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October 2006

New Women's Evening Bible Study Group

A new group for Bible Study for Women of St. John will begin meeting **Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7:00pm** at St. John. Come join them for sharing conversation around the Scriptures, and Christian companionship.

At this initial meeting the group will decide on their continuing schedule, and on the Bible study material they wish to follow. Two options being considered are the Lutheran Woman Today study of the Women of the ELCA, or Café, a scriptural - topical discussion of issues facing women today. The group is being formed as a result of responses to a survey that was sent to women of St. John not currently involved in the monthly W/ELCA Bible study. The survey results indicated an interest in an evening time gathering for Bible study. You are invited to join the group regardless of whether you responded to the survey. The group will focus on study and discussion. W/ELCA organization business will continue to be conducted by the group meeting Tuesday daytimes.

Affirmation of Baptism Sunday

On Reformation **Sunday, Oct. 29**, at the 10:00am service, St. John Lutheran will again mark the renewal of the church by celebrating confirmation of faith. Those members of the 9th grade class of confirmands who have completed their preparations will take their vows of affirmation, and assume a larger role in the mission of the church. Join us as we support new confirmands in taking on the commitment we share to bear witness to Christ and celebrate the heritage of the church handed on to us by the reformers of the church. A service of Holy Communion will be celebrated on this special day. Members of the 9th grade confirmand class include Alyssa Storm, Michael Rosencrans, and Justin Boomsma.

New Sunday Morning Class for High Schoolers, Parents, Adults

Join Pastor Dave for a new Bible Study Discussion Class, based on "The Divine Drama" Scripture Overview. Sundays, 9:00am, Education Assembly Room! The class is aimed at having young adults and older members discuss the Bible together!

St. John Enrolls in Eutychus Project

18-35 - year - old members,
we are looking for you!

St. John Lutheran has enrolled in an experimental project named "Eutychus", after the young man in the Acts 20 story who fell asleep and fell from a balcony while the Apostle Paul preached long. The project explores the question of how we might engage and include our younger members by attending to concerns and questions that are theirs, rather than risk talking on about things that don't help them live out their faith in the world they face.



To get involved in the project, the St. John Council is seeking 5 or so of our 18 to 35 year old members to attend a day-long workshop with Pastor Dave on **Saturday, Oct 28**, in Sioux Falls to form an 'informing' leadership team to help us all think about these questions. Pastor Dave will be talking to you about this. Please be ready to consider being a part of this project.



Sunday, Nov. 5, 7:30pm

(registration 6pm)

thru Monday, Nov. 6,

4:00pm

Ramkota Inn, Aberdeen

(Information brochures available at narthex board)

What is Hope for the Prairie?

This two day gathering will celebrate life and ministry in the Dakotas, looking to the future with optimism and vision for a vital Lutheran presence in the 21st century.

Contact Pastor Dave **IMMEDIATELY** if you would like to attend! See more, pg. 2

St. John Membership Report:

Membership as of Sept 1:

Baptized - 397, Confirmed - 322

Baptism: Taylor Jamison Storm, 9/24/2006

Membership as of Sept. 30:

Baptized - 398, Confirmed - 322

Hope for the Prairie (continued from pg. 1)

Is This Just Another Event?

No! *Hope for the Prairie* is a vision for the future. It is also a gathering for mutual support in the face of the drought our region has experienced, and how congregations can respond to needs. The first step is the gathering in Aberdeen of key lay and clergy congregational leaders. You are urged to attend as teams of at least two lay members and one clergy from a congregation or parish. The Aberdeen gathering will affirm what the church has accomplished and will focus on the future with new vision and expectation. At **H4P** you will discover a wealth of resources your congregation can use to move toward renewal and vitality.

Featured Speakers

Ryan Taylor is a rancher from Towner, ND. Ryan has supplemented meager ranch income as a freelance writer, a syndicated columnist, a book-peddling publisher, a public relations man for a beef co-op, a road weary sales rep for an animal health company and a rope twirling after-dinner speaker and entertainer. He's currently serving in the North Dakota State Senate. For more on Ryan, see www.mycowboylogic.com.

Bishop Mark Hanson is Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and President of the Lutheran World Federation. He previously served as a parish pastor and synod bishop. He has roots in the prairie Midwest and is deeply committed to a faithful and renewed future for this church.

Also leading worship and workshops will be Bishops of the sponsoring Region 3 Synods Rev. Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl, South Dakota, Rev. Rick Foss, Eastern North Dakota, and Rev. Duane Danielson, Western North Dakota.

Workshops will include: New Models for Collaborative Ministries / Discovering Hope / Worship Resources / Memory Energizing Mission / Bishops Uncollared / Natural Church Development / Connecting with Community / Stewardship as Renewal / and others. Worship at H4P will feature the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship resources, with particular emphasis on use in Dakota churches. A variety of Dakota musicians will lead worship and entertain throughout the conference.



The grass withers,
the flower fades;
but the word of our God
will stand for ever.

—Isaiah 40:8



Let it be SAID...

God's people care!

Spiritual Accompaniment In Disaster Training
Friday, Oct. 20, East Side Lutheran, Sioux Falls
8:30am - 3:30pm

First Step in Preparing for Rise Up & Build
Leadership for Winter 2007 Work Session
For More Information, talk to Pastor Dave, or pick
up a copy of "Disaster Times" in the church
narthex.

Get ready for Rise Up & Build II

As successful as last year's mission trips to Mississippi and Florida were, there is still the need for more disaster reconstruction in these locations and others. Rebuilding is just starting in some areas and plans are being made for *Rise Up & Build II*.

One location being considered is at Camp Victor in Ocean Springs. Currently, Camp Victor has finished with the mucking out stage and is doing rebuilding work on 70 houses, from sheet rocking to roofing. They plan to rebuild 300 homes!

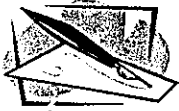
While construction work is a constant need, there is plenty of other work to go around, as well. Data entry and working in the distribution center, filling orders for survivors who still come for food and personal items are just a few of the opportunities to serve. There's a task waiting for any willing volunteer.

Lutheran Disaster Response is also looking for volunteers to be a volunteer coordinator. We are looking for someone who:

- has a construction background or understands the rebuilding process
- likes working with people
- is open to leading teams of volunteers

The individual who accepts the role of the volunteer coordinator for *Rise Up & Build II* will be in the Gulf Coast for two weeks handling volunteers. This person also should be willing to take the team approach, working with the previous week's coordinator during their first week, and the second week training-in the new volunteer coordinator. The person who becomes the volunteer coordinator will also be invited to attend a training session sometime in October.

Rise Up & Build II is tentatively planned for mid-January through February 2007. Interested in becoming a part of *Rise Up & Build II*, or contributing to the effort? Contact Lutheran Disaster Response at (800) 950-2901 or check for updates at www.ldrnd.org



St. John Church Council Minutes

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MINUTES

St. John's Lutheran Church Council met on September 11, 2006 in the church basement at 8:00 pm. Pres. Don Burmeister called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with only Pastor Dave absent. Cal Luebke led us in devotions relating to 9-1-1- and how we should hate evil and love and do good. A good lesson in how to treat people. Secretary minutes were read of the Aug. meeting. They were approved by mark with a second from Carol. Motion carried. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$586.86. Motion by Ron J to approve with a second from Tim. All approved. Our offerings have been generous but not all bills paid or caught up. We need \$3000 for two months benevolence and \$367 for a start on the insurance policy. \$4,390 minimum needed yet to stay even. Total bills presented were \$9,995.81. Cal made a motion to accept the bills presented and Stan seconded. The Thrivent offering in support of Nathan Metzger amounted to \$1,895. Ron J reported that the Elmer and Selma Jendersee family had donated a new tape deck for the church which we want to express our thanks for. Lunch was served by the ladies group.

Pastor's Report: No weddings or funerals this month at St. John's: Released 5 individuals from our church membership. Rally Sunday was held on Sunday and the contemporary music was enjoyed. Decided to have a free-will (loose) offering for the Bultman's to help cover their expenses next Sunday which will also be the fundraiser dinner served by the LYO. St. John's is registered for the Eutychus Projectst. We need three to four young adults as well as one council member to accompany Pastor to a workshop in Sioux Falls on Oct 28. Confirmation Sunday will be October 29th. Need to check with Pastor if all members prepared for this special day.

Unfinished Business: Still anticipating the stain glass windows to be installed sometime during the first part of October. The one lawn mower is currently at Henke's getting repaired and Dan W has on occasion used his own. It is felt that the balcony stairwell ceiling damage, etc was probably caused before repairs were done on the roof and towers. The project to fix this area was tabled for now unless things get worse.

New Business: Stan will again get the cleaner jugs to flush the septic tanks. A representative from the LSS would like to meet with the council at the Oct meeting. Don will contact them. Discussion was held about getting the furnace ducts cleaned but at this time decided to wait and find out when exactly this was last done. It was also brought to our attention that the church bell ringing cannot be heard as clearly as in the

past. This may have to do with the lubbers being put in and it may be necessary to open a window or doors. The pastor will be getting out a pastoral evaluation to be completed and considered. We need to be gearing up for the new Bishop election next June. By Nov 1st further information and nomination forms will be sent to congregations.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, Oct 9th at 8:00 pm. Lunch will be served by Russell. Ron N will have devotions. Communion will be held on Oct 1 at stations with Linda, Carol, Ron J. Mark and Tim assisting. Communion will also be held on Oct 29th for confirmation at the rail with Don B and Carol assisting. Stan and Shannon will be ushers at both. Motion to adjourn by Carol and Tim seconded. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Council Secretary

Linda Kurtenbach



St. John Women of the ELCA Minutes

The St. John Women of the ELCA met on Tuesday afternoon September 19th in the church basement with 12 members present.

Devotions were given by Care Group #1. Bible study was led by Pastor Dave. The business meeting was called to order by Associate Coordinator Kathy Winterfeldt. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read. Thank yous were read from Lutheran Outdoors, Ada Kretchmer family, Geneva Gardeman family, Jodi Neugebauer and Chris & Karin (Almjeld) Blake.

The Treasurer's Report shows a balance of \$978.93. It was approved and placed on file.

Mission Action Report by Marilyn Mueller – Care Group #2 will have devotions and Care Group #3 will be hostess at the October meeting. Care Groups #1 & #2 will play bingo at the Corsica Home one Oct 11th. Care Group #3 will serve the meal for the Pastor's Conference Oct 24th. We will need the UPC code instead of the front label from Campbell's labels from now on. A list of products eligible for this program will be posted on the bulletin board in the breezeway. Care Groups #2 & #4 played bingo at the Parkston Assisted Living on Sept 7th.

Mission Growth Report by Bev Mueller: The church cleaning is done and 57 ladies participated in this. There are many good articles in the Lutheran Women Today magazine for your reading pleasure.

Unfinished Business: A letter had been sent to ladies of the church concerning and evening study on the third Wed of the month at 7 pm. The Bible study from Lutheran Women Today will be used. Stella Klumb reported on the Ryan Thury benefit.

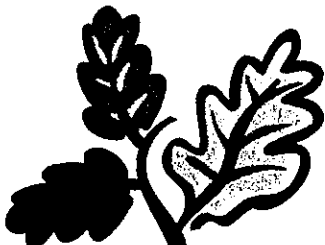
New Business: Election of officers was held and presided over by Kathy Winterfeldt. She presented the following ballot – Coordinator: Dee Storm; Treasurer – Leah Storm; Mission Growth and Community – Bev Mueller. There were no nominations from the floor. Doris Herbst made a motion to accept this part of the ballot. It was seconded and motion carried. Since there was no opposition, no vote was needed on this part of the ballot. Those on the ballot for the nominating committee were Barb Gardeman, Julie Moke, Mary Anne Neugebauer and Nelda Neugebauer. Barb Gardeman and Mary Ann Neugebauer were elected after a ballot vote. The Fall Workshop for officers will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran in Corsica on Oct 7th. All present officers and newly elected officers should try to attend. It will begin at 8:30 am with coffee. Our offering will be \$30 for regular offering and \$60 for scholarship offering. Anniversary Quilt Committee will meet on Oct 2nd instead of Sept 18th. Safehouse in Mitchell has sent a "wish list" which will be posted on bulletin board in breezeway. The meeting was adjourned. Lunch was served by Care Group #4.

Recorder Linda Gerlach

Campbell Soup Labels: There is a change in the Campbell Soup Label for Education Program. The front portion of the labels will no longer be accepted. Please save the UPC code or in some cases the lid. A listing of eligible products is posted on the Breezeway Bulletin Board or you may pick up a sheet in the narthex listing the products and whether to save the UPC code or the lid. The UPC codes and lids will be sent to Mosaic of Axtell, Nebraska, a home for people with developmental disabilities.

Jr Lutherans: Oct 4th at 7:00 pm
Please bring an item for our Autumn Trail mix. Examples are: M & M's, pretzels, peanuts, cheese curls, candy corn – anything goes! Also we will end the evening with flashlight tag, so please dress warmly and bring a jacket. Also, bring a flashlight if you have one! See you there!

LYO fundraiser: The LYO will be again having a lasagna dinner as a fundraiser this year on Oct 15th. Please watch the Oct bulletins for more information.



Malachi 3:3 says: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible study. That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver. As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were the hottest as to burn away all the impurities. The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse that says: "He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver." She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. The man answered yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed. The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?" He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy – when I see my image in it." If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has his eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you.

"Life is a coin. You can spend it anyway you wish, but you can only spend it once."



**Mission Dinner invitation from South Dakota
Synod**

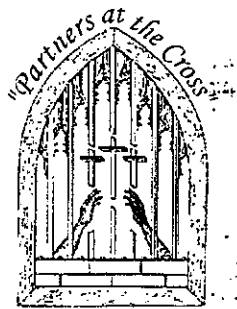
Greetings in Christ's name. Thank you for the leadership that you offer, helping to make Christ known among all of God's people.

In order to bring a 'thank you' and to ask for your continued generosity in support of God's work through the church, the South Dakota Synod, ELCA invites you to bring a team of leaders to a "Mission Dinner" in your conference this fall.

As a focus for this series of dinners in three of the Synod conferences, we offer to you a resource person who will support and encourage especially rural and small-town ministry. Dr. Alvin Luedke, Associate Professor of Rural Ministry at Luther Seminary, will be the keynote speaker. Support to Ministries Committee members from the three conferences noted how rural you are and the impact of the current drought. They asked for a person in the church who knows rural life and needs - and can be of spiritual help to you. That describes Dr. Luedke. We are pleased that he has agreed to join us for these events.

The "Mission Dinner" for Prairie Rivers Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 31, 5:00 - 7:30pm at Salem Lutheran, Parkston. A \$5 free-will offering will be received for the cost of the dinner. We do need to know how many people will attend. Please reply to Synod staff person, Yvette Christian, at 605-274-4024 - or by email at christian@augie.edu.

In Christ,
Bishop Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl, Pastor Jeff Sorenson, Pastor David Larson



"Partners at the Cross"

**Benefit Dinner for Prison Congregations of
America**

Saturday, October 28, 2006

North Country Events Hall

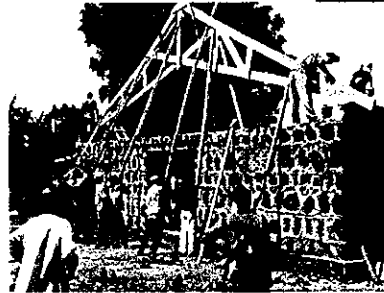
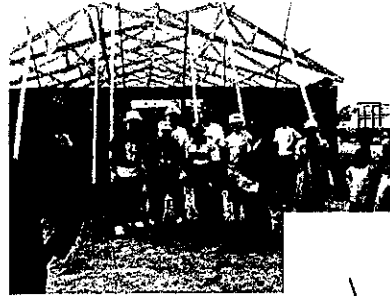
2808 W. 84 St N., Sioux Falls

Doors open at 5:30pm Dinner at 6:00pm

\$200 for table of eight/\$25/person

**Information letter & response cards available at
narthex board, or by contacting church office.**

**6 by '07
Church Roofs
in Cameroon**



**Six sites
Bengue-Tiko
Bounou Ouli
Djallingo
Pont Dang
Patou
Bindiba**

Build a Church Roof in Cameroon!




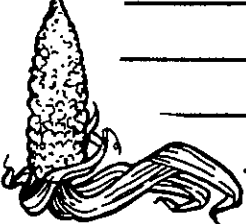
The South Dakota Synod Companion Synods Task Force has set a goal that individuals and congregations will complete six new church roofs, at priority sites named by the EELC, by the 2007 Synod Assembly. Cost: \$7500 each,

And, we hope to send teams to build those six roofs in winter/spring 2006/2007.

How would you like to participate in this exciting new 'roof building' project? If you would like to be part of a build team, contact the Companion Synod Task Force at the Synod Office, or talk to Pastor Dave. We can get you connected to a "hands on" way to help christian neighbors across the world.

Looking ahead: November 5 - Joint LMM / W-ELCA Sunday Morning Coffee Fundraiser for Thrivent match for \$350 toward archives safe to preserve St. John historical records.



St. John Lutheran Church – Member Life Events for October

	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Baptism Anniversaries</u>	<u>Wedding Anniversaries</u>	<u>Memorials</u>
1	Nancy Mueller, Amanda Kurtenbach	Justin Mueller		1981- Walter Titze 1988-Christine Hoffman
2				1948-Judy Gerlach
3		Michelle Klumb		
4				
5	Norbert Neugebauer(80th), Donald Tecklenburg	Beverly Buening, Karen Hoffman		
6	Shirley Burmeister			1977-Martha Klumb
7	Mallory Metzger			
8	Jennifer Schlaffman	Kardell Boomsma, Tim Goldammer	Mark & Stacey Endres	
9	Gerhardt Gerlach, Gerald Moke, Byron Storm	Darin Schrank	Amy & Brian Busse	
10	Dustin Eaglehorse, Carson Brouwer	Derek Storm, Kyle Storm		
11			Jim & Ellen Neugebauer	
12			Doug & Bev Mueller	1971-Ernest Sigmund
13	Joshua Storm	Sydney Leidtke		
14		Michael Speas	Tamara & Craig Millage	
15	Kimberly Metzger			
16				
17	Margaret Mueller (85 th), Shelly Neugebauer	 BAPTIZED	Tim & Vickie Storm	
18	Denise Kretschmer, Shaylin Waugh	Delores Schrank, Karin Blake		1956-Adolph Koepcke
19		Denise Kretschmer, Mallory Metzger, Terry Schrank		2002-Martha Flemmer
20	Floyd Muntefering, Douglas Mueller, Richard Herrold	Rebecca Spider, Alyssa Spider		1982-Hilda Burmeister
21	Glen Moke, Lance Bruske, Jonathon Freeman	Amanda Kurtenbach	Walter & Helen Gelach (54 th)	
22	Tracy Neugebauer	Robert Bruske		
23	Phyllis Wiczorek (81 st)	Abbey Goldammer, Charles Storm		1998-Bertha Bormann
24	Russel Metzger, Andrea Bruske, Althea Bruske	Linda Gerlach, Norbert Neugebauer, Joshua Gerlach		
25		Cole Gerlach		1970-Alma Gerbig 1985-Otto Hoffman
26	Jeannetta Neugebauer (84th), Courtney Storm	William Kretschmer, Cindy Speas, Hailee Buening		
27		Gerald Moke, William Neugebauer, Cameron Wittstruck		1977-Gottfried Neugebauer
28	Gary Neugebauer, Jay Storm, Bryan Vogel	Floyd Muntefering		
29	LaVerna Neugebauer, Perry Titze	Joshua Storm	Paul & Sarah Gerlach	1980-Ernest Kreth, Sr. 1985-Edwin Burmeister
30		Kelly Burmeister		
31	Brittany Anderson, Lawrence Keeler, Jonathan Olawsky	Jacqueline Wright, Margaret Mueller		1976-Caroline Hildebrand 1993-Irwin Rippe

Greet your friends in Christ! Send a card, make a call, or include them in your prayers.

If your birthday, anniversary, baptism, or other significant date is missing or incorrect, please contact the church office
(Names preceded by a cross symbol, "†", indicate a special memorial date for a member who has died, included by request)

October 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><i>1 17th Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p>9am - Sunday School (with new High School / Adult class)</p> <p>10am - Holy Communion, WOV Setting 4 liturgy</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>8:00pm - Worship Committee</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>7pm - Junlor Lutherans</p> <p>7-8:30pm - Confirmation Classes</p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>3pm - Augustana College Presidential Inauguration of Robert Oliver, Sioux Falls</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>8:30am- (registration), WELCA Officers Training Workshop @ Our Savior, Corsica</p>	
<p><i>8 18th Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p>9am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - LBW Service of the Word</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pastor on vacation</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>8:00pm - October Council Meeting, with LSS presentation</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i> 2:30pm - Bingo @ Corsica PVGSC (Care groups 1&2)</p> <p>7pm - LYO</p> <p>7-8:30pm - Confirmation Classes</p> <p>8pm - 9th grade Confirmands, Parents & Mentors</p>	<p><i>12</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>6:30pm - Grassroots Dinner / Entertainment with Bishop Andrea @ Augustana College</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> 	
<p><i>15 19th Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p>9am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - WOV Service of the Word Lutheran Campus Ministry Emphasis Day</p> <p>11:30am - LYO Fundraiser Lasagna Dinner</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>8:30pm - Lutheran Men In Mission</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>1:30pm - WELCA Bible Study & Mtg.</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>7pm - New Evening Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7-8:30pm - Confirmation Classes</p>	<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>8:30am - 3:30pm - 'SAID' Training @ Eastside Lutheran, Sioux Falls</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>9am-3pm - Evangelical Lutheran Worship Workshop, First Lutheran, Mitchell</p>	
<p><i>22 20th Sunday after Pentecost</i></p> <p>9am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Service of Confession and Forgiveness</p> <p>2pm - Bormann Manor Service</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>9:30am - PR Conference Pastors Mtg. at St. John (Care Group 3 serving)</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>7-8:30pm - Confirmation Classes, with 6th - 8th grade Mentors</p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>10am - Newsletter Mailing Committee</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i> 10am-4pm - Eutyclus Project Training, Sioux Falls</p> <p>6pm - "Partners at the Cross" Benefit Dinner for Prison Cong. Of America, Sioux Falls</p>	
<p><i>29 Reformation Sunday</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i></p> <p>9am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Confirmation Service with Holy Communion, "Justified by Grace" liturgy</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> 	<p><i>31</i></p> <p>5-7:30pm - Prairie Rivers Conf. Mission Dinner @ Salem Lutheran, Parkston</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">October Worship Assistants</p> <p>Ushers: Delmar Mueller Family</p> <p>Greeters: Carl & Bev Buenning</p> <p>Acolytes: Ashley & Alexandra Gerlach</p> <p>Lectors: 10/1-Marlene Jendersee, 10/8-Carl Buenning, 10/15- Don Burmeister, 10/22- Sarah Neugebauer, 10/29- Confirmand</p>				