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# The Encounter

Monthly Newsletter of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church



"Proclaiming Christ Crucified"  
Established 1892

## Our Mission

As a Lutheran community of faith, we continue our history of proclaiming Christ crucified through Word and Sacrament in joyful service to God and our neighbor.

A Stephen Ministry Congregation



## Monte Maxwell, US Naval Academy Organist In concert September 18th, 4:00 pm.

Members are allowed up to four free tickets for each member household may be ordered by emailing Joan Wazybok at [finance@stmatthewsch.org](mailto:finance@stmatthewsch.org). You **must** have a ticket to attend the concert, so please order right away. Tickets for the general public are on sale until September 16<sup>th</sup> for \$10 each, and may be ordered online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6E1/home>. Tickets can be picked up at the "will call" table on the day of the concert. Some tickets may be available at the door on September 18 for \$10 each. The Fellowship Team and friends will serve a very nice reception with champagne punch in the McSwain Center after the concert.

## Supper Clubs starting in September

Karen and Ray Schmoke will host an initial Supper Club gathering on Friday, September 9, to gauge interest in small group supper gatherings. This is a great way to meet people, make new friends across the generations, and have some fun. Watch for a sign up sheet in the narthex for the first gathering and, then, sign up to express your interest in a monthly supper club this fall.



## Interested in joining St. Matthew's?

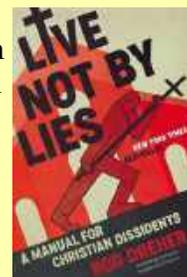


The New Member Orientation is September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am. This class is for transferring Lutherans or those who attended the New Disciples class in August. New members will

be received September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in attending, contact Donna Capozio at 791-4582 or [dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org](mailto:dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org).

## Pr. Sam's Sunday School Class Begins September 4 @ 9:45 A.M

Are you enough of a history student to be concerned about encroaching Marxism in America? We will read a chapter each week before class and discuss the chapter in class beginning September 4. Pastor Zumwalt will invite others to lead one of the weekly conversations. Please order (and read the first chapter in advance of the first class) Rod Dreher's book *Live Not by Lies*. You may order from Amazon in one of three formats (print, digital, or audible) at varying prices.



## School Supplies Collection

New school supplies are being collected for College Acres Elementary School where many children living below the poverty level are being educated. Donations may be left on or under the table in the narthex.

### Items needed:

- white 3-ring binders with plastic pocket front
- glue sticks and regular glue
- folders with pockets and no prongs
- folders with pockets and prongs
- composition notebooks (not spiral)
- headphones (at the Dollar store)
- zippered pencil pouches and pencil boxes
- spiral one-subject notebooks
- scissors (Fiskar)
- dry erase markers
- 24-count crayons
- #2 pencils
- notebook paper
- index cards
- paper towels
- tissues



## September OWL's Luncheon September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am

Join the OWL's (Older Wiser Lutherans) for their first luncheon of the fall in McCombs Hall, catered by Middle of the Island. The menu will consist of roast beef, country style steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, broccoli salad, rolls, apple crisp with ice cream, tea, and coffee. Cost is \$15 per person, and the sign-up sheet is on the big board in the Commons.



## *Greetings from Pastor Sam*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

*Our Lord Jesus says, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37).*

So many baptized children of God, including bishops and pastors, have developed functional atheism when it comes to members of their own family. As our Lord Jesus' words make clear, the cost of discipleship has always been high. Our parish has not been untouched by such divided loyalties.

More than a decade ago, 130 teaching theologians of the ELCA signed their names to a petition in support of changing the Church's teaching on marriage and, accordingly, whom may serve as pastors. In 2009, the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA approved the ordination of pastors in publicly accountable homosexual relationships. Before the year was out, congregations were voting to leave the ELCA and yet another Lutheran denomination (the NALC) was formed. This followed on the large number of departing congregations that formed the LCMC after the ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted in 1999 to make bishops for life (who would still have to be reelected to six-year terms) through the laying on of hands by bishops of The Episcopal Church (TEC). In 2003, the TEC voted their first openly gay partnered bishop. Since 2009, several synods of the ELCA have elected openly gay bishops and indeed a transsexual.

Invariably, parents, siblings, and friends of homosexual Christians have tearfully argued that "this" church and, yes, "this" congregation must accept a new definition of marriage and of whom may serve as pastors. To all we must say: there is only one Church, one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all (Ephesians 4). Our Lord Jesus loves and welcomes everyone, but our loyalty can only be to Him.

*"And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother' (Matthew 12:49-50).*

So many parents have over the years brought children for Baptism and First Communion as if being members here was akin to membership in a country club. Despite having made promises at the Baptism of their children, more than a few developed amnesia about their promises to God when it came to worship, Christian education, and especially Confirmation. Citing devotion to *family*, many have not brought their children for Sunday School and, since Covid, have avoided the services of God's house taking more direction from CNN, MSNBC, and St. Anthony of Fauci than from the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Feeling good about Jesus" has dragged members away from the Bible's definition of Church, namely those baptized and regularly assembling for the apostles' teaching and fellowship, the Breaking of the Bread, and the prayers (ordered worship) to the unbiblical rock concerts for Jesus and dubious teaching.

We have heard family members complain when confronted with the proper definition of Church and the right teaching and practice of the faith. Once again, *family* loyalties must be subject to the Lord Jesus.

*"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness'" (Matthew 7:21-23).*

As we make choices daily and weekly about whom we will trust with our living and dying, we do well to remember that our mortal dear ones make lousy gods. It has always been difficult to be a Christian, and, sadly, in our day even some who have been properly catechized have chosen against the Lord Jesus. And, for those who bluster and contend otherwise, we must ask whether they hasten to the services of God's house to receive the Living God in host and cup, whether the faith they practice would be recognizable to the martyrs of the early Church who gave their lives in ultimate witness to Christ, and, finally, whether the Lord Jesus might indeed say at the last when He returns: "I never knew you."

We cannot change those who choose schism from the Lord of the Church with their claims of "this" church or "my" church or "my" Jesus. But it is not hardness of heart or a failure of Christian charity to raise just these three italicized hard words from the Lord Jesus Christ, who will not be revised by any body.

Your father in Christ,



Pr. Sam Zumwalt+



## Church Council Meeting - August 11, 2022

At the regular Church Council meeting, the following was approved:

- Council approved the spending of up to \$20,000 from the Contingency Fund to replace several metal doors and repair the fire escape. An appeal will be made to the congregation to help replenish the Contingency Fund.
- Permission was given to the Christkindlmarkt Team to hold their annual festival on church property on November 19, 2022 and to conduct a "left over sale" on November 20. This approval is necessary for the ABC license required to sell beer and wine.
- Council approved a resolution that was presented at the Special Called Congregation Meeting on August 21, 2022 regarding disaffiliation from the ELCA.

<u>Operating Fund: July 2022</u>		
	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>	38,150.48	292,195.89
<b>Expenses:</b>	<u>39,839.70</u>	<u>292,612.69</u>
<b>Income/ (Loss)</b>	(1,689.22)	(416.80)



Training for Stephen Ministers will begin on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Two people have expressed a desire to participate in the training and we feel blessed by their decision. They will be making a commitment of two years, including 50 hrs of training.

Stephen Ministry is truly an extension of the Pastor's ministry, as Stephen Ministers provide needed support to those facing a difficult time. All of us, at one time or another, could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister – someone who will offer prayer, will listen without judging, and will keep what is said in confidence.

As always, we are thankful for your support and ask for continued prayers for the Stephen Ministers, as well as for those who have honored us with their trust.

Please remember that if you are going through a trying time, or know of someone who is, you may contact one of the leaders: Ana María Jackson (910) 599-5622; Jon Lindsay (770) 356-5093; Terry Miller (910) 619-3742; Pastor Sam Zumwalt (910) 791-4582.



### ***God is Pro-Life!***

The local Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 2nd.  
We will meet for Prayer in the Nave at 2 p.m.

***Our Christian sympathy is extended to...***

Scott & Christi Monroe, and family, on the death of Scott's father, Terry Monroe.

George Schwenzer and family on the death of his father, Charles Schwenzer.

Dianne Zenz on the death of her sister, Marlene Thomas.

The family of Elaine Brown Mattess.

Margaret Shackelford, Pr. Sam & Laura Zumwalt, and family, on the death of Margaret's father, Robert Sido.

Tom & Margo Russell, David & Keri Rutland, and family, on the death of Tom's brother, Chaplain Randy Russell.

Larry Franklin, brother-in-law of Pr. Sam & Laura Zumwalt, on the death of Larry's mother, Mabel Holmes.

The family of Topsail HS teacher, Ronney Jones.



***MEMBERS:***

Regina Ryder

Keith Farmer

Donna Siegmund

Kenn Slocum

Pat Mahl

Liz Newbery

George Schwenzer

Helen Knoll

Lani Beuerman

Pr. Marv Schedler

Lon Ostby

Laura Matthess

Micki Matthess

Jane and Willard Dove

Ed Ludacer

Leslie Long

Al Scheidt

Carrie McDonough

Gabriela Walters

Carol and Harry Comeskey

Daniel Sparks

Terry Miller

John Tullous

Janet and Denis Hall

Ruth Rice

Barbara Duff

Lynette Farmer

Peggy Davis

Carolyn Hooker

Kay Thompson

Tina Medlin

Marti Felter

Jan Magnus

Patty Macino

Lois Kuppler

Nate Holway

Joel Peterson

Arthur and Barbara Moore

Ken Manning

Beverly Hunsberger

Bill Baldwin

Robbie Icard

Dave Sundberg

Charles Schucker

Alex Schwartz

Nancy Miller

Pr. Joel Kettner

Jennifer Stirrat

Mary McSwain

Sheila Leach

Peggy Barr

***FRIENDS/FAMILY OF MEMBERS:***

Amie Knauer

Albert Rossetti

Jerry Knoll

Journey Heyer

Richard Truax

Tracy Boandl

Barbara Colton

August Hopper

Kattie Duff

David Schwartz

John Tullous, Jr.

Cannon Helms

Lynne Bryson

David Hunsberger

Sally Przybranowski

Jo Beth Brinkley

Jackie Horne

Eileen Carzon

Bill and Dot Pearson

Hudson Dingfelder

Jeff James

Laurena Sundberg

Josiah Heyer

Holly, Brett, and Lala Limmer

Peter Thomas

Alex and family

Rufus Horne

Jim Campbell

Alice Copeland

Hardin Hosford Croom

Megan McKinney

Envy Willow Gernant

Pr. Rob Moore

Eleanor Eisenman

Debbie Clary

Edward Morrison

Ron Bloom

Robert Shaffer

Wilhelmina Stanland

Carla Ramm

Lori Aquirre

Dylan Wrench

Kathryn Webster

Elena Scalora

Mary Miller

Heidi Baldwin

Ashley Lawson

Bobby Roberts

David Searle

David Case

Corrie Formica

Joe Villa

***REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:***

Elsie Cates

Nancy Fauser

Margaret French

Ruthann Getsinger

Laura Gray

Jane McDougald

## *Gifts to Honor and Remember*

**IN MEMORY OF MAUREEN RICHEY**, a gift to Pastor's Discretionary by Craig and Beth Hales.

**IN MEMORY OF ELAINE MATTES**, a gift to Christkindlmarkt by Carol Roller.

**IN HONOR OF PR. MARV AND MARCIE SCHEDLER'S 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAYS**, a gift to "C-ing the Way Forward" fund for the Office remodel by Jennifer Stirrat.



3	Dusty Pilcher
3	Gilbert Alphin
4	Carol Comeskey
5	Karen Ruefle
5	Megan Kline
5	Preston Gourville
6	Irene Shea
6	Caroline Wharton
7	Yvonne Jones
8	Gabriela Walters
9	Jacob Harms
10	Raewyn McCombs
11	Jan Betts
11	Craig Hales
11	Greg Stirrat

11	Ronan Harrington
12	Dean Weber
15	Elaine Willow
15	Samuel Mowrey
16	Sheila Mallo
16	Alexandra Schwartz
16	Ron Fracalossi
17	Connor Mough
19	Nancy Magruder
19	Joe Huppmann
20	Darlene Schucker
20	Brent Labriola
22	Karin Cook
22	Jonathan Bishton
23	Betty LaFave
24	Linda Holway
25	Tyler Crouch
26	J. Hollamon
26	Carley Cumbo
26	Irene Glaeser
27	Pr. Joel Kettner
29	Alex Monroe



3	Art & Jan Magnus
3	Ron & Suzanne Asmus
3	Al & Irene Glaeser
4	Bill & Tracy Gourville
4	Pr. Sam & Laura Zumwalt

5	Brian & Laurie Tobin
9	Keith & Cindy Harms
9	Harry & Tanya Puckett
17	Dave & Peggy Davis
20	Ron & Joan Fracalossi
21	Jim & Sheila Whitmeyer
22	Terry & Joyce Crouch
23	Dave & Diane Sundberg
30	Kenn & Wanda Slocum
30	Pr. Michael & Leslie Bergbower

### **Blessing of the Animals**

Saturday, October 1st at 10 a.m. in the Courtyard



### **Fall First Communion Class Sunday, October 23rd at 12:30 p.m.**

Class with pizza and drinks.  
One parent must attend with the student. A sign-up sheet is posted on the board in the narthex.



My dear friends at St Matthew's church,

I will never forget how much you helped me and my daughter, Veronika, when we needed it. Now you are helping my family because they had to leave Ukraine.

For my mother everything is very difficult. Her name is Vira. She is in Wilmington staying with my daughter Veronika and her family. She is an elderly woman, 75 years old, and it is very difficult for her to come to terms with the fact that she had to leave her house and live very far from her usual life. My mother and father were very sick with Covid and in the hospital. He died and no visitors were allowed at the time. She is not too happy here in America unfortunately. She said that if you take and uproot an old tree and plant it in another place, this tree most likely will not take root. I'm trying to explain to her that it's better for her to be here in America now than to live where there is war going on. The true is that right now people in Ukraine live below the poverty line. Sometimes they just have nothing to eat. The dollar exchange rate in Ukraine is now 40 hryvnias for \$1. Personally I love America so very much. I am very proud to be American citizen now. And I think everything is possible if you will integrate. We all trying with your help to take care of my mother, my sister, and my nephew. Without your help it would be much harder.

My sister and nephew arrived in TX in July 7 to be with me and my husband. Tymur my nephew dreaming to go to the University to become a biological engineer. He wants to be a scientist. I believe he can reach this goal in his life because he is pretty smart guy and he loves to study very much. He speaks English very well. But we have to start small to go big. We are trying to enroll him in the community college Palo Alto here in San Antonio. We went there to the welcoming center and they helped to apply for the college. We are trying to do everything step by step. It's not easy but we are ready to overcome all obstacles. Some people think that Ukrainians people can get a lot of benefits and go study for free but it is not true at all. We have to pay for everything all paperwork for TPS status and college cost will be a double for Tymur because they will accept him a foreign student. But we are happy with this as long as they will take him. I love to dream and I can imagine in my mind Tymur graduation and this day I would be the most grateful and happy aunt in the world. I love my nephew he is a good kid.

My sister Nadiia back in Ukraine was a lawyer and she worked for a president office. Her and her son life has changed dramatically in February 24, 2022 when the war has started. They never had plans to come to America. They were happy in Ukraine but now they have to go through a lot of painful changes. My sister said that she is not scared to work at any jobs in the USA. She just wants the best for her youngest son Tymur. First she has to learn English. My sister oldest son remains in Ukraine Kyiv. He works for a government also and he can be picked up to go to war at any time. My oldest nephew said he will go to war if he has to and he won't hide or run away. I am very proud of him. My sister husband passed away in 2011. So it's only three of them now. I believe in God with all my heart and soul and I believe God will never give you nothing you can't handle. We will handle it all with dignity. I love you all my sweet Church for all support you gave me and Veronika and now to them. I am extremely grateful and I appreciate everything. Right now I am sitting here typing this letter and I'm crying because I'm so thankful for you my Church people. I love you all forever.

Oksana



Congratulations to Beth Hales, the winner of our 50/50!



St. Matthew's Lutheran Church



## Christkindlmarkt News

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# An Indoor Outdoor German Christmas Market Saturday, November 19, 2022 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Featuring The Harbour Towne Fest Band, Bratwurst, German Beer,  
Baked Goods, Vendors, Activities for the Kids, and MUCH MORE!*

### Our Leaders

**Perry Guy**

Infrastructure  
and Grounds  
Set Up and Clean Up

**Carol Roller**

Finance

**Robert Kuppler**

Food and Beverage

**Marti Felter**

Member Booths

Arts and Crafts

German Ornaments

German Gifts

Baked Goods

St. Nick's Basement

Silent Auction

**Joyce Crouch**

Communications  
and Advertising

**June Doll**

Entertainment  
and Other Activities

Harbour Towne

Fest Band

Der Weihnachtsmann

Organ Demonstrations

Nave Tours

Church Info (Evangelism)

Kids' Crafts

Don't forget to look for

**Der Weihnachtsmann**



**Count down: The festival is  
two and a half months out!**

**Money Matters:** As of August 22, we have about \$15,700 available to spend on our festival; meaning we must raise another \$6,000.

We could use more Sponsors. Although the September 1st deadline has passed for businesses who wish to have exhibition space, sponsorship opportunities are *still* available and the other perks (advertising and tickets) are *still* being offered as applicable for the several sponsorship levels.

There is no deadline for Individual Sponsorships. Tickets will still be given as applicable to those sponsors. However, the "Match" has expired.

Any and all sponsorships and donations are *greatly* appreciated.

**Something Old ~ Something New:**

**St Nick's Basement** is accepting donations of new or gently used Christmas decorations or Christmas themed gifts. Consider items which would make good stocking stuffers. We are offering a selection reasonably priced from 10¢ to \$20.00.

The **German bottled beers** are starting to arrive. About half of our supply has been ordered.

**Pretzels and True Blue Butcher and Baker** - The Pretzelman sold his business and True Blue and they have expressed interest in participating in CKM. They may supply us with brats and other simple German meats to grill. Then too, they may take a booth. It all sounds promising.

The Food and Beverage team is considering adding to the menu of brats: currywurst, knackwurst, franks, lebercase.

**It's Watz Poppin** --- Got your attention? We were able to find a Kettle Corn vendor again this year! I can smell it now. This is exactly what we needed to add to the festive atmosphere.

### **Attention Crafters!**

If you are donating a craft to our Member Crafts, we'd like for you to please contact **Diane Sundberg** again to tell her about your donation.

Diane has been keeping a detailed log for us, but unfortunately some of the information was recently wiped out electronically due to a storm. Now she is in the process of restoring it and needs your help. Thank you.

**Important:** If you are considering donating an item for our Member Crafts or basket for our Silent Auction, *please* let Joan in the Finance Office (Rm. 111) know so we can follow up with you.

You don't have to wait for someone to ask you to participate in Christkindlmarkt. The **Servant Sign Up Sheets** will be out soon and we need all hands on deck to make our festival a success! Even if you *don't think* you will be available the actual day, there are still tasks to do beforehand. Be part of this fun event and join a really great team.

Read below the comments from some of our participants to learn why they are involved.

*"Show Wilmington how joyful it is to fellowship with the German Lutheran community! Get ready for Christmas the fun way by joining St Matthews biggest and most joyful FUNdraiser. Do not miss out; the rewards for your work are heavenly!" — Fred Doll*

*"Not all tasks for CKM are for the Saturday of the event. I was able to help by simply making a few calls. It sounds small but it was a need. Big job or little task - all are needed." — Becky Howard*

*"Supporting Christkindlmarkt is a very effective opportunity to help St. Matthew's reduce its debt. I take seriously when I repeat, "I will strive to.....serve at St. Matthew's....." Christkindlmarkt takes a huge effort and I feel an obligation to offer my support." — Dusty Pilcher*

*"I want to give back, and this is one small means in which to do so. What keeps me coming back are the camaraderie and knowing that the proceeds will enhance our church and the activities." — Sandy O'Donnell*

*My first time helping out at the CKM was last year. Only worked the festival four hours by helping to set up tents and then later working with my wife Diane in the kitchen the last two hours helping with the sauerkraut preparation. Amazing how it all comes together. "What's Brats without Kraut" — Perry Guy*

*"I joined the planning team in the first year because I was interested in experiencing my German heritage "stateside" and offering that same experience to our community. Christkindlmarkt is a great complement to other heritage festivals around Wilmington. And because I had experience as a vendor at a variety of events for my husband's art business, it was a natural fit to be the coordinator of our vendor recruitment. It's fun to visit other festivals to see who might be a good fit for our market, who offer appropriate merchandise on a Christian campus. And when festival time arrives, oh boy, do I get the majority of my Christmas shopping done! I love to support local artisans and especially the raising of funds for our building projects and upkeep!!" — Beth Hales*

*"We profess it weekly that we will serve at and beyond St. Matthew's and give of our time, talents and resources. This is a great way to walk the walk not just talk the talk." — Diane Sundberg*

*"From an Evangelism standpoint the CKM is a way to offer St. Matthews and Christianity to whoever walks into our event. We have had in the past some who claimed they would worship with us and some that have come to worship. Seeds is all we can plant so this event is in some ways like Kairos our prison ministry, the inmates come for the food and find Jesus. At CKM they might come for the food, gifts, music or who knows what, but we pray for those who need that they find Jesus also." — Dave Sundberg*

*"I volunteer at CKM because it is a wonderful event that draws together the majority of our active church members and the community — an opportunity for fellowship and raising awareness about St. Matthew's while raising much-needed funds." — Irene V Glaeser*

*"I originally got involved since you cannot separate Finance from Fundraiser. I stay involved because of the Fellowship and the positive energy from a wonderful group of people. It says a lot about our church family." — Carol Roller*

*Memoria: The CKM team will surely miss Elaine Brown Mattes. As one of our former leaders, Elaine participated in the event from year one. She worked both up-front and behind the scenes. Elaine liked to bake and helped package cookies for the bake sales. Elaine loved our church and promoted the festival by handing out flyers and soliciting sponsorships. She was a sponsor herself, both as a member and as a Real Estate Broker. Being available during the week, she would come into the church to price merchandise for the gifts and crafts areas. Elaine loved bratwurst and also the German music. ( Actually, she loved all music.) She kept track of the Harbour Towne Fest Band schedule and was sure to go to nearby venues at which they were playing, just to make sure they were up to her standards, of course. For the past two years, Elaine was a warm and friendly greeter at the festival and took tickets at the main gate. Elaine, we will miss your enthusiastic participation and pretty smile.*

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				<b>1</b> 10:00 Quilt Ministry 7:00 Midtown AA	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11:00 Fellowship Team 6:00 Eucharist
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### **Upcoming Worship and Events**

**October 1** - Blessing of the Animals, 10:00 am

**October 1-2** - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Eucharists 6:00 pm; 8:30 am, and 11:00 am; local Life Chain, Sunday starting with prayer at 2:00 pm

**October 3** - Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm

**October 5** - Midweek Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 pm

**October 8-9** - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Eucharists 6:00 pm; 8:30 am (Contemporary), and 11:00 am

**October 10** - Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm

**October 12** - Midweek Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 pm

**October 15-16** - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Stewardship Sunday, Eucharists 6:00 pm; 8:30 am, and 11:00 am

**October 17** - Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm

**October 19** - Midweek Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 pm

**October 22-23** - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Eucharists 6:00 pm; 8:30 am (Contemporary), and 11:00 am; First Communion Class, Sunday at 12:30 pm

**October 24** - Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm

**October 26** - Midweek Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 pm

**October 29** - Reformation Prayer Retreat, 8:00 am

**October 29-30** - Feast of the Reformation, Eucharists 6:00 pm; 8:30 am (Contemporary), and 11:00 am

**October 31** - Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm