

THE SEPTEMBER BELL

2019

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

**Worship at
9:00 AM**

**Sunday School Kickoff at
10:00 AM**

**Food, Fun, Fellowship
For All Ages**

**WORSHIP
SUNDAY 9:00 AM**

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM

**RADIO BROADCAST
11:00 AM on
WRPQ 740 AM & 99.7 FM**

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Pastor's Thoughts

RULES FOR WORSHIP...

I recently read a list of "20 rules of etiquette for attending worship" shared by a clergy person (not of my denomination). They were things people needed to do if they wanted to do worship

"right"...such as never giving kids snacks; never looking at cell phones; bowing, sitting, standing and kneeling at all the right times; dressing in a certain way, etc. In response, I thought I'd share my own list of etiquette.

1. I assume that, when you walk into church, you feel weighed down by the world. You probably had a hard week at work or failed on your diet or argued with your spouse or have had it up to here with the kids. I could be wrong, but I assume you need a break. My job is to smile and welcome you. **Your "rule" here is simply to walk in the door, if you choose.**

2. As our guest of honor, you are in church to be served. This means you do not come to serve God or anyone else. Before you worry that this will make you feel entitled, remember that the gathering commonly called "mass" was renamed "service" by Martin Luther, who said God is the one serving. God is lavishly serving you in word and sacrament.

3. The music is always nicer if you sing along. The prayers are more powerful if you join your voice in the ancient rhythm created by billions of people over thousands of years. It's not a requirement, though. If what you need to do is sit in silence, meditate, whatever...have at it.

4. Parents and grandparents, we give you all the breaks you need. **Jesus loved kids and loves yours.** Feed them Cheerios, give them toys ... yes. Many of us have been there, and you're doing great. Always know that we love you and we love them.

5. The table is owned by Jesus Christ. He called you and all people to join in Holy Communion. Don't feel worthy? Well, Jesus fed Judas. It's

not about worthiness; it's about God's love for you. Feel better? Good. Get up here and let me put the bread in your hand!

6. Ask me anything about worship that you want to understand but know that it all unfolds over time and that we all grow, as we should, over a lifetime.

7. Cell phones are best kept quiet—but hey, pull it out to tweet an interesting sermon note (I do say some tweet-worthy things sometimes). Spread the gospel in new ways. **No rule here either.**

8. Wear whatever you want. **This is the most irrelevant thing in the history of ever.**

9. Your love of God pales in comparison to God's love of you. But regardless of your culture or background, if you are wounded, broken, anxious, insecure, depressed, or unsure if you even believe in God, you will not be judged by God or our congregation. Bring your authentically human self to the worship service ... and see how much God serves you in profound and soul-healing ways.

10. Relax.

Rules and requirements won't save you, me or anyone. Salvation was ... and is ... a gift from the cross. If any of us could have earned salvation by being the perfect churchgoer, the cross wouldn't have been necessary. I assume that we're all trying our best with what we know. **The mercy flows from God into our hearts.**

Blessings, Pastor Craig

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SUNDAY 10 AM SCHEDULE BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER...

Sept. 8th - Coffee with a Donut

Sept. 15th - Wo-Zha-Wa

Sept. 22nd - Council Meeting 10 am

Sept. 29th - Discussion/Study 10 am

Oct. 8th - Coffee with a Muffin

Oct. 13th & 27th Discussion/study 10 am

Oct. 20th - Council at 10 am

Sunday School starts Sept. 22nd at 10 am

TEACHERS NEEDED FOR THIS FALL!



We NEED YOU to help with Sunday School this fall! We are planning on a multi-age group for Sunday School and would like to have 2 teaching teams to rotate and cover each week!

You can help us bring this plan together! Talk to Pastor and let him know if you can be a vital part of this important ministry!

**Welcome,
Students!**



BEGINNING WITH THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE BELL

WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE BELL
AVAILABLE TO YOU IN THREE DIFFERENT
WAYS:

- BY EMAIL
- BY A LINK ON OUR WEB SITE
- PICK UP A COPY AT CHURCH

Why? This will allow us to make fewer paper copies, cut out our \$225 annual bulk mail fee and also cut our \$45 a month charge to mail "The Bell." This will also allow us to shift from a \$400 per month/60-month copier lease to instead function with a very good laser printer in the office!

Please be sure to let us know your updated email information as soon as possible.

Either **return this form or email** pastor at revcw2016@gmail.com

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____





**IN HONOR,
CELEBRATION,
and
MEMORY**

Sept. 1 – The **flowers** are given by Marion Hendrickson in memory of Eldon.

The candle is given by Jo Ellen Sigmund.

Sept. 8 – The **flowers** are given by Sandy Link and Bernadine Henrikson in celebration of Athena's birthday.

The candle is given by Dennis and Jan Dorow in celebration of Samantha's birthday.

Sept. 15 – The **flowers** are given by Kim Field in honor September birthdays: Katie, Danny, and Patricia.

Sept. 22 – The **flowers** are given to the glory of God.

The candle is given by Dennis and Jan Dorow in celebration of Ethan's birthday.

Sept. 29 – The **flowers** are given by Dianne Thompson in honor of her daughters.

If you would like to fill any of the open spaces, call the Church Office at 254-4501 or check the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

The Cost of Flowers is \$8.50
Candle: \$4.00
Bulletins: \$8.50

**SNEAK PEEK INTO OCTOBER
Women's Sunday / Three Wives' Men**

By popular request, the Three Wives' Men will be leading worship on Sunday, October 6.

WORD IN SEASON

Be sure to pick up the latest copy of *Word in Season*, either regular print or large-print, in the Narthex.

GROCERY RECEIPTS

Thank you for continuing to turn in your receipts from Maurer's Market. We receive an annual check for 'community dollars' from Maurer's. It all adds up!

WELCA-BETHANY WOMEN

Circles

Ruth Circle
Tuesday, September 10
9:00 am
River's Edge

Eve Circle
Thursday, September 12
6:00 pm
Church Lounge
Bake Sale Pricing

Wo-Zha-Wa Bake Sale
Friday, September 13

Personal Care Kits

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits will be shipped mid-September. Thank you to all who donated items!

Quilts bound for LWR will also be packed and shipped mid-September. Kudos to our Cover Girls for their dedication and hard work in making these quilts.



Future Bell Mailings

Starting in November, *The Bell* will be available to you in three different ways:

By email

Please make sure that we have your email address by filling out the form on the third page of this newsletter, and returning it to us, or email us at revcw2016@gmail.com with 'address for the bell' in the subject line.

By a link on our website

The Bell will be posted on our website at www.dellsbethanychurch.org

Paper copies at church

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NOTE! NEW SCHEDULE!

Worship at 9:00 am

Coffee/Fellowship at 10:00 am

Sunday School at 10:00 am (Sept 22)

WOMEN'S BAKE SALE SEPTEMBER 13

The Women's annual Wo-Zha-Wa Bake Sale will take place on **Friday, September 13th**.

Baked goods should be dropped off at the church **by 6 pm on Thursday, September 12th** for pricing that evening.

Money donations are also appreciated before or after the actual bake sale.

Descriptions are very helpful, especially if nuts are part of the ingredients. Also consider that frosted items don't hold up well on a warm and sunny day!



ATTENTION 7th and 8th GRADERS!



You should be receiving your fall packets with your "Head to Heart" Handbook and also registration forms.

If not, be sure to call or email the church office. The packet goes out next week.

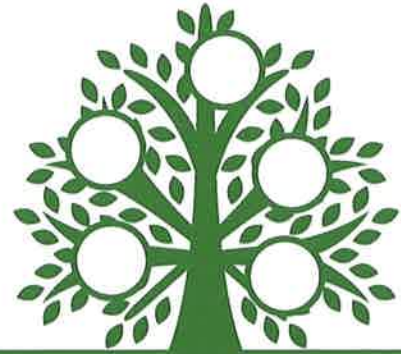


September 22 – 8:00 am Rehearsal



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

ASSISTANT	
	9:00 am
September 1	Bill Antonakis
September 8	Jim Timm
September 15	Jo Ellen Sigmund
September 22	Jan Dorow
September 29	David Ziarnik
READER	
September 1	Judith Connick
September 8	Dennis Dorow
September 15	Jo Ellen Sigmund
September 22	Miriam Lueck
September 29	Gail Webb
USHERS	
September 1	Jensen Team
September 8	Carroll Team
September 15	Christensen/Chipman Team
September 22	Webb/Lueck Team
September 29	Tofson Team



GROWING generations

Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

What you do:

1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.



September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Worship & Coffee (Coffee with a Donut)	2  HAPPY LABOR DAY!	3 9:30 Counters	4	5 4:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Tae Kwon Do	6	7
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22 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship & Coffee 10:00 am Council 10:00 am Sunday School Kick Off	23 9:30 Counters 1:00 pm Quilters 5:30 pm ACoA	24 9:30 Bell Folders	25	26 6:00 pm Tae Kwon Do	27	28
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Our Ministry Purpose

"Following Christ's command to love God and our neighbor - we seek to share our faith in worship, discipleship, service and outreach."

