October 8th, 2017 9:30 am

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Art by Anna Patters**on**

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number . We are delighted to have you.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

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PRELUDE (A time for prayer and reflection)

Tena Rackow

Announcements & Community Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP

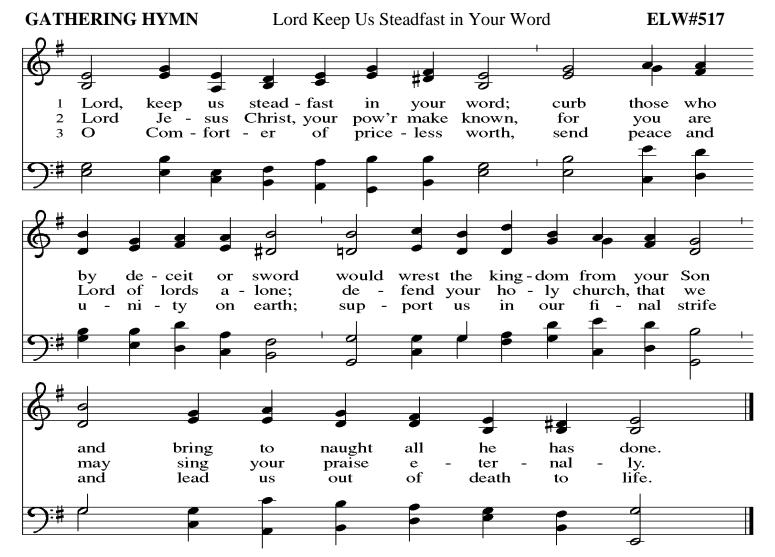
L: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all You lands

C: Serve the Lord with gladness; and come before his presence with singing

L: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

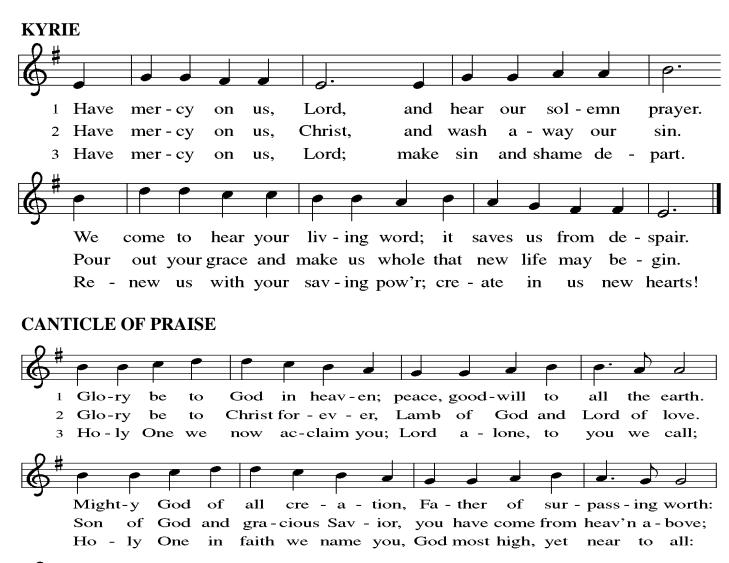
Be thankful to him and bless his name.

C: For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endures to all generations.



GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**





we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. C: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry! L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-15 (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively) ELW#80

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

L: The 2nd READING is from Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

⁸You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

¹²Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

¹⁵behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand as you are able)



THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew 21:33-46 C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. 44The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

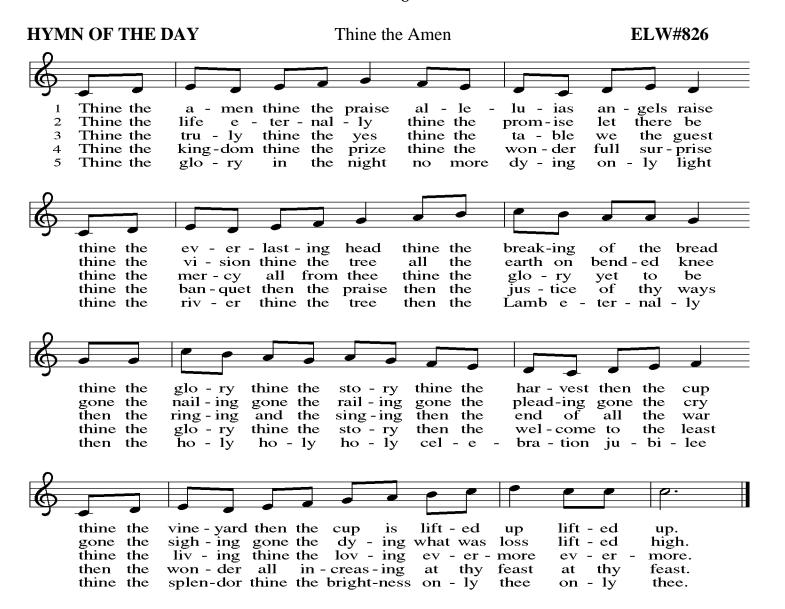
Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

SERMON

ELCA Missionary Randy Stubbs



APOSTLES' CREED *Please Stand*

A: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition: WA: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence*

WA: Restore what is broken in your church, loving God. Heal divisions among Christian communities, give courage to leaders facing hardship, and open our ears to the prophets' cries among us.

Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Restore what is broken in creation, gracious God. Revive farmlands and vineyards, protect waters needed by all living things, and move us to care for this earthly home.

Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Restore what is broken in our world, mighty God. Quell the rush to violence between peoples and nations. Break down dividing walls and promote growth for the sake of the common good. We pray for families and friends who are suffering by gun violence. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great. WA: Restore our broken bodies, O God. We pray for those suffering any loss: the grieving, those who have lost homes or property, the imprisoned, those neglected or abandoned, and the sick *especially for Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Lee Wenzel, Verl Price, Betty Raders, Mark Fulfs, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Carol Stubbs, Cheri Eden-Catron, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Tom, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Steve, Elsie Meier, Linda, Dale, Connie and Marion.* Strengthen and encourage *Fern Harnish and Carol Wybourn*. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Restore our faith in you, saving God. We pray for Bible study and small group leaders, Sunday school teachers, musicians, devotion writers, and for all whose work nurtures our faith. We especially pray for missionaries in Tanzania, India, and across the globe. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.** WA We remember the saints whose devotion proclaimed your saving help. In company with them, root us firmly in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God **C: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

OFFERING

"Break Forth Into Joy"

Choir Anthem

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world including

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world.

Please stand

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray, C: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: And also with you.

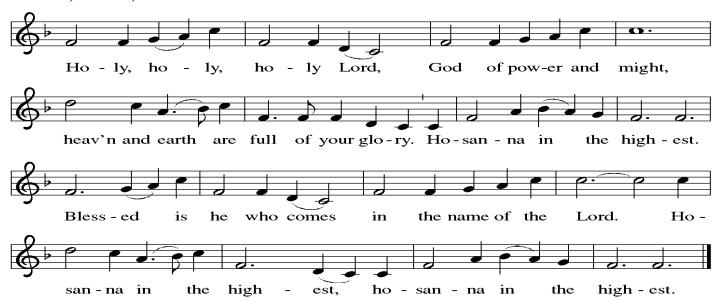
C: We lift them to the Lord.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We practice open Communion — Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction. Please dip the bread into the chalice. The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle, and returned to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION SONG

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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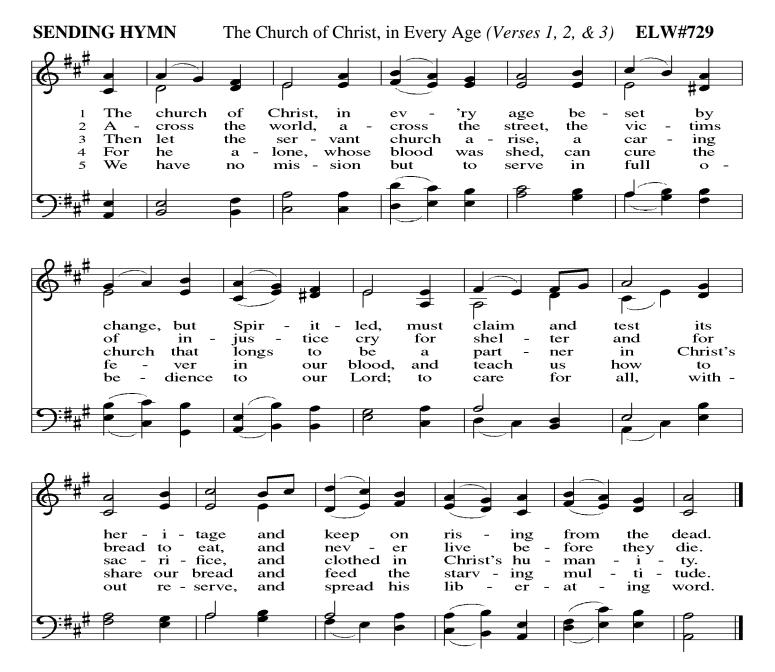
- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNIONA: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING P: The Creator who forms you anew, The Christ who sets you free The Spirit who draws you one to another, One God, Bless you in your service to others, Bless you in your rest and renewal, Bless you today, tomorrow, and forever. **C: Amen**.



DISMISSAL (from the back)

A: In Christ there is a new creation! See, everything has become new! Go forth to love and serve in Christ's name. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Tena Rackow

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Pastor Miho Yasukawa Missionaries to Tanzania: Randy & Carol Stubbs Family

Pianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr

Lector: Wayne Kurth Acolyte: Ashtyn Brinker Assisting Minister: Jay Andrews

Worship Assistant: Dennis Luke Communion Usher: Bill and Jean Engel

Communion Set-up: Kristy Patterson Communion Asst: Sue Diddens, Shirley Fox

Elevator Operator: Wayne Kurth Sound System: Troy Doubler, Hanna Brinker

Greeters: Paul and Shirley Fox, Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher

Ushers: Wayne Kurth, Mike Geiseman, Bill and Jean Engel

THIS WEEK Today	AT GOOD SHEPHERD Worship Service–Holy Communion	October 8 th thru October 15 th 2017 9:30 am
Touay	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
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	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Luncheon with Stubbs family	11:30 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Monday	Parkinson Support Group	1:30 pm
	Flue Shots available from 2:30pm to 4:30pm	
	Learning Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center	9:45 am
	Pastor Miho at Text Study	2:00 pm
	Council Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Pastor Miho at NW Conf Meeting St. Johns Pearl C	ity 8:00 am-12:00 pm
	Pastor Miho at 2 nd Year Theological Ed., Faith Rock	nelle 1:30 pm – 3:00 pn
	After School Program for 4 th -8 th Graders at the Hang	gout 3:30 pm-5:00 pm
	Confirmation Class	6:30pm-8:00pm
Thursday	Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment with Del He	
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We welcome the Stubbs family this morning and thank them for their message, music and service.

September & October are Food Pantry months

The Lena Food Pantry serves residents in the Le-Win and Orangeville School Districts. Donations of food, hygiene products, and paper products can be placed in the Food Pantry boxes and on the table in the sanctuary.

Donations will be bagged and delivered to the Food Pantry by our Confirmation Students.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP

Will meet Monday October 9th at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with guess speaker Mark Harling, owner/director of Visiting Angels of Rockford, topic will be "Visiting Angels.

Flu Shots will be available after the meeting from 2:30-4:30pm from the Flu Clinic.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

Invite all those you know who are interested in sharing in an afternoon of Parkinson Disease Information, fellowship and refreshments

Any Questions: Call: Carol Griffin 947-2208 OR Marion Fahr 815-367-3961

Hymn Sing

At the Lena Living Center October 10th at 9:45 all are welcome.

Friendship Club,

All are invited to the Friendship Club Potluck October 12th at 12:00pm bring a dish to pass for the noon luncheon entertainment will be with Del Heim.

Singers needed for Synod-wide Reformation Ordination Worship and Celebration

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and we as Lutherans will honor this important occasion on Sunday, October 29 with a special synod-wide Reformation Ordination Worship and Celebration (http://nisynod.org/nis-reformation-ordination-worship-and-celebration-october-29/). This service will take place at 4:00pm at St. John's Lutheran Church (607-10th Avenue) in Mendota, II.

All singers are invited and encouraged to sing in the festival choir. The rehearsal will begin at 2:30pm in the sanctuary. Please let me know if you plan to participate.

Martin Luther had a profound impact on our worship, and being a musician himself, he knew the value and importance of music in worship. I am looking forward to directing the choir, and I hope that you will consider singing in the festival choir for this exciting event.

Additional information for this event is on the bulletin board.

If you are interested in singing for this event or need more information please contact:

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First Lutheran Church—Freeport

Invites you to join us for"Sola Gratia- By Grace Alone,"

a hymn festival commemorating Reformation 500. The festival will take place on Sunday, October 22nd at 3:00pm, 303 S. Galena Ave. Freeport, IL. A free will offering will be taken. Please join us for this time of fellowship, learning, singing and praising God for the wonderful gift of grace that He has given to us!

EVERYONE is invited!

If you are interested in singing in the choir for the festival there will be a group rehearsal from 2-2:25pm the day of the hymn festival. Singers are also invited to rehearse with the First Lutheran choir

at 7:30pm on Thursday, October 19th

Updates on the Stubbs Family

See the bulletin board for an updated newsletter from the Stubbs' family and you can also link to the Caring Bridge page for updates on Carol Stubbs at https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/love4carolstubbs.

Men's Group Steak Fry:

Saturday October 28th at 4:30pm, along with the monthly meeting. Men of all ages are invited to attend. Please sign up by Sunday October 15th