



YOUR ANCIENT RUINS SHALL BE REBUILT

The Echoes

Emanuel Lutheran Church

September 2014

ABOUT US

From the President

by Suzanne Wilke, Council President

I can't believe that the summer is almost over. It is almost September. School has already started in the valley. I hope as we all get back into a routine that you find time to come regularly to church and Sunday school. Debbie Van Diepen's program is designed to teach the children Bible stories. She has added some old favorite Sunday school songs, and, of course, there is often a craft to accompany the lesson. If you have school-aged children, they have an opportunity to participate in this program at the same time that you are enjoying the sermon. I encourage you to bring your children as frequently as possible, so that they may take advantage of Debbie's teaching.

I am happy to report that the Call Committee met with the Bishop on Wednesday, August 20, to receive a new slate of candidates.

Let's pray that as they conduct Skype interviews, there will be one or more that stand out as excellent choices for Emanuel. Let us also pray that Emanuel will stand out as a church any pastor would be proud to shepherd.

Our Stewardship campaign will soon be starting. I would like to share why I tithe. About 35 years ago when my children were young and before I went back to work, I used to babysit for a friend. I would pick her two little girls up after school and watch them until she was off work. Sometimes I would take them to lessons. For this I received the impressive salary of \$40 per month. And that was MY money! I treasured every cent as money I could spend on anything I wanted – no groceries,



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no kids' shoes, no bills! I was also Sunday school superintendent at this time. One Sunday morning, one of the teenagers of our church came into the Sunday school office and handed me \$2.00. She said she had arrived a little late and missed the offering. She told me she had babysat that week and made \$20 and this was her tithe. You can't imagine how hard that hit me. Here a mere child was following Biblical guidelines while I left the giving up to my husband. I searched my purse and luckily found \$4 which I immediately put in the Sunday school offering. I vowed from that moment on I would tithe whatever my income.

Now for the rest of the story. The

very next week my friend told me she was giving me a raise to \$45. That meant I would be able to tithe \$4.50 and end up with \$.50 more than I had before! Now I'm not suggesting that if you begin to tithe you will get a raise. But I know that whatever you give to God's work will come back as a blessing to you.

Thanks again to all of you who give so generously of your time and talent to keep Emanuel going. You are an amazing group of people. If you have not gotten involved in helping, I encourage you to join a Ministry committee. We meet the second Wednesday night of each month at 7:00 PM. Come join us.

OUR MISSION

Sharing Christ's transforming grace with everyone.

OUR VISION

Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond. We share a passion to nurture children, youth, and young adults.

We aspire to grow in numbers and in Christian maturity in order to minister more effectively to a larger congregation and to a changing community.

We seek always to be led by God's spirit and to respond joyfully to God's desire for our congregation.

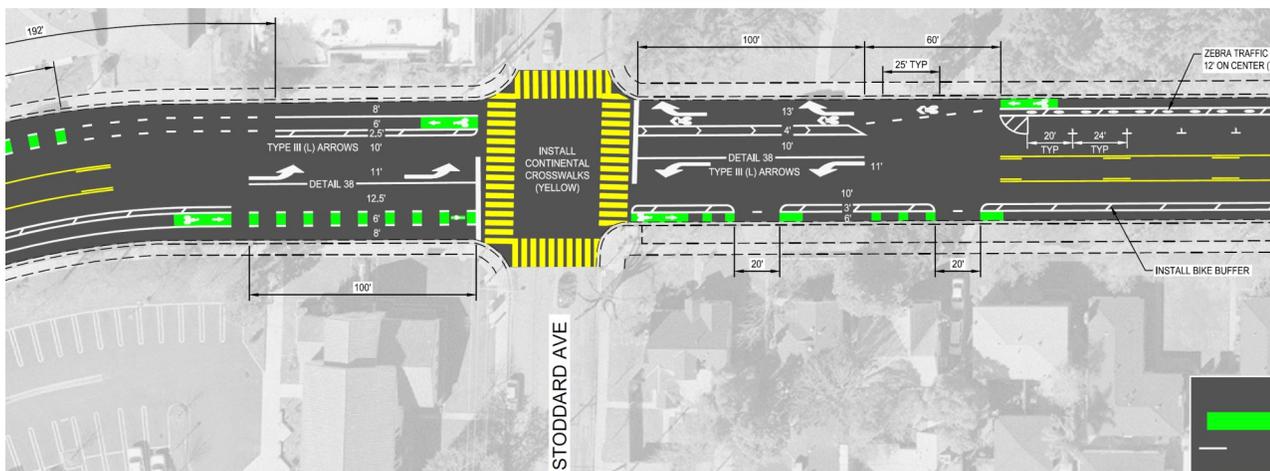
BOOK OF FAITH RESOLUTION

Emanuel Lutheran Church, committing ourselves to live in and from the Word of God in all our meetings, assemblies, and events so that as we regularly and increasingly hear, read, study, share, and are engaged by God's Word, we lead by example in faithful service and holy living.

College Avenue Road Diet Proposal Followup Meeting

from CANA Website

About 70 people turned out for the follow up meeting on Wednesday August 13th. Revised plans and a very informative YouTube video are available via links on the CANA website: www.canamodesto.org.



Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering: “of many generations”

by Marsha Waggoner and Kristine Kraft

Isaiah 58:12 *“Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.”*

We, Marsha Waggoner and Kristine Kraft, represented Emanuel as “First Time Attendees” at The Ninth Triennial Gathering of 2380 women at Charlotte, NC., July 27-30. We were inspired by speakers, art, and music.

Rev. (Bishop) Claire Burkat’s sermon reminded us of the many women of

the Bible and recent past on whose shoulders we now stand. She encouraged us to discern ways to



equip and raise up the next generation for word, witness, and service in the world. Burkat said that we are living in a time unlike any other in the history of humanity because six generations are living at the same time. All six generations were represented at the gathering, with the oldest participant being 97 and the youngest about 10 months.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), said women have been extremely important to the work of the churches of the ELCA. Because of us, women now serve as ordained pastors and bishops in the ELCA.

“We are a church stronger together

than we are apart. So what can we do individually, as congregations and as this ELCA church to engage in those basic spiritual disciplines of prayer, silence, Scripture study, giving, and doing works of justice?”



Rev. Eaton said, “I want you to be folks who agitate your families, dust off and study your small catechisms, and share the love of God!”

She challenged the ELCA: “I would like us to be the alternative face of Christ in this country. Often the way the church is portrayed in media, in movies, and popular culture, is an institution that is rigid, that is against everything, that is judgmental, that is not inclusive, that does not engage in advocacy for those who maybe are the most vulnerable. We’re just seen as being anti-everything, being people who seem far more interested in the moral escapades of other people than we are in compassion and love that was clearly demonstrated in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. So we need to be an alternative force.”

Rev. Eaton shared her four

emphases in which she will be organizing the work of the ELCA worldwide:

- ⇒ We are church.
- ⇒ We are Lutheran.
- ⇒ We are church together.
- ⇒ We are church for the sake of the world.

We were thrilled to shake Bishop Eaton’s hand and have our picture taken with her.



Rev. Susan Sparks, the first female pastor at Madison Avenue Baptist Church in New York City, stand-up comedian and former trial lawyer, showed how laughter can repair and rebuild breaches in life. Rev. Sparks shared, “Humor is the most powerful gift we have. If you can laugh at yourself, you can forgive yourself. If you can forgive yourself, you can forgive others. I mean we are all just human beings under construction. We’re just doing the best we can, and we’ve got to cut ourselves a little bit of a break. We

may chase a lot of stuff in this life, big houses, fancy cars, money, titles,



whatever. None of that matters, because — you ready? The size of our funeral will depend solely on the weather.”

“Every single person here and on this earth, is given wonderful, unique gifts, and it’s our duty and responsibility as human beings, as Christians to live that gift to its fullest. When we live those gifts, when we grab onto those gifts, it’s in that moment we transform. We blossom into our possibility. We become, as individuals and as people, healers of the breach.”

The workshops we attended dealt with transforming life and faith, WELCA models of organization, widows moving on, and how generations before us make us what we are. We were inspired, challenged and reminded of our specialness in these study sessions.

We participated with over 700 “First Time Attendees” in a welcoming orientation breakfast, realizing that we weren’t alone.

Meeting prior to the Gathering, delegates of the Ninth Triennial Convention of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America committed to pray for guidance and direction in the current humanitarian crisis of unaccompanied children entering

the U.S. and passed a resolution raising up the horrible specter of human trafficking and its effect on women and girls.

We had the opportunity to help mend other lives by eating at the King’s Kitchen Restaurant, a not-for-profit restaurant that fuels economic vitality and growth in Charlotte’s center city by working together with businesses, ministries, non-profits and people of faith to employ, train and minister the gospel of Jesus Christ to troubled youth, rehab graduates and other members of the community who are in need of employment.

Artist Stephanie Burke created a piece of art depicting the face of Jesus during the offering music of the opening worship: Jesus Died for Us. What Stephanie created was so transformative, that it is hard to imagine that it was done in only a few minutes. She is truly a gift from God and is using her talent to share her love of God as well.



We and other participants also helped create the large mural shown on the cover page that became the art in the final worship service.

Every speaker emphasized that with Jesus we have everything! We have



HOPE! The song leaders, The Glocal (global as well as local) Musicians of the ELCA, and the choir repeated Christ’s LOVE! They taught us songs that are grounded in the community stories that raise awareness and inspire advocacy

WELCA is so much more than just our own church women’s groups. We are national and international and reach around the world with the loving arms of God.

As women of the ELCA, accept the challenge: “Rebuild, Repair, Restore, & Reclaim!” Both of us were so moved that we registered for the next triennial in Minneapolis. We challenge all women of Emanuel to consider attending the 10th Triennial, July 13-16, 2017.

Would you like to know more about the Triennial? Would you like to have lunch in a lovely garden? You’re invited to Ila and Bill’s beautiful back yard for fellowship and lunch on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 11 am. Marsha and Kristine will share their adventures from the 9th Triennial Gathering. The cost of the lunch will be \$10. Please reserve your place by giving your name and money to Susan McCreedy, Marsha, or Kristine by Sept. 21st.

September News

Education Opportunities

Pastor Roger Lee will be leading two classes this fall.



The kickoff for confirmation classes will be September 10 at 7 pm. All 1st and 2nd year students of Junior High age, with their parents and sponsors, will meet in the Youth Room.

A Membership class will begin on Thursday, September 11 also at 7 pm in the Youth Room. This class is open to adults of any age and will focus on a review of Lutheran church beliefs. Expect these classes to last about 1.5 hours.

Animate: Faith

We begin a new adult "Sunday School" on September 7 at 8:30 am. Yes, we know that's too early in the morning, but this series looks so interesting and informative that it will likely wake you up immediately. Animate: Faith is an imaginative exploration of Christianity's big questions. This curriculum is designed for creative, thinking adults and includes expert video presentations on each of seven issues plus individual journals for each participant. Please sign up and join us.



All God's Creatures

Pastor Roger will kick off our Stewardship season with a "Blessing of the Animals" on Saturday, September 20 at 5:30 pm. This is a special time for members and friends of all ages to bring any or all of the animals in your household. Even if you're not bringing an animal, come for the fellowship. Emanuel's Youth will be serving root beer floats. Mark your calendar so you won't miss it.



Semi-Annual Meeting

Our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Part 2 was held on August 17. The report that was handed out included a great deal of information, including reports from each of our ministries. If you missed that meeting you can get a copy of that report from the office.

Paula Barton and Sue Wilke were elected to represent us at the next Synod Assembly (we still need a male attendee).

Susan McCready, Pat Smith, and Jeri Johnson were elected to the 2015 Council Nominating Committee, augmenting the 3 returning members: Sue Wilke, Mary Murray, and Bob Reuter.

You Have the Words of Eternal Life

We will provide a workshop at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 9 in which we will explore many ways and means to improve our reading of scripture aloud in worship. If you are currently serving as a reader or assistant minister, or if you are interested in exploring this opportunity to serve, this one's for you. Come find out how you can make a difference!

Circle Meetings

Leah Circle meets 7 pm Thursday Sep. 11 at Mary Murray's home and will be studying Chapter 2 of "Bad Girls of the Bible".



Lydia Circle meets Monday, Sep. 13, 7:30 pm at Sue Wilke's home.

Rebecca Circle meets Thursday, Sep. 18 at 1:30 pm in the home of Virginia Dall. Our bible study will be from September 2014 'Gather Magazine' Bible Study Session 1, "Transformation and Conversion". Looking forward to seeing you there!

College Area Neighborhood Alliance (CANA)

This month's CANA Virginia Corridor Clean-Up is Saturday, Sep. 13 from 8:30 to 10:30 am. Meet at the playground, corner of Morris and Virginia.



Thursday Bible Study

This group meets in Katie's Room at 9:30 am every Thursday morning. We are studying 2 Timothy and all are welcome to join us.

Finance Note

As Emanuel Lutheran Church enters another fiscal year it is

important to support the "Building Loan Fund" as well as operations. We have made great strides in reducing our mortgage payment and the original loan balance. Lately the donations have not equaled the monthly mortgage payment. This forced us to use reserves to meet our obligation.

The reserve fund for the mortgage payment is now below the recommended reserve required by Mission Investment, the mortgage holder. The Finance Team thanks you for your support and pray that we can continue to meet the financial obligations of Emanuel Lutheran Church.

The 5-year financial summary included in the package for the semi-annual meeting contained a small error. The table below has been corrected.

GENERAL FUND INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

	FY '08-09	FY '09-'10	FY '10-'11	FY '11-'12	FY '12-'13	FY '13-'14
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
INCOME						
Regular Offerings	244,145	229,670	219,455	202,667	188,572	178,186
Transfer from Savings	0	0	0	2,000	0	0
Day Care Reimbursements	16,000	16,000	18,429	13,621	6,410	19,230
Miscellaneous Income	8,130	4,920	4,721	4,797	6,884	8,868
TOTAL INCOME	268,275	250,590	242,605	223,085	201,866	206,284
EXPENSES						
Staffing	148,377	167,571	158,298	147,851	132,547	79,948
Office	34,160	12,402	11,196	13,061	13,968	11,589
Worship Ministry	3,392	2,078	2,183	1,684	1,832	2,336
Children/Youth/Family Ministry	2,555	2,241	1,941	725	1,146	636
Resource Ministry	881	28	522	445	348	0
Spiritual Life Ministry	948	509	1,181	509	450	72
Outreach Ministry	720	990	567	678	591	250
Fellowship	1,048	619	431	624	580	276
Utilities & Property	38,734	34,312	34,025	31,932	31,716	32,072
Insurance	8,804	8,232	6,607	8,213	7,327	6,736
Capital Maintenance/Reserves	5,724	475	475	3,208	255	255
General Fund Reserves	3,500	292	600	2,069	256	256
Custodial Services	0	0	0	2,000	17,530	17,530
Synod Benevolence	24,156	18,878	17,410	16,077	14,987	14,105
Family Promise/IHN/Com Ben	990	0	0	1,200	1,200	1,200
TOTAL EXPENSE	273,960	248,627	235,436	230,277	224,732	167,260
NET GAIN/LOSS	(5,686)	1,963	7,169	(7,192)	(22,866)	39,024

August Council Notes

Submitted by Mike Epting and Debbie Van Diepen

Call Committee Update

Bishop Holmerud met with the Call Committee this week and presented the names of candidates to interview. All candidates will be interviewed via Skype during the next two weeks.

Daycare Report

Enrollment is up and Day Care has a waiting list for infants. A laptop computer will be purchased for Director, Laura Marquez. Day Care's recent fundraiser selling bags (gift and tote) raised over \$500.

Day Care would like to be included in Emanuel's Christmas giving. A list of specific toys (which are deemed safe for the children) will be made available. A tree may possibly be erected, displaying tags of specific toys. Plans and ideas are being developed by the Day Care Board.

A Fundraiser at Applebees, "Pancake Breakfast" is being looked into. Details later.

Finance

General Fund: Income was short \$380; Expenses were under the budgeted amount due primarily to the absence of a pastor and the elimination of the administrator position.

Building Loan Fund: With the addition of donations and interest plus a balance forward of \$5,415 we were able to make our loan payment of \$7,170 leaving a balance of \$2609

which will be used for our next payment. We are able to supplement this amount with funds from Capital Maintenance and interest earned on our Endowment Fund to make future payments.

Property

Broken irrigation lines resulting in flooding have been fixed. However this will be a continual problem as the lines are old and brittle. We have a major need of a volunteer to handle these breaks promptly to avoid fines and also to become familiar with the system in general.

The team is investigating a change from wax candles to oil lamps for The Eternal Light. This change would enable refueling every 30 days rather than changing the candle each week.

Stewardship

The Stewardship drive will kick off on Sep. 28 and be concluded by the end of October. Pamphlets are being prepared.

"Blessing of the Animals" will take place in the evening on Sep. 20. All pets are welcome. Come even if you don't have a pet. Youth will be selling root beer floats.

Worship

Pastors have been lined up through October.

Outreach

Family Promise guests will arrive at the end of August. The "volunteer



sign-up board has been in the Narthex for several weeks. Volunteers for dinners are needed.

Family/Youth

Children's Church continues. The attendance fluctuates from 1 to 12 each week. Mary will work on projects for the children. Debbie will work on creating a welcoming atmosphere and will make individual contacts with the children. Name badges for the children and parents will be made to help members greet them.

Spiritual Life/Adult

Pilgrimage: Everyone is invited to join this group as it plans next year's pilgrimage. Paul's Journeys may be the tour theme.

Sunday Morning Bible Study "Animate Series" will begin Sept. 7 and Wired Word Dinners will begin in the fall.

Administrative report

Emanuel has a new janitorial staff. Jose Martinez and his wife Alicia Madrigal have been doing an excellent job. Emanuel's first priority is the Day Care area. They thoroughly clean the day care and preschool areas every night. Laura has also been very happy with their work. Their fee is \$1100/mo.

September Birthdays

Birthday Blessing Sunday is September 21

All those celebrating their births during the month of September will receive a Birthday Blessing Prayer from their Emanuel Family. Don't miss out!

Robert Barton	9/1	Deanna Saldivar	9/17		
Chuck Rowland	9/7	Gary Knoll	9/18		
Marjorie Sample	9/8	Jan Lutterman	9/20	Lori Knoll	9/22
Oliver Armes	9/11	Brian Skustad	9/21	Jillian Klenz	9/23
Jakob Knoll	9/15	Elaine Urch	9/21	Connor Skustad	9/24



September Prayer Requests

New Prayer Requests:

- ◆ Dawn, Keith and Ed: Health & healing (Dieterich)
- ◆ Doyle Williams, Gene Loftis: Healing (Teaney)
- ◆ Sheila Barton: Healing (Barton);
- ◆ Teri Scoot: Healing & well-being (Taylor)

Our Members:

- ◆ Drew Shank
- ◆ Susan Hayes
- ◆ Carolyn Crenwelge
- ◆ Ben Knoll
- ◆ Dianne Santana
- ◆ Bob Dailey
- ◆ Lori Knoll

Our Homebound Members:

- ◆ Harvey Hardel
- ◆ Shelda Fritts
- ◆ Florence Broden
- ◆ Alma Johnson
- ◆ Kay Altmas
- ◆ Betty Mason

Our Family:

- ◆ Steve & Nancy Jeske (B. Norquist)
- ◆ Marsha Schlipman (Nelson)
- ◆ Harold Graff (Owen)
- ◆ Melody Saldivar (Saldivar)
- ◆ Geraldine Walton (Hollmann)
- ◆ Doug Gilbert (Jones)
- ◆ Joyce Shockley (Nelson)
- ◆ Boyce and Norma Lutes (Teaney)
- ◆ Jim Peterson (Silva)
- ◆ Sharon (Owen)
- ◆ Tami Garza (J. Johnson)
- ◆ Stan Schmidt (Schmidt)
- ◆ Sarah Robertson (Murray)
- ◆ Ali Moraitis (Watkins)
- ◆ Benjamin Santana (Santana)
- ◆ James Sullivan (Hollmann)
- ◆ Jennifer Turner (P. Smith)

Our Friends:

- ◆ Devon (Fritts)
- ◆ Bud Stone & family (Reinheimer)
- ◆ Irene Whitmore (Rowland)
- ◆ Roger Warner (Schmidt)
- ◆ Jennifer (Watkins)
- ◆ Karen & Michelle (Watkins)
- ◆ Barbara (Owen)
- ◆ Donna Thayer (Peterson)
- ◆ Bonney Vincent (Norquist)
- ◆ Rosie Eqedal (Nelson)
- ◆ Linda and Dave (Watkins)
- ◆ Bill and Marcia Webb (Reinheimers)
- ◆ Jeanne (Watkins)
- ◆ Shawn Knutson (Wilke)
- ◆ Kevin Davis (Hollmann)
- ◆ John Turner (Turner)
- ◆ Rev. Benny and Regina Bush
- ◆ Donna Roninger (Wilke)
- ◆ Tim O'Roerk (Murray)
- ◆ Jordan (K. Dailey)
- ◆ Richard Anderson (Jones)

We Pray for Peace in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces.

- ◆ Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Lakenheath Air Base, England and Joey Sabel, USMC in North Carolina (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law)
- ◆ Timothy Kramer in Afghanistan (Megan Armes' brother)
- ◆ Ryan Powell, USN, Connecticut (grandson of Yvonne Troedson)

Epilogue

(You may safely skip this...)

by Mike Epting, Echoes Editor

I think for most of us the four synoptic Gospels are the most fulfilling part of the Bible. I find that in these books the message is usually pretty clear (although often we are asked to do things that seem awfully difficult) but once in a while we run into a real head-scratcher.

This phenomenon occurred recently when we read Matthew 16:13-20. Most of that passage seems straightforward, but verse 19 is puzzling:

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."



Our men's Bible Group read this on a Wednesday morning when Pastor Lee was away on vacation and so could not explain it to us. None of us gathered at Mimi's that day were able to clarify the meaning of this verse either.

Dianne Finney delivered a fine sermon on this Gospel reading, focused on the "Who do you say I am?" part of the passage and on Peter's status as the rock on which the church is built. She, however, did

not mention this troublesome verse.

When I researched this topic, I learned that nearly all Bible commentaries agree that the "Keys of the Kingdom" are authority over Christ's new church. Also, "bind" and "loose" refer to restrictions and permissions to be imposed on members of that church.

That leaves the confounding issue of the disciples' apparently being told that they get to make the rules for heaven as well as earth. The solution is that most English Bibles, including the King James and the NIV, have apparently mistranslated the verb tense. The New American Standard Bible, which went back to the original Greek, says:

"... whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

If this translation is correct, Jesus is not empowering Peter and the other disciples to make up new rules, but rather informing them that the rules of the new church will be rules already established by God.

The Holman Christian Standard Bible makes this even more clear:

"... whatever you bind on earth is already bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth is already loosed in heaven."

Some other modern translations

substitute "released" for "loosed", which is a more familiar word. Some others even translate the word as "permitted", which may be closer in spirit to the original's intent.

I learned that there are also some Christian politics associated with this Gospel lesson. The Roman church used these words to support their belief that the Pope, as Peter's successor, gets to make the rules and that nobody else may question them.

I was surprised to find that many commentators take exception to the notion that Peter is the rock on which the church was built. Verse 18:

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

They say that Jesus is pointing at himself when he says "on this rock". That is, not Peter, but Jesus is "the rock". This view does make a bit of sense and is very popular among Protestant commentators who want to distance themselves as far as possible from Papal authority.

In my opinion, this is nitpicking. The bottom line is that Jesus, in verse 19, tells Peter and the disciples that they must take responsibility for *his* church and ensure that sound rules are established and followed. That's actually not confusing at all, is it?



Emanuel Calendar of Events

September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 FAMILY PROMISE OFFICE CLOSED	2 FAMILY PROMISE	3 FAMILY PROMISE 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	4 9:30 am Bible Study	5 Office Closed 6:30 pm Day Care BACK TO SCHOOL & ART GALA	6 FAMILY PROMISE 10:00 am Organ practice
7 FAMILY PROMISE 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship: Wilke 10:45 am Choir Rehearsal	8 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Wilke	9 6:30 pm Worship Leaders' Training	10 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Confirmation Class 7:00 pm Ministry Meeting	11 9:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Leah Circle @ Murray's 7:00 pm Membership Class	12 Office Closed	13 8:30 am Virginia Corridor Clean-up 10:00 am Organ practice
14 YOUTH at Rowlands (Travelog) 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship: Fox 10:45 am Choir Rehearsal	15 7:30 pm Lydia Circle @ Wilke	16	17 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm CANA 7:00 pm Council Mtg.	18 9:30 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle @ Dall	19 Office Closed	20 10:00 am Organ practice 5:30 pm Blessing of the Animals
21 BIRTHDAY BLESSING SUN-DAY 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship: Leah Circle 10:45 am Choir Rehearsal	22 Echoes Deadline 7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Wilke	23	24 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	25 9:30 am Bible Study	26 Office Closed	27 10:00 am Organ practice 10:00 am WELCA Luncheon
28 Stewardship Kick-off 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship: Men's Bible Study 10:45 am Choir Rehearsal	29 7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Wilke	30 7:30 pm Gospel Mission Ministry				