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From Pastor Randy

As I write this, the Chicago Cubs are tied with the Cleveland Indians in the World Series at one game apiece. The action will now switch to Wrigley Field for three games in what we like to call “The Friendly Confines,” built in 1914 and full of history and character. There haven’t been any World Series games at Wrigley Field since October of 1945, the year World War II ended and the Cubs lost to the Detroit Tigers 4 games to 2. By Sunday night, the Cubs may have won the series and set off a celebration in the city of Chicago that’s been anticipated for 108 years (which is how long it’s been since they actually won it all).

Some avid fans have speculated that the year the Cubs finally win the World Series again just might signal the End of the World as we know it. They’re half-joking when they make that observation – but they’re half-serious too. That’s how it has felt, year in, year out, waiting for everything to fall in place for the team and watching other towns and cities celebrate in the meantime. It’s like waiting for the Lord to return and having to endure humiliation and defeat and disappointment in the meantime.

Waiting for the Lord to return is the primary theme of the last month of the church year. In the northern hemisphere, as the leaves are falling off the trees and the daylight slowly shrinks and the air turns chilly, as the season

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of growth and activity comes to a close and the whole world around is preparing for a season of dormancy and sleep, we are forced to face the end of our own lives, and the End of the World as we know it. And to come to grips with what it means to pray “Amen! Come, Lord Jesus,” and to confess the he “will come again to judge the living and the dead.”

The primary question, of course, is “Are you ready for your life and the world to end?” If you’re like me, the answer is, “Not really!” There are still a lot of things I would love to see and experience before my life is over. The proverbial bucket list. My children getting married and starting families of their own. Travelling with Nancy to a handful of places that we’ve always wanted to see. Actually reading through the volumes on my “must-read” shelf. Organizing the garage and attic. And, of course, watching the Cubs win a World Series.

All of us have unfinished business that we want to attend to – and complete – before it’s all said and done. Maybe it’s being reconciled with someone that we’ve been estranged from for a long time. Maybe it’s doing or accomplishing something that we’ve been wanting to do all our lives. Whatever it is, the responsibilities of today often keep us from getting to those dreams and goals, and a certain anxiety can set in as we grow older that time is running out.

But the truth is: tomorrow is never guaranteed, and so the Lord encouraged us to pay as much attention to today as possible, and to soak in as much of the beauty and life and mystery of each moment as we can, because you simply do not know what tomorrow will bring. Each day is a treasure that may be filled with joy and delight – or fear and despair – but either way it is the only day that will be exactly like that day in your

life, or in the history of this world, and, so, as the Irish rock band, U2, sings it: “Don’t let it get away!”

Paul wrote to the Ephesians, “God has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth” (1:9-10). This verse provides such comfort and hope – that in the end, everything that has been a part of this world and its history, and a part of our lives on earth will be “gathered up” in Jesus – and it will be shown how it all makes sense and is a part of God’s great design – from World Wars to World Series. When the Lord returns, the unfinished business will all be gathered up as well – and somehow, someday, will be either forgotten or made complete.

By the time you read this, the Cubs may be one game away from winning their first World Series in 108 years. If that should happen, will it signal the End of the World? Probably not. But you never know. And if it doesn’t happen – there’s always next year! Though, Lord willing, maybe not. Maybe Jesus will return and bring the Kingdom with him, and all things will be made new. And maybe, just maybe, like the ballplayers in the movie “Field of Dreams,” there will still be a chance to play the game, and win the Series, and for us fans to cheer them on! And if baseball isn’t your cup of tea, then fill in the blank with what you treasure the most, for the promise is that “all things” will be gathered up in Jesus. All things in heaven and on earth. Refined in the amazing grace and almighty love of God.

What a day that will be!

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Dear sisters
and brothers
in Christ,



We're heading into the last month of our church year. Although Christians start 2017 a bit early with Advent and Christmas, I'd like to take a moment to thank you for being part of a thriving and program rich congregation that worships regularly, gathers for fellowship and faith formation, cares for its own, and reaches out to the world sharing the love of God for all. I thank you for your service and leadership, and look forward to the year to come.

Council continues to support the 2017 Gracious Giving campaign and the expanded opportunities for electronic giving. To date we have received about the same number of pledges as last year, with increases over last year in both those who raised their commitment as well as those who are new pledgers. As I write this we still have a few weeks to go in our month of stewardship, so I expect this number to go up and have a more full picture of anticipated giving next month. Council continues to commend the electronic giving options to the congregation as ways to assist our financial planning, improve the regularity of giving, and reduce the burden on counters during the week.

As you recall, last month I shared some thoughts on preliminary year end giving estimates based on: extrapolated straight-line giving, year over year trend line comparisons, and

percentage based forecasts. Numbers have not significantly changed in the past month, although they have crept slightly higher. Based on current trends Council still believes giving will come in close to budgeted expenses. We appear to be past the summer slump in weekly offering. Cash flow is now the primary limiting factor in the operation of our congregation. The last three months have seen improvements, and our stewardship goal is for increased on-line and electronic giving to result in more consistent and timely income.

This month Council's primary activities were in preparation for 2017's budgeting and in property support. They included:

- Review of 2016 year end estimates and preliminary report on 2017 estimated offering
- Approval of recommendation to use \$4000 from the Sanctuary Projects Designated Fund to address repairs to the sanctuary HVAC and replacement of the hot water heater servicing that space as requested by the Property Team
- Approval to fund through special gift a Christmas mailer to the neighborhood as requested by the Evangelism Committee
- Approval to commission a Constitutional Committee to review and recommend changes to the CTK constitution and incorporate required provisions as adopted by the 2016 church-wide assembly
- Recognition of the importance of the 2017 Virginia Synod Assembly and its

- election of a new bishop, and commenced solicitation for CTK delegates from interested lay members

The office systems continue to be improved. New phone systems are expected to come completely on-line in the next few weeks. Replacement computer software managing giving and reporting is being considered, with some new options available that limit ongoing costs to the congregation.

This month Council gives thanks for our Youth program as it seeks to build relationships among our young people, encouraging them to grow in faith and service; for our Stewardship Team and all those who contributed to the 2016 Graceful Giving campaign; to those who are involved in the visioning and planning for our future space; and for our ministers and staff as they prepare for Advent and the Christmas season. As we remember all those on our prayer list Council continues to pray for the congregation and asks that you do so for us in return.

In Christ's peace,

Brent Kemp



Please note the CTK Women's Meetings as listed below:

PRISCILLA CIRCLE meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10am. Our next meeting is November 8th and the lesson will be from the November

Gather magazine, "Paul and the Power of Failure". All are welcome to come. GINTER HALL BIBLE STUDY will meet on Thursday, November 10th.

CIRCLE OF FAITH will meet with Priscilla Circle on November 8th and will meet again on November 22nd. We continue to collect manufacturer coupons for the military (we can not use store coupons). We also made cards for the prayer ministry. Circle of Faith is sponsoring the Shoe Boxes for the Pine Ridge Reservation Indian children (ages 4 - 6) that live in South Dakota. Please take a box and fill it with \$15 worth of items (suggested list is in each box). The boxes contain tissue to line the box with and stickers to decorate the outside of the box. Please label your box with B for boy, G for girl, or E for either. Boxes must be returned to the church by November 6th.

THE HOLY TEARERS will meet on the third Tuesday, November 15th. The quilting group makes beautiful quilts of love for donation to various groups. The quilters could use sheets for backing of the quilts, any size or color will be useful. We hope you will join us in October.

All women of Christ The King are members of the Women of the ELCA. Go to the website www.womenoftheelca.org to learn more about the organization.

Sherry Frye



Soundworks, Central Virginia's Premier Men's *A Cappella* Ensemble, will perform a benefit concert for the Youth Program of Christ The King on December 4th at 7pm. The concert will include holiday selections and Soundworks fan favorites.

The ensemble has offered this special concert to our congregation and community for the past six years. If you haven't heard them before, you will want to attend to enjoy their rich sound, tight harmony and their unique style of showmanship.

Free will donations will be taken at the door with ALL FUNDS going to the Youth Program of Christ the King. The concert is free and open to the public so plan how to attend and bring friends to enjoy this award-winning ensemble. For more information, call the church office.



Finance Report

	September		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$52,045	\$49,250	\$446,183	\$443,250
Expense	\$44,710	\$50,788	\$453,175	\$457,089

*El Salvador
Mission Trip
January 14th to
January 22nd, 2017*



Members and friends of Christ the King are headed to El Salvador in January! We will work side by side with Salvadorians to build a home for a deserving family through Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity. Currently 11 members of our congregation are planning to go as well as Patrick and Katie Freund and a couple from Illinois, friends of the Kornekes. Thrivent donates \$8000 for every team of 8 people. If we get just one more volunteer, we will have a second team and an additional \$8000 for Habitat para la Humanidad in El Salvador. This money is used to build more homes, so we will continue to have an impact even after we leave El Salvador. We would love to have you join us for this life changing experience. If you can not join us, but would like to contribute to this effort, donations may be made to Christ the King with Habitat Team designated on the memo line.

We truly appreciate your support through

***Prayer...** for our team and for our brothers and sisters in El Salvador

***Participation...** by joining us in El Salvador - A deposit of \$200.00 will secure your place on the team.

***Partnership...** through donations to support the team - Donations may be made to Christ the King. Please designate Habitat Team on the memo line of your check. Thank you.



Cubbies or Indians?!?

Our next food pantry Sunday is November 6th and the World Series will have been decided by then. This is an exciting year for baseball, especially if you are a Cubs fan. So, it is still appropriate that everyone gets to express their support of their favorite team in this contest by bringing non-perishable food and placing it in the bin for your team.

Additionally, in case you occasionally forget that the first Sunday of every month is Food Pantry Sunday, there will be envelopes on the ushers table to make a cash donation which will be given to the Food Pantry at St. Matthias. St. Matthias shops at the Food Bank and can purchase fresh and frozen products for only 19 cents per pound.



Thank you to those who have purchased and set-up Sunday morning refreshments. For anyone who would like to participate in this fellowship ministry, please see the SignUpGenius link in the weekly CTK email.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our annual Christmas pageant will be December 18th, 4pm.

Rehearsals will begin November 13th during the Sunday School hour.



FOR MEMBERS IN NEED OF HEALTH AND HEALING:

Janet Bruns, Gail Drummond, Ruta Goodwin, Fran Hines, Anna Hoyle, Julia Jones, Mark Killian, Steve Kozlowski, Dolph Moller, Ruth Nees, Scott Recher, Liz Schmick, Karen Stanley, Bea and Paul Wittenbraker.

FOR EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF HEALTH AND HEALING:

Shay & Treyvee (homeless ladies helped by CTK), Peggy (VA Supportive Housing), Shirley Ade (Capels' friend), Katie Altemose (Smith grandchild), Sam Barnhill (CTK friend), Roland and Jewell Bernard (Stephen Bernard's parents), Roy Blickwedel (Ron Hunt's friend), Harriet Bledsoe (Redding's neighbor), Anne Bordelon (Mountcastle friend),

Linda and Grady Bubenzer (Hueys' friends), Jennie Buchenauer (Carla Waldrons's mother), Bill Costello (Keith Amrhein's friend), Marvin Fortis (Tito Fortis's brother), Connie Glass (Ron Hunt's longtime employee), Marvin Grimm (Lisa Grimm's brother), Tracy Green (Anne Hamilton's friend), Sharon and Duncan Holmes (Ann van Dyke's friends), Gail James (Mike Kerwin's sister), Jeanne Kemp (Brent Kemp's mother), Maia Kraft (grandchild of Liz Yates), Lorne Lefever (father of Renee Lefevere-Nelson), Fermen and Linda Lowe (friends of Anne Hamilton), Gary Lowe (brother of Wayne Lowe), Pete Mahler (friend of Diane Clancy), Custer and Wilda Maynor (parents of Debbie Demmler), Larry Meeks (Hutchinson friend), Cynthia Oliver (Erika Oliver's daughter), Danilo Peguero (Ruth Fortis's friend), Jo Potter (Claire Capel's cousin), Miles Redding (Reddings' son), Ruth Reece (Debbie Reinhart's mother), Juan Serrano (Tito Fortis's nephew), Sam Spehn (Linda Brook's friend), Judy Suder (Danielle Ipperton's mother), Shawn T (Va Supportive Housing), Ellen Thompson (Jane Lane's friend), Yvonne Travis, Diane Winn

FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Lt. Andrew L. West, Col. Dan Canfield, Major Eric Doctor, Chief Petty Officer Scott Recher II, Gunnery Sgt. Steven Ramus, Corporal randy Graville, Capt, James P. Guthrie, 2nd Lt. Whitley Noel, Staff Sgt. Jason Tracoma

FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Delores Bell, John Brenner, Alfonso Dooley Dixon, Ruta Goodwin, Jackie Lohr, Marta Ruch, Alberta Smith, Gail Smith, Carolyn Sprinkle

FOR HOMEBOUND EXTENDED FAMILY:

Freda Erickson, Nancy Kay, Joan Waldron

FOR ALL CAREGIVERS: doctors, nurses, family members and others who care for the ill and disabled

For seminarian student: Patrick Freund

FOR PEACE CORP VOLUNTEER:

Mathilda Nassar, Ukraine

FOR OUR SISTER CONGREGATION: Cristo

Rey, Santa Ana, El Salvador and Pastor Carlos Najera, Bishop Medardo Gomez, the people of El Salvador and all those working to promote peace

FOR THE TENT OF NATIONS: the

Educational and Environmental Farm in the Palestinian West Bank owned for 100 years by the Nassar family which is promoting peace and awareness for all people

**Please notify the church office if there are any on the prayer list who can be removed so we may celebrate answered prayers.*

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Alaina Rumrill for being chosen to attend Virginia's Science and Technology Engineering and Applied Mathematics Academy (summer program) called Summer Steam. She was one of six chosen out of more than 600 statewide applicants. What an honor!



Matthew 9: 37 - 38

So he said to his disciples, "The harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in. Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest."

There are many people around us who are looking for a way to connect or become reconnected with Jesus Christ. These words from Matthew should inspire us to invite someone to church each week; a neighbor, friend, relative or even a stranger. This simple act might change someone's life. So if you weren't able to invite someone to our church in October, November is still a good month to try this out!

On November 6th we will receive new members into our congregation at both worship services. Several individuals, couples and families will be joining CTK and we are blessed to welcome them into our congregation. As you have an opportunity to meet our new members, please extend a warm welcome, invite them to join the various Christian Education, service and fellowship opportunities at CTK and help them integrate into the life of our congregation.



Facility Visioning Update

The Facility Visioning Team has met both as an independent group and with the architects from Huff-Morris to discuss potential floor plans and concepts that address needs for education, fellowship, inreach and outreach opportunities. Input to these concepts came from small group meetings that took place during the summer for each team and ministry, and support a vision for our facility that prioritizes flexible use, ability to serve existing and anticipated congregation and community needs, and cost effectiveness in construction and operation.

Three concepts of varying size were shared, and the group narrowed down requirements to a concept around 5000 square feet of space. To put that into perspective, the current Fellowship Hall is about 2100 square feet, and the current Education Wing space (excluding storage) is about 1370 square feet.

The new concept provides classroom space to support all of our children's and adult Sunday School needs and will be configured to allow various class sizes and also to provide meeting space for CTK ministry teams. The concept includes gathering space for

Sunday School openings as well as a dedicated youth room to support youth group activities. It includes expanded activity space for our Outreach ministries such as quilting, backpacks and CARITAS as well as outside groups who use our facilities. The plan also includes expanded storage space for our ministry areas. The new space is envisioned to host two medium sized group activities simultaneously or an entire congregational event.

The architect is putting together two or three design concepts to share with the visioning team, followed by council, and finally a presentation to the congregation. While we don't have a fixed timeline at this point, we anticipate that the presentation to the congregation will take place in early 2017.

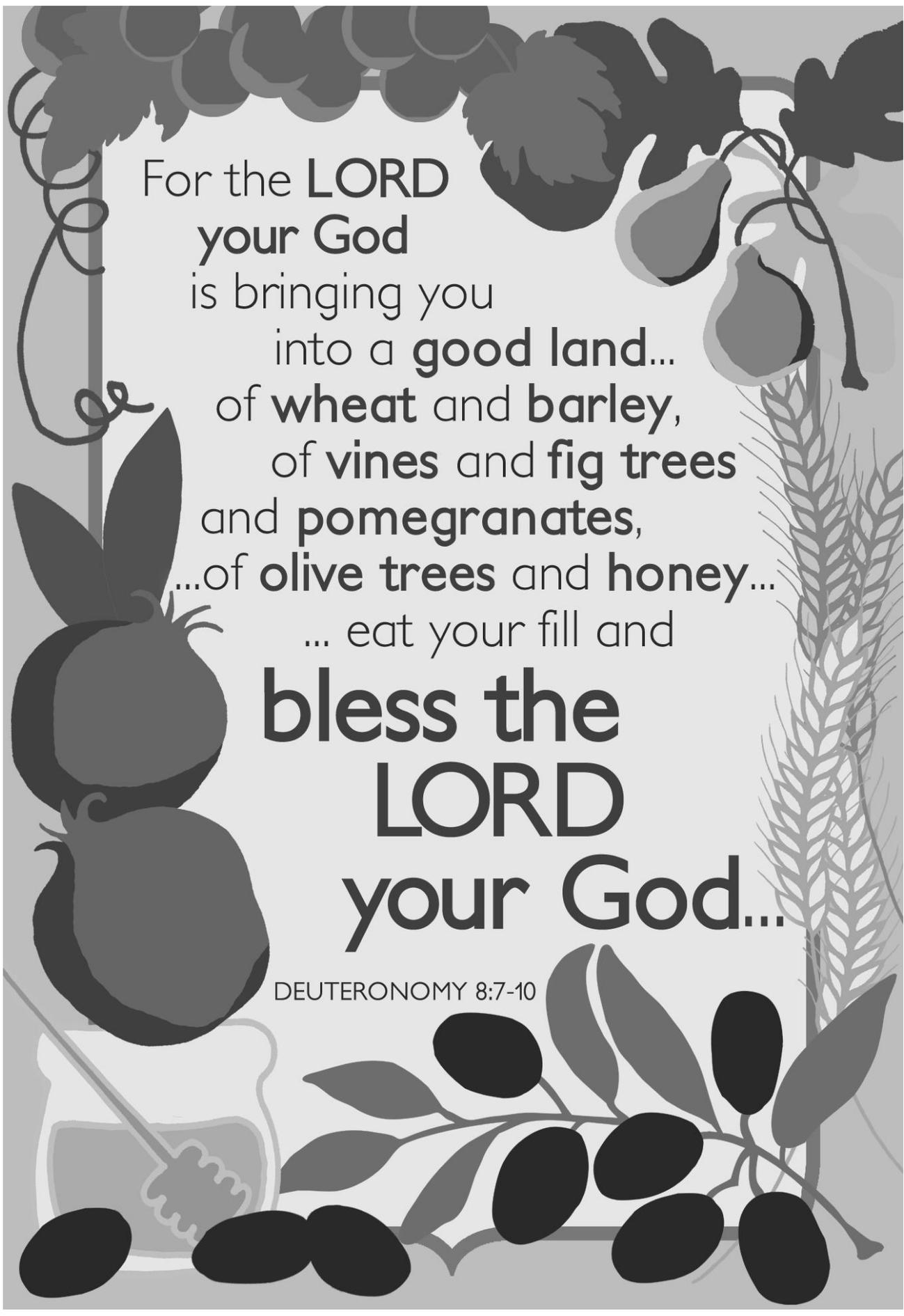
The Visioning Team is excited by the concepts presented so far and is eager to share this with the congregation soon. If you have questions please contact Dave Reinhart.



- 8 Rick & Anne Adkins
- 10 George & Alison Nassar
- 11 Kent & Michelle Thompson
- 24 Richard & Barbara Riedel
- 30 Dwight & Jude Cossitt



- 1 Diane Shearer
- 4 Jack Wittenbraker, Melanie Wood
- 5 Sherry Frye
- 7 Karen Catrow
- 9 Bea Wittenbraker, Laura Mountcastle
- 10 Joe Hoyle
- 11 Kaitlin Wittman, Connor Wittman,
Patti Young
- 12 Claude Stanley
- 13 Madison Burgett
- 14 June Powers, Ellie Sabalewski
- 16 Shaun Sims
- 17 Trevor Christmas,
Rachel Hagemeister
- 19 Diane Winn
- 20 Dick Niedermayer, Steven Sommer
- 24 Pat Hale, Katie Schneider
- 25 Eve Roemhildt, Rachel Burgett
- 26 Alexandra Burgett
- 27 Randy Ross
- 28 Elizabeth Jones, Susan Ryskinski
- 29 Ruth Varney
- 30 Christopher Amrhein, Wayne Lowe



For the **LORD**
your God
is bringing you
into a **good land...**
of **wheat** and **barley**,
of **vines** and **fig trees**
and **pomegranates**,
...of **olive trees** and **honey...**

... eat your fill and

bless the
LORD
your God...

DEUTERONOMY 8:7-10

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Adult Ed. & Children's Music 10:00 a.m.

Worship (Band-led) 11:00 a.m.

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