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Trinity, in Christian doctrine, the unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as three persons in one Godhead. The doctrine of the Trinity is one of the central Christian affirmations about God.

Worship in the Park June 4 10:30 AM

Worship in the park will be at the large shelter at Discovery Park, NOT MPW Park



On Sunday, June 4th we will have outdoor worship at Discovery Park in the shelter near the Environmental Center. Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Zion will provide hamburgers,

hot dogs, buns, and condiments as well as lemonade and water. The remainder of the meal will be potluck, so please bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert. Please bring your own chair for seating during worship. We also ask that you bring your own table service - plate, silverware, and a cup. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for worship and a meal! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board upstairs.

Message from Pastor Willie:

Siblings in Christ - greetings in the name of the crucified and risen one, Jesus the Christ!

Throughout my years in ministry, I have had various comments from parishioners about the texts used in worship and even sermons. One of the more memorable ones occurred in a previous call when a member said, "That was a really good sermon today. It lined up with the scriptures in worship. Whoever wrote that did a really good job." I responded with a smile, "Thank you. I wrote the sermon." "Do you write all of the sermons?" "Yes." "Huh. I thought that the synod gave you the sermons or told you where to buy them. Doesn't the synod tell you what to preach or the readings to use or something like that?" "Well, sort of. I think you're talking about the Revised Common Lectionary which we call the 'RCL'." "Oh yeah, that's it. What is the RCL anyway?"

That last question, "What is the RCL anyway?" is a question I encounter more frequently than I ever expected when I started ministry. This expectation is probably one of those assumptions of knowledge I preached about the Sunday after Easter and I was the one doing the assuming because this pastor's kid grew up with the RCL and knows that the RCL is the three-year cycle of scripture texts that many denominations use in worship. The word "lection" means a selected reading of a text found in a particular book or publication. The Gospel readings for each year come from one of the synoptic (seeing together) gospels of Matthew (Year A), Mark (Year B), and Luke (Year C). The Gospel of John is woven into each of the three years at various points during the church year.

During most of the church year, the lectionary texts consist of a reading from the Old Testament, a Psalm, a reading from the New Testament letters, and a Gospel reading. During Easter season the first reading is often from the Book of Acts rather than the Old Testament. The seasons of the Church Year reflect the life of Christ. Consequently, the Gospel lections for each Sunday provide the focus for that day. The first reading and Psalm are often connected to the theme of the Gospel for the day, while the second reading might have a connection to the theme, but not always.

From these readings, the preacher crafts a sermon in conversation with the texts, often focusing on one of the readings, as well as current context in the community and world. 20th century theology Karl Barth is famous for having said that "You preach with a Bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other. But interpret newspapers from your Bible." The preacher's job is to preach the living Word of God, the crucified and risen Christ, to the congregation.

While this is a short explanation of the Revised Common Lectionary, whence do we receive this cycle of readings for worship? Well, that answer is a little more complicated, but I'll provide a summary version. The Revised Common Lectionary was first published in 1992 and is a revision of the Common Lectionary, first published in 1983.

Message from Pastor Willie Cont'd):

Both of these lectionaries are based on the Ordo Lectionem Missae, a Roman Catholic lectionary published in 1969 after the Second Vatican Council, which was a series of meetings of the Roman Catholic Church from 1962-1965 which made ground-breaking changes to the Roman Catholic Church in many and various ways. Including this new lectionary upon which the Common Lectionary and Revised Common Lectionary are based. The RCL as we currently know it was developed by the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), an ecumenical group of liturgical scholars and denominational representatives from the United States and Canada who worked together to publish the RCL for use in Christian churches throughout the world.

The RCL is the most recent of many and various lectionaries throughout the history of the Christian Church and is used by more denominations throughout the world than any other lectionary in history. The RCL is currently used by more than two dozen mainline denominations in the United States, Canada. It is also used by many of our ecumenical partners across the world. This helps keep the body of Christ united as we worship in many different places, but all hear the Word of God together as we gather for worship.

So, if you are in worship and you feel like you have heard the scripture readings before, you have. Three years ago, on that same Sunday of the Church year!

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Willie Rosin

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Altar Guild:

Week 1: Richardsons

Week 2: Sheryl & Sarah

Week 3: Pusateris

Week 4: Starkweathers

Sub: Hanson

Lunch Bunch

June 8 11:30 a.m. @

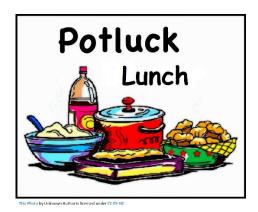
Headquarters

Contact News

All newsletter information and articles for the July Contact are due by the end of day on **July** 25.

Birthdays Over 80:

- *Charles Meyer 06/02
- * Yvonne Miller 06/03
- * Betsy Martin 06/21
- * Jeanette White 06/27
- * Judith Sebbert 06/28
- **Ralph Buster 06/01
- **Doris Watson 06/02
- **Barbara Buster 06/10
- * 80-89 Years Young
- ** 90-99 Years Young
- * * * 100 Years Young



On June 13 we will have a lunch time potluck upstairs in Fellowship Hall beginning at 12 p.m. The potluck is open to anyone who would like to join us and bring a dish to share. Tea and water will be provided. The next date will be Tuesday, August 8.

We are adding on a trial basis, Sunday Evening Worship!! Please join us June 18th, July 9th, and July 30th at 6 p.m. We will worship in the chapel area off Fellowship Hall. The service will include the celebration of Holy Communion.

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Birthdays:

Mark Frye 06/01 Kathy Othmer 06/01 Carson Schroeder 06/01 Bill Dyar 06/02 Greg Gillespie 06/06 Mitchell Taylor 06/06 John Brade 06/07

Michael Watson 06/08

Rosendo Ramos 06/09

Taylor Borde 06/13

Dylan Boche 06/15

Jurgen Boche 06/15

Alexander Creamer 06/15

Dustin Kiddo 06/16

Diane Emlet 06/18

Katie Harris 06/18

Sawyer Dornbush 06/19

Mark Evans 06/21

Bill Chrisman 06/22

Terri Hanson 06/22

Anna Stange 06/22

Jessica Hoiberg 06/23

Aidan Armstrong 06/27

Avery Schroeder 06/27

Nathan Taylor 06/27

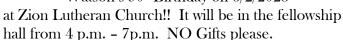
Haydee Avalos 06/30

Usher Schedule

Richard Jacobsen Rosendo Ramos Jake Evans Mike Carter Julie Frye

Birthday Party

You are invited to an open house to celebrate Doris
Watson's 90th Birthday on 6/2/2023



Matthew & Lizzie Richardson's Graduation Party



Help us celebrate Matthew's graduation from high school & Lizzie's from college on June 3rd from 11a.m. - 3 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Fellowship Hall!!

Toiletries for MCSA

Just a reminder that the Social Ministry Committee collects donations of toiletries and delivers them to MCSA. Now that you may be traveling more for work or for fun, you may have the opportunity to pick up extra shampoo, conditioner, or body lotion that you did not use. Feel free to drop them off in our tote which is labeled and located next to the Church Mailboxes in the basement entrance. We will make sure that they get to MCSA. Thank you! Social Ministry Committee



Attention All Musicians!!

On Sunday July 2, the Zion Orchestra will perform a patriotic piece during the 9 AM Service. Any instrumentalists, high-school age and older are invited to participate.

There will be one rehearsal prior to July 2. Please call or text Gail Pusateri 563-264-5719 by June 14 if interested in performing.

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Anniversaries:

Mark & Julie Frye 6/5
Evan & Brenda Hatcher 6/6
Julie & James Haage 6/9
Jacob & Sarah Evans 6/11
Trent & Wendy Brendel 6/19
Miriam & Braedan Garrett 6/19
Susan & Bruce Miller 6/21
Mike & Beth Batenhorst 6/26
Zach & Allison Thompson 6/29
Janet & Larry Martz 6/30

Over 50 years:

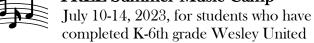
Mary & Bob Danner 6/4 Ronald & Ellen Oostendorp 6/6 Jerry & Carol Timm 6/10 Dee & Allen Miller 6/15 Melody & John Evans 6/16

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kristy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Mary Butcher, Gary Sebbert, Evelyn Christopherson, and Billy Rueckert, Rev. Pam Saturnia, Rev. Bill Dyar, Tim Halloran & Melody Evans.

We have sign-up sheets for Hospitality 2023 upstairs.

FREE Summer Music Camp



Methodist Church in Muscatine K-2nd grade students meet 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. daily 3rd-6th grade students meet 9:00am-2:30 p.m. daily with lunch provided. Register at https://wesleyonline.org/music/ by July 3, and by June 15 to guarantee a camp t-shirt.

Z - Book Club Monday, June 26, at 5:30 PM at Diamond Dave's The Smoke of You: A Memoir of Love During & After Deployment.



After years of flirting in the baseball dugout of their small South Dakota town, denying to friends and family anything beyond a friendship, Amber-now home from her college study abroad in Mexico-and Blake-newly committed to military service-reunite, and finally confess their true feelings for one another. Later, their love and marriage are tested by Blake's deployment to Iraq during Amber's first pregnancy, and by the changes in Blake after his return and reintegration, his subsequent battle with chronic pain, and the slow-burning challenges of married life. Pastor Willie went to high school with Blake and Amber and all of them were part of the same congregation in Bryant, South Dakota.

Holy Communion - We have returned to distributing Holy Communion at the communion rail. You are welcome to kneel or stand as you receive communion. If you are unable to come forward for communion we will gladly serve you in your seat. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table. We will use continuous distribution on Sundays when the Zion Bell Choir plays or for festival days when we anticipate a higher worship attendance than normal.

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Upcoming Meetings:

June 20- 1:00 p.m. Group 5 MPR

June 22 -6:30 p.m. Joy Circle

Reminders:

Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. at the All American Diner.

Z-Book Club

Monday, June 26, at 5:30 p.m. at Diamond Dave's



Congrats Graduates!!

Emily King

Matthew Richardson

Isabelle Rosin

Ella Schroeder

Nathan Taylor

Lizzie Richardson



Laundry Love



Zion has an opportunity to jump in and help Trinity Episcopal Church to ensure everyone has access to clean laundry! What human dignity is to smell good & have clean clothes, towels, blankets, and sheets! Just think about it –

it helps people apply for jobs by showing up for interviews in clean clothes. And remember what it was like at school for those who did not smell the freshest; this helps alleviate the embarrassment for the kids. Next time you wash your sheets and blankets, take a big, deep breath of clean linins, and imagine how great that would be for everyone to experience! And you can help make this happen!

Zion will be collecting supplies in our labeled white hamper at the basement entrance, and the Social Ministry will ensure they get to Trinity. Supplies needed are the following: Laundry Detergent, Softener Sheets, Bleach, Socks for kids and adults, Big Garbage bags, Funds (can be given through your offering, label it for Laundry Love).

On the 4th Thursday of every month, Trinity provides folks vouchers to come do their laundry. If you are interested in volunteering, your help would be greatly appreciated!

Midtown Laundromat 1508 Isett Avenue, Muscatine Date: 4th Thursday of every month
Times: 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
The folks from Trinity will be there to provide guidance. Help put coins into the machines when the vouchers get turned in, help fold clean laundry and help provide some company. More hands make less work! If you want to assist, contact Jim Sammons, the lead of Laundry Love, 563-260-7291. Thank you!

Social Ministry Committee

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Christians Underground -

We have an additional Bible study/discussion group opportunity in Muscatine called Christians Underground. Pastor Aleese Kenitzer from Shepherd of the Cross leads this group in discussion about the Revised Common Lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. They meet weekly on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. at Geo Johnz Pizza (203 E 2nd St.) for about an hour. This invitation is open to all three ELCA congregations in Muscatine.

Food For Thought

Our problem is that we make the mistake of comparing ourselves with other people.

You are not inferior or superior to any human being. You determine your success by comparing your accomplishments to your capabilities.

You are number one when you do the best you can with what you have every day.

Did you know?

We need your help!!

The church website needs new pictures. Please help by submitting church/church event pictures to zionmuscatine@gmail.com or dropping them by the office.

YTD	YTD	YTD
Food Pantry	Bag of Blessings	Quarters for Hunger
\$330	\$500	\$164.90

Total Offering Received For Week 5/28/23	\$ 1,671
YTD Offering Received	\$92784
Remaining Weekly Offering Required to Meet Weekly Budget	\$5385

Thank You From the ELCA.



Thanks to all who contributed!!
We raised a total of \$5305.05.

June 2023 LSI Article and Story

Happy Father's Day!

At LSI, we strive to empower and celebrate fathers and father figures in every stage of their life. This Father's Day, take some time to celebrate and show appreciation to all the male role models in your life.

Through our Early Childhood Services, we provide fathers with the education and resources they need to become the best parents and caregivers they can be. In our Clinical Services Department, we support fathers and father figures by providing individuals with mental health counseling and the tools they need to create bright futures for their families.

Many Iowa children entering foster care need a positive male role model in their lives. In our Foster Care and Adoption services, we support male individuals through the process of expanding their families or becoming a new parent altogether.

We are able to provide these services to fathers of young children with the generous support from people like you! Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah. Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Providing Support for First-Time Parents

Brandon and Nevaeh first heard about LSI's Early Childhood services at the hospital, following the birth of their first child. As many first-time parents, they were looking for support and guidance through this exciting time in their life.

"I'm really glad that we took the leap and chose to participate in LSI's Early Childhood program. This program has taken a lot of stress off of us by providing us with resources that walk us through the developmental process, and to know where our baby is at through each stage," said Brandon.

Brandon and Nevaeh work with Erica, an LSI Family Support Worker in our Early Childhood department. "The home-visits with Erica have been extremely beneficial," expressed Brandon. "The resources and educational materials she provides us, helps us to understand the developmental milestones that we should be expecting at every stage of our child's life." "Our baby is 10 months old now, and we are still learning a lot through LSI's Early Childhood program. Having support groups and people that you can reach out to with questions is essential," said Brandon. "To any first-time parents, I'd definitely recommend LSI's Early Childhood program."

Council Corner

- Don't forget that the June 4th service will be at 10:30 a.m. at Discovery Park. A potluck lunch will follow the service. Meat will be provided for the meal. Water and lemonade will also be provided. Families will be asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We hope that many of you will turn out.
- Responding to a recommendation from the Worship Committee, the Church Council has scheduled three Sunday night services this summer. Those dates are June 18, July 9, and July 30. The services will start at 6:00 p.m. If these services are well attended, there is a possibility of two more Sunday night services in August.
- Thank you to Gail Pusateri and Leslie Watson for volunteering to compile a list of volunteers to be servers for future funeral lunches.
- Have you noticed the bathroom doors of Zion being propped open with doorstops? It was
 noted that numerous members had problems getting walkers and wheelchairs through the
 doors into the restrooms. Please follow the directions on the door signs and leave the doors
 open. Access should be much easier for everyone now.
- The Church Council has asked the Parish Education and Worship committees to come up with a plan for a proposed Pray Ground for children in the area of the front pews on the right side of the sanctuary.
- Thank you to Dave Pusateri for heading up a group of men to replace the mulch on the Sycamore side of the church building. On May 15, a dump truck from Eastern Iowa Landscaping unloaded 4.5 cubic yards of mulch on the sidewalk leading up to the Fellowship double doors at 9:00 a.m. By 10:00 the new mulch was in place. Those helping were Mike Watson, Pastor Willie, Jim Haage, and Dave Pusateri.



Spanning the Generations

Long ago, before the internet and Ancestory.com sites, the church was a place where people could research their family histories through the baptism, confirmation, marriage, and funeral records. Our church receives a few requests each year for this type of information and looking back through all of the files and official ledgers can be a daunting task. So, I volunteered to input the handwritten and typed historical documents into a spreadsheet

to allow for an easier search and retrieval of information.

Although this project has a long way to go, through the use of several types of documents and the huge support and assistance of Sheryl Mercer, we have information on confirmations back to 1885, funerals back to 1919, baptisms back to 1904 and marriages on back to 1914. We have the listing of the Zion School 8th grade graduates from 1942 until the school closed in 1962. We have the listing of Church Elders and then Council Presidents back to 1932.

Sheryl is still searching the Church, one bookcase and file at a time, for information that will help fill in some of the blanks. Maybe you can help. Over the next several months, we will be reaching out to you to locate information to help complete this project. Currently, we ask that you please look through your family documents and see if you have any information on the items listed below.

Missing Church Elder or Council President Names - We have not yet found any information of Church Elders before 1932. Additionally, the annual reports for 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1974 did not contain the names of the Council.

Presidents. Zion Lutheran School – We have not yet found any information on the graduates from 1920 – 1942. Zion Annual Reports – We have copies (both paper and electronic) for all annual reports starting from 1920 through 2022 except 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1931.

We have also found several older documents that we believe are types of annual reports but are written in German. So, we are looking for anyone who can read German at least to the proficiency of helping us identify what type of document we have. Later this year, we will begin to use the showcase in the Fellowship Hall to display some of the archival information we have found including spotlighting multi-generational families of Zion.

Please drop off anything you find; we promise to make a copy and return the document to you in a timely manner. Thank you for your assistance.

Peggy Starkweather

SOTC plans on doing a weekend mission trip during the summer and we are invited to join Grace and SOTC in Generations of Living Faith (GOLF) events. If you have any questions, talk to Stacey Ramos 563-571-0363.

Join us for a collaborative night of intergenerational learning and fellowship! Generations of Living Faith (GOLF) is a monthly event for people of all ages and stages. ALL - families, individuals, kids, adults, teens - are all welcome to join us! Each month will be hosted at Shepherd of the Cross Lutheran Church (3300 N Highway 38). We'll begin with a meal at 5:30 and then go into various activities geared for kids and adults alike. Throughout the summer, we'll follow the journey of a seed and discover how we grow in faith...together! RSVP online or fill out the form on the next 2 pages. Return paper forms to the church office. (RSVP one week in advance of the event; by June 4 for our first night on June 11! We hope you'll join us as we grow this summer!



AKA: Generations of Living Faith

JUNE 11, JULY 16, AUGUST 20 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Supper provided!

HOSTED AT SHEPHERD OF THE CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

3300 N Highway 38, Muscatine

Join us for a collaborative night of intergenerational learning and fellowship! Throughout the summer, we'll follow the journey of a seed and discover how we grow in faith...together!

Everyone - every age and stage of life - is invited!

RSVP 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE EVENT



Sign up using the QR code or completing a short RSVP Form in your local congregation.

June 2023 GOLF RSVP

We're super excited you're joining us for GOLF (Generations of Living Faith) on Sunday, June 11 from 5:30-7:00pm at Shepherd of the Cross (3300 N Highway 38)! GOLF is a colaborative event for *everyone* - people of all ages and stages of life.

Do note that we will primarily be outside (weather permitting) and often we will be active! Dress for the weather and consider bringing some bug spray and/or sunscreen!

Supper will be provided each month for our GOLF events and will be served from about 5:30-6:00pm. Please indicate any food allergies below.

If you have any questions, contact your congregational Education/Faith Formation leaders. RSVP by Sunday, June 4.

Phone number *	
Family Last Name *	
First names of those in your family attending *	
Ages/grades of those in your family attending (list ages of each individual separated by a comma)	*
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5.	Does anyone attending from your family have food allergies? *			
	Mark only one oval.			
	Yes			
	No			
6.	If you answered yes in regards to food allergies, please describe below:			
7.	Is there anything else you think we need to be aware of as we plan activities?			

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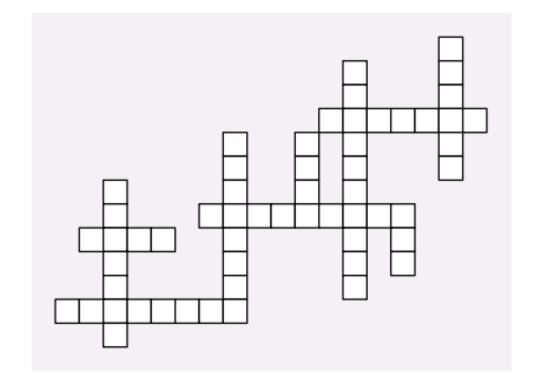
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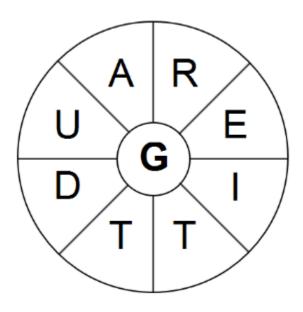
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Happy Fsther's Day



Father's Day is a way of celebrating and honoring our Father's and Father figures and everything they do for us. On Father's Day many people make a special effort to visit their Dad and give them a special gift.

This Father's Day themed word wheel is made from the letters in the word GRATITUDE. Try and make as many words of any length as you can from these letters. You can only use each letter once, and each word must include the letter G.

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 6:30 pm Building Use - AA	3
4 Bag of Blessings 10:30 am Worship Picnic In the Park 5:00 pm Building Use - AA	5 Pastor's Sabbath 6:30 pm Building Use - AA	6 1:00 pm Memorial Committee 7:00 pm Building Use - Scouts	7 6:30 am Men's Bible 6:30 pm Building Use - AA	8 11:30 am Lunch Bunch @ Headquarters 6:30 pm All Comm. Night	9 6:30 pm Building Use - AA	10
11 Quarters For Hunger 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Building Use – AA 5:30-7 pm G O L F @ SOTC	12 Pastor's Sabbath 6:30 pm Building Use - AA	13 Christian Day Camp 12 pm Lunchtime Potluck 7:00 pm Building Use - Scouts	14 Christian Day Camp 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible 6:30 pm Building Use - AA	15 Christian Day Camp 6:30 pm Council Mtg	16 Camp Christian Day Camp 6:30 pm Building Use - AA	17 Christian Day Camp
18 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Building Use – AA 6:00 pm Worship	19 Pastor's Sabbath 6:30 pm Building Use - AA	20 1:00 p.m. Group 5 Karolyn Subbert is Hosting 7:00 pm Building Use - Scouts	21 6:30 am Men's Bible 6:30 pm Building Use - AA	Schippers is Hosting	Building Use - AA Contact info due	24
25 Food Pantry 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Building Use - AA	26 Pastor's Sabbath 6:30 pm Building Use - AA	27 7:00 pm Building Use - Scouts	28 6:30 am Men's Bible 6:30 pm Building Use - AA	29	30	