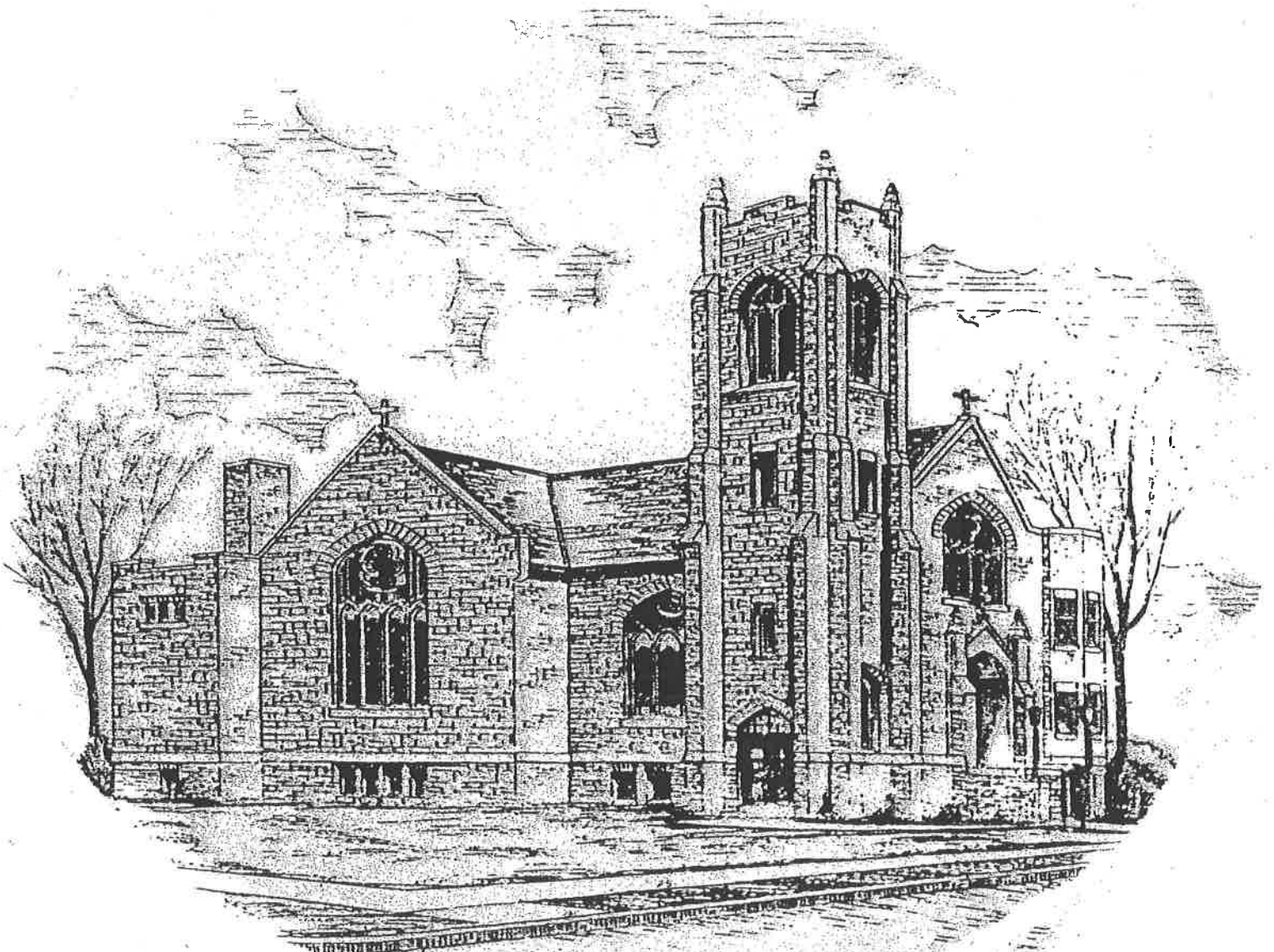


Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 17, 2017



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Clyde, Ohio

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

147 West Forest Street
Clyde, Ohio

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ SETTING THREE

* = those who are able may stand

Prelude & Bell & Announcements

*	Confession & Forgiveness	Pg. 116
*	<i>The Hymn</i> "Give Me Jesus"	No. 770
*	The Apostolic Greeting	Pg. 138
*	The Kyrie "Lord, have mercy"	Pg. 138
	The Hymn of Praise "This is the feast of victory..."	Pg. 140
	The Prayer of the Day (in unison)	see insert

Installation of Sunday School Teachers (10:30 a.m. service)

The First Lesson ~ Genesis 50:15-21 see insert

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 103:1-12 see insert

P: Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

The Second Lesson ~ Romans 14:1-12 see insert

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

* The "Gospel Acclamation" "Alleluia. . ." Pg. 142

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

- * The Gospel ~ Matthew 18:21-35
 P: The Gospel of the Lord.
 C: *Praise to You, O Christ.*

- * *The Hymn* *“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”* No. 754

- The Sermon *“An Open Door”*
 Revelation 4:1-8
 Interim Pastor Roger Miller

- * The Nicene Creed (front cover of hymnal)

- * The Prayers Pg. 143
 Each prayer ends, P: Lord, in Your mercy.
 C: *Hear our prayer.*

- * The Peace of the Lord Pg. 143
 P: The peace of the Lord be with you.
 C: *And also with you.*

- The Offering ~ Interlude
 8:00 a.m. ~ Chancel Choir

- * The Offering Prayer
- * The Great Thanksgiving Pg. 144
- * The Proper Preface “... We join their unending hymn...”
- * “Holy, Holy, Holy...” Pg. 144
- * The Word of Institution
- * The “Lord’s Prayer” Pg. 145
- Holy Communion
- The Distribution Hymns
- “Now We Join in Celebration”* No. 462
- “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”* No. 628
- * The Post Communion Blessing
- * *The Hymn* *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”* No. 632

- * The Benediction
- * The Dismissal Pg. 146
 P: Go in peace. . .
 C: *Thanks be to God.*
- The Postlude

The Word of God



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Prayer of the Day

O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Psalm 103:1-12

- ¹Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- ²**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.**
- ³He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
- ⁴**He redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness;**
- ⁵He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ⁶**The Lord executes righteousness
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**
- ⁷He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.
- ⁸**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**
- ⁹He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- ¹⁰**He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**
- ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- ¹²**As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.**

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One

person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Then Peter came up and said to {Jesus}, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his

master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Lessons for Next Week: Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 27:1-9;
Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30; Matthew 20:1-16

A STUDY OF HEAVEN
"An Open Door"
September 16-17, 2017

*"After this I looked, and there before me was a door
standing open in heaven ..." Revelation 4:1*

I. ARE PEOPLE IN HEAVEN AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING ON EARTH?

A. What do they know?

1. Angels know what's happening on earth – if them, why not others?
(I Timothy 3:16, Luke 1:26-28, I Corinthians 11:10)
2. Moses and Elijah talked with Jesus about events on earth (Luke 9:28-36)
3. There is great rejoicing in heaven when a soul repents on earth
(Luke 15:7, Luke 15:10)
4. The population of heaven is asked to rejoice over judgments on earth (Revelation 18:20, Revelation 19:1-5)

B. How are they aware?

1. There is no evidence that those in heaven can actually see us on earth, although that may be possible (Hebrews 12:1)
2. It is more likely that those in heaven get regular updates (Luke 16:19-31)

II. CAN PEOPLE ON EARTH COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE IN HEAVEN?

A. Wrong attempts to communicate

1. Channeling – attempting to talk with the dead
(Deuteronomy 18:10-12, I Samuel 28:8-18)
2. Reincarnation – the belief that we can be recycled

3. Occultism – God considers all forms of this an abomination
(Leviticus 19:31, Isaiah 8:19-20, I Corinthians 10:14-22)

4. Purgatory – a temporary place where those who have died have the possibility of being purified from sin

B. A right attempt to communicate – Intercession

1. We do not pray to people, we pray to God

2. The Spirit and the Son pray for us
(Romans 8:26-27, 34)

3. People in heaven may be praying for us
(Revelation 5:8)

III. WHAT WILL WE REMEMBER IN HEAVEN?

A. Life on earth has eternal significance

1. After we die we will give an account of our lives on earth
(II Corinthians 5:10, Matthew 12:36)

2. Specific acts of faithfulness on earth will survive and be brought to heaven with us (Matthew 25:31-40, II Corinthians 3:14, Revelation 19:7-8)

3. God makes a record of our activities

a. Believers – II Corinthians 5:10, Malachi 3:16

b. Unbelievers – Revelation 20:11-15, Luke 16:27-31

B. Life in heaven gives us a new perspective

1. We will not know everything – not even the angels do
(Mark 13:32)

2. We will know more than we know now
(I Corinthians 13:12, Luke 16:19-31, Psalm 89)

C. Life in heaven gives us a renewed mind, not an erased mind

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Larry Bower	
Bev Burroughs	friend of many
Trudy Conley	daughter of Lowell & Naomi Conley
Toni Dagg	
Sharon Duskin	
Rosie Evans	friend of Bill & Diane Dagg
Tony Gazda	friend of Thelma Blair
Steve Golembiewski	friend of Judy Jones
Tracy Hutchinson	
Tony Jones	cousin of Sherry (Walt) Frasher
David Kuhns	family of Sherry (Walt) Frasher
Barb Loose	
Karen Sawyer	
Yvonne Wayland-Smith	
Adam Wott	

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DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL

Sean Bouyack ~ (grandson of Herb & Margaret Bouyack)
 Richard Channing ~ (grandson of Richard & Diane Channing)
 Nena Garcia ~ (friend of many)
 Darrin Paul ~ (son of Wendy Reichert Walter)
 Sarah Petrock ~ (friend of Mary Waugh)
 Jared Singleton ~ (friend of the Hillikers)
 Dylan Stiffler ~ (friend of Faye Langham)
 Chelsea Zerman

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Anyone interested in being a player on the church dart ball team this year are welcome to come and enjoy the fun and fellowship! **Practice will be Mondays, September 18 & 25, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.** in the parish hall at St. Paul with the dart ball season **BEGINNING Monday, October 2, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m.** Any questions please call: Bob Kessler, 419-639-3187, Ken Avers, 419-307-1697 or Judy Jones, 419-547-7039.

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Our Good Shepherd calls us into the safekeeping of this fold. May all gathered here feel the welcome and love of God in Christ.

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The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God from the Chancel Choir in honor of Diane Dagg's 20 years of dedicated service to the music program of St. Paul. Thank you, Diane, for using your talents to glorify God through your service to the Chancel Choir! We will always remember this wonderful partnership!

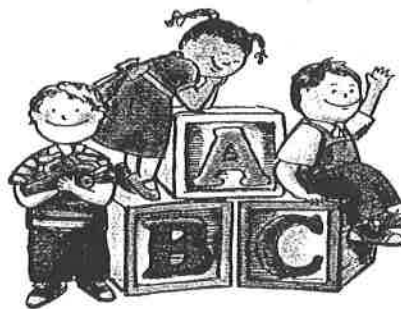


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YOU ARE INVITED

Come Worship . . . Come Praise with the Maumee Community Church Band on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in St. Paul Lutheran Church sanctuary. Invite family, friends and your neighbors . . . just come.

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The Nursery Room is available during the Sunday 10:30 a.m. services beginning Sunday, September 10, 2017. Kids in kindergarten and younger are eligible to be in the nursery.

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September 17, 2017 ~ September 24, 2017

<i>Sunday the 17th</i>	<p>8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Communion Service 9:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School 10:30 a.m. ~ Holy Communion Service Noon – 1:30 p.m. ~ CAT / youth room</p>
<i>Monday the 18th</i>	<p>7:00 p.m. ~ Dart Ball practice / parish hall 7:00 p.m. ~ Stewardship/Finance Board Meeting</p>
<i>Tuesday the 19th</i>	<p>6:00 p.m. ~ Parish Education Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. ~ Youth & Social Board Meeting</p>
<i>Wednesday the 20th</i>	<p>6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. ~ Junior High & High School choir practice 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. ~ Children Choir practice 7:30 p.m. ~ Chancel Choir practice</p>
<i>Thursday the 21st</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>REFLECTOR DEADLINE / noon</i></p> <p>7:00 p.m. ~ Church Council Meeting 8:00 p.m. ~ AA / Al-Anon Meetings</p>
<i>Friday the 22nd</i>	
<i>Saturday the 23rd</i>	<p>8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ~ Men's Bible Study 5:00 p.m. ~ Holy Communion Worship</p>
<i>Sunday the 24th</i>	<p>8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Communion Service 9:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School 10:30 a.m. ~ Holy Communion Service Noon – 1:30 p.m. ~ CAT / youth room 3:00 p.m. ~ "Bunko" Fun Night 7:00 p.m. ~ Bible Study / lounge 7:00 p.m. ~ CCYG High School Meeting@ 1st UMC</p>

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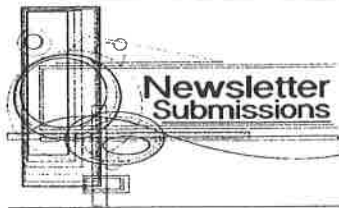
HOUSTON, TEXAS AREA

Devastating Storm

How can you help?

At St. Paul, Clyde we have a Disaster Relief Fund ... to provide aid to anyone in a time of severe need. This committee is actively seeking the best, most effective way to help people in the Gulf Coast area. We have been told to wait until the storm damage has been assessed and where the most pressing needs are. **FOR NOW** ... continue to pray for those affected. Monetary contributions can be placed in an envelope marked "Disaster Relief Fund" (members with St. Paul contribution envelopes have DRF envelopes monthly). These can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office, **St. Paul Lutheran Church, 147 West Forest Street, PO Box 296, Clyde, Ohio, 43410-0296.** To contribute electronically go to: **stpaulclyde.org** and click the blue "**Donate**" button ... follow the prompts. We, together as a Church Family, WILL help our brothers and sisters survive. Questions? ? or Suggestions? ? Contact: Sandy Kessler, 567-201-5053, Deanna Turner, 419-639-3883 or Naomi Conley, 419-603-9018.

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REFLECTOR DEADLINE !

The **DEADLINE TO GET ARTICLES IN THE NEXT "REFLECTOR"** is **Thursday, September 21, 2017 at noon! !**
Thank you for your cooperation! ! !

LIFT PRESENTS



Great Hymns of Faith

CHORAL FESTIVAL
Michael Shirtz, conductor

*Celebrating the 500th Anniversary
of the Reformation*

*Join in celebrating the spirit of unity
and faith through singing!*

Registration FREE

CALLING ALL SINGERS

Saturday, October 28
Rehearsal 10AM-12:30PM

Sunday, October 29
Rehearsal 1PM-3PM
Festival Concert 4PM

Sandusky State Theatre
Sandusky, Ohio

For more information call
Pastor Jody Rice, 419-332-1558
or email: jjrice2002@yahoo.com

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6th—12th Grades



September 24th @ 7:00-8:30

Best Scavenger Hunt EVER!

It's simple

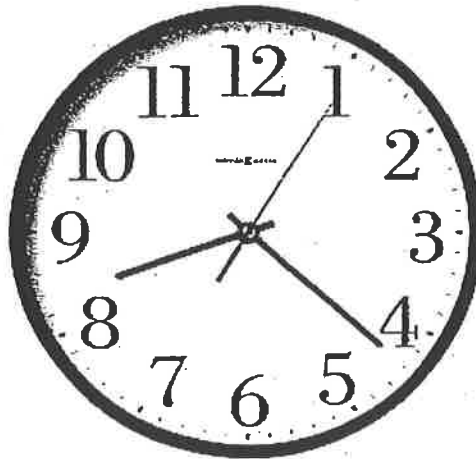
1. Bring a group of friends to form a team.



2. Start at First United Methodist Church



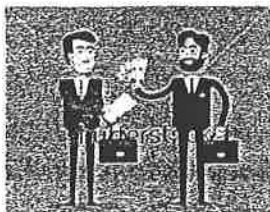
6. Repeat the process until your time is up.



3. Your team will receive a tiny little paper clip.



5. Take that item to the next house and ask them to trade it for something bigger and better.



4. Take your paper clip to someone's house and trade it for something bigger or better.



The team with the biggest or best item at the end WINS!!!!

8:00 a.m. Service
GREETERS: N: John Glass
 E: Sherri Glass
 D: Sue Mayes

10:30 a.m. Service
 N: Nancy Dagg
 E: Marilyn Bennett

READER: Leslie Miller

Paula Chambers

USHERS: Sue Mayes
 Sandy Gray
 Ed Thurn
 Kandy Thurn

Kendall Rieman
 Cameron Rieman
 Carson Rieman
 Dawn Sumner

COUNTERS: John Glass
 Gege Smith

Jane Hilton
 Janet Parkhurst

NURSERY WORKERS

September 17, 2017 Jackie Hoppe

September 24, 2017 Jenni McCoy

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 Linda Thorbahn

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 Bev Mendoza - Chancel
 Carol Jones – Youth

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OUR STEWARDSHIP **September 9 & 10, 2017**

Worship Service Attendance 152
General Fund Offering \$5,111.75

Weekly amount needed to achieve budget is \$5,225.00