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PASTOR'S CORNER

Well, it is time to say goodbye to summer and to welcome fall into our area. The flowers at the church still look wonderful, but my garden is telling me that the growing season is coming to an end. I am still picking tomatoes, but the plants do not look very good for they have lost most of their leaves. I am picking the last of the apples off my last apple tree. Although the temperatures haven't been too fall like, life has taught me they will not last forever and sometimes the seasons change in a short twenty-four hour period of time here in Northeastern Minnesota. But the fall has its own special treats for us to look forward to. Only God could paint the beautiful colors of falls leaves.

It feels strange to type September, but it has been strange times all around since the COVID-19 raised its head. We need to continue wearing a mask in public for it is important for our health and others, besides it is required. At this moment they are planning to open the new school district, Rock Ridge, using all the same schools with students in the classrooms, but with backup plans if the infection rate increases. High school football and volleyball will be a spring sport this year, with hopes of actually being able to have a season. Another strange school year to say the least.

The presidential race officially began with hopefully a new and safe way of campaigning; along with still hearing of unrest in different parts of the country, I can't think of a time during my life when I realized how truly needed our prayers were, for both our whole country and the world. There is a need of prayer for the medical field here and around the world for a vaccine and a cure I the battle with COVID-19. We continue to need prayer for we need healing from the hatred and

lack of trust society if feeling and so violently expressing. Society needs each of us to share god's love with those we meet, so everyone sees the other person as his/her sister/brother in Christ. I truly believe only God can lead us through both situations to a place of peace and healing.

I will have a report of how the MN Annual Conference went, but I want to thank everyone for their prayers which were able to make it easier and less stressful for me. I am the first to admit that technology is not me strong suit and God decided I didn't need to be gifted in it for sure.

May you find time to enjoy the presence of God in your daily devotions.

Take care of yourselves and your loved ones. God Bless each of you. Remember He is always only a prayer away.

Pastor Mary Lou

SUNDAY SCHOOL

When our church begins and it is safe to be together as a group of children, remember that all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Join us for 45 minutes of Bible stories, music and crafts!

Sue Malevich

AD COUNCIL/EVA KIEREN CIRCLE

Next meeting will be Sunday, September 20th at 1:30 p.m. Pastor Mary Lou will share with us how the MN Annual Conference went for her doing through the internet. We will be discussing whether or not to have a pasty sale in October. Please join us!

SALVATION ARMY SUPPER CLUB

Right now the Salvation Army asks that all volunteers NOT serve until further notice – they are handing out bag lunches and hot meals.

Remember our church helps to serve the Salvation Army Supper Club the third Thursday of the month. Serving starts at 3:30 p.m. and only takes a couple of hours. We need more volunteers to sign up. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

SMALL PANTRY

Our church is always collecting non perishable food items for the Small Food Pantry which is right outside our church doors. Either put food right into the pantry or leave on the back pew of the church. Paper items (toilet paper and paper towels) are also greatly needed. Cereal, paper goods and snacks for children seem to go the fastest.

The last Sunday of each month we will be holding a Noisy Offering.... In this offering we will pass a can and everyone will bring pocketfuls of change to put in the can and make lots of noise. This year we are collecting to help Foster Children for extra expenses through the Social Services.

Arrowhead Senior Nutrition Services - Senior Dining AEOA is offered at senior housing, community or senior centers and some restaurants can be had for \$4.00 for anyone over 60 years old. Just call 1-800-662-5711 ext. 6899 to get on their list.

COFFEE AN' will be cancelled for now...

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 5th Audrey Brown
September 6th Penny Calger
September 7th Cindy James

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

6 th	Psalm 149 or 148 Exodus 12:1-14 Romans 13:8-14	13 th	Psalm 15:1b-11, 20-21 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Romans 14:1-12
20 th	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or 78 Exodus 16:2-15 Philippians 1:21-30	23 rd	Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Exodus 17:1-7 Philippians 2:1-13

SEPTEMBER LITURGIST

6th Sue Malevich
13th DeEtta Annala

SEPTEMBER USHER

6th Deborah Ross-Jagunich and Warren
Ross

20th Linda Thesing-Hall
27th Don Peterson

13th Jack and Gerri Makela
20th Don and Terri Peterson
27th Mary Thesing and Linda Thesing-Hall

Neither Liturgists or Ushers are needed at this time...

YARD WORK FOR SEPTEMBER (week runs Monday-Sunday)

August 31 st -Sept 6 th	Malevich
7 th -13 th	Jagunich
14 th -20 th	Makela
21 st -27 th	Kerzie/Hafdahl
28 th -October 4 th	Malevich