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News & Views

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OUR COMMUNITY THIS SEPTEMBER....

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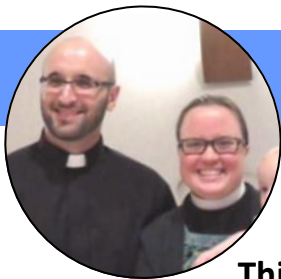
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A Table with No Bounds!

This pandemic thing is a rotten situation, no doubt, and we shouldn't feel pressure to always find something good in every rotten situation—it is ok for something to just stink! But, it is good to reflect on all circumstances of our lives, good or bad. This can help us to see where God is...because God is always there, even when life just stinks!

One way that God continues on with us is in the Communion Table; and God shows us in this current time that the Table is much bigger than anything we imagined before!

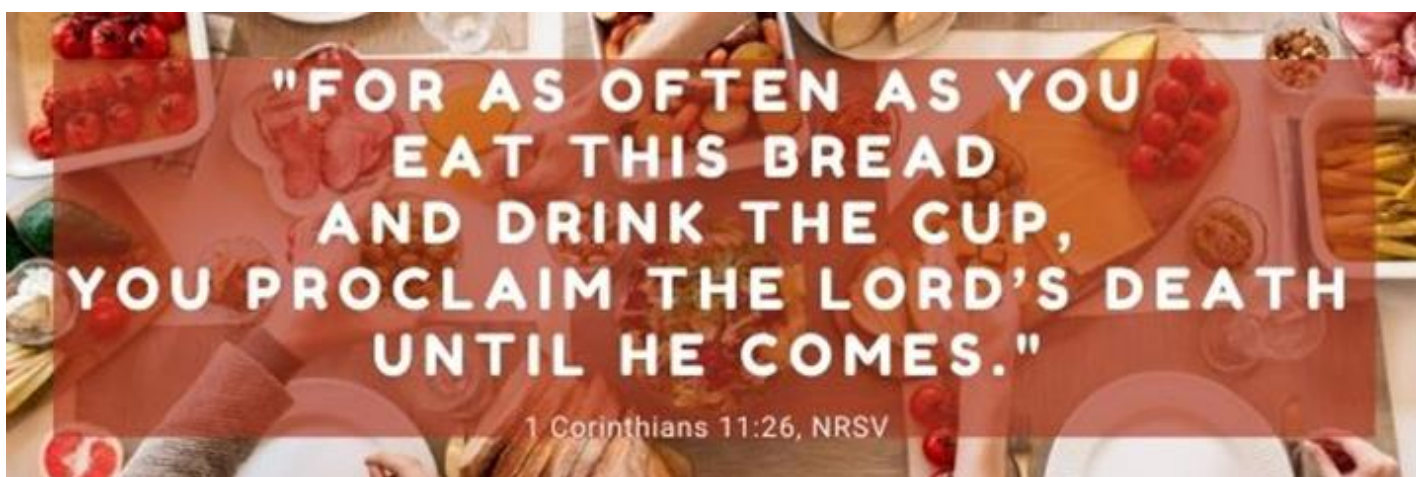
Where does our Communion Table end these days!? Did you ever image the Table expanding through your computer screen or through your phone!? We sure didn't! And yet, here we are—having “virtual” Communion, and Jesus presence at this “table” just as much as before! Even though our theology teaches that Christ's table stretches far beyond where our own imaginations think it ends, it may have felt smaller, or at least different, when sharing the meal of Holy Communion together during in-person worship services before the current pandemic caused us to re-think worship. Now, with participating in this feast “virtually” we can see the Body and Blood of Our Lord in homes scattered all around the country, all at the same time. Wow! Jesus' work cannot be stopped by a pandemic—although the way it is carried out may temporarily change out of care for the health of all people.

There is really no end in sight to Jesus' table, and Jesus' welcome to all people! If you haven't already, come join us at the Table during our Zoom worship services—it is Christ who invites you!

And, if you want to do something extra special one of these Sundays, you can bake your own bread to use during worship! We've included a (delicious!) recipe on the next page.

In Christ,

Pr Sarah & Pr Bob



Holy Communion

We are sharing in the meal of Holy Communion together during our Zoom worship services, but if, for whatever reason, that does not work for you, Pr Bob and Pr Sarah are doing a limited number of socially-distanced outdoor Communion visits with those who request them each week.

Please call the church (317-253-0872) or one of the pastors if you would like a communion visit or you want more information.

Communion Bread Recipe (makes 6 loaves)

**3 cups wheat flour
1 ½ cups white flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons salt
2 tablespoons oil
1 ½ cups hot water
¼ cup honey
¼ cup molasses**

Sift the dry ingredients. Cut in the oil using a pastry blender. In a separate container, mix the honey, molasses and hot water. Add to dry ingredients. Form into six equal-sized balls. Press the balls onto a cookie sheet to make ¼-inch thick loaves. Score the top of the bread. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 10 minutes. Brush with oil, bake 5-8 minutes longer.

(from <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2017/09/hands-first-communion/>)



Greetings fellow PVLC-ers!

Weird. The IndyStar says the number one word used to describe the Indy 500 this past weekend is "weird." Really? Lots of things are "weird" but are we sure there isn't a stronger word to describe the "largest single-day sporting event" without fans? Remember, "largest" refers to the most fans in attendance!

These are weird times. Oops, I guess I can't think of a better word either. Oh, and have you heard? NASA has found a previously unknown asteroid that will come close to the Earth this November, the day before Election Day. But, they say it will probably miss or burn up in the atmosphere. In any case, weird.

Regardless what's going on, and how weird it is, we are the church. We are the body of Christ. What do we do, regardless of how weird it is? We love God and we love our neighbors as ourselves. All else hangs off of these two (Matthew 22).

We love our neighbors. It's that simple. We love our neighbors. All our neighbors. Some volunteer to take food to others. Some take food to the food pantry. Some give cash. Some peacefully protest to end racism. Some make quilts. Etc.

And every Sunday morning we gather to worship together, to show our love of God and get strength from each other for loving our neighbors. We just don't gather in a building. And every week many of us gather (remotely) to discuss a book we're reading together. This is our Adult Sunday School now, except it's on Wednesday, but that isn't confusing at all, given all the other weird things. And soon we'll start Sunday School for the young of age.

Hmmm... we're doing all the same things. So, everything is the same!! Just different.

Alan Z.



We are the church.



Outreach

Kathy Henkel

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Hello, everyone. While we've been on hiatus as a group since March, relegated to reaching out individually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I'm pleased to announce the PVLC team's group participation in the CROP walk is a "go" for 2020.

The CROP walk is an annual event sponsored by Church World Service, with proceeds from the walk donated to fighting hunger issues on the local and global level. The CROP program was founded in 1948 as the Christian Rural Overseas Program, a post-World War II effort to assist countries in Europe and Africa devastated by the tragic events of economic decline and war in the 1930's and the 1940's. Since its founding, the focus of the CROP program has evolved into an interfaith program of worldwide hunger awareness and fundraising, and is now known as Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.

This year's Indy CROP walk, as most other events in 2020, will function a bit differently than in past years. Our donation site is now available online as in the past (see below), with a fund-raising goal of \$500. You can also mail your donations to the church. However, since the actual walk is not being held formally, we're offering two physical participation options:

- 1) Meet at CTS (corner of 42nd/Michigan Rd) at 1 PM on the originally-scheduled walk day of October 4th for a socially-distanced walk on the traditional 3.2 mile route. Maps will be provided, and all participants are required to wear masks in accordance with current social-distancing guidelines.
- 2) Take a walk by yourself or with others at a time and date that's convenient for you between now and October 4th. Determine your own walk distance as you deem appropriate.

75% of this year's CROP walk proceeds will be donated to Church World Service world hunger programs, with the remaining 25% donated to local Indianapolis hunger relief programs, including Second Helpings, the Mid-North food bank, and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Thank you to everyone in advance for helping make the 2020 Crop Walk a resounding success! Be safe and be well, as we continue to support "The Least of These"!

Kathy Henkel- PVLC Outreach Team Leader

Donate or Join Team PVLC here:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/indianapolisin/Team/View/132651/Pleasant-View-Lutheran>

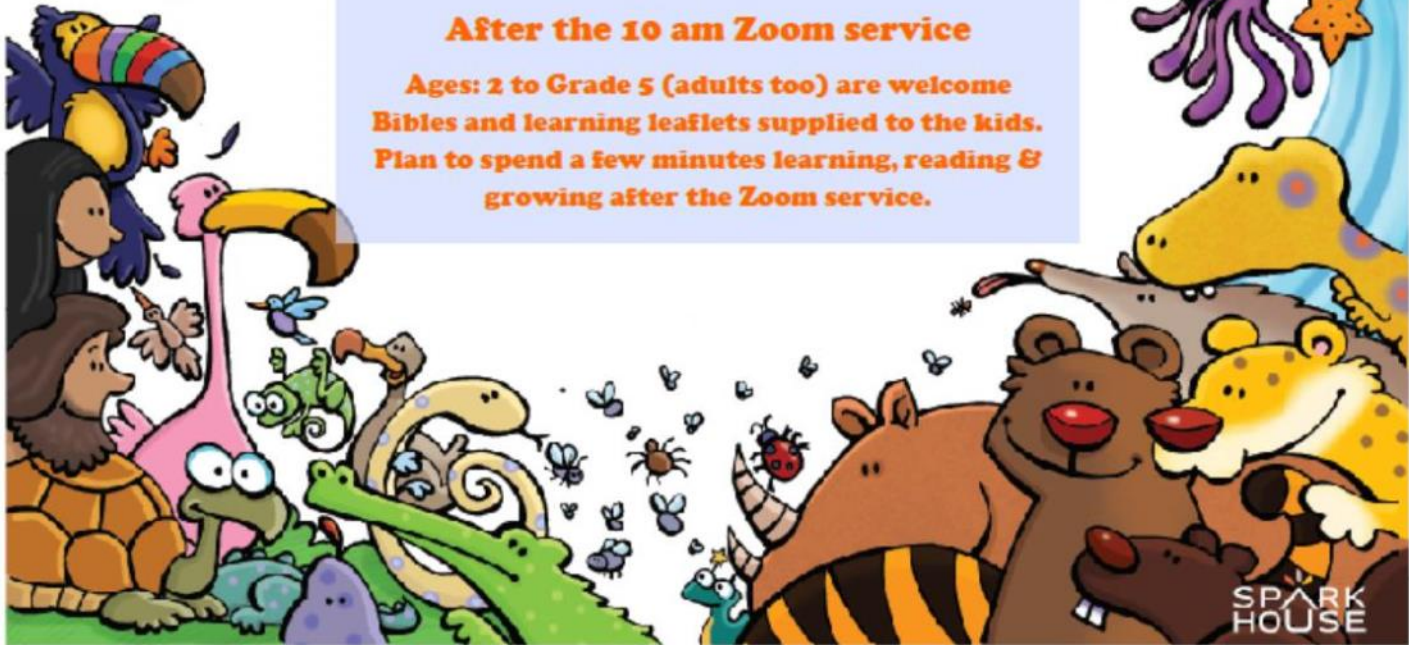


Join us for
Spark Sunday School!

Sunday, September 20th

After the 10 am Zoom service

Ages: 2 to Grade 5 (adults too) are welcome
Bibles and learning leaflets supplied to the kids.
Plan to spend a few minutes learning, reading &
growing after the Zoom service.



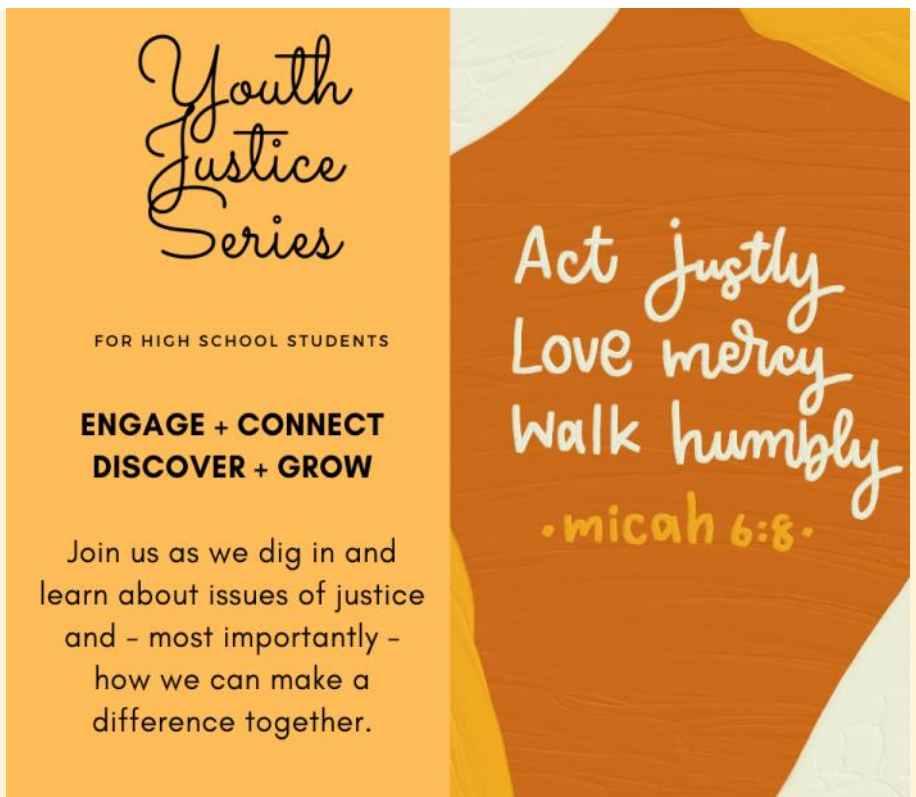
- **First day of Sunday School will be September 13th.** We will have Sunday School immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service. Everyone is invited! Our focus on the first day will be 'God's Work, Our Hands'. Because of the success last year related to our collection and donation of diapers, we will do this again for the current year. We will discuss the details at this first Sunday School session.
- A more regular version of Sunday School will then follow on September 20th, again immediately following the 10:00 AM service. For the elementary school years, we will again use an Augsburg Fortress program that is readily adaptable to virtual formats. For this year's remote learning, we are switching to "Spark All Kids." For those parents with children in this age group, we will be delivering kits to your home, either personally or via mail. As always, we ask for your support of this program by requesting parental and other adults to participate as a teacher. "Many hands make light work," so please help so that this responsibility is not heavily weighted to one or two people.
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- With respect to Adult Education, current programs held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, led by Pastors Sarah and Bob, respectively, are doing well and, so, we will stay with these for the time being.
- Pastor Sarah has reached out to our Youth about an ELCA, IK Synod “Youth Justice” series. This will be a Zoom format held once per month on Sundays at 2:00 PM. The first one will be on September 13th. Racial Justice will be the first topic. Details below.

We will examine a different justice issue together each month. Each topic will kick off with a Zoom call featuring a speaker who is an expert on the issue. There will be a web page with a variety of resources that can be used to dig deeper, if you wish. There will also be a couple of projects to choose from, again for those who wish to do so. We will use Flipgrid so that we can get to know one another better and share what we are learning. Each topic will end with another Zoom call featuring a panel discussion.



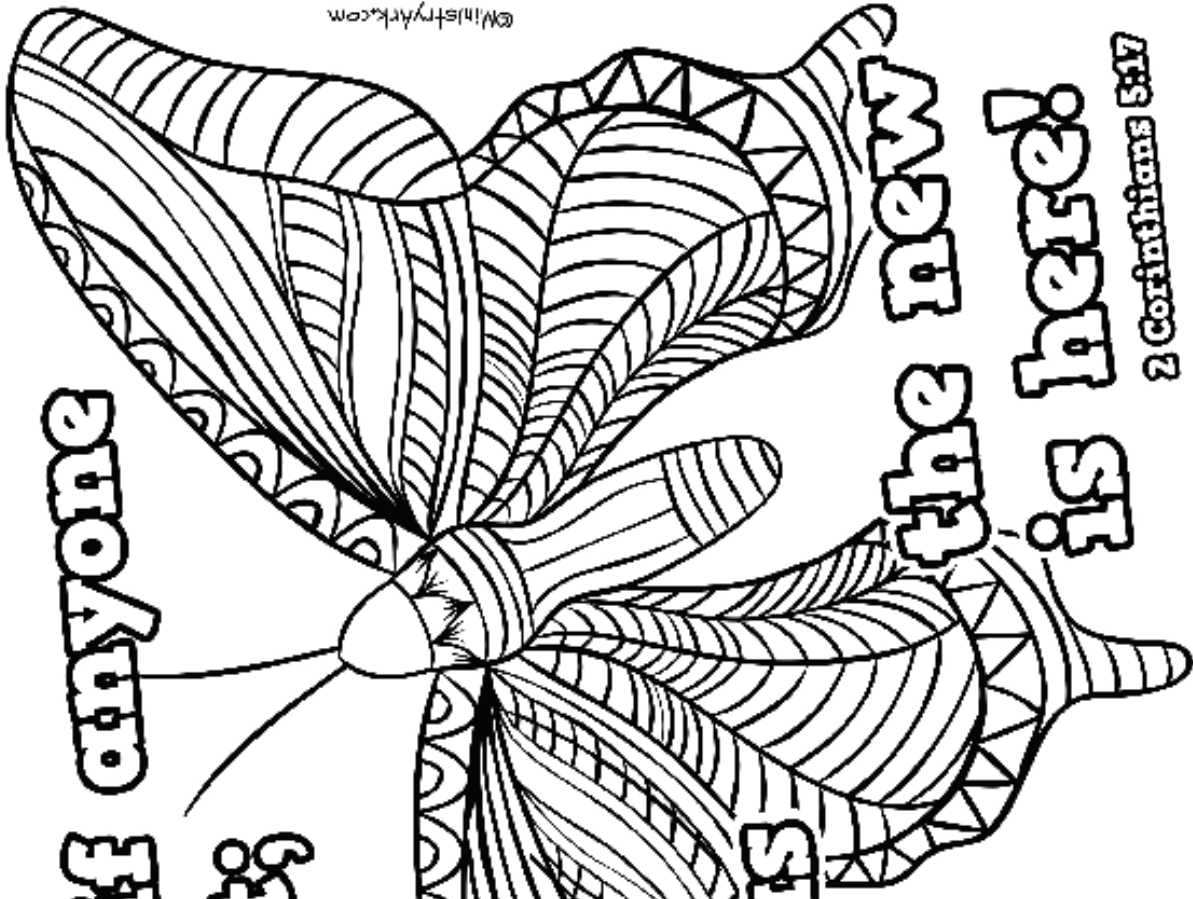
Our first topic will be racial justice. You are invited to join us on September 13, 2020, at 2 pm Eastern/1 pm Central, for a Zoom call with The Rev. Regina Goodrich, Pastor of Mediator Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, PA. Pastor Goodrich also serves on the Board of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network and directs their Multicultural Initiative. Pastor Goodrich will lead a lively and engaging discussion. She will take questions and offer suggestions on how you can make a difference.

If you'd like more information, send an email to youth@iksynod.org and we'll send you information about all that has been planned as well as a link to register. Should you have any other questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Dan Fugate at dfugate@iksynod.org.

**Therefore, if anyone
is in Christ,
the new
creation
has come!
The old has
gone...**

**the new
is here!**

2 Corinthians 5:17



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Zoom Worship: Sundays @ 10am

You are invited to join us for Online/ Phone Worship and Fellowship! You are welcome to invite friends & family!

The login information stays the same each week for worship services.

Please join in from wherever you happen to be!

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/2171974317?pwd=c0V2TExzQWlmd09PQkxhOE1ZUEZmdz09>

Meeting ID: 217 197 4317

Password: 02261844

Join by phone (audio only): 888 788 0099 (Toll Free!)

**NEW
Toll-Free
Number!!!**



Q: How exactly do I “join by phone” for a Zoom gathering?

Step 1. Dial ~~+1929-205-6099~~ **888 788 0099**

Step 2. When prompted to enter the meeting ID, enter on the keypad the meeting ID number 217 197 4317

Step 3. If prompted for a host or participant ID, simply press the pound key: #

Step 4. When prompted to enter the password, enter on the keypad the password 02261844

Note: If you're told the meeting hasn't started yet, it's best to just hang up and try again

**Having trouble
joining by
phone?**

Let us know.

**We can now call
you for an easier
connection!**



The “Dear Church” Book Group will continue to meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm on Zoom to discuss the next chapter in the book. Let Pastor Sarah know if you would like to join in!

QUARANTINE QUANDARIES

Thursdays Sept. 10th & 24th, 7pm

Come and join in on the conversation as we talk about our faith and theology in light of the pandemic and current events!
All are welcome!

We meet on Zoom
Meeting ID: 982 2805 6440
Passcode: 517618

PVLC Council Virtual Meeting 08/17/2020

Present: Alan Z., Amber S., Bob S., Jane B., Jennifer M., Jon S., Kathy H., Karen M., Pr. Bob N., Pr. Sarah N.; Sonia S., Tom M.

Devotion: Alan Z.: God Pause: Isaiah 4-6

Good News and Gratitude

- Celebrating wedding anniversaries: Nowak and Simmons
- Clint's back is much better. Thank you for prayers
- Virtual school is taking off with some hiccups, but it is on its way and getting better each day.
- Joel H. started work co-op
- Thankful for leftover foods
- Stratford future February grandbaby boy and thankful for Robyn's new home.
- Wonderful long bike rides on the Monon Trail
- Thankful for people who are recovering from illness.

Agenda

- COVID-19 Review and Discussion
 - Continue virtual only worship services
 - Discussion of Plan for Remote Congregation Participation in Annual Meeting
 - Reviewed current Constitutional requirements
 - Discussed how to adhere to the constitution requirements
 - Will need to have in person congregational meeting soon in order to have the remote option available for February 2021
 - Letter needs to be out 30 days
 - Date: Sunday Oct. 11th, 2020 @ 2pm
- Discussion of surrounding churches and their current practices
- Discussion about in person service
- Tenants Updates
 - Latvian Lutheran Congregation (LLC):
 - Live return request review and discussion

- Meeting was positive and there is a much better understanding of what LLC must have for their worship services.
- Singing is a must for their worship
 - PVLC Council Discussion
- LLC is grateful for the rent reduction and retro-pay for previous months they have not been to able to use the facility
- Continue to worship at the Latvian Center through September
 - PVLC will check in with LLC on Sept 8th via another Zoom call.
- ACH:
 - Elementary starting Thursday August 20
 - Younger grades after Labor Day
 - No Special classes
 - Current plan is to have the children all day at the facility

- Constitution Update
- Discussion about Executive committee
 - Discussion of votes

Committee's Report

A. Pastor's Report - Pr. Sarah

- Front yard communion has been going well
- Idea: Utilizing some of the Memorial fund for a Zoom Toll Free option
- Employee update
- Lylah's operation update – Sept 17th
 - Pastors Out of Office- Sept 17th for procedure
 - Schedule pending recovery from procedure
- Book Group update and enjoying the discussions
- Pray for Lilian's adjustment as she begins Kindergarten

B. Education – Bob S.

- Sunday School: Sept 13th
God's works our hands
 - Continue to collect diapers
- Younger Sunday schoolers new virtual format
- Confirmation class – Lewis and Brooklyn
- Youth group

C. Outreach – Kathy H.

- Encourage to donate to local pantry
- Crop Walk – Virtual sign up and Donations are the same as last time
 - Butler Campus with socially distance group
- Commit to do a 3 mile walk from now until Oct 4th

D. Facility – Jon S.

- Update on Hot Water Heater – Edwards
- ACH cleaning up day- Outdoor Classroom and Playground
- Parking lot
- Facility Priority List and committee meeting to be scheduled soon

E. Worship – Jennifer M.

- Committee meeting
- Purchase an audio device for Madelin

F. Communications – Karen M.

Newsletter: Monday August 24th

Motion to adjourn: Jane B.

Second: Sonia S.

All in Favor: Unanimous

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Monday September 21st
@ 6:30pm on Zoom

Date	Attendance
8/2	22 (Zoom)
8/9	26 (Zoom)
8/16	24 (Zoom)
8/23	18 (Zoom)
8/30	25 (Zoom)
8/21 Offering Count : \$16,189.00	
Online Giving August-to-date: \$893.70	



9-5	Steven Myers
9-8	Mary Swallender
9-10	Robert Hembree
9-13	Matthew Bird
9-20	Robert Kernodle
9-21	Jane Bird
9-25	Robyn Rowe