

## A Note from the Pastor

Greetings as we enter the month of October...filled with the peace of color and the settling down into winter months. The poet in Ecclesiastes comes to mind at this time of year... especially Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: <sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; <sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup>a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; <sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. <sup>9</sup>What gain have the workers from their toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.

<sup>11</sup>He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup>I know that there is

nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; <sup>13</sup>moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

I reflect on this verse at this time of year... and I begin to hum the song. And for me it is a great reminder that even as life changes...as there is a time for everything...that we are to enjoy our days...no matter what...rejoice in the present moments...remember the past, look forward to the future...and live right here and right now in God's kingdom. There is so very much for which to be grateful.

I challenge you to keep a little notepad of a blessing a day...maybe you write this down with your family around the breakfast or dinner table. Keep a list of your blessings each day...and on those days when you can't name one...reflect on all of the other blessings that have come before. Your heart will be filled yet again and receive the many moments that the Holy Spirit grants us!

And share your blessings...give thanks in prayer and share them with one another. Blessings are celebrated and God has called us to rejoice and be glad in them!  
*Pastor Sherry McGuffin*

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## Month at a Glance

**Noisy Offering:** see pg. 4

Oct. 2nd and 16th

**Paper Pantry:**

Oct. 13th (prep @3:30 10/13)

Oct. 27th (prep @3:30 10/26)

**Soup Kitchen:**

10/13 & 10/27

**Committee Meetings:**

Management: 7 PM 10/3

Worship & Music: 9:30 AM 10/17

Council: 7 PM 10/17

**Due to office:**

Hard Copy Newsletter submissions:

Oct. 10th

E-submissions for Newsletter:

Oct. 15th

Unavailable to serve in December:

Oct. 15th

**Useful Info:**

Office is on variable hours all this month.

Oct. 30th: Single 10 AM Service

## Readings for the Month

Date	Readings
Sunday, October 02, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4</li> <li>• 2 Timothy 1:1-14</li> <li>• Luke 17:5-10</li> </ul>
Sunday, October 09, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c</li> <li>• 2 Timothy 2:8-15</li> <li>• Luke 17:11-19</li> </ul>
Sunday, October 16, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 32:22-31</li> <li>• 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5</li> <li>• Luke 18:1-8</li> </ul>
Sunday, October 23, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22</li> <li>• 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18</li> <li>• Luke 18:9-14</li> </ul>
Sunday, October 30, 2016 REFORMATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isaiah 1:10-18</li> <li>• 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12</li> <li>• Luke 19:1-10</li> </ul>

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## Finances at a Glance

YEAR TO DATE	FUND STATUS FOR THE PERIOD:				
	GENERAL	PROPERTY	BENEVOLENCE	MEMORIAL	TOTAL
OPENING BALANCE	(3,500.64)	(2,223.66)	6,029.11	46,473.83	46,778.64
+ INCOME	79,855.51	6,829.88	11,521.59	3,715.00	101,921.98
- EXPENSE	82,528.21	9,668.41	12,488.53	945.93	105,631.08
ENDING BALANCE	(6,173.34)	(5,062.19)	5,062.17	49,242.90	43,069.54
2016 CHANGE	(2,672.70)	(2,838.53)	(966.94)	2,769.07	(3,709.10)

## Ministry Information

**Bible Studies Contact: Pastor Sherry 347-5448**

### Monday Night Study

We meet each Monday evening from 6-7pm at designated homes where we share dinner and the Word of God. *We will not meet on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>*. Look for the schedule in the bulletin and weekly notes. We will be studying the letters of Paul beginning in October.

### Ladies' Bible Study

**Time:** 1 PM

**Date:** Wed. Oct. 19th

We will study Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 and Luke 18:9-14.

### Elderberries

**President: Norm Cutshall 487-1707 Secretary: Cyndi Yingling 525-8950**

**Date:** October 14th

**Time:** 11 AM

**Location:** Russ & Sharon Scott's

**RSVP:** 231-526-8433

Please call to see what you can bring for the potluck and for directions if needed.

**Youth Groups Contact: Pastor Sherry 347-5448**

### Elementary

Chili Luncheon and hayride after church on October 16. See announcement for the congregational Hayride.

### Middle/Senior High

**Date:** Wed. Oct. 26th

**Time:** 7 PM

**Where:** Church

To plan, play games and have ice cream sundaes. We will focus on what we can do to raise money for our Senior High gathering in Lansing. We need to get registered so we will need to be ready to commit to the event!

### Confirmation

Meeting Oct. 23rd 11:30-1

## CONGREGATIONAL HAYRIDE:

**When:** October 16, 2016 at 1pm following a chili luncheon at the church

**Where:** Coveyou Farms on 131.

**How Much?** \$6.00 per person

Please sign up in the book so that I can give a count to the farm. There is a ride that takes us through the farm and back to the shop where you can look at pumpkins!

Sign up to make chili or bread. Sign up for the ride. And bring a friend along to church to take them on the ride as well. We will leave the farm at 1pm for an hour hayride.

## **NOISY OFFERING: Serving in Malawi—The Ulrich Family**

We knew there would be a lot of adjustments this first year, weather, unexpectedly, being one of them. Right now it is winter and the nights get down into the 50's, highs during the day are around 70 and many trees are losing their leaves. The children just got out of school for winter break, and we are adjusting to a new daily schedule for the next two months. Miriam is going to be moving to first grade. Pray for her as any change is a challenge for her, but academically she is making huge progress. Mark is moving to third grade and did very well in school and even got an award for "Best in Science" in his class.

We are plugging away with our language classes and continuing to serve the Lord wherever he leads us. He is answering your prayers and ours as the specifics of our longer term work here becomes evident.

### **Children Ministries**

One of the places that we knew we would connect with is Senga Bay. We recently visited five different children's ministries there that have been started by other Global Teams field partners. They started by gathering a few local children in the community to teach them the Bible through worship, stories, games, prayer, and memorization. Now each ministry has over 100 kids. It is truly amazing to see how God has used these ministries to change the lives of the children, many of whom are Muslim. We asked if there was any resistance from the parents, but it seems that most parents are excited to send their children because they can see the positive change it makes in their kids' lives. One student testified that his parents felt that they had lost their

son before he came into this ministry. After attending the gatherings and learning what the Bible says about how he should act, his lifestyle changed and they now feel they "have their son back."

### **Teaching**

We continue to go to a local orphanage on a weekly basis to do Bible teachings and activities with them to show them the love of Christ and to teach them more about Jesus. We have also been very busy traveling around to many of the orphan care centers in the central region, assessing their needs, and seeing how we can help. We are in the process of coming up with a training program for three orphanages to help the preschool teachers advance their lessons and to educate those that want to teach, but do not have the training. It is wonderful to know one more reason God had Jamie working at a preschool for the last eight years. We will also be teaching life skills to the older orphans enabling them to generate income when they finish their schooling.

We are in the process of helping the local Sunday school classes by expanding a new Malawian curriculum and encouraging the teachers to continue teaching children about the love of Jesus. So as you can see we have a lot of things we are working on and we are excited to be doing what the Lord is calling us to do.

### **Thank you**

We are grateful for your amazing prayers and love for our family. We could not be doing any of this without your support. Your financial gifts brought us here and have sustained us throughout our transition. We do need to raise

additional funds in order to be fully funded for 2017. Many of you gave one time to help us launch. We would be delighted if many of you could give once again in 2016 to keep our income stable for the year ahead. Thank you again for your

support in getting us here and thank you for prayerfully considering giving again.

**Love,  
Luke, Jamie, Mark, and Miriam  
(and baby on the way!)**

## National Awareness Against Domestic Violence Month

October is National Awareness Against Domestic Violence Month. This follows the national day of peace in September. So, for the month of October we will be collecting our noisy offering to be donated and to help support the Women's Resource Center and the programs that they share to help end violence. There are information sheets in our upper level fellowship area. There are numbers in the bathrooms and on my office door for cases of emergencies.

We give thanks to all of you who volunteer or work at the WRC and to

our first responders who often work in tough situations. And the WRC has written a note of thanks for the donations of money and baby wipes and volunteering that we have shared in this important ministry.

As part of the church-wide assembly this year, a study was done to share with congregations. This study focuses on Gender and Justice. We will take time to look at this study in special study sessions throughout this year. Please join along in the study. We will begin in January 2017.

## STEWARDSHIP

**STEWARDSHIP** Make sure to fill out your time and talent sheets. Pledge sheets will be in your boxes to be filled out as well.

We focus on Stewardship in October, but it is actually what we are called to do as children of God...to be and become good stewards. *"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."* [1 Peter 4:10]

Jesus also used many parables teaching us all to love one another, serve one another, and share with one another. We are called...and so we respond. Each person responds as they are called by the Holy Spirit. So...pray...first and foremost take time to pray over your talents and

your time and your treasures. How can you use them to help share the kingdom of God here and now...to share hope and safety...to share in the grief and reconciliation of loss and love...to celebrate with one another here and around the world the new life that there is in Christ?

The time and talent sheet has different categories from which to choose. And there are blanks on the sheet as well...this is for your creativity and use of time and talents. You are a gifted body of Christ...really pray for the power of the holy spirit to guide you in your stewardship, the caregiving of creation and God's kingdom here and now.

As you are called, fill out the forms and send them in. You can place them in the offering plate or just send them to the church. And on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate all of your gifts as the children of God with a German Potluck dinner.

## THANKSGIVING FOR TIME AND TALENTS!!!!

GERMAN POTLUCK DINNER AFTER THE SINGLE 10AM SERVICE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>. Bring your favorite German dish or learn a new one to share with everyone! This should be a really fun time of good smells, laughter, and learning as we throw into the celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> year of the Reformation! A year of celebration!

Please sign up in the TURQUOISE event binder to make your reservation and to volunteer for set up, clean up, and to bring something fun to share with the group!

### THANK YOU NOTES

From Immanuel Lutheran Church,  
*“Thank you for your card and nice condolences on the passing of our new Pastor Adrian Brown. Although we had Pastor Adrian a short time the congregation loved him and enjoyed his ministry with us. Our youth was excited about him and looking forward to many activities with him. We have been grieving but now we are ready to go to the next step in calling a Pastor.”*

From Bishop Craig Satterlee,  
*“Dear friends, thank you for a great weekend. We so enjoyed worshipping with you again and we were overwhelmed by Sherry and your hospitality. This time we had time to appreciate the beauty of Petoskey. Peace.”*

From Samaritas,  
*“Please allow me to express the gratitude of Samaritas for Cross of Christ Lutheran Church – Petoskey generous donation of \$54.41. LSSM [sic] appreciates your members’ commitment to serving people as an expression of the love*

*of Christ. Your congregation’s contribution allows Samaritas to empower the people we serve, enabling them to overcome the challenges of trauma, hopelessness, poverty and disability. Together we provide a life line for children who are without a home or without hope. You help us provide affordable choices and a sense of independence for older adults and persons with disabilities. You also help to promote healthy and self-sufficient families. Your partnership in connecting, empowering and transforming lives in our community is priceless. Again, thank you! Feel free to contact [Richard K Martin, Chief Advancement Officer] at [rmarti@lssm.org](mailto:rmarti@lssm.org) or 313-308-8860 if you have any questions.”*

From Women’s Resource Center,  
*“Thank you so much for your recent donation to the Women’s Resource Center’s Domestic Abuse Program. Your kind gifts will be put to good use by the many families we serve*

at our Safe Home. As a non-profit agency we rely on the generosity of our community to continue providing life-changing services for families in need. We greatly appreciate your support.”

From Elliott Drake,

“Dear Cross of Christ, It is with great thanks I write to you. Amid your own full days, I hope and remember your fellowship as I returned from a good long service this morning [9/11/16]. The people at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and all of its dynamic surroundings are a thorough place to learn, grow, and be nourished. I’ve been blessed with some international students’ fellowship, too, and will be doing a little with one or two of them to help [with] paper-writing through LSTC’s writing center. They are often also offered classes in writing and reading, and of course take those according to their needs.

What a blessing to be here! Yesterday we sat in as the Department of Justice came to listen

to the complaints of predominantly African American people in the South Side as they continue an investigation into the Chicago PD that struggles with overcoming racism. We listened to a neighborhood testimony and pray for them.

I am still looking for envelopes and a post office so it may be a while before this gets there; sometimes pen and paper work more fluidly than the internet – please excuse the delay!

Many blessings to you in Petoskey. May winter reach us both soon that we may again play in the snow! In the meantime, the biking is excellent.

Yours in Christ and healing fellowship, the very best, Elliott.

PS Studies are quite ‘full on’ to use a British colloquialism, with a rather dynamic environment and diverse student body. Thanks for supporting me on this. I certainly need your prayers and appreciate them.”

Elliott’s address is:  
1100 E 55th St.  
Chicago, IL 60615

## **BABY WIPE DRIVE**

We are still collecting Baby Wipes for the WRC Safe House.

## **HONOR FLIGHT**

Boy Scout Troop 5 has extended an invitation for all in the community to a celebration of our Honored Veterans. They are hosting a send-off for 8 combat WWII and Vietnam Veterans from our community as they prepare to embark on an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to see

their memorials. There will be a short service at PUMC at 10:30 AM on Oct. 12th and then a parade will depart PUMC at noon and go past Cross of Christ along its way to Pennsylvania Park. If you have questions or need more info, you can call 231-373-3723.

“Come cheer them on and remember: it is NEVER too late to thank a Veteran!”

(quoted from flyer)



Noisy Offering: Ulrich Family/ Missionaries in Malawi

**October 2016**

October 2016							November 2016						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
2	3	4	5	6	7	1	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
8	10	11	12	13	14	8	13	14	8	9	10	11	12
9	11	12	13	14	15	9	14	15	9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20	21	16	20	21	16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27	28	23	27	28	23	24	25	26	27
30	31					30							

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sep 25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Oct 1</b>
9/25 - 30						
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
Noisy Offering 8:30am & 10 AM Holy Communion 9:45am Sunday School/10 Nurs 11:00am T-giving Meal Planning	6:00pm Northern Mich Chorale (upper fellowship and sanctua 6:00pm Bible Study (Pastor's) 7:00pm Management Team	5:30pm Yoga (CM)	3:30pm Brownie Mtg (DW) 6:00pm Chimes 7:00pm choir		7:00pm Craft Night	
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
10/2 - 7						
8:30am Holy Communion 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Nursery	8:00am NL Subs Due (hard copy) 6:00pm Northern Mich Chorale (upper fellowship and sanctua	5:30pm Yoga (CM)	3:30pm 3:30 Daisies/5:45 Brownies 6:00pm Chimes	12:00pm Soup Kitchen 3:30pm Pantry Prep 5:00pm Paper Pantry	11:00am Elderberries	9:30am Recorder Society (UL) 12:00pm E-subs due for NL
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
10/9 - 14						
Noisy Offering 8:30am & 10 AM Holy Communion 9:45am Sunday School/10 Nurs 11:30am Chili Lunch/ 1 PM Hayri	9:30am Worship and Music 6:00pm Northern Mich Chorale ( 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Council / 7 PM Manna (	9:00am PS in TC 5:30pm Yoga (CM) 6:00pm Girl Scout Leaders	1:00pm Ladies' Bible Study 3:30pm Brownie Mtg (DW) 6:00pm Chimes 7:00pm choir		7:00pm Craft Night	
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
10/23 - 28						
8:30am & 10 AM Holy Communi 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am Nursery 11:30am Confirmation	6:00pm Northern Mich Chorale (upper fellowship and sanctua 6:00pm Bible Study	5:30pm Yoga (CM)	3:30pm Pantry Prep 6:00pm Chimes 7:00pm Sr-High Youth 7:00pm choir	9:00am Paper Pantry 12:00pm Soup Kitchen		
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Nov 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
10/30 - 11/4						
REFORMATION 9:45am Sunday School - craft 10:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Nursery	6:00pm Northern Mich Chorale (upper fellowship and sanctua 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Manna (offsite)					



**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE  
NOVEMBER 2016**

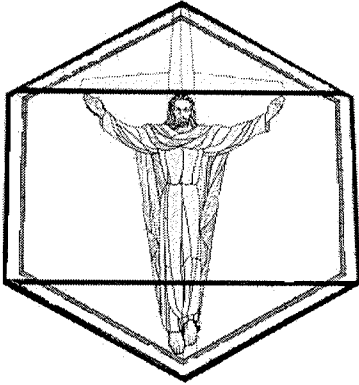
	6th		13th		20th - Christ the King & community Meal		27th
	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	
Greeter	Meyer family	Sommer Poquette	Joan Cox	Toni Cone	Scott family	Karen Lewis	Lois Ulrich
Usher	Jenny Gauthier	Bill Drake	Marilyn Smith	Bryan Young	Meyer family	Matzinger/ Marshall family	Kasi & Wes Meckstroth
Lector	Boyd Manges	Janece Clark	Trudy Day	Mary Michelsen	Joann Wilder	Bryan Young	Priscilla Meyer
Acolyte	Bryan Young	Head Usher	Josie Poquette	Wes Meckstroth	Head Usher	Head Usher	Teague Meckstroth
Cantor	choir	Carolyn Matzinger	**	choir	Boyd Manges	Jean Smith	choir
Head Usher	MaryKay O'Donnell	Jen Lalonde	Trudy Day	Mike Smith	Wayne Meyer	Ron Marshall	Gary Engel
Asst. Minister	Boyd Manges	****	Lois Ulrich	Carolyn Matzinger	Mary Michelsen	Jean Smith	Robert Varnam
Coffee Hour	Morford, C&D	Cusenza family	Olsen family	Backus family	Bev & Gary Engel	Community T-giving	Dan Bays & Ginny Rogers
	Bernier family	Engel, M&H	Bill Hofmann	Drake family	Karie Jeisel	Meal	
10 AM Nursery							
10 AM Counters	Dean Tahinen	Bryan Young	Bill Drake	Carolyn Matzinger	Trudy Day	Jen Lalonde	Gary Engel & Ron Marshall
Baker	Kasi Meckstroth						
Recycling	Kasi Meckstroth						
Tech. Asst.	Bryan Young						

*We use our time and talent sheets to assign our worship volunteers and we are always willing to add new folks!*

Let the office know if you would like to be added as a volunteer or if you have had to change your volunteer duties with someone.

You can call the office at 347-5448 or email at [crossofc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crossofc@sbcglobal.net)

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Grace of God to Love,  
Lead, and Serve***

**Check out [ELCA.ORG](http://ELCA.ORG) for updates on advocacy, worship,  
the Bishop's Letter, and other Church Wide information.**

**Remember:**

**The Volunteer Schedules for October and  
November can both be located on our  
webpage under the 'volunteer' tab!**

**BUDGET REQUEST DEADLINE EXTENDED  
Until October 16th!**

