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# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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"A caring community  
touched by Christ,  
touching others for Christ"

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

SOV's Youth Group is growing;

We are now offering two Youth Groups

- Middle School (MS) 6 & 7 th grade
- High School (HS) 8 - 12th grade

Both groups will be led by Caitlin and Stacey

MS will hold their first meeting  
Sunday, October 9th @ 6:00 p  
@ SOV in the youth room (upstairs )  
MS will typically meet the second  
Sunday of each month

HS will meet Sunday October 2nd @  
6:00 p @ SOV in the youth room. HS  
will typically meet the  
first Sunday of each





## PASTOR'S PAGE

*"...let the wise also hear and gain in learning..." Proverbs 1:5*

That is one way of saying that learning is a life long process. While I may know that, the fact also is that is has to be relearned over and over again. (Learning what we already know may seem more than a bit redundant, but then old things continue to speak to me in new ways.)

Reminded of that in so many ways. Like sitting with our school kids for chapel. Do I still remember the tune for this song that I have sung hundreds of times (but not once in the last four months)? And these little ones here for the first time. I must start over again too. And yet they teach me, and encourage me, as their eyes light up, and they grin and giggle nervously, and I get to tell them all over again that "Yes, Jesus loves you!"

The chance to learn continues here in this building that houses part of the ministry of SOV. Sunday school has started again, for kids and adults. The adult class is continuing to delve into the Gospel according to St. Matthew. No matter how many times I have done that there are still more nuggets to be found. Learning and relearning.

Thinking of all our Sunday school teachers (remembering the folks who taught me as well) and how important that task is. Something that began last year, and continues with even more emphasis this year, is a confirmation program (for some pre-confirmation) taught by Tom B. and Mark V. They are trekking through the Old and New Testaments using the "Here We Stand" material becomes a wasteland between childhood and adult education. (Thinking of asking them to share in the adult time a bit too, but I haven't broached that with them yet).

There are Stacey and Caitlin, teaching by being present with our junior and senior high youth. Our choir teaching with songs of praise. Fellowship teaching us the importance of hospitality week after week. Stewardship calling us to look at our blessings and the ways in which we may share them. Social concerns picking up the same theme of looking beyond ourselves because there is so much to learn out there, by offering ourselves and being present with all kinds of other folks. (I know I have not mentioned all those who teach in one way or another here, but such is the richness of our chances to learn more.) And so it goes on and on.

No matter how "wise" we may become, there is always more to learn. Lord, help us to be open to the task and the opportunity, as teachers and students both.

In praise of the richness of creation,  
Pastor Randy

## COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT...Submitted by Lee Bonacker

“Just show up!” That theme from Pastor Randy’s sermon has been resonating with me ever since he said it. The message wasn’t “be perfect first and then show up.” 2 Corinthians 12:9 says “...My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness...” That verse makes the message, “just show up,” both challenging and comforting at the same time. So I wanted to take time to thank all the people who are “showing up” and contributing to the SOV body in so many ways and with so many talents. There are people who have skill and dedication with children and education, like the KOK Board members, Parish Ed, and the Sunday school teachers. (We have an ongoing need for more people to “just show up” and help teach Sunday school.) The youth program run by Stacy and Caitlin has grown so much in this second year that there will now be two groups so kids closer to the same age can be together. How exciting is that? Remember when we didn’t even have a youth program?



Thanks to the health team, which has grown in numbers and in its functions as well. I had never even heard of a Parish Nurse (much less a whole health team for a church) before I came to SOV. That’s probably a laugh for Corrine, who said this month that each week she has several requests for in home services.

Thanks to Property Management for coordinating the building renewal repairs. It took longer than expected for the window order to “just show up” (there are about 60 units involved). The windows will be delivered this week and will be stacked inside for a few days. Dave says that it will take about four days to get the windows in, then two weeks for the siding, and then a week of dry weather for painting. Since the siding is pre-primed, rain will not hurt it. We just want everything finished, so let’s all pray for a dry stretch when it’s time for the contractor to paint.

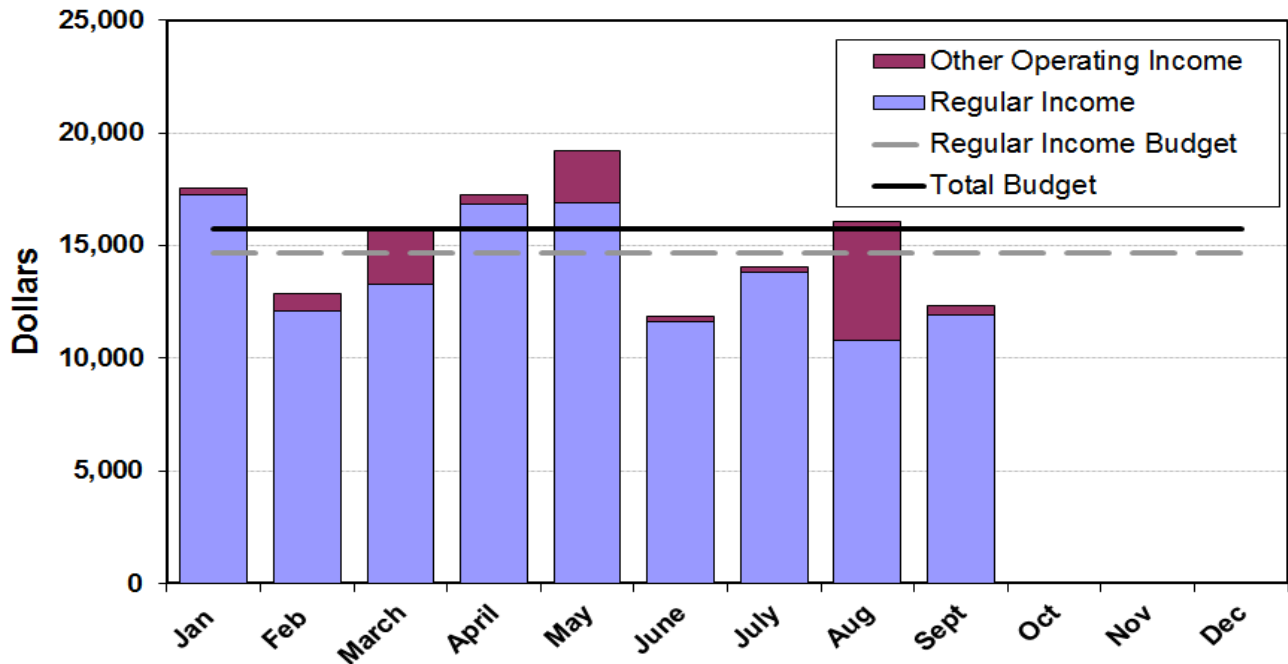
The Memorial Committee deserves thanks for finishing their procedures and continuing work on the Ann Smith and Kurt Rizer memorials. This is a long-term committee which can have an increasingly more important function as SOV develops an endowment fund. Another long-term committee is the Building Committee, which Council formally thanked for their years of work in a motion passed last week. Because of the uncertainty of the economy, the motion asked for a hold on new design work and/or expenses until after February, 2012. (The Building Committee was already holding off on those activities, anyway.) The Building Committee had asked for some direction from Council, and the motion gives everyone time to get the building renewal project finished, plus get past budgeting work and the holidays. Work on the easement and partition issues of course, would remain ongoing. The full motion is available in the September Council minutes if you want to read it.

A final note of thanks to Betty, for her timely notice on a potential general budget funds shortfall. I’m happy to report that funds in excess of the need came in last week, showing again that God will meet all our needs in Christ Jesus. We were able to pay all the bills and live up to our other obligations, like Synod support. Betty also organized a craft fair to raise funds for the general budget. 17 vendors participated and indicated that they would like to come back next year. Her original idea took a lot of work and could develop into a nice event for the future.

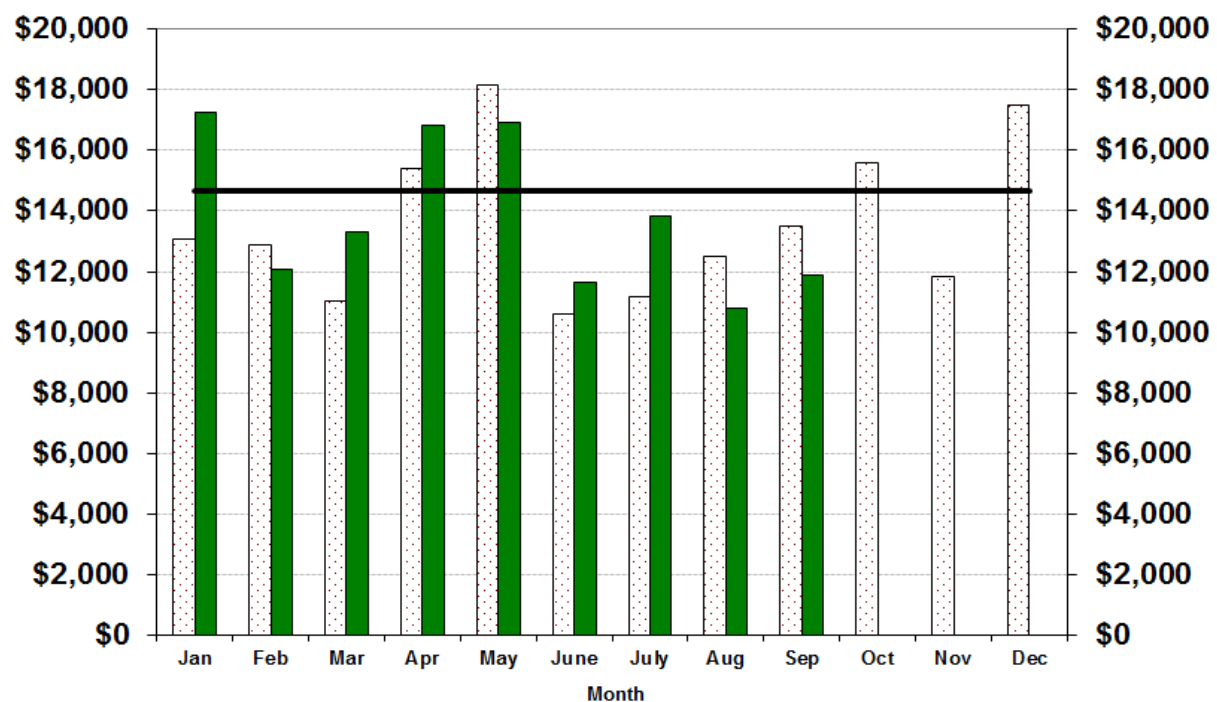
# TREASURERS REPORT

## 2011: Total Operating Income vs Budget

(includes Scrip, Paperwaste, Thrivent Choice Dollars, Garage Sale, etc)



## 2010 & 2011 Regular Income vs. 2011 Budget



2010 Regular Income    2011 Regular Income    Regular Income Budget

## 2011: Q3 Quarterly Summary:

Details are shown below for this years 3rd quarter and year to date (ytd) income & expenses. The YTD income-expense difference was \$3,433 so our operating fund cash balance is down and standing at about \$400.

-Sunday (regular) giving is about 5.5% short of expectations

-Much of the expected Budget Gap was covered by Thrivent Choice Dollars and the Garage Sale.

All members are encouraged to participate in the scrip program, which can provide a small but continuous income. Also, please support other fund raisers such as the Transport 5 Concert in October

As always, you can address any questions to me.

Categories	2011 Budget	Qtrly Budget	Q3 2011 Actuals	YTD Budget	YTD '11 Actuals
Regular Sunday Offering	175,728	43,932	36,539	131,796	124,583
Scrip Income	2,158	540	251	1,619	1,063
Add'l Income (General/Thrivent choice/Garage Sale)	7,748	1,937	6,554	5,811	11,701
Specific Income	3,538	885	536	2,654	1,017
Insurance Claim (Kitchen Repairs, Oregon Builders)			9,304		
Social Concerns (givings + new to you)			397		1,041
Capital Campaign			520		9,320
Benevolence (Gideon/Habitat for Humanity/Japan)			0		854
Youth Fundraising			275		1,402
Eagle Scout Project			187		1,402
Total All Income	189,173	47,293	54,376	141,879	160,286
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>189,173</b>	<b>47,293</b>	<b>53,184</b>	<b>141,879</b>	<b>138,364</b>
Fixed Expenses	39,288	9,822	8,704	29,466	27,891
Salaries/Payroll Expenses	123,643	30,911	30,644	92,732	93,652
Other Expenses	26,242	6,560	15,648	19,681	29,558
<b>Total Expenses*</b>	<b>189,173</b>	<b>47,293</b>	<b>54,996</b>	<b>141,879</b>	<b>151,101</b>
<b>Income - Expenses Delta</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1,813</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-3,433</b>
<b>Fixed Expenses</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>Qtrly Budget</b>	<b>Q3 2011 Actuals</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>YTD 2011</b>
Mortgage	16,486	4,122	4,141	12,365	12,334
Fire Escape/Deck Loan	1,700	425	425	1,275	1,275
Insurance (Guide 1)	5,665	1,416	1,413	4,249	4,214
Electric	4,446	1,112	873	3,335	3,444
Water/Sewer	3,361	840	531	2,521	2,161
Gas	1,815	454	31	1,362	1,283
Verizon-Frontier (phone/internet)	2,220	555	552	1,665	1,667
Property Management (consumables)	2,046	511	113	1,534	457
Alarm	437	109	423	328	443
Parish Nurse Insurance	265	66		199	0
Garbarino Garbage	847	212	204	635	613
<b>Payroll Expense</b>					
Salaries/Payroll Expenses	123,643	30,911	30,644	92,732	93,652
<b>Other Expenses</b>					
Pastor's Expenses	1,566	392	532	1,175	1,460
Administration	1,126	282	880	845	2,015
Bulletins, Lectionary, Child Bulletins	3,050	762	308	2,287	1,504
Training and Conference	1,000	250	115	750	585
Worship Committee	4,442	1,111	477	3,332	2,235
Benevolence (synod support, pastor discretion)	8,606	2,151	2,437	6,454	6,592
Capital Repair Reserves	2,375	594	594	1,781	1,407
Property Management (Kitchen Repair)	500	125	10,304	375	13,217
Fellowship	1,413	353		1,060	303
Evangelism	500	125	0	375	138
Parish Ed/Sunday School/VBS	1,500	375	0	1,125	103
Health Team Ministry	163	41		122	0
Stewardship	0	0		0	0

Ladies Dinner.....October 4 6:00 pm @ Mazatlan Restaurant/185th

Men's Night.....October 6 6:30 pm @ Old Chicago Pizza

Scrip Order.....October 16

## Altar Guild

We would love to have you on our team!

It's a fun and easy way to get involved. Simply choose your Sunday (s) to set-up or clean-up the Altar and attend a few meetings a year.

We also get to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas and Easter. Fun and Easy!

Please contact Ann Saalfeld or Debbie Zahrowski if you have any questions.



## Ask Pastor Randy

Do you have a question about our faith or our traditions? Check out our new Ask Pastor Randy feature at the bottom left hand side of SOV's website ([www.sovlutheran.com](http://www.sovlutheran.com)). You can submit a question to Pastor Randy and read his answers to previous questions. Thanks to Aaron Zahrowski for setting up this feature.

Joe Hoffbeck  
Evangelism Committee

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*Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church Presents*

# Transport 5

## "LOVES ME LIKE A ROCK"



Kevin Cope, Tricia Collier, Mick Wynn, Tammie Dees, Dan Nichols

**October 8th & 9th**

**6:00 pm**

**A blend of Jazz, Swing,  
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Come listen and enjoy as we celebrate the music we love. May the Lord be glorified,  
and may you be blessed by his powerful, gracious gift of music.  
Free will offering will be taken to support SOV Ministries.

## Endowment & Memorial Committee

Submitted by Arden Tarum

The Endowment & Memorial committee has been busy working on finding uses for two recent memorials.

The first memorial is to replace our failing organ with a better instrument in memory of Ann Smith. The Family of Ann Smith is providing support, along with others to make that happen. The committee is currently in the process of selecting an instrument and should have a decision shortly on what to purchase.

The second memorial is in memory of Pastor Kurt Rizer. We are in contact with family and working to determine what would be a suitable memorial in memory of Kurt.

Memorials are gifts that are given to the church in memory of someone and are intended to be spent immediately to enhance the mission of the church. One of the tasks of the committee is to identify in advance what needs the church has that might be acceptable for funding from a memorial gift.

Endowment gifts are a third way to give to the church. First priority is regular Sunday offerings. Second priority is fund raisers such as Tanzania Missions some years ago or the Capital Campaign more recently.

The Endowment Fund, which is kept separate from the Memorial Funds, has received its first gift of almost \$500. In ten years we would like to see that number have three more zeros behind it. A fund of that size would generate investment income of \$20,000 per year forever, the principal is not spent. This could be used for scholarships, foreign missions, support of church universities, and other missions of the church. Typically the major sources of gifts for endowments come from member's estates as a pre-planned gift, although gifts may be made anytime. In the coming year we will be providing you with information on how you can plan to support the Endowment Fund.



# Living a Generous Life Through Prayer

## Greetings from the Prayer Team!

**Prayer Requests:** We want to let you know of the many ways you can receive prayer.

- If you would like to ask for prayers from the congregation, please continue to notify Tammy, especially if you have an urgent need. Please let her know if you would like the request to be confidential, limited to the Prayer Team only, or if it can go out to the congregation.
- You can also fill out a prayer request cards and place it in the prayer box located in the narthex.
- Prayer requests can be left with the ushers for those who would like their request included in the service during the Prayers of the Church.
- If you indicate a need on the prayer request card, Pastor Randy or a member of the prayer team would be glad to meet with you and pray together with you.

Prayer partners( Sandra, Harvey, Corrine & Valsala) are available after services to meet one-on-one and pray together with anyone who has a need. If you are interested in serving as a prayer partner, please let me know.

The next Prayer Team meeting is on Tuesday, October 11th, at 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us. We'd love to see you there!



Thank you to everyone who supported the 1st Rain or Shine Arts & Crafts Faire.

We raised \$450 dollars for Shepherd of the Valley and collected 37 toothbrushes, 36 combs, 35 tubes of toothpaste, 17 bottles of shampoos/conditioners, 14 pkgs of feminine hygiene products, 10 sponges, 8 bars of soap, 4 bottles of laundry detergent, 2 bottles of mouthwash, 1 bottle of toilet cleaner, 1 bottle of dish soap, 1 cleaning bucket, 1 box of Kleenex, 1 Kit full of all kinds of supplies.



## SOCIAL CONCERNS...Submitted by Larina Hoffbeck

SOV's annual Thanksgiving food basket event will be held on Saturday, November 19. In order to reach our goal of serving 50 families as we did last year, we will need to raise \$1500 by Sunday, October 23. If you would like to donate, please write: "Thanksgiving Baskets" on the memo line of your check and place in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please contact Larina at [hoffbeck@frontier.com](mailto:hoffbeck@frontier.com). Thanks!

We'll be asking for volunteers for both Friday (11/18) evening to set up and Saturday (11/19) morning to pick up the food, assemble boxes, deliver and clean up after we know whether or not we have enough funds to have the event this year. Thank you!



### It's just October... but it is time to order your Christmas greens!

Kids of the Kingdom Preschool and the SOV Youth Group are joining forces to offer this fundraiser of wreaths and Christmas bouquets. Prices range from \$15 to \$25. Orders will be taken from October 15 through November 6. Orders will be delivered to the Church the weekend before Thanksgiving. A display will be available in the Narthex. Please help support our tuition assistance program and the youth's activities. Contact Wendy or Stacey Roeder if you have questions.



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**“Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart!” Submitted by Diane Lewis**

## Shepherd of the Valley Congregational Celebration Dinner!

November 6, 2011 5 PM to 7 PM A multigenerational event!

We are gathering together to celebrate all God has given us individually and as a congregation. This is a time of celebration; a time to start the holiday season; a time of reflection and a time of giving thanks.

Some of the highlights of the evening will be:

Celebrating the completion of our building renewal project

Celebrating our new Memorial and Endowment program

Celebrating Stewardship

Celebrating Kid's of the Kingdom

Celebrating our Youth Programs and Education

Celebrating our Mission, Outreach and Parish Nurse programs

Celebrating all Gods gifts

Music, fellowship and food are always a good combination at any SOV event! Come and be part of celebrating all we have accomplished this last year within the mission and ministry of our church.

The Fellowship team will be preparing a ham dinner, rolls and au gratin potatoes. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes and desserts to compliment the menu.

A-L are asked to bring a side dish or salad

M-Z are asked to bring a dessert

***All money collected from the Fellowship “piggy” will go towards purchasing the ham (of course), bread, potatoes, beverages and supplies.***

Mark your calendars and be part of the exciting things that are happening in the life of SOV!

All are welcome to add to the celebration! If you or a committee you are on would like to add to the celebration please contact anyone on the Fellowship team.

This is a time of giving thanks, a time of celebration and a time to truly:

**“Give God thanks with a grateful heart”!**

**Remember! November 6 at 5 PM!**

# Kids of the Kingdom

We are started our second month of our second year operating the SOV Preschool ministry. What a wonderful world we have filled with bright, energetic and curious young children. October brings a school wide field trip to the Pumpkin Patch!



## **PRE-K class, Teacher Mrs. Rasmussen:**

The month of September found us talking about our families, our pets and ourselves. We learned that God created us all and that he loves us very much. We learned about Abraham and Sarah and how they founded a nation. We counted, painted, cut and glued. We took a walk around the nature park and noticed all the things that God has made. We played color and number games, completed mazes, sang songs, wiggled, and giggled. It was a great month!

Looking ahead to October, we will learn about the seven days of creation. We will taste apples and graph our favorites. We will talk about the change of season and look at different leaves, apples, pumpkins, sunflowers, and squash. We will make more books, count more objects, practice writing our numbers and letters, and play lots more games. We will listen to many stories and draw our favorite characters. We will learn about bats and spiders and have fun with monsters. We will take a field trip to the pumpkin patch and find our perfect pumpkin. We will prepare for the harvest season and celebrate with a party on Halloween.

## **Three's class, Teacher Mrs. Halligan and Mrs. Murray:**

Another year is upon us and we are very excited to get going. We are seeing signs of autumn all around us as the leaves change colors and the nights turn colder. As the season changes, we will learn about God's amazing world and how he created it. The kids will be telling the creation story with art projects they will be making. And along with all the wonder in our world, there are some not so wonderful things. Germs! We will be learning to catch our coughs and sneezes and that hand washing gets rid of germs!

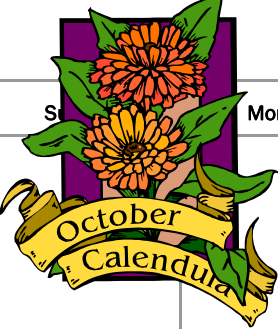







## **Two's Class, Teacher Mrs. Roeder:**

Busy, busy, busy little bees! The children come to play with trains, blocks, and babies, make art projects, play outside down the slide and in the sandbox, listen to stories and sing songs. We are finding out about creation and how God made our Great Big World. We will make creation bottles, marble paint, make an elephant puppet and lots of other kid creations. We will listen to stories about Baby Moses, Daniel and the Lions' Den, pumpkins and falling leaves. We also get to join the other classes and take a field trip to a real pumpkin patch. What a great time we are having!

**Enrollment:** We still have a few spots in all three of all classes for children ages 2-5. Call us any week morning at 503-645-0236 for a tour and information. Ask us about our tuition financial assistance program. You can find us on face book too!



# October 2011

October 2011						
S	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 - 3:00 p Depression W.S. 9:00 a Compas- sion Clinic
	2 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 9:45 a S.S Birthday Sunday Blood Pressure Blessing of the Animals HS Youth Group 6 pm	3 9:00 a KOK 	4 9:00 a KOK/Chapel 6:30 p No Youth Choir 6:30 p Ladies Dinner @ Mazatlan Restaurant	5 7:15 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Acts 2:42 7:00 p Adult Choir	6 9:00 a KOK 6:30 p Men's Night @ Old Chicago Pizza	7 9:00 a KOK 
9 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 9:45 a S.S  Transport 5 Concert 6 p MS Youth Group 6 pm	10 9:00 a KOK 	11 9:00 a KOK/Chapel 6:30 p Youth Choir	12 7:15 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Acts 2:42 7:00 p Adult Choir	13 9:00 a KOK 7:00 p LLL	14 9:00 a KOK 	15
16 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 9:45 a S.S  Scrip Order Sunday	17 9:00 a KOK 7:00 p Social Concerns @ Bethany/ Starbucks	18 9:00 a KOK/Chapel 6:30 p Youth Choir 	19 7:15 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Acts 2:42 7:00 p Adult Choir	20 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a LLL 6:15 p Exec council 7:00 p Council meeting	21 9:00 a KOK 7:00 p Confirmation Retreat  Youth Group event	22 Confirmation Retreat
23 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 9:45 a S.S	24 9:00 a KOK 	25 9:00 a KOK/Chapel 6:30 p Youth Choir	26 7:15 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Acts 2:42 7:00 p Adult Choir	27 9:00 a KOK 12:00 p All Church Luncheon	28 9:00 a KOK	29 Harvest Festival 2- 4 p
30 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 9:45 a S.S	31 9:00 a KOK  Reformation Day 