

Finance & Attendance Update:

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| Amount needed each Sunday to meet budget (2018): | 2,615.00 |
| Amount received last Sunday: | 1,283.00 |
| Total received to date this year | 98,426.00 |
| Amount received last week for Capital Fund: | 500.00 |
| Amount received year to date for Capital Fund: | 15,575.00 |
| Attendance last Sunday | N/A |

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Sunday, September 30**

10:00 a.m. Worship
3:00 p.m. Grace Korean worship

Monday, October 1

3:00 p.m. Dessert with Sarah
5:00 p.m. Dollar Dinner
7:00 p.m. Dessert with Sarah

Tuesday, October 2

10:00 a.m. Parents & Pals Playtime
1:00 p.m. PEO

Wednesday, October 3

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Mt. Royal
9:30 a.m. Garden Work
10:00 a.m. Parents & Pals Playtime
3:00 p.m. CSA
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 3 - continued

7:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Thursday, October 4

9:00 a.m. Painters
10:45 a.m. Yoga for Parkinsons
12:00 p.m. Gentle Yoga
1:30 p.m. Exercise
7:00 p.m. Dessert with Sarah at Kuehls

Friday, October 5

8:00 a.m. NL Machine Quilters Guild

Saturday, October 6

8:00 a.m. NL Machine Quilters Guild
9:00 a.m. Strategic Plan Review

Sunday, October 7

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Worship & Music Mtg.
3:00 p.m. Grace Korean worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Strategic Plan Review:** Pick up a copy of the Plan in the narthex to ponder in advance, and come to listen, speak, discern, and enjoy fellowship and snacks as we work together as the Body of Christ.

***Parents and Pals Playtime resumes Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 am – noon, starting September 25. Join the Team to host and visit with parents, caregivers and little ones on a regular or occasional basis!** See Anita Rixe or Bev Merritt to learn more.

***Dessert with Pastor Sarah.** We still have some openings; please see Mary West if you have not signed up to share dessert and stories with Sarah.

***Eyeglasses found** following Marj McKee's funeral; come to the office.

STAFF

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Amy-Dressler
Administrative Assistant: Beth Kaiser
Nursery Attendant: Cassidy Kelley, Ella Karki

Music Director: Liz Raihala
Custodian: Matt Johnson
Kids' Quest Director: Anita Rixe



September 30, 2018

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday ~ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

With God's grace, we care for the soul for a lifetime and beyond.

HYMN SING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We settle in to this sanctuary entangled with the worries of the world and our community

The cost of repairs needed to the house, the car, the images of natural destruction, and deconstruction of heroes we used to know, the microphone, whether we will know the hymns, and the widening gap between the rich and the poor.

As we roll our shoulders to relieve stress, as we open our hearts to one another and to you, O God of love and light, may our worship enliven and focus us.

May worship be what nothing else is—a softening of the heart, light within our innermost being, an assurance that there is a good way to live on this planet. So, we will live and worship together! You have brought us together! You, O God, are our way, our truth, our light!

***SONG** “Open the Eyes of My Heart” #3008

JOYS AND CONCERNS

(We ask you to sign the registration pads at this time)

A TIME OF PRAYER

God of the seasons, there is a time for everything; there is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage to enter into the transformation process. Give us courage!

God of autumn, the trees are letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision, guidance even when the way is not clear... (silence)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not in temptation and deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Peace, Be Not Anxious” by Lori True/arr. Paul Tate
Beth Kaiser, piano

PASSING OF THE PEACE

KIDS’ TIME

SCRIPTURES Isaiah 45:1-8, p. 634 Rob West
John 12:27-36, p. 100

***SONG** “Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet” #601

MESSAGE “At Home with God: In the Dark”

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** #95

***BLESSING:** God has shined the light of love on us all. In the warm glow of God’s love, our path is illumined. We leave this place empowered to recognize the needs of those around us and encouraged to do our part. For this great gift, Thanks! Amen.

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***HYMN** “O Blessed Spring” #2076

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

**You are invited to stand as you are able*

LARGE PRINT hymnals, bulletins, and Bibles, as well as hearing devices are available from the usher.

Flowers this week are given by Lois Witzig in Memory of Fred Witzig and by Art & Deb Hoff in Honor of Deb’s 65th Birthday.