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Patience Please

Many years ago, before direct-deposit, a man stood in bank line in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles with me and a whole host of other folks. I had calculated my arrival at the bank to happen a little before the lunch hour rush, and yet the line was still quite long. A few minutes after I got in line the window clerk put up a closed sign on her window and apparently went to lunch which required another clerk to come in and set up costing us more time in line. The elderly man in front of me quipped, "This is my first Social Security check, I hope I can get it cashed before I die."

Well, he did.....get it cashed before he died. I saw it with my own eyes. However, not before I considered that perhaps death was an option to standing in that slow-paced line. Paul writes in Galatians 5:22-24: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, PATIENCE, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

I commend the people of St. Paul for being so patient throughout this calling process. And while the process isn't complete yet, your patience and willingness to hold in check the anxiety that drives impatience is encouraging. Please continue to allow the Holy Spirit the room to work this patience in you.

How many of you parents out there can relate to this proverb about patience? "The more you ask how much longer it will take, the longer the journey seems." The call committee has been working diligently behind the scene to move this process along. There are many things which they have had to wait on people to provide lists and set appointments perhaps causing the anxiety level of many of us to increase and impatience to kick in.

The calling process can go in many directions as some of you are aware. Some pursuits end up in blind alleys....some at dead-ends, some at detours, and some find unexpected doors to be opened requiring a reevaluation. In all of it, the Lord is still in control, in spite of how it looks to us. What we do know is that "patience" is a needed fruit of the Spirit during this time in the congregation's life. One reason for patience is reflected in a proverb written by a man named Robert Green back around the days of Martin Luther. "Hasty climbers have sudden falls."

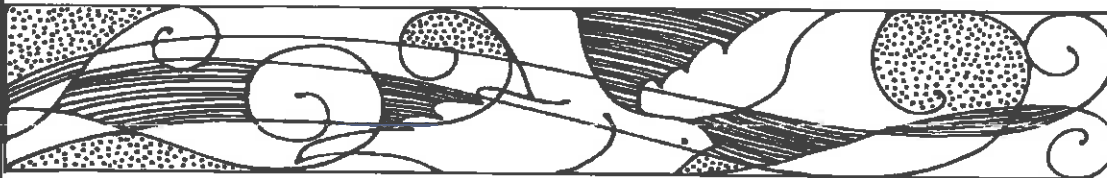
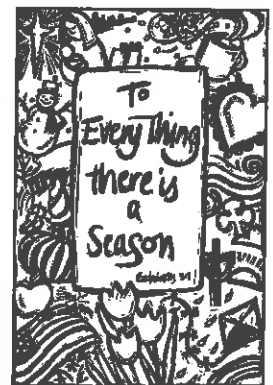
St. Augustine once said that "patience is the companion of wisdom."

The choosing of a pastor must not be a hasty process. The consequences can be disastrous. Rather this process needs to be accompanied by wisdom and patience. Paul writes in Galatians 5:25: "If we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." This is good advice for an important time such as this.

Pastor Mick

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Joy of Harvest (HMong Outreach) Ministries News

October 2016

By Pastor Doua and Sue Xiong

Devotion by Pastor Doua

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." (Matt. 9:35-37)

In California, especially in the Central Valley, many would agree that California is still in the drought. Everyday there is plenty of sunshine and heat. No rain. No water. The land is dry, therefore, no crops would grow or survive in the drought to be harvested.

Why do you have doubt? God is not dead. He waters all that is planted night and day. Look around and you will see. The crops are ripe and ready to be harvested but there are not enough workers to help gather. There are many people here in the Central Valley and everywhere who are hungry and thirst for God's saving grace. As a believer in Christ, we allow God to use us as His instruments so we may harvest His crops according to His will.

~Pastor Doua~

Evangelism/Ministry Updates

Jesus' ministry through Joy of Harvest continues. In August, a group of HMong in Fresno contacted Joy of Harvest to help them start a HMong worship at another church location in Fresno. We have a HMong worship at Peace Lutheran, Fresno. On September 17th, Joy of Harvest went to fellowship with them for the first time. Pastor Doua opened the night with a devotion from Luke 9, "The Wise and the Foolish Builders." This passage made most of us realize that in order to have a strong congregation, both the leaders and members need to build their foundation on the Rock (Christ) but not on the sand. Following the fellowship, a few came up to us saying, "Please help us, we are lost and hungry for God's word in our HMong Language."

As you can tell, the drought in California is severe, but God continues to water all that has planted. The only problem as in Matthew 9, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." So please keep Joy of Harvest HMong Outreach Ministries in your prayer that through this ministry God will raise trustworthy and Godly leaders who can speak the HMong language to lead these lost and hungry souls.

Moreover, Joy of Harvest is excited about launching a ministry at the University of California-Merced. St. Paul Lutheran Church, where Joy of Harvest is based at, is only two miles away from the university. We have been praying for two years now and thought of reaching out to the college students. Finally, we are meeting with the president, vice president, and board members of the HMong Student Association at UC-Merced next month. If all goes well according to God's will, UC-Merced will be another ministry chapter for Joy of Harvest.

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Fundraiser Events

On October 16th, an International Food Fair will be held at St. Paul Merced. The fair is between and after services: 10 AM-1:30 PM. Some possible international food booths are: German, Italian, French, Czechoslovakian, Asian, Norwegian, and Greek. Come experience a taste around the world with us. Bring your family and friends. Tickets are \$10/person and \$5/children ages 5-12. We suggest purchasing your ticket in advance but it is not necessary. We hope to see everyone there!

Joy of Harvest is hosting a volleyball tournament on Oct. 22nd. The tournament will be held at Joe Herb Community Park on 2200 Yosemite Pkwy, Merced from 8 AM to 8 PM. We have a total of 15 teams registered for the tournament at \$40 per team. We will have a food booth selling food and drinks throughout the day. Admission is Free! Come support us. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

HMong Language School

Saturday HMong Language School has been back in session since September 17th. This fall we have thirty-one students enrolled. Four students come all the way from Fresno, just to attend HMong school. This fall session the school is focusing on the family and relatives. The students will be learning how to say brothers, sisters, mom, dad, aunts, and uncles in HMong from both the mother and father's sides of the family. While HMong school is going on, Pastor Doua is leading a Bible study class for the parents. Many of the parents are not Christians but some are willing to stay for Bible study.

Prayer Request

We request that you please pray for the lost and hungry souls for God's word in the HMong Language. Pray that God continues to bless Joy of Harvest Ministries. Pray for the safety of everyone during the volleyball tournament on Oct. 22nd. Pray for strength, courage, and wisdom for our HMong teachers and students. Thank you!

Blessings

May our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit be with you all now and always. Amen!

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CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class has begun for all 5th and 6th graders in our school and church who wish to attend. The classes will be held on Sunday evening at 6:30—8:00 p.m. in the OMC. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ista at 415-302-8401.

PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Dear St. Paul Congregation Members, Families and Friends:

St. Paul Lutheran Ministries is full speed ahead. We are continuing to move forward and proclaim the Love of God and the Good News of Jesus Christ to the community of Merced. Everyone is welcome here at St. Paul so I encourage you to invite any and all to church on Sunday to hear the Good News.

The Mission & Ministry Board of Directors are working hard at completing the repairs and maintenance duties a church goes through with the loss of the senior pastor. However, we are beginning to plan for the future so our next pastor has direction. We just need you all along for the ride as well. Don't be surprised if a board member comes up to you asking if you can help with this or that. Please help out in any way you can.

Some of the events coming up are:

HMong Ministry Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, October 22nd

Annual School 50's Night on Friday October 28th

5th Sunday Combine Worship/Fellowship on Sunday, October 30th

Please join in the fun and attend.

Throughout this interim period, we have been blessed with Interim Pastor Mick Ista and his wife Tammy. The reason for mentioning this is to bring up another person in our congregation that has given so much. I know he does not want to be recognized but I am going to anyways. That member is Lonn Boyer. Lonn has graciously allowed Pastor Ista to park his 5th wheel trailer on his property this entire time of the interim period free of charge. He has provided all the required services and necessities and has not ask for anything in return. This has saved the congregation a tremendous amount of money. Please thank Lonn the next time you see him at church. Thank You Lonn. You are a true blessing!

In Christ,

Paul Cook –

Mission & Ministry Board of Directors - President

NEWS AND NOTES FROM ST. PAUL SCHOOL**October 2016****By Amy Mello, Principal**

The school year is off to a great start! September sped by with everyone getting practices and procedures established. We celebrated **Back to School Night** and **Grandparent's Day** with a full house in the chapel. It is always a blessing to welcome so many guests and visitors to campus!

Each September begins with an emphasis on our **Core Virtues: Respect and Responsibility**. Students hear about these important values in the classroom, on the playground and at chapel. Chapel lessons this month focused on **"The Golden Rule"**:

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you. Matthew 7:12

Students were reminded to show kindness at all times and fill one another's "bucket". This ties in perfectly to our theme for the year: **"We are doers of the word!"** We encourage you to consider joining us for chapel, Wednesdays at 8:45. You will be lifted up!

As we begin October, our 5th graders prepare for their annual trek to **Hume Lake** for camp. Please keep them in your prayers. For many of them this is a first time away from home. We know it will be an amazing experience and opportunity for them to grow closer to God. We also look forward to our **Annual 50's Night** on October 28th. This is a community event and we look forward to welcoming guests and visitors to our church and school. We will be looking for church members to help serve food that evening, and if you know of anyone who has a classic car to put on display, please let us know. Looking forward to fellowship and fun!

St. Paul Preschool Happenings**By Angelique Faulkner, Preschool Director**

The Preschool Book Fair was a great success. Because of the support of our wonderful preschool and church families we were able to put \$100 worth of books into each of our teacher's hands.

Thank you so much for your support!

October at the preschool will be a fun month. We are gearing up for our annual St. Jude Trike-A-Thon fundraiser October 3-7. We will end the week with our Big Trike Ride on Friday, October 14 starting at 9:30 am. Church and Preschool families are welcome to watch our kids ride!

The preschool will also be taking a trip to the pumpkin patch this month as well as celebrating this Harvest Time season. One of the many things I look forward to in October is Miss Kathy teaching Chapel with the Pumpkin Patch Parable. She uses a pumpkin to show how God cleans out the gross sin (pumpkin pulp) in our lives, makes us a new creation (carve a Jack-O-Lantern face) where we can shine His light in our lives (insert a glowing candle into the Jack-O-Lantern).

We are thankful for all God has given us. Let us all be a light in this world.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

(LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE) also called Lutheran Women in Mission.



Monday, October 24 will be our next meeting for our Lutheran Women in Mission at 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the church library. Devotions and a short Bible Study “Living Joy” from the fall Quarterly plus fellowship and friends – come get acquainted with your Sisters in Christ! All women are welcome



Women's Bible Study

Mondays we are enjoying our Women's Bible Study “The Family of Jesus” written by Karen Kingsbury from 1-3 p.m. in the church library. It's NOT TOO LATE - JOIN US! This is a six weeks video series with each one having workbook. Questions? Call Jan Sorge 769-1884

- KEEP SAVING YOUR COINS AND PUT THEM IN A MITE BOX – OR IN THE BIG MITE BOX IN THE NARTHEX – EVERY COIN COUNTS TO COMPLETE THESE PROJECTS!

Mission Grant Recipients Current Biennium 2016-2018 (Partial List)

1. St John's Valley of Faith, S.A.Y. Yes! Center, St John's Valley of Faith Lutheran Church, Arvin, CA - **\$3,715 Paid**
2. Bring Youth and Young Adults to Christ, Grace Lutheran Church, Grass Valley, CA - **\$17,000**
3. Operation Barnabas for Comfort Dog Congregations, LCMS Office of National Mission/Armed Forces - **\$2,000**
4. Solar Lanterns Brighten African Women's Lives, Lutheran Women in Mission, St. Peters, Lodi, CA - **\$5,000**
5. Hmong Bibles and Catechisms, Peace Lutheran Church, Fresno. CA - **\$6,300**
6. Community Café Rural Outreach: Nourishing Body and Soul, Our Savior's Lutheran LWML, Caruthers, CA - **\$6,200**
7. Creatively Sharing God's Word with People who have Intellectual and Developmental disabilities, Bethesda Auxiliary, CNH UNIT, Cupertino, CA (RSO) - **\$9,000**
8. Gospel Hands VBS for Deaf Children, Lutheran Friends of the Deaf (RSO) - **\$3,000**
9. Joy of Harvest Hmong Language School, Joy of Harvest Ministry, St Paul, Merced, CA - **\$10,000**



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will hold their Annual Harvest Luncheon Fundraiser on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at the

Hoffmeister Center, 1920 Canal St. Merced from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Soup, Sandwich, Salad and Dessert lunch for \$10.00.

Pick a prize raffle for a suggested donation of \$1.00 each.

This is our only fundraiser for the year to give scholarships to non-profit groups in our area: Young Life, Sierra Saving Grace (Homeless project), Merced Jail Ministry, LifeLine-Empowering Communities, Merced Rescue Mission, Haven of Hope (Women's Shelter), LOVE INC., Operation Share (Salvation Army Breakfast), W/O Permission Against Human Trafficking. And Salvation Army.

For tickets, contact Jan Sorge 722-6101, Ginny 489-4128 or Carolyn 722-0917.



HARVEST DINNER UPDATE

Harvest Dinner has been cancelled again for many reasons. Kaylene Mortensen gave generously of her time and leadership for several years and the congregation did an amazing job of pitching in for all of the jobs. There were no volunteers as leader for this dinner and it just doesn't happen all on its' own. As you may be aware, the kitchen is now up to code as requested, but we do still not have sufficient space to cook all of the 15 turkeys. We thought there was an alternate source available but that did not work out as planned either. We are not allowed to cook the turkeys at home and bring them to the church to serve. Nor are we allowed to make the homemade pies and deserts as we used to do, all must be purchased at a store/bakery. We are looking, in the future to the possibility of having a congregational harvest celebration and/or an all church picnic; at either of these, we could bring our homemade goodies. We still cannot sell tickets to a food event and offer home prepared food items. This is due to the regulations from the Merced County Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health. I thank you for your kindness and consideration. Mary Rahn



Brush with Kindness applications are available online and we will be doing more projects as we have volunteer available. Homeowners, who aren't physically able to do small projects, should call us at 726-0850. Don't hesitate to call – this is a great opportunity!!

We are looking for an opportunity to open a ReStore which is a national patent name for reselling materials for the folks who need to do some repairs, etc. on their homes at a reduced price. If you know of a building that has reasonable rent and about 6000 sq. ft. please call us. Watch the website for up to date information. If you would like to be in on the planning stages – please call the Habitat phone 209-726-0850 and you can get involved. There's many opportunities in researching, marketing, publicity, shelving, connecting with possible donors.

If you have some expertise to share and would like an application so an interview can be arranged to be considered to be a board member, please check our website hfhmerced.org or call 726-0850 and have one mailed to you. We are looking for someone interested in fundraising, computer skills and legal expertise. Each member of our board is responsible for a task, so it is a working board and together we work as a team to accomplish the goals we have agreed upon.

If you would like to visit one of our board meetings to see if this is what God has planned for you to do, please call me to add you to our agenda.

Jan Sorge, President & Church Relations Chair, 209-769-1884
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CHILDREN'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Help us reach more kids to tell them about Jesus

- Curriculum provided
- Bibles provided
- Snacks provided
- Check in kids
- Distribute Bibles
- Distribute snacks

Tuesdays – 1-2 p.m. Rivera Middle

Thursdays – 1- 2 p.m. Hoover Middle

Fridays – 1 -2 p.m. Tenaya Middle

EVERY STUDENT IS GIVEN A BIBLE

and encouraged to read it every day.

Bible verses are learned every week.

We are scheduled to start in October—Join us!

Three volunteers at each school site is ideal. Learn on the job with an experienced leader.

Call Jan Sorge, Coordinator at 769-1884 or email:
merced-hostel@juno.com

BACK IN HISTORY

by Theresa Lund, Historian
From October 2009 St. Paul Messenger

A Mission Festival was held October 25, 1970. The evening began with a 4 p.m. Vesper Service. The parish hall and classrooms were decorated to show world wide mission work in the LCMS. The displays were assembled by Sunday School Classes, Bible Classes and various organizations of the congregation. After a pot-luck supper, Rev. Rudolph Frieling showed movies of Alaska and spoke on the work that he was involved in there.

In November, William Petzold, Stewardship Chairman, conducted a series of cottage meetings on Sunday afternoon and evenings. Seventeen homes hosted the informal meetings where the general idea of Stewardship was discussed under the theme "Commitment". On November 29, there was a special act of dedication at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. Members dedicated their time, talents and treasures to the Lord's service.

St. Paul Youth presented a Christmas Worship Service on Wednesday evening. The upper grades part participated in "Peace For The Uproar". The service combined Biblical tradition with contemporary audio-visual techniques. It told the Gospel for today and showed that Christmas is more than a nostalgic event.

On January, 1971, burglars climbed the roof of the church and broke a window and jumped down 12 feet to the church floor. They took a set of ball point pens valued at \$2.00.

Confirmation was held April 25: Young people who confirmed their baptismal vows were: Lynn DePriest, Doug Dick, Dwayne Dick, Ronda Dorrell, Rhonda Fulton, Gerald Herrington Jr., Chris Kleinhans, Brenda Mennsen, Karen Moen, Kenneth Niemeier, and George Pirtle.

Bert Berthelsen was a delegate from California-Nevada-Hawaii Dist. And attended the Synodical Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 9-16, 1971.

Salvation Army Boxes

We will again be doing the boxes for the Merced Salvation Army. These boxes will then be given to children in our community to help brighten their Christmas. The children that received the boxes last year were thrilled. We will again partner with the school on this project. Last year we had a total of 147 boxes. Well done everyone! Let's see if we can add to that total this year. Thrivent will be providing the plastic boxes for us again. There will be a list of suggested items in each box. The boxes are on a table in the narthex and will be due back to the church on November 20. Those who did boxes last year know how easy it is to fill them and discovered after shopping to fill one box, they had enough to fill a second box. Thank you and as Carmen says, "God Bless."



Fifth Sunday Social, Fellowship & Welcome

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

The next 5th Sunday Social will be held Sunday, October 30. Combined service begins at 8:45 a.m. immediately followed by the event. Kent and Barbara Christensen will be providing the brunch which includes Pancakes, Eggs, Sausages, Coffee, and Orange Juice. If you haven't already signed up, there's still time. The sign-up sheets are located in the parish hall. There will be lots of fun, laughter, good food, and fellowship.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Rahn (357-2767) or Irene Broughton (384-8052).



50's NIGHT

Friday, October 28, 6 - 8 p.m.

Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for the school's annual 50's Night. It is a fun evening with dancing and games. Food will also be served. Feel free to come dressed in your 50's attire.

BIBLE CLASSES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL



HMong Bible Classes
10:30 a.m.

Bible Song (Sunday School)
9:15—10:15 a.m.

HMong Women's Bible Class
6:00 p.m.

Meet in the Parish Hall and walk over to the classroom in the OMC.

Bible Class
Wednesday 10:30 a.m.
Church Library

Both classes meet on Sunday in the library.

BIRTHDAYS

October 1 Marj Hoffmann
 October 1 Carole Legan
 October 3 Samuel Severson
 October 6 Barbara Prothro
 October 7 Kathy Morton
 October 15 Gwen Keller
 October 16 Adam Hogston
 October 17 Betty Jo Rodgers
 October 20 Traci Ceska
 October 21 Teresa Lundin
 October 24 Gloria Schroeder
 October 27 Mary Lou Parker
 October 27 Elliott Cook
 October 28 Greg McKenzie

ANNIVERSARIES

October 4
 Hershel & Samantha Thompson
 October 6 Gary & Kathy Hogston
 October 25 Dick & Mary Homann

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

October 4 Jeremy Keller
 October 17 Julianna Boyer
 October 21 Jamee Vang
 October 21 Mang Vang
 October 21 Natalie Vang
 October 21 Nathan Vang
 October 21 Noah Vang
 October 21 Nolan Vang
 October 22 Aaron Hogston
 October 29 Darienne George
 October 31 Kathy Morton

Also baptized in October—Kaylene Mortensen

**October 2016 Servants****GREETERS**

October 2 (8:45) Irene Broughton
 October 9 (8:45) Paul Cook
 October 16 (8:45) Irene Broughton
 October 23 (8:45) Bill & Lucille Hiller
 October 30 (8:45) Greg & Sandy Bishop

COMMUNION SET UP

Lorry & Dolores Hutton

COMMUNION SERVERS

October 2 (8:45) Scott Chastain & Larry Sorge
 October 2 (10:30)
 October 16 (8:45) Scott Chastain & Larry Sorge
 October 16 (10:30)

READERS

October 2 (8:45) Marj Hoffmann
 October 2 (10:30) Stan Schroeder
 October 9 (8:45) Jan Sorge
 October 16 (8:45) Sandy Bishop
 October 16 (10:30) Heather Nardello
 October 23 (8:45) Carole Legan
 October 30 (8:45) Amy Mello

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

In order to assure we have some group serving every Sunday to have a Fellowship Hour to invite guests to and enjoy fellowship with congregational members, the following groups have consented to be responsible for these Sundays each month:

First Sunday – Christensens – Barb Christensen -723-5846

Second Sunday – Youth – Marilyn Anderson – 631-8965

Third Sunday – LWML – Jan Sorge – 722-6101

Fourth Sunday – HMong – Sue Xiong – 314-203-6582

Fifth Sunday –

If you have a special event and want to provide refreshments for a particular Sunday, contact the group contact person and let them know.

Thank you so very much!



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 HMong Language School 9:00 am |
| 2 8:45 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Song 10:30 HMong Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:45 HMong Worship 6:30 Confirmation | 3 Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm Elders Meeting 6:00 pm | 4 | 5 Bible Class 10:30 am St. Jude Trike-A-Thon | 6 | 7 Youth Volleyball 7:00 pm | 8 HMong Language School 9:00 am |
| 9 8:45 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Song 10:30 HMong Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:45 HMong Worship 6:30 Confirmation | 10 Church Women United 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm | 11 | 12 Bible Class 10:30 am | 13 | 14 Preschool Big Trike Ride 9:30 am Youth Volleyball 7:00 pm | 15 HMong Language School 9:00 am |
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| 30 8:45 Combined Service followed by 5th Sunday Social | 31 | WORSHIP SERVICES 8:45 a.m. (Traditional) 10:30 a.m. (Contemporary) Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays 11:45 a.m. HMong Worship Service | | | | |

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