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# Divinity Digest



A PEOPLE AND PLACE OF HOPE,  
HEALING AND WELCOME

## October, 2009



Pastor Doug - In Montana Rockies

Divinity Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Divinity member and author Dan Taddeo stopped by my office the other day. Dan was well aware that Divinity's annual October stewardship emphasis was coming up. Dan was also well aware that this has been a challenging year for most of us economically and

especially for congregations like ours. He reminded me that whether our personal income is going up or down, our goal should always be to tithe. Dan then gave me permission to reprint what he wrote on the subject of tithing in his book titled *Matters that Matter*. On page 368, Dan sums it up better than I could:

### Tithing

Tithing was commanded by God in Old Testament times. It meant paying one-tenth of your wealth to the church for religious purposes. "You shall truly tithe . . ." (Deuteronomy 14:22) and "Honor the Lord with your wealth. . ." (Proverbs 3:9). Though not

commanded in the New Testament, some Christians still view tithing as a guide for responsible giving.

It has been said the best way to manage your finances is to give away 10%, save 10% and then learn to live within the 80% remaining.

The New Testament suggests no specific percentage of giving. However, it encourages us to go beyond tithing-giving to reflect the believer's faith and love for God. "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." (Psalm 24:1) All that we have and all that we are, belong to God. This includes our time, talents, and treasures. "For where your

treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

We are to wisely manage all of our God-given resources for His intended purpose, according to His Word. Unfortunately, the vast majority of church members view giving as an obligation, rather than an opportunity.

The average giving in most Protestant mainline denominations is 2%. (Ohio District – CMS)

- Members, who give what they can, when they can, gave an average of \$460 per year.
- Members, who pledge a specific number of dollars each week, give about \$880 per year.
- Those who pledge a percentage of their income each week, give \$1,210 per year.

The Bible says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35) Good things happen when we obey God's laws. For example, talk to someone who tithes. No one stops tithing, once he or she starts. Many give more. None give less. Why? Because they are blessed. It supports that familiar pronouncement that it's impossible to out give God.

. . . Dan Taddeo

This year our October Stewardship theme is "Make It Simple." You'll be receiving a commitment card in the mail to fill out and bring to the altar on commitment Sunday – October 25. In the six plus years I've served our church family, this is the farthest behind we've ever been on our budget. Our finance committee is considering cutting back on ministry committee budgets as well as eliminate the annual cost-of-living raise for our paid staff. I will certainly support these considerations if we can't make up the difference by the end of the year. In previous years, Divinity members have always come

through in December to finish the year in the black. Because of the times, I know this year will be more challenging, but I believe we'll come through yet again. Why? Because we are blessed and we are thankful. I am blessed and I am thankful to each and every one of you who supports our ministry together.

May God continue to bless us on our journey as good and faithful stewards of what He has given us in His Son – Jesus Christ.

**In Christ,  
Pastor Doug**



## Prayer Thoughts

The beautiful colors of God's handiwork surround us at this time of year. The colors are so exciting and it just feels so good to know that this is only one of the gifts our God gives to us. There are so many if we just look around us. Now is also the time when students of all ages (in school, college, or not in school at all) spend more time learning. For some reason I picture the following story being set in a familiar college at this time of year. I have received this from several folks, but this last time it came from **Marty Hof**, and I thank her for it because this time it nudged me to share it with you.

### **My Name is Rose**

"The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder

I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being. She said, "Hi Handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?" I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze." Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked. She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids." "No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking this challenge at her age. "I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this time machine as she shared her wisdom and experience with me.

Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made



### *7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class*

*"I will remember God is always listening and the tongue can be used negatively."*

*... Dyllan Sesock*

*... Dyllan Sesock*

*"In Jesus, God really got to know us. He knows how to live in our lives."*

*Jeremy Landrau*

*"The sermon made me think about how one bad word to or about somebody can tear them down. We should think before we speak. We are blessed with making choices, so we should make good choices."*

*... Nicole LaPerna*



**OKTOBER FEST!**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4  
3 - 6 P.M.

Music by  
The Button Box Players from Barberton  
Authentic German Food  
Fun Family Activities  
\$12 per person  
Free for children under 10  
Proceeds will benefit the Zion Youth Organization  
This is a non-alcoholic event



Zion Lutheran Church  
2233 Abbeyville Rd  
Valley City OH 44280  
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Carry-out available

friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up. At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor . . . Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know." As we laughed she cleared her throat and began, "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success. You have to find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it! There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up.

If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight. Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change. Have no regrets. The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets." She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose." She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives. At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago.

One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep. Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be. Now I will share with you some words of wisdom from a Rose in your life.

*Remember, God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage. If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it. Good friends are like stars . . . you don't always see them, but you know they are always there. And just one more. A Rose by any name would smell as sweet, so whatever your name is, or how old you may think you are, remember it is always okay to live life with a dream and without regrets for following your dream.*

*God loves you and so do I!*

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### **ELEVEN DAYS OF CLASSICAL EUROPE PASTOR DOUG AND DANETTE LEAD UPCOMING TOUR**

**Pastor Doug** and Danette, invite you to join them on an 11-day tour of "Classical Europe," including visits to Heidelberg, the Rhine Valley, Rothenberg, Munich, Lucerne, Geneva and Paris, along with a performance of the Passion Play of Oberammergau in that German city. The tour dates are June 25 - July 5, 2010.

Cost is \$4,369 per person, departing from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport , and includes round trip airfare, first-class hotels, accommodations in private homes with cast members in Oberammergau, most meals, admission tickets for the Passion Play, the services of a professional tour director, and sightseeing in a deluxe motor coach. Pastor Doug calls the trip "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity." "The villagers of Oberammergau, Germany first performed the Passion Play in 1634 in fulfillment of their promise to God for sparing them from the Black Plague, and it has been presented there every ten years since then," he said. "I've hosted six tours over the past 12 years with the 2000 Oberammergau tour being one of my favorites."

For more information, or to secure your reservation, call (440) 845-2060, or e-mail [divinitychurch1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:divinitychurch1@sbcglobal.net).

There will be a luncheon at 2:00 p.m. prior to the concert at 4:00 p.m. Tickets for the concert and luncheon combo are now on sale



## Arts in Action

On October 18<sup>th</sup> Divinity will host the third annual high school/Tri-C choral concert. This year's event will feature portions of **Felix Mendelssohn's "Elijah"**. The concert will begin at 3:00 p.m. and will include

individual pieces by each of the three high schools and Tri-C's chorale. This year a freewill offering will be taken with a portion going to the Arts in Action Scholarship Fund.

The courtyard "Tribute to **all** cancer victims living and deceased" is moving ahead. Plans are for the project to be completed by our first event the benefit concert by **Clifford Smith** on Sunday afternoon November 29<sup>th</sup>. This concert is being promoted as being dedicated to all cancer victims.

There will be a luncheon at 2 p.m. prior to the concert at 4 p.m. tickets for the concert and luncheon combo are now on sale through November 22 or whenever the tickets sell out, tickets for the concert only will continue up to the time of the concert. Cost for the luncheon and concert combined will be \$25.00 and for the concert alone \$15.00. Advanced sale tickets for both the luncheon and concert will be open to the general public. It is advised that the combination tickets be purchased early.

The next concert will be in January by **Tangled Blue**. They will present a concert followed by a coffee house discussion and music session following the concert. They will also provide the music for all three services that weekend. This talented couple made a great impression on many of the Divinity family last year and we have had many requests to invite them back.

Since the timing for this concert will have followed the holiday season and a major drain on the pantry and hunger centers, **Arts in Action** is asking that everyone bring a canned good or a donation for the pantry and hunger centers to any of the three services or to the concert on the evening of January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Both events, **Clifford Smith & Tangled Blue**, will require congregational support in time and talents. These events are a great example of community outreach. There will be

a need for luncheon set-up and tear down, kitchen help and concert preparation, greeters and ushers. It has been requested that we fill the sanctuary for the Clifford Smith concert in support of the victims of cancer, will you be there? This would be a great time to bring a friend or a few friends.

**Matthew: 5:19 "And he said unto them, follow me and I will make you fishers of men."**

### Scheduled Events

**Third Annual  
Tri-C/High School  
Choral Concert  
October 18 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Clifford Smith Benefit Concert  
And Luncheon  
November 29  
Luncheon: 2:00 p.m.  
Concert: 4:00 p.m.**



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August 2009

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## 2009 Fall Events

**October 4; 12:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Fall Festival and Benefit Auction**  
Camp Mowana, Mansfield

**October 11; 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Apple Butter Festival and Silent Auction**  
Lutheran Memorial Camp, Fulton

For details on these events and more please contact the camp directly. Thank you and see you soon.



### **Diving Deep – Women's Spirituality**

October 2 – 4, 2009 at Lutheran Memorial Camp  
or February 5 – 7, 2010 at Camp Mowana  
Led by Pastor Karen Thompson, Bowling Green.  
Visit [www.lomocamps.org](http://www.lomocamps.org) for more information.

How to Reach Us...  
Camp Luther 440-224-2196  
Camp Mowana 419-589-7406  
LMC 419-864-8030  
LOMO Outreach 614-890-2267  
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Treating Sleep  
Apnea  
It Could Save Your  
Life

What's it like to feel rested when you wake up in the morning? You haven't felt like that way in years and you just chalked it up to getting older. Your wife says you snore . . . a lot and loudly. Yet, you do not recall any of this.

The explanation may be obstructive sleep apnea. Left untreated, this nighttime breathing disorder not only causes ongoing sleepiness, but also can contribute to cardiovascular problems and possibly sudden death.

Once the condition is identified, treatment for obstructive apnea can be very effective, ranging from simple life style changes to specialized breathing mask or even surgery.

Obstructive sleep apnea is by far the most common type of sleep apnea. It occurs when muscles at the back of the throat relax and obstruct air flow. This pattern of obstructive breathing may eventually rouse you from sleep in order to restore normal breathing.

Risks of sleep apnea may be due to many factors: excess weight, high blood pressure, and substance abuse such as alcohol, sedatives or tranquilizers; also, smoking and chronic nasal congestion.

The most common signs may include waking up and feeling un-refreshed, being excessively sleepy, morning headaches, and startled awakening with shortness of breath.

If you experience any of these, it is probably a good idea to talk to your doctor. He alone can evaluate your symptoms and help you with a course of action or perhaps refer you to a sleep specialist. There are any number of appliances and machines available today for controlling this problem.

. . . **Noreen Patterson, LPN**  
**Parish Health Ministry**



## Make It Simple

This year our stewardship program is entitled "Make It Simple." We will focus on four weekly themes beginning on Sunday, October 4. The themes are:

- Make It Simple: Following Jesus
- Make It Simple: Facing the Truth
- Make It Simple: Acting Together
- Make It Simple: Sharing Enough

We ask that you attend church and hear what **Pastor Doug** has to say about these themes.

Also this year when you receive your commitment card in the mail you will see a covenant card. Some ideas for the covenant card would be: attend church regularly, participate in Bible studies, commit to support outreach programs, etc.

When filling out your commitment card we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your giving by 1%. Some of you will say that this is impossible with our economy the way it is. But be creative. Think how you can give an extra \$.50 cents or \$1 or more each week. For example, if you stop to buy coffee on your way to work don't do it one day a week and give that money to church. Wow! What an increase that would be.

Sunday, October 25 will be "Make It Simple" Commitment Sunday. Please bring your commitment card and covenant card to church. (We will have some in your bulletin if you forget.)

. . . **Mary Ann Filipow**  
**Co-Director Board of Stewardship**



My name is **Kip Kanya** and I attended an Ohio Men's Via de Cristo weekend in April of 1998. For this month's Digest I am blessed with the opportunity to write about the Via de

Cristo weekend experience. Some of you might recall **Jim Deily** talking to you about his experience on a Via de Cristo weekend and a little about the history of the Via de Cristo and, you may have read some of the other Digest articles written by people who have attended a Via de Cristo week-end. I think more articles will be featured because we (the Via de Cristo Family) really want to share this experience with you. Today I would like to talk about the Via de Cristo weekend experience but more importantly I want to talk about your personal relationship with God and how that can be affected by a Via de Cristo weekend.

Have you ever noticed how busy we are in our lives and how we often are too busy to even notice when God is calling us.

Throughout the Bible we hear of the ~ prophets going off to be alone to pray, and Jesus new the value of taking special time to be off by Himself to be alone with God. I ask you to be honest with yourselves. When was the last time you took three days of your life and just focused on God? Be honest with yourself. For me the answer to this question before my Via de Cristo weekend was NEVER! I had never taken time like this in my life set apart just for God. Every time someone asked me to go on a retreat I always had a reason or an excuse not to go and believe me my family did ask; they asked for over seven years and at one point I think there was even a mention of kidnapping. It is difficult for me to admit this publicly but the real reason that I would not go on a retreat was that God was not that important to me in my life that I would give Him three days. I thought I was doing fine on my own and I believed in God as long as *He* did not interfere with the really important things in my life like work, sporting events, car shows, movies, well you get the idea.

So what changed? Well, even when I decided to go on a weekend it was not to spend time with God, rather I thought if I went on the weekend finally everyone will stop

bothering me and I would never hear the words retreat or Via de Cristo again. Then it happened; during the three days of the Via de Cristo weekend I finally had a chance to stop and listen to what God had been gently whispering in my ear for my entire life. I realized that God was with me in every step of my life just as He is with each and every one of you in your lives; all you have to do is take the time to listen. I could tell you all about my experience and the things I discovered on my weekend but each of your experiences will be unique just as each of your relationships with God is unique. But, I think it's safe to say that given the fact that it has been over eleven years since my weekend and I am still talking about my Via de Cristo weekend it was a Mountain Top Experience for me. So back to my original question "What changed"? What changed was a small decision I made to spend time with God studying His word, praying, communing, and talking with other Christians to learn more about God; to go on a Via de Cristo weekend.

So I ask each and every one of you what is important to you. Examine your thoughts, your attitudes, and your aspirations. Have you truly put God first, or is God only there when it is convenient? Could you have found 5 minutes to pray for someone? Could you have taken an extra moment to help someone in need? Could you find three days in your life to devote solely to listening to God? Could you attend a Via de Cristo weekend? If you were wondering what Via de Cristo is, I urge you not to focus on the meaning of the name Via de Cristo or the traditions of the Via de Cristo because there are other retreats that are just as good, most religions have them, such as the Catholic Cursillo and Cum Christo, and the Methodist Walk to Emmaus just to name a few, Via de Cristo is just the Lutheran expression of the 3 day retreat. My hope and my prayer is that you take a moment and listen to God's voice and focus on going on a 3 day retreat weekend so that you may know the joy of spending time with other Christians who struggle with many of the same problems that you face each day in your own lives and most importantly you spend time with God just taking the time to listen. The results will amaze you! It changed my life forever!

The Via de Cristo weekend is a safe haven to explore your Christianity. You will not be pressured to say or do anything that you do not want to. You can participate as much or as little as you want. The weekend is not a Bible study. In fact you do not even need to bring a Bible. Bibles will be made available to you if you would like to look something up. You will hear talks mostly from lay people just like you and me, and a few talks from clergy. After the talks everyone will have a chance to discuss what was said and what it means to you in your life. There are no right or wrong answers, that's why we say each weekend experience is unique, no two are the same just as no two people are the same. During the weekend the team members will try to anticipate your every need. You will eat very well, sing, draw posters, tell jokes, and have lots of fun. Yes, nobody said being a Christian had to be dull and dreary. Christians can have fun, too. In short you will have an enjoyable time in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. If you are worried about the cost of the weekend you need not worry. Your weekend has already been paid for by others who have attended a weekend before you. If you are worried about getting to the weekend don't, someone from the Via de Cristo movement will pick you up, drive you to the weekend, and bring you home at the end of the weekend. In this day and age this is about as stress free as it gets.

In closing I would like each and every one of you to stop and take a moment to think about what I have said. Of all the things that we own, what will last forever? What can we take with us to heaven? There is only one thing I know of that we can take with us and that is our relationships. I have never heard of an inscription on a tombstone saying "I wish I had spent more time at the office" but I have talked to many people who have expressed regret at not spending more time on their relationships. Please consider attending a Via de Cristo weekend now, don't wait for tomorrow, don't make the mistake I made and wait seven years. God is ready to meet you right now and He will take you just as you are. Isn't your relationship with God worth three short days here on earth?

*Prayer: Lord of my life, I know that my life is not my own. By your death and resurrection*

*you made me your own. Help me to live under your direction, always ready to hear the call "Follow Me;" always aware of your presence; always knowing that I have received the gift of your spirit; always living so that others may receive your love and mercy through me.*

*... Kip Kanya*

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## Thrivent Financial for Lutherans South Cuyahoga Chapter Elections.

Thrivent Financial members, please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Thrivent Financial Election & Dinner, October 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 at Divinity Lutheran Church, 11877 Blossom Ave., Parma Hts., OH 44130. This year, our theme is "Lending a Helping Hand to our Fellow Man". There will be a Chicken Marsala dinner served from 4:30-6:30pm. During this time we also will have the Elections of Chapter Board members, and gift baskets that will be raffled off, with all proceeds going to the men's shelter at 2100 Lakeside Ave. Following the dinner and election the "One Accord Gospel Group" will perform. There is no cost for the dinner or entertainment, and there is a 24 hour reservation line available at 440-954-4157 (follow the prompts) so it is easy to confirm how many will be attending.

There are 19 churches that are part of the South Cuyahoga Chapter and Thrivent Financial, as a fraternal organization, does so much to assist these churches through "Care Abounds" and "Care in the Congregation" with financial assistance and support for community and congregational projects. This is all possible through your Thrivent Financial membership.

The Thrivent Financial South Cuyahoga Chapter does have a few positions that are vacant on the Board. If you or someone you know in your congregation, would be interested in one of these volunteer positions, or in learning more about how you can be involved with Thrivent Financial and all we do, please call Doug Schuster, 440-785-7017, or ask to attend one of our monthly dinner meetings to find out for yourself. Look forward to seeing you at Divinity Lutheran on October 17.

*... Doug Schuster  
TSCC, VP*



Youth in the Digest!

The Sr. High Youth here at Divinity are a month into this year's activities and already they have been involved in several activities in which they are discovering new and interesting ways to glorify God,

acknowledge His presence, and be intentional about serving Him. Check it out!

**September 13** – a group of the Sr. High Youth worked alongside the Confirmation Youth in an effort to properly sort and label clothes donated to Redeemer during Clothe-A-Child Sunday. It was also fun for some of the Sr. High Youth to visit with their friends still going through Confirmation.

**September 27** – the youth who traveled to New Orleans witnessed to the congregation during their group presentation.

**September 30** – Set-up for the Rummage Sale begins! Be sure to drop by with your gently used items and/or stick around to help unpack and organize for a bit!

**October 1 and 2** – The youth and their families will be raising funds at the Fall Rummage Sale for their yearly functions and activities. We need a minimum of five volunteers for each of these two days.

**October 17** – The Sr. High Youth will volunteer to serve the meal at the Thrivent for Lutherans Annual Meeting and Elections.



I wish to thank all of Divinity's family that took the time to call, visited and sent cards while I was confined at Southwest as well as being held in prayers. You are much appreciated and a blessing to me. Thanks

**Pastor Doug** for the many visits during those two weeks. What a surprise the day **Pastor Doug** visited and presented me with a Prayer Shawl from one of **Loretta's** many faithful knitters. This was truly unexpected but a welcomed occasion. Thank you so much to all the wonderful women doing this service at Divinity. The shawl will be cherished. It truly is a blessing. Thank you Loretta for continuing this outreach ministry for the confined and homebound. God bless.

... **Bob Mims**

Dear Pastor Doug and Divinity Family,

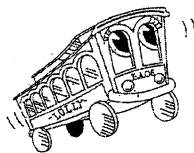
I want to thank you for the many visits and prayers during my recent stay in the hospital. The prayers certainly are seeing us through some difficult times. The Prayer Shawl has been a constant comfort. Pearl Crossing is going to be our new home. Thanks to everyone at Divinity for their love and concern. In Christ,

... **Alice Radefeld (and Al too!)**

Dear friends in Christ,

I would just like to express my heartfelt thank yous for all of your prayers, thoughts, support and attendance at the Max and Erma's fundraiser. Your prayers have all worked as I am doing wonderfully and am enjoying a fantastic summer with my family and friends. I am back to work and have not felt this good in years. I am humbled by all of your support and know I will never forget all that you have done. Yours in Christ,

... **Jason Stitt**



You're invited to the  
**2009 Lutheran Agencies  
Organized in Service  
Trolley Tour**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2009  
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Witness Cleveland's Lutheran  
social ministry in action at:

- Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center
- MetroHealth Senior Health & Wellness Center
- Lutheran Family Services
- 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter
- Youth Re-Entry Program
- Lutheran Hospital
- Redeemer Crisis Center

And a presentation about Community Housing Solutions  
foreclosure prevention program

Meet at Lutheran Hospital  
in the Castele Learning Center  
1730 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street

**FREE PARKING** in secured lot on  
N.W. corner of West 28<sup>th</sup> & Franklin

*Faithful Servant* and  
*Faithful Congregation Awards*  
presented during lunch  
Lunch provided ~ Free will offering

**RSVP to 216-771-8110 (24 hrs./day)**

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



October, 2009

**Sunday, October 4, 2009 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

	<b><u>9:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>11:00 a.m.</u></b>
Head Usher	Dennis Miller	Dan Bemer
Assisting Minister	Darryl Tinay	Kip Kanya
Lector	Lana Gray	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Jeremy Landrau	Mark Ackerman
Lay Assistants	Judy Jacobson	Lyn Ziebro
	Judy Junker	Sandy Cramer
Wine Steward	Leslie Crowe	Karen Hopp
Welcome Center	Ethel Horvath	Dorothy Olson
Nursery Attendant	Kolk Family	Karen Hearld
Grace Prayer Team: Mary Paul, Marty Hof		
Communion Bread: Jackie Difford		

**Sunday, October 11, 2009 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Head Usher	Don Hartwick	Ed Pabst
Assisting Minister	Marilyn Sesock	Jill Heise
Lector	Judy Jacobson	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Paige Grey	Brian Berry
Children's Sermon	Senior High Youth	Senior High Youth
Welcome Center	Marty Hof	Dianne Mims
Nursery Attendant	Elaine Quint	Richter Family
Grace Prayer Team: Judy Junker, Fay Maldari		

**Sunday, October 18, 2009 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Head Usher	Dave Boxler	Doug Smith
Assisting Minister	Jim Deily	Ken Spanagel
Lector	Paul Klemme	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Steven Newbould	Tiffany Lisy
Lay Assistants	Marty Hof	Loretta Cross
	Leslie Crowe	Joan Pratt
Wine Steward	Linda Engelhart	Joyce Tallman
Welcome Center	Jan Jasko	Judy Votava
Nursery Attendant	Carolyn Aquilia	Sue Marko
Grace Prayer Team: Leslie Crowe, Jerry Crowe		
Communion Bread: Linda Engelhart		

**Sunday, October 25, 2009 – Reformation Sunday**

Head Usher	Dennis Miller	Dan Bemer
Assisting Minister	Joyce Tallman	Ken Spanagel
Lector	Fay Maldari	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Chris Panico	Megan Desmond
Children's Sermon	Senior High Youth	Senior High Youth
Welcome Center	Suzanne LaPerna	Doris Tuhacek
Nursery Attendant	Ethel Horvath	Sharon Massaroni
Grace Prayer Team: Loretta Cross, Marilyn Sesock		