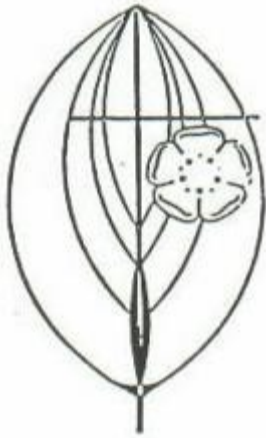


## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### We're Back!

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PASTOR

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ORGANIST AND  
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VALERIE JOHNSON  
OFFICE ASSISTANT

September has arrived, the weather is cooling off, school is starting, and activities at Messiah are picking up! Messiah's Mantles (prayer shawl group), Men's Forum, Sunday School, Adult Forum, ISI (international student ministry supported by Messiah), and Lutheran Campus Ministry will all resume or continue meeting this month. This year, Lutheran Campus Ministry will host monthly dinner discussions rather than offer weekly Taize-style Evening Prayer services. I look forward to the discussions, the fall schedule for which you can find in the Sunday bulletin and in later pages of this newsletter.

As of August 26, we have a new office assistant, Valerie Johnson, who has introduced herself to you by email. One of Valerie's first projects was to publish this newsletter. Welcome, Valerie!

In other news, Messiah is still without a tenant in the parish building. Our realtor continues to show the property, and we look forward to welcoming a new tenant eventually. Zoning code restricts the kind of tenant we can have to a non-profit educational or philanthropic organization. If you know of potential tenants, please tell Miranda Hempel. In the meantime, we have a window of opportunity to upgrade some of the electrical fixtures in the building, taking advantage of an energy conservation incentive from PSE&G. This will involve replacing the parish building HVAC unit and lighting throughout the building with more efficient models. We'll keep the congregation posted about the progress of this project.

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*The symbol in the upper left corner expresses by means of candle and messianic rose the worship of the Messiah and the Truth of Christ. The cross signifies His central deed and the five crosses in the rose the sacred wounds.*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK (CONTINUED)

Meanwhile, our core ministries of worship, education, and fellowship continue. October 31, 2017, will be the 500th anniversary of the publication of Martin Luther's 95 Theses. In the year leading up to the anniversary, there will be several commemorative events in Princeton sponsored by Princeton Theological Seminary and the New Jersey District of the LCMS. See pp. 10-11 for more details. Because one of these events will be scheduled on Oct. 30 (Reformation Sunday), we will have our joint Reformation Sunday Festival Service of Holy Communion the following Sunday, Nov. 6, at 4:00pm, at Bethany Lutheran Church, 1125 Parkside Ave, in Ewing. A potluck will follow the service.

I look forward to joining you for these activities as we live as ambassadors for Christ in God's mission to His world (2 Corinthians 5:16-21).

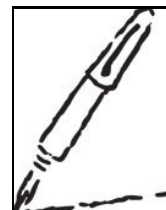
Grateful for your partnership in the gospel,

Pastor Erhardt

## Introducing Valerie Johnson, Messiah's New Office Assistant

Greetings!

My name is Valerie Johnson and I am privileged to work as the new Office Assistant at Lutheran Church of the Messiah. I moved from Modesto, California, to Princeton in 2010 to attend Seminary and graduated with an MDiv in 2013. I met my husband Nathanael Johnson at seminary and we have been married for a little over two years. I also work part-time at the Center of Theological Inquiry on Stockton Street. I enjoy doing the behind-the-scenes work that helps keep organizations moving forward. I'm grateful for the opportunity to work here and I look forward to interacting with you throughout the year!



**Visit our website to listen to audio recordings of Sunday Sermons.**  
**<http://www.princetonlutheranchurch.org/services.html>**

**FAREWELL TO FRIENDS  
SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2016**



**RYAN SPAUDE, SKYE JERPAK, THE IZDEBSKIS,  
AND PASTOR ERHARDT**



**THE JERPAK FAMILY, VISITING FROM  
CALIFORNIA FOR SKYE'S GRADUATION**



**THE SPAUDE FAMILY, VISITING FROM WISCONSIN  
FOR RYAN'S GRADUATION**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday, Sept 7, 7:30pm**

*Choir Rehearsal Resumes*

**Saturday, Sept 10, 8:00am**

*ISI Garage Give Away*

**Tuesday, Sept 13, 6:30pm**

*LCM Dinner Discussion*

**Thursday, Sept 15, 7pm**

*Prayer Shawl Meeting*

**Friday, Sept 23, 6pm**

*ISI Friendship Dinner*

**Saturday, Sept 24, 9am**

*Men's Forum—Wegmans*

**Monday, Oct 3 – Thursday, Oct 6**

*PTS Stone Lecture Series*

**Sunday, Oct 9**

*Pledge Sunday*

**Tuesday, Oct 11, 6:30pm**

*LCM Dinner Discussion*

**Sunday, Oct 16, 12:30pm**

*Executive Board Meeting*

**Thursday, Oct 20, 7pm**

*Prayer Shawl Meeting*

**Saturday, Oct 22, 9am**

*Reformation Seminar*

**Thursday, Oct 28, 6pm**

*ISI Dinner*

**Sunday, Oct 30, 3:45pm**

*Reformation Festival Celebration with Hymns*

## UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED



### **Adult Forum meets Sundays at 9:00am**

In the parish building lounge.  
All are welcome!

Topics for the remainder of 2016:

Sept. 4 – Oct. 9: Are Lutherans Catholic? A View from the Augsburg Confession

Oct. 16 – Nov. 20: Growing into Salvation: A Study of 1 Peter

Nov. 27 – Dec. 18: Recognizing Scripture in Advent Hymns

### **Fall 2016 Lutheran Campus Ministry Monthly Dinner Discussions**

Tuesday, Sept 13: Lutheran Quietism in Higher Education

Tuesday, Oct. 11: Going through the Motions: Making Faith a Habit

Tuesday, Nov. 8: Are We Good People? Part 1: There's Bad in the Best of Us

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Are We Good People? Part 2: Hope for a Fallen World

All discussions are scheduled for 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the East Room of Murray-Dodge Hall, Princeton University. After 5:00 PM on weekdays, free parking is available in the university lot on William St., between Washington Rd. and Charlton St. All are welcome! Please join us and invite friends.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### We're Getting Greener!



We're getting greener! Thanks to an energy conservation incentive offered by PSE&G, Messiah's having the parish building HVAC unit and much of the lighting on the church property replaced with more energy efficient models. With a subsidy from PSE&G, Messiah's cost of \$8700 (\$242/month for 36 months) will be less than the replacement cost of our aging HVAC unit, which is expensive to repair. The money will come from Messiah's Building Reserve Fund, so will not affect our operating budget. Contributions toward the cost of this project are welcome. In addition, we'll get new, more efficient lights that will, we hope, make us better stewards of energy and financial resources. Doing this work now has the benefits of a) not disrupting a tenant, and b) mild outdoor temperatures conducive to being without heat or air conditioning for a few days. We expect the work to be done in the coming weeks and will keep the congregation posted on its progress.

- Pastor Erhardt



**Connecting with Messiah on Social Media**  
[www.facebook.com/MessiahChurchPrinceton](http://www.facebook.com/MessiahChurchPrinceton)

By Debbie Baer

The Lutheran Church of Messiah has a Facebook page! Facebook is a great way to stay connected, share photos or videos of church activities, and share your thoughts about what's going on at church. We have begun to post pictures and information on our FB page, so come see what's been posted and share the page with your friends!

Social media like Facebook is a great place to celebrate our successes and share fellowship opportunities. If you have pictures or videos you would like posted, please let any of us on the newly formed *ad hoc* publicity committee know (Trish Oelrich, Miranda Hempel, and me in consultation with Pastor Martin). We will get them posted for you.

The Publicity Committee is also in the process of updating Messiah's website to give it a fresh new look. The work has started, but it will take some time. We will keep you posted so you'll know when the new website launch will occur.

Please feel free to share ideas you have on how to effectively use Facebook to stay connected, invite new members, and celebrate our successes. We are also open to ideas for the website update.

See you on Facebook!!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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### Parish building and fellowship hall available for weekday rental

The Newgrange School will end its lease of the parish building on June 30, so we're looking for a new weekday tenant for the parish building and the fellowship hall. The available space, which includes five offices, classroom/conference space, and a reception lounge, has been leased in the past by small schools and a counseling center, and would also be well-suited to use by a small business. Rental income is a major portion of our annual budget and therefore has a significant impact on Messiah's ministry. If you know of someone who may want to lease any or all of this space, please spread the word and have them contact Miranda Hempel at 609-865-0120 or [mirandahempel@gmail.com](mailto:mirandahempel@gmail.com).

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

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**Who have we here?**

**What was the occasion?**



*Photo courtesy of Messiah archives*

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN - THE RETURN OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Students and teachers alike are excited at the prospect of the start of Sunday School at 9am on Sunday, September 11.

As Roger Tabris said on one recent Sunday, "I can't wait for summer to be over so that Sunday School will begin again." Not exactly the sentiment one might expect to hear from a child about school beginning, but then we try for the unexpected at Messiah's Sunday School.

We've had zombies, bubbling "lava," and water becoming wine (well, wine-colored, at any rate), among other off-beat approaches to teaching children and ourselves about the Scriptures. This year we are going to begin with superheroes and heroines—not the heroes and heroines of the comic book and movie world, but the *real* heroes and heroines of the Bible who want to live according to God's word. We will explore what goes into being a Christian hero or heroine. Hint: it's not X-ray vision or superhuman strength.

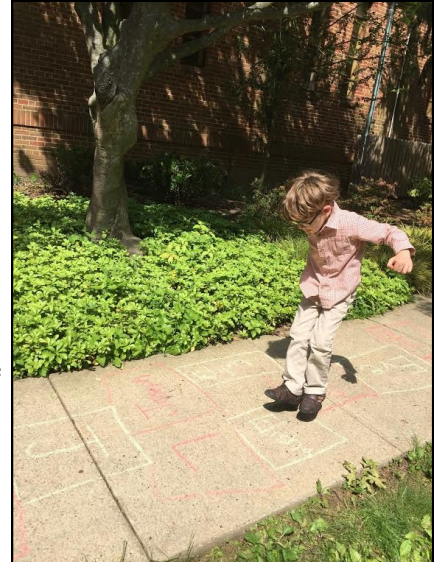
Then it's on to adventure on the high seas, with a look at some of the exciting voyages in Scripture, including the story of the apostle Paul's shipwreck.

This year, we have two new teachers: Rachel Tabris, mother of Roger and Beatrice, and Skye Jerpbak, who graduated from Princeton University this past June. Miranda Hempel remains from the old guard to complete the triumvirate.

We also have one and a half new students! Beatrice Tabris is joining us (her mother says that Bea has been very eager to come to Sunday School), and (making up the half student) Elizabeth Majsztrik will stop by from time to time to join in the festivities and learning.

If you know any families with children who might enjoy coming to Sunday School, please encourage them to drop by. Children can come once, twice, or whenever, depending on their parents' wishes.

If you have any ideas for lessons, or want some information, please contact Miranda Hempel at [mirandahempel@gmail.com](mailto:mirandahempel@gmail.com), or 609-844-1140.



**Roger Tabris flying high as he makes an epic jump while playing Bible Name Hopscotch.**



**We will be taking a look at the apostle Paul's intrepid maritime adventures, along with other sensational sea cruises in the Bible.**



## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

### CHURCH BARBEQUE JUNE 2016



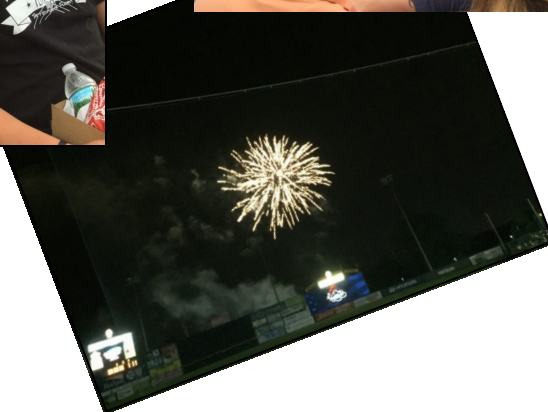
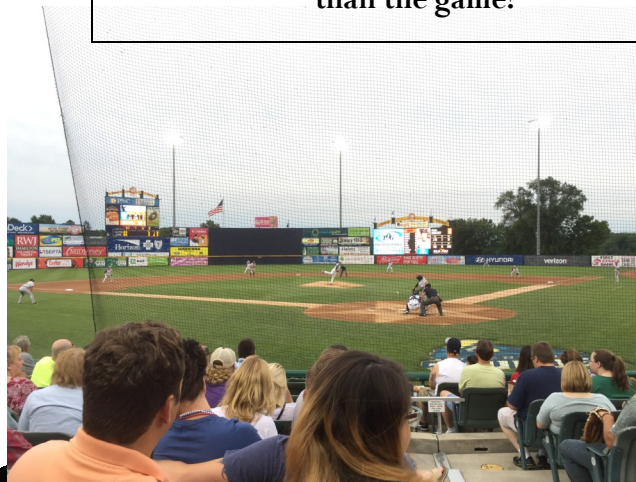


## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS CONTINUED

### TRENTON THUNDER GAME- JULY 3



The weather and fireworks were even better than the game!



## REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

**October 3-6, 2016**

### **The 2016-2017 Levi P. Stone Lectures at Princeton Theological Seminary: “Martin Luther, the 95 Theses and Church Unity after 500 Years”**



Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Thönissen  
Professor of Ecumenical Theology at the Theological Faculty of Paderborn and  
Executive Director of the Johann-Adam-Möhlner Institute for Ecumenics



Dr. Timothy J. Wengert  
Ministerium of Pennsylvania Professor Emeritus, Church History, The Lutheran  
Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

**Lecture I:** *Indulgences and the Development of a Medieval Practice*

Prof. Thönissen, Monday, October 3, 7:00 p.m.

**Lecture II:** *Martin Luther's Disputation Clarifying the Power of Indulgences (the 95 Theses) As an Ecumenical Document?*

Prof. Wengert, Tuesday, October 4, 3:00 p.m.

**Lecture III:** *Martin Luther's Letters to Pope Leo X (1518, 1520) As Experiments in Ecumenical Conversation*, Prof. Wengert Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m.

**Lecture IV:** *Reflecting on From Conflict to Communion and the Healing of Memories*

Prof. Thönissen, Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 p.m.

**Lecture V:** *Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Together*

Profs. Thönissen and Wengert, Thursday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.

**Location:**

Lectures I-IV: Daniel J. Theron Assembly Room, Princeton Theological Seminary Library,  
25 Library Place, Princeton NJ 08540

Lecture V will be held in Miller Chapel at Princeton Seminary, 64 Mercer St, Princeton

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## REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY EVENTS (CONTINUED)

**Saturday, Oct. 22 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

### "The Reformation: A Time of Revolutionary Changes?"

A seminar in McCosh 50 at Princeton University with Dr. Christopher Bellitto (Kean Univ) on "Luther and Church Reform: A Catholic Perspective" Dr. Christopher Boyd Brown (Boston Univ) on "Sex, Marriage, and the Family", and Rev. Dr. David Lose (President Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia) on "Why Luther Still Matters!"

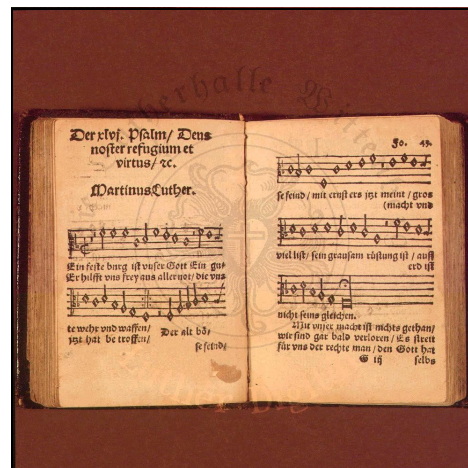
The seminar is free and registration is requested to help with our planning. Register as an individual or group TODAY to receive updated information over the coming months: [500anniversaryseminar.brownpapertickets.com](http://500anniversaryseminar.brownpapertickets.com)

More information about related events is available at [www.reverendluther.org/content/spiritual](http://www.reverendluther.org/content/spiritual)

**Sunday, Oct. 30 3:45-5:15 p.m.**

### "The Reformation: Festival Celebration with Hymns" at the Princeton University Chapel.

The Princeton Theological Seminary Choir, NJ Lutheran Regional Choir, Hand Bell Choir, singing the hymns Luther wrote, and using selections from Luther's Deutsche Mass will make this a memorable kickoff to an historic anniversary year in 2017.



**Sunday, Nov. 6 4:00 p.m.**

### Joint Reformation Service

Joint Reformation Festival Service of Holy Communion, Sunday, Nov. 6, at 4:00pm  
Bethany Lutheran Church, 1125 Parkside Ave, in Ewing. A potluck will follow the service.





## UPCOMING READINGS IN SEPTEMBER

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST YEAR C	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sept 4, 2016	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1:1-21	Luke 14:25-33
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Sept 11, 2016	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Psalm 14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sept 18, 2016	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Psalm 113	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sept 25, 2016	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31





## UPCOMING READINGS IN OCTOBER

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST YEAR C	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 2, 2016	Lamentations 1:1-6	Psalms 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
Twenty-First Sun- day after Pentecost October 9, 2016	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Psalms 66:1-12	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 16, 2016	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Psalms 119:97-104	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:9-14
Twenty- Third Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 2016	Joel 2:23-32	Psalms 65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Twenty- Fourth Sunday after Pentecost October 30, 2016	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	Psalms 119:137-144	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10

Readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary, available at [library.vanderbilt.edu](http://library.vanderbilt.edu)



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Crisis Ministry would like to share an exciting update with the Lutheran Church of the Messiah community: in the fall, we will change our name! Please be assured that our mission and programs will remain the same — to help those in Mercer County in need of food, housing and job support to regain financial stability. We believe that our new name reflects the positive partnership we have with clients and our community in our daily work. Our new name will be:



Our new name will be publicly announced and rolled out over the fall. Our new contact information and website address will be shared at that time.

We will celebrate at our benefit on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope you will join us!

We are so grateful to our faith-based partners for your vital support, and look forward to continuing our partnership Arm in Arm into the future!

### Get Your Flu Shot!

This year's flu vaccine formulation includes two new flu virus strains. Most health insurance completely covers the cost of annual flu vaccination. For those over the age of 18 without coverage for annual flu vaccination, flu shots will be available at no cost at the Princeton Flu Clinic, 1–6pm on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the Princeton Senior Resource Center (Suzanne Patterson Building) at 45 Stockton St. Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough)) booster shots will also be available at the flu clinic. To make an appointment, call 609-924-7108. Remember that in addition to protecting you, vaccinations protect vulnerable people around you for whom infection could cause serious illness.

### Free Paper Shredding and Electronics Disposal

Princeton Residents (only): Free paper shredding and electronics disposal, Saturday, Sept. 24, 10am-2pm in the Witherspoon Hall Parking Lot at 400 Witherspoon St. For more information, go to [princetonnj.gov](http://princetonnj.gov)

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

### Three Fabulous Raffles!

Support the work of



\$100 per ticket; only 100 of each are for sale!



#### 2 WEEKS AT HERITAGE PALMS COUNTRY CLUB

**Ft. Myers, Florida, 2 BR, 2 BA Condo ~ Sleeps 6.** Lighted tennis courts, 2 championship golf courses, pool, and indoor gym. Fully-equipped kitchen; bedding and towels supplied. **Includes 2 tickets to the Edison & Ford Summer Estates, in Ft. Myers and a Dining Gift Card for the Island Cow Restaurant on nearby Sanibel Island.** (Airfare not included. *Not available January-March 2017. Details to be worked out with owner.*)



#### \$1200 IN GIFT CARDS

Accepted at more than twenty restaurants for your dining pleasure in the greater Princeton area, including **Acacia, Metro North, Mistral, The Pind, The Alchemist & The Barrister, Fedoras, The Cranbury Inn** and many others!



#### FOUR ROUNDS OF GOLF

Three threesomes and a foursome—all in New Jersey! (Some date & time restrictions apply).

- Threesome at The Ridge at Back Brook, Ringoes
- Threesome at Springdale Country Club, Princeton
- Threesome at Cherry Valley Country Club, Skillman
- Foursome at Royce Brook Golf Club, Hillsborough

**For raffle ticket purchase and more information, please call PSRC at 609.924.7108**  
**Thank You ~ and Good Luck!**

### A MESSAGE FROM NANCY AMIDON

As many of you know, I work at the Princeton Senior Resource Center, and we are raffling off three great prizes this month. This raffle is a big part of our fund raising this year. The funds support this great organization which is the community's resource for aging well.

These are some great raffle prizes, and there will only be 100 of each sold, so you have a great chance of winning the one you want.

If it's hard to give \$100 by yourself, consider going in with family or friends with whom you'd like to share the meals, vacation or golf!

Please join me in supporting this great organization. Let me know if you are interested in buying a ticket and I will get the ticket(s) for you. The raffle drawing will take place on September 30, 2016 at our Capital Steps Event (which is also a big fund raiser for us – let me know if you would like more information about this great event).

Nancy Amidon



PSRC is the Princeton area's go-to place where older adults and their families find support, guidance, educational and social programs to help navigate life transitions and continue to be active, healthy and engaged in the community.



# September 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11 <i>9am Christian Education</i> <i>10:30am Holy Communion</i>	12	13  <i>6:30pm LCM Dinner Discussion</i>	14  <i>7:30pm Choir</i>	15  <i>7pm Prayer Shawl</i>	16	17
18 <i>Bishop's Visit</i> <i>9am Christian Education</i> <i>10:30am Holy Communion</i>	19	20	21  <i>7:30pm Choir</i>	22	23  <i>6pm ISI Dinner</i>	24  <i>9am Men's Forum</i>
25 <i>9am Christian Education</i> <i>10:30am Holy Communion</i>	26	27	28  <i>7:30pm Choir</i>	29	30	





# October 2016

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