

# REMARKS

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**MARTIN, SOUTH DAKOTA!!  
JULY 2011  
YOU WILL FIND ADDITIONAL  
PICTURES & INFO FROM THE  
YOUTH MISSION TRIP ON  
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**REMEMBERING  
SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001  
10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
WE WILL NEVER FORGET**

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**“ GROWING DISCIPLES - MAKING CHRIST KNOWN ”**



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE



*Dear Friends,*

*As we quickly move from summer to fall it is important to remind ourselves that we do not need to move quickly. What do I mean?*

*Summer invites us to slow down. School is on break, vacations come, the pace of life offers us a respite from the hustle and bustle of the “normal” schedule. It's just a different rhythm that we get into and it's a good rhythm. But soon it will be gone as we gear up to the pace and challenges of the “normal” part of the year. That's why it is so important to build some of the pace of summer into the rhythm of the rest of the year.*

*Our Jewish ancestors were able to do that quite well by paying attention to the Sabbath. On the Sabbath everything took on a new pace because it was viewed from the perspective of God's idea that all creatures should rest---needed to rest---and be refreshed. Part of the gift of the Sabbath is that with rest comes reflection as we look to the God who creates us and sustains us, and thank God for the goodness that surrounds us.*

*But what we need to remember is that Sabbath does not depend on whether or not we are ready to stop. Wayne Muller says it this way (and so well):*

*“We do not stop when we are finished. We do not stop when we complete our phone calls, finish our project, get through this stack of messages, or get out this report that is due tomorrow. We stop because it is time to stop.*

*“Sabbath requires surrender. If we only stop when we are finished with all of our work, we will never stop---because our work is never completely done. With every accomplishment there arises a new responsibility. Every swept floor invites another sweeping, every child bathed invites another bathing. When all life moves in such cycles, what is ever finished?*

*“The sun goes 'round, the moon goes 'round, the tides and seasons go 'round, people are born and die, and when are we finished. If we refuse to rest until we are finished, we will never rest until we die. **Sabbath dissolves the artificial urgency of our days, because it liberates us from the need to be finished.**”*

*So just stop. Stop what you are doing for a while and spend some time just being instead of doing. What you were doing will still be there when you get back. But for a while, let it go. God is waiting.*

*God's love and mine,  
Pastor Peter*

# CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

## August 2011 Meeting

- Church finances continue to run approximately as anticipated.
  - ◇ We are about 58% through the fiscal year and member contributions and revenues are at about 56.5% of budget. (Being slightly behind at this point in the fiscal year is not unusual.)
  - ◇ The organ replacement is well underway and the final contribution by our very generous benefactor has been received. (Thank you!)
  - ◇ It was reported that the Youth Mission trip came in under the projected budget (\$32,479 budgeted vs. \$27,346 actual)
  - ◇ Council voted via email (completed July 21, 2011) to proceed with the boiler replacement project and approved entering a contract for \$51, 899.54 with McKenney's Incorporated.
- Council accepted Beth Canute's resignation (due to their move.)
- The Youth Mission trip was very successful. It was an eye opening and memorable experience for all. (Council thanks the volunteers, parents, organizers, congregation supporters and staff for making this happen.)
- Several months ago Regents School approached St. Mark's about setting up a school that would start as a half day program evolving into a full-day school. Following research and discussion the Executive Committee recommended deferring further consideration until a later date due to the various commitments and activities currently underway at SMLC.
- Based on the recommendation of the Youth Director Search Committee, acceptance by Personnel Committee and concurrence by Executive Committee we are delighted to announce that Mr. Alex English will be joining St. Mark's Lutheran Church as Director of Youth Ministry starting in early September. Welcome Alex!
- The Council Candidate Nominating Committee has been formed and is in the process of creating a list of potential Council Candidates. The Committee consists of Will Miles, Linda Niedermeier, Gretchen Payne, Ken Williams, Donn Toney and Mike Doyne. If you have suggestions for potential candidates, please share them with one of these individuals. We are seeking members who are active, communing, contributing, attending and committed to St. Mark's.

**CONGREGATION MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10 AM SERVICE ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 16, 2011. PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING.**



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# CHURCH COUNCIL

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Got a suggestion? A question? A concern? If so, then contact one of your Church Council officers. They are individuals whom you elected to serve and lead. If you have something you wish to discuss then contact a Council member or the Pastor. Your current Council members, their email addresses and home phone numbers are:

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# FINANCE COMMITTEE



## St. Mark's Financial Status as of July 31st, 2011

### In Support of Our 2011 Ministries/Budget

		Over / (Under)
July YTD Budget	July YTD Actual	July YTD Receipts
<b>\$390,240</b>	<b>\$377,268</b>	<b>(\$12,972)</b>

Revenue recorded in July was less than Budget but in line with expectations during a summer month. The shortfall to Budget noted above is not great news. However, if collections continue at the current pace, we believe we can manage expenses so that we will collect at least as much as or more than we spend this year. That continues to be our commitment for 2011.

Operating Expenses and Mortgage Debt Payments reported as of July 31<sup>st</sup> total \$355,801 vs. the Budgeted \$383,313. This is very positive news. Tight monitoring of all operating expenses has continued each month – the results have enabled us to enhance our undesignated cash position. The efforts of both staff members and lay leaders are greatly appreciated.

The Boiler Appeal collections as of August 15<sup>th</sup> were \$43,850. One-hundred sixty-four member households responded to the Appeal. Costs that are incurred to replace the boiler and the water heater will first be paid from the money in the Boiler Appeal Fund, then by using monies available in the Property Fund. Thanks are extended to all who have contributed to the success of this appeal. The contract will have been signed and work will be underway by the time you are reading this.

You are encouraged to contact Barbara Baker (Treasurer), Angela Micalizzi (Finance Committee Chair) or a member of Council or the Finance Committee with any observations or questions you have about St. Mark's finances or financial statements. Your support, prayers and input help us in our efforts to manage our resources most effectively.



# YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2011

## Martin, South Dakota

**But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. - Luke 6:27-28**



Twenty-two youth and six adults representing St. Mark's Lutheran Church wore shirts emblazoned with that message to begin the mission trip July 23. We first arrived at Charlotte-Douglass airport about 6 AM that day. Picture a mixture of sleepy, excited, and nervous – and those were the emotions on the faces of the parents! The Youth brimmed with anticipation at the thoughts of meeting new friends, bonding with old ones, and deepening their relationship with Christ. A few scattered amongst us had a look reminiscent of deer in the headlights, but not to worry, those were the chaperones.

And so it began, a rather uneventful day of travel with our first flight into Grand Rapids, a four-hour layover, and a second flight into Rapid City. Several were on a plane for the first time and the support the kids showed one another during take-off and landing was nothing short of faith in action. This was especially true when turbulence hit and when thunderstorms lengthened the time we were in the air. As chaperones, we were impressed with the responsibility the youth showed in following the rules and keeping an eye out for each other. Great job, parents!

The Rapid City airport is rather small and we all but overwhelmed the baggage handlers.

What was the road trip to Wall, South Dakota like? Well, as we would see every time we were in the vans, it depends who was in your van! Let's see I think the vans could've been nicknamed: Chatterbox, Born to Be Wild, Sleeping Beauties, Turn up the Volume, and Who's Line is it Anyway. Oh to be a kid again – I can't remember the last time I saw soda, candy, energy drinks, and ice cream eaten with such gusto, frequency, and quantities.

The city of Wall will never be the same, nor will the hotel. The drugstore was gigantic with just about every kind of knick knack imaginable. With at least half the group in the hotel pool, you may suspect the rowdy factor was over the top. Not this bunch; they really know how to behave themselves while having a good time. This was our last opportunity to have a real shower, bed, TV, and all other amenities we take for granted so it was a little sweeter when the girls blow-dried their hair Sunday morning before heading out.

What a terrific way to spend Sunday morning in the Midwest – at the Badlands. This was a first time for everyone and the views were magnificent. We missed the buffaloes but saw several mountain goats and a couple prairie dogs. One of the stops within the park allowed visitors to search for fossils or climb a small hill. The chance to stretch their legs proved just what the youth needed to let out a little excess energy. In one fell swoop we wiped out all water in the gift shop before loading up and heading on to Martin.



If the flights were uneventful, the drives were certainly not... I'll leave the more interesting tales for the presentation by the Youth to the congregation. Suffice it to say cell phone towers are nonexistent, bathrooms are a precious commodity, and locals *love* to see five vans full of teenagers barreling into the convenience stores. Did I mention the soda, candy, energy drinks, and ice cream?

We arrived in Martin ahead of schedule and checked out the town favorites: school playground and Main Street. Favorite may be a stretch since there isn't much else on the "sightseeing" list for downtown Martin. Once we arrived at the Youthworks hub, it was time to meet new people. I'm always thrilled to see how easy it is for our youth to interact so effortlessly with others. We played games, ate dinner, and participated in the first Club (nightly singing and devotions) as we looked forward to what Monday held in store.

We ended up in six groups along with youth and chaperones from several other churches. Two days were spent working on homes and two days were spent with local children.

Working on homes is about what it sounds like – manual labor. Our youth are truly ROCK STARS at manual labor. For any of you that were a high bidder at the auction on a service the youth will provide, you will not be disappointed. These kids scraped paint, painted homes, painted trim, mowed, cleaned yards, and trimmed waist-high weeds with manual “weed eaters” with a positive attitude. Contributing to the community in this meaningful way is important to the mission of Youthworks but it is the connection with the community that is even more valuable. Depending on the home owner, it isn’t easy. When we can connect, though, it is absolutely incredible. Several of the crews enjoyed home cooked lunches at the sites they were working. It was truly rewarding to see how appreciative the individuals were that the youth cared enough to make a difference in the life of a stranger. They were working for Jesus.



When you were part of a work crew, a daily stop at the convenience store was a must. Remember the soda, candy, energy drinks, and ice cream? They couldn’t get enough!

And then there was Kids Club. It was impossible to leave Martin unaffected by the Native American children we met. Virtually every child we encountered was neglected in some way. Most had cigarette burns on their arms and legs – old ones and fresh ones; a sad form of discipline that is common place there. We handed out a small package of crackers – like the peanut butter cheese you’d see in a vending machine – and that may be the only thing the kids ate that day. Try to get past that physical abuse and what you’d find was an innocent child who simply wanted love... from anyone. And so, the two days each group worked at Kids Club were spent giving piggy back rides, reading, playing in the water hose, painting faces, swinging..... the activity didn’t matter; it all amounted to the same thing - our kids loving those kids. At times it was overwhelming to see the suffering of these Native American boys and girls, humbling to see what little it took for a smile to cross their face, and saddening to accept this happens today in America. Through it all, our youth acted like Jesus.



Martin, South Dakota is in the middle of two reservations where the Lakota Sioux tribe is the most prevalent. We were able to meet and interact throughout the week with Alex Salway, a member of the Lakota Sioux who has partnered with Youthworks for the last 13 years. Over that time, he's invited hundreds out to his family's property. This was a time for us to experience a culture vastly different from our own. We saw Pow Wow structures, teepees, Native American holy land, and enjoyed participating in traditional dance and song. As Alex said, we 'rocked and rolled Lakota style'. Our Youth may not recognize it now, but those are memories they will treasure for the rest of their lives.



We were all together for the flights back and closed the trip the way we opened it... soda, candy, energy drinks, and ice cream in our tummies, wearing a shirt with the same message, while comforting and supporting one another after the trip of a life time.

### **Martin, South Dakota**

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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>Harold Finlon</b>	<b>September 1st</b>	<b>Jane Boozer</b>	<b>September 18th</b>
<b>Laurie Feola</b>	<b>September 4th</b>	<b>Benny Cox</b>	<b>September 18th</b>
<b>Carol Jarvis</b>	<b>September 4th</b>	<b>Lois Smith</b>	<b>September 18th</b>
<b>Melissa Parrish</b>	<b>September 4th</b>	<b>Dianne Thomas</b>	<b>September 19th</b>
<b>Rick Rehn</b>	<b>September 5th</b>	<b>John Lentz</b>	<b>September 20th</b>
<b>Sarah East</b>	<b>September 6th</b>	<b>Margarete Gobel</b>	<b>September 21st</b>
<b>Sheri Stockton</b>	<b>September 6th</b>	<b>James Harbinson</b>	<b>September 21st</b>
<b>Martin Barnes</b>	<b>September 7th</b>	<b>Lucas Zubrod</b>	<b>September 21st</b>
<b>Thomas Sehorn</b>	<b>September 7th</b>	<b>Sybille Brown</b>	<b>September 22nd</b>
<b>Katalina Depa</b>	<b>September 8th</b>	<b>Noah Dixon</b>	<b>September 22nd</b>
<b>Joanne Marz</b>	<b>September 9th</b>	<b>Charles Timm</b>	<b>September 22nd</b>
<b>Evelyn Gerdes</b>	<b>September 9th</b>	<b>Alexander Doyne</b>	<b>September 23rd</b>
<b>Thomas Conner</b>	<b>September 11th</b>	<b>Pamela Stephens</b>	<b>September 23rd</b>
<b>Michele Depa</b>	<b>September 11th</b>	<b>Ronald Wenzel, Jr.</b>	<b>September 23rd</b>
<b>Amanda Platt</b>	<b>September 11th</b>	<b>Brenna Kelly</b>	<b>September 24th</b>
<b>Micalyne Zimmerman</b>	<b>September 11th</b>	<b>Nancy Ramseur</b>	<b>September 24th</b>
<b>Michael Zimmerman, Jr.</b>	<b>September 11th</b>	<b>Ruth Barrett</b>	<b>September 25th</b>
<b>Eva Depa</b>	<b>September 12th</b>	<b>Sarah Dagenhart</b>	<b>September 25th</b>
<b>Mary Roof Bowman</b>	<b>September 13th</b>	<b>Ben Stephens</b>	<b>September 25th</b>
<b>Nicholas Howarth</b>	<b>September 13th</b>	<b>James Stephens</b>	<b>September 26th</b>
<b>Linda Hurley</b>	<b>September 13th</b>	<b>Lisa Barnette</b>	<b>September 27th</b>
<b>Quinten White</b>	<b>September 13th</b>	<b>Sharon MacWhirter-Cooper</b>	<b>September 27th</b>
<b>Edward Crotty</b>	<b>September 14th</b>	<b>Kate Rhodes</b>	<b>September 27th</b>
<b>Jamie Dotson</b>	<b>September 14th</b>	<b>Carolyn Usinger</b>	<b>September 27th</b>
<b>Howard Groetzinger</b>	<b>September 14th</b>	<b>Linda Daleure</b>	<b>September 30th</b>
<b>Kay Sehorn</b>	<b>September 16th</b>	<b>Kirsten Doyne</b>	<b>September 30th</b>
<b>Derek Dittner</b>	<b>September 17th</b>	<b>Scott Ridenhour</b>	<b>September 30th</b>
<b>Ryan Wilt</b>	<b>September 17th</b>		



ANNIVERSARY  
OF BAPTISM

**We celebrate with  
the following  
disciples of St.  
Mark's as they  
remember their  
baptism this month:**

<b>Kelly Canute</b>	<b>September 1st</b>
<b>Matt Hurley</b>	<b>September 9th</b>
<b>Cara Clausen</b>	<b>September 13th</b>
<b>Jay Weisenberger</b>	<b>September 13th</b>
<b>Dominic Andujar</b>	<b>September 14th</b>
<b>Evan Thompson</b>	<b>September 19th</b>
<b>Shirley Larson</b>	<b>September 23th</b>
<b>Andrew Dixon</b>	<b>September 28th</b>
<b>Sydney Payne</b>	<b>September 29th</b>
<b>Louise Cobb</b>	<b>September 30th</b>



**FRIDAY'S AT 7:00 AM**

**AT SHOWMAR'S ON  
7TH & PECAN**



*"A Friend loves  
AT ALL TIMES."*  
**Stephen Ministry**  
Is Here For You



## **"I Can't Be a Stephen Minister!" – Part 2**

This month we continue exploring some additional reasons that we may give for not becoming a Stephen Minister. You may want to refer to the August ReMark's for the two previous reasons. Do these arguments sound familiar to you?

### **"I have problems in my own life. How can I help other people with their problems?"**

Some problems are so big that you need to address your own needs and wait until later to be a Stephen Minister. After you have worked through your problems, however, your experience of finding God's help and care in your struggles is some of the best preparation you'll ever receive for caring for others during their tough times. Stephen Ministers aren't problem solvers, they are problem bearers. A Stephen Minister's job is to walk beside another person as that person works through his or her struggles. The Stephen Minister brings stability, prayer, and Christ's love to the care receiver's situation.

### **"I don't have enough time to be a Stephen Minister."**

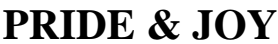
There's a way in which that is true for everyone—time is a precious commodity. As a matter of fact, time is so precious that it only makes sense to use it on activities that make a real difference—in others' lives as well as in your own life. When you make the commitment to be a Stephen Minister, you will find the hours you need to devote to it. Stephen Ministry becomes a priority among the many activities you're involved in. The time investment is significant, but so is the contribution you will be making to building God's kingdom.

*If you or someone you know is interested in talking further about Stephen Ministry, please contact one of the pastors; they will know how to answer your questions or how to link you with someone who can. If you know someone whom you would like to encourage being a Stephen Minister, you will find a stack of applications in the Gathering Place. Please hand them one and ask them to prayerfully consider the possibility that this could be a place for them to serve.*



**STEPHEN MINISTERS**


## PRIDE & JOY



Dear Pride & Joy Participants,

Our fall season is about to begin. Come one—come all—on Wednesday, Sept. 7th at 10:15 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. One of our own, Gretchen Dodge will present for the program, "The Bible Cookbook." Maybe we knew about food in the Bible, but a cookbook? **Come and find out!** Lunch, with Eric Timm as chef will follow and the price will remain the same as last year—\$5.00 plus \$1.00 for any "extra" needs we have. Where else can you go for such a bargain? Be sure to reserve your dining place.

**See you then.**



**The Bible Cookbook**

**Virginia Stackel**  
**Temporary Coordinator**

## DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is our delight to announce the addition of Mr. Alex English as the newest member of the staff of St. Mark's. Mr. English will serve the congregation as the Director of Youth Ministry.

Alex holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion from Emory and Henry College and a Master of Theological Studies from Duke Divinity School. He comes to us most recently from Goldston United Methodist Church in Goldston, North Carolina where he served as a Youth Pastor for four years.

Alex, who grew up in the Charlotte area, attended St. Mark's Lutheran in Mooresville. He and his wife, Erin will be relocating from Mooresville to Charlotte as soon as they are able.

Alex will begin his ministry with us on September 6<sup>th</sup> and a "Meet and Greet" reception will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> following worship.

Please hold Alex and Erin in your prayers and welcome them warmly as you have the opportunity.

This is an exciting time for the congregation and the youth ministry program and we are blessed to make Alex part of the ministry family of St. Mark's.



## THIS & THAT.....



***PLEASE* TAKE SOME  
TIME & SAVE A LIFE!!**

**Sunday,  
September 11, 2011  
8:00am—12:30pm  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**We will never forget....**

**In honor of 9/11, consider donating so  
others may live.**

**The site is [www.cbcc.us/donate](http://www.cbcc.us/donate)**

**Then put donate blood**

**Step 1: code = stmark**

**Step 2: choose date (9-11)**

**Step 3: Choose your time**

**Or sign-up at church on August 28th &  
September 4th.**

**See Lois Witham for further  
information.**

*Via de Cristo*  
**RETREAT**



***Greatest Gift to Yourself***

What an incredible ***blessing***  
and the best ***gift*** that you  
could possibly give to  
yourself!! Attend one of the  
Via de Cristo retreats that are

held at Lutheridge in Arden. **This**

**unbelievable experience is for anyone  
wanting to have a closer relationship  
with our Lord and Savoir Jesus Christ.**

The Via de Cristo community at St. Mark's  
wants you to feel God's love in a new way  
and would like to encourage you to attend  
this memorable weekend, like no other  
weekend. **Men's weekend is September  
15th-18th. *Is God gently calling you for  
this special experience? Is He gently  
whispering your name?***

**Call Larry or Lois Witham 704-541-7252  
for applications or more information**



**We're gearing up for a new and exciting  
year of Sunday School! Sunday School  
begins for children and adults on**

**Sunday, September 11th.** Pastor Peter  
will be teaching a seven-week course on the  
book "Was America Founded as a Christian  
Nation?" by John Fea. It will run from  
September 11 - October 30. Location TBA.

**Acolyte/crucifer training will take place  
on Sunday, September 11, following the  
10 AM service. Any youth new to these  
services is encouraged to attend.**

**Thank you!**



**Nursery Coordinator**

**We are pleased to  
announce that Holly  
Giacobone will be serving as the new  
Volunteer Nursery**

**Coordinator.** If you are interested in  
becoming a nursery volunteer,  
please contact her at  
**704-364-2891 or**

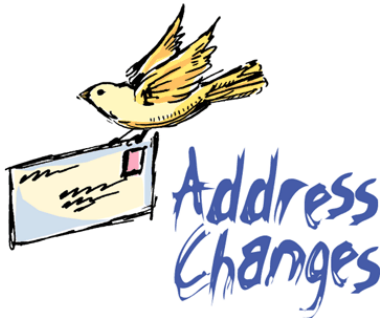
**[holbgol@bellsouth.net](mailto:holbgol@bellsouth.net).**

**Thank you to Lori Zubrod for being the  
coordinator for the past year.**

**Your service is greatly appreciated!**

## NOTE FROM THE CONNOLLY'S

After a wonderful summer of travel, the Connolly's have finally settled down in Annapolis, Maryland. MRC starts the first grade on Tuesday and John is busy doing Chaplain stuff at the Naval Academy.



Our new street address is:  
830 Dividing Road  
Severna Park, Maryland 21146

Our home phone will remain 803-485-1704  
Emma's phone is 843-743-8226  
John's phone is 843-647-8686

And our email addresses remain the same.  
And we love visitors!!

## MORE WAYS TO HELP!!



**There are so many ways we can all help the Ronald McDonald House.** One of the fun ways for your family or group to help is to prepare a meal for the house guests. For families experiencing a child's serious illness or injury, finding time to cook may be a real challenge. By preparing home-cooked comfort food, you can lift that burden and show your compassion and caring at the same time!

Dinner is served each night at 5:30 pm, and brunch is also served on weekends at 10:00 am. Requirements for meal teams and available dates can be found at <http://www.rmhofcharlotte.org/volunteer/meal-program>. **This is a great service opportunity for your Sunday School class, your Circle group, or a group of friends who like to cook.** Children and youth are welcome to participate in the meal preparation program, but anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult helper. There must be at least one adult for every five youth. Please contact Ari Harris at 704-335-1191 or [ariharris@rmhofcharlotte.org](mailto:ariharris@rmhofcharlotte.org) for additional information. As always, thank you very much for your support of the Ronald McDonald House, and ***don't forget those pop tabs!***





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<p><b>ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS:</b> <u>Sept. 4th:</u> C: Chris Lambert, A: Clayton Wall, Charles Timm <u>Sept. 11th:</u> C: Michael Zimmerman, A: Inti Alvarez- Trott, Claire Lippert <u>Sept. 18th:</u> C: John Mobley, A: Avery Schwartz, Ben Stephens</p>	<p><b>ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS CON'T.</b> <u>Sept. 25th:</u> C: Suzanna Payne, A: Sydney Payne, Marshall Payne</p>
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<p><b>GREETERS:</b> <u>Sept. 4th:</u> Marcus Anderson, David &amp; Lisa Basinger, Lin Beaulieu, Bonnie Eckerd <u>Sept. 11th:</u> Margie &amp; Alan Bell, Tim Berly, Ann Brown, Jason &amp; Jen Caenepeel</p>	<p><b>GREETERS CON'T.:</b> <u>Sept. 18th:</u> Cheryl Carpenter, Benny &amp; Judy Cox, Bill &amp; Yen Davenport, Bill Daleure <u>Sept. 25th:</u> Neil &amp; Charlotte Dixon, Dave &amp; Eileen Dunlap, Becky &amp; Wayne Dunlap</p>
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<p><b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:</b> <u>Sept. 4th:</u> Lisa Barnette, Marty Schwartz, Doug Milheim, Sarah Ingle <u>Sept. 11th:</u> Marc Ginns, Tom Sehorn, Barbara Baker, Catherine Metze</p>	<p><b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:</b> <u>Sept. 18th:</u> Neil Dixon, Sue Schwartz, Rick Rehn, Gail Chapman <u>Sept. 25th:</u> John Mobley, Will Miles, Larry Lippert, Donn Toney</p>

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