



Focus

October 2016

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A Message from Pastor Roger

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Christians and Halloween

Recently I asked my eight-year-old grandson, "What's your favorite holiday?" and without a moment's hesitation he said, "Halloween!" Having reared my children with total immersion in the Christian faith, and having many family celebrations of the birth and the resurrection of Christ, I was a bit disappointed he didn't say Christmas or possibly Easter as his favorite holiday, knowing his parents were giving him a strong Christian upbringing. But, let's face it, Aedric is big into Star Wars and other fictional heroes, and loves to think up an elaborate costume he can wear to his school Halloween parade as well as on Trick or Treat night in his neighborhood.

Although I have had members of former churches I've served shield their children from what they perceived to be the evils of Halloween, thinking it's a holiday that gives credence to the demonic, I've continued to think of it as a rather harmless occasion for donning costumes, "spooking" one another, and enjoying overindulging in candy garnered from generous neighbors. Actually, Halloween is a holiday that evolved from the Christian celebration of All Hallows Eve, a time to honor deceased saints, now observed in many churches as All Saints or All Souls Day. It was apparently the Gaelic pagan influence that brought spooks and witches into Halloween, but in any case, as long as we don't obsess with the darker side, we can have lighthearted fun with Halloween costuming and celebrations.

Although I plan to keep my Christmas and Easter celebrations as my favorites, I'll likely want to take a trip to Chicago October 31st to observe my grandson's Halloween school parade and accompany him and his parents on his Trick or Treat trek through his neighborhood. I forget which of his favorite Star Wars heroes will be his costume choice, but it'll be a good one. And we'll have an opportunity to remind each other that because of Christmas and Easter, we have the Gospel that renders the demonic and satanic powerless. In our sanctuaries and worship services each Sunday we pray as Jesus taught us:

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“...deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Yours in his love and service,

—*Pastor Roger*



October 2	World Communion Sunday
Liturgist: Vreni Straubhaar	Ushers: Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber
October 9	21st Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Roy Lembcke	Ushers: Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer
October 16	22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Marcia Holman	Ushers: Janice Krall, Rick Shannon, Vreni Straubhaar
October 23	23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Melanie Klump	Ushers: Mike Holland, Elizabeth Ndafooka, Nathan Tripp
October 30	24th Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday
Liturgist: Gale Oakes	Ushers: Keith Chan, Jim Tracey, Kris Tracey

October New Beginnings

The October New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, October 20 at 11:30 at Craftsman Table and Tap, 6712 Frank Lloyd Wright Ave, Middleton. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 692-3885 or marytowne45@gmail.com for reservations.

Home Communion

Communion is served in the sanctuary on the first Sunday of the month. Those who are homebound and wish to have Communion brought to them either Communion Sunday afternoon or the Wednesday following Communion Sunday should call the church office by the Thursday before.

October Birthdays

October 6	Wendy Weber
October 9	Mary Towne
October 24	Marlowe Eldridge
October 28	Olivia Ishikawa
October 31	Barb Fleishman

October Anniversaries

October 3	Caroline Pope & Marlowe Eldridge
October 25	Jeanne & Frank Rodriguez

Church Women United

Congratulations to Joe and Olivia Ishikawa on their interesting talk at the CWU Forum on September 9 at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Wendy Weber and Jennifer Jones attended with me. Festive flower arrangements on the tables and a lovely breakfast awaited us. Afterward we toured the renovated church with its beautiful architecture and many colorful icons.



The October Forum will be held at Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E Gorham St, beginning at 9am with coffee. At 10:00, Julia Weaver, women's chaplain at Dane County Jail, will speak on "Jail Ministry, Human Trafficking, and the Intersection of the Two." All are invited.

—Ellie Metzloff, Key Woman

Worship & Music Committee Highlights

September 25, 2016

- Discussed Christmas Eve service for Saturday, December 24. Lessons & Carols will take place on either December 25 or January 1 as decided by Maggie and Pastor Roger.
- Learned there are issues with ushers not showing up (or showing up late) on their assigned Sundays without notifying Jamie. Perhaps email reminders are needed.
- Learned about positive feedback from Concourse service, which was more intimate, positive, and unique. Recommended the Christmas Day service be in the Concourse.
- Discussed Advent services. Decided to ask the congregation to share their Advent & Christmas items on Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day.
- Next meeting: October 30, 2016 at 11:30am.

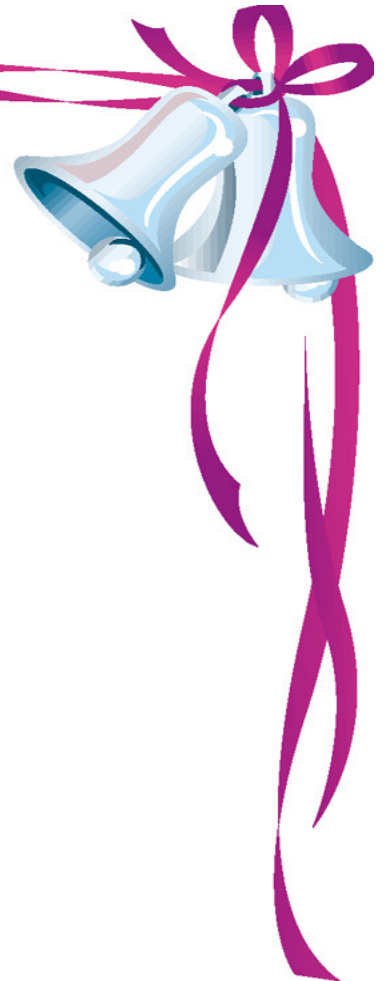
Just Married

Pastor Roger and Jan Roberts

September 21, 2016

Jamie and Matt Engebregtsen

September 24, 2016



Outreach & Mission

October *Outreach* News

Looking back on September...

- We have been participating in the Season of Peace throughout the month of September by listening to Minutes for Mission, gaining information through the Peace Offering Calendar, and contributing to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

Upcoming and Continuing Service...

- We will be having a PeaceMeal to give thanks for the Peace of Christ, to express our desire to work for Peace in our World, and to dedicate the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Please join us in the Dale Heights Peace Pole Garden after church on Sunday, October 2 for food and fellowship. We will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to pass. A free will donation will be collected.
- Please continue to add your pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House to the container in the concourse. Thanks to Gerry Klump for spearheading this collection for a worthy cause!
- Our next opportunity to worship with Pres House students and serve dinner for them is Sunday, October 30 at 4:30pm. Please see Wendy if you'd like to join for food and fellowship!
- More information to come on how to sponsor a child through Outreach for World Hope should you feel called to do so. Please send Jamie Klump an email (jl5376@gmail.com) if you would like to connect with OWH founder Kim Tews, who came and spoke at a June potluck. Brochures will be coming to the Concourse!
- Next Outreach meeting: Sunday, October 16th, 11:30am.

Thank you for all you do!

—Pastor Roger Roberts (*ex officio*), Kate Dooley, Barb Fleishman (*chairperson*), Jamie Klump, Melanie Klump, Ruby Meyer, Gale Oakes, and Wendy Weber



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Sunday Schedule

9:00-10:00am

Adult Christian Education

10:00am

Worship

11:00am

Fellowship

Dale Heights

Mission Statement:

Our open-minded congregation affirms and celebrates God's gifts of love and grace. We seek to share God's love by inviting others to join us in following Jesus and by serving those in need in our community and world.

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