

Hilltop Happenings

For September, 2026

Our mission is to welcome, accept and encourage all people as we follow Jesus.



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Services

Sundays 8:30 am - Devotional Service 10:30 am - Worship

Service Attendance in person / *online views as of 8/25/2026

	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
August 2	13	97/75*
August 9	8	96/120*
August 16	11	101/72*
August 23	11	95/46*

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Will we choose the wedding or the funeral, just pondering...

Lent is a season that never fails to leave me weary; this year was the same, except my fatigue did not lift with the Easter celebration. In fact, as spring unfolded my spirit became more and more burdened. It was the accumulation of a couple of decades of week-to-week responsibilities plus hard and ongoing pastoral care situations plus my own mom's declining health and death. It was heavy. It was much.

It became clear to me that I could not continue with the status quo, and I began considering alternatives.

Fortunately, last winter the Board of Deacons accepted and supported a continuing education opportunity that allowed me to travel around Oregon, visiting rural Lutheran congregations with the purpose of having conversations about how Spirit is at work in their context, best practices, and biggest surprises.

Those encounters, along with the time and space apart, sparked my imagination. I reached out to the Exec Committee*, with whom I had already begun a dialogue, and got an enthusiastic thumbs up. Next, I included our retired pastors who excitedly affirmed the concept. I have also looped in Bishop Laurie who added her own encouragement.

Beginning in January of 2027, I will step into a ministry cycle that will be two months on, a month off. Two months on, a month off and so on throughout the year. {Actually, January 2027 will be the first month away.}

For me, this will be intentional time for rest, renewal and rejuvenation. It will allow me to use vacation time that I have been accruing. It will mean that I can carve out time to see my daughters despite what is unfolding in the church year and without creating hardship for the community at Immanuel.

Two of our retired pastors will step into pastoral care coverage, emergency calls, and Sunday morning worship leadership. Immanuel will again be gifted with regular and multiple preaching voices.

Additionally, we will be actively lifting up our lay community as Sunday morning preachers/storytellers/faith sharers. One of the huge ah-has from my road trip was the central role of equipping the whole church as we look into the future. Immanuel's leaders are already leading well; this will be an added layer to our commitment to empowering the priesthood of all believers**.

What else?

The pastors are working out a schedule for the year ahead, along with a structure for equipping the lay preachers/speakers.

The Exec Committee* has been creating work plans and flow charts to ensure that the details are being minded. Utilizing my PTO, this new cycle will not affect my Full-Time Ministry Status until 2028.

A recently received gift to Immanuel could be an easy answer to the question of paying the retired pastors for Pastoral Care and Pulpit Supply coverage.

On the way together
Pastor Leah

{*Council President Lauren Lovelace, Council Treasurer Ben Johnson, and Council Secretary Mary Miller.}

{** Luther put forward the doctrine that all baptized Christians are priests and spiritual in the sight of God; furthermore, all are called into various forms of service to God's people.}

A Word From Our Council President by Lauren Lovelace

Creating a new rhythm of ministry that supports our pastor, develops leaders, and prepares our congregation for the future...from Council President, Lauren Lovelace

Over the past year, church leadership and Pastor Leah have been praying and thinking about how Immanuel can remain a healthy, vibrant congregation for years to come. Together, we've developed a new rhythm of ministry that honors the gifts of our pastor, our retired clergy, and the gifted lay leaders within our congregation. This plan is about strengthening our ministry-not reducing it-and preparing Immanuel to faithfully respond to the opportunities God places before us.

Martin Luther emphasized the priesthood of all believers, not to diminish ordained ministry, but to affirm that every baptized Christian has gifts and a calling in Christ's mission. Ordained pastors have unique responsibilities-preaching, administering the sacraments, and pastoral oversight-but they are called to equip the whole church for ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12).

Across the ELCA, many congregations-particularly in rural communities-face increasing challenges in calling ordained pastors. We believe this is the right time to strengthen the gifts already present within Immanuel. By developing lay leaders, engaging our retired clergy, and sharing ministry more broadly, we are preparing our congregation to faithfully respond to whatever opportunities and challenges God places before us in the years ahead. Our hope is not only to support Pastor Leah's long-term ministry, but also to cultivate future leaders and be ready to welcome the next pastor whenever that time comes.

Director of Visitation Ministry by Patty MacInnes

On the road with Patty and Max. . .

Looking at our celebration banner last week, I counted 11 deaths and 1 baptism. We are in a season of great change.

Grief is the normal and natural emotional reaction to loss of any kind.

Grief is the conflicting feelings caused by the end of or change in a familiar pattern of behavior (loss).

There are over 40 common life experiences adults may have that are not seen as grieving events beyond the death of a loved one and divorce: death of a pet, moving, starting school, death of a former spouse, marriage, graduation, end of addictions, major health changes, retirement, financial changes – positive or negative, holidays, legal problems, empty nesting, birth of a child, and others.

There are also loss-of trust events: loss of faith, loss of safety, loss of control of one's body.

We grieve for the change in relationships we see as significant.

Recovery from grief means feeling better, finding new meaning for living, and being able to enjoy fond memories by learning the skills that we should have been taught as children.

If you have questions about recovering from grief, call me (Patty) at 503-428-4921.

From the Custodians' Closet by Andrew Bush

Sweeping into Autumn: Tending to God's House

God is the author of our changing seasons, bringing the autumn wind, the falling leaves, and the rain that creates the mud outside. As the weather turns, Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, *"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven."* This beautiful, damp season naturally brings mud and wet leaves into our sanctuary, hallways, and fellowship hall.

Our amazing volunteers work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep these spaces spotless and welcoming. Their faithful service reflects 1 Corinthians 14:40 *"Let all things be done decently and in order."* To support their efforts, our team is focusing on deep-cleaning our high-traffic areas.

You can help preserve the beauty of God's house! Please remember to wipe your feet at the entrance doors. Finally, if you spot a spill, a full trash can, or any area needing attention, please report it to a staff member. Thank you, and peace be with you all.

NEWS from our Mission Endowment Fund by Mark Dickman

One way of leading is to **model behaviors**. In our last episode, Immanuel's Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) Committee talked about **plans**. Today, we want to **tell you** about **our plans**.

First, **MEF** is here to **receive and manage gifts** and bequests from donors who want their gifts preserved and managed in perpetuity, with the **income used to support mission work** (witness beyond the doors/ministries of Immanuel). The Fund currently holds over \$86,000 in permanent corpus which will never be spent. Grants are made to specific mission projects from investment earnings.

Today, we are pleased to announce:

1. A grant of **\$1,000** has been disbursed to **Lutheran World Relief** in support of their emergency response following the devastating earthquakes that struck Venezuela.
2. A grant of **\$1,000** has been disbursed to **Camp Lutherwood**; this is the second part of our three year, \$3,000 pledge to their recent capital campaign.
3. A grant of **\$2,500** has been pledged to Immanuel's 2026 Campaign for **Growing Hope Globally** (GHG); this will be disbursed later this year.

Second, **MEF** is here to help **encourage stewardship beyond our regular tithes and offerings**. We **invite** individuals and families to **consider estate planning**, including your families, and other things (Immanuel Lutheran Church?), in order to plan for legacy beyond this life (i.e. **who is gonna get your stuff, since you can't take it with you?**). We can connect you with appropriate resources of the larger church, like the Oregon Synod Endowment Fund and ELCA Foundation. **To do that, we are hosting a Legacy Sunday on November 22**. Pr. Kyle Merkle, the Region 1 Gift Planner for ELCA Foundation, will be with us to preach, and to speak with persons wanting to know more at a hosted lunch after worship.

If you want more information RIGHT NOW, talk to Jim Brueckner (Emeritus), Mark Dickman, Duane Eder, Keith Haugen, Mary Miller or Traci Mosher. We'll keep you posted as our **plans** develop. "Stay tuned!"

What is a Stephen Minister?



Stephen Ministers are lay congregational members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness or relocation.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

Stephen Minister training is a Christ centered experience that equips participants with essential care and relating skills. Trainees learn how to listen to, care for, and walk with those going through difficult times in life.

Training is done by our Stephen Minister leaders using resources from the Stephen Ministries, St Louis.

Interested? Contact:

Mary Miller - maryndave55@gmail.com / 503-873-8036 or Patty MacInnes - ptyrose@juno.com / 503-428-4921

Prayer Ministry & Condolences

The hungry. Foster kids. Those who battle addiction. All who serve our country, especially Tyler Guzman, US Navy deployed to the middle east.

Kenneth Adams, Phyllis Adams, Marie Arthur, Nettie Donovan Austin, Kris Anne Baker, Kristie Bernabo, Jessica Bradley, Kyler DeVore, Destiny Durbin-Wilson, Jamie Eby, Betty Faanes, Joann Faanes, Dan Funrue, Wayne Gwyn, Tracy Harris, Michelle Lisa Bradner Hegney, Dan Henderson, Mary Henderson, Rose Marie Howell, Lucy Hupp, Ruby Hupp, Ed Jacoby, Debbie Donovan Jasman, Alta Johnson, Dale Johnson, Dee Dee Johnson, Shana Lansidel, Tanya Lawton, Kathy Locke, Loretta Luciano, Johnny Mack, Delores McCoy, Shirley McHorse, Able Meyers, Shane Moore, Mark Morin, Gayle Budd O'Grady, Gayle O'Neil, Emilia Panes, Keri Peck, Marty Ronning, Lynette Rounds, Annette Shilinsky, Heidi Schindler, Nora Schliske, Lisa Smith, Debbie Smuckal, Nola Stark, Trever Stevens, Lucas Taylor, Bonnie Thompson, Becky Tomlin, Linda Valencourt, Iliana Vaquera, Erica Winn, Haley Woods and Nora Woodward.

**If a name on the prayer list should be added or removed, please tell the office.*

Condolences to:

The family of Pat Heintz who passed away August 1st.

Please keep this family in your prayers.

Ministry Celebrations & Thank You's

- ☆ Homer Davenport Days Parade participants who joined to walk and all who donated candy and produce.
- ☆ Dotti Jay was born on August 16 weighing 8lb. 11oz. to Kyli & James Roberts; Traci Mosher is the grandma and LaDonna Christiansen is the great-grandma!
- ☆ The youth groups 'staycation' where the theme was 'giving back'. Wood chips were distributed around the playground, 50 sack lunches were made for Sheltering Silverton and thank-you notes were written to various volunteers in our community. Plus there was a trip to the Enchanted Forest.

Know a reason to celebrate, call 503-873-8656 or email office@immanuelsilverton.org to report 'who' and 'what'.

Thank you so much for the scholarship! I am going to put this towards the tuition at OSU, thanks for helping me forward my future!

Sincerely, Luke Predeek

Thank you all so much for the quilt, I absolutely love the feel and it reminds me that I'm loved!

Sincerely, Luke Predeek

Thank you for once again supporting the SACA Gala. Year after year, you have generously allowed us to borrow your stage for the event, and we are so grateful we can count on your help. I also want to thank you for allowing our volunteers to use the church's dishwasher after the gala to tackle the mountain of glassware! It may seem like a small thing, but it makes our post-gala clean-up so much easier and is very much appreciated. Thank you for being such a wonderful community partner and for continuing to support SACA and our mission.

Under the summer sky and beyond, this community is stronger because of you. Thank you for believing in what SACA does and for helping us do more of it.

With heartfelt thanks, Lisa Friesen and the SACA Gala Team

Pastor Leah, Courtney, Tria, Pat Taylor,

Thank you and everyone at Immanuel for a wonderful anniversary celebration yesterday. I enjoyed being with you, and appreciate all the work you did to get things ready. We were all sorry Carmen couldn't make it, but she enjoyed hearing about it when I got home. The flowers were great. The cupcakes were delicious, and Carmen enjoyed the ones I brought home. The table was decorated beautifully. Thank you again, for EVERYTHING.

Jim and Carmen

The Gospel of John Bible Study

It's almost Bible Study time! The Gospel of John! 10:30 am Wednesdays

Again this year, Immanuel Lutheran will offer Bible study on Wednesdays in the fireside room! Retired Pastors Joe Medley and Patricia Hughes (who also are members at Immanuel) put this study together, and Pastor Leah jumps in to help, too!

We will observe a **10:30 start time** this year. Maybe folks who attend the exercise class will be able to come! The study leader reads and gets ideas from the book, **"John for Everyone" on the gospel of John by N.T. Wright**, an English New Testament scholar. The class is very free form, and yet our goal is a chapter a week! The amazing Ethan Frederick takes the video we make every week and posts it online (usually by the weekend). So, you can keep up if you miss a week. Questions? Ask Patricia at patriciamakesjam@gmail.com.

Here's the schedule –

week 1	September 23	chapter 1	week 9	November 18	chapter 9	week 15	January 20	chapter 15
week 2	September 30	chapter 2	<i>skip week for Thanksgiving</i>			week 16	January 27	chapter 16
week 3	October 7	chapter 3	week 10	December 2	chapter 10	week 17	February 3	chapter 17
week 4	October 14	chapter 4	week 11	December 9	chapter 11	week 18	February 10	chapter 18
week 5	October 21	chapter 5	week 12	December 16	chapter 12	week 19	February 17	chapter 19
week 6	October 28	chapter 6	<i>skip 2 weeks for Christmas</i>			week 20	February 23	chapter 20
week 7	November 4	chapter 7	week 13	January 6	chapter 13	week 21	March 3	chapter 21
week 8	November 11	chapter 8	week 14	January 13	chapter 14			

Upcoming Ministry Events & Opportunities

Community Worship - August 30 at 10:00 am

Worship on August 30 will be at First Christian Church!

Please attend and bring the hospitality of Immanuel into their space.

We are invited to bring cookies for fellowship, and school supplies (see list below for ideas) for Silverton elementary schools. All undesignated offerings will be split between the high and middle schools for supplies.

Kids - bring your backpacks for a blessing!

(There will be no services at Immanuel on August 30)

School Supplies Suggestions: Folders, college rule filler paper, #2 pencils, pens- black and blue, highlighters, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, calculators – (Texas Instrument – 300XIIS), backpacks, book bags, headphones, graph paper, colored pencils, 3x5 lined notecards, pencil pouches, rulers, erasers, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, Kleenex

Grief Recovery - Starts September 1

8-week Grief Recovery Method Support Group starting September 1 from 6-8 pm. Call Patty at 503-428-4921 to register.

Esther Circle - September 3

All women are invited to attend! We meet in the Fireside room for social time at 9:30, and will have Bible Study from *Gather* magazine at 10 am. Bring a friend and come to meet other friends! Contact is Lynn Gannon at (503) 329-2585 or lpma.gannon@gmail.com

Quilting - Begins September 9

Quilters will begin meeting again on September 9 and will get together every other Wednesday in the quilting room in the basement. All are welcome!

Dinner for Six - Fall

We have noted your ongoing interest and will re-establish Dinner for Six groups in the Fall. Please continue to sign up if you are interested in participating in the future.

Noisy Offering - September 13

Bring your change for pencils to donate to local schools!

Rally Sunday - September 13

Join us September 13 as we kick off the new school year! Sunday School will begin and we will do the Blessing of Backpacks. After service all are invited to a hot dog lunch and fellowship. Please join a service project for *God's Work Our Hands*.

*Church clean up

*Kitchen clean up

*Mark Twain Elementary grounds project

*Prayer Beads, Knitting, Crocheting

*Hygiene bags

*Other options TBA

Men's Fellowship Breakfast - September 14

The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on September 14 from 6:30 - 8 am. There is a new sign-up sheet in the narthex. All men are invited! See Andrew Bush with questions.

Kitchen Cleaning - September 14

Join us Monday, September 14 at 9 am. All are welcome.

Rummage Sale - October 2 & 3

HELP IS NEEDED! (See page 8 for details)

This is a big event and we would appreciate anyone who can volunteer. All proceeds go to Missions. Let us know if you can help! *Clean and sellable donations may be dropped off along the north wall in the gym during office hours.*

New Members & Transfers - November 8

Are you interested, ready to celebrate being on this faith journey together? We will receive new members on November 8 during the 10:30 service. Please reach out to Pastor Leah if you have questions or are ready for a conversation. {503.302.7712}

Pause with the Pastor - Mondays

Pastor Leah will be at Little Leaf Coffee Shop, downtown Silverton, from 8:30-9:30ish am on Mondays if you'd like to visit with her. If Mondays don't work for you, let her know when you would like to get together.

2026 Church Rummage Sale

Friday and Saturday, October 2 & 3 from 9 am - 4 pm

To provide this wonderful and needed service to our neighbors, **we need your help!** We are asking if you can give some of your time to help us - maybe a morning or afternoon or a day or more. Men - we really need your help setting up and pricing tools, car stuff, camping gear, sports equipment, and helping with the furniture.

Schedule (September 27-October 3)

Sunday	After coffee hour - set up and arrange tables, bring boxes down from balcony.
Monday	Take boxed items to their designated locations.
Tuesday	Take more items to their locations and begin setting up displays for the sale.
Wednesday	Finish displays and begin pricing.
Thursday	Finish pricing.
Friday	Doors open at 9am. Need cashiers, baggers, and a few people to keep areas organized/ help shoppers with their purchases.
Saturday	Same needs as Friday. After sale: help moving, boxing and sorting left over items.

We get wonderful donations of great things to offer our neighbors. Please think of your donations as gifts for those who are in need. We ask for items to be clean, not broken or torn, and that they work. Roll Christmas lights.

Your donations can be dropped off at the church multi-purpose room in September. Please line them up along the north wall (please wait until September 27 for extra large items as we still have groups using the gym).

Please contact Shirley Smith (503) 991-4708, Joan Kelly (503) 689-7474, or the church office (503) 873-8656 if you have questions and especially if/when you have time to help us with this special event of service to our neighbors. Thank you for your donations and your time.

Ongoing Ministries, Reminders & Needs

Guest Sign-Up Sheet

If you are new (or nearly new) to Immanuel, please sign in on the sheet outside the first sanctuary door.

Van Ministry Leader Wanted

We do not currently have an active van ministry. Let us know if you are interested in coordinating rides to church on Sundays.

Fund Raising for Youth Gathering

Our youth group is attending the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minnesota and is actively raising funds. Contact Kate Bush if you have odd jobs for them to do, and grab a blue bag from the gym to fill with returnable

cans/bottles!

Tuesday Crew

Join a team of folks who lend a hand with odd-jobs and basic maintenance to keep our building and grounds tidy and welcoming. Tuesdays at 9:30 am.

Devotional Service

Pastor Leah hosts a devotional service on Sundays at 8:30 am in the Fireside Room.

Thirsty Thursday - Thursdays at 6 pm

Join us on Thursdays! See the September calendar for locations.

SACA Sunday - Second Sundays

We accept food and monetary donations for our local food bank, **Silverton Area Community Aid** (*Improving lives by providing food, services, and access to community resources.*)

Coffee Hour Help Needed

Cookies, fruit or cheese/meats are welcomed for coffee hour! Sign up in the gym or see Pat Taylor.

Flowers for Sunday Church Services

Sign up on the chart on the bulletin board in the multi-purpose room to bring flowers.

Lost & Found

Will be donated to the rummage sale at the end of each month. Please check it regularly for any missing items.

Community Events

(If you know of a community event that members of Immanuel might enjoy, we'd love to hear about it! Please get the details to the office.)

2026 Young Leaders Council Pickleball Tournament

This tournament is organized by volunteers on our Young Leaders Council to support children and families in the community, with 100% of the proceeds benefiting Family Building Blocks. We'd love to have you join us for a fun, family-friendly day on the pickleball courts.

Taking place Saturday, September 26, the tournament is a doubles event and will be held at Illahe Hills Country Club's Indoor Pickleball Facility. Players and fans can fuel up with food and drink before or after their matches, and enjoy a fun day of community and competition!

All skill levels and kids teams are welcome. Please be sure to include your skill level when registering so we can create competitive brackets and pairings. Play will begin round robin style and move into placement bracketing. Hope to see you there!

Register online at www.familybuildingblocks.org/pickleball

Frosig Features

With an August calendar not nearly as full of stuff to do as in July, I had big plans - tend to that "Garden of Weedin" by my sidewalk, finish painting my She-Shed, and clearing the unnecessary things off my front porch. Big projects, best done on cloudy days.

What really happened? Hot, sunny days instead of cooler, cloudy ones. So, my plans shifted to inside projects - getting organized and packing things for the Rummage Sale in October. Organized, I love that word, it's past tense. Organizing is messy, but I'm very good at making piles. My husband Kris called me a Pilot, spelled Pile-It. Funny guy.

One morning, before beginning to 'organize', I was scrolling through the newsfeed on my computer. I found a video from a '60 Minutes' show last February. The woman being interviewed was a Holocaust baby. When she mentioned Mauthausen, May 5, 1945, and a medic, I think my heart skipped a beat. My dad, a Field Medic in Patton's Third Army, was at the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria on that very same day. I had to know more.

Her name is Eva Clarke, and now I've watched her story many times on her Facebook page. From her story, I've been able to fill in missing pieces of Dad's story about Mauthausen.

Eva's parents had been imprisoned at the same concentration camp but were kept apart so she wouldn't become pregnant. They risked their lives to find moments together. When her father was sent to another camp, her mother's pregnancy wasn't showing yet.

After 17 days in a coal cart with almost no food, Eva's mother arrived at Mauthausen on April 29, 1945. Nine months pregnant, weighing 77 pounds, in labor and birthing was beginning to happen. When a guard noticed the baby, he put them on another cart with prisoners too sick or weak to walk up the hillside to the camp. Baby Eva weighed three pounds.

Five days later on May 4, 1945, Dad and the 32nd Evacuation Hospital arrived at Poking, Germany, near the Austrian border. The next morning, May 5, Patton sent out patrols to search for the concentration camp called Mauthausen. Dad went with a few soldiers from the 11th Armored Division.

According to his pictures, the letter he wrote to Mom on May 6, information from the Department of the Army, and Eva's story, it was Dad and the soldiers with him who found Mauthausen. His pictures show a camp completely still - no activity, gates wide open, guards gone. As they carefully approached and went through the gates, they found men standing clothed only in their skin on their skeletal bodies, and had zombie-looking eyes. Eva and her mother were there too, somewhere.

As the news spread that the camp had been found, more troops from the 11th Armored Division arrived. This is when Eva's mother felt safe enough to come out of hiding and find a medic for her baby. My dad had to return to the 32nd Evac Hospital in Poking, where his duties were. So, Eva's story and her medic, and my dad's story, are only moments apart.

As I sat looking at his Bronze Star in my lap, I wondered about this honorable recognition. I checked with the National Archives in DC, but they had no specific information about his medal. However, I've come to know this:

A Bronze Star for Meritorious Service was not for a single event, but for sustained, distinguished service across multiple campaigns. This was common for WWII medical personnel who served in evacuation hospitals under Patton's Third Army - months of dangerous, exhausting, life-saving work across five campaigns, including the Battle of the Bulge. Evacuation hospitals were often set up within artillery range, sometimes shelled, sometimes overrun. Medical staff worked under fire, in freezing conditions, with overwhelming casualties.

And that was my dad.

Those outdoor and indoor plans are still waiting for another time. But when a newsreel brings another piece of an 81-year-old story to life, the rest of my world pauses. It's one of those miracles that just come.

I've written to Eva through the Holocaust Educational Trust and hope I will hear from her someday. I feel a connection to her. Stories wait for the right moment to rise, the right person to notice, the right heart to listen. Eva's miracle reminded me of that.

Veterans Day is about two months from now. A day to honor those who served, and whose stories may still rise to meet us, sometimes in the most unexpected ways.

Thank you Veterans for serving, sometimes under unimaginable circumstances. You are special.



Marilyn Frosig



SEPTEMBER 2026

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EVERY SUNDAY: <i>Devotional Service, 8:30 am</i> <i>Worship, 10:30 am</i>	EVERY MONDAY: <i>Pause with the Pastor at Little Leaf, 8:30-9:30 am</i> <i>Senior Exercise, 9:30-10:30 am</i> <i>YMCA, 1-4 pm</i> <i>Marion County Citizens Band, 6:30-9 pm</i>	EVERY TUESDAY: <i>We All Dine In Silverton, 9 am-12 pm</i> <i>Staff Mtg, 9 am</i> <i>Tuesday Work Crew, 9:30 am</i> <i>YMCA, 1-4 pm & 5-8 pm</i> <i>Grief Recovery, 5-8 pm</i>	EVERY WEDNESDAY: <i>We All Dine In Silverton, 9 am-12 pm</i> <i>Senior Exercise, 9:30-10:30 am</i> <i>YMCA, 1-4 pm & 5-8 pm</i>	EVERY THURSDAY:  <i>YMCA, 1-4 pm & 5-8 pm</i>	EVERY FRIDAY: <i>Senior Exercise, 9:30-10:30 am</i> <i>Sax Quartet, 1-3 pm</i> <i>YMCA, 1-4 pm & 5-8 pm</i>	EVERY SATURDAY:
		1 <i>Deacon Meeting, 6:30 pm</i>	2 <i>Grief Recovery Alumni, 1-4 pm</i>	3 <i>Esther Circle, 9:30 am</i> <i>Thirsty Thursday @ Mac's, 6 pm</i> <i>Lion's Club, 7 pm</i>	4 	5
6	7 OFFICE CLOSED 	8 <i>Grief Recovery, 2-4 pm</i> <i>Trustee Meeting, 6 pm</i> <i>Hospitality Meeting, 5:30 pm</i>	9 <i>Quilting, 9 am</i> <i>Grief Recovery Alumni, 1-4 pm</i> <i>Girl Scout Leader Meeting, 6:30 pm</i>	10 <i>Thirsty Thursday @ Oktoberfest, 6 pm</i>	11	12 
13 SACA Sunday RALLY SUNDAY <i>-Blessing of the Backpacks</i> <i>-Noisy Offering</i> <i>Sunday School, 10:45 am</i> <i>Lunch, 11:45 am</i> <i>'God's Work, Our Hands' Service Day</i> <i>Confirmation Glump 3, 12-4 pm</i>	14 <i>Men's Breakfast, 6:30 am</i> <i>Kitchen Cleaning, 9 am</i> 	15 <i>Grief Recovery, 2-4 pm</i> <i>Worship & Music Meeting, 7 pm</i>	16 <i>Grief Recovery Alumni, 1-4 pm</i>	17 <i>Thirsty Thursday @ Mac's, 6 pm</i> <i>Lion's Club, 7 pm</i>	18 	19
20 <i>Sunday School, 10:45 am</i>	21 <i>Council Meeting, 7 pm</i>	22 <i>Grief Recovery, 2-4 pm</i> 	23 <i>Quilting, 9 am</i> <i>Bible Study on John, 10:30 am</i> <i>Grief Recovery Alumni, 1-4 pm</i>	24 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE <i>Thirsty Thursday @ Mac's, 6 pm</i>	25	26
27 <i>(Gym Reserved for Rummage Sale)</i> <i>Sunday School, 10:45 am</i>	28 <i>(Gym Reserved for Rummage Sale)</i>	29 <i>(Gym Reserved for Rummage Sale)</i> <i>Grief Recovery, 2-4 pm</i>	30 <i>(Gym Reserved for Rummage Sale)</i> <i>Bible Study on John, 10:30 am</i> NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED	*Rummage sale items may be dropped off along the north wall in the gym in September. Please wait until September 27 to drop off large items.		



2 Roland Langkabel	13 Dixon Bledsoe	22 Neil MacInnes
4 Laura Borbon	Mark Williams	John Rieder
6 Jeanette Olafson	16 Julie Frederick	23 Tyler Guzman
7 Michelle Haines	Deb Medley	24 Kol Leach
9 Katie Sprauer	Marta Voeller	25 Ronda Rieder
10 Caroline Johnson	18 Creighton Helms	28 Duane Eder
Sue Rivers	20 Bob Donovan	29 Jerry Hogue
	21 Ethan Frederick	



2 Joe & Deb Medley	14 Dan & Darci Hyde
10 Blinn & Addie Carstensen	17 Dan & Debbie Satern
Peter & Kate Heinlein	26 Robin & Angela Guzman
Ross & Patricia Leach	Neil & Patty MacInnes
14 Andrew & Kate Bush	Denny & Karen Taylor
Mark & Nancy Dickman	27 Eric & Natasha Mandall

If you have a birthday or anniversary in September that is unlisted, please let us know!

SUNDAY FLOWERS PROVIDED BY:

Sept 6	Nancy & Mark Dickman in honor of their 52 nd anniversary
Sept 13	Debbie Satern in memory of Wally
Sept 20	Sandy Donovan
Sept 27	Diana Penley

**Sign up on the bulletin board in the gym*

SUNDAY READERS:

Sept 6	Shirley Murata
Sept 13	Bob Knudtson
Sept 20	Marta Hazekamp
Sept 27	Marsa Terrell

**Sign up in the narthex*

September

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