

# The *Disciple*

Monthly Newsletter of  
Holy Cross Lutheran  
Church

September  
2017

## Mark Your Calendar

9.3

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

8:00am and 10:30am Worship Services Resumes

9.4

LABOR DAY (*church office is closed*)

9.6

Stewardship Meeting

9.10

Sunday School Begins

9.11

Elders Meeting

Southwest Chorus Resumes

9.12

Community Meal

9.17

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

9.18

NEM Meeting

Church Council Meeting

9.23

Board of Education Meeting

9.30

LWML Meeting



*A note  
from the pastor*

Dear friends of Holy Cross,

"Love is a many splendored thing", "Love makes the world go 'round", "It's better to have loved and lost rather than to have never loved at all", "Love is blind", "Love never means having to say you're sorry" - haven't we all heard and maybe even subscribe to one or more of these well worn clichés. I think we could agree that there are places where they don't fit.

For example, if we were to apply them to our relationship with fellow members at Holy Cross we might draw the line. "They don't apply, it's not the same thing!" we would say. We have understood them to speak of romantic relationships not member to member relationships. And we would be right. But what about this statement on "love" that is older than any of the others- **"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."** Galatians 5:22. Do these apply to what our relationship should be with fellow Christians, especially of our own church? Should the 'Fruit of the Spirit - Love' be seen in us as we communicate and interact toward other members of Holy Cross? And, do we show Christian love toward one another?

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Working together in the church is even more indispensable in the next few months as some big things are happening:

1. "Consecration Sunday" is the Stewardship process we will begin the week of Sept. 10. That week sparks the beginning of four weeks of Bible studies entitled, "Financial Wisdom for a Lifetime." (Be sure to sign up for one of the 3 studies being offered). Special worship service themes will be offered in October, culminating in "Consecration Sunday" Nov. 12 with a special guest speaker, where one service will be held with a banquet following.

2. On Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. you're invited to participate in the beginning of a "Missional Community" gathered around the theme "Joining Jesus", led by our intern, Josh Weiser.

3. On Saturday, Oct. 21 from 1-5 p.m. Rev. David Thiele will be at Holy Cross presenting in-depth information from "Mission Insite" on the Alsip area's demographics, essentially answering the question, "Who are our neighbors?"

4. On Saturday, Nov. 4, 12:45 - 5:30 p.m. Rev. Dr. Peter Meier will lead a workshop for us on "Mobilizing the Mission". This free, one-day convocation will introduce you to the single most effective strategy for reaching the lost for Christ. He will also serve as our guest preacher at both services Nov. 5.

Wow! That's a lot of stuff happening at our church in a short span of time. As we strive to be a more community minded group of believers, we realize we can only do it and not have conflicts with one another in the process if God blesses us with love for each other. Let us strive to love our fellow members in word and deed, even as God in Christ has loved us.

In Jesus,

Pastor Chris Ongstad



#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Nick Habrelewicz (1)  
Jennifer Love (2)  
Lindzay Istad (3)  
Aimee Wilczynski (3)  
Mike Habrelewicz (11)  
Kathy Ridder (13)  
Marilyn Long (15)  
Lily Bradley (16)  
Ellie Jean Wedster (17)  
Faith Schulz (20)  
Donna Meilahn (28)  
Bonnie Wedster (29)  
Haley Beukema (30)

#### **BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES**

Ryan Rummery (3)  
Billie Salzman (6)  
James M. Bahr (17)  
Nick Habrelewicz (29)  
Robert Hammond (29)

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

James & Susan Boltz (4)  
Pam & Mark Rutkowski (7)  
Donna & John Judd (15)  
Liz & Stan Wilczynski (20)

### **Disciple Newsletter**

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**Pastor Chris D. Ongstad**

Worship-Sundays 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Bible Study/Sunday School 9:15AM



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## HILITES OF HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 10, 2017

The July 10, 2017 Holy Cross Lutheran Church Council meeting opened at 7:35 with prayer.

Corrections to the May minutes: Pastor Chris will not be attending the Youth Convention in New Jersey July 20 through July 23, 2017. The District convention will be held in Lakewood, Ohio in April of 2018.

**PASTOR'S REPORT**— Our intern is here and getting up to speed by attending board meetings over the next few weeks. He will be working from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will have a day off on Fridays.

We received a letter from Mike and Judy Meilahn requesting a transfer to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Washington, MO.

On July 9, 2017 we baptized Romeo Michael Wooden.

Lindsey Hammond requested a transfer from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lansing IL, to Holy Cross.

A memorial service was held for Johanne Kernanhan on June 14, 2017.

George and Pat Minet renewed their wedding vows on July 1, 2017.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**— Envelope offerings are low, they are usually low in the summer months. A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's report.

**EVANGELISM REPORT**— The Evangelism committee is planning to hand out coffee mugs to visitors and putting up a welcome sign.

**EDUCATION REPORT**— Education will be having a VBS Picnic on July 21, 2017 from 6-8 p.m. Pam Rutkowski and Theresa Boltz have agreed to teach Sunday School for the upcoming year.

**SOCIAL MINISTRIES REPORT**— Demon Dawgs, who has been our biggest benefactor for the community meals, has announced that they will be going out of business. We will either have to get more donations from other area businesses, or we will have to stop the community meal. If you know of anyone that would be willing to help finance the community meal, please contact Joan Opyd. We have some money set aside for the Community meal, so we will continue until that fund is exhausted.

The next council meeting is August 14, 2017. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 with prayer.



## Need One More Reason to Go to Church?

By: Joan Opyd

Jesus Christ, our living example, went to church as a regular practice.

Luke 4:16 says, "He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom." (NIV)

It was Jesus' *custom*—his regular practice—to go to church. *The Message* Bible puts it like this, "As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place." If Jesus made it a priority to meet together with other believers, shouldn't we, as his followers, do so also?



## "FINANCIAL WISDOM FOR A LIFETIME" BIBLE STUDIES AND DAILY READINGS

begins the week of Sept. 10. Sign up today on the bulletin board for your day and time. Whether God has given you little or lots of money, you, as a steward, are responsible to manage it faithfully.

Come, hear of God's blessings!



# SPECIAL THANKS

**LWML**- On Behalf of the Lutheran Women's League of Holy Cross, we want to thank all who supported the Spring Tea in your attendance and donations. 25 people were in attendance, and many participated in the Line Dancing instructions. Sandwiches made and donated by Donna Meilahn, Kathy Ridder, Pauline Griffin, Nancy Fehser, Barb Piekosz and Jeanne Simovic, also to the ladies who donated salad, dressings, drinks, bread and desserts help and donations were greatly appreciated. Monetary donations totaled \$365 which was sent to the Salem Ministry for Battered Women. LWML will meet again on Saturday, September 30 at 1:00pm. We cordially invite all women to attend.

## INTERN 'S CORNER

It's been nearly two months since I arrived here in Chicago, and my, how the time flies. First of all, I want to thank everyone who has made an effort to make my transition here easier, your company and generosity has made the move so much better than I could have ever imagined. I am excited to also say that I have been finding my stride as part of the church here at Holy Cross. While a large part of my stay here has been observational and focused on learning the context of this wonderful church, soon there are going to be amazing outreach opportunities opening up for all of us here in Alsip. In October, a new Missional Community will be starting with a focus on outreach and loving our neighbors as ourselves. There is a separate article detailing this new gathering, but I think that it will be the beginning of exciting new ground for our church! Until then, I look forward to living life with each and every one of you as we follow our Lord.

Sincerely,  
Josh







By: Josh Weiser

## **EVANGELISM**

The Gospel and the Kingdom of God: We're going to need a bigger church...

Reggie McNeal is a leader in the church development world, the writer of several books, most of which have to do with church growth, and a revolutionary idea-man for where north American Christianity is headed. In his book, "Missional Renaissance", he mentions the fact that America is no longer a Churched country. This is obvious, any amount of time spent among the people in our community will tell us how un-churched our culture really is. But he takes it a step further by showing that America is now a Pre-Christian country, meaning that the majority of those who aren't Christian have never had the option to become one, or the opportunity to hear the gospel. It seems that this may be troubling news for the church, but like all adversity and trials in our faith, the outcome results in a stronger character and a more resilient reliance on God.

Our Church may be going through numerous struggles, but God's church will have the victory in the end, and the gates of Hell shall not overcome it. We get to experience a taste of that eternal, kingdom-wide victory now, through evangelism. Not just our small, tight-knit church, but the greater reign of God that we are part of. We have to remember this as we move forward in our individual and congregational lives: the Kingdom of God is moving through *The Church*, not just *our church*. We are not the only ones spreading the gospel.

In *Missional Renaissance*, McNeal suggests that each congregation ask the question: Are we focused on our growth as a church, or on the growth of God's Kingdom?

Sometimes those two paths may not be the same, sometimes we will have to sacrifice efforts that benefit our church more directly, but stay in line with His Kingdom. As we move forward this year with different efforts of evangelism and outreach, we need to remember that our mission is not for Holy Cross, but for the Kingdom of God. Ultimately the gospel of that Kingdom is the one worth spreading, because in a pre-Christian world, it is very good news indeed.

## **EDUCATION: The art of Relationship**

In the Gospel of Matthew there is an amazing moment where Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say I am?" The question is one that inquires about knowledge, knowledge at a very base level on an objective subject: what are people saying? Of course the disciples give a variety of answers, like the good students and followers they are.

"Some say Elijah!"

"Others say John the Baptist!"

Then Jesus turns the question on its head by asking, "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter, one of the more zealous in the group, replied, "You are the Messiah, Son of the living God."

What we see here is education in action, a critical moment where learning and relationship come together and revelations are made. Jesus begins by simply partaking in a simple educational exercise, "I will ask, and you will answer."

Often our own modern Christian education begins here; with a question and an answer. Sadly, this is also where it ends. All too often our efforts of educating through Sunday School, Confirmation, and Bible Study end with this simple exercise. While growth may be attained, we tend to settle for far less growth than what we truly need, but Jesus shows us how to take knowledge, education, objective facts, and to bring them into his glory, with relationship.

"Who do people say that I am?" and "Who do you say that I am?" are critically different. One is a simple request for knowledge (a basic education exercise), and the other is a request for relationship: Jesus uses questions, the foundation for education, as a way to deepen his relationships with his disciples.

Whether in Sunday school, during the sermon, or at home with our families, God calls us into deeper relationship, often through the growth of our minds and hearts as we pursue answers to our deepest needs. He knows how powerful a simple question can be. When we seek answers to our questions we often pursue how others tackled the same issue, we look to Martin Luther, C.S. Lewis, or anyone else who might have an answer to Jesus's question, "Who do you say I am?". This is all very valuable, but merely an intellectual exercise if we never ask ourselves the same question: Who is Jesus to me? The real answer requires us to use all of our education we have received, and to bring it together with our own personal heart for God, and it will take a lifetime of growth and change.

Education is the art of learning, of course, but Jesus never intended for our faith to rest solely on our minds. His plan for our lives is one deeply rooted in relationship with him. Therefore education is a path that we take to join our minds and our hearts to Jesus. The more we know of his love and grace, the more we can apply that love to our own life, making our heart's answer to "Who do you say that I am?" deeper, more meaningful, and more informed every day. So as you keep learning in your faith, attending Church, Bible Study, or sending your children to Sunday School, don't forget to revisit this question over, and over again, and answer honestly each time. It may just prove to be the most important question of all.



# A FISH OUT OF WATER

Words from Saint Peter



When I was a small boy, I lived with my parents and grandparents in the Troy Lane hotel at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Troy in Chicago. This was a much different environment than the one my children grew up in. When I was small, I thought places like Oak Forest and Alsip were way out in the country somewhere. Except for when my parents took me to Marquette Park, the only patch of green grass I saw was on the parkway next to the street in front of the hotel. We were not allowed to have pets in the hotel, so the closest thing I had to a pet was a rat that the janitor, Adolph, trapped in the basement. He put it in a cage and I would visit the creature until my father found out.

One summer I went with my grandparents to visit my great uncle at his farm. I thought I had landed on another planet. Everything was different and everyone acted differently. They even ate wrong. The largest meal of the day was a huge breakfast. It was prepared while I was with my uncle as he started his chores at a time of day when I had thought everyone was asleep.

This was a dangerous world for me. Before I left, I cut all my fingers trying to climb a barbed wire fence, I was almost trampled to death by a herd of pigs because I was standing between them and the pen my uncle was trying to put them in, and I was scared witless by a mother goose who thought I was a threat to her children. The large bird charged at me like a bull.

Anyone who saw me would know I was not at home and was like a “fish out of water”. But when we think about it, every Christian in this world is like a “fish out of water” as we learn from the apostle Peter.

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. (1Pet 1:1-2)*

In our Tuesday evening Bible classes, we often try to put ourselves into the scene. We try to identify with the people so that we can “make the transfer” to our own lives and apply the lesson. So try to imagine that it is about 64 A.D. and you are a Greek man or woman living in Galatia. At some point in your life the Holy Spirit worked in your heart. Maybe by hearing the words of an apostle who came to your town; or, maybe from a friend or relative, you have received faith and have become a Christian.

Well, one day a letter is read to you, perhaps at a congregation meeting. It is to you and other Christians and is from none other than the one and only PETER, the great disciple who walked with God, the man who received a commission directly from Jesus to bring the Gospel to thousands of lost souls. He is a Jewish fisherman who doesn't write Greek very well. But thanks to a man named Silas (1Pet.5:12), who Peter credits in his letter, the letter is written in very good Greek.

Right at the beginning of his letter Peter identifies you and other Christians for who you are, “*God's elect, strangers in the world.*” Before you were a Christian you felt at home in the world, but now you are alienated. The world thinks about things differently than you do. You are like a “fish out of water” in a place you have lived all your life. This makes sense, because Galatia isn't really your home, heaven is your home.

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But the first part of the title Peter gives you really makes you feel special - “*God’s elect*”. Wow! If you have to be a “fish out of water” being God’s elect makes it all seem worthwhile. And your title has credibility, because it was given to you by Peter, a man who knew what he was talking about. Peter knew firsthand what it was like to become God’s elect by grace. After all, he deserved to be condemned by God when he rejected Jesus and denied even knowing Him. But Jesus forgave him and sent him out to “feed His sheep”. (Notice that, in his introduction, Peter gives credit to all parts of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for making us God’s elect).

As the letter is read in its entirety, Peter tells you how to live as a stranger in the world and still fulfill your duties as God’s elect.

Now let’s “make the transfer”. You are a 21<sup>st</sup> century Christian. And Christians have now been scattered beyond the five areas mentioned by Peter to places he didn’t know existed. But things haven’t really changed much. The world still doesn’t see things your way.

But wait! Peter meant for his letter to be for all Christians until Christ returns, not just for those who happen to be around in 64 A.D. And thanks to some modern Silas’s out there, his letter has been translated into your language. So, read Peter’s letter today. Let him talk to YOU about being God’s elect, a stranger in the world, a “fish out of water”.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PETER’S WORDS TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH? JOIN US AT OUR TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASSES BEGINNING OCTOBER 10 FOR A NINE WEEK LIFE-LIGHT BIBLE STUDY OF 1PETER AND 2PETER.

God Bless,

Tom Griffin

# MISSIONAL COMMUNITY

## Joining Jesus on His Mission

October 11, 7pm

Have you ever felt called to share your faith with those around you? Have you ever felt ill-equipped to share the gospel with your neighbors or friends? You aren’t alone, in fact there are plenty of people who need a community to support them as they share the love of Christ with others. In order to offer this support, Holy Cross will be starting its first Missional Community. This group is meant to serve as a community dedicated to learning how to share the gospel effectively. A missional community is not meant to look like a committee, it doesn’t necessarily make huge governing decisions, what it is meant to do is point people toward a scripture-centered view of outreach, and to hold them accountable to acting out what scripture says. I look forward to seeing you there! The first thing that we will be doing in our community is reading through the book, *Joining Jesus on His Mission*, a book that will guide this group in the formative stages of what it means to be missional. Our first meeting is October 11th at 7:00 pm in the church conference room.



# upcoming EVENTS

## ARTIST SERIES BEGINS SEASON

Leading off this season's events will be the husband and wife collaboration of Karin Redekopp and Mark Edwards, a piano duo team. Their twenty fingers will grace the eighty-eight keys of the Yamaha piano at St. John's Lutheran Church, 215 S. Lincoln Street, Lombard, Sunday, September 10, at 3:00 p.m.

**PRAYER SYMPOSIUM** A day of Lutheran Prayer Education will be held Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 5865 S. Arther Road, Summit. Program cost is \$10 per person which includes lunch. Program is free to all LCMS pastors, but they must register. For information, email [symposium@zionlutheransummit.org](mailto:symposium@zionlutheransummit.org) or call 708-238-6737 or 708-921-9781.

**EXPERIENCE CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY** College students who wonder how they might serve the Church have a great option with Christ Academy/Phoebe Academy taking place November 2-5 at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. This event affords attendees the opportunity to immerse themselves in the day-to-day life at CTSFW. This event is free of charge with housing and meals provided. Additional information and online registration can be found at [www.ctsfw.edu/CAC](http://www.ctsfw.edu/CAC). To connect with a member of the CTSFW Admission staff email [Admission@ctsfw.edu](mailto:Admission@ctsfw.edu) or call our Admission Office at 800-481-2155.

## Oktoberfest

### OKTOBERFEST

St. Peter Lutheran Church, Arlington Heights., IL October 21. Register at

<http://oktoberfestspah.weebly.com/>



### SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

Ages 4 & up starts September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:15AM.



### SOUTHWEST LUTHERAN CHORUS

rehearsals resume on Mondays at 7:30pm beginning September 11. We invite you to join us as we celebrate GOD with song, and share His Word with others. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact our President Jeanne Simovic (708) 422-0721 or our Director Ruth Sievers (708) 952-9902.



Sunday Worship Services resume to 8:00am and 10:30am starting September 3.

Sunday School resumes on September 10 at 9:15am.

Financial Wisdom for a Lifetime will meet on Mondays at 4:30pm

and Tuesdays at 7:00pm starting on September 11.

Southwest Lutheran Chorus meets every Monday starting September 11 at 7:30pm.







Join Concordia University Chicago in a Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. “Enduring Faith, Abiding Grace, Abounding Love”. Concordia-Chicago is excited to mark this anniversary with a series of engaging events that explore the Reformation and its impact on theology, education, art, history, vocation, the Church, culture, society and the future of global Christianity.

**Featured Events:**

1. Johann Sebastian Bach's Clavierübung, Part III Performances March - October, 2017.
2. Let the Books Tell the Story: J.S. Bach’s Bible and Reformation Treasures October 2017, Exhibition Opening: October 8.
3. Reformation 500 Celebration Day - A family event for the Northern Illinois District and area congregations. October 28, 2017. REGISTRATION NOW OPEN - Reserve Your Spot Now
4. The Reformation at 500: An Interdenominational Conversation - Key leaders of major church bodies discuss points of divergence and convergence among the three historic branches emerging from the Reformation controversies. October 30, 2017. REGISTRATION REQUIRED - Reserve Your Seat Today.







When we lose patience, we become frustrated. If we do not actively find ways to lower that frustration it can turn into anger or even resentment. If that anger is not dealt with, it may boil over and lead to yelling or snapping at your family, or you can find yourself shutting down and ignoring or avoiding loved ones. Children who feel that they are the cause of these frustrations may not only develop low self-esteem, but depression, anxiety or even

antisocial behavior. When patience is shown, communication can flourish and problems can be resolved more beneficially.

#### ESSENTIAL KIT ITEM #4 – PATIENCE

Patience is the ability to remain composed in tough situations; yet, it can also be defined as persistent courage in trying situations. Patience is not always easy, but if you work at finding ways to be patient in hard situations you can get better outcomes. For instance, sometimes children lie simply because they do not want to further aggravate a caregiver. If that caregiver can show patience, then the child is more willing to be honest and trust can be developed further.

#### *How to Gain Patience*

**1. Figure out when you lose it.** Sometimes the best way to gain something is to figure out when you lose it. Once you become more aware of these situations, you can plan on how to prevent them in the future.

**Write it down.** Writing things down is an influential way to cause change that most people underestimate. Tracking your frustration or even writing down words of encouragement can help you gain patience.

**Let go.** Sometimes there are things that are out of our control that cause much frustration, anger and anxiety. The better you get at letting go of things you cannot control the more you find yourself patient in things you can. **Step back and see the big picture.** When we are close to some pictures, we can't make out what they are. We are reacting before seeing everything. Sometimes when we step back and look at the bigger picture we realize we missed key points. Remember the major goals you set for your family. Concentrate on the positive elements and review areas that did not work according to plan.

**Set goals.** You can never set too many goals. Setting a goal of spending 10 minutes in silence after work might help you have more patience when arriving home to an array of family mishaps.



*Next month: this series concludes with a look at creating your own family essentials kit.*

You and your family do not have to struggle alone. LCFS counselors help families generate hope and cope with life's challenges. Most insurance plans accepted; sliding-scale fees are available on a case-by-case basis. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact us at [lcfs\\_info@lcfs.org](mailto:lcfs_info@lcfs.org) or 800-363-LCFS (5237).

Discover LCFS and the services we offer at [www.lcfs.org](http://www.lcfs.org) and [www.facebook.com/LCFSIL](https://www.facebook.com/LCFSIL).

#### LCFS offers counseling at the following locations:

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LCFS Office, Springfield

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LCFS Office-Mt. Vernon

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## SERVANTS IN WORSHIP -September, 2017

DATE	TIME	USHER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	LECTOR	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTER	GREETER	PROJECTIONIST
3	8:00AM 10:30AM	Jim Boltz Tom Griffin	Jim Boltz	Donna Judd Donna Meilahn	Martha Stevens Dorothy Lux	Donna Meilahn Faith Schulz	Sue Boltz Sue & Aimee Wilczynski	Martha Stevens Pam Rutkowski
10	8:00AM 10:30AM	Jim Boltz Tom Griffin	Jim Bahr	Liz Wilczynski	Martha Stevens Dorothy Lux	Terry Vrshek Carole Vrshek	Sue Boltz Sue & Aimee Wilczynski	Martha Stevens Pam Rutkowski
17	8:00AM 10:30AM	Jim Boltz Tom Griffin	Jim Boltz	Josh Weiser Sue Wilczynski	Martha Stevens Dorothy Lux	Pam Rutkowski Marye Meyer	Sue Boltz Sue & Aimee Wilczynski	Martha Stevens Pam Rutkowski
24	8:00AM 10:30AM	Jim Boltz Tom Griffin	Tom Griffin	Aimee Wilczynski	Martha Stevens Dorothy Lux	Pauline Griffin Nancy Fehser	Sue Boltz Sue & Aimee Wilczynski	Martha Stevens Pam Rutkowski

***Thank you for all you do for Christ and His Church!***



# SEPTEMBER, 2017

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 708.597.5209 [hclc@hc-lc.org](mailto:hclc@hc-lc.org)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>  Nick Habrelewicz (b)	<b>2</b> 10:30AM Food Pantry  Jennifer Love (b)
<b>3 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</b> 8:00AM Worship/Traditional (C) 10:30AM Worship/Contemporary  Lindsay Istad (b) Aimee Wilczynski (b)	<b>4 LABOR DAY</b> <i>Church office closed</i>  	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00AM Stewardship Meeting	<b>7</b> 9:00AM Senior's Group Gathering	<b>8</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>9</b> 10:30AM Food Pantry
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