

# THE ST. JOHN NEWS

## September 2015

### A Tale of Two Husbands

I once knew a woman with a terrible husband. When my friend first met him they had a lot of fun doing things together. They used to go on all kinds of adventures and misadventures. Unfortunately like so many women, my friend found his bad boy persona kind of sexy and seductive. But after they got married, the attraction with his bad boy image wore off, and she came to realize that he was just a real jerk.

For starters he controlled everything that she did. He would not let her out of his sight, even for a moment. He was constantly badgering her to do reprehensible things with him that went against her conscience. He got her into all kinds of trouble with people that she loved and respected. And they lost respect for her. What it really boiled down to was that her husband was an outlaw, who loved to break the law, and encouraged my woman friend to do the same.

I prayed that God would help her, asking God to free her from her horrible existence with this guy. He was so abusive. He treated her like his slave. Others kept telling her that she needed to break free from this very destructive relationship, which they told her, had already changed her. And not for the better. Then one day, he died! And I know this might sound bad, but I was happy on the day he died! At least I was happy that my friend would no longer be abused, but was finally free from his evil and dominating control over her.

Well, her story looked liked it was going to end happily-ever-after. Because, believe it or not, she met a very kind man at her husband's funeral. And she ended up marrying this second man. This second man that she fell in love with was everything that her first husband was not! This man was the perfect husband. He treated her with amazing love and compassion. He was gentle, generous, and forgiving. My friend soon healed from the wounds of her first marriage because of her new husband's ongoing unconditional love for her. We were all so happy for her.

Now this is a true story, but what I did not tell you is that this story is about you. You are the woman in this modern parable, this tale of two husbands. Your first husband was sin. He did not give you the life that he promised you and that you had hoped for. Your marriage to sin only offered the initial illusion of happiness. In time sin dominated and controlled you. Sin robbed

you of your light-hearted laughter as you came to discover more about him. And yet like so many abused women urged to flee from their abusive husbands, and yet go back to them; you kept going back to living a life with sin even though you knew that your relationship to sin was very bad for you.

Sin – your first love – however died on the day you were baptized into Christ, your new husband. Being wed to Christ has been remarkably different from when you were joined to sin. Sin was always promising you things that you thought would make you happy, but they did the very opposite of what your husband sin had promised. Sin just ended up hurting you, abusing you, and causing you to think, say, and do things that you later came to regret. Sin tempted you. Sin exploited you. Sin came very close to destroying you. In order to control you, your husband sin prevented you from calling upon your heavenly Father for help.

And yet help came in this man who would become your new husband, Jesus Christ. The moment He introduced Himself to you, you knew that God had sent this gentle man to offer you an opportunity for a fresh beginning and a new life with him. Your first husband had thought only of himself and had left you with his enormous debt. Sin had driven you deeply into debt. You owed so much you were not certain if this second man Jesus would marry you – for by marrying you he would have to take on your debt. Yet when you came clean and told him all that you owed due to your past relationship with sin, Jesus gladly sold off all of his own assets in order to pay off everything that you owed from the years you had lived with sin.

What a joyous story this would be – and what a happy world -- if every previously abused woman ended up with a man like Christ Jesus? But what if this woman in my story was thinking about cheating on her perfect husband? What if she met another bad boy that reminded her of her first husband, and made her kind of miss him? What if even though she knew this man would not be good for her in the long run, still wanted to run off with him anyway? What if she confided in you that she had met this new third guy, had a weakness for bad boys, and was ready to leave this second perfect husband for this scoundrel? What would you say to her?

If you had any wisdom and were really her friend you would ask her, "What? Are you insane? Have you forgotten how miserable you were with your first husband, and how he so often abused you? And now unlike most women who never find their knight in shining armor, you have found him in your marriage to your second husband Jesus. He has been nothing but forgiving, faithful, patient, and understanding with you, and you're ready to trade your new life with Christ away for what could very possibly be a one-night stand with another pig who reminds you of your first husband? Look at what heaven has given you with your new husband Christ. Life doesn't get any better than this. Stop! Don't do something you'll forever regret!

Christian friend, this the reality of what the choice is like for Christians who find themselves tempted to give themselves over to Sin. We all sin daily and much. This is not what I'm talking about. For even though we are wrong even to flirt with a life of sin, as Christians we find the strength from Christ's love for us to resist sin's allure or quickly regret it when we do sin. We don't consummate the relationship with sin – and cheat on our husband Christ – by giving ourselves over to sin entirely. For when a Christian sins she quickly breaks off the affair and returns and confesses to her husband Christ who then forgives her. But it's when we willfully decide that we love sin in our lives more than we love Jesus that we make our divorce from Christ final by ending the relationship.

Christian friend, if you ever see another Christian friend making this big mistake of ending their relationship to Jesus over the short-lived pleasures of some sin that they've grown addicted to, tell them, "Don't do

it! Remind them how miserable they were in their past life before they were wed in Holy Baptism to Christ. And if your friends ever catch you being unfaithful to Christ, instruct them to approach you as a true friend saying, "Don't throw your life away on this sin. Remember how miserable you were before Christ came into your life? Life doesn't get any better than what you've already got in your marriage to Jesus." Friends, God speaks to this situation in "**Romans 6:1-2, 6-7, 11** saying,

*"What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?... We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin... So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."*

Therefore, the next time sin returns asking you for another chance to have a relationship with you tell sin, "You're dead to me. Buzz off. Leave me alone. We're never getting back together. Besides, I have a new man in my life who loves me and treats me right." Sin doubting you replies, "Oh yeah, what's the name of this new man in your life?" And you say, "His name is Jesus Christ. I am His and He is mine. He married me "So sin – take all of your temptation with you and go, cause we're never ever, ever getting back together.

Preparing you for the great wedding feast in heaven, Pastor Mark Elliott

## *Let Us Pray*

**For Peace and Comfort:** The Ruhlig Family at the death of grandmother Betty

**Hospitalized:** Karla , Linda

**Following Surgery:** Ed , -great grandson of Rollin and Helen

**Upcoming Surgery:** Ellie

**For Healing and Recovery:** Patty , Betty , LaVonne , Linda , Dee , Lingli , Lindermann , Lucille , Helen , Pat , Tom , Keith -brother of Gale

**For Successful Treatment:** Joan , Joe , Lea , Nancy , Maxine , Jeff , Nancy -daughter of Dorothy , Judy -mother of Jim , Ken -son of Earl

**For our Military:** Ashley , Taylor , Andy , Luke , Jim , Brandon , Christopher , Suzzanna , Ben , Allyson , Tom

**For our Missionaries:** Pastor Randrianasolo Dembiniana Havanjanakary and the Madagascar Lutheran Seminary, Pastor Magnus Bengston and Lielsalaca Lutheran Church in Latvia, Pastor Obot Ite and the Lutheran Mission in Kingston, Jamaica



## Perfect Forgiveness for Perfect Sinners

If there is one thing that you and I really know how to do, it is sin. Shocking, right? But it is very true. It is what we have the most practice with, so we should be good at it. God knows this as Genesis 6:5 says, "The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." This did not end with the flood soon to follow, either. It continues on in you and me and will until the day we die.

Martin Luther teaches in his Catechism that the Ten Commandments make us aware of our sin. You may be able to sell yourself on the notion of your goodness by your ability not to kill anybody, on how you have never stolen even a paper clip from your work, or on how you have never looked unchastely at one who was not your husband or your wife. The Pharisees were right there too! Yet, Jesus blasted them for being "white-washed tombs" which certainly appear to be beautiful, but are nothing more than the bleached abode for death and uncleanness (Matthew 23:27).

Add to that Paul's devastating compilation of the Psalms' accusation of every one of us: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive. The venom of asps is under their lips. Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness" (Romans 3:10–14). If you think, that for some reason, any of those arrows of God's truth miss you and leave you as the exception, then you must think again. Return to the Ten Commandments. Study them as Luther taught them. Wrestle with them as Jesus dished them out in the Sermon on the Mount.

The evidence is condemning. It is insurmountable. There is no room to doubt the Godly truth that you and I are fully depraved, completely corrupted, and sinners to the core. Jesus taught his disciples in Matthew 15:18–19, "What comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander." No one can escape this accusatory nature of God's Law. No one is immune, not the newborns, not the octoge-

narians, not the long-time Lutheran, not that long-time Lutheran's saintly pastor! Looking at ourselves in the mirror of God's Word, the truth is as clear as that reflection: you and I are sinners who actually sin perfectly. Selfish motivations, evil vindictiveness, self-righteous judging, justified rage. We do them all, and more, perfectly.

None of this is flattering, of course. God's evaluation of us sinners is not meant to be. It is intended to kill us, to destroy us, to leave us without hope in ourselves or anything else. It is for such perfect sinners, like you and me, that God then grants his perfect forgiveness. God takes the broken, shattered, killed sinner and speaks into that dead ear the sweetness of his Gospel, his very heart. God directs you, his dead creation, to behold that little wooden structure known as the cross. Behold with your dead eyes the dead body hanging from that cross and just watch what starts to happen. When that word of pure hope and pure joy comes into the ears of the sinner, new life begins as faith is created and clings to that Gospel like that found child to his father's leg.

And that forgiveness that God gives to the sinner is so perfect. There is nothing lacking in it, not one little bit. Every single sin of thought, word, and deed has been placed into the one body of the Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true man. Jesus was nailed to that cross as the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). God had established that as the way of forgiveness from the moment he clothed Adam and Eve's sinfulness with the flesh of another, one life for another (Genesis 3:21). He presented that pattern to his chosen people in the grandest of ways as he slaughtered the firstborn of all the land of Egypt, except for those found inside the walls protected by the blood of the slaughtered lamb (Exodus 12). One life for another.

In a world where most spectacular offers are too good to be true, God presents this wicked world with the very pinnacle of those offers. And it is not just an offer; it is a deal that is done, a purchase that has been made. God's own signature in blood has sealed it. Forgiveness for one, forgiveness for all. And there are no strings attached. There are no hoops to jump

through. There are no tests you have to pass, demonstrations you must give to prove your worth, no promises that you will never sin again. There is not enough of anything that you can do to get that forgiveness going your way. It is truly a gift that is gifted to you. It will not be yanked away as you get too close. It will not be removed from you because you sin too much.

That would surely mean that sin is greater than God's love, his grace, his forgiveness. But God has a word to say about that: "Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:20-21). No license to sin is given here, that is true. What is given here is the ultimate in comfort for that dastardly sin-

ner. No matter your sin, no matter your wickedness, no matter what ever, God's grace in Christ Jesus is more!

God has placed no restrictions on his forgiveness. Those who feel the weight of their sin and the pressure of his law are given forgiveness upon forgiveness. It is what Jesus Christ has come to do. It is what he continues to give through the Church in Word and Sacrament. For forgiveness is what sinners need, not just once, but over and over and over again. After all, perfection demands perfection. And God has given to you, perfect sinners that you are, his perfect forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

God's great grace to you in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastor Caithamer

## Mary-Martha's Fall Bazaar

will be held on Saturday, October 17. We hope you will mark your calendars and participate. We appreciate your past participation and want you to know most of our proceeds go to help others. Last year funds went to St John Lutheran Church Unified Fund, St. John Altar Flowers, Eastern Illinois Foodbank, Bethesda Lutheran Communities, Courage Connection, St. John Meals Program, CID-LCMS-Prison Ministry, St. John Unified Fund in memory of Alberta, St. John School in memory of Doris, Lutheran World Relief-Nepal Earthquake and 4 filled backpacks for the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen Program.

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

The men of the congregation are invited the second Thursday of each month to Original Pancake House for food and fellowship, and devotion and prayers led by Pastor Caithamer. Please join us this month on Thursday, September 10th, at 7:00am.



Reading Buddies will meet September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 8.

## Church Photo Directory



## New Church Directory

Pictures will be taken for the new church directory on October 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, and 31. Please plan to have your family pictures taken on one of these dates. Watch for sign up sheets and more information in September. If anyone is interested in helping, please sign up on the sheet near the fellowship hall or contact Susan or Joyce .

LIFELIGHT is back! Join us for "James and Jude." a 9-week Bible study. In these short books written in a time like our own--when believers face both worldly and spiritual forces bent on wiping out Christ's church--we'll study how we can not only face the trials and temptations that come our way, but even benefit by them. You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45, Thursday mornings at 9:00, or Thursday evenings at 6:30. Classes start September 16 and 17. To sign up, look for our table in the overflow on Sundays or contact Steve, Eunice or Matt .

Campbell labels are still being collected by St. John Sunday School for Lutheran Special Education Ministries. The collected labels are counted, boxed and mailed to the Special Education Ministries once a year during the month of February. **THE FRONT PANEL PRODUCT LABELS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED** as submissions for redemption and banking; therefore it is essential to save the UPC and joining Campbell Icon. You may wish to continue saving the entire eligible label with the UPC and the Campbell icon attached and place them in the designated box in the cloakroom. A list of participating products has been placed on the bulletin board by the fellowship hall. **NOTE: BEVERAGE CAPS AND SAUCE CAPS ARE REQUIRED IN LIEU OF THE UPC.**





# HOPE

## Coalition Against Domestic Violence Housing, Outreach, Prevention and Education LWML Fall Rally Wish List

Wal-mart gift cards  
Phone cards  
Gas cards  
Disposable razors  
Tampons & sanitary napkins  
Pajamas (women's and kids')  
Sheets (full and twin)  
Bedspreads or comforters  
Pillows  
Cleaning supplies  
Laundry soap  
Dryer sheets

Stain remover  
Dish soap  
Flashlights  
Alarm clocks  
New items in package for birthday gifts for children  
New children's underwear and socks  
New women's underwear and socks  
Diapers, all sizes

Baby items: diaper wipes, power, shampoo, lotion, bottles, bibs, diaper rash ointment, white onesies, and unisex sleep-n-play  
Pots & pans  
School supplies: paint sets, TI 30 calculators, Ziploc baggies, sandwich bags, dry erase markers, pencil boxes, pencil bags, glue bottles, markers, Kleenex, binders



The annual **LWML Champaign Zone Fall Rally** will be held on Tuesday, September 15, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Charleston. The speaker for this rally is our very own Karen who will speak on her "Mission Experience in Poland." The ingathering for this rally will benefit H.O.P.E. of East Central Illinois. Items needed are listed above; a box for these items is found in the coatroom. Reservations (including lunch) are \$15 per person and must be made by September 8; in order to facilitate registration and perhaps organize a car-pool, please contact Linda , or Jean if you plan to attend.

### New Member Class Starts!

If you are interested in joining St. John Lutheran Church, then plan to attend. Pastor Caithamer is teaching this class in room 1A of the school, just across the hallway from the school office. We meet from 9:30 to 10:30 each Sunday through December 6. This class is also available for any member who would like to attend.

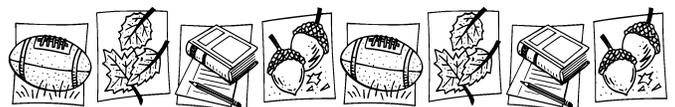


### Use of the church kitchen and coffee bar.

It is a great privilege to have such a nice area for all of our groups to use. When you use the kitchen or coffee bar, please be aware that there is no one who comes in and cleans these areas or equipment. It is the responsibility of the group or person using them. Thank you to everyone who already leaves these areas clean and ready for use. Unfortunately, some are not cleaning up after themselves or returning used items in a timely manner. Please bring back coffee pots and condiments used in other areas of the church after your event or activity, empty any coffee left from the pots and rinse, then put your clean pots back in the racks. Also, dump the used coffee grinds from the machine, and wash and put away dishes after use. If you bring items to use at an event, please be sure to take them home after your event is over. Please be respectful of the many other groups that share the use of these areas by leaving the area and equipment clean and ready for the next group to use.

### It's Back to School Time

--Using the resources of Lutheran World Relief, the **LWML** is attempting to assemble 100 school kits to be sent to young people in countries where poverty or disaster has limited their options to reach their potential. Please consider purchasing the items needed for one or more of these school kits as you shop for your child's school supplies or as you are out and about and see all these school supplies on sale. There are grocery bags (with a list of the school supplies needed for each kit on the bags) in the coat room. Please—no items with religious symbols, the U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. If our intentions are misinterpreted as being politically motivated, our work could be endangered--another example of how fortunate we are to live in a free country with our many blessings!! The work of your hearts and hands is an immeasurable blessing to families in need around the world.



## Come find out about the National Youth Gathering!

**September 13 at 4:00 pm**

The National Youth Gathering is July 16-20, 2016. The gathering will take place in New Orleans, LA. An informational meeting will take place on September 13, after the LYF Fest at 4pm. We will have general information and registration materials available at the meeting. All youth, who are currently in High School, are invited to attend.



# In Christ Alone

*We Stand*

### Attention Junior High & High School Youth!

LYF Kick-off is September 13, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, at church. Fun and snacks will be provided. All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend. Bring a friend!



### Ram Rebate

Purchase gift cards from hundreds of businesses and a percentage of the cost will be credited towards your tuition, scholarship fund, or any Church or School account. Orders will be due on September 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, pick up the following Fridays.

Visit [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), [www.myscripwallet.com](http://www.myscripwallet.com), or stop by the school office for more information.



### Grandparents & Special Friends Breakfast

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 8-9 am. PTF will provide breakfast for the grandparents and special friends before they meet their grandchildren for more fun and exciting activities that are planned for the day!

### St. John Lutheran School PTF Golf Outing U of I Golf Course Saturday, September 26



Get your foursome together for an afternoon of golf! Play 18 holes on the Blue course with a cart. Shotgun start is at 12:30p.m. Foursomes are \$250.00, individual golfers are \$65.00. Registration forms are available on the narthex.

Deadline to register is Monday September, 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Kim



### Back to School Picnic

**Friday, September 10  
from 5:30-7 pm**

All St. John church and school families are invited to attend the Back to School Picnic. The picnic will be held in the west parking lot, weather permitting. Come and celebrate the start of the new school year and join in fellowship with the teachers, staff, and other church and school families. PTF will provide chicken, rolls, and drinks. More information will be available through the weekly school newsletter.



# Music Notes



As Lutherans, we are blessed with an incredibly rich and living heritage of hymnody. Singing the faith has always been an integral part of our worship and spiritual life together, both in church and at home.

The congregation here at St. John continues to inspire me with its enthusiastic participation every week. Those of you who only ever attend worship here may not fully comprehend what a special and worshipful musical experience we have each week. Every time one of us goes to visit family and/or attends church out of town for some reason, I hear upon their return to Champaign of their renewed and enhanced appreciation for the way we sing as a congregation.

In a beautiful text dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the great Lutheran hymn writer Paul Gerhardt captures this spirit wonderfully –

“Hymns that adore Him are precious before Him  
And to His throne like sweet incense arise.”

As our adult choirs resume their service this Fall, I invite you to consider joining (or rejoining) our merry bands of voices, ringers, and instrumentalists.

Alleluia Ringers (Handbells) rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00 in the church balcony, We generally ring once a month and for Festival occasions. We will work to finalize our schedule together at our first rehearsal, which will be **Wednesday, September 16**. We have a couple of positions open due to people moving out of the area, so we once again invite you to give this enjoyable and rewarding ministry a try- no experience (or music reading) necessary!

Mixed Choir and Men’s Choir rehearse on Thursdays – Men’s Choir at 6:00 pm and Mixed Choir at 6:45 pm. There is no audition or experience required, and all are welcome to come when you can. We have lots of room in the balcony and we have a good time. First rehearsals will be **Thursday, September 10**.

Speak to Keith if you have questions or suggestions and thank you for your support of these worshipful ministries!

Soli Deo Gloria!

Keith Williams



## Mission Statement

United in faith, we serve the Kingdom of God by building lives that are rooted in the Word, centered on Christ, and motivated by Grace; to reflect Christ’s love and share His Gospel with all.

## September Birthdays

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| 1 Pam, Hannah, Chris, Danielle, Terry, Melissa | 23. Elmer, Todd, Adam, Jim, Jack, Kiley |
| 2 Jean, Dean, Vicki, Jaime, Judy               | 24. Sara, Keith                         |
| 3 Rachael, Carol                               | 25. Theresa, Alice, David               |
| 4 Jake   | 26. Blake, Cindy, Lilyana               |
| 5 Susan, Jim                                   | 27. David, Kevin                        |
| 8 Stephanie                                    | 28. Paul, Jessica, Jeremy               |
| 9 John, Craig, Terry, Rebekah, Leona           | 29. John, Ron                           |
| 10 Esther, LuAnn, Norm, Stuart, Alexander      | 30. Nadia, Haleigh, Helen               |
| 11 Delaney, Matt, Lori                         |   |
| 12 Marissa, Joan                               |   |
| 13 Rachel, Dan, Donna, Phyllis                 |   |
| 14 Rochelle, Karen, Stephen                    |   |
| 15 Barbara, Benjamin, Zakary                   |   |
| 16 Mimi, Sarah, Christina                      |   |
| 17 Terry, Tim, Damyan, Doug                    |   |
| 19. Christy, Peggy                             |   |
| 20. Gavin, Beth, Warren                        |   |
| 21. Amanda, Annette, Jordan, Lyle              |   |
| 22. Kyleigh                                    |   |

## September Anniversaries

- 1 Elton & Lea (36); Brandon & Jennifer (8)
- 2 Kevin & Cissy (36)
- 3 Mike & Karen (15)
- 4 Ken & Karen (33); Keith & Judith (39)
- 5 Jeremy & Lana (6)
- 6 Dean & Karla (29)
- 7 Chris & Tamara (19); Kwame & Amanda (7)
- 9 John & Linda (41)
- 11 Terry & Robin (33)
- 14 Jim & Stephanie (13); Walter & Anita (47)
- 15 Shane & Sara (14); John & Kathy (31)
- 18 George & Karen (39); Steve & Susie (45)
- 19 Bob & Joan (61); Stephen & Donna (23)
- 20 Kyle & Edna (29)
- 21 Chris & Linda (30)
- 22 Jeffrey & Jessica (8)
- 24 Mark & Diane (21)
- 25 Mark & Letha (34)
- 28 John & Jenny (19)
- 29 Tryston & Stephanie (3)

PLEASE notify the church office (359-1123) if your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect. Unfortunately, we don't have 100% of our members' birthdays & anniversaries on file. Please help us complete our records by notifying us of any corrections or omissions. Thank you!

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR AUGUST



<b>Sundays</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Comm 10:45</b>	<b>Comm</b>
Aug 2	216	167	131
Aug 9	159	130	141
Aug 16	149	120	n/a
Aug 23	185	139	n/a
Aug 30			
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>7:15</b>	<b>Comm</b>	
Aug 5	22	15	
Aug 12	35	28	
Aug 19	n/a	n/a	
Aug 26	n/a	n/a	

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<i>Devotions &amp; Hymn-sing at Amber Glen on the 13th &amp; 27th at 2:30pm</i>	<i>Church Office 359-1123 School Office 359-1714</i>	<b>1</b> 10:15 Adult Bible Class 6:30 School Board 7:00 Trustees	<b>2</b> 8:05 Chapel 5:45 Midweek School 7:15 Holy Communion	<b>3</b> 12:30 Widow's Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>																																																																																																																
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