

the sower

... charity + christ + church ...



coreValue 1: charity
coreValue 2: christ
COREVALUE 3: CHURCH

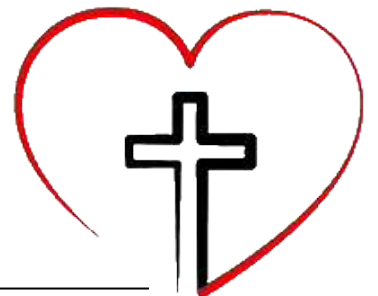
"Go in peace. Serve the Lord." Those have been the last words of worship, each Sunday, ever since the green hymnal came out, forty years ago! Of course, after all that time, other formulations have crept in. But basically, they all say the same thing. "The service is over and it's time to get back to living." Charity's been proclaimed! Christ's been administered! And now?

Well, now, serving the Lord isn't what we expect. We tend to think it's doing things just for god. Religious things. Spiritual things. Like singing songs or saying prayers or reading bibles. The kind of things we don't, usually, do during a week. Sure, those things are important. But truth is, they're what god does for us! Part of the calling and enlightening and making holy Luther talks about in the Small Catechism. Means of charity, they're called. Pipelines, channels, conduits, by which god comes into the world again and again and changes lives over and over.

And when – and where – Charity and Christ touch lives, that's when – and where – church happens! Those who hear and those who receive are made new, recreated in the image! Instead of looking at god, we turn and look in the direction god's looking! And just like god, we love who and what we see! "God doesn't need our good works," the good doctor writes, "but our neighbors do! Therefore, it's our duty to be Christ for our neighbor!" And that, my friends, is church! Charity and Christ change us ... change us into Charity and Christ!

i Crossing over ... TOGETHER!

Bob



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NEED MIDLAND LEGACY OR TEXAS SCHOLAR HOURS? Or



know someone who does? AIRSHO, 2019 is just around the corner! Saturday & Sunday, September 14th & 15th! And as in the past, they need help! Sign up online ...

<https://www.mssconnections.org/>

Any questions, give Del Bowie a call – **432.553-3143** or drop her an email – delphine-bowie@sbcglobal.net

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SUMMERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN a time for goings and comings, of saying goodbye and hello. And this one's no different! Here's the new addresses of those who've – LITERALLY – gone on to greener pastures ... !

Shirley White
6201 Overton Ridge Blvd, apt 338
Fort Worth, TX 76132
817.238-3898

& Nancy Robertson
13410 Tacoma Oaks Ln
Houston, TX 77014

And a couple more who've moved ... Deidre (cell: 432.847-7253) & Marion Barnes are, now, in Albuquerque! And B.J. (cell: 724.584-3633) & Nicki Shrader have headed off to Indianapolis!

Vaya con dios, amigos!

God goes
with you!



WHICH REMINDS ME ... This would, probably, be a good time to put together a new directory! Names. Addresses. Landlines. Emails. Cell phones. Dates. The whole enchilada! If you'd like to lend a hand, let the pastor know and maybe – just maybe – we can have something out by Thanksgiving!

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THE designTEAM meets Thursday, September 05th, from 7-8:00pm. This time, on the front patio of the



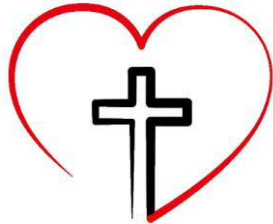
Parsonage (2711 W Michigan Ave) just west of the church building! We've finished work on coreValues. The things that inspire us! That motivate us! That make us who and what we are ...

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Now we move on to the visionStatement – a simple description of god's dream for us! Who & what we hope to become? This phase of our work should take us to the end of October.

Discussions continue across the congregation. Adult class on Sunday mornings. Regular meetings of the congregation Council. Planning meetings of the council. Not to mention conversations over coffee. But the way it looks now, there should be concrete proposals in the annualReport, come early next year!

Until then, if you have any questions, concerns, or – even better – suggestions! – don't hesitate to talk with a council Representative (listed on the inside-back cover of this newsletter) or with any



member of the designTeam: Sherice Barndt, Fred Behnken, Bob Boomer, Gretchen Shults, Ken Spencer, & Jonathan Yee.

Members of

Christ's/Odessa who have joined us are: Mark & Ramona Russell and Bob & Delores Schuler. Father Rick Lopez, rector at Iglesia Episcopal San Miguel Arcangel in Odessa has, also, been offering a suggestion or two! Or, of course, you can contact pastorBob ...

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The second meeting of the team, this month, will be on the evening of the 19th! We'll meet here at the churchBuilding in the old patioRoom. And please remember, there is an open invitation to anyone and everyone to come and sit in on any meeting of the congregationCouncil or designTeam!

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BY THE WAY, THIS MONTH'S 3rd 4th SUNDAY SERMON will be based on the third coreValue ... **CHURCH!**

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THE FALL CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY – for the conference-out-

west – is scheduled for Saturday, September 07th, at Grace Lutheran Church, Abilene, from 11:30am to 3:00pm. The topic: *Discovering Hope, building vitality in your congregation.* It's a conference aimed, specifically, for small congregations ... which, out here, is most of us! Any questions, talk with pastorBob ...



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SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW ...



This is the time of year, here in the church, we, usually, begin a new program year. Sunday School. Confirmation. Youth group. Choir. Etc. But this year, since we don't have the "numbers," we're opting for the something we've never done, before ... not having rallyDay! Mainly, our

energies – right now – are on figuring out where god's leading! Our priority isn't "doing what we've always done, the way we've always done it!" It's "making all things new!"

SundaySchool's a relatively new phenomenon to the church. It didn't exist until about Eighteen Hundred, during the industrialRevolution, when the church set up schools to teach the

kids working in the factories and mines! Not simply religious stuff, but things like reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic! Anyway, times change and so, at least for the time being, we'll change with them. Truth is, worship has everything we NEED to know! Everything our kids need to know! That's why worship's there to begin with! To create and to shape and to form believing! It's all there in that one hour of gospel proclaimed and sacraments administered!

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THE SUNDAY amCLASS for adults – more a weekly conversation, actually – will continue meeting, as it has ... 9:15-10:15, every Sunday morning, in the



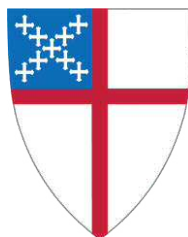
"old" PatioRoom! The topic ... The path ahead! At the moment, we've been trying to figure out the Whos, Whats,

Whens, Wheres, Whys, and – eventually – the Hows of faithfully proclaiming and administering the gospel! Any questions, talk with pastorBob ...

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THE WEDNESDAY pmSTUDY is still on hold! PastorBob has been invited to make a presentation on baptism to St Mary's Episcopal Church in BigSpring, the last Wednesday evening of the month. The Episcopal Church is a full



communion partner of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America! So, looks like we won't get

started until next month! We'll let you know in next month's newsletter and on our Facebook page!

@MidlandLutheranChurch don't rise, we should reconvene sometime in late September! We'll let you know for sure, next newsletter! Until then, enjoy and stay cool!

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THE NEXT MEETING of the women of the church is Wednesday morning September 11th, from 9:30-11:00 (+/-), in the "old" patioRoom, off the north hallway! No reservations necessary! Just come on down and join right ini! Any questions, talk with Gretchen Shults, the study leader @ 432.413-4354



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THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP that's been meeting in the lobby of the churchBuilding has made a change! They still meet the second Thursday afternoon of each month –



September 12th – from 2-3:30 (+/-)! But they'll now be at St Luke United Methodist Church, 3011 W Kansas Ave. Susan

Frederickson, Caregiver Program Specialist for the Area Agency on Aging

for the Permian Basin, continues to facilitate the discussion. No need to call ahead to save a place. Just come down and join in! But if you'd like to talk with Susan ahead of time, her number at the agency is 432.563-1061!

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THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL,



this go-round, will meet the fourth Sunday of the month, September 22nd, right after worship! Items of

business Consider yourself part of the family! And no need to r.s.v.p.!

The second will be the regular meeting, after worship, on the third Sunday of the month – August 18th. It's the usual overview of ministry as well as further discussion of whatever happens on the 10th! Again, anyone's welcome to sit in and see what's going on! Questions? Need a ride? About either meeting? Call 432.694-1373, call or text 432.349-7407, or drop a line to bbarndt@juno.com!

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EVENING PRAYER @ THE PARK!

We're gonna try it, again!

Thursday evening, September 26th! Sunset's at 7:40, so we'll begin at 7:00pm! Might as well head back to the xeriscape demonstration area, [Windlands Park](#), 1001 W Dengar Ave. It's and it's accessible! Get in touch if you have any



questions! Of if you'd like to go but don't have a way to get there!

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WE'RE LIVE STREAMING, SUNDAY

AMs! [Facebook](#)

[Live](#) is a service from



Facebook that lets us share live video with our followers and friends on Facebook! The video is, then, available to those who missed it, at the time! Or when you can't make it to worship sometime, you can still follow along! Take a look, when you get a chance! Share it with your friends! And let us know what you think!

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COLLEGE CLASSICS! Pastor Bob's



teaching another course at Midland College's College Classics, a low-cost, non-credit opportunity for citizens 50 and over. Take a look online and sign up! Of course, it doesn't have to be his if you find something more interesting! Then, register online!

<https://www.midland.edu/continuing-education/community/college-classics.php>

For as many classes as you wish all for a one-time fee of just \$25! Meet & Greet is Thursday, September 12th, noon to 1:00! A light lunch is included! Or talk with pastor Bob when you get a chance.

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IF YOU HADN'T HEARD ... Former members [Sally Cooke](#) and [Melvin Meissner](#) died this past month. Sally died in San Antonio on August 18th and Melvin died in Denton on August 22nd. Just click on their names to link to their obituaries.

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

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COMING UP IN NOVEMBER:

[Texas Recycles Day](#)

Saturday, November 9th
check it out!

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For day-to-day, week-to-week details, be sure to keep an eye on social ministry. . .

www.MidlandLutheranChurch.org

- our webpage -

& our Facebook pages

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE in your thoughts, words, & DEEDS. . .

Kaylee Academia; Adrian; Susan & Lee Anderson; Aunt Betty; Mike Bovington; **family & friends of Sally Cooke**; Loren Cordes; Corbin; Heather Dellinger; Donovan; Marilyn Douglas; Shirley Dye; Emily; Forest; Jay Howell; Wanda Howell; Anneliese Hyde; Linda Jamison; Wayne Johnson; Marti Jones; Karen; Diane Keys; Kim & Sunny; Kirstie; Kristi & new daughter; Kurt; Toni Jean Lanier;

Leanne; Lisa; Liz, Kurt, & Brian; Louie; Cassie Martin; **family & friends of Melvin Meissner**; Ruth Mendenhall; Doris Muehlbrad; Cindy Nelson; Shirley Nelson; Jennifer & Kyle Norman; Penny; Lael & Larry Pitts; Ray; Reagan; Geneva Russell; Ruth; Dean Saenger; Paul & Angelina Sicilly; Jody Smith; Johnnie Snider; Doug Speer; Erma Starling; Luther Steele; Judy Swenson; Teresa; Tim; Tricia; Betty Tuminaro; Lonnie Yee; Theresa York

For telephone prayer chain requests - or if you'd like to be a link on the chain - please call Barbara Porsch -

683-4474 * bporsch@sbcglobal.net

or Ginny Behnken -

262-3374 *

fred_behnken@suddenlink.net

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the **BIRTHDAYS**

wanda hayes	09/06	amoura saenger	09/17
austyn keys	09/09	tiffany ortiz	09/19
doug howell	09/10	kedric sewell	09/20
dale keys	09/12	shirley nelson	09/26
ruth mendenhall	09/12	chad hauris	09/27
terri gordon	09/17		

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the **ANNIVERSARIES**

david & bennie ross	09/17
alan & kay sewell	09/29

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if we've - unintentionally - omitted a birthday or anniversary, please let us know
we'll be sure
to get you **NEXT YEAR**

the LEADERSHIP of the CONGREGATION

president	-----	vice president
secretary	debbie wise (661.378-3481) fred behnken (432.262-3374)	treasurer

council representatives

noma saenger (432.599-5979)
 b.j. shraeder (724.584-3633)
 ken spencer (432.853-6683)
 janice taylor (432.661-5920)
 todd wise (661.333-3725)
 jonathan yee (432.352-9387)

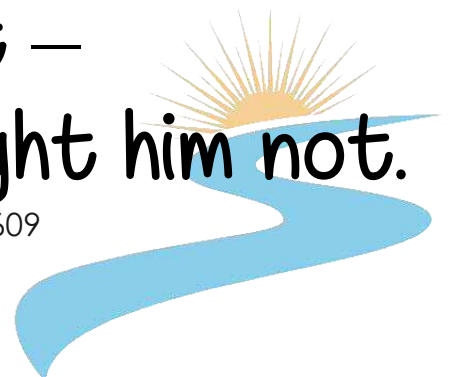
nominating team	sherice barndt	delegate(s)
organist	chad hauris bob barndt	pastor

the WORSHIP MINISTERS

	reader	assisting minister	tellers
sep 01 st	lisa starling	sherice barndt	del bowie & lonnie yee
sep 08 th	sherice barndt	erika weber	lonnie yee &
sep 15 th	fred behnken	bob boomer	alan sewell &
sep 22 nd	bob boomer	marylin boomer	fred behnken &
sep 29 th	gretchen shults	fred behnken	del bowie & lonnie yee
altar guild	delphine bowie & cyndi stroud	lonnie yee	cantor

“love that found me –
 wondrous thought –
 found me when I sought him not.

william m^ccomb, 1793-1870, elw # 609





the **PROPER**S for september

the **TWELFTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**, september 01

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Proverbs 25:6-7 + Psalm 112 + Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 + Luke 14:1, 7-14

the **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**, september 08

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 + Psalm 1 + Philemon 1-21 + Luke 14:25-33

the **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**, september 15

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Exodus 32:7-14 + Psalm 51:1-10 + 1st Timothy 1:12-17 + Luke 15:1-10

the **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**, september 22

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.














the **READINGS**: Amos 8:4-7 + Psalm 113 + 1st Timothy 2:1-7 + Luke 16:1-13

the **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**, september 29

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 + Psalm 146 + 1st Timothy 6:6-19 + Luke 16:19-31

septiembre 2019

domingo	lunes	martes	miércoles	jueves	viernes	sábado
 <p>1</p> <p>9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship 4:00pm - bsa 270</p>	 <p>2</p> <p>labor day</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	 <p>5</p> <p>7:00pm – design team</p>	<p>6</p>	 <p>7</p> <p>11:30am – conference Assembly</p>
 <p>8</p> <p>9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship 4:00pm - bsa 270</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	 <p>11</p> <p>9:30am – women of the elca</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
 <p>15</p> <p>9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship 4:00pm - bsa 270</p>	 <p>16</p> <p>independence day mexico</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	 <p>19</p> <p>7:00pm – design team</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
 <p>22</p> <p>9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship 12:00pm - council 4:00pm - bsa 270</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	 <p>26</p> <p>7:30pm – evening Prayer @ thePark</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
 <p>29</p> <p>9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship 4:00pm - bsa 270</p>	<p>30</p>	<p><i>Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum</i> the word of the lord endures forever</p>				



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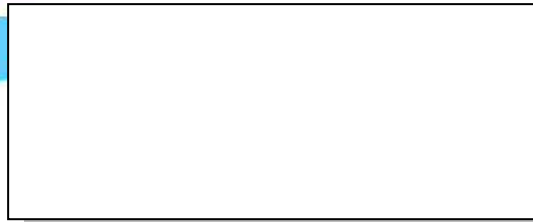
sunday morning schedule: **learning hour @ 9:15** * **worship @ 10:30**

office hours: monday-thursday, 9am-noon & by appointment

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