



The Tidings

Ministerial Moments

Continuing our discussion regarding the worship service which I started last month, I will continue with the actual service. The word "Liturgy" means "Work of the People". That is why we have responsive readings and unison prayers as well as hymns which are sung together. The worship service is meant to be done as community, not as entertainment. The saddest thing I have ever heard was of someone in their late 70s who would not sing in church because some teacher in the second grade told them to "mouth the words" during a second grade music program. Please remember the Psalm says, "Make a joyful NOISE unto the Lord". It does not say, "Make a harmonious sound."

When we listen to the Word, or the Sermon, this listening is meant to be active listening, not passive. You are to engage the word, whether you agree with it, disagree with it, or want to argue with it; those are all forms of engaging the Word. Hopefully as we hear the Word, the Holy Spirit will move in and among us and move us toward action. As I have stated before, the scriptures, sermons, prayers and hymns should all work together into one message. Even in the summer when I am attempting to use your favorite hymns, I still try to make sure they fit the message of the liturgy as well as possible. Part of what I attempt to do in the sermon is to tie the Bible story to current situations so that message of the Bible is relevant to our everyday life today.

We respond to the sermon on most Sundays with a Hymn of Affirmation, affirming our faith through song. On communion Sundays, after the sermon, we recite a Statement of Faith. Some of those I use are Biblical and considered to be ancient Statements of Faith from the early church.

Offering our financial gifts in support of the work of the church locally and globally is one way to respond to the ongoing call of scripture and sermon. It should be remembered when giving offering that God has given us everything. God only asks for a small amount in return.

Lastly the Benediction gives a blessing and a charge to take God's blessing out into the world. We are all called to do God's work and spread the Good News.

Blessings,
Pastor Gail

September 2014

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Greeter and Ushers for September

September 7 - Caroline Galle, Ryan & Crystal Cathcart

September 14 - Carol Mercer, Susie Stewart, Sunday School

September 21 - David & Evelyn Schneidewind, David & Mindy Schneidewind



September 28 - John Barrett, Carla Hellsten, Ron Geisel

HELP ! ! !

In order to add a name besides mine to the Food Pantry checkbook, I need to find the articles of incorporation for the Ministerial Alliance. In going through old papers a week ago, I came across minutes from meetings of the Marissa Ministerial Association back in 1994-1995 when Rev. Tripp was here. If anyone knows of a date earlier, please let me know. The bank does not have a date of origin for the account because of the number of mergers which have occurred over the years.

NEW - Suggestion Box

Thanks to Eldon Reuss (brother of LaJune Fulton and Blanche Schmierbach) Friedens now has a suggestion box in the vestibule. Your input into the life and ministry of Friedens will be taken twice weekly. As is appropriate, members of the Church Council will route ideas to the proper person or committee for prayerful consideration. In an effort to offer a better understanding, indicate first the existing conditions, then the revised approach and lastly the expected benefit of this change.

Insights with signatures are preferred,

John Barrett, President



Odds and Ends

- Tuesday September 16 at 7:00PM Region 8 will meet at Friedens. Brenda Crisp of KinderCottage is the guest speaker. All who are interested are welcome to come.
- THE CARPETING IS IN. Many thanks to those who donated memorial funds through the years to the carpet fund. Thanks also to Funds and Fellowship for their donations to the carpet fund and lastly, for the many hard years of bake and craft sales by Evangelical Daughters.
- Thanks also to all those who moved church furniture in and out of place so the carpeting could be laid.
- Thanks to Funds and Fellowship for the meal the day the Chris Talley Trio performed as well as to those who helped set up for the concert and those who stayed to listen. We had terrific weather, a nice turn-out for the amount of time we had to publicize, and got done before the rain came.
- Thank you Evangelical Daughters for the luncheon in honor of the Baptism of James Patrick Ghirarda. I know the Schmidt family was well pleased. I was also glad to see we had a couple of visitors that day.

September Birthday's

September Anniversaries

Alan & Susan Oyler	2
Mervin & Ruth Erb	3
David & Evelyn Schneidewind	6
Jeremy & Jessica Dressel	10
Ryan & Crystal Cathcart	11

Jessica Dressel	5
John Fauth	6
Nicole Sinn	10
Marlene Karsten	11
Pete Dressel	11
Robert Lehman	11
Imogene Lehman	12
Todd Erb	13
Donna Galle	15
Brandon Schmierbach	17
Melanie Rahlfs	21
Crystal Cathcart	27
Justin Raban	30



Dale Reese's New Address

Dale has a new address.

Dale Reese
c/o Sharon Reese
220 Catherine
Red Bud, IL 62278

Bible Wordsearch

The Sealed Scroll 2

Wordsearch 182

Rev.5:8-14

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- AMEN
- ANGELS
- BLOOD
- EARTH
- ELDERS
- FELL
- GLORY
- GOD
- HEARD
- HEAVEN
- HONOR
- KINGDOM
- LAMB
- LIVING
- NATION
- PEOPLE
- POWER
- PRAISE
- PRIESTS
- REIGN
- SANG
- SCROLL
- SEALS
- SERVE
- SLAIN
- THRONE
- TIMES
- TRIBE
- VOICE
- WEALTH
- WISDOM
- WORTHY
- THOUSAND
- PURCHASED
- CREATURES
- LANGUAGE
- STRENGTH
- WORSHIPED
- SINGING

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Psalm 64

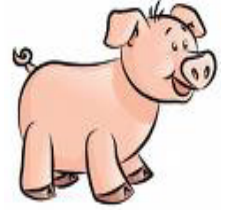


SEPTEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2 Evangelical Daughters Mtg 6:00 pm	3 Choir 7:00 pm	4	5	6
7 Macke Senior Center Chicken Dinner 11:30-1:30	8	9 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	10 Choir 7:00 pm	11	12 Movies in the Park	13
14	15	16 Region 8 Meeting 7 pm @ Friedens	17 Choir 7:00 pm	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Choir 7:00 pm	25	26	27 Tootin' Around Marissa, Rushing for the Cure, 5K run/walk
28	29	Saturday October 4—Wurstmarkt				



October Wurstmarkt - Saturday October 4



It's that time again . . . What time you say.. It's Wurstmarkt time!!

Pick up your apron, dust off those pie pans, get your potato peeler oiled and stretch those legs. Come one come all to the help at the Wurstmarkt.

The Funds and Fellowship are in need of workers and lots of those wonderful pies and cakes. They can also use fresh bodies to help clean up at 7 pm.

If you have any questions please contact Bobbi Duffie.
See you at the Wurstmarkt!! Listen at church for set-up night.



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