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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

01	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7 p.m.
01	Top Ten Bible Stories, 7 p.m.
03	Labyrinth Walk, Noon
03	Parenting Q&A, 9:30 a.m.
04	Budget Q&A
08	Vestry, 7 p.m.
08	Top Ten Bible Stories, 7 p.m.
11	Blessing of the Animals, 4 p.m.
12	Order Of St. Luke
15	Women's Book Club, 7:30 p.m.
15	Top Ten Bible Stories, 7 p.m.
16-17	Hesed House
18	Crop Walk, 1 p.m.
18	Stewardship Education, 3 p.m.
20	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m.
21	Soup Kitchen Precook, 7 p.m.
22	Soup Kitchen, 10 a.m.
22	Top Ten Bible Stories, 7 p.m.
25	Free Spaghetti Dinner, 5 p.m.
26	Order of St. Luke
29	Top Ten Bible Stories, 7 p.m.

Please submit articles to scenewsletter@sbcglobal.net before October 15 for inclusion in November's newsletter. Note that articles may be edited to fit.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18 <i>*Cont'd From 18 Below.</i> 10:15 a.m. Youth Formation / 10:45 a.m. Eucharist / 1 p.m. CROP Walk / 3 p.m. Steward- ship Education: Charles Brown / 5 p.m. Free Spaghetti Dinner				01 7 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry	02 9 a.m. Morning Prayer / 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon / 8 p.m. AA	03 8 a.m. AA / 9:30 a.m. Parenting Q&A / 10:30 a.m. Cleaning Service / Noon Labyrinth Walk
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OCTOBER SERVER SCHEDULE

	October 04	October 11	October 18	October 25	November 01
Eucharistic Ministers					
7:30 a.m.	Kathy Mertes Jerry Mertes	Michelle Moore Gib Moore	Jerry Mertes Carol Paschal	Kathy Mertes Michelle Moore	Diana Brown Doug Brown
10:45 a.m.	Katie Thomson Gary Meade	Holly Parks Jim Bachman	Becky Kruse Joe Ryan	Dick Hattan Beverly Nesbit	Katie Thomson Gary Meade
Lector					
7:30 a.m.	Alan Wolff	Kathy Mertes	Bill Johnson	Jack Kerr	Mary Kerr
10:45 a.m. 1 st	Jr. High	Joe Ryan	Jim Bachman	Dalia Bach	Sr. High
10:45 a.m. 2 nd	Jr. High	Annie Hollis	Mark Senn	Jan Bach	Sr. High
Ushers					
7:30 a.m.	Gerry Miles Larry Engel	Marina Morrow Gerry Miles	Kathy Mertes Larry Engel	Jack Kerr Bill Johnson	Jack Benning Fay Viverito
10:45 a.m.	Jr. High Jr. High	Jan Bach Katie Thomson	Tom Flood John Hollis	Wink Bangs Jeff Burnett	Senior High Senior High
Acolyte					
	Dillon Muggge	Emily Thomson	Andrew Schuetz	Sarah Ditch	Eoin Cottrell
Intercessor					
	Wendy Bangs	Kathy Heikkinen	Bo Smith	Dalia Bach	Wendy Bangs
Altar Bread					
	Dalia Bach	Katie Thomson	Jane Van Nortwick	Beverly Nesbit	Lisa-Ann Barnes
Greeter					
7:30 a.m.	Dorothy Payleitner	Diana Brown	Dorothy Payleitner	Jody Rullman	Dorothy Payleitner
9 a.m.	Janet Craft	Kathy Hari	Kerri Hildebrand	Janet Craft	Kathy Hari
10:45 a.m.	Jr. High	Wendy Bangs	Beverly Nesbit	Wendy Bangs	Sr. High
Coffee Hosts					
7:30 a.m.	Morrow			Women's Cursillo	
9 a.m.		Weiss	McDaid/Cottrell	Women's Cursillo	
10:45 a.m.	Kampf			Women's Cursillo	Lester
Home Eucharist					
	Brown (Wolff)	Graf (Craft)	Campbell (Rixleben)	Craft (Graf)	Rixleben (Campbell)
Closing					
	Mike Custer	Colin Campbell	Carol Townsend	Katie Thomson	Dick Hattan
Altar Guild					
	Jody Rullman Ann Mora	Carol Paschal Sarah Travis Annie Hollis	Dorothy Payleitner Barbara Bachman Diana Brown Maria Owen	Bernice Ludtke Jeanne DeVore Barbara Haase Sandy Parsons	Jody Rullman Ann Mora
Flower Guild					
	Liz Benning Jody Rullman	Carol Paschal Sarah Travis	Carol Paschal Sarah Travis	Dottie Finatri	Liz Benning Jody Rullman
Flower Dedication					
		Wolff Family	Barbara Ross	Haase Family	
9 a.m. Hosts					
	Victor Family	Ditch Family	Larson Family	Custer Family	Travis Family



Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or scecyouth@sbcglobal.net.

Would you like to experience the joys of serving those in need a warm meal? Come be the hands of God at the Trinity Soup Kitchen in Aurora. We prepare a meal on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the SCEC kitchen and then serve it at Trinity on Thursday. This ministry needs hands! Please sign up in Ludtke Hall.



Contact Beth Burnette @ 630-584-2596 or scecoffice@sbcglobal.net.

Please wear your name tag when you come on Sunday mornings, so newcomers (and those who just have a hard time remembering names) will know who you are. Don't have a name tag? Lost your nametag? Want a magnetic name tag instead of the clip-on? Request one on the clipboard by the name tag stand. Thank you!



Crop Walk

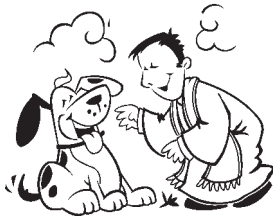
October 18

Contact Kathy Heikkinen @ 630.879.3441 or kathy.h@comcast.net.

The Tri-Cities annual CROP Walk, **Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty**, will be held Sunday, October 18. Walkers enjoy a fall stroll along the Fox River after **raising pledges to help food banks around the world**—including the Salvation Army and Batavia Food Pantry, right here in our own communities. Please take a packet from the table in Ludtke Hall and gather pledges for this vital work. **If you can't walk, please pledge.** Call Kathy if you have any questions or if you want to co-chair the walk.

Special Blessings

Contact Liz Ryan @ 630-584-2596 or scecyouth@sbcglobal.net.



Animals

October 11, 4 p.m.

There will be a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 11 at 4 p.m. Please plan to **bring your non-human "family members!"** Even if you have no pets, come and **enjoy this outdoor service** surrounded by God's creatures great and small!



Trick-Or-Treaters

October 25

There will be a "blessing of the trick-or-treaters" at **all three services** on Sunday, October 25. Children who are planning to go "trick or treating" on Halloween will **receive a copy of the blessing and a special bag to collect their goodies in.**



Thanks to all my family, friends, scouts, and fellow parishioners at SCEC for helping with my Eagle Project: **A Supply Drive for Lazarus House.** We delivered **985 pounds of supplies** (three vans full) and **\$410 for Lazarus House**, as well as **two bags of food** for Salvation Army. Thanks again for supporting a deserving cause.

-TJ Hari



“Ingathering” Sunday

October 18, All Services

Contact Karen Flood @ 630-715-5074 or tkflood@comcast.net.

The Top Ten Bible Stories Of All Times

NOW ON WEDNESDAYS!

October 7, 14, 21, 28 & November 4, 11, 18

7:30 to 9 p.m.

Contact Deacon Liz Meade @ scedeacon@sbcglobal.net.

Not a Bible scholar? Wondering how to find your way around the Good Book? Wishing you could study the scriptures on a more regular basis? Or, maybe you know the stories, but wonder how they apply to your life.

If you are craving a fresh new approach to reading and studying Scripture, join Deacon Liz on Wednesday evenings this fall as she covers ten of the most well known Bible stories in new ways.

Class will run for seven weeks from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Sunday, October 18, is designated as “Ingathering” Sunday. On this Sunday, a second collection will take place at each service, at which time parishioners will place their completed pledge forms in the cornucopia baskets.

The cornucopia is a symbol of rich harvests and abundance, which complements the 2010

pledge drive theme: *Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops* (Proverbs 3:9).

The goal is for every individual or family receiving a pledge packet to respond. Similar to

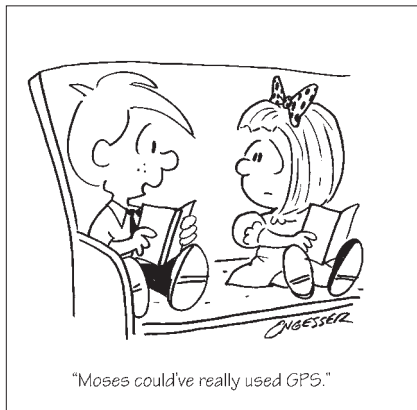
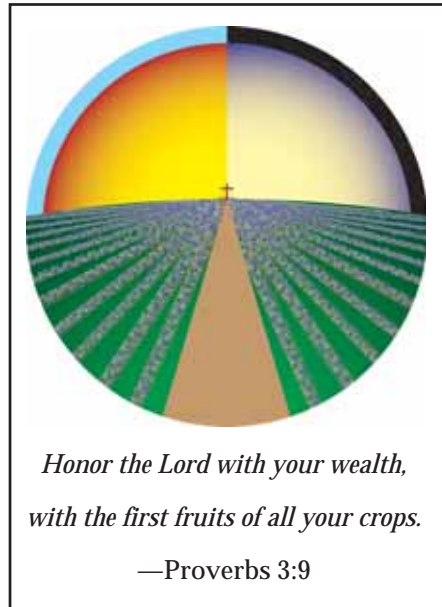
last year, the wardens will contact all who do not return their pledge card. **This is not intended as coercion, but**

allows the Finance Committee to create a realistic budget.

To help keep track of the incoming pledges, watch the narthex for the grapevine. Renewing pledge units will have purple grapes on

the vine, and new pledge units will have green grapes.

If you have not yet received your pledge packet, please call Beth in the church office @ 630-584-2596.



What The Heck Is Cursillo?

(pronounced Cur-see-oh)

October 22 to 25

Contact Liz Ryan @ scceyouth@sbcglobal.net or 630-584-2596.

Actually, you may have heard of Cursillo. Cursillo is a three-day, weekend retreat that gives men and women who are active in their churches the tools to strengthen their faith and grow in Christ on the “4th day” (the rest of their lives)—not to mention have a great time doing it! Basically, the weekend consists of:

■ 15 talks given by lay people and clergy with titles like Ideals, Grace, Faith, Sacraments, and Environment (to name a few) ■ Small group time to discuss the talks ■ Eucharist each day ■ Spiritual meditations and time for quiet reflection ■ Uplifting music ■ Great food ■ Wonderful fellowship with others from around our Diocese

After the weekend Cursillistas (those who have attended a Cursillo weekend) are supported by small groups and these small groups meet together in larger groups to further the members’ faith journey.

Our diocesan movement is called “CHEC” (CHicago EPiscopal Cursillo), and there have been 77 weekends held. Each weekend is co-ed and husbands and wives are encouraged to attend together, although it is not required.

To attend a weekend, you must be sponsored by a Cursillista—someone who has been active in the movement and can provide you with information and models the group reunion experience in their own lives. In our parish, active Cursillistas include:

Carolyn Campbell ■ Margo and Bill Churchwell ■ Mike and Katie Ditch ■ Tom and Karen Flood ■ Henry and Ann Mora ■ Marina Morrow ■ Gary and the Rev. Liz Meade ■ The Rev. Bill and Beverly Nesbit, Jr. ■ Matt Rhead ■ Joe and Liz Ryan ■ Katie Thomson ■ Sarah Travis

Any of these Cursillistas can answer questions about the retreat. Application forms can be found on the bulletin board in Ludtke Hall or downloaded at www.chicagocursillo.com.

The next weekend to be held in our diocese is October 25-27 and will be led by our very own Joe Ryan. There is still time to register if you are interested. All weekends are held at Casa Italia in Stone Park, IL.

We hope you will pray about participating in this retreat.



September Birthdays

- 01 - Bill Bangs
- 01 - Hope Bangs
- 01 - Rogan Weiss
- 02 - William Gillis
- 04 - Lydia Haase
- 06 - Fionnula Cottrell
- 09 - Barbara Bachman
- 09 - Ryan Custer
- 09 - Regan Jancauskas
- 11 - Anita Wolff
- 12 - Jody Rullman
- 13 - Kylee Ryan
- 14 - Bob Haase
- 14 - Sam Nesbit
- 16 - Carol Foster
- 16 - Ceci Sharp
- 18 - Judy Adams
- 20 - Mary Kerr
- 21 - Stanley Hildebrand
- 21 - Anna Wicks
- 22 - Matt Becker
- 23 - Jane Weiss
- 25 - Doug Brown
- 25 - Katherine Hollis
- 25 - John Hollis
- 25 - Ben Hollis
- 25 - Peter Wolff
- 27 - Bob Madura
- 27 - Emily Thomson
- 28 - Avery Manning
- 28 - Dorothy Payleitner
- 28 - Danica Rose Sikora
- 31 - Ivy Burnett

September Anniversaries

- 02 - Gerald & Kathy Mertes
- 03 - Kevin & Melanie Enberg
- 03 - Dick & Anne Lander
- 03 - Bob & Karen Madura
- 03 - Jim & Diana Scanlan
- 12 - David & Gina Ingraham
- 14 - Stan & Kerri Hildebrand
- 17 - Dallas & Kathy Heikkinen
- 17 - Rob & Sarah Travis
- 24 - Jack & Fay Viverito



We want to take a moment to say a very heart-felt thank you to each of you for all your hard work and help in making the Annual Pig Roast such a memorable occasion. What a beautiful afternoon we had! The weather was perfect, the musicians from St. Charles North Jazz Band were great, and the Raffle and Silent Auction Tent and African Ministry Table were successful (The raffle and auction made \$328.).

Ninety-two plates were served, and there was enough food for all. Not to mention, that we saw several from outside the parish attend. We made a profit of \$573 after expenses, and we'd like to think that we created some great memories for those who attended, especially for the children who played the games and bounced in the bounce house. What a beautiful sight the lawn was! Without the tremendous contributions of your time, talent, food, and raffle donations, the event would not have been possible. Thank you again for making this event a success.

-Matt Rhead
-Kathy Hari
-The Vestry

Financial Planning Session

October 18, 3 to 4 p.m.

Contact Karen Hattan @ richardhattan@sbcglobal.net.

If you are confused about Trusts, Wills, and other financial planning instruments, then join the Stewardship Committee as we discuss the many different ways we can make a personal financial plan work to benefit our own families as well as our church family.

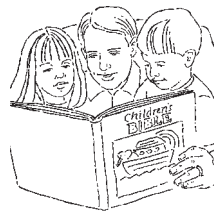
Charles Brown, the church's financial planner, will cover these topics on Sunday, October 18 from 3 to 4 p.m. In addition to introducing you to the language used in financial planning, he will answer any questions specific to your own situation.

Questions can be eMailed to Karen Hattan before October 18.

Enhance Your Knowledge

Contact Katie Ditch @ 630-584-6015 or kmditch@aol.com.

Come enhance your knowledge, while getting the answers to some of your questions regarding parenting and marriage. Watch The Pulse for more information on these two upcoming events.



Parenting

October 3
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

This session—facilitated by Liz Ryan and Katie Ditch—provides a chance to get the answers for all the parenting questions you were afraid to ask. Childcare will be available upon request.

Marriage

November 7
10 a.m. to noon

Marriage and Family Therapist Paul Weiss of the Couples Clinic in Geneva will facilitate this couples seminar. Come and see what builds strong and lasting relationships. Childcare will be available upon request.

A Christian Perspective On Halloween

(Excerpted from Christianity Today 10/02/00)

Anderson M. Rearick III is assistant professor of English at Mount Vernon Nazarene College in Ohio.

In our culture, Halloween traditionally has allowed us to look at what frightens us—to experience it, to laugh at it, and to come through it. So, at the end of October, we are visited by cute Caspers, laughing pumpkin heads, and goofy ghouls.

Should the forces of evil be mocked? Should Satan be laughed at? He most certainly should be. At the beginning of *The Screwtape Letters*, C. S. Lewis includes two telling quotations, the first from Martin Luther: “The best way to drive out the devil, if he will not yield to texts of Scripture, is to jeer and flout him, for he cannot bear scorn.”

The second comes from Thomas More: “The devil ... the proud spirit cannot endure to be mocked.”

The one thing Satan cannot bear is to be a source of laughter. His pride is undermined by his own knowledge that his infernal rebellion against God is in reality an absurd farce. Hating laughter, he demands to be taken seriously. Indeed, I would say that those Christians who spend the night of October 31 filled with concern over what evils might be (and sometimes are) taking place are doing the very thing Lucifer wants them to do. By giving him this respect, such believers are giving his authority credence. Christians should instead celebrate Halloween with gusto. If we follow the traditional formula of having a good time at his expense, Satan flees.

In any event, I doubt the anti-Halloween party will prevail. This tactic was tried before—with Christmas. In the 17th century, because of its pagan ancestry and because it was a Roman Catholic holiday (Christ-mass!), many Protestants decided that true believers should not recognize Christmas. In 1620, our pilgrim forefathers purposely started unloading the Mayflower on Christmas Day to make the point to the crew that they were not going to observe such an evil day.

I’m glad those believers—however well-intended—failed. How bleak and desolate would a winter’s December be without Christmas! We could have lost our chance to celebrate Christ’s first coming and a chance to witness to the world, as I fear those pilgrims lost a chance to witness to those sailors.

If we give up All Hallows Eve, we lose the delight of God’s gift of imagination and we condemn the rest of society to a darker Halloween because our laughter will not be there to make the devil run.



November 14

*Contact Maria Foran @
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Game night is coming;

A night to remember.

*Note on your calendars,
the fourteenth of November.*



2010 Budget Q&A Session

October 4

*Contact Mark Mugge @
mugge1617@comcast.net.*

There is an informal question and answer session scheduled with our treasurer, Mark Mugge, CPA on Sunday, October 4, after the late service. This is an opportunity for parishioners to learn of the Finance Committee’s proposed budget for 2010 and to receive an update on the status of the 2009 budget. The session will take place in Ludtke Hall.



What's Up In Kids Formation?

Happy October!

Classes have started, and the Formation Hall is buzzing on Sunday mornings! Our first day of classes saw the wonderful excitement of teachers and students of all ages!

Laura Peyton and Jane Weiss are working with the Preschoolers. However, Jane is unable to work through the whole year, so if you love the three's and four's please see Liz Ryan!

Melanie Enberg and Jacki McCullough have the pleasure of working with the children in the Green Atrium. These kindergarteners and first graders are wonderful singers and masterful question askers—and all with enthusiastic energy! They are learning that Jesus loves them and have started off the year learning that they can help others by saving their change to buy animals for the needy through the Heifer Project.

Bill Yeck, Julie DuJardin, and Carolyn Campbell are in the Blue Atrium. The children are learning about the Bible and our Episcopal tradition through a program called "Seedlings." This group is also participating in the Heifer Project.

BJ Griswold and Liz Ryan are teaching the Middlers using a new program called "Live It!" Their approach includes a study of how Old and New Testament stories lead us to Christ and how to be a Christian in everyday life.

Lisa Parse and Beverly Nesbit are leading the Jr. Highers—a very big class this year. The curriculum is from a variety of resources including Bible study, service projects, and theology in contemporary culture. Their big service project will be their annual collection for the Animal House Shelter (a no-kill shelter).

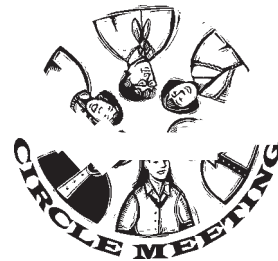
Holly and Bob Parks with **Cory and Ali Blane** are continuing with the High Schoolers. They are spending the year working on Bible study and playing learning games, as well as preparing for their Mission Trip next summer.



Happening #89

November 13 to 15

This retreat and renewal weekend for high school students, will be held November 13-15 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Rockford. Want to know more about it? Talk to alumni: Kate Iten, Taushia Mugge, Emily Thomson, Robin Travis, or Mary Wolff! **To register or more information see Liz Ryan or go to www.episcopalchicago.org/ministries/youth-ministry/youth-happening.cfm.**



Convention

November 20-21

The **Diocesan Convention** will be held November 20-21 at the Westin Hotel in Lombard. There is something offered for everyone, from young children to adults. Look for Registration forms in Ludtke Hall or online at www.episcopalchicago.org/calendar/ViewEvent.cfm?EventID=13C899C1-3048-8C8C-DA95BB844BF85F40.

Don't Miss Annual Craft Fair & Bake Sale

October 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact Fay Viverito @ canadafay@comcast.net or 630-497-8799 or
Michelle Moore @ 630-830-5481 or teecher711@aol.com.



Start your Christmas shopping early. **The church will be filled with attractive, useful, and whimsical hand-made items** on Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many new crafters will join us!

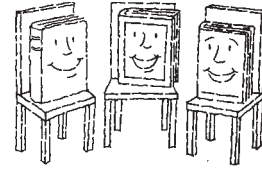


A Bake Sale will also be held during the craft show. **Sign-up in Ludtke Hall to donate.** This event typically raises more than \$1000 for the church and its ministries. Please invite your friends to join you in browsing and buying at this event.



We need help on October 23 to move out the furniture in the hall to make room for the crafters, **and on October 24**, we need help to move all of the furniture back into the hall.

If you are interested in taking on the editing and layout of the SCEC newsletter, please contact Chris Lester scenewsletter@sbcglobal.net.



Women's Book Group

October 15, 7:30 p.m.

Contact Deacon Liz Meade @ scedeacon@sbcglobal.net.

On October 15, at 7:30 p.m., the Women's Book Group will meet in Ludtke Hall to discuss ***Olive Kitteredge*** by Elizabeth Strout (There are nine copies at St. Charles' Public Library, and 10 copies in other area libraries.).

For those reading ahead, on November 19, we will discuss ***Founding Faith: Providence, Politics, and the Birth of Religious Freedom in America*** by Steven Waldman (There are five copies in area libraries.). Both are available in paperback.



Please update your church directory. Jack and Tran Kelly's new address is 200 North River Lane, #107, Geneva 60134, and their new phone number is 630-232-7749.



From The Wardens

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How Do We Communicate?

When I was young, there was a popular doll named “Chatty Kathy.” My first grade teacher fondly named me the “chatty Kathy” of the class. It seems that even as a child, I had an inkling that communication was important.

Today, things have not changed that much. Everywhere I go, I hear people discussing communication (or the lack thereof). And, I still like to talk! But how can we communicate effectively? We all have busy lives. We e-mail, we text, we tweet,—often while simultaneously involved in some other activity—and, sometimes, we still resort to old fashioned writing, reading the newspaper, and phoning. Even when we do receive information, how much of it sinks in?

September was a busy month at St. Charles. We held our Annual Pig Roast, Formation began again, we met for the stewardship dinner, and the choir held a hymn-sing and bake sale; In addition, many of us helped the Two Guys with their Spaghetti Dinner. How many of these things were you aware of? Did each group get their information out effectively? To how many of these things did you invite someone from outside the parish? How much did you help spread the word of holy hospitality to others?

That is one of the concerns we have: How can the vestry and other active groups in our parish

communicate information to our congregation and community in such a way that busy people will hear it and allow it to sink in so that it can be acted upon? We are now making the newsletter available both in print and electronically. We insert The Pulse into the bulletins each week in addition to announcements during the services. There are posters, bulletin boards, calendars, sign-up sheets, mass e-mails. What methods really work? Send me an e-mail (kathy.h@comcast.net) or drop a note in my “mail box” at church to tell me.

In addition, what method do you prefer to use to express your thoughts? When you have an idea or a concern, how do you let your church leaders know? Don’t stew about it until you’ve reached a point of frustration. Don’t save it until later, when you’ve “got time” to sit down and write a note. We want your ideas. We are anxious to hear your thoughts. Talk to a vestry member. Let us know what you’d like to do to make SCEC a better, even-more-exciting place to worship and to live. Help us grow so we can be an even stronger family of love and support for all, joyfully serving each other and our community.

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Junior Warden

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Lord, when was it that we saw you poor or hungry and did not give you food or drink?

-Matthew 25:37

Greetings –

Well, the frost isn't on the pumpkin yet, but trees are beginning to show some signs of their fall colors already. Fall brings with it thoughts of hunkering in, putting away the last vestiges of summer, and starting something new. **There are so many new things to start—opportunities—at SCEC to deepen your faith and to bring the Kingdom of God into the world.** God has given you a particular gift that you can share with our community. What is it?

Can you commit yourself to serving others? Serve lunch at the soup kitchen, make life more comfortable for the folks who live at Hessed House, or provide some holy hospitality to people at our monthly free spaghetti suppers. Bake a meal for someone who's sick or mourning the loss of a loved one. **Do you have a gift for pastoral care?** Attend a Taize prayer service or join a bible study. Visit seniors who are shut in, help knit a prayer shawl, or take care of the holy vessels to prepare our sanctuary. **Are you creative or musical?** Join our Communications or Fundraising Committee, or our choir.

Share your God given talents with us, as we move forward this year, bringing God's radical love to the world. Ask yourself: **"How can I make God's love known to the world?"** If you need help discerning your gifts, please don't hesitate to ask me or Father Bill. At SCEC, we hope every member has a ministry specifically tailored to their God given gifts. What's yours?

Grace and peace –

Deacon Liz +