



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** —Sunday school started today and is open to all ages. If you have any questions regarding Sunday school feel free to call, text or email Diante. Email: [diante\\_johnson@yahoo.com](mailto:diante_johnson@yahoo.com) cell: 773-387-3779

Below are the dates and lessons that will be covered on those dates:

**Fall Sunday School Lessons and Dates**

- September 9 - Creation
- September 16- Noah’s Ark
- September 23- Abram’s call
- October 14 - Abram’s and Sarah’s visitors
- October 21- Isaac’s Blessings
- October 28- Free from Slavery
- November 4- The Red Sea
- November 18- The battle of Jericho
- December 2 - Naomi and Ruth
- December 9 - David and Goliath
- December 16-Elijah’s Widow

**Mission Statement**

We gather as a church family to:  
 Celebrate God’s Presence ~ Nurture the Spiritual Life  
 Carry the Light of Christ into the World ~ Serve God by Serving Others

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September 9, 2018 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Today**

- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:00 Sunday School
- Kick-Off Picnic
- 11:15 Support and Endowment Meeting

**Monday**

- 7:30 pm Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday**

- 6:30 am Men’s Forum

**Wednesday**

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday**

- 6:30 am Women’s Forum

**Friday**

- Office Closed

**Sunday**

- 9:00 am Human Scene
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:00 Worship
- 11:00 Coffee Fellowship
- 1:00 pm All Church Family Work Day
- 2:00 Worship at Caledonia

**Office Hours**

- Monday-Thursday
- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm



**OKTOBERFEST DINNER AND AUCTION** — Sunday, September 23. Dinner starts at 5:00 pm and will include brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut, potato salad and yummy desserts. This is the main fundraiser for the church this year, and we hope you will all join in (**and bring friends and neighbors**) to make it a successful event, full of *Gemütlichkeit!*

**LIVE AUCTION ITEMS**

- Homemade soups, comfort dinners and desserts
- Getaway in the Big Easy
- Farm fresh eggs once a month
- Oil Painting by Char Kunkel
- Brunch at the Yacht Club
- Cooking lessons for adults and kids
- Vacation at a Michigan home
- BEARS and BULLS tickets
- Dinner Parties
  - Jackson/Cobb – Based on the movie *Chocolat*
  - Hamilton – supper and storytelling
  - Jansky – a surprise!
  - Zander/Kappmeyer – Yuletide treats
- Autographed and Authenticated Photo of Devin Hester (Superbowl XLI)
- Beach party at the Dunes

***And lots of silent auction opportunities as well!***

**BLESSING THE ANIMALS** is Sunday, September 23. Please bring your animal friend, or a picture of your animal friend to be blessed. Worship will be held outside so please bring a lawn chair or a blanket.

**CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 23** —The Session has called a congregational meeting following worship for the purpose of approving an amendment to the RPC Bylaws which recommends a reduction in the number of elected Elders and Trustees. The changes will be emailed on September 13 and copies available September 16 - 23 in the office and sanctuary.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF PICNIC TODAY**— The Christian Education Committee is hosting an all church picnic after worship TODAY. Come visit with church friends you may not have seen over the summer!

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** — We need canned chicken and tuna. Canned vegetables, oatmeal, soups, small containers of laundry detergent, small boxes of raisins and trail mix are also useful. **No drink mixes needed at this time. No fresh fruit or vegetables.**

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** returns Monday, October 1 at the Grapevine in La Grange. We begin gathering at 6:30 for dinner and discussion begins at 7:00 pm. Watch the announcements for our next topic.

**CHOIR NEWS** — It's going to be an exciting year in the Manse! The Trustees have been working hard all summer and the results are in: new flooring, new lighting, new paint, a renovated bathroom, new bulletin boards and a colorful musical rug for the Riverside Ringers await. The Chancel in the Sanctuary is all one level – no more tripping or falling while running up and down stairs, more room for bell tables and (finally) visibility. It is all aesthetically beautiful as well. The rehearsal start dates are as follows:

**Chancel Choir**– Wednesday September 12, 7:30 pm

**acaBELLa Ringers** will start September 19 at 6:30 pm

**Riverside Ringers & Singers**- Wednesday September 19: 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Please contact Sally Sloane [musikhse@comcast.net](mailto:musikhse@comcast.net) 708/822-0655 for more information.

**HOLY LAND TRIP** —Dale will be out of the office through September 18. In case of an emergency, call the church office.

**ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY** —Sunday, September 16, 1-3 pm

**FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP** — Please contact the church office if you would like to host in September or October.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE**—The Trustees want to thank everyone for their patience through the Capital Improvement Project! There are two remaining items to be completed -- the exterior painting and the Good Shepherd Window. The exterior painting should start soon but shouldn't be too much of an inconvenience for church activities. The restoration of the Good Shepherd Window is continuing. The exterior storm windows are almost complete, and the exterior scaffolding should then be removed. The new music area in the first floor of the Manse has been cleaned and is up and running for the Choir, Bell Choir and Ringers & Singers. If you haven't seen the new area, the Trustees invite you to stop by and take a look. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask a trustee.

**CARERS CORNER SEPTEMBER** — Fill the trunk for BEDS-Plus in LaGrange, which provides safe overnight shelter and services to homelessness people. The following items are utilized at the facility in large quantities: **ground coffee (decaf only), drink mixes (lemonade, cider, cocoa), napkins, paper towels, dish detergent, 13 and 30-gallon garbage bags.**

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY - Sunday, September 30** — Our congregation will be doing some ecological restoration at Arie Crown Forest Preserve on LaGrange Road in Countryside. Stay tuned for more information and let's continue the great work and turnout. The Riverside Landmark will be featuring our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday efforts with photos and a news feature story, so please mark your calendar for a good turnout on September 30!

#### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

*Thank you* to Pastor Doug Asbury, our preacher today and next Sunday in Pastor Dale's absence.

*Thank you* to Solomon Rodgers for joining today's Ministry of Music. Solomon is a 4th grader at Willard Elementary School in River Forest.

*Ushers:* Matt and Susan Lisle

*Liturgist:* Susan Lynch

*Andrew Minister:* Susan Lynch and Patti Friend

*Flowers today* are given with special love and honor for our father, Gene Swenson from Debra and Jonathan Jansky.

*Coffee Fellowship* today is the Sunday School picnic.

*Trustees of the Month:* Brad Staubus and Henry Vogel