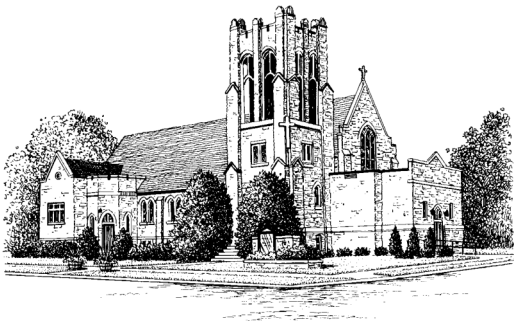




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ST. PETER'S NET SEPTEMBER 2020

This is not normal, this is not what we expected. Who would have thought even six months ago that things like mask wearing, temperature taking, social distancing, and even more dependence upon online technology would seemingly become mainstream?

Everything seems so different and so difficult.

The whole world has seemed to move from some sort plan A to varied versions of plan B. Seemingly everyone, everywhere is operating with alternate plans, backup plans on those plans, and contingency plans on top of those plans.

The first step as Christians and as the Church of God of our plan B needs to not DO anything. Rather, consider the plan BE found in Psalm 46: "BE STILL, and know that I am God." It is an important reminder that the position of God is already occupied. The One who is in control over all things is the Lord, which means that we are not but that we are to live in faith and trust in Him!

BE still and do not base your life on a false plan A that involves a standard that imposes something that is not yet found or that takes you away from God's Word and gifts. The world's plan A will always lead to death



*"Be still, and know
that I am God!"*

and will never fulfill its saving promise. Living of the world then leads to despair.

Soren Kierkegaard, a 16th century philosopher, wrote in *Sickness Unto Death* that our despair comes as we are cheated by seeing the multitude of people around us, busy with worldly affairs, lost in our own identity, all because we find it easier and safer to be like others, to become a copy and go along with the crowd.

But who we are is not a number and not just one among the crowds and not people of this world. You are created by God Almighty, you are purchased and valued with the precious blood of Jesus, identified not by worldly standards but as the baptized saints and children of your Heavenly Father!

When struggles come, when the world faces a crisis, our general instinct is to trust our own working, to put our hands to work, and execute plan A. Rather than make a plan of what to do with plan A, make a to-BE list. BE still and list who you are. You are a child of your parents, perhaps a spouse, grandmother or grandfather, aunt or uncle, brother or sister, and many other things in which God has created and given you. Rejoice in that list.

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Let this be your normal: pray, praise, and give thanks. BE still and know God is God and we are not. Most importantly, list that you His child, baptized, and redeemed. And God your Father is calling you to BE safe as you dwell not in your own homes but in the house of the Lord forever.

Pastor Amen

PICNIC: NOT CANCELLED BUT REIMAGINED!

Due to restrictions and safety concerns of gatherings, we will not be able to hold the annual picnic. We are working on providing some sort of entertainment and individual snack offering for Wednesday, September 16th to be held in the church parking lot. We will also be providing individual beverages.

Partnering with LCMS Disaster Relief, a collection at the event will be taken to raise support for those effected by the storms in Iowa

Details will be announced as they come into place. Thank you!

Music Ministry



Welcome back to the new church music year! Due to current regulations with COVID-19, adult choir is on hiatus until at least Christmas. This gives everyone ample time to rest up their voices and be ready to come back!

Music will not stop, however. We will be utilizing solos and small groups for the fall. Scheduling is underway and all are welcome to sign up and participate! We are also using instrumentalists in solo and small groups for the foreseeable future as well.

Even in pandemic times, God is good and worthy of the praise we have to give!

HYMN STUDY

*"All newborn soldiers of the Crucified,
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim.
Till all the world adore His sacred Name." LSB 837.*

What a hymn to sing, and this year, we joyfully proclaim this sacred Name when we observe Holy Cross Day, which is always September 14.

*"I baptize you in the Name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

Those are words to celebrate, words that set the angels to rejoicing and, as they say, "Them's fighting words." The newborn soldier of the Crucified—child or adult—is sealed with the sign of the cross on the forehead and heart, marked as one who has been redeemed by Christ Jesus.

In the baptismal service, the newborn soldiers turn from all previous allegiance, renouncing the devil and all his works and ways. As faithful soldiers do, the baptized, empowered by the Holy Spirit, confess new allegiance to the Triune God, whose Name His soldiers now bear. Baptized, we are mustered into a fighting force, the "church militant," as the church on earth is sometimes called. The cross that marks us as the redeemed also becomes a lifelong cross to bear as we follow in the footsteps of the Savior, whose precious blood cleanses us from sin. The cross is the sign of our salvation and bearing that cross we engage in battle. The devil we renounced at Baptism is now our enemy, an adversary who "prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8b).

No newborn soldier is sent into battle unarmed. In the water and Word of Baptism, we "cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:12b). The righteousness of Christ in which we are now clothed covers us like a breastplate, like the body armor of a modern warrior. Our salvation is a protective helmet and the gift of faith shields us from the doubts, fears, and accusations the enemy hurls at us. Satan is a defeated, yet still dangerous and frustrated opponent, who rages against us as he once raged—in futility—against our Lord.

We are tempted by the enemy, and at times we listen to the enemy, and our allegiance wavers as we stumble. But we are marked by the cross and, repenting of our sins, we turn from our sins, and we are strengthened again for battle with the forgiveness that our Savior won for us on the cross. As newborn soldiers, we continue to practice and grow in the use of our armor and weapons, especially in the use of the sharp, double-edged sword that is the Word of God. It is the weapon that Jesus used so effectively against the enemy, a weapon now placed in our hands by the Holy Spirit.

Dressed in the armor of God, armed with Word, as soldiers and witnesses for Christ crucified, we lift high the cross, praying that others will hear and believe and join the ranks of the redeemed.

George Kitchin is author of this hymn. Written in 1887 as a processional for his church in England, it was revised in 1916 by Michael Newbolt and paired with the tune we know today. It made its way to the US in 1974 when it was published in the hymnal *Hymns for the Living Church*. It appeared next in two US hymnals were LBW and our synod's own Lutheran Worship. It has since become a staple hymn in Christianity.

The tune CRUCIFER was written by Sydney Nicholson. He was a church musician at numerous posts in England. He founded the Royal School of Church Music, an association for church musicians in the Anglican Church. He was also editor of the Anglican hymnal *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, which premiered in 1916 and included Lift High the Cross. To God all praise and glory!

In His service,
Cantor Jeremy Zieroth



WELCOME BACK

SAFER IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD. It has been a trying time but thanks be to God He has kept us safe and healthy and He now calls us to be Safer at Home in the house of the Lord.

Beginning Sunday, September 13th Divine Service will return to Sundays 8am and 10:30am and Mondays at 6:30pm. Sunday 10:30am will be offered via Facebook Live and Youtube. These are no full substitute long-term as worship life is meant to be the people of God gathered together as the body of Christ.

We continue to encourage social distancing with households set per pew. But no one will be turned away, we will make accommodations.

Household communion will remain available Monday 4-6pm or by appointment.

If you desire Pastor to visit you at home and bring you the Lord's Supper or if you have other times needed, please contact the church office.

CHOIR, MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Sign up on the insert. Cantor has lots of musical options for soloists, duets, small groups, and instrumentalists. Handbells will play on a limited basis. Rehearsals will be Sundays during the Sunday School hour or by arrangement with Cantor.

Help us make a joyful noise with your musical gifts!

BIBLE STUDIES

Bible Study will resume Sundays after Labor Day though we will meet in the classroom by the kitchen and offices. Tables and distancing are being observed.

Friday morning Bible Study is also in the same classroom at 7:30am.

Join in time of fellowship and discussion of God's Word.

**St. Peter's Midweek Classes
Begin A New Year**

MIDWEEK CLASS: 5th-8th Grade

Midweek classes will begin Wednesday, September 16th at 4pm-5:30pm for 5th-8th grade. Join us in-person or online livestream at 5:05pm for our midweek closing prayer service and devotion.

Classroom will be distanced, along with distancing in the church. Sanitizing procedures will be followed and all are encouraged to bring a mask. Field trips and such may look different this year, with other activities likely planned on site instead.

Midweek via Zoom will be offered throughout the year only for those who have a positive COVID-19 test within their household, thus not necessarily every week.

RALLY SUNDAY!

Yes, we are planning for in-person Sunday School this year. We will observe distancing in classrooms as we are able, children are to bring a mask during this time as well. Rooms are sanitized before and after as well.



Rally Sunday will be all in the sanctuary, with cinnamon rolls and drink boxes provided downstairs afterward. Cantor will lead some songs and we will discuss mission projects for the year as well as singing opportunities for Sunday School choir.

Snack signups are available. We will be providing individual packaged juice for the fall.

A BUSHEL OF BOOKS



Design a handy bag to tote your books this fall.

What you need:

- Plain canvas bag
- Cardboard scrap
- Acrylic paints (2 colors)
- 2 small paper plates
- Apple
- Knife (and adult help)
- Foam brush
- Scrap paper



What you do:

1. Lay the bag flat on a table, and place cardboard inside for protection.
2. Pour a paint dollop on each plate.
3. Slice the apple in half, keeping the core intact.
4. Brush a thin layer of paint on the cut side of an apple half. Practice making stamps on scrap paper. Use the other color on the other apple half.
5. Paint and stamp the bag with your final design. When dry, remove the cardboard.
6. Use the bag for school and Sunday school. Happy reading!

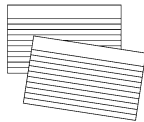


Keepsake BOOK

With your grandparents, create a special book to preserve cherished memories.

What you need:

- Index cards
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Binder ring (or yarn)
- Crayons or markers



What you do:

1. Brainstorm questions to ask one or more of your grandparents (topics can include their childhoods, favorites and advice). Write one question on each index card.
2. Ask your grandparent to write his or her answers on the blank sides of the cards.
3. Make a cover by decorating one index card.
4. Punch a hole in the top left corner of each card.
5. Use a binder ring or string yarn through the holes and tie to secure the cards together.

St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

WMELS Accredited

4-K Host Site for Poynette School District

This month we have been preparing for the start of the new school year. With Covid-19 still so strong, we are preparing for school a bit differently this year.

The children will be going to school four days a week and will be virtual on Wednesdays. This means on Wednesdays we will have our school age children here doing their homework with them. This wasn't extremely hard this spring but this fall it will be different with more children needing help.

We will be starting Chapel again on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:15. The children love to sing songs and hear stories of God, so this is so important to put in the little minds of the preschool. We are grateful to have it starting up again.

As the summer comes to a close we are wrapping up next week the "Garden" lessons with Ms. Amy, which have been a huge success. She has put together a book for each of the children for them to take home so they have all the recipes of the things that they made, and the crafts that they did. The children looked forward to her visits and we can't thank her enough for donating her time.

We also have been working with the children this summer on bridge workbooks for school. We have noticed a big improvement on their skills and their will to try things out for themselves first. We were trying to prepare them for the gap they had in their in school education, and hopefully they will be ready for the year ahead.

This past couple of weeks we have also had the children wearing masks to prepare them for school. We also felt that it was necessary to follow the order passed down by the Governor due to the spread of Covid. The children have adapted well, and we want to thank Beth Hutchinson for all the extra cleaning she has done in the past few months. We sometimes forget to be thankful for the little things people do. We really do appreciate you Beth!

We look forward to the fall unsure what will happen or how things will go, but we do know that it is in God's hands, so we need not worry but send it to God.



VBS was great fun!
Pictured at left: Friday BBQ supper following the water balloon tossing.
Pictured below: VBS participating in the singing sessions of the program.



DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

September 6/7 13th Sunday after Trinity 2 Chronicles 28:8-15 Psalm 32 Galatians 3:15-22 Luke 10:23-37	Sermon: Law and Gospel Order: DSIII, p. 184 Hymns: Hymns by Request Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth
September 13/14 14th Sunday after Trinity Holy Cross Day (Observed) Proverbs 4:10-23 Psalm 119:9-16 Galatians 5:16-24 John 12:20-33	Sermon: Cross Healing Order: DSII, p 167 Hymns: 704 - 837 - 544 - 895 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Sunday School Rally Sunday
September 20/21 15th Sunday after Trinity 1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146 Galatians 5:25-6:10 Matthew 6:24-34	Sermon: Run Dry Order: DSII, p. 167 Hymns: 720 - 760 - 700 - 719 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth
September 27/28 16th Sunday after Trinity 1 Kings 17:17-24 Psalm 30 Ephesians 3:13-21 Luke 7:11-17	Sermon: Creative Words Order: DSII, p. 167 Hymns: 690 - 490 - 461 - 683 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about many changes in all areas of life. Perhaps the greatest change in the church is in our use of technology for services and outreach. As the restrictions began Pastor's personal equipment has been primarily used for quickly getting something available online. During this time we have continued to incrementally purchase church owned equipment while better connecting to the sound system and a more consistent internet stream that will remain permanent now at St. Peter's. This now opens up other possibilities for future events, recordings, and yet unknown opportunities for outreach.

Many have benefitted and many more continue to benefit as they must or elect to remain safer at home. We rejoice that we will be able to continue this option.



ONLINE MINISTRY

Thank you all for your continued generosity not only in this venture but in your general giving especially in the midst of gathering restrictions. We pray you continue to faithfully receive God's Word and join us in sharing the Good News of Jesus in our community.

Costs for the equipment and upgrades came to about \$1,500. Please consider supporting and offsetting these expenses with a designated gift either through your envelopes or online.

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Music Fall 2020

Full choir practices and singing are suspended for the Fall of 2020. We do however plan to have handbells, instrumentalists, and other singing to deliver God's Word through music still. Please see the enclosed signup as Cantor Zieroth works on scheduling throughout the season. Thanks to all who serve through music in the delivery of God's gifts.

Also, we will have changes in location and format to help with exposure as well as accommodate schedules and travels.

Sunday School grades 3-8 will meet first in the sanctuary for music with distancing. Handbells and others singing or practicing will then have shortened rehearsals in the sanctuary during Sunday School hour, concluding at 10am. Sunday School PreK-2nd grade will then sing in the sanctuary to conclude Sunday School hour. Pews will be sanitized between groups and services.

We still look forward to great festivals and celebrations this fall and winter as our God does not cease coming to us in Word and Sacrament, as we proclaim Him through music.

Remember, you can give online at StPetersArlington.org, with options for designated and automatic giving. Thanks for your generosity and support.



COUNCIL MINUTES August 11, 2020



Opening devotion was given by Pastor Amen from Philippians 2. We do not move and act by our own desires or what is best for ourselves, but we look and act on what is good for others, our neighbors. We seek their needs and how we operate is based on

others. Our unity is found in the Gospel, our actions and our joy is in that which proclaims Jesus in Word and Sacrament.

Agenda: Bob Hagenow moved approval of the agenda as presented, Keith Podoll second, motion carried.

Minutes: John Peshorn moved approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, Barb Reddeman seconded, motion carried.

Financial Secretary: Bob Hagenow presented some figures pertaining to the previous quarter. A thanks to the church membership for continuing to provide for needs through in-person giving, mailing in of gifts, and greater use of online giving. Keith Podoll moved to approve the financial secretary's report, Cam Gramse seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer: Barb Reddeman presented the expense report and current checkbook balance. The PPP funds have been entirely used and we are awaiting application for it to become forgivable via grant. John Peshorn moved approval, Keith Podoll seconded, carried.

Board of Elder report: The elders have remained scheduling as normal for the summer months. Caleb Reddeman and Tony Rittmeyer are serving in the military and added for our care and prayers. Cantor Jeremy Zieroth reported that a select few musicians have begun playing accompaniment for some services. VBS music went well, with distancing in the church and CDs and DVDs provided for all participants. Choir will be suspended for the fall, though bells will likely play some. Sunday School singing hopes to resume for those that are comfortable, practices on Sundays will be spaced out in the church.

Trustees: Keith Podoll reported that they are working with the requirements for the 4K program with updated filters and work for the air exchanges. Rock Solid is providing much of the necessary work, they have worked with the school and other centers to provide consistency of precautions. Getting filters and such in place as well.

Board of Christian Education: The Child Care Center is officially at full capacity. Work for the 4K program setup is being set with precautions. 4K students will be using the key pad entrance while child care families will use the door by the chapel. Becky Amen shared that she is resigning from the Child

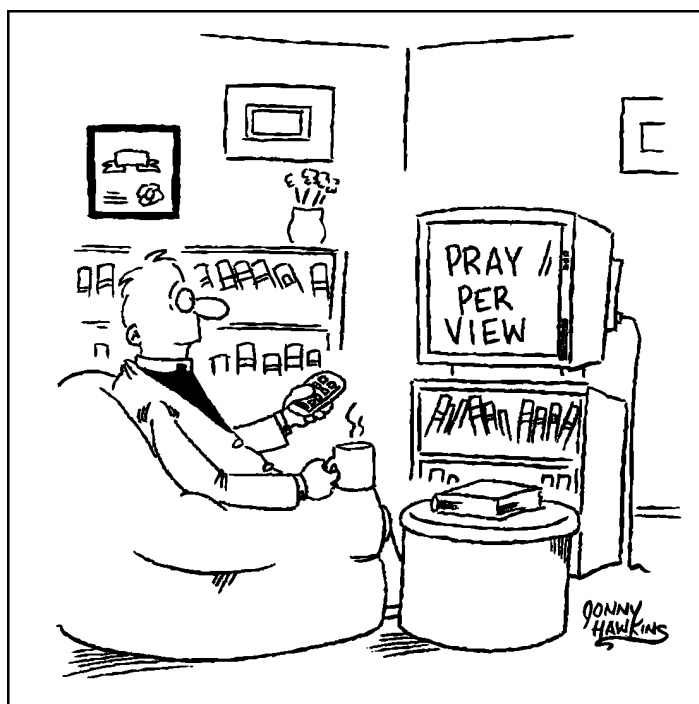
Care the beginning of September. No additional staff is planned to fill her position but plan is to utilize current staff. Sunday School via Zoom is wrapping up with the summer sessions ending August 16th. There will be a short break with Rally Sunday planned for September 13th. Monday evening Bible Study wrapped up August 10th, this will return to Sunday Bible Study after Rally Sunday. Friday Bible Study continues at 7:30am, we have been discussing the healing and cleansing of blood as well as virus' in the Scriptures. 21 attended in-person VBS with 5 participating online during the early evening the first week of August. Thanks to all who helped put both aspects together. A Friday cookout was held with a water day.

Pastor's report: Most has been covered in previous reports. We look forward to resuming activities in a safe manner without cancelling but learning how to simply do things differently. Flexibility and change will be a constant the rest of the summer and into fall and winter. District keeps providing helpful resources during Zoom meetings, including latest updates on viral transmission and safety procedures. Studies now show little to no transmission via surfaces such as hymnals and rails. We will continue to diligently clean as precaution but look forward to as normal of congregational and worship life as we are safely able. Risk has always been present and will continue, though we trust in the Lord as He provides for us the most needful things for our health and life in worship.

Old Business: none

New business: none

John Peshorn moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., Tyson Miller second, motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Elder meeting followed.





**FINANCIAL REPORT
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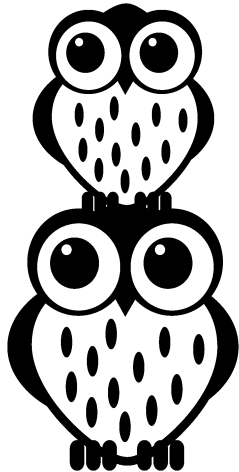
Balance on July 31, 2020	\$28,436.31
Receipts for Aug (est.).....	\$ 9,321.00
Expenses for Aug (est.)	(\$14,879.75)
Shortage/Overage	\$22,877.56



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



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| student | ---○--- |
| kids | --○----- |
| apple | --○----- |

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

ELDERS

Sept 6	8:00 a.m.	John Peshorn
	10:30 a.m.	Tom Crum
Sept 7	6:30 p.m.	Paul Yamriska
Sept 13	8:00 a.m.	Cameron Gramse
	10:30 a.m.	Tyson Miller
Sept 14	6:30 a.m.	Paul Yamriska
Sept 20	8:00 a.m.	Cameron Gramse
	10:30 a.m.	Tyson Miller
Sept 21	6:30 p.m.	Bill Manthey
Sept 27	8:00 a.m.	John Peshorn
	10:30 a.m.	Tom Crum
Sept 28	6:30 p.m.	Bill Manthey

SEPTEMBER USHERS



September 6 & 13

Early

Keith Podoll, Chr.
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Larry & Alex Saager
Bill & Justin Hageman
Greg & Patrick Frank
Kim & Brock Kriewaldt

Late

Chr. ()
Roger Frank
Steve Paskey
Brad Zimmermann &
Hunter & Tanner & Jakob

September 20 & 27

Chr ()

Wayne Hanson
Cameron Gramse
Steve & Matt Hustad
Calvin Moll
Nate & Austin Moll

Chr ()

Jim Paske
Shayne Brasda

September Birthdays

9/5 Karl Hilgendorf
9/6 Vint Quamme
9/14 James Mueller
9/14 Robert Schmidt
9/16 Helen Manke
9/19 Karen Michaels
9/20 Randall Schuster
9/25 Cameron Gramse
9/30 Gerald Roche



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Beth Hutchinson
Amy Paskey



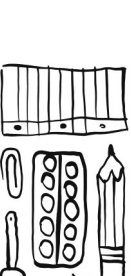

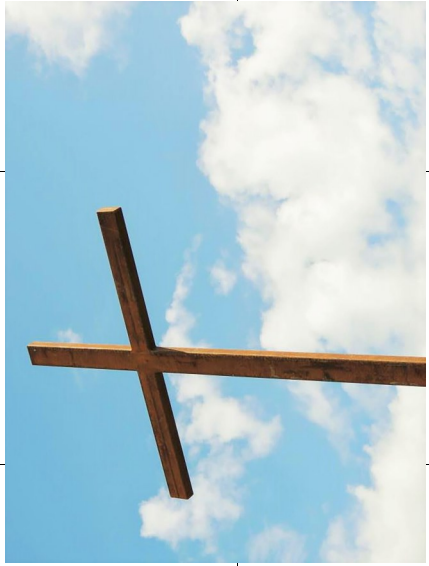
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Greeting Card Sale



The table in the narthex has a good selection of cards available. Stop by and check it out! There is a wide range of cards to fit every occasion and all proceeds go to the *Christian Women's Council* to help support all their good works. There are also a number of craft items still available for sale. You may leave your cash or check in the basket on the table.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
 Trinity 13 6 Hymns by request 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:30 AM Divine Service	 LABOR DAY 7 Church Office & Child Care Closed Communion : 4-6 pm 6:30PM Divine Service	 1 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Bd of Elders	2 4:00 PM Midweek 5:30pm-7pm Picnic Reimagined Event in parking lot. TBD.	3 4:00 PM Midweek 5:30pm-7pm Picnic Reimagined Event in parking lot. TBD.	4 7:30 AM Men's Bible Class	5	
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