



In the Loop

Then the Lord said to Moses, “ I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.” *Exodus 16:4-5*

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Pastor's Point

At least once a day, if it's pretty, I look out my office windows to see a neighbor or two using our green space. Sometimes it's one or two folks sharing a meal or snack mid-day. Sometimes it's a few kids tossing a football or kicking around their soccer ball. I've seen batting practice and games of tag. Last Sunday afternoon it was a couple moms and their toddlers who enjoyed the room to run. Often, I'll see a dog and their human hanging out on the grass or practicing their manners — sit! Stay! Roll over! Shake! And of course, Charlie has done his share of zoomies out there, blessing the bush and then running like the Gingerbread Man. And I can't help but do some day-dreaming about how that green space can be such a gift to our community.

I think about how Episcopal and Lutheran church often do a Blessing of the Animals as a celebration of the St. Francis feast day. And to be sure, lots of other churches have picked up the habit. And I imagine a Saturday festival to benefit McLean County animal shelters and rescues. I see organizations setting up tents to distribute information and build relationships. Rescues showing off their adoptable animals, local groomers and pet stores offering up their skills and wares. Maybe a bakery or two with gourmet pet treats and an obedience training demonstration at 10am and 2pm. I see bone-shaped cookies for the kids and story time featuring picture books about animals of all kinds. And a line of dogs, kittens, fish, and guinea pigs waiting to be blessed. And food trucks in the parking lot. Don't forget the food trucks.

I see one of those big blow-up movie screens sitting out there on a summer evening, waiting for the sun to set so that the movie can start. I can smell the hot dogs sizzling on a grill someone borrowed and the popcorn with melting butter. I can see families of all kinds and shapes and ages sitting on blankets or in camp chairs and kids with glow-sticks running around.

I imagine a makeshift stage at one end and a portable sound system and an open-mike night for musicians and poets (with suitable boundaries for content, of course.) I see food trucks and folks in camp chairs grouped for a trivia tournament made up of teams of diverse folks all looking for a sober way to enjoy a Friday night.

And I imagine the Holy Ground that emerges as we build friendships that come from sharing the welcome and hospitality of God in Christ. I see the sacred connections made and partnerships built over food and fun. I imagine the hygiene kits for homeless folk assembled from the donations given and the fellowship enjoyed over excess garden produce shared. I imagine early morning coffee klatches and yoga classes. Exercise boot camps and school supply drives.

I imagine living as the Body of Christ, staffing a mission post dedicated to hospitality. And I am overwhelmed at all of the possibilities God puts in front of us everyday. Even in the age of COVID, opportunities to share God's love through deep, divine welcome abound. The ability to build true, supportive community as a cornerstone of ministry exists within us all and I pray everyday that we are willing to make ourselves vulnerable enough to do so.

Blessings on Your Dreams,

Pastor Heather



- Each year in the United States, more than 200,000 women get breast cancer and more than 40,000 women die from the disease.
- Most breast cancers are found in women who are 50 years old or older, but breast cancer also affects younger women. About 11% of all new cases of breast cancer in the United States are found in women younger than 45 years of age.
- Studies show that women with disabilities are less likely than women without disabilities to have received a mammogram during the past two years.
- Black women have the highest breast cancer rates of all racial and ethnic groups, and are 40% more likely to die of breast cancer than white women.

Know the Risk Factors. These include:

- Being a woman.
- Being older than 50 – the risk of breast cancer increases with age.
- Having a personal and/or family history of breast cancer.
- Having dense breasts
- Genetic mutation of the genes BRCA 1 and 2.
- Taking hormone replacement therapy for more than five years.

Know the Symptoms of Breast Cancer. These include:

- Changes in skin color and/or texture such as redness, rash or orange peel appearance.
- Changes in size or shape of breast including swelling, dimpling or puckering.
- Change in the appearance of nipple including nipple that is turning inward that normally has pointed outward or is scaly or cracked.
- Spontaneous nipple discharge.
- Lump or thickening in or near breast or in the underarm area.

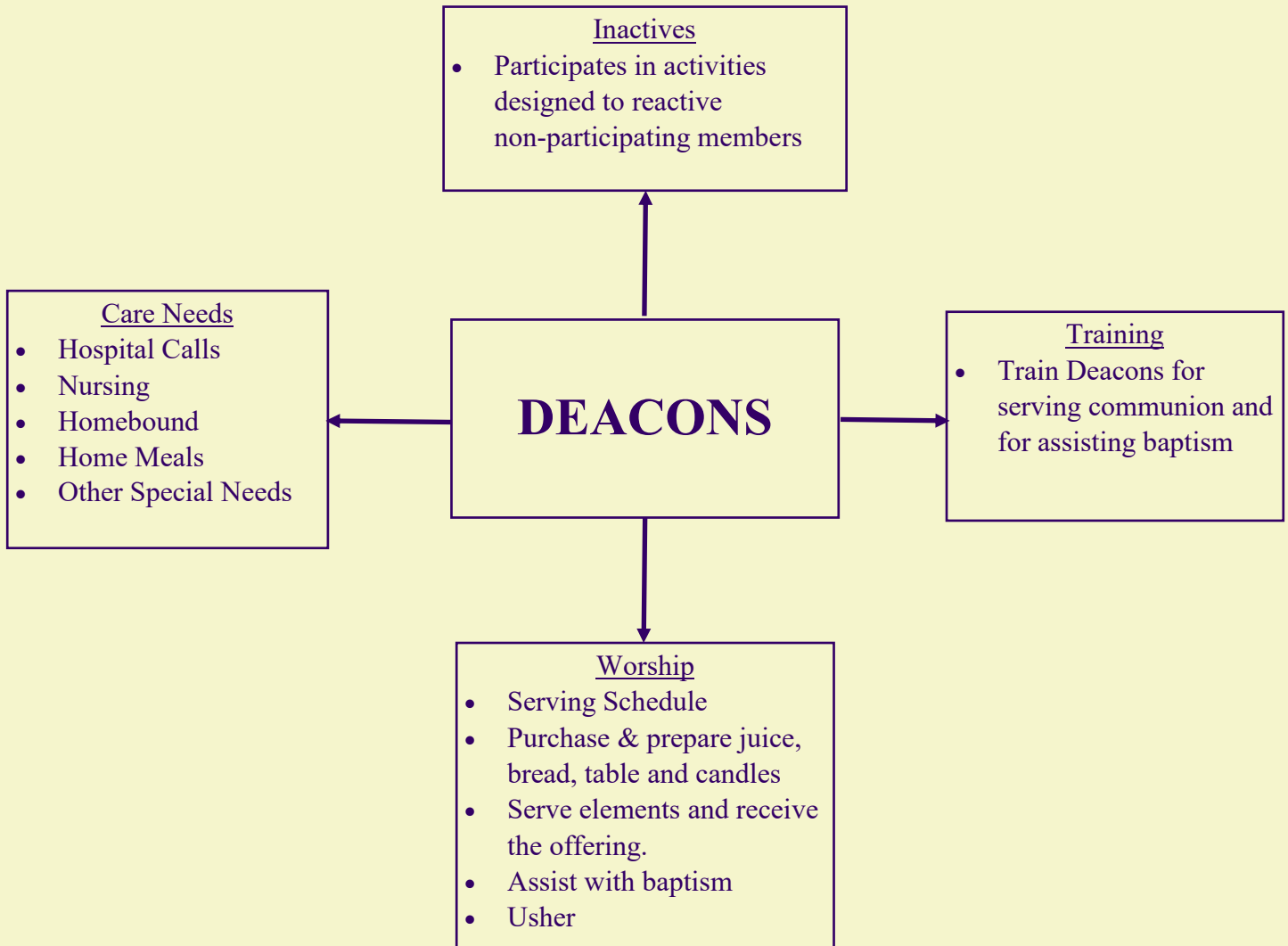
Take Charge of Your Breast Health.

Every woman needs to talk to her health-care provider about her risk factors for breast cancer to determine when to begin and how often to have clinical breast exams and mammograms. It is also important for women to be aware of what is normal for them and to see their health-care provider if they notice any breast changes.

Take control of your breast health by following the American Cancer Society's breast cancer screening guidelines:

- Age 40 & Over - Mammogram and clinical breast exam yearly, monthly self breast exam.
- A clinical breast-exam is when a health-care provider looks for and feels for any changes in your breasts.
- A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast. It can detect breast cancer two to three years before a lump can be felt.
- Age 20s & 30s - Clinical breast exam yearly and monthly breast self exam
- Starting in 20s - Monthly self breast exam and clinical breast exam yearly

What Do the Deacons Do?



DEACONS
Following to Lead | Leading to Serve

Responsible for Congregational Service Ministries
Deacons are elected to three year terms.

Chair: Janet Keefe

Members: Kay Carius, Julie Dawson, Jan Dill, Connie Estes, Gary Estes, Britney Foland, Tim Larkin, Barb Leach (Emeritus), Aaron Matej, Katie Matej, James Ryan, Marinda Riggins, Ben Rupe, Michael Schoeninger, Sheila Scott, Esther Sengpiel, Jim Sengpiel, Ruth Valentine (Emeritus)



Date	Scripture
October 10	Exodus 16:1-18
October 17	1 Samuel 3:1-21
October 24	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14
October 31	1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

Join us for virtual Worship on Sundays at:
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/centennialcc.org>
 Or in-person worship beginning at 10:15 AM

Musicians
 Joe and Gwen Peebles

Sound Technician
 Michael Schoeninger

Video Recording
 Jack Keefe

Serving Elders for October
 Mark Rupe, Bill Wetzel

October 24 Laurel Poshard
 Bill Wetzel

Children’s Moment for October

October 3.....Sarah Todd
 October 10.....Pastor Heather
 October 17.....Julie Hatten
 October 24.....Gwen Peebles
 October 31.....Sarah Todd



Loose Change Offering

Your Outreach group is reaching out to organizations and people in need in our community. We would like your help. If you’re so inclined, please drop your loose change in the red tub on the altar. Thank you for your contribution!

October/November 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Reconciliation Sunday	4	5 CWF 9:30A-FH	6 Bridge 12P-GH	7 Outreach 5P-FH TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah	8	9 Great Pumpkin Outing-8:30A Arthur, IL Bridge 12P-GH
10	11	12 CWF 9:30A-FH Worship Cmte 6:30P-Library	13 Bridge 12P-GH	14 TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah Board meeting 6:30P-FH	15	16 FGNA 8A-3P East Lawn Bridge 12P-GH
17	18 Property 11A-FH	19 CWF 9:30A-FH	20 Bridge 12P-GH	21 TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah Book Club 6:30P	22	23 Bridge 12P-GH
24	25	26 CWF 9:30A-FH Elders 6:30P-GH	27 Bridge 12P-GH	28 Ladies Luncheon 11:30A TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah Men's Dinner 6:00P	29	30 Bridge 12P-GH
31	November 1	2 CWF 9:30A-FH	3 Bridge 12P-GH	4 Outreach 5P-FH TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah	5	6 Bridge 12P-GH

Centennial Friends,

Trunk-or-Treat is back! On Sunday October 31st from 5:30 - 7:30 we will host an outdoor Trunk or Treat for the neighborhood children. We usually get 300-400 people and it's always a fun event!

If you want to participate with your trunk, please sign up on the orange sheet by the elevator! Dressing up and decorating your trunks are optional! You are welcome to just hand out candy if your prefer!

If you would like to donate candy (we'll need lots), please put individually wrapped candies in the Halloween box by the elevator.

If you would prefer to donate money to purchase candy, please put your donation in a marked envelope and place it in the offering box by Sunday Oct 24th.

This event will be held outdoors only. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will cancel and donate any candy we've collected!

Last thing...mark your calendars and tell your friends! We hope to see you and many of your friends on Sunday October 31st from 5:30-7:30!!



Prayers of Petition

Diane Armstrong, Peggy Bates, Ricky, Calista, Cole, Muriel Dawson, Terry Foland, Rae Geske, Scott Griffith, Jim Hawkins, Joan, Tammy Leonard, Penny, Lexi Peterson, Lily, Mary Ann, Pete Rasmussen, Fern Scaggs, Cindy Schroeder, Joe Schroeder, Kathy Scott, Barbara Short, Rhonda Smith, Marian Wrinkle

At Home/Assisted Living

Anita Poling (Westminster), Pat Watson (Hollybrook)

Nursing Home

Heritage Manor-Tom (Billy) Robey, Rev. Barbara Short, Don Short; Martin Health -Earl McIntyre

Military

Mark Brienen, Keyla Folsom, Troy Guyran, Benjamin Horn, Michael Iverson, Adam and Angie Lienhop, Clay Short, John Thomas, Darrell Walton, Glen Whitecotton, Christopher Wilson-Poston

Prayer Requests

Jeff, friend of Joe Peebles, has improved since his liver transplant but is still in critical condition and has a LONG road ahead of him. Prayers for healing and prayers of support for his wife and 3 children.

Prayers for CCIW congregations and ministries: Week of Ministry—for our Pastors in IL/WI & MI

October Birthdays and Anniversaries		October Birthdays and Anniversaries	
Anita Poling	10/01	Mark Rupe	10/15
Brenda Foland	10/02	Kip Hayden	10/20
Donald Short	10/02	Elaine Rustemeyer	10/22
Julie Hatten	10/06	Jack Keefe	10/26
Michael Schoeninger	10/10	Aaron and Katie Matej	10/29
Sue Miller	10/12		