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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KESSINGER

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE CALL PROCESS

For the past month we have announced to our voting members that we will hold a Special Congregational meeting on September 12. On that Sunday the pastoral candidate will preach and lead worship at all three services. After each service we will then meet for the sole purpose of determining whether we call him as our Associate Pastor. In the August newsletter I outlined the steps we followed in the call process that led us to this point. I also lifted up the gifts of the candidate which led both the Call Committee and Council to move the process forward with unanimity.

Before I get to some of the questions that were given to us since we made the announcement I invite you to please let us know if you are able to attend in-person. We need to have a minimum of 100 voting members (confirmed and during the current or preceding calendar year shall have communed and made a contribution of record to this congregation). Using the Sunday Sign-Up Genius you can let us know which service you plan to attend. It will help us tremendously with our planning. It is our desire and the desire of the pastoral candidate that we have a strong turnout so this decision is truly a congregational one.

We know these are unusual times. Since absentee voting is not permitted per our constitution we are making space for those who just want to attend the voting portion of the meeting that will take place after each service. You will need to arrive at 9:15 am, 10:30 am, or 11:45 am.

Now to the questions and answers that were posed over this past month. I offer you the answers to those questions so that you have adequate time to reflect on whether this pastoral candidate will fit well with Redeemer.

What is the difference in terminology between an Assistant Pastor and Associate Pastor?

The difference is not well-defined. However, it is my understanding that the role of an Assistant Pastor is to be responsible for specific areas of ministry while an Associate Pastor will be included in all aspects of the ministry.

"I invite you to please let us know if you are able to attend in-person." PSK

If the call vote is positive how will responsibilities be shared between the two pastors?

It is important that our pastoral candidate have opportunities to participate fully in all aspects of the ministry as outlined in our constitution. It includes preaching the Word and administering the sacraments on a regular basis (for example when one pastor preaches then the other pastor will preside at the Lord's Table). We will both provide pastoral care to our members and those affiliated with Redeemer. We will develop a working plan to make home visits.

"If the call vote is positive the proposed start date is October 4."

Other specific responsibilities will be determined once the candidate starts in an official capacity. If the call vote is positive the proposed start date is October 4. Once on-site he and I will work out a preaching schedule. We will work out

the details of what it means to share oversight of the Faith Formation and Youth Ministries. We will both be involved in teaching the Confirmation Class on a consistent basis. We are exploring the possibility of one pastor attending the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering and then the other pastor coordinating and attending a summer mission trip. Those are just some preliminary thoughts. We did not want to get ahead of ourselves before the call vote. We will spend the first three months determining our spiritual gifts so we can share responsibilities for the other ministry teams.

What traits and qualities does the pastoral candidate have that make him a good fit?

My August newsletter article offered some of the characteristics of the candidate that we feel will match well with our faith community. In our mission site profile we said we wanted someone who would make strong connections with our youth and their families, would build community among people of all ages, and recruit and equip leaders. We wanted someone who would offer sermons that were theologically sound and made the Word come alive in our context. We also emphasized our desire to have someone who would develop a good working relationship in and among other faith traditions.

Based on how we experienced the candidate and what others had to say about him (through his references), he came as close as humanly possible to a perfect match. He enjoys working with the youth and has demonstrated strong teaching skills. He is very approachable to all people and he states with clarity his desire to be inclusive in love and service. He is a servant leader and has a strong interest in social justice, the care of creation, and homeless ministries. His sermons are Biblically-based and are relevant to current events.

In a team I am also seeking a pastoral candidate that I can trust and who will be a partner in ministry. Over the last several months he and I have had many Zoom meetings and have met in person as often as possible. With every meeting I have left feeling very comfortable around him. If called I believe we will enjoy doing ministry together and will be able to share the joys and sorrows of our mutual work.

What impact will the Air Force chaplaincy have on his responsibilities at Redeemer?

The Air Force IMA (Individual Mobilization Augmentees) Chaplaincy program is meant to coordinate with the church's schedule. In the August newsletter the pastoral candidate thought that commitment was for 12 consecutive days of duty and then 24 nonconsecutive days of service within one calendar year. He has since learned that it is 12 consecutive days and then another 12 nonconsecutive days (not 24). I believe that the impact on our ministries will be minimal. He will do his best to work all of those days at times when there are limited activities at Redeemer and mainly over the summer months.

How will we pay for this?

We have been good stewards of our resources. Since my call to Redeemer we have had different configurations of staffing that included at one time a Senior Pastor, an Associate Pastor, and a Youth Director. And we were able to meet



**Call Vote Sunday,
September 12th,
after Each Service.**

our expenses. Naturally it increases the amount of money we need from offerings. We have built this into our budget plans. We also have the pastoral support reserve fund that we can use if we run a deficit at the end of the year. The current amount saved for this purpose is \$263,062.

What does that mean? Let us say that at the end of the year our deficit was \$50,000. We would then take that amount out of this fund which would then leave us with \$213,062 in reserve. Our only limitation is that we could not take out an amount that exceeded the compensation package.

What is the compensation package?

We are still working out the final details with the pastoral candidate but the figure we will propose at the Congregational meeting will come from synod guidelines. Included in the compensation package is the base salary, housing allowance, a portion of social security (pastors are considered self-employed), and health benefits. If called our pastoral candidate will receive health benefits for him and his wife through the Air Force and we will cover that cost.

Will the pastoral candidate be considered for Senior Pastor when the position is open?

When we put together the Mission Site Profile we were seeking a pastoral candidate that would complement my gifts and be the Associate Pastor. Our pastoral candidate is well-rounded with gifts for ministry but does not have the years of experience to be placed in a Senior Pastor position. However we have talked with the Office of the Bishop who has agreed that, once called, this pastoral candidate will not need to leave when I do. This will give Redeemer some continuity during the interim. In official language his call will not be co-terminus with my leaving.

“... meet and greet the candidate on Saturday, September 11, from 4 pm to 6 pm.”

What now?

Please continue to pray so that we make a wise and sound decision on September 12. Everyone will have the opportunity to meet and greet the candidate on Saturday, September 11, from 4 pm to 6 pm. We will have a brief social time in the Crossroads and outside if the weather permits. We will then gather in our worship space for Evening Prayer that will center on the 20th anniversary of 9/11. The rest of our time together we will have fun getting to know the candidate. For those who cannot attend in-person we will livestream the event and make the video available for you to view before the actual call vote.

If you have other questions that have not been answered please forward them to me or to our council president, Nate Paukovits, at nathan.paukovits@gmail.com. It is an exciting time for our congregation to be in this time of discernment.

Stay well and God's peace – Pastor Sandy Kessinger



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Minutes of August 9, 2021

Meeting of Redeemer Congregation Council

Teleconference via Zoom

Present: Arash Behraves, Mitch Brown, Karen Detweiler, Laura Duval, Liz Holzapfel, Ellen Kennedy, Pr. Sandy Kessinger, Lena Martikainen, President Nate Paukovits, Secretary Roberta Pittman, Peter Shumway, Treasurer Rob Wenk.

Excused: Stephanie Hunter

Called to Order: President Paukovits declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Devotions: Pastor Kessinger opened with devotions based on John 6:51 from the ELCA Bible study resource, "Daily Discipleship." She closed devotions with prayer.

Agenda: Without objection, the agenda was accepted as sent in advance of the meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Kessinger reported that she has had many contacts with people in person and by phone including:

- Members and Visitors
- College Students and Graduates
- Music Director
- Funeral Planning
- Pre-Marital Counseling

Home Visits were begun but have now been again put on hiatus because of Covid-19.

The pastor reported that she has been doing considerable planning for fall related to:

- Faith Formation (beginning October 3, 2021)
- Confirmation
- Adult Studies
- An Advent Retreat
- Advent Services
- Prayer Groups

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the June and July meetings were approved by email.

Call Meeting: The format of the Special Congregational Call Meeting and importance of having members of the congregation attend were discussed. Having council members contact members of the congregation was suggested as was having a standard follow-up email to send to members. It will be very important for people to use Signup Genius, as that will be the tool used for planning purposes. Council members will need to assist with the ballot voting at the Call Meeting. The agenda for September 11th meet-and-greet was also discussed.

Treasurer's Report: Rob Wenk presented the Treasurer's Report. The church's financial situation continues to be in good standing. Preschool and After-School budgets will be reconciled in August. It was also reported that in addition to the monthly payment, additional gifts dedicated to debt reduction have been made in 2021 bringing the total indebtedness down to just under 300,000.

Preschool Director Search: Ellen Kennedy is leading a team comprised of Linda McConnaughay, Shawna Tunnell, Preschool Parents, and Preschool Staff Members to hire the new preschool director. The team has been actively reviewing resumes and interviewing potential candidates.

Leadership Structure for the Preschool and After-School Programs: The creation of a leadership position to oversee common requirements (e.g. marketing, website development, administrative support) for both the Preschool and After-School ministries was discussed. Rob Wenk made the motion to create the position. Liz Holzapfel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Health Equity Team Report: The Health Equity Team continues to monitor CDC Guidance and FairfaxCounty COVID Statistics. Masking is again required inside the church building. Singing is still allowed.

All current Preschool and After-School teachers are vaccinated, and it was discussed whether or not to make vaccinations mandatory for future hires.

Building and Grounds: A landscape architecture team and an engineering firm have been engaged to find cost-effective ways to deal with drainage issues in the Preschool and After-School play area and to repair the roof of Parents' Hall. More information will be forthcoming. The construction company for the Sunrise project has worked out an agreement with Redeemer to use parking spaces in lower parking lot with caveats for funerals, etc. Preschool and After-School drop-off and pick-up should not be affected.

Rise Against Hunger: With regard to the new surge of COVID, the feasibility of hosting half-sized Rise Against Hunger Event in November was discussed including the possibility of requiring vaccinations and masks for volunteers. The steering committee for McLean Community Rise Against Hunger Events will soon meet via zoom and several members of the Redeemer Church Council offered to join the group.

Discussion of this matter will resume in September.

Ministry Reports: Arash Behravesh reported that the Membership Outreach team met and is exploring several creative outreach options as well as studying the details of being a hybrid church. The church website is being evaluated to support this effort.

Additional New Business: There was no additional new business.

Adjournment: PSK closed with prayer. President Paukovits adjourned the meeting 9:06.

Next meeting of Council: The next meeting of the Redeemer Congregational Council will be September 13, 2021, at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

Next meeting of Executive Committee: Next meeting of the Executive Committee will be September 03, 2021, at 7:00 am via Zoom.

Just Neighbors receives Endowment Fund grant By Judy Kuhagen, Just Neighbors Volunteer

The organization "Just Neighbors" was the recipient of a \$2,000 grant this summer from Redeemer's Endowment Fund. The organization, whose main office is in Annandale, supports the immigrant community in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

Pastors and attorneys of the United Methodist Church founded the organization in 1996 to provide practical responses to the legal challenges faced by low-income immigrants in the U.S. It assists immigrants of all faiths and nationalities. Its attorneys work with other nonprofit organizations, local faith-based groups, and community volunteers including pro bono lawyers.

The organization focuses exclusively on service to immigrants and refugees who qualify for humanitarian-based immigration relief. The majority of its clients are survivors of domestic violence, violent crimes, or persecution.

For more information about Just Neighbors and about how you can support its work with your own financial contribution, your volunteer hours, or your advocacy, go to its website: <https://www.justneighbors.org>

Watch for future Tidings articles with more information about Redeemer's Endowment Fund (e.g., past grants, how to request a grant for a specific organization, or how you can make a gift that keeps on giving). You can also contact Tammie Koenig, chair of the Endowment Fund Committee, at koenigt@verizon.net.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am

Livestreaming at 8:30 am and 9:45 am

11 am Traditional Service

Will Be Posted on Redeemer Video Channel

Meet and Greet Pastoral Candidate

Saturday, September 11

4 pm – 6 pm (latest)

Call Vote for Associate Pastor

Sunday, September 12

Following Each Service

9:15 am, 10:30 am, and 11:45 am

Bible Studies via Zoom

Tuesday Prayer Conversations – 9 am

Start Date – Sept. 7

Wednesday AM Bible Study – 8 am

Start Date – Sept. 8

Wednesday PM Bible Study – 7 pm

Start Date – Sept. 15

Sunday Bible Study 101—4:30 pm

Start Date – Sept. 19

Other Meetings via Zoom

September 7 (Tuesday) – 7 pm

Membership Outreach

September 12 (Sunday) – 5 pm

Meeting for Confirmation Parents

September 13 (Monday) – 7:30 pm

Congregation Council

Faith Formation In-Person

September 19 (Sunday) – 9:45 am Grades Pre-K through Grade 2

September 26 (Sunday) – 9:45 am Grade

Redeemer Pre-Advent Retreat

November 12—13, 2021

The word meditate appears numerous times in the Psalms such as in Psalm 104: 34, “*May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.*” In November we will enter a new church year with the First Sunday in Advent (November 28). How will we approach this time of reflection, meditation and new beginnings? On November 12 and 13 we will hold a Redeemer retreat to think about the ways in which we approach God’s Word and Promises and use this time to open our hearts and minds to the wonder of what Christ’s birth means for us. There will be time for devotions, reflections, and thinking about the ways in which we communicate through directed means of journaling and artistry.

May my
meditation be
pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in
the Lord.
PSALM 104:34

The tentative schedule:

Friday, November 12

Optional: Pre-dinner Devotions, 5:00pm—6:30pm

Dinner and Evening Prayer: 6:30pm—9:00pm

Saturday November 13

Optional: Morning Prayer 7:00am—8:00am

Breakfast: 8:00am

Devotional: 9:00am-10:30am

Small Groups: 10:30am—12:00pm

Lunch and Check-out: 12:00pm—12:45pm

Afternoon Devotion: 1:00pm—2:30pm

Closing: 2:30pm—3:00pm

Location: Holiday Inn-Dulles, Sterling, VA

Cost: Rooms at a nightly rate of \$69 plus tax (participants make their own reservations) and \$50 retreat fee to cover meals (Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch).

Questions: contact Diane Miller, dianemillerva@gmail.com.



**Redeemer
Lutheran
Preschool**



**REDEEMER
Renaissance**
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Announcement of New Preschool Director and New Direction for Preschool and Afterschool

This past spring, we said farewell to Tammie Koenig as she retired from our Preschool program after 23 years of dedicated and passionate service. Tammie was a key figure in the program's success and on behalf of Redeemer and our families, we heartily thanked her for her decades of selfless service. Immediately filling the vacated Director position would prove difficult, so the council asked Linda McConnaughay to serve as the Interim Preschool Director in addition to her current responsibilities. Linda graciously accepted. In this new role, Linda has hired three new teachers and two assistants to complement the dedicated Preschool staff members returning for the 2021-22 school year.

Concurrently, council members and some of the Preschool staff at Redeemer have been interviewing candidates for the Preschool Director position. We are very pleased to announce that Myriah Pirhala has accepted our offer to be the new Director of the Redeemer Lutheran Preschool. Myriah comes to us with a strong background in educational program development, marketing, and business. Her formal education in business and early childhood education makes her an ideal choice for the job. Since 2012, she has gained experience in a variety of settings including Christian preschools in the roles of Lead Teacher and Program Facilitator. At the Virginia Discovery Museum, she was Program Manager serving infants - 12th graders. Myriah has a strong desire to work in a faith-based community and "put down roots."

Additionally, over the last year, Tammie, Linda and council discussed opportunities to grow the programs and community trends that may be impacting the needs of our families with children. Throughout the process of hiring a new Preschool Director, candidates were evaluated with these considerations in mind. At the same time, potential changes to the overall internal organization of both programs were examined. We looked for ways to better serve our families, enhance both programs, and improve operational efficiencies. With these goals in mind, Council approved the creation of a new position. The title of Executive Director of Redeemer Renaissance best describes this new position.

We are again pleased to announce that Linda has accepted our offer to be the Executive Director of Redeemer Renaissance. Her knowledge of both programs, her desire to better serve our families and improve the management of both programs is unquestionable. Linda will collaborate with Myriah to explore options to expand, restructure, and streamline our operations while always keeping the needs of our families and the community in the forefront. Linda will retain her current role managing the After-School and Camps, as well as plan for additional assistance when necessary. We have a unique opportunity before us to offer a continuum of care for our children under one umbrella. Please join us in welcoming Myriah to Redeemer and congratulating Linda on her new role.

Nate Paukovits, Council President

Pastor Sandy Kessinger, Senior Pastor

ESSAY & ART CONTEST

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Possible topics:

Positive lessons I learned from Covid; Heroes I admire from the pandemic experience; How my faith or cultural values helped me during Covid; Expectations of new life adventures coming out of the pandemic.

1st, 2nd, 3rd PLACE CASH PRIZES FOR BOTH ESSAY AND ART:

Youth (12 and under) \$100, \$50, & \$25

Teen (13 - 18) \$200, \$100, \$50

Adult (19 - and up) \$200, \$100, \$50

Details:

- Submission deadline: Midnight October 15, 2021
- Send essays to: essay@tysonsinterfaith.org. Recommended 300 words or less.
- Send scanned art to: art@tysonsinterfaith.org. Art can be photos or drawing mediums on one 8 1/2 x 11" page.
- For each submission include: Full name; Age group; Category (Essay or Art); Email; and Mailing Address
- By submitting an entry, you consent to Tysons Interfaith sharing your essay or art, with your name, on the Tysons Interfaith website and in local newspapers.
- Send questions to above emails.

Results and prizes announced Nov. 1, 2021

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY 101

A Bible Study for Beginners via Zoom

Start Date - Sunday, September 19

Time - 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

This Bible study is for those who want to start from the very beginning to develop a stronger Biblical foundation! Our Bible Study leaders will guide you through the basics and highlight the important stories and themes in each book of the Bible. Please [sign up](#) if you are interested in some or all the classes. Each week a portion of Scripture will be read and discussed. The class will be held via Zoom. All are welcome!

JOB OPENING

Redeemer is looking to hire a part-time person at the church. The position is Facilities Host and would involve the overall safety and security of the building and to assist groups that meet in the church. The schedule would be in the evenings, Monday through Friday, with the potential of some weekend hours to assist with special events. It would involve approximately 20 hours per week. We could also split this position between two people, if individuals are not available five nights a week. If you are interested in the position or know of someone to recommend, please contact the office at church@redeemermclean.org.

READ THIS IF YOU ARE "CRAZY" ABOUT QUILTS!

Redeemer's quilting group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Parent's Hall (Keillor Wing). We are looking for anyone interested in designing, cutting, assembling or sewing quilts. No experience is necessary and we will guide you every step of the way. The quilts are sent to children in Guatemala as an after-surgery treat. Come and meet this fun group of Redeemer members who work at their own pace, yet as a team. For more info. email joyceclarke1943@hotmail.com.

WINTER SCARF DRIVE FOR N STREET MINISTRIES

The prayer shawl group at Redeemer will continue the annual winter scarf drive for N Street Ministries which provides services for homeless women in the DC area. There is plenty of yarn available in the Redeemer library in the yarn closet that may be used for handmade projects. Please contact the church office to arrange to pick some up. Keep your collection of hand made, purchased or gently used winter scarves until the drive ends in October 2021.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation for All Youth - PreK to 12th grade Classes start on Sunday, October 3, at 9:45 am Please register today! [CLICK HERE to REGISTER](#). Registration is available [online](#). Questions? Call Kim at 703-909-3424.

HAM REPORT

On August 12, Rick Stewart delivered 10 boxes of ham weighing 350 pounds to Martha's Table from the Falls Church and Fairfax Honey Baked Ham stores. On August 19, Ralph Dutrow delivered 2 boxes of ham weighing 70 pounds to Martha's Table from the Fairfax store.. On August 26, Roberta Pittman delivered 10 boxes of ham weighing 270 pounds to ThriveDC from the Falls Church store. So for the month of August we delivered 690 pounds of ham. An excellent month! That brings our total for the year to 4,067 pounds of ham. The year to date figures are: Food for Others, 1,237 pounds; Martha's Table, 1,015 pounds; ThriveDC, 940 pounds; So Others Might Eat, 545 pounds and Rising Hope Church, 330 pounds. (All weights are approximate.)



It's Time to Share Some Stories!

The 2021 Virtual Gathering, *Sharing Stories*, is coming!



We are excited to have you join us!

Jesus taught through parables and stories. Before we had the bible in print, people learned of Jesus' teachings through word of mouth. Over the years, humans have discovered many avenues by which to tell stories. Over this past year, we have been required to become more creative with how we connect with one another and share our stories. In addition to being creative with how we share our stories, we also must be flexible and open with how we take in one another's stories. Join us for a morning of storytelling, learning, and community as we hear from guest speakers who will speak about how they do God's work and how they integrate sharing and hearing stories.

The Details:

Who; You, and anyone who identifies as female. You don't need to be part of SWO, you don't need to be part of the women's ministry at your church. All are welcome!

When: September 18th, 2021, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Where: Anywhere! If you have a computer or mobile device, you can join us! (We are encouraging "watch parties!" Details to come!)

There is *no cost* to attend this event, and everyone is welcome! We are requesting donations to Lutheran Social Services to help them in their work bringing Afghan allies back home. More details on this will also be provided in future communications.

If you would like to join us, please fill out the [Google Registration Form](#). A Zoom link will be sent out ahead of the event to everyone who register.



TableTalk

A Ministry of
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Sundays 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Currently Via Zoom with a Transition
to Hybrid Meetings

Starts Sunday, September 12, 2021

Topic for 2021-2022

God:

The Christian Tradition

Everyone is welcome to attend – whether for one session or week after week

TableTalk is a ministry at Redeemer in which participants explore questions of faith, build relationships, and deepen commitments to discipleship. As we gather around the table for Holy Communion as one body in Christ, we also gather around the table as one people for study, talk, and fellowship – TableTalk! – Sundays from 9:45 am to 10:45 a.m.

TableTalk's Mission. We believe that it is important for those who participate in services on Sunday morning (whether in-person or through the live stream) to have a forum for in-depth study of contemporary Christianity and to be able to use those studies as a way of connecting Christian faith with a post-Christian, primarily secular world. As Christians have done throughout the history of the church, and in accord with our Lutheran heritage, we believe that one of the best places for seeking understanding of the Christian faith is communal discussion with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

This year we will be exploring *one of the fundamental concepts of Christian theology: God.* We will be addressing questions such as:

- Who is God, does God suffer, how does God act in the world, how does God create, and how does the problem of evil impact our understanding of God.
- What are the traditional proofs for the existence for God, and the modern arguments against the existence of God.
- How do we obtain knowledge about God and the role of revelation.
- How is our language about God different from our language about other things.
- How do contemporary theologies of God, such as process theology, reorient traditional understandings in light of modern science and religious pluralism.

Text, Discussion Questions & Zoom Log-In

The text for the year is *The Doctrine of God: A Global Introduction*, by the Lutheran scholar Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen (Baker Academic, 2017). It is available on Amazon. The text will be supplemented with other materials throughout the year. Discussion questions will also be provided each week to participants. To sign-up to receive these emails, and the Zoom log-in, contact Robin Taylor, Ph.D. at tabletalk.rlc@gmail.com.

Questions? Contact Harold Hofstad, hwh10@juno.com, Doug Scheffler, dwerschef@aol.com, or Robin Taylor, tabletalk.rlc@gmail.com.



September Birthdays

- Sep 1** Barbara Donne, Jennifer Henshall, Lisa Richter, Zachary Risseuw, Heather Waldon
- Sep 2** Becca Moser, Peyton Ostrup
- Sep 3** Jennifer Jordan, Mackenzie Niles, Stacy Pence
- Sep 4** Matt Anderson, Susan Garman, David Zimmerman
- Sep 5** Helen Goldfrank, Deanna Heier, Jason Koenig
- Sep 6** Victor Litwinski, Grace Myers, Carolyn Valuch
- Sep 7** Peter Kutscher, Autumn Reese, Michael Sheehan
- Sep 8** Cara Dillaman, James Goodwin, Walker Pence, Glenn Waldron
- Sep 9** Elisabeth Brittin, Tom Engle, Caitie McBride, Elin Schwartz
- Sep 10** DeAnn Allen, Ella Budde, Joan Coffman, Lauren Markwart, John Pleasant, Annabel Richter, Rob Wenk
- Sep 11** Lizzy Apple, Ken O'Brien, Charles Shelleman
- Sep 12** Jamie DeGrafft, Cindy Hendricks
- Sep 13** Jonathan Grau, Dana Karangelen, Eve Stewart, Matthew Swarm
- Sep 14** Erica Augustenborg Epstein, Jonny Grau, Judy Martin, Michael Petersen, Wyatt Windsor
- Sep 15** Johnny Bruemmer, Camryn DeGrafft, Karin Kutscher, Jack Posey, Eric Thronson
- Sep 16** Sophien Djemmal, Michael O'Brien
- Sep 17** Mark Madsen, Phillip Merrill, Chris Miller
- Sep 19** William Gibson, Kate Jones, Alexandra Lettow, Olivia Madsen, Shannon Wilson
- Sep 20** David Broderdorf, Ellen Opsal, Paul White
- Sep 21** Elizabeth Corvari, Nick Corvari, Paul Goodwin, Douglas Johnson, Jennifer Laredo
- Sep 22** Emma Bradley, Carolyn Gilbertson, Shenafa Kenney, Thomas Mueller, Stefanie Schroeter
- Sep 23** Luke Austin, Tim Crawford, Carol Honigberg, Nicole Sheehan, Yasmina Shields, Kristen Silverberg, Christine Stelter, May Wilson
- Sep 24** Clara Hernadi, Gerry Schumacher
- Sep 25** Jerry Hahne, Stephen Mallard
- Sep 26** Claire Broderdorf, Soraya Hashemi, Elaine Lea, Roberta Pittman, July Rodriguez
- Sep 27** Caroline Austin, Leslie Humes, John Lettow, Liina Richardson
- Sep 28** Florence Hall, Meg Honigberg, Brian Stewart, William Thompson
- Sep 29** Larry Gilbertson, Bo Gilbertson, Ben Kostelancik, Tim Kostelancik
- Sep 30** Matthew Cronin, Sonja Kuhn

A Birthday Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen BCP