

OCTOBER 2011

## Pastor Clay's Potter's Wheel

*If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Philippians 2:1-13.*

While reading the article, PLAYING FAVORITES by Jeffrey Kluger in the October 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of TIME magazine I could not help but think of the above passage, one of the lectionary readings from last week. In his article, Kluger discusses parental favoritism toward one child over the others and the implications – mostly negative – for the parents, the favored child, and the less favored sibling(s). One of Kluger's claims is that, even though most parents deny it, they do have a favorite child and this reality plays out in numerous ways.

However, our heavenly parent, God the Father, loves all his people equally – God does not have favorites. *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.* This famous passage from John 3:16 reveals the inclusive character of God. God loves the world (no exceptions or exclusions) and gave his only Son so everyone (again, no exceptions or exclusions) who believes in him may have eternal life. We also see a like-mindedness in Christ Jesus who, though he was in the form of God, emptied himself in order to come to earth to humbly and obediently serve all humanity, even those different from him, to the point of death on a cross.

Due to our sinful natures we often fall into the trap of showing favoritism to certain individuals and groups (usually those most like us) over and against others. But in his letter to the church in Philippi, the Apostle Paul exhorts the early Christians – and us - to look to and emulate the example of Christ. By humbling ourselves, by taking the attitude of a servant, by considering others better than ourselves, we participate in the compassionate and joyful work of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps there is someone in your life – a family member, friend, co-worker, or acquaintance – with whom you've argued, had disagreements, experienced estrangement, and looked upon haughtily. Take an opportunity to spend some time with that person, view them as a truly beloved child of God, listen to them, reflect their comments back to them, refrain from having to competitively get in your two cents worth. See where the Holy Spirit leads. Even though we as a congregation and as the ELCA have many differing opinions (as do all church bodies!) we serve Christ and his holy kingdom with one accord when we recognize Jesus as Lord, recognize others as God's equally loved people, respect others, and look to the interests of others. Because God the Holy Spirit is in each of us (verse 13) we rejoice that we are all, in our differences, equally loved by God and enabled to rise above our biases and serve with the heart and love of Christ.

In Christ,  
Pastor Clay

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH GROUP CHICKEN BBQ



Proceeds to benefit  
Grace Lutheran Youth to attend the 2012  
ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans

Sunday, October 9, 2011

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Eat In • Drive Thru**  
**Carryout • Delivery**

**For Delivery Call: 748-5433**

Phone orders accepted Saturday:

9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Phone order accepted Sunday:

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**Tickets: \$8.00 in advance • \$8.50 at door**

Dinner includes 1/2 chicken, potato salad, baked beans, roll, & cookies

# Help support our Youth

### Thank You

Thank you to the members of Grace Lutheran Church for the plaque given to me for my 40 years of service to the congregation as Sunday School Superintendent. It has been a privilege to serve the church and Sunday School in this way. I will continue to serve with the talents God has given me. Again thank you to all involved with the presentation of this plaque. It is a great reminder of the congregation's appreciation for my service to the church.

Thank you!

Nelson Hinz

Sunday School Superintendent

### Lunch with Friends

Feel like having lunch and fellowship with friends at Grace? All are welcome Wednesday, October 12th at 12:00 NOON until 3:00 pm.

Please bring your favorite game or cards. There will be a sign-up sheet in the entryway. Please sign up by October 5th so we know how much food to prepare.

There will be a free will offering. Hope to see you there!! If you have any questions, contact Toni Hollenback at 748-7541.

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## Sunday School News October 2011

In September we began our new curriculum, Faithweavers. Each week all the classes, 3 yr olds through 7<sup>th</sup> grade, study lessons on the same Bible story. Students take home sheets for parents to utilize to further explore the weeks lesson at home.

### October Lessons:

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> – Adam & Eve Sin – Genesis 3:1-24

Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – Cain Kills Abel – Genesis 4:1-16

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – Noah Builds the Ark – Genesis 6:5-22

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> – God Floods the Earth – Genesis 7:1-8:22 & 9:8-16

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – People Build a Tower at Babel – Genesis 11:1-9



**October 30<sup>th</sup> 10:30 Service** – members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be receiving Bibles as Grace Church assists parents in keeping with the Baptismal vows made to put Gods word in their child's hands.



## LOTS OF WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

### Sunday School Volunteers Opportunities

- Sunday School Mission Coordinator
- Sunday School Curriculum Coordinator
- Sunday School Events Coordinator

### Confirmation Volunteer Opportunities

- Large Group Lesson Leader
- Confirmation Guide (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Coordinate a small group service project or fun night
  - Wednesday night dinner coordinator
- Coordinate World Mission Project (9<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### Join the Christian Education Team

We would love new members

The above volunteer positions act with the assistance and under the direction of the Christian Education Team. For more information, see a Christian Education Team Member.

Joan Wade

Sue Mokler

Jody Larson

Pastor Clay Salmela

Nelson Hinz – SS Superintendant

Mary Karsnia – Team Chairperson



**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Fund Receipts & Expenditures**

January 1, 2011 to August 31, 2011

<b>Income</b>	<b>1/1/11-8/31/11</b>	<b>1/1/10-8/31/10</b>
Building Use	806.00	445.00
Envelope Offerings	128,567.37	142,241.50
Fundraising-Bulletins	150.00	225.00
Fundraising-Gift Cards	925.28	-88.65
Improvement Fund	2,273.00	1,771.00
Interest	1.20	29.00
Loose Offering	3,090.16	2,143.29
Special Offerings	3,484.00	1,516.01
Sunday School Offering	1,169.97	1,590.98
Thrivent Funds	1,527.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$141,993.98</b>	<b>\$149,873.13</b>



Mobilizing women to act boldly  
 on their faith in Jesus Christ.

**Thankoffering Sunday**

The annual Thankoffering Sunday will be held in November. It is our once a year donation complete with a special service. If you don't have a change box there are some on the glass storage box in the fellowship hall.

Don't forget to use your mite box when you have something to be thankful about or on happy occasions. All funds go to the worldwide projects of the Women of the ELCA to help women across the globe.

**HELP IS NEEDED**—Monday, October 3rd beginning at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall to assemble kits for Lutheran World Relief. Also, Friday, October 7th beginning at 6:00 pm to load the truck that will haul the boxes of our donations for this year. The assembly involves wrapping up items in a towel or putting them in a school bag. Loading of the truck involves toting boxes from storage to the truck parked at the back of the church by the kitchen. Please come out and help in any way possible.



**Bakeless Bake Sale**

Don't miss the opportunity to donate to this sale. A letter was put in your mailbox at church, but here is another reminder.

You are invited to NOT bake a cake, pie, cookies or brownies. You do NOT have to find the recipe. You do NOT have to shop for all the ingredients. You do NOT have to mix. You do NOT have to find the right-sized pan. You do NOT have to turn your oven on and heat up your kitchen. You do NOT have to cut. You do NOT have to wrap. You do NOT have to wash dishes. You do NOT have to clean up your kitchen. You do NOT have to deliver the baked product to church. You do NOT have to volunteer to help at the sale. You do NOT have to buy any goodies and you do NOT have to eat any fattening foods.

So stay at home and enjoy doing something for yourself or your family. All you HAVE to do is WRITE a check to Grace Lutheran Church Women. Cash works, also!!





Austin Langeberg	10/01
Nelson Hinz	10/02
Sara Liptow	10/02
Steve Nielsen	10/02
Milee Simonis	10/02
Ruby Vollbrecht	10/03
Inez Bryden	10/04
Jean Kafer	10/04
Roger Langeberg	10/04
Noah Boe	10/05
Kay Kelch	10/05
Betty Lambert	10/05
Kylie Slark	10/05
Cindy Ebert	10/06
Tyler Pischke	10/06
Myron Gross	10/07
Jonathan Salmela	10/07
Cindy Shaffer	10/08
Bob DeWar	10/09
Norman Rudolph	10/09
Anja Slate	10/09
Kevin Neuenfeldt	10/10
Warren Sherman	10/10
Mark Bradley	10/11

Nathan Johnson	10/11
Gale Gabrielski	10/13
Kelly Langeberg	10/13
Mark Slate	10/15
Carol Beier	10/17
Joel Brockman	10/17
Bill Reininger	10/18
Cassidy Sauerbrei	10/19
Alton Meyer	10/20
Judy Stibb	10/20
Julia Boe	10/23
Mason Luker	10/23
Madison Huseboe	10/25
Audrey White	10/25
Rachel Metoxen	10/26
Ben Paulson	10/26
Nate Kastenschmidt	10/27
Jessica West	10/27
LuAnn Rosenau	10/29
Jon Heatley	10/30
Alexa Neuenfeldt	10/30
Morgan Pinnow	10/30
Mark Preissner	10/30
Ann Schultz	10/30
Renee Schoff	10/31
Lois Weiske	10/31



Pat & Traci Merrill	10/01
Marv & Barb Mlodzik	10/01
Brian & Annette Pepler	10/03
Mark & Patty Ziesmer	10/05
David & Peggy Beuthin	10/07
Jim & Carol Beier	10/08
Doug & Dani Pinnow	10/08
Kent & Jenni Huseboe	10/11
Jeff & Lisa Hunger	10/12
Dave & Renee Schoff	10/13
Norman & Donna Rudolph	10/14
Marvin & Shirley Vollbrecht	10/14
Jesse & Kristin Washkoviak	10/14
Jon & Karen Hillier	10/16
Howard & Judy Stibb	10/24
Eugene & Marion Wittchow	10/25
Jon & Carrie Martinez	10/27
Dean & Amy Slark	10/28
Bob & Bev Schwister	10/30
Bill & Jessica Stollfuss	10/30
Warren & Charlotte Sherman	10/31



Evelyn Kohnke, Florian Laper  
Prairie Place: Mary Alice Linde,  
 Shirley Stewart, Naomi Kelm-  
 Carley, Mel Sorensen

Markesan Residence Center: Orin

& Arla Galow

Russell Manor: Gail Albright, Marion Boire, Ruth  
 Gransee

Fountain View Care Center: Freda Falk, Elaine  
 Heatley, Florence Sasada, Kelly Kutzleb

Maple Crest: Joan Kedrowski, Elmer Kuhs, Alton  
 Meyer, Dolores Hunger, Vi Fude

Barrett House: Duane Wittchow, Eugene Wittchow,  
 Michelle Koentopp

Michalene's: Elsie Clark, Phyllis Suksi

Willowbrook: Irmgard Timm

Lake View Estates: Don Lueck

### Altar Flowers for 2011

The 2011 Altar Flowers sign-up calendar is posted on the wall next to the church office door in the entryway. You may designate Altar Flowers in honor or memory of loved ones or a special occasion. This information will be printed in the bulletin for that Sunday. Sign up in advance by writing your name on the chart or by calling the office. The cost for Altar Flowers is \$15.00. After the last service for that Sunday, you may pick up your flowers. If you need to take the vase liners home, please return them by the following Tuesday. If you do not want to take your flowers home, please notify the church office. If no one signs up for flowers for a given Sunday, there will be no flowers on the altar that day. For more information, contact the church office.

## Social Concerns Committee

Here is a thank you letter from the Ripon Area School District we received regarding the school supplies.

*Dear Church Members:*

*I am writing to inform you of the Ripon Area School District Board of Education's acknowledgement and expression of appreciation for your contribution of school supplies for Barlow Park Elementary School students in need.*

*"Thank you!" for your generosity. The Ripon Area School District is indeed fortunate to have the support of Grace Lutheran Church in our efforts to provide Ripon School District students in need with the basics that they need to be able to focus on their education.*

*Sincerely,*

*Richard Zimman*

*Superintendent of Schools*

Murray Park Elementary School also received school supplies. We gratefully acknowledge that Thrivent Financial for Lutherans assisted in helping to fund this important project.

We were pleased to have Steve Olsen from Lutheran Social Services with us on September 25th. I hope many of you picked up a copy of their 2009 Annual Report which highlighted our commitment to Bonnieview. It has been a joy to go out there—play games and interact with the residents. Anyone interested in participating should let Pastor Clay, Jessica, or one of the Social Concerns Committee members know and arrangements will be made.

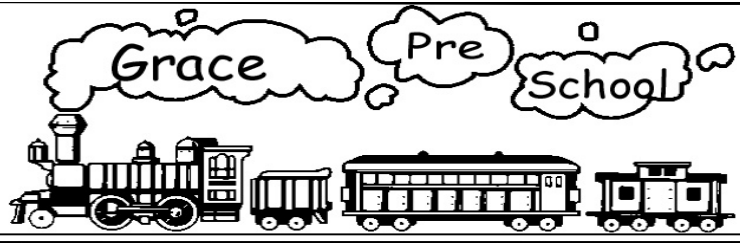
Samaritan's Purse—Christmas Shoe Boxes—Brochures will be here soon and will be on the table in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one and follow the instructions. We have many decorated shoe boxes on the stage. Help yourself to one, go shopping this month and watch for health items, small games, toys, coloring booklets, etc. Encourage your child or grandchild, they love to do this and it helps spread the "Good News" of our Lord to children and their families across the globe. Have FUN with it! The deadline is November 13th.

## Grace Readers

Grace Readers will meet Thursday, October 20th, from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Council Room.

We will discuss "Heaven is for Real" by Todd Burpo. If you like to read, enjoy fun, fellowship and lively discussions, we'd love to have you join us! The November book will be "Courageous" by Randy Alcorn.





Grace Pre-School has kicked off another great start to a new preschool year!! We currently have 14 children in our 3 year old class and 13 children in our 4 year old class. This month the 3 year old class learned about Friends and Family,

Apples, My Five Senses and Community Helpers. The 4 year old class learned about Friendship, God Made Us Out of This World, Letter A and Apples and Letter C. The 4 year old class had their first field trip to Beechwood Corn Maze where fun was had by all!! Both classes learned about God's Creation of Adam and Eve. Not only did God make the entire world, He also made each one of us. One of our goals at Grace Pre-School is that every child will know just how special they are because GOD CREATED THEM and LOVES THEM!! How great to be a part of this ministry!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Candy Bar Fundraiser. It was a HUGE success!! Our upcoming fundraiser will be a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 16th. This will be Grace Pre-School Sunday at Grace Lutheran Church. We will be inviting all the families of the preschool to come be a part of the church service. Current preschoolers and Grace Pre-School alumni can join us in a few songs during the service.

## *Pancake Breakfast*



## **GRACE PRE-SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE**

Sunday, October 16th

8:30 am—12:30 pm

Grace Lutheran Church

Eat In • Carry Out

Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Juice, Milk, Coffee

Tickets:

\$6.00 adults

\$4.00 children 5-13

Free children 4 and under

Tickets are available in the church office or from any preschooler.

Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

### Worship Assistants

The sign-up board will be left open until our newsletter, Grace Notes, will be published (about the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month). At that time, the Worship Committee will assign the open slots with the names of those who indicated on their Time and Talent Sheets that they'd like to participate. Please do not change the board without notifying the office. Thank you for your help with our worship services.

**IF YOU CANNOT HELP on the date(s) assigned, please find someone to take your place. Please notify the office of the change.**

# Worship Assistants for October

Date	Greeters	Lectors	Communion
October 2—8:00 am	Marge Guldán & Charlotte Tabbert	Joanna Salmela	Peg & Jonathan Salmela
October 2—10:30 am	Jeff, Kelly, Nate, Austin, & Brandon Langeberg	Melanie Oppor	Dave & Nita Weinkauf
October 9—8:00 am	Nelson & Shirley Hinz	Joan Wade	Luther Olsen & Joan Wade
October 9—10:30 am	Bill & Faye Zacharias	Lydia Schwertfeger	Jennifer Oppor Lisa Schwertfeger
October 16—8:00 am	Wayne & Patti Albright	Abby Rosenau	N/A
October 16—10:30 am	Grace Pre-School	Renee Schoff	N/A
October 23—8:00 am	Morgan Pinnow, Lois Weiske	Penny Gillespie	N/A
October 23—10:30 am	Joel & Janie Brockman	Luther Olsen	N/A
October 30—8:00 am	Lee & Katie Baird	Leesa McShane	Herm Leitz, Curt Belau
October 30—10:30 am	Conrad & Ruth Langenhorst	Bill Reininger	Joel & Janie Brockman

<b>Usher Teams</b>				
Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5
October 9—8:00 am October 23—10:30 am	October 9—10:30 am October 30—8:00 am	October 16—8:00 am October 30—10:30 am	October 2—8:00 am October 16—10:30 am	October 2—10:30 am October 23—8:00 am

## Bibles, Lunch, & Togetherness—BLT



Bibles, Lunch, & Togetherness – BLT – (formerly “Lunch and Learn”) will again meet on the first and third Mondays (Oct. 3 & 17) of the month for one hour, beginning at 12:00 noon. Bring your Bible, a lunch, and curiosity for an enjoyable time of fellowship and learning how God is active in our world and in our lives yet today. No matter what your background in Bible study (from none to scholar) all are welcome and there are no requirements or expectations other than a desire to learn and to have fun.



Zion Lutheran Church and the ELCA welcome Rev. Kilian R. Doerr and Rev. Dr. Elfriede Doerr from Transylvania, Romania to lead an evening worship service in German.



Sunday, October 16, 2011 at 6:30 pm  
Zion Lutheran Church  
912 N Oneida St, Appleton WI 54911

All are welcome. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the worship service

Rev. Kilian R. Doerr, has been the lead pastor of the 1300-member Lutheran Church of Sibiu since 1998. He is a graduate of the Seminary of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Romania. Pastor Doerr is a recognized leader in practical and creative environmental stewardship.

Rev. Dr. Elfriede Doerr, is a staff member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Augsburg Confession in Romania and has been the Executive Secretary for Ecumenical Affairs and Theological Formation since 2008. She has been active in women's organizations and ecumenical and international affairs since 1997.



## Chili Day

Messiah Lutheran Church in Ripon, 500 Mayparty Drive, is having their Annual Chili Day on Thursday, October 20, 2011, serving from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm and 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Ticket price is adults \$7.00 and children \$3.00. This is the same as last year. Carry-outs will be available.

There will be a craft and bake sale, plus a Farmer's Market. Any questions please call the church office at 748-3882.

Hope to see you there!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> World-Wide Communion Sunday SCRIP Orders Due 8:00 AM Worship with Communion 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Confirmation Breakout 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:30 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 10:30 AM Praise Worship with Communion	<b>3</b> 12:00 PM Bibles, Lunch, Togetherness (B.L.T.) 5:30 PM First Place 4 Health Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Eve Circle	<b>4</b> 5:00-9:00 PM Lounge Use 6:30 PM Christian Education Team	<b>5</b> 5:30 PM Handbells 6:30 PM Adult Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation Workshop	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:00 PM Loading the LWR Truck	<b>1</b> <b>8</b> Council Retreat at Pilgrim Center
<h1>October 2011</h1>						
<b>9</b> 8:00 AM Worship with Communion 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Confirmation Breakout 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:30 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 10:30 AM Praise Worship with Communion 11:00 AM Youth Event Chicken BBQ	<b>10</b> 1:00 PM LWR Quilting 5:30 PM First Place 4 Health 7:00-9:00 PM Classroom Use	<b>11</b> 1:30 PM Rebekah Circle 6:30 PM Property Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting	<b>12</b> 9:30 AM Dorcas Circle 12:00-3:00 PM Lunch & Fellowship with Friends 5:30 PM Handbells 6:30 PM Adult Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation Workshop 7:00-9:00 PM Classroom Use	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 1:00-5:00 PM Hall Use: Baby Shower 5:00-7:00 PM Set-up for Pancake Breakfast
<h2>Pastor Clay: Theological Conference</h2>						
<b>16</b> "Grace Pre-School Sunday" 8:00 AM Worship 8:30 AM—12:30 PM Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Confirmation Breakout 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:30 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship 1:00-7:00 PM Hall Use: Baby Shower	<b>17</b> 12:00 PM Bibles, Lunch, Togetherness (B.L.T.) 5:30 PM First Place 4 Health 6:00 PM Council Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM Classroom Use	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:30 PM Handbells 6:30 PM Adult Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation Workshop 7:00-9:00 PM Classroom Use	<b>20</b> 6:00 PM Pre-School Board Meeting 6:30 PM Grace Readers	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Installation of Befriender Ministry 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Confirmation Breakout 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:30 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship	<b>24</b> 12:00 PM Grace Notes Deadline 1:00 PM LWR Quilting 5:30 PM First Place 4 Health 7:00-9:00 PM Classroom Use	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:30 PM Handbells 6:30 PM Adult Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation Small Groups (Service Project—Fun Night) 7:00-9:00 PM Classroom Use	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:00 AM Worship with Communion 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Confirmation Breakout 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:30 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship with Communion	<b>31</b> 5:30 PM First Place 4 Health 7:00-9:00 PM Classroom Use					



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### COMING EVENTS!

- October 2 World-Wide Communion Sunday  
SCRIP Deadline
- October 3 Packing LWR Relief Boxes
- October 7 Loading the LWR Truck
- October 8 Council Retreat @ Pilgrim Center
- October 9 Youth Chicken BBQ
- October 10-12 Theological Conference
- October 16 Pre-School Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale
- October 23 Installation of BeFriends Ministry