

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYER

The life of every Christian ought to be structured by prayer. Often times, our schedules and pocket-planners organize our lives, keep things in order, and guide us each day and every week. But it really shouldn't be this way. That isn't to say we shouldn't get to work on time or follow up with our appointments, and yet, those things shouldn't control our lives and be the end-all-be-all to our day.

Instead, prayer should. In the morning when we rise, we begin with prayer, and our day ought to end the same way. In his Small Catechism, Luther teaches us to begin and end each day in prayer, making the sign of the holy cross with God's Triune name, reciting the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed, using the Lord's Prayer as well as one Luther wrote himself, asking God's holy angel to be with us.

It is good to have prayer begin and end your day, to begin and end with the Lord. It's good to have your start and finish be blessed by him, rather than focused solely on yourself, the things you need to get done, or the worries and fears that trouble you. To pray is to rely upon God and to trust in him alone for all things, to cast your anxieties on him, knowing that he cares for you. Prayer lets your faith speak.

One of the ways the Christian Church has ordered each day for her people is through the daily services, specifically the orders of Matins and Vespers. These were offered every day for God's people to attend at their local parish, to order their lives with prayer in the morning and evening. For various reasons, most congregations now don't offer these services everyday, and yet, they're certainly making a comeback, being offered for some at least once a week.

That has been our practice here at Grace for the last few years, offering the opportunity to begin each Wednesday with prayer through the service of Matins. For those who are able, please take advantage of this great gift to gather with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ and pray. There isn't a perfect time to do this that will work for everyone, but please consider making the sacrifice to be in Lord's house on Wednesday mornings, choosing prayer over whatever else may be on your schedule.

Also if you are able, a Bible Study is offered after Matins as well, to further meditate upon the Word of the Lord, which will no doubt bring about a great blessing to the rest of your week. Right now, we've recently begun a study on the book of Genesis, and everyone is welcome to join us.

For the other days of the week, take advantage of the Daily Prayer cards offered at the back table of the narthex along with the Family Altar sheets given out each week in the bulletin and posted on our website (www.gracefairgrove.org). Using these tools, God's Word and prayer will bring structure to your life so that the Lord would bless you everyday.

So, come, let us pray to the Lord, that he may be the beginning and end to all our days.

In Christ,

Pastor Haller



Hymn of the Month

In anticipation of our congregation's 75th anniversary in November 2024, we will have a hymn chosen for the month that will be used during the Divine Service. The hymns of the church give God's people the words to sing his praises and to confess what he has done for them in the saving death and resurrection of his Son Jesus Christ.

Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode LSB 714

Jesus Christ stood at the heart of Joachim Magdeburg's (1525-1587) theology. This hymn presents Magdeburg's trust that Christ not only forgives sins but also provides protection in the face of the fears, weaknesses, enemies, and tribulations that afflict believers. His salvation governs their lives even when all these foes attack and undermine the well-being of Christ's own.

Jesus bestows strength on believers in the face of Satan's hostility and the world's mockery, both of which Magdeburg had often endured. So the additional two stanzas of the hymn as published in the decade after his death appropriately expand his own confession. The second stanza recalls the words of Psalm 23, for the Divine Shepherd guides our steps, even in the face of death and hell. Nothing can separate or sever believers from their Lord (Romans 8:38-39).

Stanza 3 echoes this affirmation that Christ faithfully accompanies believers with His steadfast love and constant care through the battle against evil and temptation that haunts the lives of Christ's people. Because the Lord constantly renews them in "body, soul, and spirit," they are confident on the basis of salvation Christ won for them that they will stand at His right hand forever.

—Robert Kolb, *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns, Volume 1*, page 989

<p>1 Who trusts in God A strong abode In heav'n and earth possesses; Who looks in love To Christ above, No fear that heart oppresses. In You alone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet hope and consolation, Our shield from foes, Our balm for woes, Our great and sure salvation.</p> <p>2 Though Satan's wrath Beset our path And worldly scorn assail us, While You are near, We shall not fear; Your strength will never fail us. Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And guide our steps forever; Nor shades of death Nor hell beneath Our lives from You will sever.</p> <p>3 In all the strife Of mortal life Our feet will stand securely; Temptation's hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us surely. O God, renew With heav'nly dew Our body, soul, and spirit Until we stand At Your right hand Through Jesus' saving merit.</p>

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Daryl & Holly Winter
- 26 Brandon & Chelsea Worden

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Cindy Burnison
Pat Starkey
- 4 Diane Spencer
- 17 Julia Hargash
- 24 Aaron Reinbold
- 30 Winston Reinbold

October Divine Services
(services with Holy Communion)

Sunday, October 6, 2024
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Matthew 9:1-8

Sunday, October 13, 2024
The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 20, 2024
The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity
John 4:46-54


Sunday, October 27, 2024
The Festival of the Reformation
Matthew 11:12-19

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Private Confession and Absolution is available on Saturday, October 26th, from 9 to 10 am in the sanctuary or anytime by appointment.

**NEXT VOTERS MEETING:
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024 @ 11 AM**



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SHUT-IN ADDRESSES

Continue to pray for those who can't be with us on Sunday mornings.

Jean Adams
8678 W. Deckerville Rd.
Reese, MI 48757

Don Carpenter
Tuscola County Medical Care Facility
1285 Cleaver Rd.
Caro MI 48723

John & Ruth Ann Kajjala
6004 Gilford Rd.
Fairgrove, MI 48733

Marge Montgomery
Holiday Winter Village
255 Mayer Rd
Frankenmuth, MI 48734

CHRISTIAN TRAINING

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY

	Sunday School	Adult Bible Study
11 am to 11:40 am	Lesson (preschool—4th grade)	Acts (also 5th—8th grade)
11:20 am to 12 pm	Music (preschool—8th grade)	Large Catechism

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL BE SINGING FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY (November 3rd)

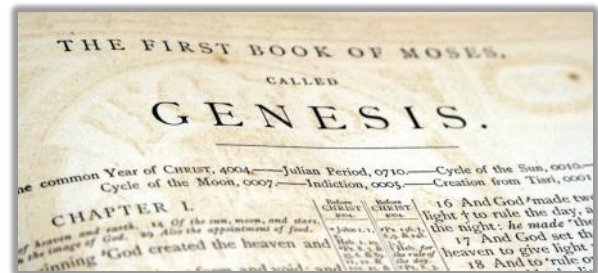
THE MEN'S STUDY

October 26th, 7:30 to 9 am
breakfast + prayer + the Lutheran Confessions



WEDNESDAYS AT GRACE

9:30 am Matins
10 am Bible Study



JUNIOR HIGH CATECHESIS

October 16th, 23rd, and 30th, 7 pm
The Apostles' Creed

HIGH SCHOOL CATECHESIS

October 15th, 6 to 8 pm
at Pastor Haller's house
The First, Second, and Third Commandments

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

—2 Timothy 3:16-17

A HOLY CONVERSATION

One Generation Shall Commend Your Works to Another

How the hymnody and the liturgy of the Church hand off, like a baton in a relay, the riches of the past to the present.

Saturday, November 9th

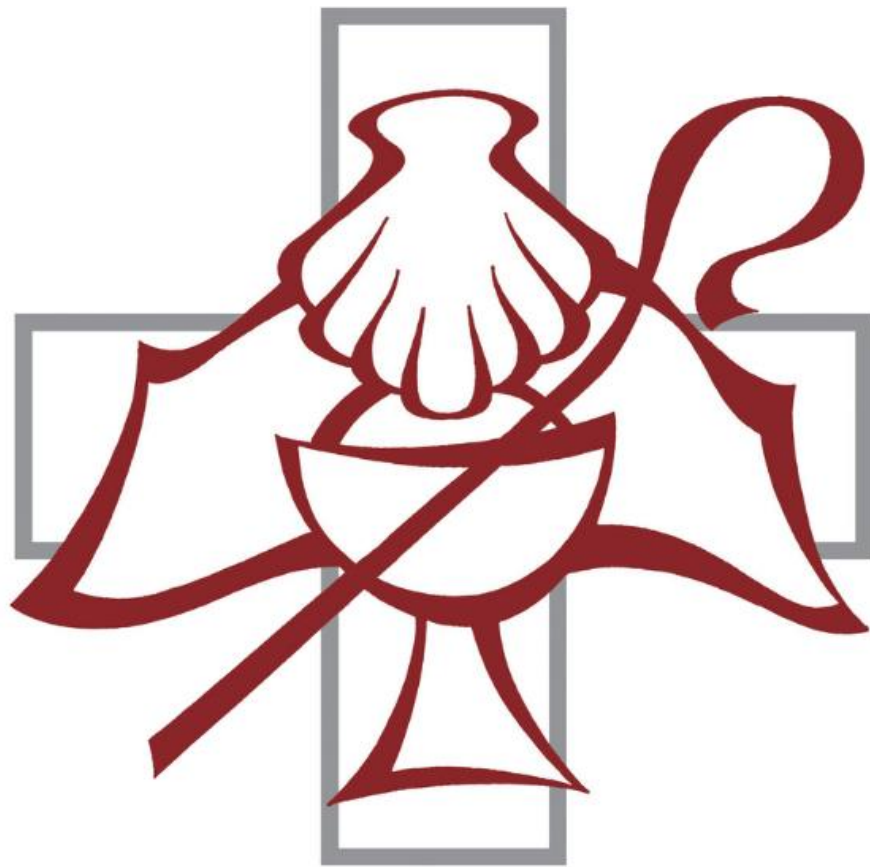
9:30 am	Matins
10:15 am	Session 1
11:30 am	Lunch
12:30 pm	Session 2

THE SPEAKER: William Weedon has served as a parish pastor for 26 years. He is currently an assistant pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hamel IL. Weedon served as Director of Worship and Chaplain for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod from 2012-2019. He is the author of the books *Celebrating the Saints*, *Thank, Praise, Serve and Obey*, *See My Savior's Hands*, and *We Praise You, O God: The Te Deum Laudamus*. He is also the host of *The Word of the Lord Endures Forever*, a daily podcast of Lutheran Public Radio. He and his wife Cindi stay busy trying to keep up with their eleven grandchildren.



SIGN UP ON THE FELLOWSHIP HALL BULLETIN BOARD

The Riches of His Grace



Grace Lutheran Church - Fairgrove, MI
Celebrating 75 years of God's faithfulness.

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Divine Service at 9:15 am

Meal at 11:30 am

—STEWARDSHIP—

October Coffee Money
Good Samaritan Fund

October Mission
Luther Classical College

The Stewardship Board's quarterly mission for October through December will be to Orphan Grain Train. Orphan Grain Train is a 501c3 Nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us. Our local branch is in Sebewaing and run by a good friend of our congregation, Pastor David Reed.

For those willing to support, specific envelopes can be found on the back table of the narthex.

Orphan Grain Train †

—LADIES AID—

- Next meeting is October 10th starting at 9 am. We will be making the pasties.
- Pasty can be picked up on Sunday, October 13th. Proceeds from the pasty sale are going towards the 75th Anniversary Dinner.
- Ladies Aid is in the process of compiling the 75th Anniversary Cookbook.

—NOMINATIONS—

The Nominations Committee compiled a list of candidates to serve our congregation for the 2025-2026 term, which has been posted to the fellowship hall bulletin board. The election of candidates will take place at the next Voters Meeting on Sunday, October 13th, starting at 11 am. Thank you to the Nominations Committee and all those who have agreed to serve.

Celebrating 500 Years
of Lutheran Hymns

**MISSION & HYMN FESTIVAL
2024 CIRCUIT CONVOCATION**

OCTOBER 5
12:30 - 4:30 PM

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
800 E. BAY STREET
SEBEWAING, MI 48759**

*Glad Hymns
Forever: Alleluia!*

THE DAILY READINGS FOR OCTOBER

“God’s Word is the treasure that makes everything holy. By it all the saints have themselves been made holy. At whatever time God’s Word is taught, preached, heard, read, or pondered, there the person, the day, and the work is hallowed, not on account of the external work but on account of the Word that makes us all saints.”

—Martin Luther, The Large Catechism, 91-92

October 1st	Psalm 130	Deut. 2:16-37	Matt. 6:16-34
October 2nd	Psalm 3	Deut. 3:1-29	Matt. 7:1-12
October 3rd	Psalm 119:9-16	Deut. 4:1-20	Matt. 7:13-29
October 4th	Psalm 80:1-7	Deut. 4:21-40	Matt. 8:1-17
October 5th	Psalm 86:1-10	Deut. 5:1-21	Matt. 8:18-34
October 6th	Psalm 91:9-16	Deut. 5:22-6:9	Matt. 9:1-17
October 7th	Psalm 121	Deut. 6:10-25	Matt. 9:18-38
October 8th	Psalm 126	Deut. 7:1-19	Matt. 10:1-23
October 9th	Psalm 103:1-10	Deut. 8:1-20	Matt. 10:24-42
October 10th	Psalm 106:1-12	Deut. 9:1-22	Matt. 11:1-19
October 11th	Psalm 23	Deut. 9:23-10:22	Matt. 11:20-30
October 12th	Psalm 119:97-104	Deut. 11:1-25	Matt. 12:1-21
October 13th	Psalm 111	Deut. 11:26-12:12	Matt. 12:22-37
October 14th	Psalm 114	Deut. 12:13-32	Matt. 12:38-50
October 15th	Psalm 119:33-40	Deut. 13:1-18	Matt. 13:1-23
October 16th	Psalm 37:3-11	Deut. 14:1-2, 22-23; 14:28-15:15	Matt. 13:24-43
October 17th	Psalm 39:4-7, 12-13	Deut. 15:19-16:22	Matt. 13:44-58
October 18th	Psalm 75	Deut. 17:1-20	Matt. 14:1-21
October 19th	Psalm 80:14-19	Deut. 18:1-22	Matt. 14:22-36
October 20th	Psalm 138	Deut. 19:1-20	Matt. 15:1-20
October 21st	Psalm 142	Deut. 20:1-20	Matt. 15:21-39
October 22nd	Psalm 62	Deut. 21:1-23	Matt. 16:1-12
October 23rd	Psalm 107:10-16	Deut. 24:10-25:10	Matt. 16:13-28
October 24th	Psalm 99	Deut. 25:17-26:19	Matt. 17:1-13
October 25th	Psalm 93	Deut. 27:1-26	Matt. 17:14-27
October 26th	Psalm 12	Deut. 28:1-22	Matt. 18:1-20
October 27th	Psalm 20	Deut. 29:1-29	Matt. 18:21-35
October 28th	Psalm 127	Deut. 30:1-20	Matt. 19:1-15
October 29th	Psalm 56	Deut. 31:1-29	Matt. 19:16-30
October 30th	Psalm 90:7-17	Deut. 31:30-32:27	Matt. 20:1-16
October 31st	Psalm 46	Deut. 32:28-52	Matt. 20:17-34



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Parish Planning Meeting September 17, 2024

Attendance: Pastor Haller, Aaron Reinbold, Tracey Reinbold, Steve Reinbold, Tom Reid, Leslie Reinbold, Joanne Hills, Diane Spencer and Mary Masker.

Aaron Reinbold called the meeting to order. Pastor Haller opened with a reading and devotion from Ephesians 3 and closed the devotion with prayer.

Review of the June Parish Planning meeting minutes. Motion to accept the minutes by Diane Spencer and 2nd by Joanne Hills. Motion carried and approved.

Treasurer's Report ~ Mary Masker

- Account balances as of end of August and checking account balance at \$11,276.80.
- Church doing very well financially.
- Mary still has to transfer records to Microsoft on line.

Church Properties ~ Tom Reid

Mike Starkey will be removing the broken eaves on the back of the parsonage.

Elders ~ Steve Reinbold

- Pastor Bickel visited July 7th as the second of three previous pastors of Grace coming to preach the sermon of the day in celebration for our 75th church anniversary year. Many gathered for a potluck dinner following the service. Pastor Petersen will be coming to preach on October 20th. Elders also paid for travel arrangements for Rev. Weedon for the anniversary service in November. Pastor Starke has the hymn written for Grace. Still deciding on luncheon for the Holy Conversations to be held on Saturday, November 9th.
- We have a new copy machine for the office.
- Tuition assistance forms turned in for our families have been approved for payments to Trinity Lutheran in Reese and Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw for a total of \$25,605.

Evangelism and Mercy ~ Leslie Reinbold

- T-shirts ordered came in and many wore them for the Bean Festival Parade. Ray Rendon loaned us the trailer for our float this year with kids, youth and adults joining for the ride and walk in the parade. Candy and bracelets were handed out on the parade route.
- Clothing Giveaway was a huge success. We had leftover school supplies that were given to our own students in membership here at Grace.
- The board is planning another Family Game Night on January 31st, 2025 from 6-11 pm.

Ladies Aid ~ Diane Spencer

- Pasties orders due by September 29th. Selling for \$7 each and proceeds will go toward the Anniversary dinner. Ladies will have their next meeting on October 10th at 9am to make the pasties.
- Any favorite recipes for the church cookbook may be given to Hannah Haller. Due in by September 29th.
- Sending Thanksgiving cards to our shut-ins.

Stewardship ~ Joanne Hills

- The board finalized their 2025 budget as well as the special missions and coffee money designations.
- October and December coffee money will go to the Good Samaritan Fund that benefits the Akron-Fairgrove Ministerial Fund. November coffee money will support our Seminary Student, Nathan Bublitz.
- Mission Sunday envelope goes to Luther Classical College. Thanksgiving Eve collection goes to Bethesda Project. Christmas Eve Choir service will go to Wellspring Lutheran Child and Family Services. The Candlelight service and the Christmas morning service proceeds will stay here at Grace. New Year's Eve collection will be to POBLO. The 4th Quarter Special Mission will be going to Orphan Grain Train.

Young People's Work ~ Tracey Reinbold

- Laura Starkey, Melinda and Tracey Reinbold put together a youth event for the preschool and elementary children at Grace. On August 7th, we held Summer Church Night for preschool – 5th grade with a theme continuing on June's Marriage Month from the verse "I have set my rainbow in the clouds and it will be the sign of the new covenant between me and the earth" Genesis 9:13. Thirteen children attended with the help of five Sr. High youth and two college girls. They all enjoyed bible time with Pastor Haller, an obstacle course outside, find and seek game with 2 x 2 animals, art/craft projects, music, dinner and ended with Evening Prayer with the congregation invited. Children received a Gen. 9:13 book bag and a Noah's Ark Arch book from CPH.
- Planning a high school event this fall but date to be determined.
- Higher Things 2026 registration opens November 1st with a conference at Cornerstone in Grand Rapids. Waiting to hear who the speakers will be and discussion on attending.
- Thank you for the continued support of our Grace youth and children.

Fellowship ~ Tracey Reinbold

- Served pies for Father's Day and floats for Sunday School kick off.
- Church picnic will be on Sunday, September 22nd at 1pm at the Haller residence. Dan and Aaron Reinbold will be making pulled pork. Tracey Reinbold will prepare hot vegetables and Sarah Reid making baked beans. Ann Emery is making potato salad and cole slaw. Fellowship is supplying lemonade and water. Susan Pfund, Josi Reinbold, Lenora Steinley and Joanne Bingham will bring desserts. Food table set up will be on Saturday and tables and chairs will be taken over after bible class on Sunday. Leslie Reinbold volunteered to bring ice.
- Potluck on October 20th with Pastor Petersen. Ann Emery, Sarah Reid and Tracey Reinbold will provide chicken and the congregation is asked to bring a dish to pass.
- Plans are a work in progress for the Anniversary dinner in November. Meal will be at 11:30am.

Pastor's Report

- Confirmation on June 30th for Alberta Reinbold. First Communion on July 28th for Olivia Hargash and Noah Reinbold with a gift of a new Hymnal from the Ladies Aid.
- August 19th held funeral service for Lillian Wheeler.
- September 1st was baptism of Julian Paul Worden.
- Jr High Catechesis started on August 28th with 6 students, 2nd to 7th grade and High School Catechesis started on September 15th with 6 students as well.
- Wednesday Bible Class is currently studying Genesis and Sunday Bible Class is in Acts 20 and also studying the Large Catechism.
- Sunday school has a Youngers class for preschool through 1st grade and the Olders for 2nd through 4th grade. The children will be singing on November 3rd for All Saints Day.
- Our two circuits combined for Convocation to be on October 5th from 12:30-4:30pm. The theme "Glad Hymns Forever: Alleluia." Rev. Stephen Starke will be one of the guest speakers. They will have breakouts, a children's program and a hymn festival. This will be held in Sebewaing at Immanuel Lutheran Church.
- Copies of the Thumb Lutheran Newsletter are available in the Fellowship hall.
- Men's Bible Study will be Saturday, September 21st for breakfast and study of the Book of Concord.
- Pastor Haller will not be taking vacation at the end of September.
- Don Carpenter has been added to the shut-in list.

Old Business

- Kitchen Remodel: Aaron and Tracey Reinbold plan to visit some of the local churches that have recently remodeled their own kitchens.
- Church Anniversary ~ Joanne Reinbold working on putting together a history of Grace Lutheran. Still looking for pictures if anyone has any to share.

New Business

- Nominating committee made calls to members and will post the list on the bulletin board for the next three weeks prior to our October Voter's meeting. Church Properties, Young People's Work and Stewardship will need new directors.
- Budgets for 2025 from each board were turned in to Mary Masker.

Next Voter's meeting will be on Sunday, October 13th at 11AM.

Next Parish Planning meeting will be on Tuesday, December 17th at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Joanne Hills and 2nd by Diane Spencer.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Mary Masker,
Secretary/Treasurer

OCTOBER 2024

Church Office: (989) 693-6322 Pastor Haller's cell phone: (248) 794-3703

Executive Director: Aaron Reinbold (989) 233-5105

Elders of the Month: Aaron Reinbold (989) 233-5105 & Steven Reinbold (989) 233-5097

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study	3	4 Pastor's Day Off	5
6 <i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	7	8 7 pm Elders 9 am Quilters	9 7 pm Catechesis 9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study	10 9 am Ladies Aid	11 Pastor's Day Off	12
13 <i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	14	15 7 pm Properties	16	17	18 <i>St. Luke, Evangelist</i> Pastor's Day Off	19
9:15 am Divine Service 11 am Sunday School Bible Study Voters Meeting	--Pastor at a conference--		7 pm Catechesis			
20 <i>The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</i>	21	22 9 am Quilters	23 7 pm Catechesis <i>St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus & Martyr</i>	24	25 Pastor's Day Off	26 7:30 am Men's Study 9 to 10 am Private Confession
9:15 am Divine Service 11 am Potluck 6 to 8 pm H.S. Catechesis	28 <i>St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles</i>	29	30 7 pm Catechesis 9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study	31 <i>Reformation</i>		
27 <i>The Festival of the Reformation</i>			7 pm Catechesis			
9:15 am Divine Service 11 am Sunday School Bible Study						

Serving Our Lord in the Month of October

Elders for October

Aaron Reinbold & Steven Reinbold

Ladies Aid for October

Pamela Ill & Joanne Reinbold

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Refreshments: Cindy Voss, Helene Weber, Jennifer Bender

Propers Choir: Hannah Haller, Hunter Reid, Sarah Reid

Acolyte: Wayne Seeley

Bible Study Babysitter: Ashley Bublitz

Youngers' Sunday School Teacher: Hannah Haller

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Refreshments: Ashley Bublitz, Sandy D'Addezio, Joyce Dickson

Propers Choir: Aaron Reinbold, Amelia Reinbold, Leslie Reinbold

Acolyte: Noah Reinbold

Voters Meeting Babysitter: Jennifer Bender

Youngers' Sunday School Teacher: Laura Starkey

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Propers Choir: Daniel Reinbold, Winston Reinbold

Acolyte: Erwin Reinbold

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Refreshments: Ann Emery, Sarah Hall, Hannah Haller

Propers Choir: Joanne Hills, Mary Masker, Susan Pfund

Acolyte: Brandt LaPouttre

Bible Study Babysitter: Pamela Ill

Youngers' Sunday School Teacher: Steven Reinbold

**If your name is not on the refreshment list and you would like to serve, please contact the church office.

**If you're not able to serve on a particular Sunday, please call someone to replace you.

For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

—Psalm 84:10