

THE *Red* DOOR

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A Report from the Columbarium Committee

Your Columbarium Committee has been studiously at work exploring the possibility and practicality of constructing a columbarium here at Christ Episcopal Church. Perhaps your first question is “What is a Columbarium?” The dictionary describes it as “a vault with niches to contain the ashes of cremated bodies.” In recent years more and more churches have installed a Columbarium as a meaningful way to honor and respect the remains of those who have passed on. What better place than in the church to place these cremated remains. The church is where we are baptized and give our life to Christ. What better witness than to have our remains placed in this same sacred place.

The number of Christians choosing cremation rather than burial is continually increasing. What does one do with the cremated remains of a loved one? Fortunately, there is a dignified way that is consistent with Christian tradition. From the earliest times, Christians have buried their dead in churches. Cremation and inurnment of ashes is used extensively by many churches, including the Washington National Cathedral and Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Petoskey. By utilizing a Columbarium, it can now be possible for us to honor our dead by placing their remains in our church.

Many parishioners have expressed interest in having a Columbarium for placement of their remains here at Christ Church. To that end your committee has and continues to explore various possible locations and arrangements for this to done. With approval of your

Vestry, we have engaged the architectural firm White and Liebler Architects of Petoskey to assist us in this endeavor. Together with them we have quite quickly found that we need to know more of what the future facility needs of Christ Episcopal Church are.

We have experienced good membership growth in recent years and should this continue we certainly want to have a plan for orderly improvement to our facilities to accommodate the growth. And so the initial work of our architect will be to help us develop a master plan for the future facility needs of CEC. With that accomplished, what we do with a columbarium will blend in and not be inappropriate or incorrectly located.

It is also felt that the Columbarium should be part of the church and not tucked away in some dark corner. It should be a part of the active area of the church, but still have a degree of privacy. Parishioners who choose to be in the Columbarium will be people who were very much part of our lives and participated with us in our various church activities. Therefore we want to keep them and our memory of them close to us as part of our church participation.

In order to make our Columbarium the best it can be we need your help and input. We ask for your thoughts on the future needs of Christ Church. We will endeavor to listen and keep you informed of our progress. The members of our committee are: **Mark Andresky, Brownie and Susan Flanders, Marsha Hall, Dorothy Miller, Tom O'Dell, Nancy Porter, Pam Sroufe, Chris Smith, Betty Stephen, Deb Stutzman, and Linda Wertz.** Please express your interest and thoughts to any of us, as the more input we have the better will be the outcome.

– *Brownie Flanders and Chris Smith*
Co-chairs, Columbarium Committee

First Sunday IN AUGUST

*F*irst Sunday at Christ Episcopal Church is a time of intergenerational sharing. It is not as hard as you might think to find activities that appeal to all ages and so beautifully allow us to grow spirituality together. We meet from 9:30 am to 9:55 am on the First Sunday of the month, sharing prayer, scripture, ourselves and the love of God; all while having fun! On the First Sunday of July

we shared our stories of faith experiences and talked about how Jesus' power changes us forever when we reach out to touch him. On August 5, we will gather to talk about the "Bread of Life." What does it mean for God to "feed" us and what are ways we "feed" others? Please join us for these precious 25 minutes to share our faith in Jesus.

Columbarium Committee



Linda Wertz

I am a member of Christ Church Columbarium Committee. The reason I am telling you this is because I find it so surprising. I'll tell you why. I've been thinking

for the last year or two about the fact that we should at least start to consider a plan about when we die, it's been difficult.

Charlevoix is our home now and seems pretty clear it will be in the future. Next is where I get stuck. Should I be buried or cremated? My family has always chosen to be buried, so cremation is somewhat foreign to me. I've asked a few friends if they are going to be buried or cremated. Most say they don't know and have thought about this also. A few of us have mentioned this topic to Fr. Tom, and he thought we may have something about this during Lent.

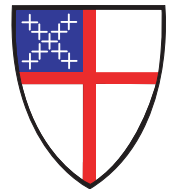
Next thing I know, I was asked if I wanted to serve on the committee. I said yes, because it may help me with my decision. What's really amazing is God knows and cares about our concerns and guides us as we go.

I truly believe the columbarium is going to become a reality at CEC. I also feel my decision has been made. What a wonderful place to rest in peace.

– Linda Wertz

Upcoming Dates TO REMEMBER

August 5:	9:30a.m.	First Sunday – Topic: “Bread of Life”
August 6:	5p.m.	Drs Jim Deering and Jodi Flanders, present <i>Walking the Labyrinth</i> with reception to follow in parish hall, sponsored by Taylor Series
August 7:	8a.m – noon	Opportunity to walk Labyrinth in parish hall
August 11:	11:30a.m. – 2p.m.	Chicken Salad Luncheon
August 17:	10a.m.	<i>Sing, Unburied, Sing</i> book discussion with Tom O’Dell
August 17:	6p.m.	“Dare to Care” Christian Outreach fundraiser
August 19:	10a.m.	Rev. Dr. Kathy Kircher to preach at CEC
August 23:	7p.m.	Phil Pratt Organ Concert with reception to follow in parish hall, sponsored by Taylor Series
August 26:	11:25a.m.	ECW meeting in sanctuary
August 26:	10a.m.	Al Shands of the Taylor Foundation to preach at CEC
August 27:	5p.m.	Deadline for September <i>Red Door</i> , contact: susankflanders@gmail.com
August 30:	3p.m.	Vestry meeting
September 2:		Fr. Tom O’Dell away
September 2:	10a.m.	Rev. Dr. Kathy Kircher to preach at CEC
September 4:	4-6p.m.	CEC Ladies Social at Margaret Seligman’s home
September 7:	10a.m.	<i>A Good Man is Hard to Find</i> , book discussion with Tom O’Dell
September 15:	10:30a.m.	Celebration of the Life of Sylvia Linde-Guback, St. Christopher’s Church, Northport, MI



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Book REVIEW

FOR AUGUST

Walking the Labyrinth

Taylor Series Event

Presented by:
Dr. Jim Deering and
Dr. Jodi Flanders
August 6, 5 p.m.
Reception to follow

Walking a Sacred Path
Rediscovering the Labyrinth
as a Spiritual Practice



Dr. Jim Deering and Dr. Jodi Flanders

Green Thumb Gardeners

The Christ Episcopal Church Green Thumb Gardeners work all summer long to keep gardens looking fresh and weed free. On July 9, they were busy at work, pulling, plucking and dead heading flowers.

Kathy Boyer, Nancy Porter, Susan Flanders, and Betty Stephen



Convention **SERMON**

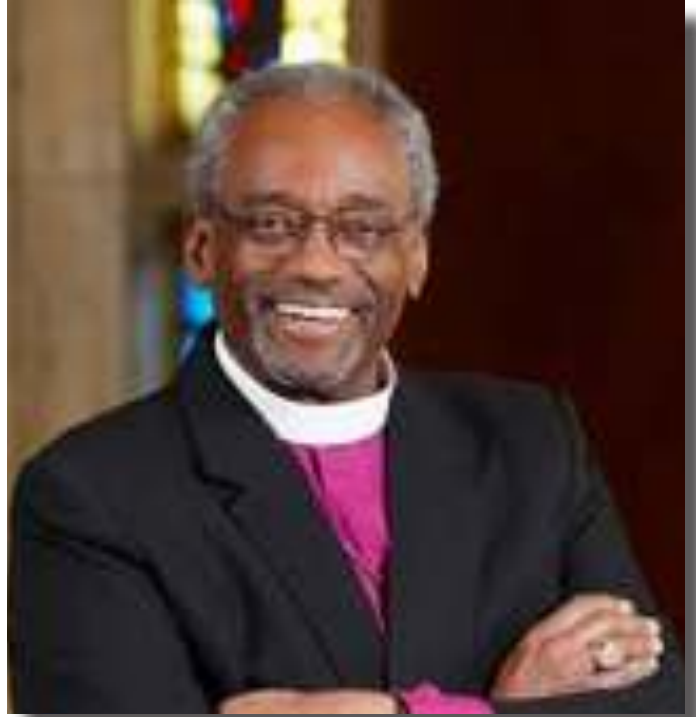
The Way of Love

Bishop Curry Announces a New Initiative During Convention Sermon

During his sermon at the opening Eucharist of the Convention, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry called the Episcopal Church to adopt the *Way of Love*, a rule of life focused on seven core practices in order to better live out the Jesus Movement in word and action.

Those principles are:

- **TURN** - Pause, listen, and chose to follow Jesus.
- **LEARN** - Reflect on Scripture each day, especially Jesus' life and teachings.
- **PRAY** - Dwell intentionally with God.
- **WORSHIP** - Gather in community weekly to thank, praise, and draw near God.



Bishop Michael Curry

- **BLESS** - Share faith and unselfishly give and serve.
- **GO** - Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus.
- **REST** - Receive the gift of God's grace, peace, and restoration.

Did You Know?

Lena Systma Reed is our newly trained Crucifer. Lena is 11 years old and attends St. Mary's school. She is a serious student, very smart, a quick learner, and she just got braces on her teeth. It is a pleasure to work with this young lady.

– *Brownie Flanders*



Outdoor SERVICE



On July 15, Christ Church enjoyed the annual outdoor service at Depot Beach pavilion. What started out as early morning mist across Lake Charlevoix turned into a glorious sunny day and the lake sparkled during the service. This year 120 people attended, along with one happy dog. Betty Stephen and Nancy Porter were the coffee hour hosts and set up their goodies under a large shade tree. It was a good day!

The Anthems of August

We now have a Community Choir ever Sunday. All members of the congregation are invited to come forward to participate in Community Choir for the anthem. Please come to church at 9:30 for rehearsal.

These are anthems for August:

August 5: (Blue Hymnal)

#595 They'll know We are Christians

August 12: (Blue Hymnal)

#310 Thine is the Glory

August 19: (Blue Hymnal)

#126 Thou Art Worthy

August 26: (Blue Hymnal)

#427: You are My All In All

Prayer List FOR AUGUST

Please Pray for your Brothers and Sisters

Gunnar Lundteigen	Sue Loomis	Vicky and Gary Schafer	Liam Rathjens
David Bahr	Linda Smith	Ellie and Bob Nicol	Angie
Blake Kirinovic	Esther Carey	Ken Willson	Carlo Nickerson or family
Brad Lopez	Judith and Glen Berger	Ann Marie Puffpaff	
Holly Driggs	Lisa Hicklen	Bobbie Rathjens	Evelyn Kulhawick

*Persons are removed from our Prayer List at the end of each month.
Please contact John Fiedorek at jfiedorek@gmail.com to add the names of friends and family to our Prayer List.*

Thank You!

Freedom to Worship Opportunity to Worship

We're all thankful that we live in a land of freedom in which we (and all others) are allowed to worship as we choose. Several national holidays help us to remember the debt we owe to so many for the freedoms we must never take for granted: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, just to name three.

But what about the "opportunity" we have to worship? Who provides that?

First and foremost it's our trusty, faithful, tireless Altar Guild and their leader, Betsy Collier.

What do Betsy and her crew do for us? Preparing the altar and church for Sunday worship week after week, and behind the scenes work of washing and ironing linens, purchasing items and training of altar help, organizing the polishing of crosses, candles etc. just begins a long, long list.



Just as we must never forget and ignore those who have made our freedom to worship possible, we must strive to remember the good work of those who help us grasp this opportunity.

Thank you, Betsy!!

Episcopal Church Women **ECW** AT CHRIST CHURCH

Annual Chicken Salad Luncheon



Ann Puffpaff, Chris Benson, Dorothy Miller, Barbie Claggett securing cold drinks for 2017 luncheon guests



Nancy Porter chatting with guests at Chicken Salad luncheon at outdoor cafe in 2017

The annual Chicken Salad Luncheon is scheduled on Saturday, August 11th, Art Fair Day. This year will be a little different, as the Charlevoix Health Department is requiring that all the chicken salad has to be prepared in the kitchen at Christ Church. We will still need cookies and muffins as in the past, and these items can be prepared at home.

We will be purchasing the chicken salad ingredients, and we are requesting donations to cover the cost. Donations can be placed in a box which is located in the Parish Hall. Checks can be made out to Christ Episcopal Church with a memo for ECW Chicken Salad Luncheon.

Many people come to the luncheon every year, as the luncheon is delicious, the service is terrific, and it is a delightful setting. We look forward to your support, and with everyone's help we can make this a banner year. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Benson (269-568-0664) or Nancy Porter (231-409-1703).

– Betty Stephen, ECW President

Advent Tea

Christ Episcopal Advent Tea and Country Market has been reinstated on November 17, 2018. Nancy Porter and Betty Stephen will co-chair this popular community event. Kindly spread the word! As you are canning and preserving this summer please make extra to sell in the market. Pickles, chili sauce, pickled beets, apple sauce or any of your favorite canned goods are perfect. We also need homemade baked goods. Please think about your favorite items you like to make and share with us. Remember our proceeds will benefit community outreach. More details to follow.



The Lunch Bunch!



In July, thirteen ladies attended lunch at JAX Restaurant in Charlevoix. CEC Lunch Bunch group meets each month at a different restaurant. All are welcome. Should you wish to join the group, please contact Patti Masson at 231-347-0972.



Dare to Care

We Dare you!

Put \$25 in your entertainment budget this month and get yourself a ticket to the most daring fundraiser Christian Outreach has put together in a while for August 17th, 6 pm at Christ Episcopal Church, 200 State Street, Charlevoix.

Your ticket purchase provides you with heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and soft drinks PLUS 3 chances to win sizable cash

prizes! (Yes, we have a license for this!) With your appetite satisfied, take that grocery money saved and play our other games of chance that could bring you baskets of goodies! It's never too early to Christmas shop and, short of a song you might get a 'steal of a deal' from Silent Auction items. Judy Colt has the list of donations from northern Michigan commerce and services. Dare her to reveal if we have what you're looking for! All proceeds from this event are being dedicated to CEC's Christian Outreach partners. Descriptions are on the church bulletin board for EZ reference.

We dare you to call 989-400-3687 for tickets, Marc Sroufe will answer.

From the Treasurer's Desk

Occasionally, some parishioners, in carrying out the business of the church, need to have a check prepared in advance for a special purpose rather than submitting an invoice or seeking reimbursement at a later time. We have now created a "Check Request Form" located in a folder on the desk in the Treasurer's office (next to the "Reimbursement Forms") for just this purpose. Please complete these forms and leave them in the "Check Request Completed Folder" on the desk. Please allow at least 7 days from the time of submittal for the check to be processed. When possible, please obtain a receipt or paid invoice from the vendor and leave them in the "Check Request Completed Folder" for our church records.

We understand that some check requests are urgent, and we will do our best to expedite these when they are needed. In these instances, please email the Treasurer directly (mandresky@sbcglobal.net) with the request and include the following information in the email: check payee, amount, church account to be charged, purpose of check, who authorized the payment, date by which check is needed, and where the check should be directed. When possible, we ask that parishioners plan ahead to limit the number of urgent requests we need to process. Thanks for helping us be better stewards of the church's finances.

Worship & MUSIC

Christ Episcopal Church
Invites You to Join Us
Organ Concert
by Philip Pratt

Thursday, August 23, 2018 7 p.m.

Christ Episcopal Church

200 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

(Corner of State and Clinton Streets)

Reception following the concert in the Parish Hall

Phil Pratt, CEC Minister of Music, will present an organ concert on Thursday, August 23rd at 7 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church. If you have attended any of Phil's previous concerts, you know we are in for a treat!

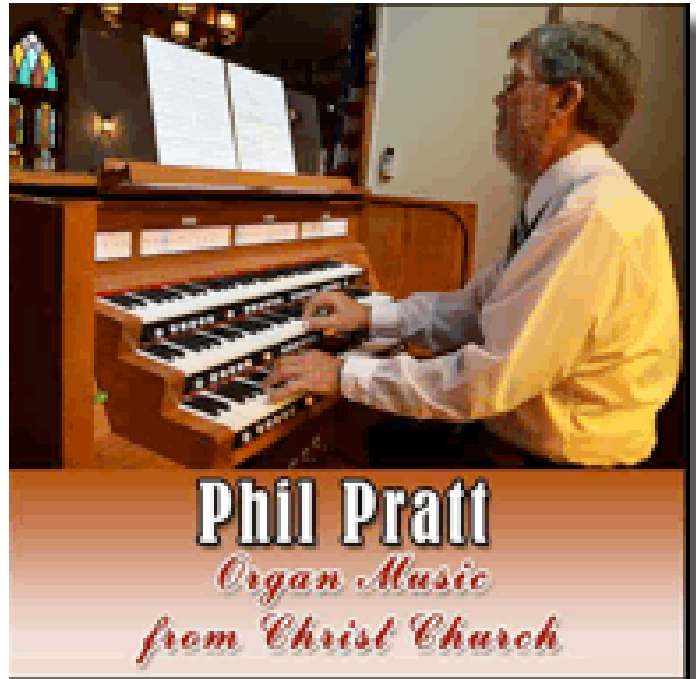
Phil has recorded CDs of the music he played at prior concerts. Copies of these CDs will be available for purchase. The entire purchase price of the CDs will be donated to the CEC Scholarship Fund.

Following the concert, you are invited to enjoy a reception in the Parish Hall.

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Prelude to the Te Deum (Marc Charpentier)

God of Grace (Paul Manz)

Patriotic Medley

(Samuel Ward and Julia Ward Howe)

Civil War Medley (Philip Pratt)

Seek Ye First

(Karen Lafferty and Johann Pachelbel)

(Setting by Douglas E. Wagner)

Semper Fidelis (John Philip Sousa)

Maple Leaf Rag (Scott Joplin)

Gabriel's Oboe (Ennio Morricone)

Now Thank We All Our God

(Sigfrid Karg-Elert)

Menagerie Musicale (Robert Jones)

Ashokan Farewell (Jay Unger)

Go Tell It on the Mountain (Richard Elliott)

Toccata on "Amazing Grace"

(Christopher Pardini)

Worship ON THE WATER

Southern Exposure Confirms it... Again!

Up from Hilton Head, South Carolina came As Husband + Wife, (that's actually the name of a songwriting/singing duo) to Charlevoix for a Venetian Festival tradition of observing *Worship on the Water* at the Odmark amphitheater on Sunday evening, July 22.

The remainder of this tale could read like a letter right out of *Love Big, Be Well* by Winn Collier. In other words, I experienced a telling tale about *How to Live Faithfully* in the (sometimes peculiar), everyday places of our lives.

On a recent Wednesday, I slid into the hydraulic pump chair at my hairdresser's, anticipating the spin-around that precedes having a towel draped around my neck followed by a shroud of plastic cape that snaps tight over the towel. Her phone rang. The voice of the caller was that of MY neighbor from one street over who attends the same local church as my hairdresser. The caller was a 'host family' to Geno and Andrea Miller, a married couple of songwriters/singers who had come to northern Michigan as part of the performance for *Worship on the Water*.

As a prelude to the Sunday evening worship, the couple had offered a 'house concert' to the host family for Saturday evening. It would



Husband + Wife

be a backyard event and as many people who could pull up a lawn chair or blanket would be welcomed.

The weather forecasted rain for Saturday night. The house around the corner and down the block wasn't large enough to hold a hoped for audience of 40-50 people who love Jesus as much As Husband + Wife. Did my hairdresser

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Worship ON THE WATER

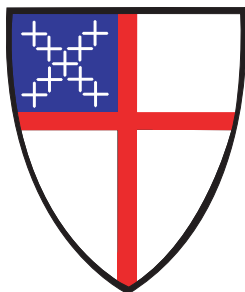
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have any ideas about an indoor venue nearby that might be open to hosting the concert?

My hairdresser said, ‘Wait, I have an Episcopal woman here; let me ask her if her church hall would be available’. I have told a few fellow parishioners in conversation that when Jesus comes knocking, my audible reply can range from, ‘Hey Jesus, how are you? (Big smile on my face), to a pensive ‘Oh Yeeah’, to a downright, almost rude, ‘Oh Jesus, yeah, what do you want?’ In moments of quandary my mother would chastise me with ‘God Loves a Cheerful Giver’. So I smiled and said, “I will check with a few people from church. Is it alright if I have MY neighbor’s phone number for reply?”

I looked up the duo on YouTube. Yup, just two of them with an electric keyboard, a pair of mics and nice vocals. I was given support to open the church, and after some fact-finding I thought the Undercroft would probably and most suitably meet their need, (I was partial to ratskellers back in the day too).

About 7:30 pm, people of all ages and sizes came through the pair of red doors and excitedly went



Andrea and Geno Miller

downstairs. Love song after love song echoed up through the foyer where I’d remained. People I hardly know hugged me as they departed, thanking me and asking me to thank (CEC’s) congregation on their behalf.

Much like All Souls Charlottesville, our red doors are opened with sometimes peculiar requests, to provide space for sanctuary, family and creativity.

– Pam Sroufe

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Did You Know?

CEC Lighting Project

This past month, our church family was challenged in our role as stewards of God's creation. First, the Taylor Series welcomed Rev. George Heartwell to CEC to discuss stewardship of the environment from a community perspective. Second, Father Tom shared with us during our outdoor service some tangible ways we can be better stewards with the reminder that "the earth is the Lord's and everything in it."

With this in mind, the Vestry has been researching options for switching our parish lighting to LED fixtures. Mark Andresky began this process because of the ability we have to save money on our electricity bills in the long run coupled with the subsidy for the new bulbs. As we worked through this process, Tom Kirkpatrick, one of our summer parishioners, was able to donate and assist us in procuring the bulbs.

The total cost of the project was around \$4,500 but we received around \$2,000 in rebates from the City of Charlevoix Electric Department. Rebates are available for homes and businesses and more information can be found at the following website: www.mienergysmart.com/charlevoix/

Replacing incandescent bulbs, changing filters, and installing programmable thermostats are all ways to reduce your

consumption of energy. Another way to improve your stewardship of environmental resources is to sign-up for your electric company's green energy program. For City of Charlevoix Electric customers you can chose a percentage of your electricity to come from green and renewable sources for just an extra one penny per kilowatt hour. To enroll in this service and learn more, contact the Utility Billing Department at 231-547-3259.

*The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;*

*for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.*

Psalm 24:1-2 (NRSV)

– Mark Heydlauff

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Ministry Schedule

AUGUST

2018

Ministry	<i>Sunday August 5</i>	<i>Sunday August 12</i>	<i>Sunday August 19</i>	<i>Sunday August 26</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	Mark Andresky	Phil Pratt	Chris Barrett	Bill French
The Epistle	Kim Baker	Chris Nyland	Bob Barrett	George Perrett
Prayers	Nathaniel Burks	Linda Southby	Rachel Sytsma Reed	Gary Stutzman
Ushers	Don Collier Chris Smith	Dick Southby Chris Nyland	Chris & Christine Benson	Wendy Perrett Deb Stutzman
Greeters	Patti Masson Wendy Perrett	Chris Barrett Bob Barrett	Betty Stephen Linda Wertz	Nathaniel Burks Don Collier
Intinction	Brownie Flanders	Dorothy Miller	John Fiedorek	Lea Peak
LEM (Chalice)	Betsy Collier	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Dorothy Miller
Acolyte	Roger Peak	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Dorothy Miller
Altar Guild	Deb Stutzman Linda Wertz	Nancy Porter Ann Bahr	Betsy Collier Lisa French	Margie Kirinovic Susan Flanders
Coffee Hour Hosts	Linda Southby Judy Colt Judy Pratt	Betty Stephen Barbie Claggett	Brownie & Susan Flanders	Anne Stanley Margie Kirinovic Deb Stutzman
Vestry Duty	Betsy Collier	Ann Bahr	Brownie Flanders	Deb Stutzman

Ministry Schedule **SEPTEMBER**

2018

Ministry	<i>Sunday September 2</i>	<i>Sunday September 9</i>	<i>Sunday September 16</i>	<i>Sunday September 23</i>	<i>Sunday September 30</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	John Fiedorek	Rachel Sytsma Reed	Chris Barrett	Phil Pratt	Kim Baker
The Epistle	Lea Peak	Bill French	Bob Barrett	Mark Andresky	Linda Southby
Prayers	Nathaniel Burks	Barbie Claggett	Betty Stephen	Lisa French	Mark Heydlauff
Ushers	Don Collier Chris Smith	Chris Nyland Mark Andresky	Brownie & Susan Flanders	Chris & Christine Benson	John Fiedorek Dick Southby
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