

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3-Tim Hulings

Teairra Garber

5-Scott Shuler

8-Kim Lowe

9-Eleanor Karnes

16-Todd Lackovitch

Cathy Firkin

18-Draven Lackovitch

20-Kaicey Foltz

22-Danielle Zirkle

23-Sarah Campbell

26-Jodi Sattva

Lisa Newman

28-Jackie Shuler

Kolton Shuler

29-Brian Zirkle

31-Hazel Karnes

Jeremiah Baugher

ANNIVERSARIES

2-Ricky & Debra Campbell

8-Tim & Nancy Hulings

24-Randy & Laney Dallas

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Thanks to those who serve

Head Usher List for October:

October 5–Tom Strickler

October 12 – Cathy Firkin

October 19 – David Walker

October 26 – Mark Comer

List of Counters of Offering:

10/5 – Tom & Diane Graves

10/12 – Cathy & Diane

10/19 – David & Diane

10/29 – Mark & Diane

Altar Care for October – Hazel Karnes & Betty Short

October Lector – Tim and Nancy Hulings

We still need offering counters and lectors for November and December.

October Church Council Meeting – October 12, 2014



Always Reforming ...

As we look forward to the celebrations of autumn, we anticipate the joint worship and fellowship meal on Reformation Day, this year at St. Luke on October 26, 2014. We hope to have activities for the young and the young at heart. There is always plenty to eat and good conversations with others in the River of Life congregations. On Reformation Day, we will look back to the days of Martin Luther and to the questions that he had for the church of his day. As you know, he had no intention of leaving the Roman church but there were practices that he could not reconcile with the teaching of Jesus and the Bible. We remember how the Holy Spirit moved his conscience and his intellect to challenge some of the practices of the church and how he brought issues before the assembly for debate. In this way, the church was re-formed to a more faithful image of Jesus, one reflecting the love of God, rather than the works of humans, for salvation. The Church was forced to move faith and grace back to the center of its life.

We would like to continue the tradition of asking questions, of delving into the Word and allowing the Holy Spirit to challenge us in the process. I hope that you will take time to post a question on the Cathedral Door poster that you will find in the narthex beginning the first Sunday of October. Your questions, comments and concerns are important starting points for growth for us all. While not all questions have simple answers, we hope that we will be formed and reformed by the process of asking questions and discussing the issues that affect our life together as followers of Jesus.

God's Peace,
Pastor Phyllis

St. Peter's Council Meeting
August 10, 2014

Present: Tim Hulings-President, Mark Comer, David Walker, Karen Pence, Cathy Firkin, Larry Short, Tom Strickler, Pastor Phyllis Diamond

Absent: Laney Dallas

Tim opened the meeting using prayer from the service.

Mark moved to approve minutes from previous meeting. Karen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no Treasurer's or Dofflemyer report. Motion was made for 3rd Quarter Thank Offering to go to the Children's Backpack Ministry. Mark moved. David seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Phyllis gave Pastor's report

Committee Reports:

Property: Tim mentioned that tenants in the parsonage have indicated that they will be leaving in October when the lease is up. Tom moved to continue lease as is for next go round. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Larry and Tim also mentioned that the mowing bill for the church is up to date and that the Air Conditioner is functioning. Council also moved with no discussion to dispose of the broken weed-eater. Tom suggested the possibility of putting in a half-bath/full-bath or partial bath on the sanctuary floor. Larry made a motion to form a committee to study the feasibility of such a project as to cost, labor, time etc. Tom seconded. Council passed unanimously.

Music and Worship: Work continues on finding Leola some relief for certain Sundays. (And we thank Leola for her continuing dedicated service!) Pastor Phyllis has advertised for musicians around town and has talked to Sharon Henry at St. Luke about using some of their music when Leola is off. Pastor Phyllis will be out of town on the 31st of August. Tim will lead the service that day. Council also discussed the idea of buying or creating new banners to replace ones that have been worn or damaged.

Fellowship: Homecoming is set for August 24th, 2014. Lemonade will be offered for the Rt. 340 Yard Sale Crawl at the church. Yellow tags were placed on certain items that Pastor Phyllis thinks could find another home and make St. Peter's a little more welcoming and open the door for the future of the church. Larry offered to create a sign using his contact information offering free yard sale space (donations to the church will

be accepted) to anyone needing it for the Crawl. All at council were in agreement with this.

Unfinished Business: Pastor Phyllis is continuing to work on a Christian Education “Parents Night Out”. The program would allow for parents to have a “night out” while their children would be involved in a Christian Education program through the church. This will occur once a month and will include Pizza, a Bible Story, and Crafts for the children who participate. Pastor Phyllis inquired whether Dofflemyer funds could be used to pay for this when it gets off the ground. Anticipated starting date would be in October.

New Business: Tom asked about who would be serving as Assistant Minister on Communion Sundays when the regular Assistant Minister (me) is not here. He asked who’s responsibility it was to find an Assistant. Pastor Phyllis and Pastor Mark have said that they will offer training for anyone interested in being an Assistant Minister.

Tom read two poems as the meeting came to a close. (These were two of Tom and Carol Lee’s favorites!)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at approximately 1:35.

Respectfully submitted:
Mark Comer- Acting Secretary