Genesis 15:1-6
God’s Covenant with Abram

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ But Abram said, ‘O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ But the word of the LORD came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Luke 3:8
Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

Upcoming Readings
September 25—Joseph: Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21
October 9—Golden Calf: Exodus 32:1-14

We once again will be following the Narrative Lectionary which take us on a chronological walk through various Old Testament stories this fall then focus on the Gospel of Luke through Easter and conclude with a number of weeks going through stories in Acts and the New Testament letters. We feel this selection of texts helps us see the wider work of God and helps us to become more biblically literate.

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Gathering
Welcome
Worship Songs
   “Forever”
   “Mercy”
Children’s Message
Offering, Welcome Folders, Song
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Lesson of the Day
Genesis 15:1-6, Luke 3:8
P: Word of God, Word of life
C: Thanks be to God
Message
Intern Pastor Carol Strand
Prayers
Communion/Lord’s Prayer
   “Creator King”
   Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction
Sending Song
   “Jesus Lead On”
Announcements
Sending
P: Go in peace to serve the Lord by loving God.
C: Thanks be to God

Food Packing
Thanks for your help in making this Side By Side Meal packing event with Meals From The Heart such a fine day of service and being together! We had 283 people participate in the packing shifts, packed 83,736 meals, and raised about $10,000. Thank you for your participation!

OWLS Outing
Saturday, October 1st - Train Excursion departing from Osceola, Wisconsin
Enjoy the beautiful fall colors while riding aboard the Empire Builder train departing from Osceola, Wisconsin. Train ride begins @ 10 am. Cost is $20 for adults, $10 for children 3-15, and free for children 2 and under. Lunch afterwards to be determined.
Carpool from church leaving @ 8:30 am. Sign up deadline is September 25th.

Knitting and Crocheting Group
God’s Hands Knitting and Crocheting Group is an informal group of handicrafters that began in 2005 with 3 members. We have grown since that time.
We meet on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 until 8:00 PM at the Caribou Coffee on White Bear Avenue and County Road D, (by Maplewood Mall).
Most of the work is done elsewhere but it is great fun to see the current projects. We share patterns, ideas and sometimes, we share yarn.
Five Prayer Shawls have been given so far this year, as needs have been made known. Close to one hundred Prayer Dishcloths were given at ORLC’s National Night Out, in return for food and/or money donations to the food shelf.
Besides the donated items, we work on various personal projects. We bring our works “in progress” and enjoy good conversation.
Please consider joining us on October 20, November 17 and December 15.

Wednesday Meals—This week’s speaker is Maplewood Mayor Nora Slawik!
Join us every Wednesday night through the end of the year from 5:30-6:30 as we gather together with a meal, and then hear a speaker from our community. Also, it’s a great time to gather together before you go to choir or confirmation and a fun time of fellowship for all. This week we have the Maplewood Mayor joining us and next week it is the principal of Frost Lake Elementary, Stacey Kadmus.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals
Sanctuary Choir rehearsals resume on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm. No singing experience or music reading abilities necessary!
Everyone is welcome! Contact Madeline Veenker at mveenker@gmail.com or 651-308-8968 for more information.

Handbell Choir Rehearsals Start in October!
Please join us on Wednesday, October 5 at 6:00 pm in the choir room. No music reading ability or previous music experience necessary—we work with all skill levels! See you on October 5th!

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