

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, September 18th

Communion Sunday

Sunday School Kickoff &
September Birthday & Anniversary Coffee Hour
after Worship

Wednesday, September 21st

Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 25th

Asta Care Service at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, September 26th

October Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, September 28th

Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 2nd

Communion Sunday

Greeters **L**iturgists **U**shers **E**lders

September - Morris, J. Niewold, Woodworth

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Rev. Dr. Robert Ross, Pastor Emeritus

**Lord, We ask thanksgiving, comfort, healing
and faith for these friends and family members**

Theresa Struss - recovering from surgery;

Marcella Woodworth - bad knees;

Don Lawrence - kidney troubles; Lee Lampe;

Jeff Legener; Brent Lawrence

Homebound or in Nursing Homes

Sue Moore - c/o J. Schmidt, 511 Ridge Lane, Eureka, IL 61530
(309-467-2826)

Donald Rhodes

Jani Fraim - Room 219, GC Hospital & Health Center

Wanda Larson - La Canada Care Facility, Tucson, AZ

Marcella Woodworth - Prairie Village, Rantoul

Eloise Shear at Gilman Nursing Home, Gilman

For the month of September, please bring
canned vegetables, fruit & peanut butter for the
Food Pantry. As always, all non-perishable
food items are welcomed.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st - Glenn Vermette

4th - Kelly Satterlee

8th - Anna Anderson

11th - Janet Niewold

19th - Kalli Goudy

24th - Ted Scott

25th - Kammy Johnson

29th - Kitty Anderson

September 18th, 2011
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Federated Church of Paxton

10:00 a.m. Worship Service



Welcome to our guests!

Please take a minute to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.

Unison Song *"This is the Day"* Insert in pew

Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

Opening Prayer *(in unison)* *Exodus 16, Psalm 105*

Hungry, we seek nourishment,
as we wander in the wilderness of our lives.
Comfortable, we seek assurance,
as we search for the challenge of authenticity.
Center our hearts on right relationships with you,
with one another, and with your created world,
that we may be instruments of your realm
on earth as in heaven. Amen.

Prelude *"Serenity"* MacDonald

***BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***Opening Hymn** *"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"* PH, #144

***Call to Worship** *(responsively)* *Psalm 105, Matthew 20*

One: The realm of God is like this:
the last will be first and the first will be last.

All: Give thanks to God.

Make known God's deeds.

Call on God's name.

One: God's abundance is heavenly food,
revealed as the morning dew rises.

All: Sing to God, sing praises to God.

Tell of God's wonderful works.

Let those who seek God rejoice!

Youth Moment

**All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)* *Exodus 16, Matthew 20*

God of life and wisdom,
we lay before you the idle grumblings
that often overtake us.

When daily annoyances come,
may we be aware enough of your abundance
that joy may overcome bitterness.

Where we have real complaints,
grant us first the grace of self-examination
and then the gifts of careful, honest speech
and listening hearts.

And when the answer is unexpected—
like manna instead of fleshpots,
or the last paid first—
help us discern the signs, wonders,
habits, and ways of your coming realm.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***Words of Assurance** *Exodus 16, Psalm 105:3b*

***Affirmation of Faith** Apostle's Creed

***Gloria Patri**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As
it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.

Lectionary Scripture

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30

Anthem *"Seek Ye First"* arr. Wagner

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

***Hymn** *"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"* PH, #508

Message

Celebration of World Wide Communion

Invitation to the Table

Let the women bring the flour and the salt,
and let the men bring the yeast. Many guests will come,
those who are on the margins, those who live with infirmities,

those of differing abilities, rich and poor alike.

**Come quickly; let us follow the recipe of the Lord. Let all of
us knead the dough together with our hands. Let us watch with
joy as the bread rises and expands.**

Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Gifts of our Lord

Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Response "Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. Amen."

Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures

***Hymn** *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* *(one verse)* PH, #428

Offertory *"Moderato"* Dubois

Prayer of Dedication *(in unison)* *Philippians 1, Matthew 20*

Gracious God,
accept these gifts,
as fruits of our own labor.
May these gifts be our prayer
for the fruitful labor of the church,
for progress and joy in faith,
for the coming of your realm
in all creation. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"* PH, #276

***TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***Benediction** *Philippians 1, Matthew 20*

Live your life in a manner worthy
of the gospel of Christ:
standing firm in one spirit,
striving side by side with one mind,
watching for signs of the realm of God.
Go in peace. Amen.

***Postlude** *"Maestoso"* Hopkins

Organist - Priscilla Andreae