

Reflections

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WKSJ News

Did You Know?



According to the George Barna Research Group:

- The basic traits of a child's character are formed before age six.
- Major interests in life are taking permanent shape by age 12.
- Children are most likely to hear God's call to full-time Christian ministry between the ages of 4-14
- Missiologists refer to this period of time as the "4/14 Window."

For these very reasons we offer WKSJ (Where Kids Serve Jesus) for children. WKSJ is all about growing "mission minded" children. At WKSJ we are sowing the seeds of mission interest with our children so that they will develop into caring adults. Each week through our many projects we teach compassion, empathy, and a willingness to share. We pray for others and learn about those who are different than us.

Our Mission Minded Activities this fall have included:

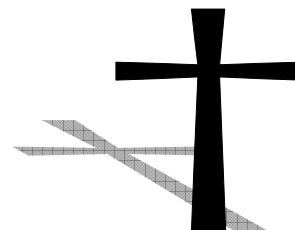
- Decorating Bags for Kids Food Basket
- Making Posters for the St. Mark Food Drive
- Making Thanksgiving cards for Food Pantry Thanksgiving Baskets
- Puppet Song for the Preschool Pumpkin Patch Party

Next on our list of servant activities is:

Worship Arts for the Children's Christmas Service. Children will choose to participate in dance, bells, puppets and other art forms to enhance the worship service.

In addition to the worship activities we will be helping the **Haiti**

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A monthly publication reflecting on past events and promoting upcoming events in the St. Mark faith community.

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Mission Team. Our first project for the team is to make **Prayer Bracelets**. The students will make bracelets with different colored beads. Each bead will represent a person on the mission team. The goal is to sell these bracelets to friends, family, and congregation members as a reminder to pray specifically for each member of the team before, during and after the trip. Our children will be helping our church family unite in prayer as we send the team of individuals to serve the people of Haiti.

In every servant project, in every mission minded activity, I am reminded that tomorrow's ministry leaders and missionaries begin with today's children.

Chris Stodola, Children's Ministry Director

Senior Adult Ministry Happenings

Wednesday, November 9 at 1:00pm in East Chapel Hall - Guess who's in the kitchen making wonderful homemade soups? Hanne Mussehl! Just perfect for a cold November day! Bring a sandwich if you like - good desserts and a warm beverage (coffee) will be served. After lunch, try your luck at BINGO and win a prize or two. Any questions, please contact Holly Weih (455-7877)

Free Spirits Journey to Turkeyville - Join us to go to Turkeyville on **Monday, November 14th, 9:00am**, and treat yourself to a delicious traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings and a fun, Christmas play - "Grandma Got Run Over by a WHAT?" **All for \$37.** Bring friends with you! We'll need at least 20 attending to get this reduced rate. Please call the Church Office to RSVP, and let them know if you're will to be a driver for this trip - everyone is to meet at church at 9:00am. **Payment is due by November 3rd.**

Pastor Glenn Has Beautiful Feet

Now I don't really know what Pastor Glenn's feet look like, but I do know that Romans 10:15 says..... "*How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!*" Isaiah 52:7 states... "*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'*"



October was Pastor Appreciation Month, and November contains Thanksgiving. We have been blessed to have a vacancy pastor that is good at bringing us the Good News of Christ Jesus in his preaching. We have been blessed and should give thanks to God for this gift. And while you're giving thanks and praise to God, let Pastor Glenn know that you appreciate him. Tell him his feet are beautiful.

~ Ann Onimus



What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear-
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged- take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness- take it to the Lord in prayer.*

On her way through the doors into the school, Lizzie stopped and asked if we could have a prayer in chapel for her friend's grandmother who is fighting cancer. On her way to school, Sofia told her Nona that she was praying for the day and for her family. During the middle of class, when things were getting a little hectic, the teacher led the class in prayer. Before the day begins, before and after lunch, and at the end of the day- prayers are said here at school. It is our privilege and responsibility to do so- and we're free to do so.

We sing praises to God pretty often, too. Perhaps you are familiar with the verses from the hymn above. We sing about the awesome privilege, and our ability to respond (response-ability) to a God that's good all the time. It's November- - let prayers and praises ascend to our Maker and Redeemer! Let us come together, often, with thanksgiving in our hearts. Our cups overflow and His mercy endures forever.

November brings the first quarter marking period to a close. We will hold Parent-Teacher Conferences to discuss the progress of students. Girls' basketball season comes to an end, the boys' basketball teams will begin their 2011-2012 campaign. Our students will be celebrating Thanksgiving at "feasts" and events near the end of the month. And, we give thanks for all the families that make up the St. Mark Lutheran Church, School, and Preschool family.

We appreciate your support and prayers, and encourage you to continue- just as God continues to guide and bless you. To Him be all praise, honor, glory, and thanksgiving!

Joel Bahr, School Principal



When Sports Become God?

“...and then we have a tournament Thanksgiving weekend. We expect everyone to be there.” I turned to my wife. “Did he really just say ‘Thanksgiving Weekend’?”

My daughter Ashley played ‘select soccer’ for a few years. We had heard the commitment was a little crazy at times...but had no idea the extent. Every girl on the team had accepted soccer as Lord and Savior at 5 years old...except Ashley. So when it came to the first few tournaments where we were expected to miss a Sunday, we were met with a little resistance when we said, “We’ll bring Ashley after church.”

I’m glad that Ashley loves her church and was a huge advocate of not missing (she loves her youth group and doesn’t want to ever miss), because she received a little flak from her teammates at times. Once she showed up late on a Sunday, having come straight from church, and one of the girls jested, “How was churrrrrrrch?” (as sarcastic as one could possibly say it.) Ashley quickly retorted. “It was great. How was...(she made a sarcastic “yippee” gesture) ...warming up for the game?” I tried to not laugh audibly.

The commitment only grew as the team won more games and became more successful. The following year the coach added tournaments, numerous Sundays, including a few holiday weekends. This focused us to stop and think. My extended family has come together on Thanksgiving weekend for the last 20 years. Was this weekend history now? Not to mention our church’s Labor Day weekend campout, a time our kids always loved hanging out with other Christian kids from the church. (and isn’t that what we want our kids doing?) Labor Day weekend was on the cutting blocks as well with our family having to come to a decision. Was this really the direction Ashley was heading? Does she really have a shot at becoming Cristiano freaking Ronaldo, and even if she does, at what expense?

This year both of my girls are in sports. Ashley runs cross country (does that give you a clue what we did with soccer?), and Alyssa plays water polo. This week alone Alyssa has two games and a water polo tournament this weekend. Both the girls’ sports have had games and practices that interfere with church regularly.

Forget church for a moment and let’s just talk about our kids overall well-being. Pretty much every report we read says that teenagers need about 9 hours and 15 minutes of sleep per night. And most of you have heard me share research about the importance of eating 3 to 5 family dinners together per week - hard to do when water polo practice brings you home at 7:20 and games bring you home after that.

What are we to tell our kids? I know we need to teach them to keep their commitments. Perhaps we need to read the fine print before agreeing in the first place. Don’t get me wrong. I’m not saying *sports are from the devil* and you need to “choose this day who you will follow,” as if there is only one or the other. But maybe parents need to think ahead when it comes to signing up for sports and decide exactly how committed to a team or activity they are really ready to be.

Here are three lessons I learned that have helped me navigate sports and activities as a parent. These have helped me; you might find some benefit from these as well:

Keeping Sports in Balance:

1. Lay out clear boundaries...and then keep your commitment.

What happened to the good ol’ days when soccer practice was just 60 to 90 minutes, right after school? Alyssa’s water polo is anywhere from 2 to 5 hours on any given day. Last year (this is her second year), I remember her coming home at 8 at night, showering, grabbing a quick dinner, then starting her homework. On these nights, not only were we all robbed of our family dinner with Alyssa, but she often was doing homework until 11, and then getting less than 7 hours of sleep (over 2 hours short of what’s recommended.) Is this all okay in the name of sports?

Tonight as I type this, Alyssa had decided on her own that she was going to leave practice early for church. Her coach told her, “No,” flat out. I sense a confrontation coming between the two of them...and frankly, I’m struggling with exactly what to advise Alyssa.

Here’s what I do know. As believers and followers of Christ, we need to keep our commitments. If we commit to a team, we need to truly commit to a team. This means finding out exactly what the commitment entails *before* making the commitment.

We did this Ashley’s last year of select soccer. We met with the coach beforehand and asked, “How many Sundays do the girls play?” “How many holiday weekends?” “When are practices - and will they interfere with youth group on Wednesday night?”

The coach laid out exactly what the commitment would entail and we agreed. Interesting enough, the coach tried to spring a few more tournaments on us during the year, one on a holiday weekend where we were going to be gone visiting family. We simply told the coach, “Sorry, we’re not available that weekend.”

Decide how far is too far, make your commitment, and keep your commitment. (Which is basically what I need to advise, with grace, to Alyssa.)

2. It’s okay to say “Enough.”

Parents might consider asking themselves, “In 10 years, what’s really more important: that Michael was a really good baseball player, or that he grew closer to his family, his church and Jesus during his teenage years?” If Michael can balance all of that...*then more power to him*. If Michael can’t...*then...well?* Do I need to spell it out? That’s too convicting. Let’s move on.

3. As you are running, swimming, tackling and scoring...make disciples.

Our kids have an opportunity to let the hope of Christ shine through their lives. Today Ashley had a cross-country meet. She and the other freshman girls had a little huddle before their race where they pumped each other up. Then I heard Ashley ask, “Do you guys mind if I pray for our race? One of the girls said, “Yeah, cool! We need it!” Another girls said, “Okay...what do we do?” It was a really fun moment to be a fly on the wall. Ashley said, “I’ll just pray.” Then she prayed for their race. I was so proud of her.

I’m not saying that praying is always the magical thing to do. It really depends on the moment. Sometimes representing Christ is much more about having a good attitude and being an encourager. It’s a shame when the kid who misses practice for church is the same kid who is also gossiping, making fun of others and telling raunchy jokes. That’s what the media always portrays. Our kids have an opportunity to show what the love of Christ really looks like.

Times have really changed in the last few decades, especially in the United States. Sunday morning used to be reserved for church, now it’s for either sports or sleeping off Saturday night. America used to sing “How Great Thou Art,” now they sing, “How Great Thou Throws that Football!” (We really could make a whole modern sports worship CD, couldn’t we? *I Could Sing of Your Dunk Forever, Shout to the Ref, Here I am to Handoff, Better is One Game...*)

We need more Christian role models. We need more Tim Tebows.

When our kids participate in sports they have an awesome chance to represent Christ. As parents, let’s bring our kids up making Christ first...and sports somewhere down the list.

In 1981, the world flocked to movie theatres to see the true story of Eric Liddell, an amazing runner who refused to run on Sundays. *Chariots of Fire* won Best Picture that year. I leave you with Eric Liddell’s words:

"You came to see a race today. To see someone win. It happened to be me. But I want you to do more than just watch a race. I want you to take part in it. I want to compare faith to running in a race. It's hard. It requires concentration of will, energy of soul. You experience elation when the winner breaks the tape - especially if you've got a bet on it. But how long does that last? You go home. Maybe you're dinner's burnt. Maybe you haven't got a job. So who am I to say, "Believe, have faith," in the face of life's realities? I would like to give you something more permanent, but I can only point the way...If you commit yourself to the love of Christ, then that is how you run a straight race."

Jonathan McKee, president of the Source for Youth Ministry, is the author of numerous books including the brand new Candid Confessions of an Imperfect Parent, Ministry By Teenagers, Connect: Real Relationships in a World of Isolation, and the award winning book Do They Run When They See You Coming? He speaks and trains at camps, conferences, and events across North America, and provides free resources for youth workers internationally on his website. TheSource4YM.com



What have the "Girls 4 God" been up to:

October 21st - 5-12th grade girls got together to carve pumpkins, eat some yummy fall snacks, sang a couple of our favorite songs, and Emily shared a devo with the girls on "fear." Thank you Emily!!

November 12th - 8 girls & 4 adults will be heading to the "Girls of Grace" Conference at Grand Rapids First. There will be talks, fashion show, food, and mini concerts too. Please pray for these girls as they attend, that they will have open hearts, ears, and eyes to what God is sharing with them.

Lastly, the "Girls 4 God" are selling "bracelets." These beautiful hand-made bracelets are made by families in the Philippines who don't have enough money to take care of their families, and sometimes have to sell their children into prostitution. This fund-raiser is sponsored through "Threads of Hope." There will be a table set up in the Narthex the next couple of weeks. Cost is \$2 or \$4. Be sure to check them out!!! **HINT: These make great Christmas gifts!!**

Chili/Soup Cook-off November 13th

St. Mark's Annual Chili/Soup Cook-Off will be in Chapel Hall immediately after late worship on Sunday, November 13th. Donations from the Cook-Off will benefit the Haiti Mission Trip in 2011.




We're looking for 6 more people with good chili/soup recipes to cook for the Cook-Off. The sign-up is in the Narthex. We're also looking for people to come to sample the chili/soups and to vote for their favorite! Ladies, put this day on your calendar...let someone else do the cooking, (unless YOU'RE a cook!).

This has always been a "souper" time of sampling, talking, and laughing. Please call Sharon Bruce at 532-9513 or Nancy Welch at 534-5715 for more information. This event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Who's Serving in

NOVEMBER

Sunday	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Elders 8:30	Ambriz/Eden	White/Schramm	Galloway/Broecker	Galloway/Eden
Elders 11:00	Rubin/Hop	Plainte/Stegehuis	Ambriz/Eden	Hop/Schramm
Communion Elders 11:00	Hop/Schramm		Schramm/Stegehuis	
Usher Team 8:30	Symons	Johr	Weih	Seddon
Usher Team 11:00	McClenathan	Rolf	Ainsworth	Rolf
Greeter Team 8:30	Broecker	Larson	Symons	Seddon
Greeter Team 11:00	Rutty	Vaughn	Rubino	Rubin
Nursery 8:30	Worch/Worch	Trombley/ Trombley	Sauer	Klug
Nursery 11:00	Evele/Winkler	No Adult/ Stevenson	VanZweden/ Mahon	No Adult/ Bahr/Gehrls
Altar Guild	Crapser	Crapser	Trombley	Broecker
Sound	Knorr/Knorr	Trombley/ Trombley	Sauer/Gilcher	Worch/Knorr
Bulletin Folders	November 4 Evele/Tafel/ Mahon	November 11 Frobel/Heldt	November 18 Glendenning/Weih	November 23 Larson/DeHoag & Helpers please
Coffee Hour	Pillsbury/ VanZee/ Glendenning	Rutty/Krueger	Rubin/Sauer	Tafel/ Heldt/Frobel
Teller	Smith/Bellah	Fish/Rubin	Felt/Seddon	Fish/Hopkins

 <p>Thanksgiving Service 7:00 p.m.</p>	Elders/Communion	White/Schramm	<i>Who's Serving Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service November 24</i>
	Usher Team	McClenathan	
	Greeter Team	Rutty	
	Sound	Trombley	
	Altar Guild	Trombley	

SAINT MARK MEMORIAL FUND UPDATE

Between January 1 and October 31, 2011 the following contributions were given by:

IN MEMORY OF GLADYS HAY:

Doris Drake

IN MEMORY OF ORAL STRATTON:

Dolly Larson

Elva Kohtz

Paul & Sandy Pillsbury

IN MEMORY OF SANDRA BUSSE:

Paul & Sandy Pillsbury

IN MEMORY OF FRANCES RUBINO:

Doris Drake

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Leon and Carol Greiner

Pastor Tom & Laurie Meyer

IN MEMORY OF HELEN MASCH:

Pastor Tom & Laurie Meyer

IN MEMORY OF PETER REB:

Gerrie Glendenning

Holly Weih

Dolly Larson

Dorothy Fletcher

Dorothy Heldt

Dan & Sharon Weih

Dan & Deb Coch

Robin King

Robert & Judy Gutschlce

Mary Jane Stratton

Howard & Carolyn Rubin

Pastor Tom & Laurie Meyer

Elva Kohtz

Steve Hinkle & Martha Larson-Hinkle



The following expenditures were made from the Memorial Fund between January 1 and October 31, 2011:

- ◆ Installation of Air Conditioning in the Sanctuary
- ◆ Purchase of the Crusader's Cross
- ◆ Funeral expense assistance

Mark Your Calendars!

Parents,

Just want to give you a head's up on a couple of important dates for your children:

- ⇒ **December 10**, 9-11am Christmas Service Practice
- ⇒ **December 11**, 11:00am Children's Christmas Worship



We will be practicing songs and other worship arts through the month of November at Route 2:52 and WKSJ in preparation for the Christmas Service. Questions? Contact Chris Stodola at cstodola@smls.net

SO ME B - T H I S I S Y E A R



11/1	Timothy Schwartz	11/9	Ralph Teichert	11/19	Ann Winkler
11/2	Jeanne Snide Macey Kolzow	11/10	Donna Barczak	11/20	Serene Coleman
11/3	Delores Bell	11/11	Jana Siminski Kevin Stevenson	11/21	Brianna Arntz Andrea Ivers Daniel Krueger Paul Pillsbury
11/4	Ty Wauben	11/12	Alexa Eden Lynn Martz Gregory Pittman Abby Larson	11/22	Ruth Asselin David Hop Nikki Veltman
11/6	Eric George Andrew Mueller	11/13	Roger Calkins Deb Coch	11/25	Don Snide Jr. Drew Stegehuis Jim Tafel
11/7	Jacob Vaughn	11/14	Bruce Flory	11/26	Kristopher Koopman Liz Stegehuis
11/8	Matt Hassenrik Evan La Vigne Owen La Vigne	11/16	Hanne Mussehl	11/28	Matthew Wauben
		11/17	Matt Barczak Jacob Vaughn	11/29	Kathy Felt Leonard Nanzer
		11/18	Curtis Nickles	11/30	James Rolland

Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 4th at 5:30pm

This is an evening to prepare and inspire us for the upcoming celebration of the birthday of our Savior.

The evening will begin with punch being served in the Reception Area. Following a beautiful musical presentation will be performed by St. Mark Sanctuary Choir, Hand Bell Ensemble and Praise Team. We will then continue with fellowship, dessert and group singing amid candlelit tables in the Gymnasium.

There is a sign-up poster in the Reception Area.

The nursery will be staffed and available by reservation only (\$1 per child). Please sign your children up in advance on the sheet next to the sign-up poster.



Thanksgiving a Time for Remembrance

As we enter the month of November we come to realize that we soon will be celebrating Thanksgiving and I pray that this article reminds us of the importance of giving thanks to God for all that he has done for us.

The story about Thanksgiving involves the first event that took place at Plymouth Rock to the first proclamation for Thanksgiving by George Washington in 1789 as America celebrated its first Day of Thanksgiving to God under its new constitution. It continued to develop when in 1863 after Lincoln experienced his conversion to Christianity at Gettysburg he issued his Thanksgiving Proclamation to America.

Lincoln said to a friend: "When I left Springfield to assume the Presidency I asked the people to pray for me. I was not a Christian. When I buried my son, the severest trial of my life, I was not a Christian. But when I went to Gettysburg and saw the graves of thousands of our soldiers, I then and there consecrated myself to Christ. In that proclamation Abraham Lincoln said: "I do therefore invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are traveling in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwells in heaven. "Thanksgiving then evolved into a national holiday when on December 26, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, signed a bill into law, with Congress, making Thanksgiving a national holiday and settling it to the fourth (but not final) Thursday in November. Thanksgiving is a special day because it helps us to focus with a sense of gratitude in remembrance of what God has done and continues to do in our life.

Moses after telling the people of Israel how they will prosper in the promised land that they are about to enter, how, after so many years of slavery and then of wandering in the wilderness, they will eat their fill, and have fine houses and large herds, and that their silver and gold will multiply, says: Do not say to yourself, "my power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, and as he swearing to you today."

A portion of chapter eight of Deuteronomy speaks so well of what we all know somewhere in our hearts but often seem to forget in our actions and our attitudes. It speaks of how everything we have is a gift from God.

Deuteronomy 8:10-14 "When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

There are people in this world who view Thanksgiving as a waste of time because life is good because of what they did and their success is all attributed to themselves. Their attitude is best expressed by this statement: "God helps those who help themselves." This statement is not found in the bible, but rather speaks to not needing God and minimizing or even eliminating his importance in our life. This breaks God's Law of Loving Him with all our soul and mind; he is preeminent not us.

Thanksgiving has to do with memory, it occurs while remembering. When you will sit at your Thanksgiving table or perhaps a more quiet moment to become still and give thanks; many of us will give thanks for good health, for supportive families, for employment, for a loving community and for the ways God guided us. Things that on the outside may seem like the same things we were thankful for every year. But what may seem to be the ever same prayers of thanksgiving are filled with the life and wonder of our memories. The memories of our own life stories, the memories we share with parents, siblings, spouses, children and friends. These are memories of joy and sadness, victory and failure, pain and healing. Such are the memories we have as individuals, but also as communities, the church, as a city, as a country. Our memories give us the sense of identity, belonging, how we became who we are as individuals and communities, a country, as a church. Key memories will be the difficult times in which we came into our own; in times of uncertainty and fear, in the modest and humble beginnings, also in the realization of shortcomings, in the confession of mistakes, of things done and things left undone.

In the church today we must remember in terms of gratitude for what God has done for us through his Son Christ Jesus. God provided us a deliverer who has freed us from our bondage of sin by the blood of the lamb His Son that saved mankind from sin, death and the devil.

In a portion of the Gospel of Luke we hear of the ten lepers who were healed by Jesus but only one came back to give him thanks. When the one leper returned, Jesus said: "were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?" And He said to him, 'Stand up and go; your faith has made you well.'" A person can be disease free, yet still not be "well." This man's healing was complete after he gave glory to God for what happened and said thank you to Jesus for his healing. True Thanksgiving, dear congregation, is an overwhelming experience. It occurs in a moment of realization, in a moment of clarity, or in the words of the Gospel in a moment of "seeing". The one leper who returned to Jesus "saw" that he was healed both outside and inside.

Dear congregation as we approach Thanksgiving let us remember to not be like the nine lepers who did not give thanks to God but be like the one leper who understood what God had done for him and faithfully returned to Him to give him thanks praise and glory....LET US ALWAYS GIVE THANKS, PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD! Amen.

In God we Trust,

Deacon Chris Rubino

Please join us for our
Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 24th
at 7:00pm.



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Thankful for Each Other

Dear Lord,
As we gather together around this table
laden with your plentiful gifts to us,
we thank You for always providing
what we really need
and for sometimes granting wishes
for things we don't really need.
Today, let us be especially thankful
for each other--for family and friends
who enrich our lives in wonderful ways,
even when they present us with challenges.
Let us join together now
in peaceful, loving fellowship
to celebrate Your love for us
and our love for each other. Amen.

By Joanna Fuchs



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
6 Holy Communion 8:30 am Traditional Worship 9:45 am Learning Hour 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 1:00 pm SRTM Murder Mystery Dinner 6:00 pm SRTM Murder Mystery Dinner	7 SMLS No School (K-8th Gr) 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm TNT Banquet 6:30 pm WIML Planning Mtg 7:00 pm Gam-Anon 7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous	8 Kentwood City General Election 1:00 pm Quilters 5:00 pm SMLS Girls' Bball Game 6:30 pm Tae Kwon Do 7:00 pm School Council 8:00 pm At-Anon	9 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am School Chapel 5:45 pm Supper Club 6:00 pm Trivent So. Kent Co. Chapter Mtg 6:30 pm WKSJ (K-4): Cross-walk (5-6); Full Throttle (7-8) 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	10 3:30 pm SMLS Girls' Bball Practice 6:30 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	11 Veteran's Day 12:30 pm SMLS Bright Kids w/Consumers Energy 4:00 pm WMLHS Varsity Bball Practice	12 Girls of Grace Conference* 2:00 pm Gym Rental
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