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Who is Jesus?

“But who do **you** say I am?” In this question that Jesus asked his disciples (as recorded in all three synoptic gospels) Jesus was probing to find out if his followers were really getting who he was and what his mission was all about. Jesus was teaching and modeling the character of God’s kingdom in contrast to the culture and empire that surrounded them. He wanted his disciples to understand his identity.

It is this same question that still remains for us today and one we must continue to explore. When we asked the congregation to respond to the question “Who is Jesus to you?” in essence we were asking you to be able to describe Jesus’ identity but also to reflect on how Jesus affects your life and to share personal experiences. Thanks to many of you who took time to think deeply and offer your reflections.

For many of us who have grown up in church, it seems like this question, “Who is Jesus?” should be a fairly obvious one, that we can easily answer. We likely can list several descriptive words for Jesus: Son of God, Messiah, prophet, personal Savior, friend, teacher, and guide for daily living. We can talk about the familiar stories about Jesus’ life here on earth, his healing ministry, his proclamation of the good news, his teachings through parables, and his ultimate sacrificial love. Perhaps however, in some ways Jesus has become so familiar to us that we have domesticated Jesus. It is easy to forget the radical nature of Jesus’ call for our lives and instead of letting Jesus shape us into his image we make Jesus in our own image.

In our culture we have been shaped by seeing a gently smiling Jesus who is rendered in paintings and on greeting cards, holding lambs and tapping lightly on the doors of our hearts. We forget that Jesus was not a white, privileged North American but was born to poor parents who became refugees when they had to flee to Egypt because of Herod’s cruel order. Jesus grew up in an out of the way town in Galilee and was schooled in the first-century Palestinian Jewish faith and culture. In his life and ministry, Jesus found solidarity with the poor, with the oppressed, with vulnerable women, with the socially rejected and marginalized, with ethnic Samaritan outcasts, with the demon-possessed, and with the blind or physically sick. He offended the religious leaders in his cultural context by healing on the Sabbath, hanging out with tax collectors and prostitutes, and not fitting people’s expectation for who the Messiah was supposed to be. Jesus totally redefined love by eating with sinners, touching lepers, and receiving children.

It’s important that we know the real Jesus and to let the real Jesus shape us into his likeness. We need to let Jesus be at the center of our faith not just in some intellectual way but in the nitty gritty of our daily lives. To really know a living Jesus through the spirit moving in us helping us make daily choices to do something the world thinks is crazy. To risk believing that Jesus still speaks, guides, and loves us so that we can love our enemies, care for the vulnerable, and take his radical teachings seriously. To live in such a way that reflects who we really think Jesus is.

And so, let us continue to probe this question, “Who is Jesus?” to get a fuller picture of Jesus and what this means for our individual and community life together. As we explore the “I am” statements of Jesus in the gospel of John in worship this month, may we see more fully the Jesus who loves us extravagantly and from whom we receive abundant life.

Pastor Dianne

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The Eden Leadership Team (ELT) met 6/11/18 at the Eden Church Office

Present were: Pastor Derek, Jay Goering, Ken Preheim, Jerry Lankford, Cheri Kaufman, Candy Unrau, Becky Koller, Teresa Graber, Pastor Dianne, Glen Goering and Kyle Neufeld

Kyle Neufeld lit a candle to symbolize the presence of the Holy Spirit, and read scripture from Matthew 13:1-9 in Lectio Divina format. He led the group in prayer.

Kyle read Eden's Vision Statement and Mission Statement

Minutes from the 5/14/18 ELT meeting were approved as submitted.

In Austin Goering's absence, Kyle read Austin's treasurer's report:

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| Income--\$150,833 | Last year at this time | \$139,000 |
| Expenses--\$172,000 | Last year | \$176,000 |
| Budget -- \$213,000 | Last year | \$200,000 |

Showing a deficit of >\$21,000, but less of a deficit compared with last year

Peace and Witness Commission—Ken Preheim: The committee met to evaluate Peace Sunday. They discussed ways of making our peace witness obvious to all who enter our church.

Worship Commission—Cheri Kaufman: Doug Krehbiel will be the speaker for the June 24 worship service. They have reviewed the honorarium policy for presenters and agreed to an honorarium of \$125, which includes mileage. The Camp Menoscah Eden Retreat weekend will continue as planned for July 14 and 15. Tyler Stucky is asking for people to sign up and bring their friends. The Saturday evening meal at camp will be pizza and attendees are asked to bring sides of salads or desserts. Cheri reports that the cost of tuning the organ has come out of the Trustee budget and the tuning of the piano has been assigned to the Worship budget. It was decided that the tuning of both organ and pianos will now be assigned to the Worship Commission budget. The organ is tuned by Doug Funston from Missouri, and the pianos are tuned by Chuck Vetter of McPherson. The frequency of tuning is once per year.

Trustee Commission—Cheri Kaufman gave the report in Larry's absence. She states the new air conditioner compressor was installed 6/8/18. However, it blew a breaker and was adjusted again 6/11/18. They have ordered new folding chairs from Robert's Hutch Line that should be here in time for the Western District Conference event at Eden on 7/28/18. The new chairs were needed to replace broken, worn out chairs. The new cemetery policy will be finalized after the conclusion of wheat harvest and will be displayed outside near the directory. The new roof for the church office is also on hold until after harvest.

Stewardship Commission—Teresa Graber reports that they plan to meet the first part of July. Nothing to report at this time.

Education Commission—No report at this time.

Deacon Commission—Glen Goering: The deacons will meet 6/12/18. They continue to work on response to gun violence. They are planning a 5th Sunday Faith Forum on July 29.

Pastor Derek shared slides of the recent FEWZ youth group trip to Denver. The group had a meaningful experience learning about breaking cycles of poverty. He has started the summer adult Sunday school elective "Messy Stories from the Bible" with good attendance for the first session.

Pastor Dianne: She has had more time with visitations and hospital visits this month.

Hospitality Committee Support—Kyle Neufeld has no update to report at this time.

Emergency Coordination—Jay Goering shared a draft of a document entitled Eden Mennonite Church Safety Procedures. The document will outline policies and procedures for 1. Health Safety (First Aid Kit, Defibrillator) 2. Storm safety and 3. Fire safety. ELT provided input on suggested wording changes and Jay will continue to work on finalizing the document.

Constitution updates—Kyle shared information on 1. Church Treasurer changes. Kyle will plan to send a copy of the proposed new policy to ELT members for approval of wording regarding term length changes. 2. Constitution v. Covenant discussion. At our church annual meeting, it was brought up to consider changing the wording of our constitution to better reflect the ministry of our church, and to make it less of a legalistic business document by using covenant language throughout the document. Kyle and Pastor Derek will re-visit Bonita Howard's specific recommendations given, and will draft a proposal for ELT to consider and discuss at next month's meeting.

Pine Village Gift Basket—Our church has been asked again to provide a themed gift basket for the Pine Village Benefit Auction. Kyle will contact Jerri Kaufman to see if she is interested in coordinating this effort again this year.

Western District Conference Delegates from Eden—Kyle has made an announcement Sunday morning asking for volunteers from the congregation to be delegates at the WDC conference that will be held July 27-28 at Tabor Church on the 27th and at our church on the 28th. We have the potential for 12 voting delegates to attend, and Kyle has had one volunteer so far. We are to supply a list of delegates by July 13. Dianne will work on a bulletin announcement. The ELT budget is prepared to pay the \$80 fee for congregational members who are willing to serve as delegates.

Next meeting planned for July 9, 2018 at 7pm at the Eden Church Office.

Candy Unrau, Secretary



The Eden Leadership Team (ELT) met 7/9/18 at the Eden Church Office

Present were: Marcia Goering, Austin Goering, Becky Koller, Teresa Graber, Candy Unrau, Kyle Neufeld, Jerri Kaufman, Jerry Lankford, Pastor

Derek King, Glen Goering, Cheri Kaufman, Larry Kaufman, Jay Goering

Kyle Neufeld lit a candle to symbolize the presence of the Holy Spirit, and read scripture from Philippians 2: 5-11 in Lectio Divina format. He led the group in prayer.

Kyle read Eden's Vision and Mission statement.

Minutes from the 6/11/18 ELT Meeting were approved as submitted.

Austin Goering gave a treasurer's report. He reported that we show \$36,000 more in expenses than in income. We also show expenses are \$36,000 less than what was budgeted.

Christian Education—Marcia Goering: They are working on securing Sunday school teachers and Wednesday night leaders for the fall. They are looking at curriculum options and are working on the schedule for Wednesday night meals.

Stewardship Commission—Teresa Graber: They are looking for job descriptions for the sub committees that are under the Stewardship banner, such as the Endowment Committee. The Student Grant committee has decided to increase the per semester financial gift from \$750 to \$1000.

Peace/Witness Commission—Jerri Kaufman: They have not met since the last ELT meeting. The new Welcome sign has arrived and they will be working with the Trustees to determine a good place for the new sign on the east side of the church.

Deacon Commission—Glen Goering reported that the deacons met 6/12/18. They are looking forward to the upcoming Faith Forum discussion on 7/29/18 during the Sunday school hour. They have given several camp scholarships. The next deacon meeting will be 7/24/18.

Worship Commission—Cheri Kaufman: They are arranging to serve communion at Pine Village at the Eden 8/19/18 worship service there. About 30 people have signed up to attend retreat Saturday 7/14/18 at Camp Mennoscah, and about 50 are expected on Sunday 7/15/18. Ayden Fleming will be baptized at Camp Mennoscah during the worship service that day. The Special Music schedule is now filled through September 9/2/18.

Trustee Commission—Larry Kaufman: He reports that the air conditioning unit at church has a coil leak and will need expensive repair/replacement. The trustees are in process of working with Goering Hardware to arrange the needed repair. They are tentatively planning to arrange the air conditioner work to coincide with the Sunday that Eden is having services at Pine Village 8/19/18. They are also getting quotes for replacing a window that may cost between \$2,500 and \$2,700. There has been a report that the floor of the women's restroom is sticky, and they are going to try a different cleaning agent.

Pastor Derek: He reports having a good vacation break. He has met with Rick Krehbiel, executive director of Associated Ministries of Moundridge. Rick is working to re-establish financial support for emergency local and transient needs. He is working on a voucher system partnering with Cole Street Service, Moundridge Food Market, two Hesston motels and one motel in McPherson. Rick is hoping to build an endowment fund for this purpose and already has \$18,000 in the fund with a goal of reaching \$50,000 in the fund. Derek reports a good turn out for the Messy Bible Stories adult SS class. He is looking forward to the Western District conference, with one day of the activities being hosted at our church facility.

Hospitality Committee update—Kyle has met with the coffee/fellowship providers, greeters, pot luck committee, and coordinators and the outcome of the discussion has been that there is no urgent issue at this time. There will be bulletin invitations for anyone new who would like to be included on the pie-baking list for funerals.

Emergency Coordination—Jay Goering: Nothing to report at this time.

Constitution updates—Kyle Neufeld: Kyle and Derek have worked together to help change the tone of the language in the Eden Constitution as was proposed at last year's annual meeting. Kyle has replaced "election" with "affirmation", changed "moderator-elect" to "vice-moderator," and changed "business" meetings to "discernment" meetings. In Article 3, the word, "Purpose" was changed to "Covenant." There was discussion about maintaining what is required for a non-profit entity, while keeping language that is fitting with our theological vision. It was suggested to change "ascends to moderator" to "transitions to moderator." All ELT members were provided with a copy of the revisions and the ELT will revisit this topic at the September ELT meeting. The plan will be to present the changes after approval by the ELT to the congregation.

WDC delegates—Kyle reports that he has filled 11 of the 12 spots for delegates to the Western District Conference.

New Business: Kyle reported that Jerri Kaufman has agreed to create the Eden Basket for Pine Village's annual auction. Kyle also reports that there has been some discussion about the possibility of addressing lingering wounds from the Eden/Grace Crossing/Journey church division-reorganization. Kyle reached out to Grace Crossing to see if they might be interested in co-hosting an event to process unresolved feelings/forgiveness, etc. but has not received a response at this time.

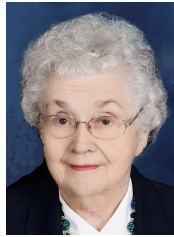
Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be August 13, 2018 at the Eden Church Office.

Candy Unrau, Secretary

"If you want your children to turn out well, spend twice as much time with them, and half as much money."
—Abigail Van Buren



Sandra (Sandy) Krehbiel (82) passed away at Pine Village on Tuesday, June 26. A memorial service followed by committal in the Eden cemetery was held at Eden on Thursday, July 5 at 10 a.m. We extend our sympathy to her husband Jake, her daughter Kelly (Ron) and son Brian (Colleen) and all of her extended family.



We choose not to print addresses of our members online.



July 14, 2018
Rene Kaufman and Kristin Unruh



New contact information for Larry and Carol Temple
They no longer have a landline

Carol Temple
620-504-4687

Larry Temple
620-755-7918



Appreciation meal planned for Sunday school teachers

All teachers are invited to a thank-you meal at noon on Sunday, August 12. The pizza meal is for teachers from this year and to those who have agreed to teach this next year. This meal is also for their spouses and children at home. After the meal, teachers may get together to plan for this coming year. Please RSVP by Sunday, August 5 to Kathy Waltner at 620-386-4629 or gkwaltner@hotmail.com with the number attending.



Invitation to Share

The invitation to share project for the month of August and September is School Kits:

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

(Because the right type of pencil sharpener is hard to find, Mary Martha will supply the pencil sharpener.)

Place contents in a 11" x 16" fabric double drawstring bag.

If you would like to support this project you may write a check to Eden with "invitation to share" in the memo line and mail it to P.O. Box 406, or take it to the Eden Church Office at 109 E. Hirschler, Moundridge, KS 67107.



Be Brave, Be Bold, Be You!

Featuring Retreat Speaker
Rachel Ringenberg Miller

Women & Girls Retreat 2018 - The schedule and registration forms for the 2018 Women & Girls Retreat, Sept 7-9 at Camp Mennoscah, are now available on the literature table at church and also at the church office. Rachel Ringenberg Miller, pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, will be the featured speaker. Many interesting and fun seminars are planned, along with plenty of time to relax and connect with nature and friends. This retreat is open to all women and girls grade 3 and older. Registration forms are due August 27.



Thank you doesn't begin to express our thanks for all the prayers, visits and kind words we received. The many cards and phone calls were a blessing during our many weeks.

Margie Kaufman

Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, visits and thoughtful acts of kindness following my stroke. Your loving care has been a blessing to me and my family. Marjean Stucky and family.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the graduation gift and for all the years of prayers and support! Please continue to pray for me as I begin college.

Thank you!

Josh Knight

We would like to thank everyone who thought of us during such a busy time following my accident and surgery. All of the prayers, cards, visits, food, rides and well wishes have been much appreciated. It has been a humbling experience to be part of such a loving and caring church family. Thank you. Kyle, Robin & Michelle

Thank you for your contribution.

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. (Hebrews 6:10)

Your compassionate support enables hardworking MDS volunteers to bring disaster survivors, like Mark Lehmann of LaGrange, TX, home again.

Mark is legally blind and needs a cane to walk. He hoped that he'd be able to complete the needed repairs himself, but soon realized that wouldn't be possible because of his condition. Because of gifts from donors like you, MDS volunteers were able to help.

"I never shed a tear in sorrow because of my losses," Mark told us. "I shed tears in wonderment and amazement, of being personally touched by the Hand of Our Lord; touched by his servants, like the volunteers from MDS."

Recovery work continues in Texas, Puerto Rico, Pine Ridge, SD and British Columbia. We are grateful for the impact your generosity is making in disaster-affected communities.

With Gratitude,

Kevin King

Executive Director

Greetings from Camp Mennoscah! We gratefully acknowledge your contribution toward our general fund. Thank you for being part of our camping ministry. The summer is going great with over 600 campers registered. With peace and prayers,
Olivia Bartel, Camp Director

I came to Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary because I love the Bible and wanted to teach it in some capacity. During my first year, I heard God calling me more specifically to pastoral ministry through experiences in ministry classes, pastors week, and leading in chapel. I am thankful for this learning community in which I have been formed as a minister and practiced the deep integration I came here longing for—integration of my head and my heart, faith and intellect, ideas and practice. Thank you so much for your contributions and prayers that make this learning community possible!" Michelle Curtis,
Master of Divinity graduate from Lansdale, PA

At Bethel we are thankful for many things, most especially our students, both past and present. We continue to hear stories of success from our Bethel graduates and are thankful that Bethel continues to educate leaders.

We are excited to see the impact your generosity makes on Bethel College. Your support of the efforts of faculty, staff and volunteers at this institution indicates your dedication to the success of our students. Their journey could not be accomplished without you and others like you.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support. Many thanks for the support!
Brad Kohlman
Director of Alumni Development

"Intelligence is knowing the right answer. Wisdom is knowing when to say it." —Tim Fargo

BUMBLE BEE BALLS

Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.



What you need:


- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help



What you do:

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!





PUZZLE

GOD'S amazzzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

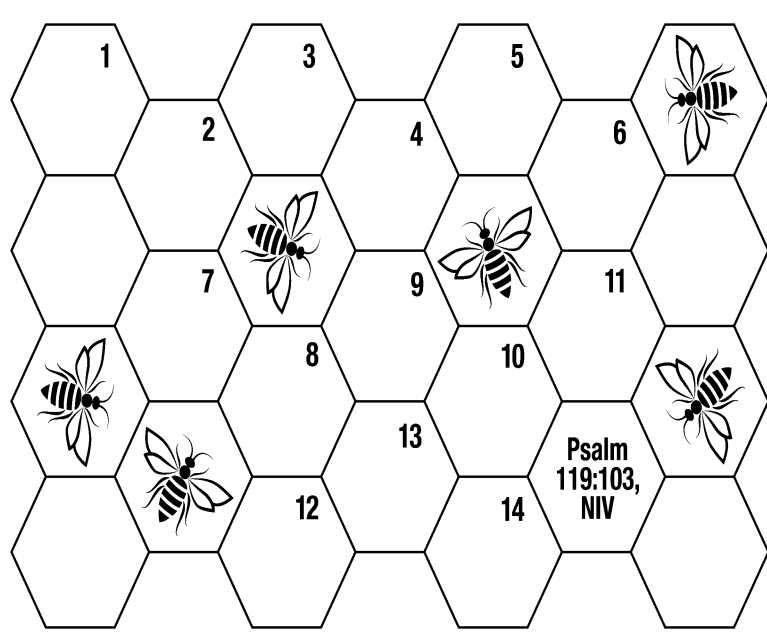
Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.

CLUES

1. rhymes with cow
2. opposite of sour
3. pronounced "R"
4. rhymes with four
5. Letters create ____.
6. not too or two
7. rhymes with by
8. the tongue's job
9. more sweet
10. rhymes with pan
11. golden liquid
12. Pleased __ meet you.
13. rhymes with fly
14. body part

WORD BANK

than your to are
sweet sweeter How
my honey mouth
words to taste, my



Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV



- 1- Jim Dalke
Ryan Goering
Ryan Stucky
- 2- Susan Goering
Berneil Juhnke
Betty Krehbiel
Esther Schrag
Gayle Stucky
Marcia Pat Stucky
- 3- Lenora Gehring
Angie Stucky
- 4- Tindy Graber
Renetta Stucky
Orville Waltner
- 5- Denise Krehbiel
Rhonda Masonhall
Donnie D. Schrag
Lonnie L. Schrag
Michael Zerger
- 7- Marna Goering
Brian Krehbiel
Audrey Tipton (Andy & Angela)
- 8- Kayla Gowdy
Sarah King (Derek & Becky)
Britney Stos
Marcy Thiesen
- 9- Brenda Wedel
Karen Nice
Kristy Hoffmann
Herb Zook
- 10- Christian McGinness (Paul & Claudia)
Greg Zerger

- 11- Alyssa Schrag
Maxine Schrag
- 12- Larry Goering
Richard Goering
Shayna Smith
Chuck Knight
Blaine Stucky
- 13- DeAnna Goering
DaWayne Stos
Marvetta Sperling
Angela Zerger
- 15- Caden Webb (Shannon & Pamela)
- 16- Anne Groves
- 18- Berni Kaufman
- 20- Kyler Dalke (Jerrod Dalke)
Ruby Graber
Candace Unrau
- 21- Kyle Neufeld
Amanda Stucky
Laurie Thiesen
- 22- Mark Albrecht
Whitney Fiedler (Cathy)
Tyler Gehring
Breanna Graber (Darren)
Anna Stucky
- 23- Donovan Graber
Warren Kaufman
Gary Regier
- 24- Brian Alfaro
Neva Austin
Robert John Schrag

- 25- Roy Kaufman
- 26- Piper Doane (Heath and Samantha)
Steve Graber
- 27- Hayden Gehring (Chris & Jessica)
Doug Graber
Krista Graber
Frieda Neufeld
- 28- Mark H. Goering
Katharine Perkins (Greg & Kathy)
- 29- Laurie Schrag
Megan Waltner
- 30- Rollin Flickner
Debi Lichti
Duane Stucky
Pat Rupp
- 31- Clarene Stucky
Renae Stucky

If there has been an omission
or mistaken date please notify
the church office.



- 3- Doug & Barbara Ewy
Stewart Gehring & Nancy Friesen
- 4- Justin & Krystle Dalke
Russ & Jamie Kaufmann
Alan & Kathy Neufeld
- 6- Nathan & Shelby Graber
Frank & Darla Schrag
- 8- Mark H. & Mary Goering
- 9- Joe and Debi Lichti
- 10- Jacob & Tonya Westfall
- 12- Paul & Ginny Crabb
Robert & Marcy Schrag

- 13- Melvin & Janice Graber
Ken & Cheri Krehbiel
- 14- Harlan & Joyce Stucky
- 15- Jim & Brenda Dalke
- 16- Chris & Jessica Gehring
- 18- James & Diane Schrag
- 19- H. Keith & Judy Goering
- 20- Greg & Elaine Krehbiel
Maynard & Marlene Krehbiel
- 21- Bret & Marla Gillmore
- 22- Dennis & Teresa Graber
- 23- Jeffery & Brenda Childs

- 26- Steve & Robyn Roberson
- 27- Larry & Cheri Kaufman
- 28- Wes & Ashley Stucky
- 29- Sheldon & Marvetta Sperling
- 30- Glen & Lisa Goering
Clinton & Shelly Krehbiel
Danny & Carol Zerger
- 31- Gordon & Annie Schrag

Up-Coming Events

- August 6:** 6:00 p.m. SCRT mtg. at church office
7:00 p.m. Worship Commission meeting at church office
- August 12:** Noon appreciation meal for teachers
- August 13:** 7:00 p.m. ELT mtg. at church office
- August 15:** 6:30 p.m. Edu/Disc. Commission mtg. at church office
- August 19:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service at Pine Village
- August 28:** 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Commission mtg. at church office
- September 3:** Eden Church Office closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 7-9:** WDC Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

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