm Parker	Burt Hall Harry Bowden	Stacey Parker



October 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Burt Hall
2 Bethel Hendrix	3 Cynthia Haverstick	4 Adam Haverstick	5 Bel Hedlund	6 Ed Hightshue	7 Madge Hightshue	8 Rosanne Iles
9 Sara Jacobs	10 Constance Kadyole	11 Nancy Kampovsky	12 Sherman King	13 Lee Kolumbus	14 Susan Kunze	15 Keith Kunze
16 Ray Lamb	17 Laura Morgan	18 Lee Morrow	19 David Mundt	20 Elaina Mundt	21 Alan DeLong	22 Alaxander Mundt
23 JoAnna Mae Mundt	24 Robert Pagel	25 Jenny Pagel	26 Stacey Parker	27 Richard Parker	28 Zachary Parker	29 Travis Parker
30 Timm Parker	31 Bonnie Ribley					