



# The Chalice

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## The Limits of Self-Made Religion

In church we hear scriptures like the one in which Jesus says to ordinary, fallible Peter, “Upon this rock I will build my church.” In other words, you people are stuck with each other.

...In the church we are “stuck” with one another, therefore we don’t get the space to come up with our own God. Because when you are stuck with one another, the last thing you would do is invent a God based on humanity. In the church, humanity is way too close at hand to look good. It’s as close as the guy singing out of tune next to you in your pew, as close as the woman who doesn’t have access to a shower and didn’t bathe before worship, as close as the baby screaming and as close as the mother who doesn’t seem to realize that thee baby is driving everyone crazy. It’s as close as that same mother who crawled out an inch from her postpartum depression to get herself to church today and wonders if there is a place for her there. It’s as close as the woman sitting next to her, who grieves that she will never give birth to a child and eyes that baby with envy. It’s as close as the preacher who didn’t prepare enough and as close as the listener who is thirsty for a word that she leans forward for absolutely anything.

It’s as close as that teenager who walked to church alone, seeking something more than gratitude and finds a complicated worship service in which everyone seems to know when to stand and when to sing except for him—but even so, he gets caught up in the beauty of something bigger than his own invention.

Suddenly it hits that teenager: I don’t need to invent God, because God has already invented me. I don’t need to make all this up for myself. There’s a community of folks who over thousands of years have followed a man who was not lucky—who was, in the scheme of things, decidedly unlucky. But he was willing to die alongside other unlucky ones, and he was raised from the dead to show there is much more to life than you could possibly come up with. And as for the resurrection, try doing that for yourself.

With the humbling realization that there are some things we simply cannot do for ourselves, communities of human beings have worked together and feuded together and just goofed up together. They come together because Jesus came to live with these same types of people. Thousands of years later, we’re still trying to be the Body of Christ, and we are human and realistic enough to know we need a Savior who is divine.

—excerpted from “You Can’t Make This Up” by Pastor Lillian Daniel,  
*Christian Century*, September 20, 2011



## STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

## October is Stewardship Awareness Month

Stewardship is more than giving financial support to HCLC.

- It’s about making a commitment to God.
- It’s about strengthening your walk with the Lord.
- It’s about involvement in doing God’s work.
- It’s about taking care of all those in need.
- It’s about spreading the Gospel.

### Sound familiar?

#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

- We *welcome* all to share God’s love
- *Proclaim* the good news of Jesus Christ and
- *Serve* all people sent to us by the Holy Spirit.





Donations have been made to the Endowment Fund by the following people and are gratefully acknowledged.

*In memory of Lina Silber*  
Janet Finnigan

*In memory of Catherine Wood*  
Fred & Karla Britton  
Dolores Fauser  
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Glenn & Judy Berryann  
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The Swan Family

*In memory of Erick Levin*  
The Wisnewski Family

*In thanksgiving for the Marriage  
of Beverly Britton & Gerald Belsito*  
Beverly & Gerald Belsito  
Jim Ammerman

## Christian Symbols

This multi-stringed musical instrument is associated with David, who played to soothe King Saul and later wrote many Psalms. The harp also represents praise music in general, as well as all the instruments people use to glorify God (see Psalm 71:22). The idea that angels play harps comes from Revelation 14:2 (“And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of ... harpists playing on their harps”).

Thanks to our own harp-playing angel, **Laura Dishong**, for glorifying God and enhancing our worship each week.



## Congregational Council

President	Eunice Jacobi	783-0516
Vice President	Rick Swan	875-6340
Treasurer	Bill Hoffman ( <i>ex officio</i> )	767-5080
Secretary	Joan Labbree	745-7283

Lorraine Evans (767-3268), Bill Gibbs (307-2024), Barbara Hollis(767-6150), Jeff Shepard (809-0240), Sandy Shourds (753-7863), Patty Slim (768-8928)

## Ministry Teams of Holy Communion

*Ministers: All the baptized people of God*

### Caring Team

<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Dawn Jennings</b>	<b>767-1157</b>
Baby Pantry	Gail MacDonald	609-704-1828
GIFT	Jon Hundertmark	768-1694
Health Ministry	<i>-open-</i>	
Kitchen	Joan Labbree	745-7283
Men in Mission	Jon Hundertmark	7681694
Quilting Hearts	Sandy Shourds & Barbara Redmond	753-7863 629-3988
Prayer Chain	Janice Parker	768-0111
2nd Cup of Coffee	Lorraine Bretz & Vivian Justice	767-8459 629-3988
Social Ministry	Evelyn Schulkins-Chaka	767-6238
Stephen Ministry	Lisa Huebner	609-270-7030
WELCA	Rita Batten	767-0738

### Facilities

<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Fred Shourds</b>	<b>753-7863</b>
Boy Scouts	Mary Voegtlin	767-0650
Sexton	George Pluck	768-6880

### Finance Team

<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Jon Hundertmark</b>	<b>768-1694</b>
Counters	Bud Howard	753-9379
Financial Secretary	Gerry Hagquist	768-0614

### Growing Team

<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Sue Halfman</b>	<b>728-1757</b>
Bulletin Boards	Valerie Adams	296-5669
Greeters	Gary Galbo	627-4029
Website	Janice Parker	768-0111
Reporter	Mike Whitzer	753-4856

### Learning Team

<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Janet Finnigan</b>	<b>753-1038</b>
Cradle Roll	Janet Finnigan	753-1038
Sunday School	Carolyn Maloney	753-8243
Vacation Bible Sch.	Valerie Ieraci	767-8776
Youth Group	Denise Levin & Janet Finnigan	566-1993 719-6614

### Mutual Ministry

<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Fred Shourds</b>	<b>753-7863</b>
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### Sharing Team

<b>Facilitators</b>	<b>Rick Swan &amp; Eunice Jacobi</b>	<b>875-6340 783-0516</b>
Annual Giving	Rick Swan & Eunice Jacobi	875-6340 783-0516
Endowment	Fred Shourds	753-7863
Memorials	Mary Voegtlin	767-5575
<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Sandy Shourds</b>	<b>753-7863</b>

### Worship Team

<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Barbara Redmond</b>	<b>689-3988</b>
Acolytes/Crucifers	Janice Parker	768-0111
Altar Guild	Toni Sleeter	740-2650
Assisting Ministers	Barb Redmond	689-3988
Flower Delivery	Connie Pluck	768-6880
Lectors		
Nursery	Jeannie Brickman	782-3779
Music	Mark Dishong	235-139
Ushers	Joe Batten	767-0738

# Around Holy Communion



**Sunday  
Oct. 2 2:00**

**Blessing of  
the Animals**



**sponsored by HCLC's  
Women of the ELCA  
Sunday, Oct. 16**

**October's  
NOISY OFFERING**

**Compassion International**

Mark Dishong wants to “resurrect” the bell choir this fall. We would rehearse every other week at 7:15 starting on October 12. We will work on Christmas music this fall and Easter music Feb-April. Please let him know if you or your family members are willing to play. Thank you for your consideration!



**HANDBELL  
CHOIR**



**Holy Communion's Crafters**

**November 5  
9:00 to 3:00**

Hand-made items

Your help is needed!  
Please call Patty Slim (768-8928)  
paslim1957@verizon.net



1 package of needles for hand sewing (10-12)

3 yards of 44" or 45" cotton/cotton blend fabric; 4 yards if 36"; 2 ¼ yards if 60"

1 spool of matching thread (250-300 yds.)

1 card of buttons (6-10, ½" to ¾")

**WELCA-SEWING KITS** for Lutheran World Relief. Needed: 100% cotton or cotton blend (no knits no 100% poly). 3 yards of 45" fabric = one piece. See the display on the ushers' table for complete kit-making information OR write a check payable to WELCA and place in offering plate. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

**October Birthdays**

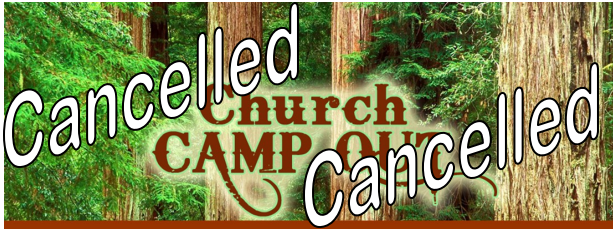
Oct. 1	Gerald Sleeter
Oct. 3	Carol Bergstrom, Brandon Caporale, Kelli Packer
Oct. 5	Linda Eardley, Joann & Joshua Bodanza
Oct. 7	Eleanor Bodine
Oct. 8	Vivian Justice
Oct. 10	Richard Steuterman
Oct. 11	Bill Medlin
Oct. 12	Andrew Jelesiewicz
Oct. 14	Nicholas LoBosco, Mike Alexander
Oct. 15	Amanda Lemm
Oct. 16	Brian Levin, Jennifer Galbo
Oct. 18	Bud Howard, Bob Brines
Oct. 20	Richard Korth, Christine Thiel
Oct. 21	Joan Labbree
Oct. 22	Charlotte Bruninghaus
Oct. 23	Thomas Lemm
Oct. 25	Dave Dornisch
Oct. 27	Bill Hoffman, Caitlin Bangle
Oct. 28	Robert Martin
Oct. 29	Charles Liss
Oct. 30	Celeste Caruso

*Our parish birthday list is designed to encourage members to greet each other as we celebrate the gift of life.*

*Your name and date may be added or corrected by calling the church office.*

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### Cancelled for the Time Being

Camp Out at HCLC  
Miniature Golf

## Time for a Financial Checkup!

For most people, checkups are a regular part of life. Dental visits, auto maintenance appointments and even glances in the bathroom mirror all help people monitor performance, catch potential problems and assure that all is – or will be – well.

What's true of teeth, engines and grooming is also true of finances: regular checkups are required. Why? Changes both great and small affect the strategies people have developed to achieve their financial goals. Unfortunately, too many people act as though once their financial program is in place their work is done. This isn't so.

As a general rule, people should review their financial program at least once each year. Certain life changes—the birth or adoption of a child, a change in marital status (married, divorced, widowed), the death of a family member or changes to one's health—should serve as reminders that a financial tune-up is in order.

Other changes in personal economics can also have a huge impact on people's financial programs. These may include shifts in employment status or salary (e.g. loss of job or a pay cut/freeze), home ownership changes, significant changes in total assets or debt, the receipt of an inheritance, and tax law changes can all make previous plans obsolete. It is a rare person who hasn't been affected in the last 12 months by changes in the economic landscape, yet many people don't stop to consider how these changes affect their overall financial program.

How can a person perform a financial checkup? For those with a do-it-yourself mentality, a number of print and electronic resources exist to help them monitor their finances. However, most people can benefit from the knowledge, experience and insight that financial services professionals offer.

Qualified financial professionals can help people evaluate their present financial strategies and keep abreast of new laws, regulations, products →

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER

World peace and Armed Forces personnel around the world

### Added this month

*Grieving:* family of Joe Schaffer.

*Ill:* Kay Pappert, Greta Choplain, Jeff Shepard, Claudette Yetnick, Ted Dirkin & friends Danny, Gary, & Kimberlie Cavallaro, Cheryl Kohler (*cousin of Caryl Tremblay*).



Ginnie Auwarter, Myra Brown, Michael Buonpastore, Kerri Byrne, Wayne Clark, Jeff Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Fuhrmeister, Eleanor Hallowell, Robbie Hartzell, Marilyn & Scott Kaiser, Gertrude Lawyer, Bob Martin, James Michael McGibbon, Jeanie Miles, Lee Olmstead, Elsie Pertschi, Tim Quast, Mary Roberts, Diane Sangree, Carol Schmidt, Jerry Smith, Joyce Thives, Martin Vitelli, John Warburton

*Homebound:* Roland Batten, Brian Fuller, Doris Gray, Becky Hale, Peggy Henry, Frank Ieraci, Bill Medlin



**Please note:** Names will be removed from this list after having been published in two issues unless the persons responsible for listing them have notified the office or **Dolores Fauser** (856-767-3321) of the “permanent” nature of the crisis. Also remember that we have a Prayer Chain for emergency situations. Please call **Janice Parker** at 856-768-0111.

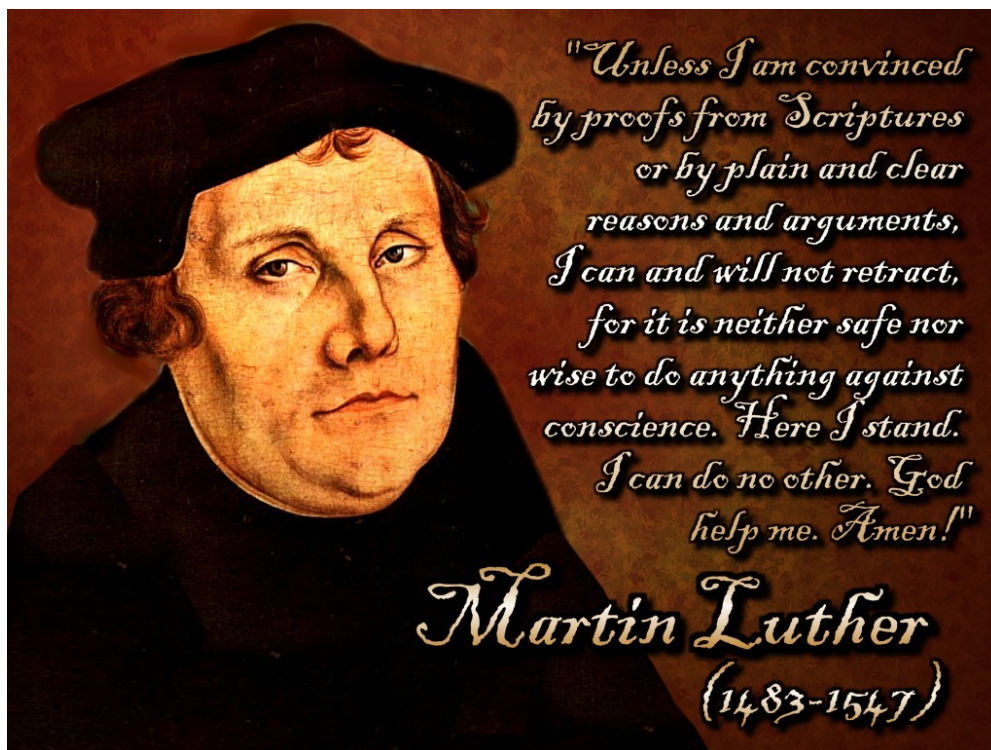
and economic developments. Even more important, financial professionals can challenge unrealistic assumptions people may have and help them overcome money management's greatest threat: procrastination.

To live is to experience change. How and where change will appear is impossible to predict, but a financial checkup is one sure way to make certain a person's financial objectives – and his or her sense of financial confidence – keep pace with all that occurs.

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## Beyond Luther

At this time of year, we hear much about Martin Luther. But many other reformers also had lasting effects on the Christian church. You may want to do more reading about them to learn about their lives and legacies.

- **John Huss** (1369-1415) was a Catholic priest from the Czech Republic. He opposed indulgences and emphasized right living over sacraments. Huss was burned at the stake.

- Swiss priest **Ulrich Zwingli** (1484-1531) was a father of the Reformed tradition. He taught that people should believe and practice only what's in the Bible.

- **Thomas Cranmer** (1489-1556), a contemporary of Luther, played a large role in the English Reformation, leading to the formation of the Anglican/Episcopal tradition. He was burned at the stake.

- **Menno Simons** (1496-1561), founder of the Mennonite Church, taught believers' baptism, nonresistance and symbolic Eucharist.

- **John Calvin** (1509-1564) introduced new forms of liturgy and church government, led the church in Geneva and taught the doctrine of predestination. His work influenced the Reformed and Presbyterian traditions.

- **George Fox** (1624-1691) founded the Society of Friends (Quakers), emphasized the Inner Light of Christ and took frequent missionary journeys.

- **John Wesley** (1703-1791), the founder of Methodism, taught the Arminian doctrine of free will and emphasized sanctification.

## The Reformation

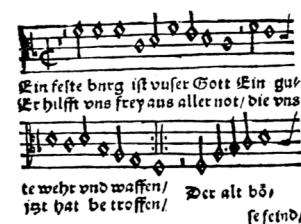
The deepest significance of Reformation Day (October 31) is the freedom we have in Christ, won for us by his Cross and Resurrection. In earlier days, when there was a great deal more animosity between Catholics and Protestants. But now this is no longer a day when we boastfully celebrate our separation from the Church of Rome. That separation, to Luther, was a real sorrow.

October 31, 1517, is the day on which Luther posted the 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Dissatisfied with some of the practices of the Roman Church, the young monk wrote a letter to his superior about his concerns. With the letter he included 95 propositions for discussion and debate. Although this was not the first time someone had questioned the authority and practice of the Church, Luther's act marks the symbolic beginning of the Reformation, of which we are spiritual heirs.

Luther's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ("Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott"), is his free translation of Psalm 46. The hymn has been called "the greatest hymn of the greatest man in the greatest period of German history." Its wide appeal is best illustrated by the fact that no Christian hymn has been translated into more languages than "Ein feste Burg." It is said that Dr. Luther may have made more converts with his hymns than with his sermons.

Der xvij. Psalm/ Deus  
noster refugium et  
virtus/ etc.

Martinus Luther.




# COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

**What you need:**

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



**What you do:**

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into ¼-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a “face” on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!

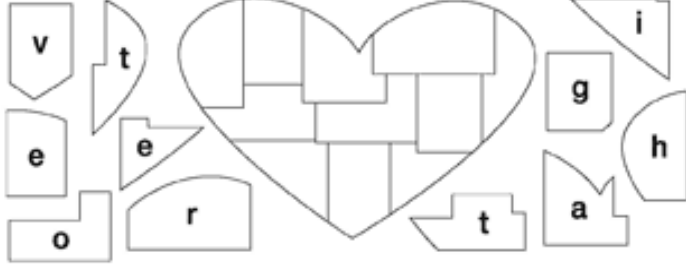
# PUZZLE

## HOW TO GIVE

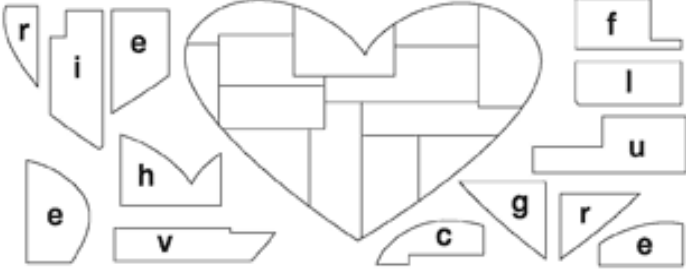
We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...



... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...



Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver

## The Bible According to Kids

Children say the funniest things about Scripture. Here are a few examples:

- “In the first book of the Bible, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.”
- “Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.”
- “The Egyptians were all drowned in the desert. Afterward, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments.”
- “The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.”
- “When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.”



Thanks to those who built the well for our Vacation Bible School in August: **Aaron Levin, Tyler Labbree, Jonathan Labbree, Michael Labbree, and (right rear) Justin Parker and Evan Maloney.**



## The Carpenter

Once upon a time, two brothers who lived on adjoining farms fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in 40 years of farming side-by-side, sharing machinery and trading labor and goods as needed without a hitch.

Then the long collaboration fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding and it grew into a major difference and finally, it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence.

One morning there was a knock on John's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I'm looking for a few days' work," he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there I could help with? Could I help you?"

"Yes," said the older brother. "I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbor. In fact, it's my younger brother! Last week there was a meadow between us. He recently took his bulldozer to the river levee and now there is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to spite me, but I'll do him one better. See that pile of lumber by the barn? I want you to build me a fence an 8-foot fence ~ so I won't need to see his place or his face anymore."

The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post-hole digger and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you."

The older brother had to go to town, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day ~ measuring, sawing and nailing. About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The farmer's eyes opened wide, his jaw dropped. There was no fence there at all. It was a bridge ...a bridge that stretched from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work, handrails and all! And the neighbor, his younger brother, was coming toward them, his hand outstretched.

"You are quite a fellow to build this bridge after all I've said and done."

The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in middle, taking each other's hand. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox onto his shoulder.

"No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother.

"I'd love to stay on," the carpenter said, "but I have many more bridges to build."

—recycled by *Harry Dishong*

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**Dated Material**

**Return Service Requested**

Nourished by Word and Sacrament we  
**Welcome**  
all to share God's love  
**Proclaim**  
the Good News of Jesus Christ  
**Serve**  
all people sent to us by the Holy Spirit

