

Good News

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All Souls Remembrance

Would you like to honor someone who has died? Our November 1 worship service will be our annual All Souls Day Remembrance of the Dead with Communion. This year we remember the lives of Gladys Green, Claire Cramblit, Dorothy Preston, and Floyd Sexter. We also like to honor those in your family or circle of friends/mentors/loved ones who have died. If you have someone that you would like to have remembered, please give their name and date of death (if you know) to Pastor David or to Mimi by October 26 so we can print their names in the bulletin.



Community Table

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 17. We will serve at the Community Table on that day. Please join us; it is a great experience! A sign-up sheet is on the table.

Getting ready for church

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

October Worship Notes

October 4

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Worldwide Communion Sunday

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

Job 1:1, 2:1–10 or Genesis 2:18–24;
Psalm 26 or Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1–4,
2:5–12; Mark 10:2–16

October 11

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Job 23:1–9, 16–17 or Amos 5:6–7,
10–15; Psalm 22:1–15 or Psalm
90:12–17; Hebrews 4:12–16; Mark
10:17–31

October 18

21st Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Job 38: 1–7 (34–41) or Isaiah 53:4–12;
Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c or Psalm
91:9–16; Hebrews 5:1–10; Mark
10:35–45

October 25

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1–6, 10–17 or Jeremiah 31:7–9;
Psalm 34:1–8 (19–22) or Psalm 126;
Hebrews 7:23–28; Mark 10:46–52

Food for Thought

We will have a pot luck on October 11 to celebrate the beautiful fall season. Bring your favorite fall dish to pass. Our St Francis Food Pantry offering will be taken on October 4.

As the weather gets colder, please don't forget our homeless. Hooded sweatshirts, socks, warmer clothes will be needed. As always the Street Ministry can use money or gas cards.

In October, we are praying for these individuals/families: Jean Dean, Lilah Eastzman, Tami (Chris) Eisberner, Jerry (Mary) Foote, Stacy (Peter) Gantner

Memorials

● Gifts to the **Memorial Fund** directed to the General Fund: *In memory of Floyd Sexter:* Dorothy Kruschke, Jerry & Mary Foote

October Birthdays

- 1 Larry Shepler
- 2 Jen Adams
- 3 Joy Lobo-Carter
- 4 Gladys Ulry
Hannah Zehms
- 5 Jamie Stafford
- 7 Len Weisfeld
- 9 Maria Patton
- 18 Sadie Hulke
- 20 Ardith Starr
- 22 Kay Hestekin
Denice Shepler
Nathan Stygar
- 23 Joe Gilbertson
- 26 Justin Champion
- 28 Bobbie Rude
- 29 Nancy Wendt
- 30 Audrey Heimstead
- 31 Lindsey Phillips
Lori Phillips

JONAH Communi-TEA set for October 18

The annual JONAH Communi-TEA will be held Sunday, October 18 from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 3214 Golf Rd. There will be a delicious high tea, live music, a pie auction, a silent auction, and a silly/fancy hat contest! The featured speaker is John Nichols, the associate editor of the *Capital Times* in Madison. Nichols is a frequent guest on radio and television programs as a commentator on politics and media issues. We love our community and believe in justice for all in our community. Come and join us as we make a difference in our community! Tickets are \$25.00 and available from Rev. Julianne Lepp (juliannelepp@yahoo.com, 715-864-2982).

Plymouth Street Ministry Needs List

- ◆ Diapers, all sizes
- ◆ Formula
- ◆ Jeans, men's & women's, all sizes
- ◆ T-shirts
- ◆ Boxers, all sizes
- ◆ Socks
- ◆ Sweat pants, (L/XL +)
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Shampoo
- ◆ Feminine Hygiene products (both pads & tampons)
- ◆ Lg. zip lock bags (for hygiene kits)
- ◆ Combs (new) & Hairbrushes (new)
- ◆ Shoes, all sizes, clean and in good shape!
- ◆ Bikes, in good repair
- ◆ Bike locks
- ◆ Shorts—pull-on, athletic style, (Med +)

Thank you all for your support of the street ministry.

Neighborhood Association

Did you know that Plymouth is in the Westridge Neighborhood, bounded between Clairemont and 14th St., and Vine and Folsom, and it also includes the Sun Rae development on the north side of Folsom. Westridge has a Neighborhood Association, and they are having a general meeting on October 19 at 7 P.M. at the Mahara Shrine Club, 2625 Folsom St. This is an opportunity to truly connect with our neighborhood.

Pastor's Pen

Dear family and friends of Plymouth,

September has come and darn near gone. I started mine with an overnight down in Janesville to see my niece's new daughter, who was born in July, and whom I hadn't met yet. Her presence now makes my sister a grandmother, and wow, does that feel weird to say! Then a few days later an overnight trip to the family farm outside Melrose over Labor Day Weekend. I spent the night with an aunt, and she cooked a splendid fried chicken dinner with all the fixin's, and then we had our annual Huber family reunion/Fish boil that Saturday. I've missed that reunion the past three or four years because of my trips to Japan, so it was good to be with family again and see some cousins I've not seen in a long time. And also to hear the news that the baby of my father's family, the youngest of his siblings, will turn 70 this year. That, too, is shocking to say! Then I came back to Plymouth for worship on Sunday, and that evening I was on the airport shuttle to Minneapolis for another reunion: with my family in Japan. I'm still in the midst of that reunion as I write this. It will be October before I see any of you again. The time does fly by quickly, and so all the more reason to be sure to spend time with the family and friends that we hold dear to our hearts.

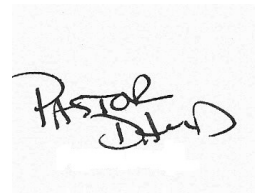
Part of my spiritual practice and discipleship this year has been to make sure to set aside time on my calendar, and keep those times as sacred, to spend time with the people who matter the most in my life. It's so easy to get caught up in the frenzy of busy-ness and let other people control your time and then realize you've gone months or longer without giving your time to those who deserve it the most. So far it has been a good discipline for me. It has forced me to rethink priorities, and also helped me remember just how much I truly do value the people I've spent extra time with. Especially as we are all getting older. Almost half of my parents' brothers and sisters have died, and so I try to cherish more each moment I have with those

who remain, and have been working more diligently to carve out time to spend with them.

What spurred this for me was a twofold confluence of realizing I short-changed too much the people I love by not being available for them, and the ever growing sense that as followers of Jesus—as God's people—it's all about relationship. We are meant to be together. This is why we worship in groups and form churches, and don't simply go out and worship alone, or practice our faith alone, or even keep our faith to ourselves. We are meant to share these experiences with others. God calls us to community. As I finish this vacation time with my Japanese friends and family, I am meditating on the importance of keeping up those ties that bind us together and keep us rooted. Otherwise it is much too easy to float off into the wind because we have nothing holding us down, and we are too busy being everything for everyone and forgetting to also be someone for ourselves.

My your various communities of family, friends, and especially your church, be a place of grounding and nurture for you. And if you've not been with your church in a while, I think the Spirit may be calling you to carve out some time to spend with God by carving out time to spend with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Blessings,



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>October 2015</h1> 						
				1	2	3
4 <i>St Francis Food Pantry offering Worldwide Communion Sunday</i> 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	5	6 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball Plymouth at Concordia	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Prayers for the People</i> 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	12 5:30 P.M. EC Garden Club 7:00 p.m. Leadership Team meets at Culver's	13 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball Bethesda at Plymouth	14	15	16	17 Plymouth serves Community Table
18 <i>OCWM offering</i> 10:30 A.M. Worship	19	20 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball Eagles at Plymouth	21	22	23	24
25 10:30 A.M. Worship	26	27 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball Plymouth at Rock Creek	28	29	30	31