



Grace Notes

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GETTING READY FOR REFORMATION 2017 – the 500th Anniversary

Although the American Revolution was a significant breakthrough in the area of political thought and practice, it's cultural significance pales in comparison with the Protestant Revolution of the 16th century, which we call "The Reformation". We Lutherans are the immediate heirs of that Reformation of the Christian Church and are the immediate descendants of its progenitor, Dr. Martin Luther of Wittenberg. The less-immediate heirs of Luther are all of those who claim the name of Protestant. Those of us who are members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod can rightfully claim to be the immediate AND TRUE heirs of Luther and his Reformation, along with our kin (i.e., related church-bodies), since our theology and church practice truly accords with his doctrine, as found in the 1580 *Book of Concord*.

As we look forward to the five hundred year anniversary of the Reformation, which will be celebrated world-wide on October 31, 2017, our fellow Lutherans have prepared all sorts of special events, journal articles, books, souvenirs, and miscellany to make this a very special date in our own history. Here is just a sampling of things you can see, do, or participate in:

- On Tuesday, Sept. 12th at 8:00 p.m. Eastern/7:00 Central (check local listings for our time), PBS premieres *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World* nationwide. The two-hour film brings to life Luther's 16th century quest to reform the church—a journey that would profoundly reshape western civilization. For more information, go to:
<http://newluthermovie.com/pbs.html>
- On Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 7:30 p.m.–9:35 p.m., some local Lutheran churches offer the two-hour film *A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy*, presented by Gloria Dei, Peace, and Apostles Lutheran Churches, at Cinemark Redwood Downtown 20 and XD, 825 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City, \$10.00 general admission. This is a different version of the new PBS film noted above. For the required reservations and other information, go to:
<https://www.tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-legacy-feyc>
- On Saturday, October 14th, 3:00 p.m., our sister LC-MS congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church, Burlingame, will sponsor a Reformation choral and organ concert followed by a German dinner; phone 650-346-4100 now for reservations.
- If you are interested in how the Germans are celebrating this epochal anniversary, go to:
<https://www.luther2017.de/en>. Be aware that their theological outlook is not the same as ours.
- Lutheran books or paraphernalia can be purchased at: www.oldlutheran.org;
<https://www.cph.org/t-reformation.aspx>;
<http://online.nph.net/reformation-500.html>; and
<http://www.reformationgear.com>.
- Other resources for Reformation celebration can be found on the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod website, including online videos, at:
<https://www.lcms.org/reformation>.

Yours in Christ,

Concerning the Work of the Lord through Pastor Balgeman's Weekly Schedule

On Monday mornings I head to the local Starbuck's on Barnes Road, and begin the weekly schedule. In clerical collar I prepare for the coming weeks studies and await anyone who might approach. Every once in a while the entire 2 hours goes by uninterrupted. It turns into a concentrated study session, and nothing is lost. Typically, however, someone stops and says, "Hello Father". Those darn Catholics. They have a corner on the clerical collar market. I just as often hear, "Hi pastor" or "What are you studying?" These all serve as conversation starters and occasionally result in the person sitting down. The main reason I am dressed in public this way is for the purpose of engaging. The clerical collar is saying to the world, "It is safe to approach. Forgiveness is found there." Some folks ask you to pray with them. Some have problems that need unburdening, and a few have questions about the Bible. If they ask where I serve as pastor, I mention the home mission-church and hand them a card. Over the past 13 years this evangelism method has resulted in I don't know how many scores of folks coming for at least one visit to the home church. Most people only come once, but the Kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the ground and goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts up and grows - how, he himself does not know. The earth produces crops by itself (Mark 4:26 - 28). I trust that something is happening only God knows about. Wednesday morning is the exact same situation only this time I am at the Barnes & Noble on Academy Blvd.

Tuesday evening is Confirmation class. Down in our basement I have a study and sitting area that is perfect for this kind of thing. We use Luther's Small Catechism and the Bible, as well as Power Point slides to make our way, in rather traditional fashion, through all five parts of the catechism. This year I have a brother and sister along with their mother.

On Thursdays at noon two men from the neighborhood stop by for a study that takes place in the backyard when days are fair and down stairs in the

winter. Both men are at retirement age and have fallen away from church attendance. We have tackled the Gospel of John together as well as Acts and Galatians. Colossians is on deck.

On Thursday evening a second-career fellow I met while consulting for the Department of Defense decided to become a pastor and attends Denver Theological Seminary. For the past three years one evening a week I have been helping him with his Greek. I also meet with this same man on Friday mornings at Einstein's Bagels. He asked me to be his formal mentor during his seminary years, and the mentor requirement for the Denver Seminary is to spend at least an hour a week together. We spent the time studying theological and exegetical issues as well as "second-career" challenges.

Two more neighbors, younger men who still work, come over to the house on Friday mornings for Bible study. Neither man has a church home, so they consider our time together the closest thing they have to a church fellowship. On Saturday nights I am back at the Starbuck's. Two couples meet for yet another evening of Bible study. One young man comes with his mother. They are not Christians but for some reason want to study the Bible. I met the son while consulting for the Army down in Huntsville, Alabama years ago. When his dad died he asked me to perform the funeral. I assume this latest chapter in our relationship is a result of that event. The second couple I also know from my secular job, and they have a long time friendship with the other two people.

Every other Saturday morning is Hebrew with one poor soul who thinks he wants to become a pastor. He is a great kid from the neighborhood whose family attends a local non-denominational church.

(Please see the pictures which follow. Colored prints of the pictures can be found posted on the Evangelism Board in the Parish Hall.)

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This is my usual table



The nice spots by the fireplaces are never available

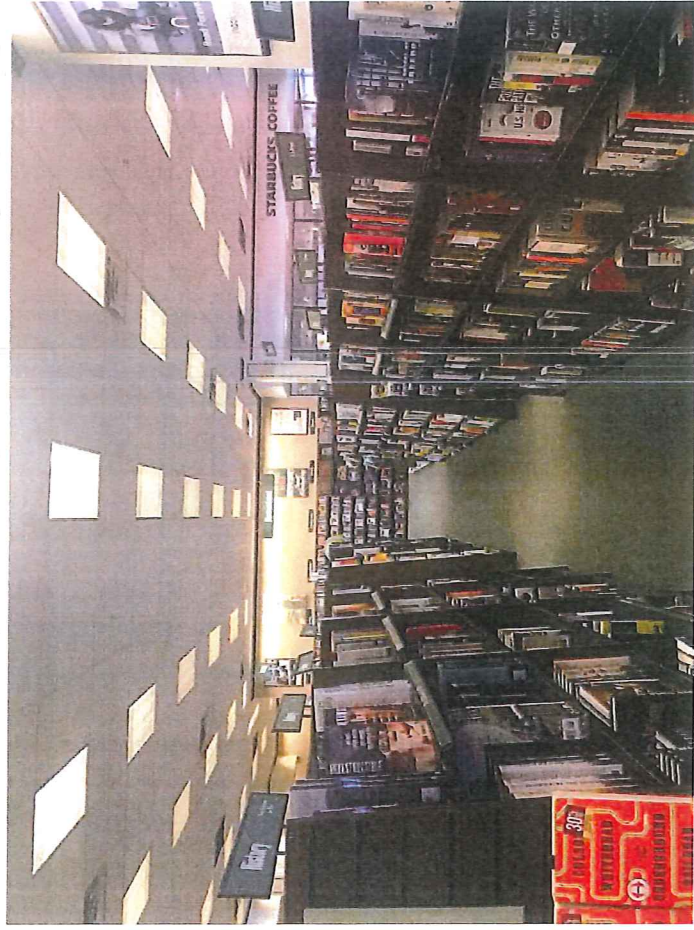
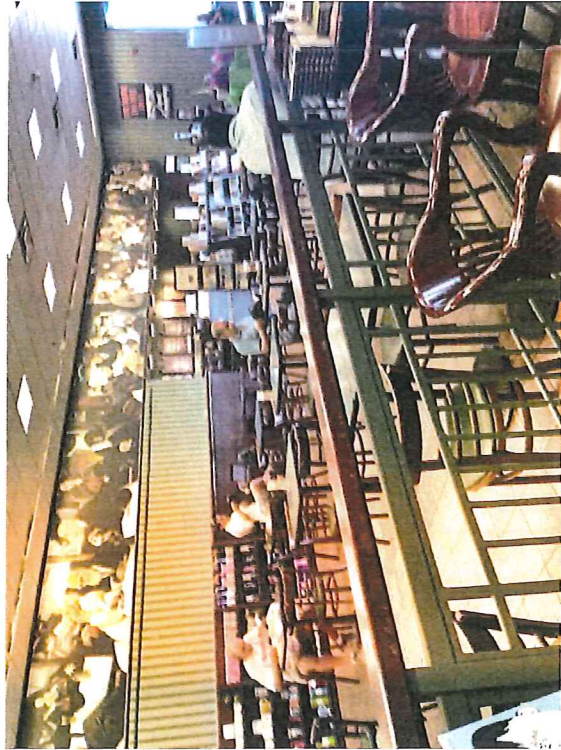


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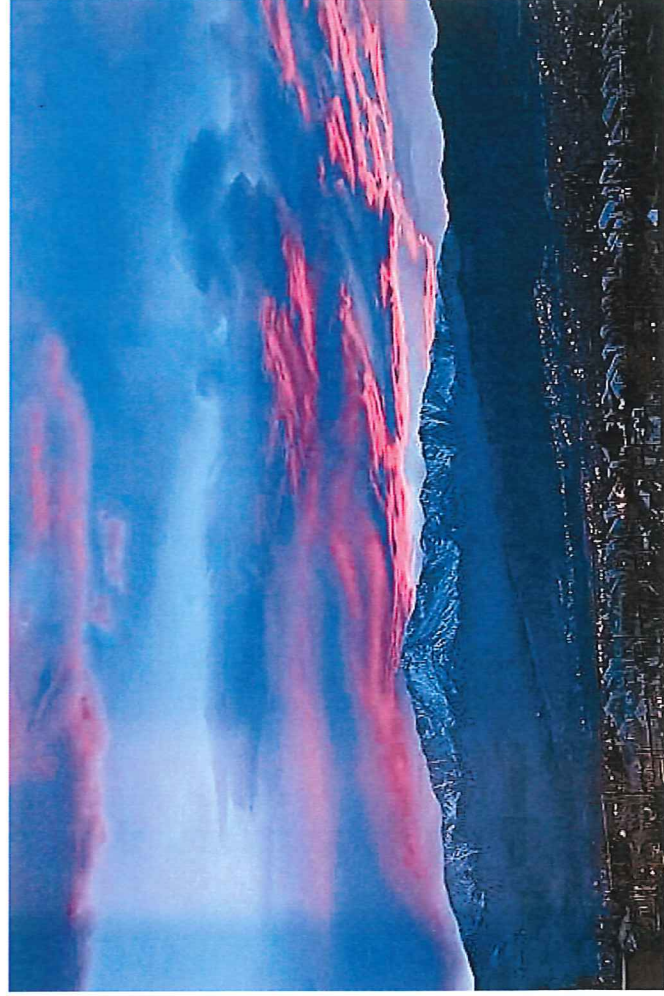
Horrible religious section

They also have a Starbucks



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We prefer sitting in the backyard as opposed to downstairs.

However, the guys don't pay attention as well.

For some reason they are always looking across the street

Do We Matter?

Culture, Sexuality and the Church in an Age of Too Much Information

**September 9, 2017
9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

A DOXOLOGY Insight Seminar at

Trinity Lutheran Church
1500 27th St.
Sacramento, CA 95816
(916) 456-8701

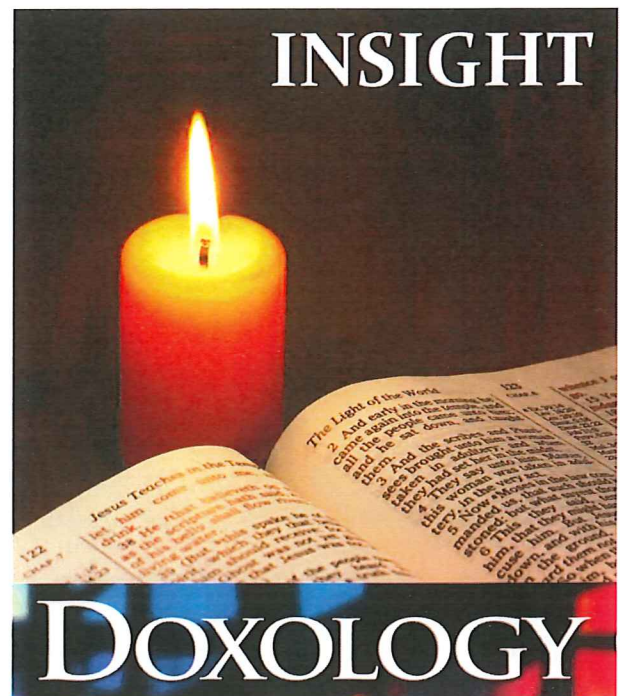
Join us for a day of reflection about what it means to be the Christian Church in an age of too much information. We cover topics including culture and modernity, virtue, the family and sexuality, mission in the twenty-first century, and more. Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

Cost

There is no cost for the event. We are suggesting a free-will offering of \$20.

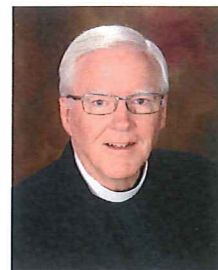
Who is this for?

Lay leaders, pastors, college students, and anyone who is interested in the identity of the Church today.



Speakers

The **Rev. Dr. Harold L. Senkbeil** is the executive director of DOXOLOGY, has served as a parish pastor for over thirty years, and retired as an associate professor of pastoral theology from Concordia Theology Seminary. He was also the long time pastor at Elm Grove Lutheran Church in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. He is the author of a number of books, including *Sanctification: Christ in Action* (NPH, 1989) and *Dying to Live: the power of forgiveness* (CPH, 1994).



The **Rev. Dr. Lucas V. Woodford** is a graduate of Concordia University St. Paul and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (M.Div. and S.T.M., 2003), His first call was to First Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cedarburg, Wisconsin and he has served as Senior Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church and School, Mayer, Minnesota since November of 2005. He holds the D.Min. in Christian Outreach from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne (2011). His project dissertation was published as *Great Commission, Great Confusion, or Great Confession?* (Wipf & Stock, 2012).



SCHEDULE

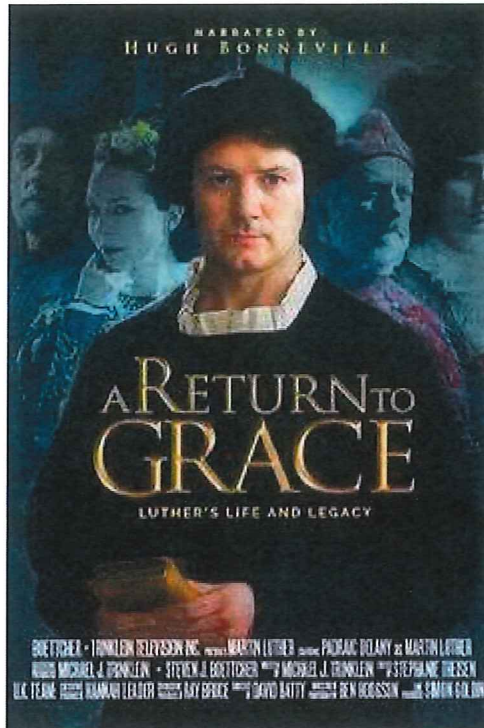
- 9:30 a.m. Registration
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 10:30 a.m. First Session - Cultural Trends and Faithful Mission (Senkbeil)
- 11:30 a.m. Second Session - Family Virtue and Sexuality (Woodford)
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch (provided)
- 1:30 p.m. Third Session - Church and Mission in Light of the Third Article (Senkbeil/Woodford)
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Panel Discussion - Mission and Ministry Today, Bringing it Home
- 3:45 p.m. Closing Prayers

PARKING

If there is no street parking available, the N Street Garage is right around the corner. The address is 2701 N St, Sacramento, CA 95816.

Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 1500 27th St., Sacramento, CA 95816. The church office is 916-456-8701.

This seminar is co-hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Sacramento, and Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Rocklin



Presented by Gloria Dei, Peace, and Apostles
Lutheran Churches

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 7:30pm–9:35pm
at [Cinemark Redwood Downtown 20 and XD](#) —
825 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City, CA, United States, 94063

Presented by Gloria Dei, Peace, and Apostles Lutheran Churches
\$10.00 General

**NOTE: A minimum number of reservations must be made in order for
this even to take place. Please go to**

**[https://www.tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-
legacy-feyc](https://www.tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-legacy-feyc)**

for ticket reservations and additional information.

Grace Lutheran School!

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Our Mission is YOU; Our Ministry is GOD'S!

Grace Lutheran School...

Greetings in the Name of Jesus, Alive and Victorious! Our mission at Grace Lutheran School is to provide each student with the opportunity to develop Christian character and excel academically while serving God and others.

Open Enrollment...

Is currently taking place at our school. Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten through Grade Eight ... contact: Mrs. Barb Smoot @ bsmoot@glcssm.org.

Tuition & Fees...

Please visit our website for enrollment and tuition procedures, multi-child discount and other special discounts.

Tuition Incentive Program...

Please ask about our exciting new **Student Referral Credit**.

Financial Assistance...

Please contact Mr. Fred Brauer @ 650-345-9082 for a confidential meeting so that we may serve you and your family in making this a truly worthwhile investment in your child's future.

Please visit our website at www.gracelutheransanmateo.org



Grace Lutheran Church & School

The Installation of Lisa Mull

Our new First & Second Grade teacher will be installed Sunday, Sept. 10th during the Divine Service. Please plan to attend and welcome her, supporting Lisa and all Grace Staff and Faculty through prayer as we begin our new school year.

Ms. Lisa Mull

Age/Grade Level: First & Second

Subjects

General Education

Education

Concordia University Chicago
Bachelor of Arts, Education
Indiana University at IUPUI,
Master of Science, Special Education

In 2015-2016, Miss Mull started her twenty-seventh year as a licensed teacher. Prior to Danville Lutheran School, she taught first grade at Concordia Christian Academy, McKinney, Texas. She has taught at 4 other Lutheran schools throughout her career. She has been an active member of the Lutheran Education Association Elementary Leadership Team since 2013. She has presented sectionals at 4 national conferences and 2 district conferences.

Miss Mull was raised in an LCMS congregation and has been a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Danville for 4 years. She serves on the Youth Board, sings in the choir, and occasionally plays hand bells.

Since 2012, Miss Mull has served on the ECIG Thrivent Strategy Team which plans various volunteer, benevolent, patriotic, and social events for Thrivent Financial in Champaign, Ford, Iroquois, and Vermilion Counties.

Her professional interests center around Literacy and Science.

Sunday, Sept. 10th

Partners in Worship (School Choir) sings at 8:45 AM.

Back-To-School BBQ/Open House at 11:30 AM.



EVANGELISM BOARD

Seminarian and Mrs. William Maggard

A SPECIAL OFFERING COLLECTION

On Sunday, September 17th the Evangelism Board will conduct a special offering collection during Coffee Hour.

This Mission Support will be gathered to assist Seminarian William Maggard, former Latin teacher for Grace Lutheran School, San Mateo, and former Vicar of Trinity Lutheran Church, Palo Alto.

Seminarian Maggard is finishing his education through Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN.



Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN



FROH'S SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER



“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.” Luke 10:2

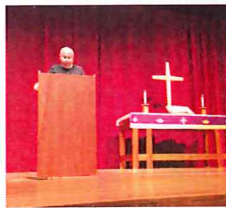
In composing a letter to a congregation seeking assistance for the students at Matongo Lutheran Theological Seminary, Kenya, we realized we had not “spoken” with *our* “congregation” since March. You may be wondering, “Are they still in Kenya?” “Are they home and are they planning to go back?”

Yes we are currently home in Roseville, CA scheduled to return to Kenya August 11th. After teaching Intensive Classes for 11 weeks Charles arrived safely in San Jose on April 1st. We worshipped with the saints at Our Savior’s Cupertino on the 2nd and had opportunity to thank them first-hand for their prayers and monetary support.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week saw us at Grace, San Mateo, our former congregation. Charles conducted all 8 services, visited shut-ins, shared tears as we laid to rest our dear sister-in-Christ Jeannette Oatman then celebrated with repentant joy the assurance earned by Christ in His death and resurrection.



At the end of April, we met with International Missions in St. Louis, greeted our own Wonder Woman, Ellie Corrow, and spent time with our 2 Kenya Pastors studying at St. Louis Seminary for the Master of Divinity degree. From St. Louis we took a road trip to see family and friends and meet new friends in WI and MN. We give thanks for Charles’s sisters and husbands who are strong supporters of our work in Kenya; also Pastor Klieve and members of St. Johns Lutheran, Port Washington, WI, Morris and Julie Lieske and members of Centennial Lutheran, Henderson, MN, and Charles’s alma mater, Mayor Lutheran HS, all of whom invited us to present God’s work being done in Kenya.



‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.’ *Matt. 19:14*

September 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 Katie Kilcullen	4	5	6	7	8 Alex-Herlin Gomez	9
10	11 Jason Brauer	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Michael Kulcullen	19	20	21	22 Betty Schwartz Marilyn McKenna	23
24	25 Sandra Sterner	26 Renee Noland	27	28	29	30 Sandra Means

SEPTEMBER 2017 PRAYER PAGE

¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all,
especially to those who are of the household of faith.~**Galatians 6:10**

Egon Adam
Bella Archer
Marilyn Baillie
Rev. Frank Balgeman
Valerie Balgeman
Chandler Balgeman
Mike Bannister
Tami Bannister
Nathanael Bannister
Kay Bell, III
Kay Bell, Jr.
Nathanael Bell
Adele Bergstrom
William Bethke
Susan Bethke
Alice Boerschinger
John Bordy
Ellen Bordy
Judy Boyd
Fred Brauer
Karla Brauer
Jordyn Brauer
Justin Brauer
Klayton Brauer
Paul Brownlee
Lois Brownlee
Marcus Brownlee
Scott Brownlee
Katherine Brownlee
Jolene Crawford
Robert Crews
Veronica Crews
Clara Crews
Celeste Crews
Charlotte Custino
Robert Doody
Natalie Dubbel
Bob Egan
Maria Eggert
Robert Emery
Doris Emery
Bill Eng
Sara Eppler
Carly Eppler

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Shelly Franquez
Nick Franquez
Chad Franquez
Pam Frisella
William Gangelhoff
Shirley Gangelhoff
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Brooke Genthner
Alex Gomez
Herlin Gomez
Anjanette Gomez
Angelique Gomez
James Graziano
Roger Guse
Dan Hahn
Lori Hahn
Abby Hahn
Arthur Hayame
Barbara Hayame
Tim Hayame
Darren Hayame
Joy Hayame
Hannah Hayame
Miriam Hitzeman
Richard Hoffmeister
Theresa Mui
Robert Innes
Shirley Innes
Michael Innes
Donald Iocco
Heather Iocco
John Iocco
Judy Iocco
Ko Ishikawa
Mariko Ishikawa
Yuzo Ishikawa
Lance Johnson
Doreen Johnson
Katarina Johnson
Bob Keim
Dolores Keim
John Kilcullen
Stefanie Kilcullen

Katie Kilcullen
James Kilcullen
Michael Kilcullen
Barbara Kilpatrick
Ruth Klingner
Bill Koester
Faye Koester
Ryan Koester
Amanda Koester
Gesine Kruse
Glenn McEnroe
Alison McEnroe
Alexis McEnroe
Fred McKenna
Marilyn McKenna
Steve McLaughlin
Heather McLaughlin
Sandra Means
George Melke
Howard Menche
Donna Menche
Daniel Menche
Lisa Mull
Molly Munson
Caroline Nagy
Pamela Nelson
Rev. Martin Noland
Karla Noland
Sarah Noland
Renee Noland
Heidi Noland
Floyd Oatman
Doug O'Donnell
Patty O'Donnell
Elizabeth O'Donnell
Gil Ramirez
Kathleen Ramirez
Fred Robinson
Robertta Robinson
Akram Saber
Ghada Saber
Daniel Saber
Michael Saber
Charles Schaefer

Donald Schaefer
Maria Schaefer
Martin Semmler
Michelle Semmler
Scott Semmler
Daniel Semmler
Julia Semmler
Sandy Shanks
Jessica Shanks
Detlef Siarkowski
Hannelore Siarkowski
Ethan Smith
Dave Smoot
Barb Smoot
Paul Soals
Stacey Soals
Jacquelin Soals
Dimitry Spencer
Peter Spittler
Tamaray Starling
Darryl Sterner
Sandra Sterner
Michelle Sterner
Brett Toensing
Anne-Marie Toensing
Brooke Toensing
Ryan Toensing
Doris Tirschwell
Hans Tuft
Gina Tuft
Mark Tuft
Sue Tuft
Martin Udisches
Leann Udisches
Christine Ullrich
Zachary Ullrich
Octavian Vasilescu
Diana Vasilescu
Flora Lisa Vasilescu
Joan Weckerle
Randy Wimmer
Caden Young
Rebecca Young
Chandler Young
Logan Young
Rowan Young
Eugene Zahnow

Judy Zahnow
Mamie Zimbelman

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00a-Divine Service 10:30a-Adult Bible Study	9:00a-Adult Bible Study Labor Day No School/No X-Care		8:35a-Chapel			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00a-Divine Service Partners in Worship (<i>GLS School Choir sings</i>) 10:15a-Sunday School resumes 10:30a-Adult Bible Study Noon-Back to School BBQ GLS Open House	9:00a-Adult Bible Study		8:35a-Chapel	4:00p-Senior Choir		9:00a-Planning Council 10:30a-Genera. Society
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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			8:35a-Chapel			9:00a-Bd. of Lay Elders
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