



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

October 2021

Parish Visitor

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Church office hours:
Tuesday–Friday
9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Worship

Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Wednesdays 6:15 p.m.

Education

Sunday School 10:10 a.m.

Coffee & Social 10:10 a.m.

Youth Groups Sundays @ 10:10
& Wednesdays @ 6:15 p.m.

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From Pastor David:

Dear Children of God:

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. Ephesians 3:16-17

I have been noticing and dealing with roots quite a bit lately. I have been battling thistles in my landscaping all summer, and my neighbor's tree was removed from the boulevard because the roots were damaging the sidewalk.

On hikes through the woods we have all been intrigued by tangled roots.

The featured *photo credits go to Anika Wierson* who, like her grandmother, Diane Schrader, is a skilled photographer.

These experiences have led me to reflect on the relationship between roots and faith and church.



Throughout the Sundays in October, based on Ephesians 3:17, we will have a sermon series entitled "Rooted in Love." Roots bring both stability and nourishment. In this world of constant change and uncertainty, we are dependent upon our roots.

October 3: The Resiliency of Roots

October 10: Rooted in the World

October 17: The Kingdom of God is like a Thistle Patch

October 24: Good Roots Yield Abundant Fruit

October 31: Rooted in Hope

The Bible in general, and Jesus in particular, use many agrarian images to describe God's love and Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is like scattered seed that does, or does not take root (Matthew). Faith is like a tree planted beside a stream (Psalms & Jeremiah).

How rooted are you? In what are you rooted? Are your roots deep enough, wide enough, healthy enough to withstand the challenges and difficulties of life?

Rooted in God's love, we abundantly love and serve our neighbor and the world God loves.

Peace, David

FAITH FORMATION

by Julie Klock, Children & Family Faith Formation

FALL IS HERE

The new school year is officially in session! Everything kicked off the week of September 13th. Here's a look at what happened:

BREAKFAST CLUB: We are off to a grand start! We had 8 kids enrolled by the first day, and had a couple of others from Bridgewater join in the fun. Interns Annalissa and Alissa added some extra love to the morning. It was so great to see the kids again for breakfast. Looking forward to a great year ahead!



RALLY DAY: We kicked off the year in style with outdoor worship and some of our favorite Rally Day traditional activities, along with one big, new, event - a fundraiser for the CSN Lutheran School in Yeumbeul, Senegal. The event raised over \$2,000 and put around 40 delicious treat packages into people's hands. And if you're wondering... the kid-made treats

raised \$25 more than the adults. Way to go, Team Kids! Thanks to everyone who baked, bought and blessed the kids in Senegal. Also, congratulations to Nora and Nolan Schmitz for winning the annual egg toss competition!



THE YOUTH ROOM: is getting a facelift! Thank you to the hardworking youngsters. We will be doing a final coat of paint in the main sitting area, hauling out some accumulated junk, and will be ready to hang some art soon. We'll continue to have small work

days until the project is done. High School students and parents are wanted for help!!! Work days are posted to the St. Peter's facebook page and sent out by email.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Each year, near to the Feast of St. Francis, we celebrate God's gift of animals. October 3rd at 10:10 a.m., we will hold a brief service of blessing for our pets and livestock. Please send us a picture of you with your pet (or livestock!) asap so we can have that backdrop for our celebration. (If you need help getting a digital photo, contact Julie Klock and she'll make some arrangements for you!) The photo will also help if you aren't able to bring your pet along with you that morning. Send photos to julie@northfieldstp.org



JOYFUL NOISE BAND: Ms. Josie is gathering 3-5th graders and forming a band that makes joyful noises with Boomwhackers, Bells, and Rhythm Instruments. Do you know a child who should be playing along with us? Let them know about the Joyful Noise Band. They can call the church for more information and to join the fun!



TRUNK OR TREAT: Since Halloween is falling on a Sunday this year, we are going to enjoy it together. From 10:10 to 11, the normal Sunday School hour, we will be hosting a "Trunk or Treat" event in our parking lot. Everyone is invited to decorate a trunk (or hatch) and dress up so you can hand out candy to our Sunday School kids. You are also welcome to invite your neighbors, grandkids, or other younger friends to dress up and come on over. Kids will meet in their Sunday School rooms for a few minutes to give adults time to set up after church. *Please keep costumes and decorations "church-friendly."*



TAKE A BREAK

FALL BREAK: School is on break from 10/21-10/24, so we're going to cancel all activities for kids starting after school on the 20th. We'll have an on-line only Sunday School lesson on the 24th, but enjoy a little bit of Sabbath from your busy schedules! **No Dinner, Worship or evening youth activities on Wednesday, October 20.**

~ Julie

ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH REGISTRATIONS CAN BE DONE ONLINE: northfieldstp.org/youth

MUSIC NOTES

by Mary Kay Bougie, Coordinator of Music

LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL, OPEN TO THE SEED OF YOUR WORD.*

We will be singing this hymn throughout October as our Gospel acclamation. In preparation for writing this month's article, I've been listening to sermons and reading commentaries on the Parable of the Sower.

Let's do a quick review: from Matthew 13: *"Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"*

LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL, WHERE LOVE CAN GROW AND PEACE IS UNDERSTOOD.

Martin Luther talks as if each of these examples are four kinds of disciples, followers of Jesus. The first kind (where seeds scatter on the path) hears the word, but does not understand it or live by it. They may proclaim to be great Christians, but the word goes in one ear and out the other. The second kind (where seeds fall on rocky ground) receives the word with joy, but there are no roots – in times of persecution they deny or stay silent. The third kind (where seeds fall on weeds/thorns) has actually good soil potential, but the worldly sins enclose around them and they rot in it. Finally, the fourth kind (where seeds fall on good soil and grow to maturity) hears the word, and retains it. They reflect on it and act in peace.**

WHEN MY HEART IS HARD, BREAK THE STONE AWAY.

The Sower parable opens with the command "Listen". The words "listen" and "hear" are used frequently in the bible. My family has had discussions about this over the years. Listening, we have concluded, has more to do with understanding and comprehending. Hearing is more of an action that doesn't require thought. (As my youngest once exclaimed, "Mom – you're hearing me, but you're not listening!") Jesus continues in Matthew 13, *"The reason I speak to them in parables is that hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand."*

WHEN MY HEART IS COLD, WARM IT WITH THE DAY.

Ask God to remove the rocks and thorns from your heart.

Listen to God's word with an open heart. Let the word affect you personally – transform you. Listen to God's word with a deep heart. Ask God to give guidance where roots can be strengthened. Know that we are all in need of help and forgiveness.

WHEN MY HEART IS LOST, LEAD ME ON YOUR WAY. LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL.

~ Mary Kay

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**Luther's explanation on this parable: <https://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/luther/sower.htm>



Ditch Cleanup

On Sunday, October 3, we plan to clean our 2-mile section of Hwy 246. Meet at St. Peter's at 1:00 and we'll carpool to our area. Please bring gloves and wear sturdy footwear. Our section begins at the bottom of the hill just outside of Northfield. Yes, we know the Vikings play at noon, but if we get 8-10 people, we can be done and you can be home for the fourth quarter. Hope you can join us as we care for God's good creation.

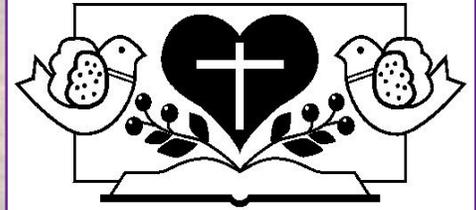


September & November Worship Leaders

If you are unable to assist on the date assigned, please change with someone else on the list and contact the church office so that the bulletin can be updated.

*Names are now being used from the 2021-22 Time and Talent list. Please send in your form if you'd like to be included!! 507-645-8252

Date	Time	Ushers	Reader	Coffee/Kitchen
October 3	9:00 a.m.	Debra Boyum Carmen Sevcik	Marilyn Finneseth	Mickey Brodin Joan Paulson
October 10	9:00 a.m.	Doris & Eldon Hill	Carmen Sevcik	Brad & Barb Anderson
October 17	9:00 a.m.	Laura Gilligan Bette Lee	Connie Albers	Thelma Winter Norma Lundell
October 24	9:00 a.m.	Brad Anderson Jolene Manzey	Neale Thompson	Doris & Eldon Hill
October 31	9:00 a.m.	Mary Bleckwehl Diane Boyum	Steve Hill	Dale & Linda Ness
November 7	9:00 a.m.	Phil & JoAnne Olson	Sheryl Kleppe	Diane Boyum Mary Boyum
November 14	9:00 a.m.	Dennis & Janet Hahn	Jolene Manzey	Doris Welke Richard Debeau
November 21	9:00 a.m.	Doris Welke Richard DeBeau	Laura Gilligan	Phil & JoAnne Olson
November 28	9:00 a.m.	Dan & Shari Hagen	Pete Pedersen	Brian & Mary Peterson



BUCKET GALS (BGs)

1st Thursday - St. Peter's Kitchen

October 7 @ 8:00 am

St. Peter's Kitchen

HANNAH CIRCLE

2nd Tuesday - St. Peter's Fellowship Hall

Study leader: Celena Witt

October 12 @ 9:30 am

RACHEL CIRCLE

2nd Tuesday - St. Peter's

October 12 @ 1:00 pm

LUV QUILTERS

Fridays - St. Peter's Fellowship Hall

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 9:00 am

EVE CIRCLE

3rd Monday

October 18 @ 6:30 pm

SOLOS

3rd Thursday

October 21 @ 12:30 pm

at Boonies Bar & Grill

Address: 3301 Millersburg Blvd.
Faribault, MN. Meet at Phyllis Swanson's
by 11:45 to carpool.

NEW SPIRIT CIRCLE

St. Peter's Fireside Lounge

Friday, October 1 @ 2:00 pm

Questions: Call Hazel Peterson at
645-9276.

New members and visitors welcome!

Community Corner

Blessing Northfield: Each year, an informal and loving group of friends from St. Peter's put together Care Packages for TORCH students who are now in college. Beth Vivent got it started in 2016 and Mona Weselmann now leads this group. Each package includes some school supplies, a little cash and some sweets, along with a note of encouragement for each student. This year a couple of students who joined us at Breakfast Club on Wednesday mornings before the pandemic are on our list. This is another great way that St. Peter's does ministry in the wider community.

October Events & Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.</p> <p>John 4:35b</p>		<p>If your birthday is not listed and should be, contact the church office so we can add it to our database.</p> <p>THANKS!</p> 			<p>1</p> <p>9 am LUV Quilters 2:00 pm New Spirit Circle</p> <p>Happy Birthday Mary Kay Bougie Michelle Seeley</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Happy Birthday Elizabeth Behrens</p>
<p>3</p> <p>9:00 am Worship w/ communion 10:00 am Coffee & Social 10:10 am Sunday School/ Blessing of the Animals 10:10 am New Member Class 1 pm Ditch Cleanup</p> <p>Happy Birthday Alaia Douah Ethan Prescott Julie Heilman Dave Schwager</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10 am Staff Meeting 7 pm Ministry Teams</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Regular Wednesday Programming Evening worship includes holy communion today.</p> <p>Happy Birthday Betty Chapman Phil Winter</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8 am BGS 8 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang</p> <p>Happy Birthday Larry Hoffman</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9 am LUV Quilters</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee & Social 10:10 am Sunday School & 3-5 Bible Milestone 10:10 am New Member Class</p> <p>Happy Birthday Rebecca Peterson Janet Topp Suzan Wegner</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Happy Birthday Richard DeBeau Preston Finger</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 am Hannah Circle 10am Staff Meeting 1 pm Rachel Circle 7 pm Council Meeting</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jacquelyn Reuter Madilyn Terpstra</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Regular Wednesday Programming</p> <p>Happy Birthday Fred Behr</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang</p> <p>Happy Birthday Angela Humann</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9 am LUV Quilters</p> <p>Happy Birthday Lilah Buske</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Happy Birthday Danielle Crase</p>
<p>Meals on Wheels: https://bit.ly/3m2u5it to sign up</p>						
<p>17</p> <p>9 am Worship w/ communion & Affirmation of Baptism 10:00 am Coffee & Social 10:10 am Sunday School & 3-5 Bible Milestone</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jonathan Wierson</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 pm Eve Circle</p> <p>Happy Birthday Sandra Saari</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:45 am Breakfast Club 4:30 Bells 5:40 Worship Band 7 pm Choir</p> <p>Happy Birthday Marie Hagen</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang Solos 12:30 pm</p> <p>Happy Birthday Carter Seeley</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9 am LUV Quilters</p> <p>Happy Birthday Paul Liebenstein Pete Pedersen Stephanie Rezac</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Happy Birthday Andrew Stowe Mason Stowe</p>
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<p>24</p> <p>9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee & Social 10:10 am New Member Class</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jacob Odell</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Happy Birthday Joann Morgan</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Regular Wednesday Programming</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jean Liebenstein</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8 am Table Talk breakfast @ James Gang</p> <p>Happy Birthday Keely Hendershot</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9 am LUV Quilters</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Happy Birthday Frank Gates Jenna Scheffert</p>
<p>31</p> <p>HALLOWEEN 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee & Social 10:10 am Sunday School/ Trunk or Treat</p> <p>Happy Birthday Darrin Stowe</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>On Wednesdays</p> <p>7:45 am Breakfast Club 3:30 pm Joyful Noise 4:30 pm Bells rehearsal 5:30 pm Meal 5:40 pm Worship Band</p> </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>6:15 pm Worship 6:15 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm SPY</p> </div> </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"> <p><i>Celebrate</i> GOD'S <i>Bounty</i></p>  </div>					

Check www.northfieldstp.org for calendar changes, or a group/event leader. Subscribe to receive weekly e-mails.



LWR School Kits



A total of 113 school kits were delivered to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse by the Mokoffs. Thanks to them and to all of you who bought supplies! Your support for this project is greatly appreciated.

~ *LUV* Quilters

Thank You for a Handicapped Railing

I wanted to have handrails installed by the slanted cement walkway by St. Peter's office door entry. After getting the go-ahead, my 90th birthday event planner added to the invitation: No gifts please... contributions for St. Peter's sidewalk railings appreciated.

I sincerely thank the 40 persons who gave gifts to this property addition! As of September 14, the total amount given is \$1010. I am eager to discover the total collected and the actual cost of the handrail. I also thank our faithful property ministry team, Troy Nystuen, Brian Kopak and Patrick Bougie. A thanks shoutout goes to our faithful treasurer, Tom Picha for extra work with this fundraiser. And, our new financial administrator, Terrence Hassanally.

Any member wishing to also contribute towards this railing fundraiser may send or bring a heck to St. Peter's (indicate in the memo line). Many thanks!

*Joy in Jesus,
Phyllis Swanson ~ 90 years young!*

Thank you, Phyllis, from all of St. Peter's! Your thoughtfulness and generosity is amazing! God's blessings to you.

"Bake for the Bus" Fundraiser a Smashing Success

The kitchens of St. Peter's Lutheran Church members got a lot of action on September 18, as members of all ages prepared their finest baked goods for the "Bake for the Bus" fundraiser held on Rally Day. Two weeks prior, the youth had challenged the adults to a competition to see which group could raise the most money. Sign ups were taken, recipes were tested, and excitement was built. Which team would prevail?

The adults were getting more sign-ups (there are more of them), but some kids planned to bake in quantity to make up for their smaller pool of bakers. The week before, the number of committed items was almost equal, but on Sunday morning, the kitchen was overflowing with culinary delights. It turned out that many adults brought two or three items instead of one and some donated without signing up. It was like David and Goliath. How could the kids compete?

No matter, we'd try to sell them all. Cause above competition, right?

As the baked goods were set out on tables in the windy parking lot after worship, eager buyers eyed the offerings and shelled out \$50 for an apple pie, a chocolate cake, a pan of bars, or a loaf of bread. Items were going fast and the teams were neck and neck. When bidding ended, the rest of the items sold to the highest bidder and an impromptu live auction sprung up to sell the few remaining goods. Everything went; most of it at top dollar. So, the adults should have won, right?

WRONG. The kids had a secret weapon in the form of several cash donations including a few Ben Franklins (\$100 bills) from some very supportive adults who couldn't eat that much, but wanted to make sure the sale was a success.

And so when the final amount was tabulated, both teams earned over \$1000, with the kids inching forward by \$25 (talk about a close margin), and the grand total being sent to the Senegal bus project at \$2136. Our donation will be added to that of others so that the bus can be purchased for the 2021-22 school year and many deserving children in the suburbs of Dakar, Senegal, can be ensured a comfortable and safe ride to and from school.

It's a win for everyone. Huge thanks to the entire St. Peter's Community for your part in supporting the youth and helping us all kick off the 2021-22 academic year with such good energy, satisfied tummies, and the knowledge that we all contributed to a good and worthy cause.

— *Naomi Ziegler*

Council Highlights

September 14, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

Present: P. Bougie, S. Hill, J. Klock, S. Kleppe, B. Lee, J. Manzey, N. Ziegler, Pastor Weeks

Call to Order: President Steve Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was amended by adding God's Work Our Hands. Mary made motion to approve agenda as amended. Patrick seconded. Motion carried.

Devotions: Pastor Dave read Bishop Regina Hassanally's letter to congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod in which she wrote, "Remember who you are. You are the People of God. You are followers of the way and life of Jesus. You are ambassadors of Christ."

Approval of Minutes: Bette moved to approve the minutes. Patrick seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

• **Pastor David Weeks** provided a report. Highlights include:

Current Ministry/Activities:

- Confirmation class will begin Wednesday night. They begin with worship at 6:15. The class will be studying miracles this fall. For worship, we will be using the new hymnal supplement, All Creation Sings.
- Pastor and Terrence are working with American Church for next year's offering envelopes which will be mailed bi-monthly rather than having people pick them up.

Looking Ahead:

- The October sermon series "Rooted in Love" will be used rather than the assigned lectionary texts.
- New member class will be October 3, 10 & 24.
- Fall Stewardship Drive will be the first 3 Sundays in November.
- Several positions on church council will need to be filled in January 2022.

• **Julie Klock** provided a report. Highlights include:

- VBS had very low numbers but very high family satisfaction from those who did participate. St. Peter's will consider repeating this option next summer.
- Interns Annalissa and Alissa and Josie are back! They will provide a wide range of leadership for children youth and families. They are a gift to us and Julie hopes to use their gifts as much as possible.
- Sunday School Rally Sunday kick-off is Sept. 19.
- Breakfast Club began Wednesday, September 15.
- Prayer Chain needs to be reorganized this winter.
- Joyful Noise Band in under construction. Sign-up will be Rally weekend

Ministry Teams:

• **Stewardship Committee-** Council members: Steve and Tom. This committee will meet on Oct. 5.

• **Property Capital Projects** – Patrick moved to approve a special appeal for \$20,000 for repairs and necessary improvements on flat roof, middle school room and narthex. Sheryl seconded. Motion carried.

• **Community Outreach** council member Sheryl says a second New Neighbor dinner will be set for October. This committee is also organizing meals, etc. for Habitat.

Sarah's House: a new lease will be written and signed in October.

Senegal Bus Report: There are many items from the youth and adults for the bake sale.

Treasurer's Report: Income for August 2021 of \$30,000 was pretty strong, about \$4,000 higher than 2020. Actual expenses for August of \$29,300 came in \$3000 below budget. Year to Date expenses are \$5,000 below budget. Year to Date expenses are about \$11,000 below what we had last year at this time. Year-to-date we are at a \$19,400 deficit. Overall, our deficit is \$15,000 below where we were at this point last year.

Old Business: None

New Business: Continue to want a member on the NRC board from St. Peter's. Sheryl moved to accept the building use policy as written. Bette seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Patrick moved to adjourn. Jolene seconded. Motion carried.

Closing: Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:05 pm.

Next Council Meeting is Tuesday, October 12 at 7 PM in the Fireside room. at St. Peter's.

Minutes by Jolene Manzey, Secretary



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St. Peter's Mission Statement:
Believe, Belong, Become.
To express God's love and grace in building a community where people believe in God, belong to Christ, and become disciples who serve in day to day living.

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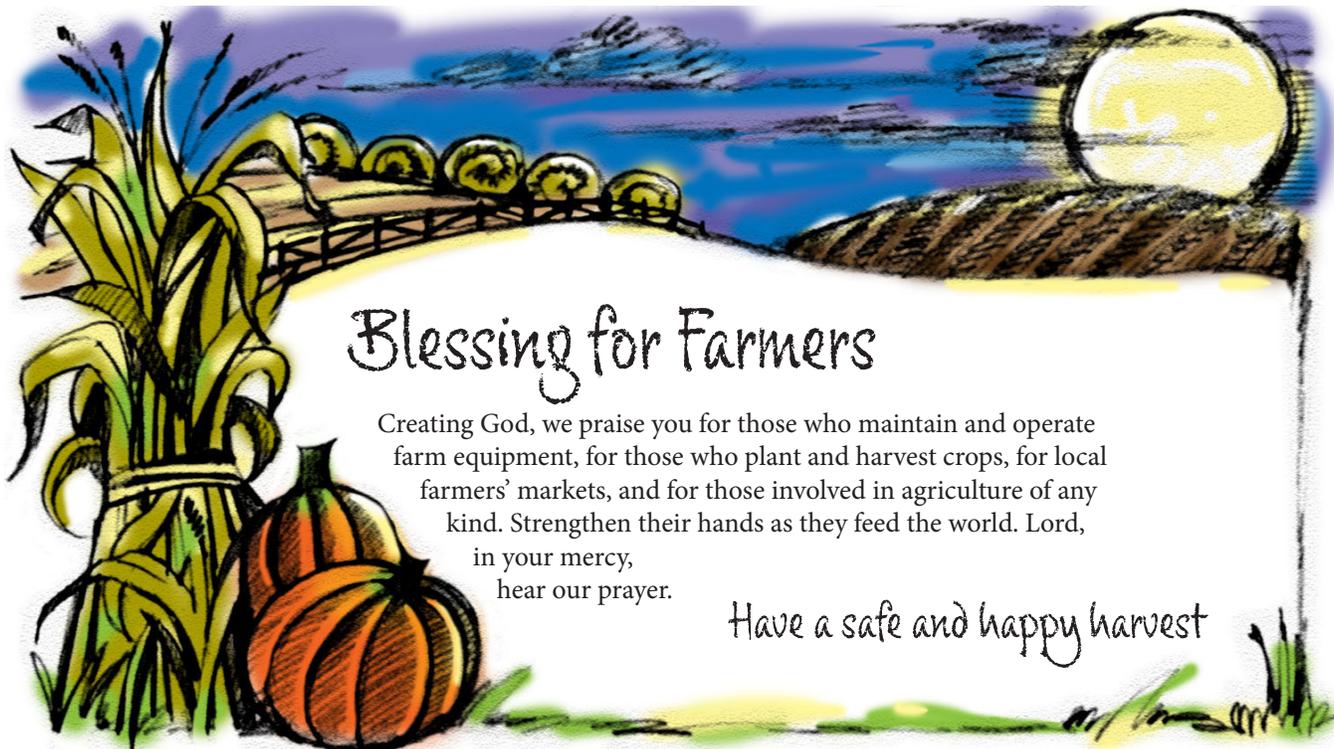
Worship in-person, 9am Sundays

Worship on-line anytime, anywhere:

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www.northfieldstp.org/virtual-worship

October 2021 Parish Visitor



Blessing for Farmers

Creating God, we praise you for those who maintain and operate farm equipment, for those who plant and harvest crops, for local farmers' markets, and for those involved in agriculture of any kind. Strengthen their hands as they feed the world. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Have a safe and happy harvest

TRUNK OR TREAT! Page 2!

Deliver for Meals on Wheels in Northfield
October 10-23: <https://bit.ly/3m2u5it> to sign up