

**THE MONTH OF
AUGUST**

2017

**PASTOR'S
AUGUST
PROJECTS**

PREPARING FOR FALL
SUNDAY ADULT
CLASSES

PREPARING
CURRICULUM FOR
8th GRADE
CONFIRMATION
FALL CLASSES

PREPARING FOR
ADULT INSTRUCTION
CLASSES
IN SEPTEMBER

MIDNIGHT MADNESS
GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY, JULY 29th

JULY 29th WEDDING

AUGUST 12th WEDDING



PASTOR'S ARTICLE
Pastor Francis L. Schroeder
Holy Cross Lutheran—Nederland

“INSTINCTS”

Flying into a thunderstorm is a dangerous experience. The temptation is to fly by one's instincts, or, as aviators say “by the seat of your pants.” But as any pilot will tell you, that is a prescription for disaster. If you rely on your feelings or instincts, you become disoriented, thinking the plane is going up when it is actually going down. Thankfully, the instrument panel is set to magnetic north and can be trusted at any time. Let the instruments guide you even when it feels like they are wrong; they help insure your safety in the midst of the storm.

We all face storms that threaten to confuse and disorient us. When we are blindsided by life's struggles and disappointments then resist the temptation to trust our instincts. Instead, trust the Word of God and the promises that our LORD provides to us daily.

Psalm 119:105 reads, “His Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Where the LORD leads is always right!

Blessed August to you!

Pastor Francis L. Schroeder

Worship SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2017

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th
THE 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **9:30 AM**
Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th
THE 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **9:30 AM**
Creative Worship Service
With the Band

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th
THE 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **9:30 AM**
Service with Holy Communion & Adult Choir

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th
THE 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **9:30 AM**
Creative Worship Service

DID YOU KNOW THIS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER?

IN OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS WE LIFT UP.....

August 6th

**Hope Lutheran Church - Winnie, Texas
Pastor Richard LeBlanc**

August 13th

**St. Paul Lutheran Church - Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Pastor Alan Kretschmar (Son of Holy Cross)**

August 20th

**Grace Lutheran Church - Orange, Texas
Pastor Joe Howlett**

August 27th

**St. Paul Lutheran Church - Groves, Texas
Pastor Richard Turner**

September 3rd

**St. Paul Lutheran Church - Jasper, Texas
Faith Lutheran Church - Woodville, Texas
Pastor Mark Follett**

September 10th

**Redeemer Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas
Pastor Fred Kelm**

September 17th

**Trinity Lutheran Church - Port Arthur, Texas
Pastor Tim Dinger & Pastor Mario Casillas**

September 24th

**St. John Lutheran Church - Beaumont, Texas
Pastor Doug Rathgeber & Pastor Jim Menke (Interim)**

October 1st

**Genesis Lutheran Church - Buchanan Dam, Texas
Pastor Jan "Trey" Rienstra (Son of Holy Cross)**



DID YOU KNOW THIS TOO ?

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN NOW ON YOUR SMARTPHONE! All you need to do is type **holycrosstexas** and you will pull up the information for worship services, events for the week, registration forms, our newsletter, and a 30 minute video from Lutheran Media Ministries. For those on laptops you may go to **www.holycrosstexas.org** for our complete website.

OUR DAILY BREAD (June, July, & August) are available in the narthex. **PORTALS OF PRAYERS (July, August, & September)** are available in the narthex of the church.



CIRCUIT PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE will gather at 8:30 AM for coffee and refreshments, 9:00 AM for Opening Devotion, 9:15 AM for Bible Study, 10:30 AM for Topical Study, 11:15 AM for Circuit Business and Casuistry. The next Circuit Professionals Meeting will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Orange on Tuesday, September 12th.

HOLY CROSS HOMEBOUND MEMBERS receive on a weekly basis an CD of Holy Cross' Sunday morning services and on a monthly basis a DVD from Lutheran Ministries Media.

PASTOR JAMES MENKE has accepted the Call to be the Interim Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Beaumont. His installation will be on Sunday, August 20th.

BULLETINS RECEIVED FROM OTHER CONGREGATIONS

Christ the King Lutheran Church in Kingwood, Texas
 Bethel Lutheran Church in College Station, Texas
 Hosanna Lutheran Church in Kerrville, Texas
 Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Arthur, Texas
 Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas
 Concordia Village Chapel in Chatham, Illinois

AUGUST



- 1—Ron Landry
- 2—Sarah Kieschnick
James Reue
- 3—Mark Anderson
- 4—Dalton Locklear
- 5—Elizabeth Smith
- 6—Sharon Wiley
- 7—Nathan Londenberg
Dolores Luke
Jean Schulze
Alec Torres
- 8—Nicole Arena
Kendall Gunter
Kim Howard
Jacob Rienstra
- 9—Preston DeSerrano
Brad Hopper
Dannis McCullough
Kaylie Sowarby
Keith Teinert
- 10—Jesse Barrinton
Michael Boudreaux
Stewart Brown
Jennifer McKee
- 11—Kelly Brown
Ted Graeter
- 12—William Armstong
James Furby
Alexis Melancon
- 13—Joshua Fortune
Stephanie Vincent
- 14—Ty Bryson
Layne Diltz
Marty Gack
Chris Harms
Craig Smithy
Brett Wehmeyer

- 16—Ronnie Gunn
- 17—Ashley Delage
Bo Smalley
- 18—Carley Erickson
Jacob Erickson
Dennis Neeb
- 19—Pat Biar
Ryan Graeter
Terri Gunter
- 20—Jacob Gunter
Jerry Mitcham
- 22—Laurie Mayfield
- 23—Jaycee Collins
Kim Heisner
- 25—J.B. Ashby
- 27—K'Leigh Cearley
Beth DeVillier
Trey O'Connor
Scott Pinnt
- 28—Steve Derouen
Brooke (Roy) Reyes
Anna Shuford
- 29—Cathy Glick
John Mousette
- 30—Charlotte Metreyeon
Dave Thornton, Jr.
- 31—Debra Odom
Ralph Odom
Spencer Singleton
Jenny Wimer
Shane Woodruff

Memorials Continued

To: Holy Cross New Outdoor Sign

In memory of
Stephen Gunter
given by:
Ruth Ann & Walter
Perryman

To: Holy Cross Building Fund

In memory of
Stephen Gunter
Arnold Schroeder
given by:
Jeannie & John Ford

Happy Anniversary



- 2—Laura & Jacob Rienstra
- 10—Sheri & Ed Furby
Dorothy & Wilbert
Dutschmann
- 12—Debra & Ralph Odom
- 13—Suzannah & Bo Smalley
- 14—Kristen & Paul
Beckcom
- 16—Betty & John Davis
- 17—Melani & Shane
Woodruff
- 21—Melinda & Derek
Landry
- 22—Jo Ann & Ronnie Vize
- 23—Dolores & Shelby Luke
- 30—Babette & Chad Ford
- 31—Rosie & Frank Herring
Jean & Bob Schulze

Memorials Continued

To: Holy Cross Library Fund

In memory of
Stephen Gunter
given by:
Pam & Steve Vincent

To: Holy Cross Quilters' Fund

In memory of
Jeanette Radford
(Mary Adix's mother)
given by:
Rosemarie Herring
Sandy Schroeder
Jeannie Heider
Joann Ermel
Vera Canton
Kristin Nelson



Memorial Gifts

To: Holy Cross Memorial Fund

In memory of
Caty Rienstra
given by:
Pat Biar
Shirley & Ellis Faske

In memory of
Stephen Gunter
given by:
Carolyn Barras
Debbie Gunter
LuAnn & Tom Hansen
Linda Griffin
Mary Beth & Lynn Harris
Shelba & Pat Laird
Catherine Bruney
Gerald K. Ebanks
Aunt Dorothy,
Uncle Paul, &
Cousins, Paula & Janie
Friends & Neighbors on
South 6th St., Nederland
Kent & Rhonda Aguillard
Sarah Kieschnick

To: Holy Cross LWML Fund

In memory of
Stephen Gunter
Farrell Gray
(Marla Kieschnick's father)
given by:
Ida Trojczak

To: Holy Cross Mission Fund

In memory of
Caty Rienstra
given by:
Helga Champagne

To: Holy Cross ECE Fund

In memory of
Klara Smits
given by:
Helga Champagne

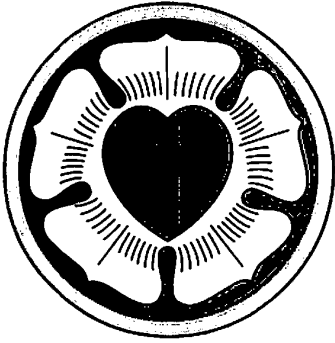
In memory of
Stephen Gunter
given by:
Lori & Wayne Halbert

Reformation Celebration 2017

Poster & Essay Contest

\$\$ PRIZES \$\$

To celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation



Children ages K-8 will make a poster exploring the theme:

Why is the Reformation still relevant?

Posters should be on a standard poster board and reflect the sincere efforts of the child.

Students in high school will write an essay exploring the theme:

How does the Reformation affect your everyday life?

Essays should be typed, one page, 12 pt font.

Prizes will be awarded at the Reformation Celebration service, Sunday, October 29 at 3 p.m.

Contact Laura Wilson - laurawilson25@hotmail.com or 409-673-3314 for questions.

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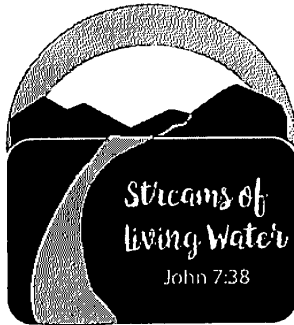
Thank you to all that participated in our VBS & our **Midnight Madness Garage Sale** by donating items &/or your time. These events would not have been a success without your service and generosity!



***Deadline for
September Newsletter
is Monday,
August 21st!***

Spiritual Rest and Renewal Retreat

COME TO THE STREAMS OF LIVING WATER



*"Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said,
streams of living water will flow from within him. John 7:38*

Friday, 3:00 p.m. to Saturday, 3:00 p.m.
September 29-30, 2017

Lakeview Methodist Conference Center, Palestine, TX

This is a weekend you won't want to miss!

Our keynote personality will be Jan Struck, a national LWML interrupter and speaker. Be prepared to grow spiritually through her as she surprises you around every corner with her humor and surprising wit.

Other participants are: Rev. Timothy Appel, devotional leader
Haleh Kersten, guest speaker who ministers to the homeless in Austin
Jan Brunette, Bible study leader

Mark these dates on your calendar NOW and stay tuned to the LWML TX District website (www.lwmltxdist.org) and on Facebook beginning June 1 regarding registration information and other updates.

The cost for the full retreat will be \$65 if registered by September 1st.
It will be \$80 after that date. This includes three meals and a bed.

(A Saturday only fee is \$35 before September 1st; \$50 after that date.
This includes 2 meals and all the festivities.)

There is a special bonus!
An award winning chef plans and prepares all the meals.

**SPIRITUAL REST & RENEWAL RETREAT
REGISTRATION FORM
"STREAMS OF LIVING WATER"**

John 7:38

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2017
Lakeview Methodist Conference Center, Palestine, TX

NAME: _____

(One registrant per form)

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ ZONE: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____

Do you have special mobility needs? Y / N TOP BUNK? Y / N (Default if no choice given)

Are you a teen registrant? Y/N List any special nutritional needs/allergies? _____

CAMP CABINS EQUIPPED WITH BUNKBEDS, SHOWERS, TOILETS, SINKS, AC/HEAT. ROOMS/BUNKS ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

CAMPERS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY ON USE OF BOTTOM BUNKS IF REGISTERING BY 9/1/17

Each camper is to bring a liability waiver with them to camp. A form will be made available in the confirmation packet.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:	GUARANTEED ACCOMMODATIONS Due Before Sept 1	SPACE AVAILABLE After Sept 1
<u>Full Retreat: Friday, 3 p.m. through Saturday 3 p.m.</u> Included is 1 night stay, 3 meals and all scheduled activities	\$65	\$80
<u>Saturday Only: Saturday 7am through 3pm (2 meals)</u>	\$35	\$50
Amount Paid _____		

MAIL COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

Joanna Roche
113 Mountain Creek Pass
Georgetown, TX 78633
tr6922@yahoo.com

Make checks payable to: LWML Texas District

Registration confirmation will be emailed in 7-10 business days with a list of things to bring to camp.

If no email, confirmation will be sent by regular mail.

Cancellations must be in writing and postmarked no later than Sept. 15, 2017. 10% of registration fee will be retained to cover costs.

No refunds after Sept. 15, 2017. No exceptions.

List preferred bunk mates on the back.

Mid-Week Parent Meeting & Acolyte Training

Wednesday, September 6 @ 6pm



Parents of students in the K-8th Grade are asked to be in attendance at our Midweek Parent Meeting which will be held in the Conference Room A&B. At the same time, all 5th-8th

Grade students are asked to attend our very important Acolyte Training inside the Sanctuary. If you have any questions please contact DCE Kristy Witek or Pastor at 722-1609.



Bibles Will Be Presented to 2nd Graders Sunday, September 17



The Bible is the living word of the living God. The Board of Christian Education will be giving each 2nd grade student their very own Holy Bible. At baptism, we as a congregation promised "to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and to nurture them in faith and prayer." We will be presenting a Bible to the 2nd grade students to help honor this promise. The congregation partners with the parents of these students to provide the tools they need to help their child read & study the Bible, and build a relationship with God. We will mark this faith milestone

by presenting the 2nd Graders with a Bible during the
10am Worship Service (notice time change) on Sunday, September 17!

Our Second Grade Students are: Cass Bryson, Dawsen Collins, Maggie Collins, Greyson Elisar, Kaylor Heatherly, Madelyn Louvier, Thomas McCall, Grace Prioux, Kaylie Sowarby, Desirea Whalen, and Victoria Wolfe

Midweek and Confirmation Classes to Resume

Wednesday, September 6

5:30pm— Free Meal in the Family Life Center

FREE MEAL: Holy Cross is planning to serve a light supper for anyone who attends the Wednesday evening classes: kids in Weekday School and Confirmation Classes, young adults in the high school / college class, adults in the Life Light classes, and all teachers. The first meal will be served on Wednesday, September 6, from 5:30 - 6:00pm, in the Family Life Center. Even if parents are running late, the kids can take their plates to the classroom at 6:00pm.

6:00pm—Classes for Kindergarten through College Age

**On Wednesday, September 6 the 5th-8th Grade Confirmation Class will be having Acolyte Training and all K-8th Grade Parents are asked to attend a brief Parent Meeting. Classes will resume as normal the following weeks. Adult Lifelight classes will resume on Wed Sept. 13.*



News from our:
**Lutheran Women's
 Missionary League**

LWML

Tuesday, August 8 at 6pm

Hostesses:

Members bring snacks

Program:

Play Bunco

(see following flyer for more details)

Activities:

Plan ECE Luncheon.

All ladies are invited to join us!



Lutheran Women who are: *In
 the Word, of the Word,
 walking with their Lord!*

We have many opportunities for the congregation to help us with our mission projects.



**COME VISIT OUR
 CHURCH LIBRARY**



in Education Building. Just sign the checkout card & leave it on the desk.

Any questions, you can call Lynne Hollomon, Pam Vincent, or Kathy Pinnt.

**QUILTING CIRCLE: EVERY THURSDAY
 at 9:30am in the Conference Rooms.**

Everyone is welcome to come sew with us. We're still taking donations of material, blue jeans, or cash for supplies. We appreciate each of you for supporting our efforts for this worthy mission project. If you're unable to quilt with the group you can work from home.

Call **Rosie** & she will get you set up #201-5710.
Sewing Machines are available.



Be watching for a "Sweet Surprise" next month as we celebrate Pastor's 25th Anniversary. Details will be forthcoming as our plans are finalized.



LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY
On the Prophets: Nahum/Habakkuk/Zephaniah
Wednesday, September 13-Wednesday, November 8
6:00-7:15pm in the conference rooms

Sign up on clipboard sheets in August if **YOU** would like to join in this venture of an in-depth study of the prophets: *Nahum, Habakkuk, & Zephaniah.*

LifeLight course is designed for adults who desire a deeper study of Scriptures. LifeLight does not assume or require an existing knowledge of the Bible or special experience or skills in Bible study.

However, it does assume a level of commitment that will bring participants to each of the nine weekly assemblies **having read the assigned readings and attempted to answer the study questions.**

Each week has five (5) lessons.
 It takes 20-30 minutes to complete one day's lesson.
 Doing one lesson a day makes it manageable.

Ladies'
Bunco
Night for fun &
friendship!

An illustration of two dice, one in front of the other, showing different faces with dots. The front die shows a 1, 2, and 3. The back die shows a 4, 5, and 6. They are positioned to the right of the text.

Ladies you are all cordially invited to
Bunco Night
August 8, 2017
6:00 pm
in the Education Bldg.

Come and have some fun and fellowship
with the LWML ladies.
Refreshments will be provided
Prizes too!! See you there.





Sunday Morning
Classes resume
at 9am Sunday,
September 10 @9am

Holy Cross Lutheran Church has a place for everyone in your family!
 Contact DCE Kristy Witek at 722-1609 or email at dcekristy@sbcglobal.net
 for more information! **Bring a friend!**

Pastor Francis Schroeder's Adult Bible Class
 Conference Room A & B (*New Office Building*)

Youth (5th-12th) Bible Class
 TBA

All Children (3 years old through 4th Grade)
 Education Building Big Room

Children will experience WHOLE story of the Bible through fun and engaging stories with an interactive flannel graph, crafts, Bible readings and worship songs. By joining us on Sunday mornings children are not only beginning a journey through the Bible, but the lifelong journey in a relationship with Jesus.

Midweek Program for

K-4th Grade

SPARK: Activate Faith

Classes Resume Wed. Sept 6 at 6pm



Students will gather first for large group time which will include the opportunity to sing and get the jiggles out, followed by class time and Memory Work time. Our Wednesday lessons correspond to the lessons Pastor will use each Sunday (from our Lectionary) helping kids get more out of both worship and mid-week classes! What we learn on Wednesday will be the highlight of our services on Sunday! We hope you will join us! Friends are always welcome!

Schedule for K-4th Grade: 5:30pm-Meal; 6pm-6:15pm – Opening in Sanctuary; 6:20pm-7pm – Lesson in Classrooms; 7pm-7:15pm – Memory Work Time



**Join us for
Rally Day, Sunday,
September 10 @9am**

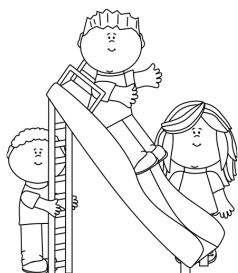


Education Building Clean Up Day

Wednesday, August 16 at 6pm
Education Building

Our mid-week and Sunday morning staff works super hard during the school year to make their classes the best they can be. We are having a Education Building Clean Up Day to **sort and organize** all the classrooms and make sure we have ample supplies that are easily accessible to start off the school year.

All ages are welcome!



Early Childhood Education News

We are looking forward to the 2017/2018 school year.

Many new and returning students will meet September 6 & 7 for first day of classes.

Registration continues as families move in and out of our community.

Contact the school office at 722-2177 for information.

Our parent/teacher meeting will be August 22, 6:30pm.
All paperwork that has not been returned is due at this time.

Classes are offered to children 18 months through 4/5 years.
(Pre-Kindergarten); Monday/Wednesday,
Tuesday/Thursday, and Monday-Thursday.
Class hours are 9:00am-2:00pm.





Operation Christmas Child

SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS BOXES

Community-Wide Mission Project

Together with dozens of churches in our area, we will be collecting items for shoeboxes that will be given to children for Christmas! The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Items We Are Collecting & Collection Dates

**Bring all items to our collection boxes in our Church Narthex and/or Church Office*

Aug 13-Aug 26—School Supplies & Coloring Items

Pencils, colors, notebooks, notepads, scissors, erasers, coloring books, pens, solar calculators

August 27-Sept 9

Bars of soap and wash clothes—*place soap in zip-top baggie*

Sept 10-Sept 23— Girls & Boys Socks

Sept 24-Oct 7—Combs/Brushes

Oct 8-Oct 21

Children's toothbrushes - **NO TOOTHPASTE ALLOWED**

Oct 22-Nov 4

Children's Toys—(balls, jacks, jump rope, stuffed animals, cards, small puzzles, yo-yo's; hair things for girls)

Nov 5– Nov 14

Assorted kids size t-shirts, caps, watches, jewelry, tiny flashlights with extra batteries

NO-NO's—NO toothpaste, no candy, no used or damaged items, guns, military figures, chocolate or food, no powder or liquid drink mix, no liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakables, aerosol cans, etc.

Monetary Donations

*If you would like to give a monetary donation you can do so to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. It costs \$7 to send each box.



PACKING PARTY

Operation Christmas Child **Packing Party**

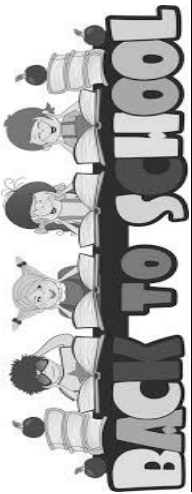
Wednesday, November 15 @6pm
All Children Kindergarten through 12th Grade and adults are encourage to join us!

You and yours are invited to a Packing Party to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world through Operation Christmas Child.

Please join us for fun, fellowship, and filling shoebox gifts!

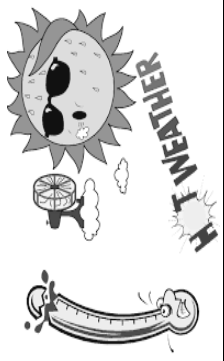
Our goal is to collect enough items to send 400 boxes!






All mid-week classes (K-Adults) are encouraged to join us!



Holy Cross Lutheran—Nederland, TX

August 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elder Duty: Benny Elisar 722-3695 James Teel 281-851-9467	Altar Guild: Jeannie Ford Ida Trojcek	1 9am—until? Middle School Youth  SCHLITTERBAHN. WATERPARK CALVERTON ISLAND, TEXAS	2	3 9:30am Quilting 6pm Board of Mission & Assimilations Mtg.	4 Pastor's day off	5 Pastor's day off
6 9:30am Worship w/ Communion 10:45am Adult Bible Class	7 8:30am Pastor & DCE Meeting 7pm Harmony Exporters	8 6pm LWML Bunco 6:30pm Board of Education meeting 	9	10 9:30am Quilting TBA Ford Shower Planning Meeting @ Ed. Bldg.	11	12 3pm Theriot/Philen Wedding (at/ site) 
13 9:30am Blended Worship 10:45am Adult Bible Class	14 8:30am Pastor & DCE Meeting 7pm Harmony Exporters	15  1:00-3:30pm Fit & Fun, FLC	16 6pm Education Building Clean-up 	17 9:30am Quilting	18	19
20 9:30am Worship w/ Communion 10:45am Adult Bible Class	21 8:30am Pastor & DCE Meeting 7pm Harmony Exporters	22 6:30pm ECE/Parent Meeting	23	24 9:30am Quilting	25	26 DCE on Vacation
DCE on Vacation	27 9:30am Worship 10:45am Adult Bible Class	28 8:30am Pastor & DCE Meeting 7pm Board of Elders Harmony Exporters	30	31 9:30am Quilting	Ushers: 6—Steve Derouen Chad Ford 13—John Ford David Prioux 20—Stuart Kieschnick Charles Schrader 27—Kent Stahl Ed Zizmont	Acolytes: 6—Lillian Hardy Noah Hardy 13—Shawn Hattendorf Braeden Gaywood 20—Keegan Day Tyler Dunlap 27—Saige Kieschnick Holden Hopper