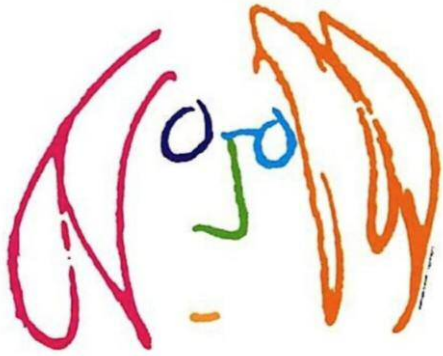


the sower

... christ + charity + community ...



For going on half-a-century, now, we've been singing the song. Imagining there's no heaven or hell. Nothing to kill for. Nothing to die for. No countries. No possessions. There're only people. People living for today!

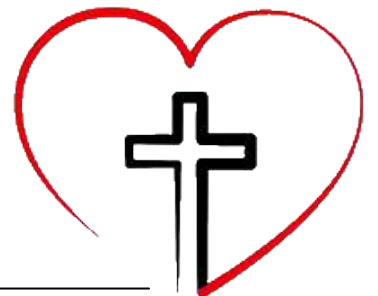
People sharing the world! People living in peace! And for the most part, the church has been singing along.

But, maybe, it's time for a change. Time for us to sing something different! Something more! Maybe it's time for us to sing "our" song, again! A song no one else can sing! A song the world's waiting, hungering, to hear! Imagine! Imagine that god loves! Loves each and every! Loves one and all! Uncompromisingly! Unconditionally! And imagine that we love just the same! Each and every! One and all! No strings attached!

Faith's not about religion ... or heaven ... or hell ... At least, that much, Yoko and John got right. The song is, simply, love! It's living with people. It's dying for people! Just! Like! Jesus!

i Living, dying, and rising ... TOGETHER!

Bob



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ends –

officially – early, early, early
Sunday, November 02nd!

So, remember to “fall back
an hour” before you turn in,
Saturday night! Otherwise,
you may end up getting here in time for
sundaySchool!



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THE adultCLASS meets every Sunday

morning, before
worship, from 9:15-
10:15, in the patioRoom,
off the north hallway!

The conversation we’ve

been having is about “reshapingChurch.”
For most of the last year, we’ve been
trying to figure out the Whos, Whats,
Whens, Wheres, Whys, and – eventually
– Hows of being god’s people for a new
century! Any questions, talk with
pastorBob – office – 432.694-1373 +
cell – 432.349-7407 + home –
432.689-9274 + or email –
bbarndt@juno.com!

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BTW! Lael Pitts is continuing the
catechismClass for jr
& srHigh kids! If
you’d like to join in,
just come on down!

They’ll be either in the library or the
servingRoom across the hall!
SundayMornings, 9:15-10:15! Any
questions, give/send Lael a call/text @
432.296-2684! See y’all, Sunday AM!

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THE pmSTUDY gets together each

Wednesday from 7-
8:00, in the patio
Room, off the north
hallway! The

conversation is focused ... “amongThe
Ruins.” We’ll be looking – in the Small
Catechism – at what it means to live in a
broken world.

And a quick heads up ... The last
pmStudy for the year will be Wednesday,
November 20th! The next Wednesday is
Thanksgiving Eve! And the Wednesday
after that – December 04th – is the first
Wednesday in Advent!

Any questions, give the pastor a call or
text – 432.349-7407! See you, there!

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THE designTEAM meets the first and

third Thursdays of each
month – November
07th & 21st. A place
hasn’t, as yet, been
chosen for either meeting. But we’ll let
you know as soon as it has! The focus

continues to be developing a
visionStatement. But efforts will, also,
be made toward identifying the next
steps of our journey! Any suggestions,
questions, or concerns, feel free to talk
with pastorBob: (office) 432.694-
1373 + (cell) 432.349-7407 +
(home) 432.689-9274 + (email)

bbarndt@juno.com. Or to any member
of the team: from
MidlandLutheranChurch – Sherice
Barndt, Fred Behnken, Bob Boomer,

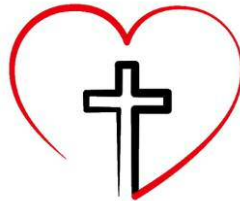


Gretchen Shults, Ken Spencer, or Jonathan Yee.

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THIS MONTH'S "3rd SUNDAY"

SERMON – rooted in our journey together – will focus on the kind of church god's grace makes us! Charity makes us humble, not arrogant! A quick reminder ... the sermon, each week, is posted on our Facebook page – @MidlandLutheranChurch – and on our website. Take a look if you missed it or if you want to take a second look! And then, if you'd like to get together with the pastor to talk about what you've heard/read, give pastorBob a call or drop him a text: 432.349-7407!



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Y'ALL ARE INVITED to the Fall Concert of the Midland Community Band! 7:00, Friday evening, November 08th in the Wagner & Brown



Auditorium, Allison Fine Arts Building, Midland College! Admission is free! Any questions, talk with Ken Spencer! He plays clarinet and is the person who extended this invite!

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FAITH TALKS ... Last month, our get-together was "called" because of illness! But, we're trying, again, this month!



10:00am till 2:00pm, Saturday, November 09th! The topic: "What's Next?"

Considering where we've been and where we are, we'll wrestle with where god is leading! We'll be at Christ's Lutheran Church, 2002 N Lincoln Ave, Odessa! Lunch is included! No need for reservations! Just come on over and join in! There's always a seat! Always enough food! And more than enough coffee! Any questions – or if you need a ride – talk with pastorBob!

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THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA meet 9:30-11:00 (+/-), Wednesday morning, November 13th, in the patioRoom, off the north hallway! Haven't been? Come on, anyway, and make yourself at home! Any questions, talk with study leader Gretchen Shults. Call or text – 432.413-4354



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THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT

GROUP meets the second Thursday afternoon of each month – this month, November 14th – from 2-3:30 (+/-)! They're, now, at StLuke's UMC, 3011 W Kansas Ave. Susan Frederickson, Caregiver Program Specialist for the Area Agency on Aging for the Permian Basin, is



facilitator. No need to call ahead. But if you'd like to talk with Susan, beforehand, her number – at the agency – is **432.563-1061!**

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THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL,

each month, meets immediately after worship, on the third Sunday. For November, that's the 17th! If you're not on council, but would like to see what's goin' on, no probs! The door's always open! The agenda's an overview of ministry! But this time, we'll be looking toward the annual meeting at the end of January. Again, anyone and everyone's welcome! Questions? Talk with pastorBob: office **432.694-1373**, or call/text **432.349-7407**, or drop a line to bbarndt@juno.com! Or get with any councilMember (listed inside the back cover of this newsletter!



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OUR WEEK TO HOST FamilyPromise



begins Sunday evening, November 17th! FamilyPromise – a.k.a., Midland Interfaith Hospitality Network (MIHN) – “is a partnership of

congregations within the community helping families facing homelessness.” We haven't gotten the specifics, yet – number, ages, etc.! But there should be somewhere around ten people – three or

four adults, six or seven kiddos! They'll be staying at one of the transitional units. All we have to provide is dinners (Sunday through Saturday), breakfast foods, snacks, and drinks! There's a signup sheet on the door of the fellowshipHall if you can help out. Just pick a day and add your name (or names if you'd like to team up with another family)! Or, text, call, or email pastorBob during the week if you'd like him to sign you up! Office phone: **432.694-1373** + call/text: **432.349-7407** + email: bbarndt@juno.com! Or, if you can't help out directly, feel free to drop a little something into the offeringPlate, during worship, and we'll be sure to put it to good use!

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AND DON'T MISS ... the 10th annual No Room @ the Inn – one of the annual fundraisers for familyPromise of Midland. The calendar's wrong (sorry)! It's Saturday, November 23, from 9A to 4P, Grace Presbyterian Church, 2801 N Garfield St! For more information, check out the upcoming events at ...



<https://www.facebook.com/fpmidland/>

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SNACK BAR SIGNUP! Next time you're here for worship, take a moment or two and take a look at the



signup sheet for the snack bar! It doesn't have to be anything extraordinary. Just a little something to tempt people to stay a little while after worship to get to know each other better! Anyway, pick a day and add your name!

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IT'S THAT TIME, AGAIN! We, just, got a call from Brookdale Midland! That's the assisted-living community on the north side of the loop, just east of Garfield St. And they're looking for people to make the season a little brighter for their residents. Pastor Bob's volunteered for chapel services on Monday afternoons. But nothing – if anything – has been chiseled in stone, yet, for "us." If you think this is something we can/should do, talk with pastor Bob ... after worship, this Sunday morning?



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AND JUST IN CASE the newsletter is late, again, next month, we wanted to remind you that a new year begins – at least, here in the church – on Sunday, December 01st! That means the first Advent midweek is Wednesday, the 04th! This year, instead of sharing a supper, we'll focus on dessert! More details to come! But for

now, dessert from 6:30 – 7:00pm! Devotions and Holden Evening Prayer follow at 7:00. The topic: Ventures, Paths, & Perils!

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

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

Kaylee Academia; Adrian; Susan & Lee Anderson; Aunt Betty; Mike Bovington; 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; 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; Dave & Judy Swenson; Teresa; Tim; Tricia; Betty Tuminaro; Bill Weber; Lonnie Yee; Theresa & Tim 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 **ANNIVERSARIES**

jack & delphine bowie	11/21
terry & cyndi stroud	11/27
jerry & wanda hayes	11/28
bob & marylin boomer	11/29

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the **BIRTHDAYS**

marilyn douglas	11/12	bennie ross	11/25
aimee hodes	11/20	lonnie yee	11/27
kennedy keys	11/20	aiden ortiz	11/28
shirley white	11/22		

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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

O GOD, YOU HAVE CALLED YOUR SERVANTS
TO VENTURES OF WHICH WE CANNOT SEE THE ENDING,
BY PATHS AS YET UNTRIDDEN,
THROUGH PERILS UNKNOWN.
GIVE US FAITH TO GO OUT WITH GOOD COURAGE,
NOT KNOWING WHERE WE GO,
BUT ONLY THAT YOUR HAND IS LEADING US
AND YOUR LOVE SUPPORTING US;
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.
AMEN! AMEN! THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE!



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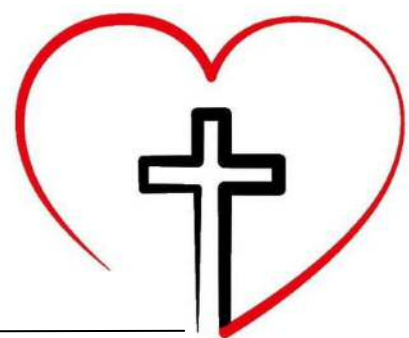
nominating team		sherice barndt	delegate(s)
organist	chad hauris	bob barndt	pastor

the WORSHIP MINISTERS

	reader	assisting minister	tellers
nov 03 rd	sherice barndt	marylin boomer	del bowie & lonnie yee
nov 10 th	lisa starling	lonnie yee	lonnie yee &
nov 17 th	fred behnken	sherice barndt	alan sewell &
nov 24 th	marylin boomer	erika weber	fred behnken &
altar guild		gretchen shults	cantor

“Your grace
shall incite us...”

omer westendorf, 1916-1997, elw # 547





the PROPERs for november

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, november 03

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

the **READINGS**: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 + Psalm 149 + Ephesians 1:11-23 + Luke 6:20-31

the TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST, november 10

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Job 19:23-27a + Psalm 17:1-9 + 2nd Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
+ Luke 20:27-38

the TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST, november 17

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

















the **READINGS**: Malachi 4:1-2a + Psalm 98 + 2nd Thessalonians 3:6-13 + Luke 21:5-19

CHRIST the KING, november 24

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

the **READINGS**: Jeremiah 23:1-6 + Psalm 46 + Colossians 1:11-20 + Luke 23:33-43

noviembre 2019

domingo	lunes	martes	miércoles	jueves	viernes	sábado
	<p><i>Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum</i> the word of the lord endures forever</p>				1	2 
3  9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship	4	5	6  7:00pm – pmStudy	7  7:00pm – designTeam	8	9  10:00am – faithTalks
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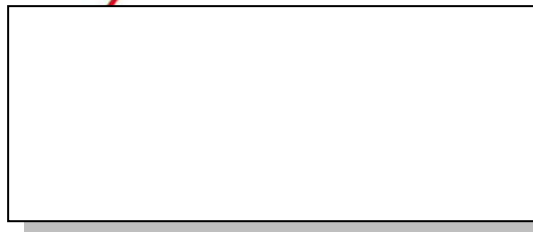
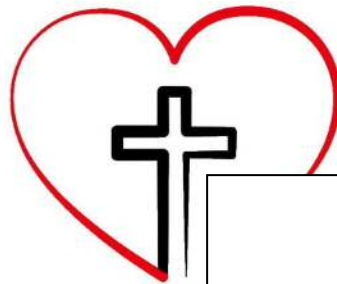
sunday morning schedule: **learning hour @ 9:15 *worship @ 10:30**

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

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