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## St. James' Welcoming Statement

"St. James Lutheran in Crystal welcomes all who seek God's love and grace, each a beloved child of God, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health or abilities, imprisonment, circumstances, socio-economic anything else which could be used to divide us. Our unity is in Christ; in Christ, we are one."

(Adopted by a continuing resolution of the St. James Church Council.)

#### Sunday Morning Schedule

9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (through September 10th)

> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:10 a.m. Education Hour 11:10 a.m. Worship (Starting September 17)

#### St. James Lutheran Church

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#### **Pastoral Reflection**

Dear Friends in Christ.

Thank you to all who attended the cottage meetings Diana and I hosted at our house this summer. We have thoroughly enjoyed having our beloved church family come to our house to share in fellowship and conversation about our Lutheran heritage and God's mission for each of us and our church. God leaves no one behind, but rather, God has a purpose and plan for each of us to use the many gifts and talents we each have received from God for God's mission and for blessing the world. During this time in our nation's history, when hate-filled fascist, white-supremacist racists are emboldened to bring their hate out into the open, we are called by God to bring the infinite, all-encompassing grace and love of God out into the open, for all to see, experience and share.

God's is indeed manifest at St. James by loving our neighbors through generosity, inclusive, Christ-centered relationships during the long, faithful history of our congregation. Rather than changing this beautiful heritage, we are called to continue building on the foundation of the Gospel to Reflect the Light of Christ in Crystal. We will observe the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, initiated by Martin Luther and his colleagues and supporters, by continuing to emphasize the Word of God, the Grace of God and God's gift of faith for us.

The following is a note, which was decorated at the top with three smiling faces and a smiling sun, and at the bottom with three hearts, and was placed in the frame of my office door by someone after worship.

"Honestly, I've never really liked church, but when you came to the church, I started listening to you and you touched my heart. Not only do you talk about real problems today, you talk about changing it, and to push yourself. Sometimes you just need that extra push and I get that from you. I get hope from you. You're an amazing person and you're changing lives."

We all love encouragement, and this letter is a blessing. But as I reflected on the letter's message, I quickly realized that this letter is addressed to **everyone in our church**. Yes, God's Holy Spirit is at work in mighty and beautiful ways to bring new life, hope, and healing, reconciling change through each of us for the sake of our families, our congregation, our community, and the world. The joy this brings is at times overwhelming.

Our humanity is broken from sin, but we are not overcome or defeated by human sin. Rather, Christ Jesus our redeemer reaches his healing hand to us, pulling us from the watery grave of our baptismal waters toward the light of new life in him. We will either sink beneath the waves of sin, or we must let go of everything else in order to fully grasp his hand of salvation. In our letting go, we release all that imprisons us and holds us captive. In our letting go, we are free to live a new life of great possibilities, and great hiddenness.

Often, we wonder if we are making a difference. My grandmother Jennie taught me to speak during the six weeks when her mobility was limited due to a broken ankle. As she held me in her lap, on the worn upholstered rocker which sat in the southwest corner of her small dining room, her worn Bible was always on the small lamp-table next to her chair. Her life was very hidden from the world; she rarely left her farm except for church on Sunday. However, her life made a big impact on her children and family, her community and nation. Her hiddenness was not hidden from God, but was fully revealed through God's word, God's grace, and God's gift of faith to her. We each make a difference, whether hidden or revealed.

#### St. James' Staff

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#### **Office Hours**

The church office is open during the summer through Labor Day: Mon.-Wed. 7:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

After Labor Day: Mon.-Wed. 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—noon

#### Wi-Fi

Guest Wi-Fi at St. James can be accessed with the following:
St James
Blessed children



I thank God for the difference you each are making.

Love in Christ, Randy

#### **Shop Amazon Smile**

Do you use Amazon for online shopping? Did you know that Amazon has a specific website, Amazon Smile, that you can use and they will donate a small portion of select purchases to an authorized organization at no cost to you?

St. James is now a registered Amazon Smile organization. To make purchases through Amazon Smile, visit <a href="www.smile.amazon.com">www.smile.amazon.com</a> and continue with your account as you normally would shopping on Amazon. You will need to designate an organization – put in St. James Lutheran Church Crystal MN and we should come up!

Questions? Contact Amanda Burns at aburns@stjamesincrystal.org.

### Peter & Paul Upgrade

This summer we are upgrading the technology in Peter & Paul to make this space more user friendly. The goal is to have the AV equipment updated and mounted in the room. When the project is complete, this room will be able to accommodate groups up to 30 people. Confirmation will start meeting in this room this fall on Wednesday evenings. Thanks to all who are helping with this project.

## St. James Choir begins rehearsals Wednesday, September 6!

Anybody and everybody is welcome to sing with the St. James Choir this year! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. beginning September 6th. In general, we sing in worship about two Sundays a month. Don't feel like you can make a full commitment? Deanna is very flexible and willing to work with your schedule. Don't feel qualified? That's ok! We work together as a group learning the music and creating friendships. Give us a try!! Contact Deanna Loken with questions: <a href="mailto:deannaloken@aol.com">deannaloken@aol.com</a> or 612-308-9126.

#### **Prayground**

This fall we will be creating a "prayground" in the front left of the sanctuary. A prayground is a space for families with small children to sit in the front of the church. This way children are able to see what is happening in worship, better participate and parents are able to better attend to their needs. We want families to feel welcome and an integral part of our worship life.

The council has agreed to try this on a trial basis (until April 1, 2018). We know there will be a few hickups as we begin this endeavor, but believe that the rewards will outweigh the challenges. Other churches have incorporated similar things into their worship life and have been pleased with the outcome.

If you have questions about the prayground or would like to support this endeavor, contact Pr. Randy or Pr. Kristen.

## Global Newborn Kit Ice Cream Social Fundraiser September 10th

An ice cream social fundraiser will be held Sun., Sept. 10 (Rally Day) after worship. We especially need to purchase towels, washcloths, soap and 2 gallon zip-lock bags. Funding to support our Global Newborn Kits is also being provided by a Thrivent Action Team Service.

Intergenerational assembly of the newborn kits and making rolled bandages will be Sun., Oct. 15 at 10:10 a.m. in Wold Hall. All ages are invited and welcomed to help. The children did an especially great job last year with a big box of rolled bandages. We hope to beat our record number of 301 newborn kits we had last year. Help us make that goal. Donations can also be made marked Global Health. This will be the Outreach Partner for the month of October, so all special offerings will go toward this project.

### **Ringing Praise Bell Choir Begins**

It's OK to be a ding-a-ling when you're part of Ringing Praise! Ringing Praise bell choir rehearsals begin Tues., Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the balcony. Share the fun by bringing a friend. No experience necessary!

If you have any questions, please call Mary Brown at 612-462-0729.

#### Stewardship Update

Thanks to the Congregation's generosity, the Finance and Stewardship Committee is pleased to report July was a fruitful month of giving. The monthly Mission and Ministry giving exceeded our monthly budget by almost \$3,200. With this level of stewardship, we can continue to support our continuing mission. Thank you to an awesome Congregation for its caring spirit and continuing financial support!

#### God's Work Our Hands

On Sat., Sept. 9, St. James will be collaborating with our Wildfire sister congregations for the ELCA's church-wide emphasis on serving God by serving our neighbors. Volunteers from each of the Wildfire congregations will be gathering at House of Hope (4800 Boone Ave N– New Hope) from 9:00 a.m. to noon to join in a variety of projects supporting Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran World Relief, and local projects. A breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. before the projects begin. Please come for as long as you are able.

#### Supper at Six

Meals will be served each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. beginning on Wed., Sept. 13. If you'd like to volunteer to help prepare a meal, please contact Pastor Randy.

#### **NEAR School Supplies**

Thanks for your generous \$500, backpacks, and many other items that will all be put to good use. The families at NEAR appreciate your help.

#### Office Closed

The St. James office will be closed on Mon., Sept. 4 for Labor Day. In case of an emergency, contact Pastor Randy at 612-803-2879.

## Directory Update

Due to a mishap at Lifetouch, the directories are still being processed. We will notify everyone when they are ready to be picked up!

# Worship Center Decorating Groups

Without a decorating chair, we have been scratching our heads as to how we go about decorating the worship center for all the church seasons. We are going to try out a new approach starting this fall!

If your family or church group (i.e. – small groups, friends, committees, etc.) would consider signing up for ONE specific season to take charge of decorating (and taking down decorations), we would really appreciate it. There will be a sign up on the bulletin board.

Questions? Contact Amanda Burns or Pastor Randy.

#### Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfasts are held the third Saturday of every month at 8:00 a.m. at Fat Nat's (36th & Winnetka). All men are welcome to attend for some good food, fellowship and fun!

#### **Missing Items**

The kitchen is missing dish towels and dishcloths, and the narthex is missing table cloths. Please launder and return any items that were used. Thanks in advance.

#### **Milestones**

**Upcoming Milestone Events:** 

 September 10th – Backpack & Teacher Blessing

#### Summer Camp Thank You

New Year Gach, Nyadoar Gach, Bahn Jakani, Guoy Jakani, Grant Jermstad, Sophia Jermstad, Sacheana Johnson, Erin LaMotte, Eliza Norling, Martha Pal, Ava Sauber, Jacob Sauber, Catherine VanWey, Alyssa VonDeylen, Kendra Walesch, Maime Wallace-Hopkins

Thank you to all who helped support these students going to camp. Many of these students received scholarships and support from St. James to make this camping season possible. Thank you for your generous support!

### Evergreen Montessori Has Openings

The Evergreen Montessori School is still accepting applications for Fall 2017.

Evergreen Montessori is a preschool for children age 33 months—5 years. They offer a variety of scheduling options including 3-5 half, mid and full days.

St. James members receive a discount, so be sure to check it out when searching for a preschool. (Evergreen Montessori rents space in our building.)

For more information visit www.evergreenmontessori.org.



#### **Children's Ministry**

Children's Ministry is here to partner with families to nurture and grow the faith of children! We believe as parents, you are the primary faith nurturers for your children and our goal is to help you in inspiring that faith!

We believe in pointing children to God, teaching them about who God is and how to develop a relationship with Jesus. Our Children's Ministry programs include opportunities for worship, fellowship, learning, service, and outreach.

### **Sunday School**

Students age 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade learn God's Word in individual classes, based upon age or grade level. Each class has caring volunteer teachers that stay with the group throughout the year. We would love to have your family join us! Everyone is welcome. Information and registration materials are found on the bulletin board outside the office or on the St. James website.

When: Sundays 10:00-10:50 a.m. - beginning Sunday, September 17th

Where: Lower level Gathering Space & Classrooms

Age: 3 years-6<sup>th</sup> grade

Cost: Free

Contact: Amy Jermstad ajermstad@gmail.com

### Rally Day is September 10

On Rally Day, September 10, there will be an ice cream social to raise money for the Global Health Ministries newborn kits that will be made at an intergenerational event in October. There will also be the opportunity to visit Sunday School classrooms and meet teachers.



Rally Day worship will be at 9:30 a.m. (the last one before two worship services resume at 9:00 and 11:10 a.m.) and will include a special blessing of the backpacks—so bring your backpacks to church!

#### Families Moving Forward

"Beacon's Families Moving Forward program offers families experiencing homelessness hospitality, emergency shelter and a path to home with support for stability." Our Bonfire Ministry is blessed to be able to be a part of this program in providing hospitality and housing for some of these families in transition. The final week for Bonfire to host at St. James in 2017 is September 3-10.

Volunteers are needed to help with meals, activities and hosting. If you have a specific group that wants to go together on one night, for example, youth, musicians, a ministry team or ushers, you could sign up the whole group for that evening. Each night will require that we have several volunteers to provide food, work in the kitchen, welcome the families, act as hosts for the family before, during and after the meal time, entertain children as well as we will need individuals to help setup and cleanup before and after the guests' week at St. James.

Thank you for considering this opportunity! If you have any questions, please contact Erin Paulsen, espaulsen6616@msn.com or 763-670-5828

### **ELCA National Youth Gathering** (Houston, June 25-July 2, 2018)

Every three years, high school (9-12th grade) students from all over the U.S. gather together for a Youth Gathering. It is a ONCE in a lifetime experience and one that YOU won't want to miss. We will be joining others from Minneapolis and spend 8 days together celebrating life and faith at the Astrodome. The cost of this trip is \$1,250.00+ (this includes transportation, hotel and registration costs). We will work together as a team to fundraise the majority of the cost. Reserve your spot NOW with a \$100 deposit. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. You won't want to miss this opportunity.

#### Confirmation

Through St. James' confirmation experience, students "confirm" the promises their parents made in faith at the time of their baptism.

It is a time of spiritual discernment and spiritual growth. We understand that Middle School years are filled with transition and our goal is to support them in their faith journey and help them know they are not alone.

During confirmation we give them the tools to understand their lives in the context of God's great ongoing story.

Our program is designed to help students better understand their relationship with God and how to keep their Baptismal promises and walk as a disciple/follower of Jesus

7 & 8 $^{th}$  grades (Fall of 2017) When: Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. AND once a month on Sundays, 1:00—4:00 p.m.

Where: Peter & Paul (upstairs)

Age: 7-9<sup>th</sup> grades Tuition Cost: \$70

Orientation: Wednesday, September 6th, 6:00 p.m.

Contact: Pr. Kristen Brechler kbrechler@stjamesincrystal.org

#### Affirm Seminar – 9<sup>th</sup> grades

When: Sundays – 10:10 a.m. AND Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Where: Sundays - Pr Kristen's Office, Wednesdays-Youth Room

Age: 9th grade (Fall of 2017)

Tuition Cost: \$70

Orientation: Wednesday, September 6th – 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Pr. Kristen Brechler kbrechler@stjamesincrystal.org or Ryan Walesch

ryan.stjamesyouth@gmail.com.

Confirmation for this age group is focused on getting ready for the Confirmation celebration on Reformation Sunday. Students meet on Sunday mornings at 10:10 a.m. and Wednesday evenings where they participate in small group discussions about key faith elements, connect with mentors and work on faith statements that will be shared during the confirmation worship celebration. Confirmation Celebration 2017—Sunday, October 22nd—9:00 a.m.

### **Sunday School & Confirmation** Leadership

If you haven't had a chance to volunteer in Sunday School or Confirmation ministries, consider doing so. We have teaching and non-teaching volunteer opportunities. Contact Amy Jermstad or Pr. Kristen for more information.

#### Reforming Confirmation

There is much to celebrate when our youth affirm their baptisms and the gift of the Holy Spirit they have received through their baptism into Christ. In this 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the Protestant Reformation, St. James Lutheran in Crystal is reforming our Affirmation of Baptism ministry. This reformation will create dynamic space for God's Holy Spirit to transform, create, and renew both our youth and our entire congregation.

So what reforms are we implementing through God's Holy Spirit?

- Our youth will now begin their confirmation learning in the fall of seventh rather than sixth grade.
- After our current 9<sup>th</sup> graders affirm their baptisms on October 22, 2017, our youth will affirm their baptisms on the first Sunday in May of their ninth-grade year. This means that our current eighth-grade class will affirm their baptisms on Sunday, May 5,
- St. James Lutheran will hold confirmation classes for one hour, beginning at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening in the Peter & Paul room, which is more suitable in size, rather than in Wold Hall.
- On one Sunday afternoon each month, our confirmation students will meet with confirmation students from neighboring congregations to enjoy a large-group learning experience. The location of this confirmation experience will rotate from month-to-month among the participating churches.
- Our confirmation lessons will continue to be Biblically-based and designed to encourage and cultivate a vibrant, living, public faith through the Holy Spirit for our youth.
- As has been the case in past years, each Affirmation of Baptism worship service will continue to include faith statements written and shared with the congregation by each person affirming their baptism. We will now also be practicing a full-immersion affirmation of baptism as a means through which our confirmation students will gain a lasting memory of their death and resurrection to new life in Christ through the waters in which they affirm their baptisms.

#### **Memorials**

KidPack in memory of Bob Garling from Carol Koosmann, Peg Tutila, Connie Blom.

## Giving Via Debit & Credit Cards

With so many people not carrying cash or checkbooks with them, St. James has made the decision to accept another form of donations. St. James will now be accepting donations (or purchases such as a youth fundraiser) via debit and credit card. We have a Square card reader that is attached to an iPad. It will be available in the narthex on Sunday mornings, and as needed for various events.

Please note that donations will be deducted by 2.75% on your giving statement. This is taken off the top by Square as a transaction fee.

### **Prayer Chain**

To have someone be placed on the St. James prayer chain, please contact Amanda Burns at 763-537-3653 or by email at aburns@stjamesincrystal.org during office hours or Sandy Johnson at 763-557-9858 during the evenings or weekends.

#### **Save the Dates**

- Oct. 14: Fall Work Day
- Oct. 15: Global Health Newborn Kit Assembly
- Nov. 18: Lutefisk Dinner

#### **Book Club News**

**September's pick:** <u>Animal Farm</u> by George Orwell. George Orwell's timeless and timely allegorical novel - a scathing satire on a downtrodden society's blind march towards totalitarianism. A farm is taken over by its overworked, mistreated animals. With flaming idealism and stirring slogans, they set out to create a paradise of progress, justice, and equality. Thus the stage is set for one of the most telling satiric fables ever penned - that records the evolution from revolution against tyranny to a totalitarianism just as terrible. When <u>Animal Farm</u> was first published, Stalinist Russia was seen as its target. Today it is clear that wherever freedom is attacked, Orwell's masterpiece has a meaning and message still ferociously fresh. [from <u>amazon.com</u>]

Join "Page Turners" this month in reading the book <u>Animal Farm.</u> The group meets Tues., September 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Peter and Paul room. All are welcome!

For more information on the book club, contact Linda Judge (at 763-533-4081 or judgelinda@msn.com).

### Power of One Volunteers Needed for 2017-2018 School Year

The Power of One is a partnership between St. James' members and Forest teachers, who work together to build developmental assets of children. Through the Power of One, teachers are able to pair a caring adult with students they identify as needing help building skills such as reading, writing, math and relationships.

Could you give one hour per week to help a child with reading, math or other subjects? Talk to Sandy Johnson today about what you need to do to become a volunteer!

#### Outreach Partner: KidPack

KidPack is a collaborative effort to fight local weekend hunger for children in our own backyards. Weekend snacks are assembled and delivered to schools on Fridays for children to bring home.



Volunteers put the packages together the fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. at The Food Group (8501 54th Ave N– New Hope). Volunteers can sign up to help by emailing Sonya Wilson at sawilson53@centurylink.net.

One in five area households with children are food insecure. Children in those households simply do not get enough to eat—they have to cut the size of their meals, skip meals, or even go whole days without food at some point during the school year. Hungry children face unnecessary barriers as they strive to become healthy, productive, and engaged members of society. Hunger contributes to poor academic performance and disruptive behavior in the classroom. Missed meals also increase tardiness and visits to the school nurse.

Can't volunteer? You can contribute financially at any time, but all special offerings during the month of September will be given to KidPack to help fund the program. Any amount will help. Please make checks this month payable to St. James with KidPack in the memo line.

#### **Zumba Class**

The international dance fitness craze is resuming at St. James on Sunday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Wold Hall beginning on September 17. Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes (the less traction, the better), and bring water. All fitness levels are welcome to attend the calorie-blasting, high-energy dance party! Licensed Zumba Instructor, Amanda Burns, will be leading class, so please connect with her if you have any questions.

#### **Parish Nurse**

Bonfire Parish Nurse Debbie is happy to check your blood pressure, and visit about health concerns and planning. Feel free to contact her at any location. You may also contact her at 612-408-2049.

**St. James:** the 4th Sunday of the month, and Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Her office is in the archives room, across from the Montessori coat racks. If the few steps are a problem to get there, go around outside; there aren't any steps to tackle!

**House of Hope**: the 3rd Sunday of the month, and Thursdays 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **First Lutheran**: the 2nd Sunday of the month, and Tuesdays 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

#### **Bonfire & Wildfire Events**

Mark your calendars for the following Bonfire & Wildfire events coming up this fall:

Community Health Fair. Bonfire Health & Wellness Committee, along with First Lutheran Church and Faith Church International, invite you to a Community Health Fair on Sun., Oct. 15 at First Lutheran. Time Bonfire Ministry is TBD. Watch for more details in the coming months.



Wildfire Women's Lunch. This salad luncheon will be held on Sun., Nov. 12 at 12:00 p.m. Women of all ages are welcome to the program with a theme of Women in Leadership. Schedule includes: arrival at noon, Intro & Prayer, lunch catered by Crowning Touch at 12:15 p.m., Bishop Ann Svenningsun will speak at 12:30 p.m., Dessert at 1:00 p.m. and Conclusion at 1:30 p.m. Watch for information on signing up this fall.

## 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Events Re

This year the Lutheran community will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Several opportunities are planned for you to learn more about the

historical and theological impact of Martin Luther starting with his posting of the 95 Theses on October 31, 1517.

Luther Seminary in St. Paul is planning a free and open to the public conference on August 18-19 entitled Contemporary Perspectives on Luther. Go to <a href="http://mpls-synod.org/event/contemporary-perspectives-luther-conference/">http://mpls-synod.org/event/contemporary-perspectives-luther-conference/</a> to learn more.

We at St. James will be showing a few movies and documentaries in October, each followed by group discussions. More details will come as these dates approach.

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> during Education Hour we will have a Reformation Celebration Fair. This is an intergenerational family event for all ages. There will be activities as well as food tastings, teaching opportunities and more. Join us! If you would like to help with the planning for the Reformation Fair contact Pr. Kristen.

#### **Endowment Corner**

The Endowment Fund Committee is pleased to report that we have received approximately \$14,000 in new gifts over the past month from individuals and a portion of the garage sales receipts. We thank everyone for their generous contributions and hard work at the garage sale. We hope that our recently published Endowment Funds News (that was mailed to members' homes) provides valuable information as you consider future planned giving to St. James.

The committee and several other volunteers are currently busy contacting, interviewing and drafting Faith Journey Stories for our 2017 Advent Devotional booklet.

## Telephone Changes

If you have changed your phone number (or made the switch to cell phone only), please be sure to update your information with the church office. Thanks so much!

## Letters of Thanks

I want to thank you for the calls and lovely cards that I received during and after my time in the hospital. Knowing that you cared and showed your concern, made my recovery faster. Also, thank you to the talented people on the Prayer Shawl committee. While I am wrapped up with the love and warmth of the shawl, I truly feel God's healing hands. Again, thank you all so very much.

Sandy Johnson

Thank you for all your cards and prayers before and after my surgery. Randy, it was great to see you at 6:30 a.m. just before the surgery. All your kind thoughts for me were appreciated.

Jim Hauan

To the crew of St. James,

I'll start by saying, "Thank You!" though that hardly covers it. The quick, impressive, and hard work you have done is outstanding. You were all so kind, joyous, and courteous. You accomplished in mere hours, something I simplty would never had the time or money to do as a single mom. Your help has value beyond words. Your work not only impacts my life and that of my 1 year old daughter, it effects every child who comes to my home center. You have given them a beautiful, safe and enjoyable space to play. That impacts the community greatly! I hope you understand what a difference is made by you giving your time, energy, and power. We cannot thank you enough and look forward to "paying it forward."

> Thank You! Lynsi & Marlie Passeri

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#### **Usher & Financial Assistant Schedule**

September 3

Ushers: 9:30 a.m.: Roger A. Johnson, Rick Jones, Terry Teigen Financial Assistants: Capt. Becki Smith, Tim Smith, Jackie Harlow

September 10

Ushers: 9:00 a.m.: George McClure, Roger E. Johnson, Judy Berney, Ken & Phyllis Nelson

Financial Assistants: Capt. Stan Tikkanen, Dawn Skare, Thomas Becker

September 17

*Ushers:* 9:00 a.m.: Mike Stanchfield, Jim Olsen, Stan Tikkanen, John Lindstrom, Wayne Rierson

11:10 a.m. Don & Deb Edmondson

Financial Assistants: Capt. Rich Pearson, Dee Burrington, Joyce Held

September 24

Ushers: 9:00 a.m.: Jim Hauan, Becki Smith, Clarence Peterson, Marv Berke

11:10 a.m. Please contact Amanda Burns.

Financial Assistants: Capt. Bob Michaelson, Jerry Anderson, Karon Looft