

**July Bible
Study Plan**

July 1, 2018 ~

Pentecost 6

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 8, 2018 ~

Pentecost 7

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 15, 2018 ~

Pentecost 8

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 22, 2018 ~

Pentecost 9

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29, 2018 ~

Pentecost 10

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Augustana News

July 2018



Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all!
By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.

~John Dickinson

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Greetings in Christ,

Pastor's Page

Author John Galsworthy wrote, "Beginnings are always messy." For us, as the people of God, that means that we get to share extra portions of grace and forgiveness with one another – all the time, but especially at a beginning.

And this marks a beginning and an end. For 27 years, you have read Pastor Steve's thoughts in his monthly pastor letter, but for the next while, you will get to hear from me. I am grateful for the friendship and wisdom that Pastor Steve has shared with me in my 4 years here in Elkhart. I am grateful for his willingness to help with the beginning, messy steps of shaping the future of Augustana and Grace, too. I am grateful for the opportunity on his last Sunday, June 17th, to stand and watch the tears and sincere appreciation that the people of Augustana showed to Pastor Steve as he ended his ministry here.

As I begin to serve alongside of you, and as the congregations of Grace and Augustana enter into a period of discernment of what God has done, what God is doing, and where God is leading, I thought I should introduce myself. I am Pastor Dan Forehand, child of God, husband of Kim, father of Naomi, and lover of the outdoors, hiking, golfing, and snow. I grew up in Daytona Beach, Florida, and my family still lives in Florida and Georgia. I graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in May 2014 and began serving as Pastor/Redeveloper at Grace in June 2014.

The most life-giving parts of serving as a pastor for me are the opportunities to lead worship, preaching, teaching, building relationships, and equipping and empowering the people of God to

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go out into the world to share their faith and to use their gifts for the kingdom of God. I tend to be more of a morning person, than a night owl and enjoy a good cup of coffee.

As we begin this time together, my goal is for all of us to have opportunities and space to celebrate and give thanks for the ministry led by Pastor Steve, to begin to look inward and examine where Augustana and Grace have been, and to listen deeply for the voice of God leading us, guiding us, supporting us, and walking alongside of us.

I know that beginnings are messy. And so are middles. And so are ends. May we joyfully and courageously jump into the messy moments and trust that God is here – wading through the muck alongside of us. I am looking forward to building new relationships with those of you I have not yet met and deepening the relationships with others. Please reach out and let me know how I can help. Please let me know your joys and struggles, your hopes and fears, and where you see God in the midst of all those pieces of life.

And we are off. Together. Trusting in God's promises even when it is messy.

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Dan

If you see life and people as being on loan to you, you can see all as gifts. It is not good to cling tightly to relationships or to hoard earthly treasures. Revere all that you have with gratitude, and hold everything in open hands.

During Prayer, open your hands and surrender all the important treasures and relationships of your life to God. Spend time expressing your gratitude to God for each gift and relationship.



from Stewardship July 2018

Time is an important part of stewardship. It is a gift from God, and the steward realizes that he or she will be held accountable for the way in which time is used while on earth. Once one recognizes the importance of the role of time, one begins to explore the many ways it can be used for God's work.

While most people complain about losing time, the Christian steward constantly finds time for God's work. And how about you? Do you find time for the work of God? Be a good steward and make the exciting discovery of time for yourself.

No matter how busy you think you are, you can find time if you try.

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Where God is doing new things

July 2018

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. *Isaiah 43:1-2, 5-7*

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” *Luke 4:16-21*

This is an excerpt of Bishop Gafkjen’s sermon for the opening worship of this year’s synod assembly. The full text and an audio recording of the sermon may be accessed at <http://livingcommunion.blogspot.com>.



Friday morning, this past Friday morning, I was sitting on our deck off the back of our house working on this sermon. All of a sudden, a news helicopter flew over the house and that made me realize that the air was also filled with the sound of sirens.

Living where we live, I assumed that there must have been a car accident. We live near some major roads and, unfortunately, this happens with some frequency, so I set down my tablet and paused to pray for whoever was in that accident. As I was praying, a notification popped up on my phone to tell me that there had been a shooting at West Noblesville Middle School, fifteen minutes from our house. I knew then that all the commotion I had heard was first responders on their way to tend to those who were in need.

I was reminded immediately of Benton, Kentucky, another community in our synod, where this past January two students were killed and some eighteen injured at Marshall County High School in Benton, Kentucky. One of our congregations, St. Matthew by the Lake Lutheran Church, is in Benton.

Truth be told, I wept and prayed.

Then I did what any contemporary bishop does. I texted our pastor in Noblesville, Teri Ditslear, to offer her support and prayers. She responded as I knew she would. "I'm already at the high school." They had bused all the kids from the middle school where the shooting had happened to the high school and Pastor Teri was there.

Thankfully, only two people were injured, and nobody was killed, in great measure because of the quick response of one of the teachers. Like Pastor Teri and the first responders and so many others who gathered with that community, who *entered* that community, who came up alongside those who were suffering – to bear their suffering, to offer whatever companionship they can offer, to offer them human touch, human presence – that's what the church does.

That's who we are. It's who we are called to be. It's who we are sent to be. It's why Jesus came. He said it in the temple that Sabbath day so long ago: "I'm here to set people free. I'm here to move into the lives of those who cannot see. I am here to proclaim release to the captives." And then, we saw him do it. Over and over and over again, Jesus went deep into the suffering of God's people, of all people, especially those whom others were not going to be with. "This is why I came," Jesus said.

By entering their suffering, entering *our* suffering, *our* trauma, *our* sin...by going deep into the ways in which we hurt and harm one another and break and shatter human community...by entering into the depth of it all, going all the way to Hell. And there, right there in the midst of it all, somehow, in the amazing wonder and grace of God that is a mystery beyond my comprehension, new life was born.

Jesus gathered it all up into his very self, into God's own self. Our suffering became God's suffering. And, wonder of wonders, wounded by that suffering himself, Jesus carried it all the way to the cross, entered the depth of death. I don't know exactly what happened during the next couple of days, but I do know this: on the other side of hell, Jesus left it all wrapped in a white linen on the floor of an empty tomb and rose up from the dead to offer new life to the world.

That's what Jesus does and it's what we do because we are Jesus people.

Hearts • Hands • Voices

July 23-26, 2018 • Valparaiso University

The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Lutheran Summer Music, invites you to a four-day skill-strengthening gathering for church musicians, pastors, and lay people at Valparaiso University from Monday, July 23 to Thursday, July 26, 2018.

At the core of the event are four group learning session blocks, each with multiple options. Full session descriptions are available on the ALCM website – www.alcm.org. A gifted faculty has been gathered who will lead the group learning sessions as well as a series of shorter Ted-talk-like presentations. They will be available for individual help as well. Registration is open, and inexpensive on-campus housing is still available. Come, join us!



2019 ELCA World Hunger Domestic Grants

The application for 2019 ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger Grants is NOW OPEN! Visit www.elca.org/domestichungergrants to learn more about the grants and how to apply. You are also invited to attend one of 2 webinars that will review the grant priorities and cover the basics of applying. Webinars will be June 19 @ 12 p.m. CDT/1:00 p.m. EDT and July 19 @ 7 p.m. CDT/8:00 p.m. EDT. Instructions for calling in can be found at the elca.org/domestichungergrants website.

If your congregation operates or is planning a hunger ministry that is TRANSFORMATIVE, HOLISTIC, and INTEGRATED, check out the web site to see if you might apply for a 3-year cycle award, with a maximum award amount of \$10,000 per year, contingent upon the completion of annual evaluations and fund availability. If you have plans, but are not yet ready to apply for funding, new applications are accepted annually.

For more information, contact the ELCA World Hunger Team at hunger@ELCA.org



Indiana-Kentucky Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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Present: *Pastor Steve, Brad & Amanda Ganczak, Deb Rowland, Janet Ermis, Brenda Miller, Doris Koontz, Bonnie Rice, Heidi Scupham, Randy Tinder and Kathy Nowak*

Pastor Steve opened with prayer.

Minutes from the last Council Meeting- Brad Ganczak asked if there were any questions or concerns on the minutes. Deb Rowland moved to accept the minutes, Janet Ermis seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Pledge/Giving report- Brad Ganczak asked if there were any questions or concerns on the report. Kathy Nowak noted that the balance of the Special Funds 2016-19 has falling below \$1,000.

Treasurer's report- Brad Ganczak asked if there were any questions or concerns on the Treasurer's report. Doris Koontz moved to accept both Pledge/Giving and Treasurer reports, Janet Ermis seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Pastor's report-

- Pastor Steve reported about attending meetings at Pathways with Pastor Dan. Grace has received a gift of \$30,000 that will be used towards Pathways help services that help churches make changes and come together. He talked about where things are going in the future, the holding pattern Augustana and Grace are in until he, Pastor Steve is gone. The plan is for the small groups to meet again in the fall. Also, Pastor Dan has agreed to teach confirmation classes. It was a good meeting, it was informative and a good starting point.
- Pastor Steve then thanked Bonnie, Janet, Diane Erickson, and all who helped to put together last Sunday's celebration.

Finance Committee – Bonnie Rice noted that there was nothing new to report at this time.

Stewardship Committee – John Metz was not present to report, but it was noted that the committee won't be meeting until fall.

Parish Education Committee – John Metz was not present to report.

Worship & Music Committee – AJ Diller was not present to report, but it was noted that the committee has not met since May, but have liturgies and hymns planned through August.

Social Ministry & Evangelism Committee – Deb Rowland noted that there was nothing new to report at this time.

Endowment Committee – Brenda Miller reported that they should be meeting in August for fall semester scholarships.

Memorial Committee – Janet Ermis noted that there was nothing new to report at this time.

Property Committee – Brad Ganczak reported that he had received a quote from Midland for repairing the flat roof. It was suggested that Paul Fishbaugh funds be used, and Janet Ermis motioned that those funds be used, Bonnie Rice seconded, and a unanimous vote carried. Brad said he would contact Midland to get it on the schedule. Randy Tinder then said he would check with the insurance company to see if any of this was covered.

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Old Business:

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New Business:

*Pastor of Record Covenant between Pastor Dan and Augustana reviewed and signed by Brad Ganczak.

*Kathy Nowak noted the sinking storm drain in the parking lot. Brad Ganczak said he would look at it but thought he could repair it.

*Kathy Nowak brought up that another contact should be added to the NoBi list since Pastor Steve will be leaving. Doris Koontz said that she and Jerry would agree to be that contact.

*Doris then reported on the moving process of Paul Fishbaugh funds from Wells Fargo to Thrivent that will be complete this summer.

*Janet Ermis reported on the Synod Assembly that she and Dave attended in Fort Wayne. She noted that she was very happy that they went. She also talked about the youth program that was going on also, she said there were about 70 kids there.

Brad Ganczak motioned to adjourn, Deb Rowland seconded. A unanimous in favor carried.

Pastor Steve closed with devotions.



After 50 years as the church organist, Gladys made a genuine effort to adjust to the new worship format.

Hymns for People Over 50

Give Me the Old Timers Religion

Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up

Just a Slower Walk with Thee

Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up

Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing

Guide Me O Thou Great Lord God, I've Forgotten Where I Parked
The Car

Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One By One

Blessed Insurance

It Is Well With My Soul,
But My Knees Hurt

Christian One Liners

Nutrition - The best vitamin for a Christian is B1

Yummy - Try our Sundays. They are better
then Baskin-Robbins's.

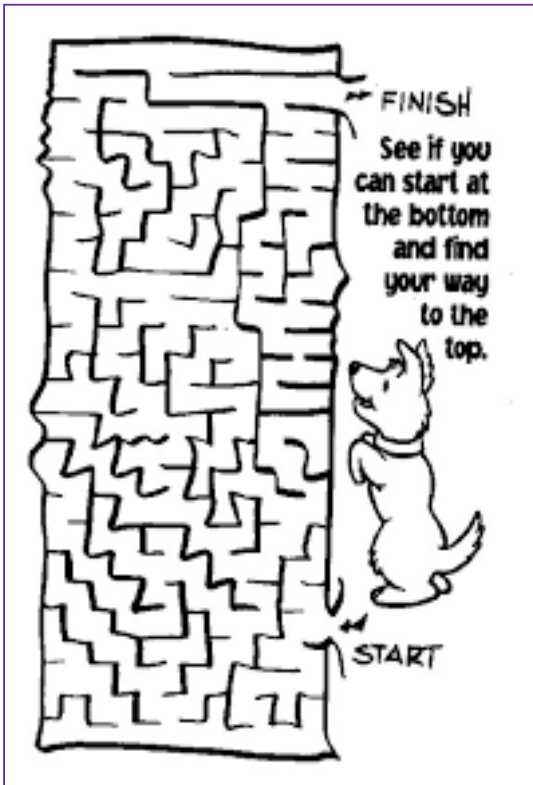
The Boss - Under the same
management for over
2,000 years.

Prayer - God answers Knee-Mail.

GIGGLES



KID'S PAGE



Q: What do you call a pig that knows karate?

A: A pork chop!

Q: What animal needs to wear a wig?

A: A bald eagle!

Q: Why are ghosts bad liars?

A: Because you can see right through them!

Q: Why do bees have sticky hair?

A: Because they use honey combs!

Q: What do you call an alligator in a vest?

A: An investigator!

Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A: A gummy bear!

July Craft- DIY Windsocks

*This windsock is made of recycled materials, making
This craft easy, inexpensive... and waterproof!*

Materials Needed:

- scissors
- string
- plastic grocery bags
- an empty soda bottle



Step 1: Cut a ring from the soda bottle body about 1/3 the size of the bottle, taking off the bottom and neck. (Note: The edges may be a little sharp, so use caution.)

Step 2: Cut 1" wide strips out of the plastic bags. If you have colored bags, you can use a variety to make your windsock multicolored.

Step 3: Fold each strip in half and thread the folded end through the soda bottle ring. You should have a loop on one side of the ring and the tails on the other.

Step 4: Thread the tails of the plastic strip through the loop and pull gently. Repeat with all of your plastic strips until the soda bottle ring is completely covered. **Step 5:** Tightly tie each end of the string around the soda bottle ring and use the loose middle to hang your windsock on any hook. Hang securely and enjoy on a windy day!

New Address for
Pastor Steve and Carol:
Steve & Carol Reshan
9479 Blue Lake Rd
Hazelhurst, WI 54531

Year-to-Date
Noisy Offering:
\$569.27



Church News

Sunday mornings after
services, join us for
coffee hour!



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KEEP
CALM
AND
FOLLOW
JESUS

Important Dates

Wednesdays, July 11th and 25th ~ Worship at Grace
4pm

Tuesday, July 17th, Wednesday, July 18th, Thursday,
July 26th and Friday, July 27th ~ Pastor Dan will be
out of town

Sunday, July 22nd ~ Hymn Selection Committee
meets after Worship Service



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Grace/Augustana
Men's Breakfast
Saturday, July 14th at 8:30am
at Perkin's Restaurant

NO
Breakfast
Club in July



Enjoy the 4th
of July
Holiday!

Kate Fann Contact Information

To send notes of encouragement and support
to Kate Fann, her SUMMER address is:

Kate Fann
7898 W Stony Lake Rd.
New Era, MI 49446

Special Funds 2016-19 Status

[as of 6/24/2018]

(Total Cost of Renovation: \$45,000)

June 2018 <u>beginning</u> balance: \$43,811.34	June 2018 <u>ending</u> balance: \$44,106.34
Total June Pledges: \$62.32	Total June Giving: \$295.00

Special Funds 2016-19 Loan Status

(Loan from Parsonage Fund)

Total Original Loan Amount: \$35,000.00	Total Pay-off Balance Amount (as of 6/24/18): \$890.00
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Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget Requirement

Fiscal Year-to-Date Offerings to General Fund

[as of 6/24/2018]

\$76,620.65	\$67,736.83
June Monthly Budget	June Offerings to General Fund [as of 6/24/2018]
\$14,875.98	\$12,759.00
June Weekly Budget	June Average Weekly Attendance
\$3,719.00	90

[Fiscal Year runs Feb.1 thru Jan. 31]

Congregation Care Corner



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



July Anniversaries
Richard & Mary Lou Cassel 7/2
Steve & Carol Reshan 7/17
Mike & Linda Hickman 7/20
Michael & Julie Knepper 7/20
Mark & Emily Moyer 7/20
Ed & Janie Williams 7/21



July Birthdays
 Gina Iannarelli 7/4
 Sr. Nora Frost 7/5
 Erika Kindy 7/12
 Kate Fann 7/12
 Jeanne Doyle 7/14
 Jerry Koontz 7/15
 Pastor Steve Reshan 7/15
 Leonard Kibiloski 7/17
 Amanda Ganczak 7/18
 Maralee Macumber 7/20
 Christine Mills 7/23
 Kady Miller 7/23
 Carl Gugel 7/25



Pray WITHOUT CEASING

Prayer List

Russ & Pauline Anderson;
 Jim & Judy Bower; Christy
 Bradley; Dick & Mary Cassel;
 Jeff Caton; Ann Checkley; Rich Cliett; Elaine
 Conley; Tyler Conley; Cindy Creighton; Iris
 Curras; Gary & Cathy Davis; Barbara Dills;
 Christopher Dudley; Sister Nora Frost; Amy Garl;
 Jacquie Guest; Daryl & Vicki Hickman; Matt
 Hickman; Howard Holmes; Gina Iannarelli; Betty
 Iavagnilio; Stephanie Iavagnilio; Betty Johnson;
 Jared Kauffman; Sadie Knepper; Gayle Mallon;
 Diane Mann; Amy Miller; Kathy Miller; Marie
 Moberg, Janet Moyer; Gretta Peterson; Leah
 Reshan; Wini Rogers; Jean & Harry Rombke; Jim
 Schenb; Juanita Schumaker; Thom Swanson;
 Debra Trapp; Gene Williamson

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To add someone's name you may email requests to secretary@augustana.comcastbiz.net or drop off new requests to the church office.

Altar Flowers for July



Sunday, July 8

*In memory of Thom & Charlotte Garl's
 Wedding Anniversary - from Terry & Kathy Garl*

The Sundays of July 15th, 22nd and 29th are still available

Notice:

Beginning in January 2018 the sign up sheet for the altar flowers will be in the church office. To schedule altar flowers please contact Kathy in the office, or drop off an envelope with requested date and payment.

Payment will be required before altar flowers are ordered. Sorry for any inconvenience. Thank you.

Assisting Minister:

Maralee Macumber

Communion Assistant:

Bonnie Rice

Altar Guild:

Brenda Miller & Nancy Tinder

Coffee Hostess:

Diane Erickson & Brenda Miller

Counter:

Janet Ermis

July 1, 2018 – Pentecost 6

Greeters: Ron Johnson & Gunnar Erickson

Ushers: Lynn Winters & Christine Jeffirs

Server: Olivia Knepper

Lector: Heidi Scupham

Nursery: Julie Knepper

Sound: Chuck Miller

July 8, 2018 – Pentecost 7

Greeters: Brad & Amanda Ganczak

Ushers: Scott & Melanie Watson

Server: Liam Peterson

Lector: Nancy Tinder

Nursery: Emily Moyer

Sound: Mark Moyer

Reminder: If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement – and let the church office know who the replacement is. Contact information:

secretary@augustana.comcastbiz.net or 574.294.3823.

Thank you.

JULY 2018 SERVER'S SCHEDULE



*“Liberty is the
breath of life
to nations.”*

*-George
Bernard Shaw*

July 15, 2018 – Pentecost 8

Greeters: Mike & Linda Iavagnilio

Ushers: Ron Johnson & Art Senne

Server: Jack Watson

Lector: Lynn Winters

Nursery: Christine Jeffirs

Sound: Keith Johnson

July 22, 2018 – Pentecost 9

Greeters: Don & Dee Smith

Ushers: Emily Moyer & Jillian Scupham

Server: Lilly Ganczak, Dorothy Moyer

Lector: Jerry Duck

Nursery: Judy Duck

Sound: Mark Moyer

July 29, 2018 – Pentecost 10

Greeters: Ed & Janie Williams

Ushers: Brenda Miller & Deb Rowland

Server: Reese Metz

Lector: Sr Nora Frost

Nursery: Nancy Tinder

Sound: Chuck Miller



For you have been called to live
in freedom...use your freedom to
serve one another in love.

~Galatians 5:13

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pentecost 6 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9AM-Worship at Grace 11AM-Worship ~Noisy Offering- After Service: BP Checks, Coffee Hour	5PM-Monday Night Meals		Independence Day **** Church Office Closed (NO Breakfast Club in July)			
Pentecost 7 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9AM-Worship at Grace 11AM-Worship After Service: Coffee Hour	5PM-Monday Night Meals		4PM-Worship at Grace			8:30AM- Grace/Augustana Men's Breakfast at Perkin's
Pentecost 8 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9AM-Worship at Grace 11AM-Worship ~Noisy Offering~ After Service: Coffee Hour	5PM-Monday Night Meals	Pastor Dan out of town	Pastor Dan out of town			
Pentecost 9 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9AM-Worship at Grace 11AM-Worship After Service: Hymn Selection Committee Meets , Coffee Hour	5PM-Monday Night Meals		4PM-Worship at Grace	Pastor Dan out of town	Pastor Dan out of town	
Pentecost 10 29	30	31	Remember <u>New Summer Service Times</u> Grace Lutheran 9am Augustana Lutheran 11am			
9AM-Worship at Grace 11AM-Worship After Service: Coffee Hour	5PM-Monday Night Meals					

July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00am Grace worship 10:00am Fellowship 11:00am Augustana worship	2 10:00am Food Pantry	3 10:00am Food Pantry	4 4th of July Office closed	5 6:00 and 7:00pm softball	6 Church Office Closed	7
8 9:00am Grace worship 10:00am Fellowship 11:00am Augustana worship	9 7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew	10 10:00am Food Pantry	11 4:00pm Worship 6:30pm - OxBow 8:00pm AA	12 1:00pm Euchre @ Wirt's	13 Church Office Closed	14 8:30am Men in Mission Breakfast
15 9:00am Grace worship 10:00am Fellowship 11:00am Augustana worship	16 7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew 9:30am Clothing Room 7:00pm softball	17 10:00am Food Pantry	18 11:30am Table Talk @ Olive Garden 8:00pm AA	19 1:00pm Greeting Cards @ Wirt's	20 Church Office Closed	21
22 9:00am Grace worship 10:00am Fellowship 11:00am Augustana worship	23 7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew 7:00pm softball	24 10:00am Food Pantry	25 4:00pm Worship 8:00pm AA	26	27 Church Office Closed 6:00pm Grace Supper Club @ Stacy's	28
29 9:00am Grace worship 10:00am Fellowship 11:00am Augustana worship	30 7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew 7:00pm softball	31 10:00am Food Pantry				

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