

# Trinity Torch



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## **Psalm 121 A Song of Ascents.**

I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

As our children go back to school, and as the new Covid challenge is bringing difficulty to many, we turn with the Psalmist to our God. It is true that our help comes from God. Our God cares about us and is always willing to give us His good gifts of forgiveness, mercy, and grace. He is also present. He is with us and never goes to sleep. While we may rest and slumber – our God is wide awake for us. From our beginning to our end, God is walking with us and helping us all along the way. Praise God!

## THE LORD'S PRAYER - The Fifth Petition

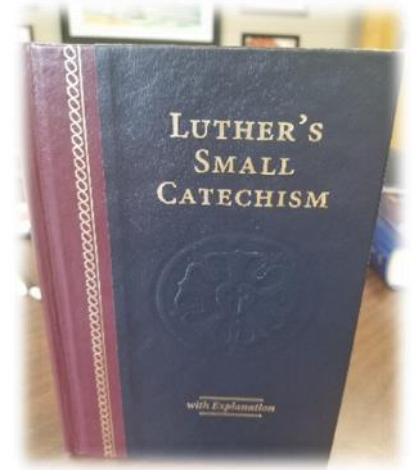
**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

### ***What does this mean?***

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

### ***The Central Thought***

People cannot live in peace with one another for long unless they forgive one another. As Christians, we pray that for Christ's sake we may know the joy and peace of being forgiven and of forgiving others.



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## Speedbumps

Have you ever been driving along and hit a speedbump? They are **so** annoying, but meant to slow you down for a reason often initially unseen. Sometimes the Lord gives us speedbumps so that His timing in getting to the destination will be perfect – not too early and not too late – just right. Think about this as it relates to important decisions you are facing and thank God for His speedbumps!

Please pray for the Lord's timing on the opening of the new maternity home. By the time this article goes to print, an important meeting with the Village of Carpentersville will have come and gone and the path ahead will be clearer to move ahead with the remodeling work to be done for an opening date. The Village has been working diligently to help solve the zoning issues so that the project can move forward.

So many of you have stepped forward to help in any way on the path to move ahead this much needed home for moms and babies in crisis here in the Northern Illinois District. From early donations and later towards the matching gifts, donations of baked goods to help with fundraiser bake sales, for our young people and teacher helping with a chapel service video, for those that have signed up to help with the remodeling project once it starts, for baptismal blanket makers, for those lending construction expertise, and for **all** those who are praying for the success of this expansion – **THANK YOU! You are appreciated and join scores of others that have stepped forward across our district to stand for life giving at-risk moms a life-transforming choice, and their precious babies a chance to live!** Over \$238,000 has been raised, and support continues to pour in on the road to opening– to God be the glory! In this and all things, we can be boldly confident and filled with hope and assurance when we trust in the Lord and His perfect timing.

In the coming months, we will need helpers and donations for a rummage sale benefit event in October and craft donations for a local craft show fundraiser in November. We are hoping to schedule a “fun fundraiser” event soon with fellowship, games, and prizes.

Executive Director, Sheryl DeWitt and Pastor Ed DeWitt will be back in September for the LWML fall rally where they will be the keynote speaker and Bible study leader at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Elgin on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon. Women and men are welcome to attend. An additional afternoon meet and greet is planned on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church in Roselle from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Please consider coming to one of these events for a personal update and thank you! More information to follow in the weekly bulletins.

# Parish Education – Bible Study Schedule

## September 2021

September is the start date for many of our Bible Classes. If you have questions or desire more information, you may contact the class leader or DCE Rob Grady – 708-839-1200 ext. 4. All studies are weekly unless otherwise noted.



### Sunday Morning

Youth Bible Studies – 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Youth Bible Class meets in the school art room.  
Sunday School for Three-Year-Old through Grade 8 will meet in the church basement from 9:45 -10:45 a.m.

### Tuesday Evening

Join us as we begin the study “LifeLight: Wilderness Wanderings” in the School Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. This class is facilitated by Rob Grady. We will be finishing up study of the books Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

### Wednesday Morning

Men’s Bible Class will meet weekly at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Facilitated by Tom Bruns we will finish up studying the book “Forgotten God” by Francis Chan. Our next study will be the book “Irresistible” by Andy Stanley

### Wednesday Morning TLC

We will continue our study on Timothy, Titus, and Philemon on September 8, 22, and 29. We usually meet the second and fourth Wednesday and any fifth Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. We will meet in the church library.

### Wednesday Afternoon TLC

TLC Bible Study Group will meet on September 8 and 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the School Conference Room. The class is led by Sharon Wendte (630-455-1775).



## September Baptismal Birthdays

1	Mitchell Bowlin	9	Thomas Collins	21	Janet Grimes
	Beverly Gehrt	10	Trisha Stremski	23	Tyler Gasparas
	Jean Harris	12	Dave Conoboy	23	Dina Gnat
	Rick Joiner		Rosemary Edwards		Phil Strieter
	Anthony Tiedt	14	John (son) Kneller	24	Lynn Hughes
	John Wielebnicki	15	Leo Rodriguez	25	Carolynn Day
2	Mitchell Barnacle		TD Rodriguez		Annabelle Fuller
	Riley Barnacle	16	Ryan Beck		Amanda Genutis
	Pamela Winterroth		Jay Bulthuis		Erik Joiner
4	Leann DeWitt		Lynn Ferree-Bowlin	27	Alyssa Keltz
6	Stephanie Gogolewski		Nancy Montelbano	28	Jaynia Schiller
	Jessica Rodzen	18	Tony Hruska Sr.	29	David Barry
	Jackson Trtan		Jon Laatz		Adalynn DeWitt
	Mark Zoller		Karri Wunglueck		Mason Kocek
7	Isabella Stillo	19	Halle Lakics		Violet Whited
8	Gerald Gouty		Lillian Whited		Jim Wielebnicki
	Kyle LaFlame	20	Steve Freese	30	David Gasparas
		20	Clifford Joiner		Laurie Kunst
			Olivia Ulrich		Ethan McGonigal



Are you ready to get back out after  
Covid restrictions?

Come out to play some volleyball!

We meet every **Monday at 7:00 p.m.** and play for approximately an hour and a half. You don't have to be good, just willing to have some fun and perhaps brush up on a few skills.

Everyone 18 or older is invited. It's also a great way to help a friend become familiar with our school and church. Get some exercise and have fun in person for free!

If you can't come every Monday,  
just come when you can.

If you have questions, call Keith Wendte at 630-455-1775.

Beginning Monday, June 7th, volleyball will move outside to a different location. If you would like to join for outdoor volleyball, please call Keith Wendte to find out the location.



Maybe volleyball is not your sport.

How about basketball?

Every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Trinity Lutheran School gym, basketball is going on! Everyone high school age and older is welcome to join!

There is no cost to play. We hope to see you there!



## Help Wanted

**Trinity Endowment  
Oversight Committee**

Trinity Lutheran Church has an immediate need for a few more members to serve on our Endowment Oversight Committee.

This committee makes recommendations and decisions on investments that are designed to benefit the mission and ministry of the church and school. Financial and Investment experience is helpful.

If you are interested in learning more, please see Pastor Bob Geaschel, Congregational Chairman Mike Giliano or Church Treasurer Bob Bordak.



## Human Care

We continue to serve at St. Matthew's. Thanks to all for your donations. Someone donated 2 double well stainless steel kitchen sinks which are put to good use.

If anyone would like to call or visit if appropriate, a homebound member please let me know.

Enjoy your days,  
Deb Hardtke

The LCMS Northern Illinois District  
Life Task Force presents

# LIFE & LIBERTY

**A Look at Family through the Lens of  
Faith and Liberty**

Featuring

**Dr. Allan Carlson  
& Katy Faust**

**October 30, 2021**

**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

*(doors open at 8:30 a.m.)*

**Bethany Lutheran Church**

1550 Modaff Road - Naperville, IL 60565

**Cost \$25**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

*lunch provided by*



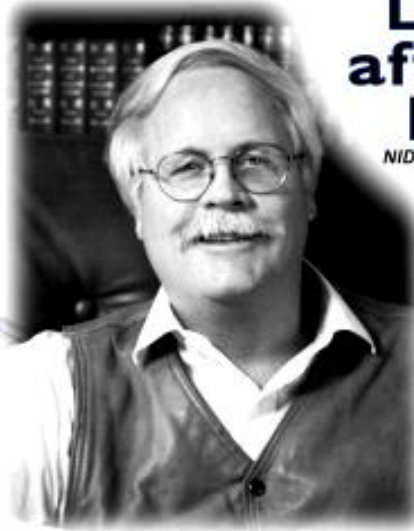
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**Katy Faust**

***Children's Rights in the Role of the Family***

Katy Faust is the Founder and Director of Them Before Us, the only organization solely devoted to defending children's rights in family structure. Affirming the mission of putting children's rights before adult desires, Katy seeks to give children a voice in the debate over what family means. A strong advocate for traditional marriage, Katy's unique up bringing helps her to share why marriage is a matter of social justice for children.



**Love  
affirms  
Life**  
*NID Life Task Force*

**Dr. Allan C. Carlson**

***Life, Family & The Real Meaning of  
Liberty [It's Not What You Might Think]***

Dr. Allan C. Carlson is currently the John A. Howard Distinguished Fellow for Family and Religious Studies at the International Organization for the Family and Editor of *The Natural Family: An International Journal of Research and Policy*. This stellar historian, author, and renowned conservative social thinker, retired in 2013 as a Distinguished Visiting Professor of Politics and History at Hillsdale College. A Senior Editor of *Touchstone: A Journal of Mere Christianity*, Allan served on the National Commission on Children (appointed by President Ronald Reagan), founded the World Congress of Families, and served as President of The Howard Center for Family, Religion & Society and of the Rockford Institute. Allan and his wife Betsy raised four children and have nine grandchildren. The Carlsons currently reside on a 200-acre farm in Winnebago County and are members of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Rockford, Illinois.

**REGISTER BY OCTOBER 25:** Please mail check (\$25 per person, payable to LCMS Northern Illinois District) to Kris Blackwell, 2917 Brentwood Court, Woodridge, IL 60517. Please include **NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, MAILING ADDRESS, CHURCH NAME & CHURCH CITY.**

Questions may be addressed to Kris at 630.234.1491 or [kbwrk123@gmail.com](mailto:kbwrk123@gmail.com).



Always Pray and Never Give Up 

Fall Gathering  
September 25, 2021

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
195 Nesler Rd, Elgin, IL 60124  
9AM to 2:30PM



Check-in will begin at 8:30 with "coffee and"



Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries Illinois Expansion  
Bible Study by Rev. Edward DeWitt, President  
Keynote Speaker Sheryl DeWitt, Executive Director  
They are a recipient of a 2021-2023 LWML Grant!

Afternoon activities will include lunch, hands on mission work, and closing litany. Lots of time for fellowship and singing!

Questions? Call Kris Blackwell 630-234-1491 or kbwrk123@gmail.com

Registration is available on line until Sept 18 at lwmlnid.org or mail in this form by Sept 15

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Church/City \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is \$10 whether in person or watching the live stream:

I will attend in person  I will attend on line (you will get the link via email)

I will stay for the afternoon fun!

Please order me a box lunch Cost is \$12  turkey wrap  ham wrap

I will bring my own sack lunch

Mail check payable to **LWML NID** to

Marilyn Hess 111 N. Wheaton Ave Unit 102 Wheaton IL 60187

*"See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven." Matthew 18:10 NIV*

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## THE LIBERIAN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Lives Are Being Changed for Eternity — By Jesus' Love

Dear Partner in Mission

The 2020-21 school year for over 5600 children in our 14 schools in rural Liberia will come to a close the last week of August. Your prayers and support have again helped to make a difference in the lives of the children and their parents.

**Many wonderful things have been happening at our schools, churches, and the surrounding communities because of you**, as you will see throughout this newsletter.

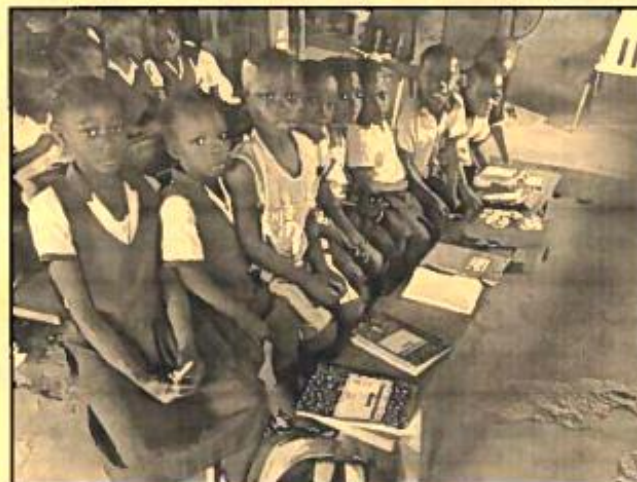
The 2021-22 school year will begin the third and fourth week of September 2021. Please join us in praying for our students, parents, teachers, and pastors as we prepare for and begin a new school year.

On behalf of the 5600 students, their parents, and our teachers, thank you for all your prayers and support. **Because you care enough, lives are being changed for eternity—by Jesus' love.**

In Christ,  
Joe Boway



**Above and below:** The 5600 children in our 14 schools in rural Liberia are very happy to be in school each day. They are especially thankful that they are learning so much about Jesus!

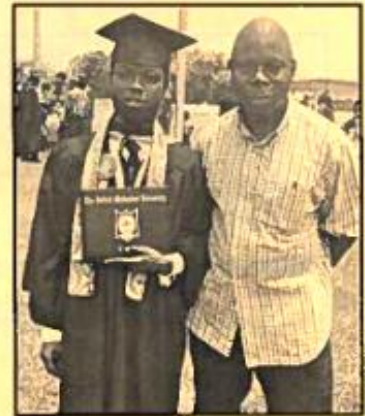


**Left:** Between March and June, three new wells were dug at three of our schools, and three beautiful hand pumps were installed. The wells now provide clean drinking water for over 1000 children every school day. The wells also provide safe drinking water for the communities. Families who used to fetch water from dirty creeks and rivers now have clean drinking water because of you!

**Congratulations to the college graduates from our schools and churches in Liberia!**

Your prayers and support also help graduates of our schools, pastors, and teachers to attend colleges in Liberia.

- In December 2020, Jeretoria Smith graduated with a Business degree from Tubman University. Jeretoria is a 2014 graduate of our Zwedru Lutheran High School.
- In February, Pastor Murphy Cooper graduated from the University of Liberia with a degree in Education. Rev. Cooper is the Pastor and Principal of our Zleh Town Lutheran Church and School.
- In April, Pastor Zakpa Glay Dweh and Mr. Johnson Kokolo graduated from the United Methodist University. Rev. Dweh (BA in General Theology) is the Pastor and Principal of our Zwedru Lutheran Church and School. Mr. Kokolo (BS in Biology and minor in Religious Studies) is a 2014 graduate of our Zwedru Lutheran High School.



Joe celebrates with one of our recent college graduates.

**Update From the Boways**



Thank you for your prayers for (L to R): Joshua, Glendora, Joe Sr., and Joe Jr.

**Joe:** I will be in Liberia from **August 23 to September 12** to visit our schools. I will attend the graduation ceremony at our Zwedru Lutheran School, meet with all the principals in our 14 schools to plan for the upcoming 2021-22 school year, and help with the groundbreaking ceremonies for the construction of our Ziah Town Lutheran school.

**Glendora:** I was able to ring the victory bell for completing my last round of chemo on April 2, which was Good Friday. What a joy it was. Three weeks after my last treatment, I saw the surgeon for my surgery. The surgery was successful as far as removing the cancer in my breast; however there seems to be a tiny amount left in my body. I was looking forward to starting radiation but was told that I needed to have more chemo treatment. That was a sad day for me and my family. After talking to the doctors, family, friends, and most of all through prayer, I decided to do oral chemo. Prayerfully, I will complete this treatment in 4 months. Yes, I will still need radiation after I complete the oral chemo. I ask you to pray for minimal side effects, peace of mind, and for Joe and the boys as we go through this phase of my treatment. Thank you for all of your prayers.

**Joe Jr.:** turned 16 in June and is now a junior at Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne, IN. He's in the marching band and he loves it.

**Joshua:** will turn 12 in October and is in 6th grade at Prince Chapman Academy. He loves math and science, and wants to be an Astronaut.

If you need a speaker for your Church, School, or Organization, Joe, Glendora, Joe Weatu Jr., & Joshua Glenn Gbweah Boway would be happy to come to tell stories about the children of Liberia and encourage your group in missions.

**Contact info:** Joe & Glendora Boway  
5120 Cloverbrook Dr., Ft. Wayne, IN 46806  
Tel: 260-447-7639; email: Bowayj@aol.com

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**Make checks payable to: New Life Lutheran Church.** (Contributions are tax deductible)

Visit us on the web at [www.NL4U.org](http://www.NL4U.org) Click on *Ministries* then *L.C.M.*

Online Donation via [Tithe.ly](http://Tithe.ly): go to <http://nl4u.org/online-giving> and Click on the "Contribute Online with Tithe.ly" link  
On the drop menu next to the box "Give To:" change the option to "Liberian Children's Ministry" before you make your donation. There is also an option for automated giving.





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Pastor Emeritus Albrecht  
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[www.tlbr.org](http://www.tlbr.org)  
[www.mytlis.org](http://www.mytlis.org)

## September Birthdays

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 Denise Carrera<br>Joseph DeWitt<br>Zachary Schwoebel            | 15 Edward Prendiville<br>Patricia Rediehs<br>Keira Wheeler             |
| 2 Steve Freese  | 16 Anna Beyer<br>Annabelle Fuller<br>Madelyn Pahr<br>Gabriella Vasquez |
| 3 Joanne Stastny<br>Terah Thomas                                  | 17 Susan Walters   |
| 4 Deb Hardtke   | 18 Brian Ernst<br>Bryan Taheri   |
| 5 Ethan Bond  | 19 Larry Behrens<br>Andy DeWitt  |
| 6 Bryan Rozum<br>Elizabeth Zasadzinski                            | 19 Anthony Hruska Jr.  |
| 7 Mia Borchardt<br>Linda Chize<br>Susan Gustafson                 | 20 Laurie Beyer<br>Nancy Montelbano                                    |
| 8 Leyton Mueller<br>Theodore Rodriguez                            | 21 Jamison Rediehs<br>Randy Swanson Jr.<br>Joshua Winterroth           |
| 9 Carrie St. Clair<br>Nancy Ulrich                                | 22 Adam Koshiol<br>Mallory Metrik                                      |
| 10 Eliana Diaz<br>Valerie Halek<br>Grace Hughes<br>Pamela Sneath  | 23 Mia Merkouris   |
| 10 Dawn Zasadzinski   | 24 Joan Martin<br>Kenneth Payne  |
| 11 Dan Cermak<br>Robbie Gasparas<br>Jeffery Murphy                | 24 Amanda Genutis<br>Sherry Kisielius                                  |
| 12 Anthony Pomadchin  | 26 Danielle Radtke   |
| 13 Jonathan Diamond   | 27 Bob Carroll<br>Carol Stillo   |
| 14 Richard Kisielius<br>Maxton Link<br>Fred Salev                 | 28 Dave Bohac  |
| 15 Blake Formato<br>Ava Hawbaker<br>Jane Jecmen<br>Jessica Lakics | 29 Mary Ann Schmidt  |



## Youth News

**Youth Bible Class** will begin on Sunday, September 5, at 9:45 a.m. We will let you know of the location.

Our **Open Youth Room** schedule for September will be Sunday, September 12 and 26, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Join us for fellowship, food, fun and a devotion. Invite a friend to come along.

Our next scheduled visit to **Feed My Starving Children** is Saturday, October 23. The plan is to leave the school at 5:15 p.m. and return around 9:30 p.m. We will eat dinner together before we begin packing. The sign-up sheet is in the multi-purpose room of Trinity School and in the Youth Room.

September 11 is the date for our trip to Guaranteed Rate Field for a game between the **White Sox** and Red Sox. Cost for the ticket is \$20. This does not include any food purchases inside the park. We will meet at Trinity at 3:45 p.m. and will return around 11:00 p.m. You can sign-up by contacting Mr. Grady. There will a wait list after the first twenty people sign-up. There are 8 tickets currently remaining.



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 For more information, go to our website: [www.tlbr.org](http://www.tlbr.org)

# SEPTEMBER 2021

HC = Holy Communion; BC = Bible Class; SS = Sunday School

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Jan Baranek Spring Kneller Kim Valentino Mary Windzio Cheryl Kohutynski	<b>Ushers:</b> 8:30 am – Group 10:45am – Group		<b>1</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 4:45pm Public School Confirmation (CL)	<b>2</b> <i>2pm Dismissal</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:30am Trustees 5:30pm Worship HC
<b>5</b> 8:30am Worship HC 9:45am SS 11:00am Cont. Worship	<b>6 Labor Day</b> No School/Offices Closed	<b>7</b> 6:00pm Board of Ed (SL) 6:30pm Bible Study (CR) 7:00pm Basketball (G)	<b>8</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 10:30am TLC Grady (CL) 4:30pm TLC Wendte (CR) 4:45pm Public School Confirmation (CL)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:30am Trustees 5:30pm Worship HC
<b>12</b> 8:30am Worship 9:45am SS 11:00am Contemp. HC 7:00pm Conf. Parent Mtg (CL)	<b>13</b> 6:30pm Board of Elders (CR) 7:00pm Adult Volleyball (G)	<b>14</b> 6:30pm Bible Study (CR) 7:00pm Basketball (G)	<b>15</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 12:00pm <b>TORCH DEADLINE</b> 4:45pm Public School Confirmation (CL)	<b>16</b> 6:00pm Mid-Term Curriculum Night 6:30pm Stewardship (CL)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:30am Trustees 5:30pm Worship HC
<b>19</b> 8:30am Worship HC 9:45am SS 11:00am Cont. Worship	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Church Council (CR)	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Bible Study (CR) 7:00pm Basketball (G)	<b>22 School Picture Day</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 10:30am TLC Grady (CL) 4:30pm TLC Wendte (CR) 4:45pm Public School Confirmation (CL)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30am Trustees 5:30pm Worship HC
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