



Augustana News

October 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of my favorite authors is Henri Nouwen who was a Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer, and theologian. His interests included psychology, spirituality, pastoral care, social justice, outreach, and community. He taught for 20 years at Notre Dame, Yale, and Harvard Divinity Schools and then abandoned it all to serve as the pastor for nine years with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities at L'Arche Daybreak Community outside of Toronto in Richmond Hill, Ontario. Residents and staff live and work together as family. L'Arche Daybreak is part of the International Federation which includes over 100 similar communities in over 30 countries. While attending the National Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, I was privileged to spend a day at this community. It was the year before Henri Nouwen took a sabbatical to do some writing; that same year, 1996, he died. However, before his death he wrote the following, "L'Arche reminds us that a worldwide movement of care for the poor and the oppressed can engender a new consciousness which transcends the boundaries of sex, religion, race, nation, and circumstances. Such a consciousness can give birth to a community which will celebrate our shared humanity; to sing a joyful song of praise to the God of love and to our Lord's ultimate victory of life over death." Being immersed in a mission experience like that day at L'Arche forced me to examine my life priorities. It brought before my eyes and, more importantly, my heart, the brokenness of our world. The experience of learning to look at those around us not as different, but rather as another precious and treasured child of God...no better and no worse than another...no more or less intelligent...no work or play greater than another; but rather to see them as brothers and sisters called to be together on the spiritual journey with each other and with God. Rich and poor, folks with various skin hues, male and female, married and single all together on the road together simply because God has planned it that way. In the gospel today from Mark chapter 9 the disciples are arguing about who is greatest. "Really?" says Jesus and he asks the disciples to look carefully at how we live and walk with the poor and needy. He asks us to consider how seriously we take God's command to witness to the Good News of Jesus in our life.

Our being Jesus disciples can only be defined by the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Our mission is to share the Gospel through proclaiming the Word in what we say and what we do. It means we take seriously what greatness means in our time, in our day, in the places we live our lives. It is greatness defined by the wonder and mystery of Christ not by human power or wisdom. It means that we look to God's grace, not our own accomplishments and efforts, to find worth, meaning, and purpose. Jesus asked his disciples, as he asks us, to share with others a future filled with hope, peace, and confidence. Living in this kind of community will not allow for fear, faithlessness, and fright. Rather it is about building up, sharing the possibilities, realizing

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Together:

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**Proclaim
Truth**

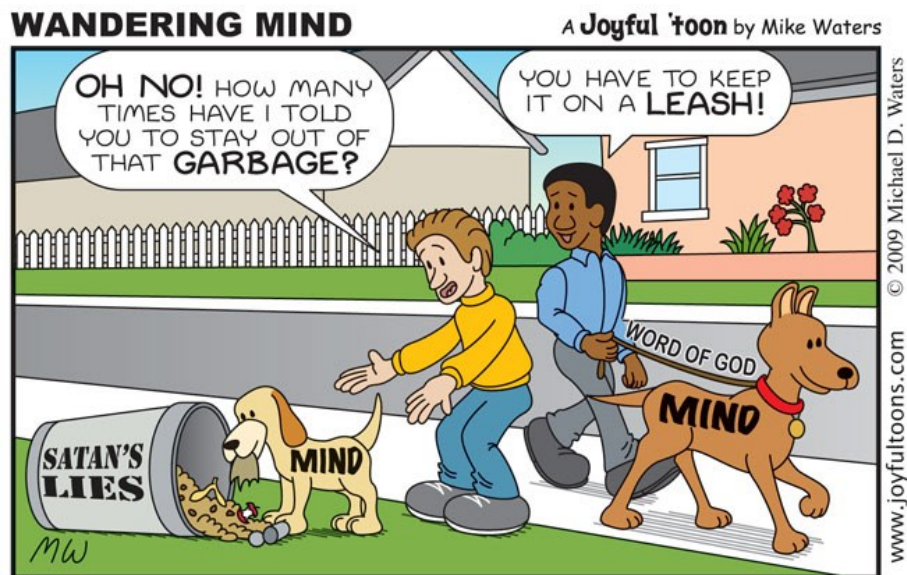
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**Welcome
All**

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that by ourselves we can do little, but together we can do anything. The reality which I observed in the L'Arche Community is that in the midst of our daily journey with others, God has promised to be with us unconditionally. You and I are called to proclaim the truth of the Gospel to others; remind them that they are never alone. Every day and each time we come together for food ministries, worship, book studies, game night, breakfast club, or even meetings we are called to stand in solidarity with, and to welcome into our midst, all who are marginalized, mistreated, lonely, or who feel clean cut off from the Body of Christ. Our example...the cross. The cross of Christ stands opposed to any ideology which proclaims that people can earn salvation through their own hard work or merit. Let us make a commitment...where we see need to take action; to use our gifts deliberately to be the people of God for others not simply for ourselves; to pray, study, discuss, confess, live faithfully, worship, serve, and love all people.

In Christ's service,
Sister Nora

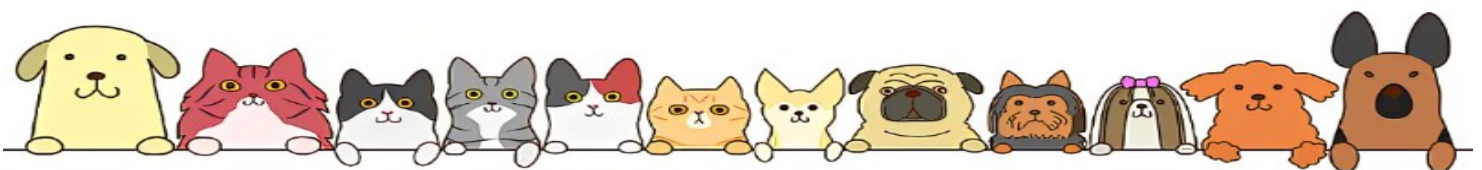


Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.
— DEUTERONOMY 11:18 NIV

The **Annual Pet Blessing Day** will take place

Saturday, October 5

8 - 10 AM at Grace ~ 10 AM - Noon at Augustana





October 6 - Pentecost 20	October 13 - Pentecost 21	October 20 - Pentecost 22	October 27 - Reformation Sunday
Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 St. Mark 10:2-16	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 St. Mark 10:17-31	Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 St. Mark 10:35-45	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 St. John 8:31-36

Pastoral Information

Sister Nora Frost, Interim Minister

Sister Nora's Office Hours

Monday 9AM – Noon ~ Augustana
 Tuesday, 9AM – Noon ~ Grace
 Wednesday, 9AM – Noon ~ Augustana
 Thursday, 9AM – Noon ~ Grace
 Friday, 9AM – 10:30AM ~ Grace
 10:30AM – Noon ~ Augustana

Saturday & Sunday ~ Call for an appointment.

There are meetings on some mornings, as well as Zoom meetings, so please call in advance to make sure that Sister Nora is in before coming.

Please Call the Church Office or Sister Nora Directly if You are Hospitalized or Having Surgery.

Pastoral care is a ministry of Pastors and Deacons and one of the ways healing can be offered to the body of Christ. It is important for you (or someone else if you are not able) to contact the Church office or Sister Nora directly. When we are sick, have had an accident or having surgery, we need not only physical healing but spiritual healing as well. These are times when your church family can be holding you in prayer which sometimes is the best and most important thing which we can do for each other.

PLEASE allow your Interim Minister and members of your church family be part of your healing process.



PRAYER LIST

Please contact us with updates, praises, & requests.

Health Concerns

Doris Koontz
 Jerry & Judy Duck
 Diane Erickson
 Sharon Butler
 Barbara Hillyer
 Deb Ludlow
 Ken Davis, Deb
 Rowland's son-in-law
 Fred Simmons
 Margaret Smith, Jerry &
 Judy Duck's Great
 Granddaughter
 Mrs. VanLue, Reading
 Program Teacher
 Gina Iannarelli
 Zach Havens, Nichole Metz'
 cousin's son
 Kathy Miller

Those who mourn

Juanita Schumaker and
 family who mourn her
 brother's death

Other concerns

Brian
 Stephanie
 Patricia A. Steele
 I-K Synod Staff
 Transition
 Victims of war, violence,
 natural disasters
 Bishop elect:
 Tim Graham
 Pioneer Faith Ministries
 Council & Call
 Committee
 Future Pastor

The first thing I want you to do is pray.
 Pray every way you know how,
 for everyone you know.
 Pray especially for rulers and
 their governments to rule well
 so we can be quietly about our business of
 living simply, in humble contemplation.
 ~ 1 Timothy 2:1-2 MSG

OCTOBER 2024 SERVER SCHEDULE

October 6 – Pentecost 20

Assisting Minister: Maralee Macumber

Lector: Maralee Macumber

Server: Leah Moyer

Technology Server: Mark Moyer

Ushers: The Watson Family

October 13 – Pentecost 21

Assisting Minister: Mark Moyer

Lector: Jerry Duck

Server:

Technology Server: Cayden Abner

Ushers: The Moyer Family

October 20 – Pentecost 22

Assisting Minister: Nancy Tinder

Lector: Nancy Tinder

Server: George Scupham

Technology Server: Mark Moyer

Ushers: Dave & Janet Ermis

October 27 – Reformation Sunday

Assisting Minister: Scott Watson

Lector: Melanie Watson

Server: Cayden Abner

Technology Server: Jack Watson

Ushers: Jerry & Judy Duck

October Altar Guild

Jerry & Doris Koontz

Please let the office know of any changes.



We need persons who are willing to serve as well as help live-stream Sunday morning worship. After the sound is turned on, you may use the iPad from your pew in the sanctuary. Please let Sister Nora know if you are so willing to serve in any capacity. Thank you.

October Altar Flowers



October 6 –

Given by Jerry & Judy Duck

In Celebration of their
63rd Wedding Anniversary

October 13 – Given by Brian & Stacy Fann

In Celebration of the Birthday
of their daughter-in-law, Leah Groeling Fann

October 20 – Given by Gina Iannarelli

In Honor of Tom Pavoni and
In Memory of Amy Miller

October 27 – Available

Please check the Altar Flower chart for openings to sign up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the remainder of the year. The easel is at the back of the pews. Choose your date and use the envelope provided for your \$25.

Thank you.

FIRST WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 9 AM
(Always the first Wednesday)

Meet at Perkins on Cassopolis Street.
Call Deb Rowland for reservations.

LAST THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, October 31 ~ Noon

Come and join your Augustana friends for lunch at the **Golden Egg Pancake House** on Nappanee Street across from the Drive and Shine Car wash. Bring a friend or neighbor with you. *Phone your reservation and the number coming to the church office by Wednesday, October 30.*



Octoberfest Game Night

For Augustana & Grace

Friday, October 18 ~ 5:30-8:00 PM
Grace Fellowship Hall

Bring a dish to pass.

**Games provided but welcome to bring your
favorite game with you.**

Questions? Contact Grace at 574-294-1951

Financial/ Attendance Report

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

**Information thru September 22, 2024

Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget Requirement	Fiscal Year-to-Date Actual Funds in General Fund
\$87,190.00	\$49,243.97
September Monthly Budget Requirement	September Actual Offering to General Fund
\$11,554.00	\$4,375.33
OCTOBER Weekly Amount Needed to meet Budget Requirement	Noisy Offering Fiscal Year-to-Date
\$2,959.50	\$222.00
September Average Sunday In-Person Attendance	September Average Sunday Facebook Attendance
26	37



The Word in Season

daily devotional booklets are now available for October, November, December 2024. Pick up your free copy at either entrance!

Approved Augustana Lutheran Church Council Minutes Highlights Of August 13, 2024

The minutes of the August 13, 2024, Council meeting were posted in the September Augustana News newsletter. The minutes from the September 10th Council meeting is slated to be approved at the October 21st meeting and will be reported in the November Augustana News newsletter. Note that the full approved minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside of the Fellowship Hall.



Augustana Annual Meeting & Consecration Sunday

**Date Set:
Sunday, November 3, 2024
10:15 AM**

Per our revised Augustana Constitution, the Annual Congregation Meeting will now take place in the 3rd Quarter of the calendar year:

“C10.01.01. ...shall be held in the third quarter of the calendar year and shall be for the purpose of electing members to the Congregation Council; to adopt the budget for the next calendar year; to discuss the congregation’s stewardship; to receive reports from the Council and its officers, rostered leaders, committees and organizations of the church; to conclude any unfinished business from a previous Congregation Meeting; or any other new business specified in the notice.”

We will fill out Time and Talent sheets at this meeting as well.

If you are a chair of any committee, hold an office, manage distributions, etc., please have your reports in by October 17th. The Packets will be distributed Sunday, October 27th.

We hope everyone will mark their calendars now and plan to attend.



THANK YOU'S



Thanks to everyone for your generous donations to the Milford Food Bank's Building Project Fund. A grand total of \$1,025.00 was received and given. What a great way of saying thank you to them for all they provide for us!

Thank you to those who helped serve the Church Community Service Soup of Success program on September 26. It was a success!



Thank you for your generous donations of school supplies. Because of you, here is a list of what we were able to pass along to students in need:

- 42 boxes - 24 count crayons
- 7 boxes - colored pencils
- 14 packages - pencils
- 6 packages - pens
- 8 - scissors
- 20 - erasers
- 3 - folders
- 18 - glue/glue sticks
- 25 - pencil sharpeners
- 1 - paper pad
- 4 - tissues
- 1 - ruler
- 1 box - Ziploc storage bags
- 3 packages - wipes
- 2 - back packs
- 2 - pencil boxes



Thank you for your help in making sandwiches and putting together lunch bags and a beverage for the hungry and homeless in our city on September 8. We served over 50 persons.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

3rd Wednesday of the month

at Augustana

6:30 PM ~ October 16

This is a quiet and reflective service with scripture, music, and a brief homily. It is a wonderful way to bring a hectic day to a close. The service is about 40 minutes in length. We welcome our vocal leader for this month: Diana Johnson Zornow.

Did you know???

- On September 4, we became the recipient of an I-K Synod Hunger Food Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00. This grant will help fund our God's Gift Food Pantry.
- Pathways Retreat, located at 309-1/2 Hackett Road in Goshen, has two reflection walks up in the woods in September and October: Stations of the Trees and a Hidden creature Trail. Registration is open for a variety of programs and reflection groups, including Zentangle meditative practice, an Enneagram Practice group, a climate change reflection group, and weekly yoga. Daily prayers are offered in-person and online. Learn more information at pathwaysretreat.org.



Looking Ahead

Sunday, November 3 - 10:15 AM - Augustana Annual Meeting
- All Saints' Day
- Consecration/Commitment Sunday

Pre-Advent Book Studies begin November 5 - See the chart on page 7 for details!

Saturday, November 9 - 8:30 AM - 1 PM - Grace Bazaar

November 22-25 - Sister Nora at Deaconess Annual Assembly

Fall & Pre-Advent Worship/Study Opportunities

Join us this fall and pre-advent season!

FALL: “Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others” by Barbara Brown Taylor
Cost of the book is \$8.00

In this book, Taylor continues her spiritual journey begun in her book “Leaving Church” of finding out what the world looks like after taking off her clergy collar. She contemplates the many ways other people and traditions encounter the transcendent, both by digging deeper into those traditions herself and by seeing them through her students’ eyes as she sets off with them on field trips to monasteries, temples, and mosques. Troubled and inspired by what she learns, Taylor returns to her own tradition for guidance, finding new meaning in old teachings that have too often been used to exclude religious strangers instead of embracing the divine challenges they present. The one constant is the sense that God is the one calling her to disown her version of God – a change that ultimately enriches her faith in other human beings and in God.

The author is a New York Times best-selling author, teacher, and Episcopal priest. This is her 14th book written in 2018.

Tuesdays at 1:30 PM Grace Lutheran Church	Chapters to Read	Thursdays at 6:30 PM Augustana Lutheran Church
October 1	4 - 6	October 3
October 8	7 - 9	October 10
October 15	10 - 12	October 17

PRE-ADVENT: “Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ”
by Timothy Keller
Cost of the book is \$9.00

Timothy Keller takes readers on an illuminating journey into the surprising background of the nativity. By understanding the message of hope and salvation within the Bible's account of Jesus' birth, readers will experience the redeeming power of God's grace in a deeper and more meaningful way.

The author was the founding pastor at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Manhattan. When he stepped down from there, he became the chairman and co-founder of Redeemer City to City which trains pastors for service around the world. He was renowned for his clear, reasoned approach to Christian apologetics.

Tuesdays at 1:30 PM Grace Lutheran Church	Thursdays at 6:30 PM Augustana Lutheran Church
November 5	November 7
November 12	November 14
November 19	November 21
November 26	*November 27 <i>*Note: This date is Wednesday.</i>

ELCA News ~ A note from Presiding Bishop Eaton

You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt
(Deuteronomy 10:19).

Dear church,

The recent national spotlight on Haitian immigrants in Springfield, Ohio, clearly has fanned flames of hate and stoked threats of violence. The rhetoric has created discord and mistrust of people who have already suffered civil unrest in their nation and been granted legal protection in the United States. History shows us that this kind of hatred often carries negative national and global consequences. Our church teaches that immigrants are children of God, made in God's image and worthy of respect and lives of dignity. God calls us to witness boldly to this truth when people tell dehumanizing lies that perpetuate racist tropes and support white supremacist narratives.

As people of faith, we and others look to God's command to "not bear false witness against your neighbor" (Exodus 20:16). Martin Luther explains: "We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light" (Martin Luther, Small Catechism, Eighth Commandment; *Book of Concord*, page 353).

Recognizing historic discriminatory policies and treatment of African descent immigrants, the ELCA has specific commitments to strengthen advocacy, protection and accompaniment of Black migrants. The ELCA participates in and promotes the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent. We stand in solidarity with the Haitian community in the United States. We pray alongside Bishop Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt and the Southern Ohio Synod, Wittenberg University and Springfield area congregations responding to hateful speech and threats of violence in their communities.

Please pray and take action to stop the spread of hate. As followers of Christ, we are called to love neighbors. Below are resources to support this call.

In peace,
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, ELCA

For more information and resources see:

[Explanation of the Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent](#)
[Advocate For and Protect Black Migrants - Social Policy Resolution CA22.01.09](#)
[A Message to the Southern Ohio Synod | Southern Ohio Synod](#)
[AMMPARO Migrant Ministry](#)
[ELCA Social Message on Immigration](#)

[Bishop Eaton addresses hate toward the Haitian community in Ohio - ELCA](#)

Saturday, October 12, 2:00 PM
The Installation Service for
Bishop-Elect Rev. Tim Graham
will be live-streamed.
Details will be shared
as we receive them!

Join us each Sunday morning
for Fellowship in the Narthex
before & after Worship.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday ~ 8AM-Noon
Tuesday ~ 10:30AM-1:30PM
Wednesday ~ 8AM-Noon
Thursday ~ 8AM-Noon
Friday ~ OFFICE CLOSED

GOD'S GIFT PANTRY

Sack of food & personal items
distribution every 2nd & 4th
Thursday of the month.

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Augustana Mission Statement:

As the Body of Christ,
we are called to Love All, Serve All, Welcome All.



Take-Along Page

Take this page with you to the grocery store
to help Augustana serve those in need.

220 People

Served in September

God's Gift Pantry Needs Your Help

Thursday, October 10, and **Thursday, October 24**, will be our next sack distributions.

Thank you to all who have brought items! We continue to serve more people each week, so your contributions are very much needed and appreciated! Please bring items to the church Sunday mornings or any time during the week during office hours, placing them in the barrels by the office. The following items are needed:

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| Canned chicken or tuna | Toothpaste & toothbrushes |
| Canned fruits & vegetables | Shampoo |
| Cereal & Oatmeal | Toilet Paper & Kleenex |
| Ritz or other crackers in sleeves | Dish Soap & Laundry Detergent (not pods) |
| Pork and Beans | Cleaning supplies |
| Boxes or bags of rice | |
| Boxed potatoes | *The following items are found at <u>Dollar Tree</u> : |
| Peanut Butter & Jelly | *Mac & Cheese with foil pack |
| Spaghetti or other pasta | *Boxed cereals (any size or kind) |
| Canned spaghetti sauce (red) - no glass jars | *Spaghetti-O's – pull top |
| Cake mixes and frosting | *Pork n' Beans & Dogs – pull top |
| Pudding - jello | *canned Kid meals |
| Cookies (individually wrapped) | *Bags or boxes of rice |
| Juice - no glass jars | *Dinty Moore Stew |
| Non-dairy milk | *Bags of beans |
| Cooking oil - butter | *Tuna |

Cans with pop-tops are preferred though we know many cans do not come that way.

October 2024

Sun

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<p>Join us each Sunday morning for Fellowship in the Narthex before & after worship.</p>		<p>1</p> <p>1:30 PM - Fall Book Study at Grace</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 AM-Breakfast Club at Perkins</p> <p>4 PM-Holy Communion at Grace</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 PM - Fall Book Study at Augustana</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pet Blessing Day 8-10 AM - Grace</p> <p>10 AM - Noon - Augustana</p>
		<p>6</p> <p>11 AM-Worship</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:30 PM - Fall Book Study at Grace</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Secretary Out of Office</p> <p>4 PM-Holy Communion at Grace</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10-11 AM-God's Gift Pantry</p> <p>6:30 PM - Fall Book Study at Augustana</p>
<p>13</p> <p>11 AM-Worship</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:45 AM-Noon - Ministerium Meeting at Grace</p> <p>1:30 PM - Last Fall Book Study at Grace</p>	<p>16</p> <p>4 PM-Holy Communion at Grace</p> <p>6:30 PM-Holden Evening Prayer</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 PM - Last Fall Book Study at Augustana</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30-8 PM- Octoberfest Game Night at Grace</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>11 AM-Worship Recognition of Medical & Health Professionals</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Secretary Out of Office</p> <p>6:30 PM-Joint Council Meeting at Grace</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Newsletter Articles Deadline</p>	<p>23</p> <p>4 PM-Holy Communion at Grace</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Annual Meeting Reports Deadline</p> <p>10-11 AM-God's Gift Pantry</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11 AM-1 PM-Blessing Bags Distribution</p> <p>6-8 PM-Pioneer Faith Youth Group</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>11 AM-Worship Reformation Sunday New Members Recognition & Baptisms</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>4 PM-Holy Communion at Grace</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Noon-Lunch Bunch at The Golden Egg</p>		