

August/September 2016

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**PEACE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...**

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If you are reading this, it means that we have somehow flown into August already! Where did June and July go? Back-to-school specials are already flooding the advertising flyers. Just weeks from now we will begin our fall schedule here at Peace. Sunday school classes will resume, Confirmation classes will kick off a new year, the Sunday school teachers will organize for the new school year, and yes, even the coffee hour cups will come out of storage. Summer, and the freedom it affords, brings a sense of renewal as well as relaxation. It is my prayer that in our hectic, hurried lives you have and will continue to find time to rest, renew, relax and relate to God in meaningful ways this summer! It is my constant prayer that as we prepare to begin anew in the fall, each one of us will bring with him/her a fresh and regenerated spirit. I am convinced that we can do marvelous things together if we are able to stay focused on the only One who can sustain us. Yes, there are differences which divide us...and that is painful, but we may agree to disagree and ask God to guide us in the ways He would have us go. Will you join me in that prayer?

I'm sure many of you have read or heard that experts have developed a model for the "perfect pastor." Yes, that's right--one that will satisfy everyone--guaranteed to please any church! Here is the model:

He/she preaches exactly fourteen minutes. He/she condemns sin, but never hurts anyone's feelings. She/he works from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., in every type of work--from preaching to custodial services. Her/his salary is \$60.00 per week. He/she wears good clothes, buys good books, has a nice family, drives a nice car and gives \$30.00 per week to the church. This perfect pastor is thirty years old, but has been preaching for 35 years. He/she is tall, short, thin, heavy-set and very handsome/pretty. Her/his hair is parted in the middle, with the left

side dark and straight and the right side light and wavy. She/he has a burning desire to work with young people, and spends all her/his time with the older folks. He/she smiles all the time with a straight face because he/she has a sense of humor that keeps him/her seriously dedicated to the work of the ministry. Although he/she makes ten calls a day to church members, ten to the unchurched and five to those in the hospital, he/she is always available for telephone calls at either the home or church office."

I cannot give credit to the one who penned those words as the author is unknown. We may snicker and/or nod our heads in agreement with those "specs," but the truth is the "perfect" pastor is non-existent. That reminds me of the very short, yet wise quip I've read in the past, "If you really want a better pastor, pray for the one you have."

I pray that you and your loved ones will find many more opportunities to enjoy the remaining weeks of summer. Please don't forget that as you are enjoying your time away, the financial needs of the church continue. Unfortunately, our bills don't take a vacation and we must all do our part to keep us going. Thanks, in advance!

With many prayers for you and the entire Peace family,

*Pastor Kris*

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016!**

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On Monday, July 25th twelve Peace U.C.C. children filed into the sanctuary to begin a fun-filled week of VBS! Our morning sessions ran from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The children learned about the Creation Story, the Ten Commandments, Jesus' Birth and the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Pastor Kris wants to extend thanks to all the parents who made sure the children were present. She also wants to extend a huge word of gratitude to the grandparent helpers (and Emma) who made the week possible! Please know your help and support was greatly appreciated!

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## **WELCOME TO FAMILY OF CHRIST, LITTLE ONES!**

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On Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> we shared the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Vivian Irma Sucevic. She is the infant daughter of Sam and Tami (Loose) Sucevic. The family resides in Hales Corners, WI. Vivian is the maternal granddaughter of Rhonda and Dave Klessig and Karen and Duane Loose. Irma Fischer is the proud great-grandmother of the infant. Welcome to the Kingdom of Christ, dear Vivian!

Clark Willis Leiterman, infant son of Amber (Horn) and Kevin Leiterman, was baptized on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Clark is the little brother to Grant, Trent and Mason. He is the maternal grandson of Lori and Brian Horn and the maternal great-grandson of Alice (and the late Willis) Horn.

Pastor Kris notes that these two baptisms were represented by four generations of members here at Peace. In today's mobile society that is highly unusual and we are very blessed to be able to celebrate that fact!

Danielle and Eric Burich presented their precious son, Bennett Richard, for Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Sawyer is Bennett's big brother and Chuck and Deb Burich are his paternal grandparents.

We, as a family of Christian believers, pray God's blessings on each of these infants and their families!

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## **WELCOME TO THE WORLD, LIL' ONE!**

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We further celebrate the gift of new life in our church family as we welcome Baleigh Sommer Schwahn. She made her appearance on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at Aurora Bay Medical Center in Green Bay. She is the first child born to Samantha (Sommers) and Carl Schwahn. Laurie (Horn) and Dave Sommers are her maternal grandparents. Alyssa and Amanda Sommers are her proud aunts and Alice Horn is her maternal great-grandmother. We are so grateful for Baleigh's safe arrival and rejoice with her family!

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## **TAKE TIME TO SMILE...**

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One of my faithful Catholic friends recently shared this with me. I thought it was too good to keep to myself, so here's a smile for your day! Alice was to bake a cake for the Ladies' Church Group Bake Sale, but she forgot to do it until the very last minute. She quickly whipped together an angel food cake. When she went to the oven to remove her baked masterpiece, the center had dropped flat. "Oh dear," she said, "There isn't enough time to bake another cake." Desperate, she searched the house for something to build up the center of the cake. Alas...There it was...in the bathroom...a roll of Charmin. She carefully placed it in the center and covered it with icing. The finished product was exquisite, she had to admit! She rushed her beautiful cake to the church and delivered it just in time. Alice then gave money to her daughter, along with instructions to be at the sale the moment the doors opened. Yes, she was to buy "the" cake and bring it home. When the daughter arrived at the sale, the attractive cake had already been sold. Poor Alice was beside herself. A couple days later, she was invited to a friend's home for a small gathering of the more prominent women from town. After a time of visiting, a fancy lunch was served. Dessert? Alice's missing cake! When Alice saw it, she rushed to get out of her chair and direct the hostess to the kitchen so she may confess. Before Alice could get to her feet, one of the ladies exclaimed, "My, what a simply beautiful cake!" Without hesitation, the hostess (a prominent church member) replied, "Why, thank you. I baked it myself."

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## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES TO BEGIN**

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Our confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes will run from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. We welcome our returning students and our new class of confirmation students for the start of our 2016/2017 year.

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## FALL SCHEDULE TO BEGIN

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Signaling the end of summer, our fall schedule will resume on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. After a three month break, our Sunday school classes will once again be in full-swing. We will have the opportunity to meet Calumet County's Service dog, Amer following worship. One of our recent Mini-Mission offerings was designated for the "Vest-a-Dog" project which supplies Service Dogs with much needed security vests. We will culminate the morning's festivities with an Ice Cream Social. Please be sure to mark your calendars!

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## "LET NOT YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED..."

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A Memorial Gathering to commemorate the life of Noel Zander was held at Carsten's Mill on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Noel was the husband of Carla Zander, our Council President. Our sympathy and prayers go with Carla and the entire family.

On Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> Pastor Kris conducted the Celebration of Life for James Barrabee, husband of Eiko Barrabee who is a member of Peace. We extend our deepest sympathy to Eiko and the Barrabee family.

Also on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> Pastor Kris led the Memorial Service for Robert Hensel, a longtime friend of Peace Church. Services were held at Wieting Funeral Home in Brillion. Sympathy to the Hensel family including Bob's sister, Ann (Rich) Koehler of Oshkosh.

Pastor Kris conducted funeral services for her "adopted mother," Margie Christopherson on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at St. John U.C.C. in New Holstein. Margie was a lifetime member of St. John, but worshiped regularly with us at Peace. We thank God for her life and the many ways she touched our lives!

Funeral services for Richard "Rich" Rosner were held here at Peace U.C.C. on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Rich was a faithful, long-time member of Peace. He is survived by his daughter Amy (Patrick) Klimek of Green Bay. Rich was laid to rest in Highland Memorial Park in Appleton. Peace to his memory!

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## EXTENDING GRATITUDE...

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I want to offer a personal word of thanks to those of you who took time to attend my precious Margie's funeral service, sent a card, or offered a hug. Your acts of support were very much appreciated at a very difficult time! May God bless you for your thoughtfulness!

Pastor Kris

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## AFTER-SERVICE COFFEE HOUR TO BEGIN

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A wonderful part of our ministry here at Peace takes place after the worship time when we gather around the tables! We will once again be having coffee hours beginning on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up sheet for volunteers to host/hostess a Sunday is available in the fellowship hall. If you have never hosted a coffee hour, how about "buddying" with someone else and learning how easy it is? Thanks, in advance!

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## A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

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I want to personally thank all the volunteers who have worked over the summer months to keep our church and church grounds looking so nice! From the lawn to the flower beds to the windows and doors, everything has again looked so terrific! Thank you to everyone for whatever you did that we may be proud of our beautiful building and grounds!

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## ANOTHER PLEA FOR HELP

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The few and the faithful who were in worship over the summer months heard me offer the plea many times. Now I am lifting it up once again...we are in **DIRE NEED** of help in our Sunday school program! We are pleading for volunteers to step up and offer to teach. Our curriculum is very "user-friendly" and Kathy Daun prepares the packets in plenty of time to study the lesson! Everyone of us who was blessed to be raised in the church had individuals who gave of their time and energy so that we may have a Christian education. Don't our kids deserve the same? Think back to the teachers who made an impression on you in Sunday school. Please, won't you prayerfully consider touching the lives of our children by simply sharing your faith? The more volunteers we have, the less often you have to teach. Thank you for your consideration!

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## PEARLS OF THOUGHT TO PONDER...

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1. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
2. Dear God, I have a problem...it's me.
3. There is no key to happiness. The door is always open.
4. Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted.
5. Do the math...count your blessings.
6. Faith is the ability to not panic.
7. Laugh every day; it's like inner-jogging.
8. If you worry, you didn't pray. If you pray, don't worry.
9. As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home every day.
10. Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.
11. The most important things in your home are the people.
12. When we get tangled up in our problems, be still so that God can untangle the knots.
13. A grudge is an awfully heavy thing to carry.
14. We do not remember days, but moments.

*(All preceding articles written by Pastor Kris)*

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## ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

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We will be "kicking off" our Sunday school year on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Following worship we will all gather in the fellowship hall to meet Deputy Sheriff Will Pearson and his canine partner, Amer. Last April we helped raised money to purchase a security vest for Amer. Just a reminder to all who attend, Amer is a trained police dog, so please refrain from petting, hugging or touching Amer. So, please DO NOT approach the dog and we are asking the children to remain calm while we have the privilege to meet with Deputy Sheriff Will Pearson and his partner, Amer. We are also having an Ice Cream Social along with meeting Amer. If anyone is willing to donate any of the following items, please sign-up on the sheet located in the fellowship hall or e-mail Kathy at [peaceucc1@froniter.com](mailto:peaceucc1@froniter.com) or leave a message on the answering machine - 756-3334.

- 2 – pails of Vanilla Ice Cream
- 1 – pail of Chocolate Ice Cream
- 1 – jar of cherries
- 2 – whipping cream (cans)
- 1 – jar of thick topping
- 1 – gallon white milk
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## WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR

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We would like to invite all our members of Peace to come to the Women's Guild meeting that is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7th at 1:00 p.m.

Please save the date: On Saturday, October 15th is our Annual Fall Bazaar from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Once again we are in need of canned goods, crafts and home-made baked goods. Please watch your mailboxes for our annual raffle tickets to sell.

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## FINANCIAL GIVING

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### May, 2016

Sunday School Children - \$64.05  
Loose Collection – \$83.25  
General Fund - \$4,299.00  
e-giving - \$2,664.75  
Memory of Noel Zander into General Fund - \$10  
Sunday School Donation - \$20.00  
Initial Offering - \$10.00

### June, 2016

Sunday School Children - \$3.00  
Loose Collection – \$78.01  
General Fund - \$4,024.00  
e-giving - \$2,591.75  
Bulletin Sponsors - \$30.00  
Land Rent/Into Maintenance Savings - \$600.00

### July, 2016

Sunday School Children - \$7.50  
Loose Collection – \$193.00  
General Fund - \$4,427.50  
e-giving - \$2,591.75  
Bulletin Sponsor - \$30.00  
Sunday School donations - \$5.00  
Memory of Bob Hensel into General Fund -\$10  
Love of Margie Christopherson into General Fund - \$20  
Memory of Margie Christopherson to purchase Bibles for Peru missionaries - \$95.00  
Vacation Bible School Registration - \$30.00  
Vacation Bible School offering - \$27.93

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## SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED

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Our 2016 Semi-annual congregational meeting will be held following an abbreviated worship service on Sunday, October 16th. Mark your calendars!

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## SCRIP

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**Since January of 2016, the Scrip program has given \$1,000.00 to our General Fund to help pay our operating expenses for the church.** So, with your dedication of purchasing Scrip on a regular basis, we can continue this trend in helping with the paying of our general operating expenses from our Scrip profits. Thank you to all who purchase Scrip, but if you have never used Scrip, please call the church office and Kathy will explain how it works. We all need to buy groceries to feed our families and gasoline for our vehicles. What a great way to start using Scrip by purchasing gifts cards to your grocery store and purchasing gift cards to your favorite gas station.

Scrip may be purchased after Worship every Sunday or you may stop at church whenever Kathy Daun is in the office.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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### Pre-School/Grade 2:

September 18 – Jane Kopidlansky/Lacey Kalies  
September 25 – Amber Leiterman/Greg Loose

### Grades 3-6:

September 18 – Becky & Emma Schneider  
September 25 – Becky Fischer/Ashley Eickert

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## GREETERS

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August 28 – Jane Kopidlansky  
September 4 – Dave & Laurie Sommers  
September 11 – Amber Horn-Leiterman Family  
September 18 – Jenifer Pittl Family  
September 25 – Candi & Sydnee Koenigs

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## ACOLYTES

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August 28 – Collin Greve & Trae Williams  
September 4 – Joshua Schuh & Trae Williams  
September 11 – Jacob & Emma Schneider & Grant Leiterman  
September 18 – Derek & Chloe Vande Hey  
September 25 – Brynn & Aubrie Williams

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## COFFEE HOUR

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September 11 – Ice Cream Social

Hilde' Krahn, Dara Schuh, Jenifer Pittl

September 18 – **need volunteers**

September 25 – **need volunteers**

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## SUNDAY HELPERS

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August 28 – Carla Zander

September 4 – Carla Zander

September 11 – **need volunteer**

September 18 – Phil Koenigs

September 25 – Dawn Voight

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## LAY READER

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August 28 – Lois Schwahn

September 4 – Karla Miller

September 11 – Candi Koenigs

September 18 – Cindy Riha

September 25 – Todd Reese

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## USHERS

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August 28 – Bill Wittmann

September 4 – Karla Miller

September 11 – Paul Cooney

September 18 – Carol Krueger

September 25 – Duane Loose

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## CONFIRMATION PARENT HELPER

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September 14 – Krahn Family

September 21 – Klika Family

September 28 – Williams Family

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## UP-COMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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September 7 at 1:00 p.m. - Women's Guild Meeting

September 11 at 10:00 a.m. – (Sunday School Kick-Off) Ice Cream Social & Deputy Sheriff Will Pearson and canine Amer to visit after Sunday worship

September 19 at 5:30 p.m. - Council Meeting

October 12 at 1:00 p.m. work day for upcoming Women's Guild Bazaar

October 15 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. - Women's Guild Bazaar

October 16 – Semi-Annual meeting immediately after worship

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

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### Sunday, August 28, 2016

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship (Rev. Milton Staskal preaching while Rev. Kris is on vacation)

### Sunday, September 4, 2016

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

### Sunday, September 11, 2016

9:00 a.m. Sunday worship with Communion  
10:00 a.m. – Ice Cream Social & meeting with Officer Will and his partner, Amer

### Sunday, September 18, 2016

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship & Sunday School  
Mini-Missions  
10:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

### Sunday, September 25, 2016

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship & Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

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## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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August 4 – Don & Barb Wittmann

August 8 – Glenn & Cindy Riha

August 8 – Lance & Lacey Kalies

August 8 – Thomas & Elizabeth Horn

August 9 – Jerry & Debbie Schuh

August 12 – Joe & Sandi Barth

August 14 – Travis & Emily Tiede

August 18 – Harland & Lillian Kuchenbecker

August 20 – Andy & Dara Schuh

August 22 – Christopher & Amanda Barth

August 31 – Bill & Jessie Saenger

August 31 – Ron & Sandy Kuchenbecker

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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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August 1 – Karen Gertz  
August 1 – Tim Krahn  
August 5 – Chloe Vande Hey  
August 6 – Todd Reese  
August 6 – Liam Neuman  
August 8 – Sandy M. Kuchenbecker (Mrs. Ron)  
August 10 – Becky Fischer  
August 12 – Carol Reese  
August 15 – Donna Poye  
August 18 – Chuck Bain  
August 18 – Cameron Reese  
August 18 – Sawyer Burich  
August 21 – Gerald Durkee  
August 23 – Lori Horn  
August 24 – Tami Sucevic  
August 25 – Karen Loose  
August 27 – Jerry Schuh  
August 28 – Debbie Schuh  
August 28 – Lillian Kuchenbecker  
August 29 – Morgan Janas  
August 30 – Glenn Riha  
August 30 – Chuck Burich

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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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September 2 – Michael Horn  
September 6 – Emily Fischer  
September 7 – Emily Tiede  
September 9 – Rev. Kris Borns  
September 11 – Sharon Levash  
September 14 – Bill Kees  
September 14 – Devon Schmitt  
September 16 – Lawrence Bohman  
September 16 – Masyn Kalies  
September 18 – Bob Ruppenthal  
September 19 – Florence Moede  
September 20 – Ann Vande Hey  
September 20 – Olivia Eickert  
September 21 – Alex Cooney  
September 21 – Nick Loose  
September 22 – Sophia Krahn  
September 24 – Laurie Sommers  
September 25 – Sandy Meyer  
September 26 – Landon Schuh  
September 27 – Gabrielle Barth

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## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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September 3 – Steve & Karla Miller  
September 6 – Brian & JoLynn Schuh  
September 18 – Duane & Karen Loose  
September 19 – Bob & Carol Lowe

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## MISSION AND OUTREACH

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**Back to School Supplies:** The month of August is certainly the time we all start thinking about sending students off to school and the newspaper flyers flood us with hundreds of “must haves” for that first day of school. Patrick’s Patches has condensed these ideas into a list of “most needed” supplies the children will be expected to bring on the first day. We know there are many families that can’t afford even these supplies for their children and will turn to Patches for help. For years our church has assisted in collecting school supplies, however the timing for collecting the supplies and delivering them before school begins has posed a problem. Therefore we collect school supplies throughout the year which also allows us to take advantage of sales.

Items most requested by parents and schools include: wide line spiral notebooks, two pocket folders, #2 pencils, colored pencils, liquid glue/glue sticks, rulers, pens, crayons, calculators, scissors, highlighters, erasers, loose wide line ruled paper, and colored markers.

Please remember this project throughout the year and leave the school supplies in the fellowship hall marked for Patrick Patches.

**Patrick’s Patches:** Several trips were taken to Patrick’s Patches this summer to delivered items you have donated. The atmosphere is always very uplifting and the volunteers truly thankful for all the help our church continues to give as they meet the needs of those seeking help. Patches continually needs furniture, clothing and house wares. Items can be left at the church at any time...please mark them for Patches.

**Mini Missions Update:** Mini Missions will resume collecting each month for small mission projects both locally or globally. Many of the best suggests for projects come from within the congregation so please continue to pass on your suggestions. Due to the many activities on the second Sunday of September, our Mini Missions collection will be on the third Sunday - September 16th.

Your May collection totaled \$95.07 and was matched for each of the three teams represented by members of our church for Relay For Life. Combined with the donation from Endowment, each team received \$262.00.

On September 11<sup>th</sup> we will have an opportunity to meet Deputy Sheriff Will Pearson and the first Calumet canine partner, Amer. The April Mini Missions collection helped purchase a bullet proof best for Amer, a Belgian Malinois breed known to be confident, smart and hard working. Deputy Pearson and Amer will greet the congregation directly after the service.

**Updates on Annual Sales:** Our church opened its doors and grounds for our annual rummage, plant and brat sales last June and generated funds for several projects. The Rummage and Brat Sale proceeds of \$1,173.86 will be sent with Dan Natzke's mission team heading to the Dominican Republic in February. The money will enable the team to continue work on several projects which include providing food for the body as well as the soul and drilling wells for fresh water. Dan will be giving a short presentation within the next few weeks on his ongoing work in this impoverished area of the world.

The Annual Plant Sale was also a huge success and generated an amazing total of \$3,537.80 which will be used for both local and global mission projects. The first \$1,000 was pledged to the Taylor Schmidt family who are accomplishing great things in Peru. They continue to persevere in sweltering heat and impoverished conditions

to bring the word of God to a part of the world hungry to hear it. The money will enable them to secure transportation and gasoline to travel further and more safely into the jungles. Taylor's parents will leaving for Peru the 17<sup>th</sup> of September and taking much needed supplies to the family such as powdered peanut butter and dried meats. If you wish additional information on sending items for the family or how to be part of their blogs/face book please contact Carol Lowe.

A special thank you to the many people that helped make these sales a success. It is the purist form of teamwork as we raise funds to minister to others and spread the word of God.