

June 2010

THE VINE



THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU

On Saturday, June 12, some among us in the parish prayed for rain for Sunday – not a torrential downpour, but perhaps a gentle washing of the earth. We prayed thus because we KNEW that good weather is not always the best thing for fundraisers and we wanted all “the gods” on our side for “A ROOF FOR ALL”. How silly we were!

The concert was fantastic, the auction was such a success but what shone through more than anything else was the way YOU not only pulled everything together, but the spirit with which we celebrated not only Habitat for Humanity and Cornerstone, but our life as a community.

From those who struggled to move altars and set up all the lights and sound we needed for the concert, to those who prepared and served the overflowing feast of food, to those who laboured over all the offered items for the auction, to all who sold tickets, to the “runners” who ensured that everything ran with incredible smoothness, to those who coordinated the smooth flow of our guest musicians, we put our “best foot forward” for all to see.

More than one person spoke to me during the afternoon and wondered whether this was “normal” – for our folk to be so lively and generous of spirit, and my response was, somewhat tongue in cheek, “NO, usually we’re less low key!” We as a family showed that it is possible to do “gospel work” and have a wonderful time during it.

We owe Ben and Janet Tsang and Caralyn Tierney such thanks for their dedication to this cause and for the endless hours they spent making sure that everything ran “according to plan” ; to those who undertook the coordination of all the teams so necessary for the celebration to happen; to all our sponsors and those who donated items for the auction; to Sue Dow for her diligence and “beyond the call of duty” work over the past several months on our behalf – to each and every one of you who answered the call , THANK YOU. Your generosity of time, talent, spirit and energy have ensured that the work of Habitat for Humanity, Cornerstone and this parish will continue to shine as beacons of hope for those on the margins of our society in this city. Thank you to everyone who, like Samuel answered the call of the Lord, “Whom shall I send?” with a simple and yet profound “Here we are, Lord – send us.”

SERMON – JUNE 20, 2010

For the past thirty-four years, I have been both honoured and privileged to be a part of a number of parishes in the diocese. Each has brought with it its share of joy and sorrow, tears and laughter and each has been a part of my growing life as a priest in the Church. BUT... I have never been as proud and humbled as I am now to be a part of this magnificent family here at St. Richard's. Three weeks ago, many of us were on the brink of desperation, wondering if the A Roof For All concert would work or not. Then, you stepped up the plate and look what you did! Not only did you help us to reach our financial goal for Cornerstone, Habitat for Humanity and our own parish, but you put forward the most impressive footprint for all to see – so many comments to me and others about the infectious joy and commitment demonstrated to friend and stranger alike as they entered our community last Sunday afternoon. This was the result of the Spirit moving among us and a lot of hard work and prayer- it is a demonstration of what CAN happen when we really believe St. Paul when he said, "We are all one in Christ" and we not only believed this, but put it into action. In spite of our humanness and our frailties of personality and vision, we came together in faith and commitment to what we believed was what we had been called by the Lord to do and we turned it all over to Him. I simply want to thank everyone who in ways both great and small were a part of our commitment to Christ and His ministry of servant hood – to Ben, Janet, Caralyn , Phyllis. Audrey, Garth. Buzz, Marie and Jeanette, Andre, Liz; to all who volunteered to help them in this often-overwhelming task, to all who gave generously to the auction, to those who provided food and other refreshments, to those who both set up and cleaned up, to all our sponsors, both corporate and individual – you all showed that there is a great and generous heart in our city which beats for justice and equity for all. I am stunned and still walking some feet off the ground as I think about the monumental task which faced us but six months ago and the end result – a time of incredible fellowship, a pause from the hectic pace of our lives to simply sit and enjoy awesome music, an opportunity to show just how big St. Richard's heart is and to demonstrate that you don't need to be big in numbers to serve the world. All that matters is the largeness of the heart and the largesse of the Spirit and you, faithful children of our Lord, shone with such a light of hope and caring for those who stand on the margins in our city and wonder if anyone really cares about them. You have answered their unspoken question with a resounding "YES, WE DO"; to those who did not believe that we were capable of "pulling this off", we simply say, "YES WE CAN and YES, WE DID!" Thank you for helping me to once again see the power of Christ at work in the lives of such ordinary folk as we; thank you for helping me to forget about my own aches and pain for awhile; thank you for your faithful response to our God's cry, "Whom shall I send?"; thank you for your generosity of spirit, time, energy and gifts of all sorts and varieties. Thank you, thank you, thank you – now rest, good and faithful servants because, as one young person said to me during the concert, "Rev, you done good" and I answered, YES, YES WE did!

Fr. Michael



"A Roof for All" coordinating committee

Thanks for Your Contributions & Support

After five months of planning, organization & preparation, "**A Roof for All**" has finally come & gone. A project of this magnitude cannot be 'a one-person show' or 'a game for the chosen few' -- it was the hard work & gentle collaboration of many. We have pulled through with flying colours, both financially & in fellowship! This event would not have been such a success (as remarked & echoed by all) without the demonstrated dedication, contributions & support of everyone involved.

With God's blessing, St Richard's "**A Roof for All**" was able to raise over \$24,000 (the most significant amount in this Parish's history), in support of the Cornerstone Housing-for-Women Ministry, Habitat for Humanity (National Capital Region) & the Church own Roof Project. The proceed will allow St Richard's to "sponsor a room" at Cornerstone's new facility on Booth Street and to assist in providing the much-needed funding for Habitat's housing projects in this Region. Of note, this fundraising event will reduce to zero the owing-balance of St. Richard's Roof Fund while any surplus will be used to replenish the Capital Reserve.

I have listed hereafter some statistics (as at June 27), which may be of interest:

Number of attendees at "A Roof for All" (**including Musicians**): >330

Number of individuals assisting in the project (**Musicians, Team Leaders/Members & Volunteers**): >125

Total Income: \$26,300

Total Expense: \$2,300

Net Income: \$24,000

Income from Sponsorships & Major Donations: \$8,000

Income from 'Donations for Tickets': \$9,280

Income from Other Donations: \$2,340

Income from Auction: \$6,680 [**\$2,690 from Silent Auction + \$3,990 from Live Auction**]

Number of Auction-Item Donors: 70 [**22 Parishioners + 48 friends/associates**]

Number of Auction-Items: 88 [**70 for Silent Auction + 18 for Live Auction**]

Range of Winning-Bids for the Auctioned Items: \$8--\$500 [**\$8--\$92 Silent Auction, \$75--\$500 Live Auction**]

Janet & I are blessed to be members of the St. Richard's Family and, under the Roof of St. Richard's, we feel privileged having had the opportunity to work with so many of you on this important project. Despite a few glitches during the process, I believe this great team at St Richard's has accomplished something amazing for which we are all thankful. I would like to take this opportunity to express a deep appreciation to all the Musicians & Volunteers for their contributions & support. In particular, a BIG THANKYOU to the Team Leaders (**in alphabetical order**): Phyllis Driscoll (**Donations for Tickets**), Buzz Dumaresq (**Ushers**), Andre Gagnon

(Physical Set-up), Liz Gagnon **(Promotional Materials Design)**, Garth Hampson **(Music Program)**, Audrey Lawrence **(Sponsorship & Major Donation)**, Jeanette Low **(Refreshment Service)**, Marie McGahan **(Refreshment Preparation)**, Ben Tsang **(Promotion & Marketing)**, Janet Tsang **(Auction – Coordinators: Caralyn Tierney & Daphane Mifflin)**. Father Michael's nurturing and support was also vital in its success. Well done, folks!

The monies generated by "**A Roof for All**" will help to advance St. Richard's missions, but hopefully the transforming nature of this project will be of primary significance. What an opportunity it was for a stewardship development! I hope you will join Janet & me in finding satisfaction and taking pride to say "I am glad that I have been involved -- it was no doubt hard work but a lot of fun too!"

Ben Tsang
Chair, "A Roof for All" Coordinating Committee

IS ST. RICHARD'S A HEALTHY PARISH?

Paul Dumbrille

Whether we want to admit it or not, the current trend is that St. Richard's is slowly diminishing in numbers and we are getting older, with fewer younger people. We are faced with deciding whether we want to be healthy and grow or whether to just keep on doing things as we are doing now and living with the current trend?

Eric Driscoll and I were among a number of people from our diocese who participated in the Natural Church Development (NCD) workshop led by Dave Robinson (Diocese of Toronto) and Bill Bickle (NCD Canada) at the Diocesan Stewardship Conference held in May in Kemptonville.

Natural Church Development is an organic system based approach to congregational health and vitality which was developed by Christian Schwarz (a European Lutheran). After an initial research study of 1000 congregations from 32 countries on six continents, Schwarz identified 8 quality characteristics that are present in healthy congregations. His conclusion is that congregations will grow naturally if they are healthy and give attention to each of these 8 elements. The 8 elements are:

- ✘ **"empowering leadership"**
- ✘ **"gift-oriented ministry"**
- ✘ **"passionate spirituality"**
- ✘ **"functional structures"**
- ✘ **"inspiring worship service"**
- ✘ **"holistic small groups"**
- ✘ **"need-oriented evangelism"**
- ✘ **"loving relationships".**

The essential idea of NCD is that a survey is done with a series of questions answered by a cross section of members of the congregation, and a score established of the health of parish in each of these 8 areas. The scores come from information supplied by people in the parish not by outsiders.

The parish is then encouraged to spend at least a year looking at and addressing the area that shows the lowest score. Addressing the area with the lowest score becomes the highest priority of the parish. For example if the results of the survey showed that the lowest score at St. Richard's was that of "passionate spirituality", then the parish would spend a year exploring, discussing, and experimenting with ways to enhance the spirituality of individuals and the parish as a whole. After a year a new survey is done and once again the area with the lowest score would be addressed, be it still be "passionate spirituality", which would indicate more effort is required in this area, or a new area such as "holistic small groups", which then becomes the focus for the next year. And so on.

In this way, the overall health of the parish is continually improving. The parish is pulling itself up and becoming healthier each year by concentrating on one area and not trying to do too many things. Results have shown that healthy parishes also grow and are more life-giving and faithful.

If you are interested in finding out more about Natural Church Development, sample NCD resources can be borrowed through the diocesan resource centre; contact Neil Gorman at resource-centre@ottawa.anglican.ca, or (613) 233-6271 ext 222. Copies of NCD Canada information can be found at www.ncdcanada.com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Have you been searching for an opportunity to discuss your faith with others? Do you have questions about what you believe, and why? Do you feel drawn to explore new ways of living your Christian faith? Do you want to find out about different spiritual disciplines you might try? Are you interested in ideas and concrete actions you can take to promote environmental stewardship – taking care of God's earth? Do you wish you were more comfortable in sharing your faith with others and becoming a missional church?

There are all kinds of ways we could grow together in faith – discussion groups, bible or book studies, video series, workshops, retreats, mission activities, small groups, ... These are all ideas for spiritual growth and development opportunities that could be offered at St. Richard's this fall/winter. If you have preferences, or other suggestions, please contact Wendy Birkinshaw Malo at 613-260-0631 or wbirkinshaw@rogers.com. Details on programming to follow in early September.

ST. RICHARD'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – We Need YOU!!

Our church school season has drawn to a close! This year we had a small but faithful group of children who joined us most Sundays. A special service on Christmas Eve was particularly enjoyable, drawing back many children and families who have not been with us on a more regular basis. Our original hope of providing additional child-focused activities and services did not go forward as planned, due to lack of teachers/helpers to design, prepare and deliver these events. During the summer months, our children's activity table will continue to be available for quiet time during the service (books, colouring, word puzzles, etc.).

Many thanks to our very dedicated teachers who have been constant and caring in leading our youngsters this year, particularly to Janet Jakubowski, James Hall, Laurie Nelson, Jen McCourt, and Nat Birkinshaw, and to Randy Mifflin who has played music during our children's worship time each Sunday. Your ministry is greatly appreciated! For the latter half of the year, Janet and James have been particularly committed, teaching each Sunday without the opportunity to attend church to worship with the larger community.

Due to various reasons, our teaching staff has been shrinking. We would like to return to a team teaching approach for Sunday mornings next year in order to provide support and back-up and opportunities for each teacher to take a break and attend the church service from time to time. In order to allow this, we will need more volunteers to participate in our children's ministry. It's a great way to connect with the youngest members of our parish family, while sharing your wisdom and experience (no matter how much you have of either!!). You might choose to volunteer once a month, or for a particular season, or a few weeks at a time, or on a back-up basis – anything would be appreciated.

We would also like to offer regular children's/family activities outside of Sunday morning. This might include workshops on a particular theme, or a particular time of the church year. They would be opportunities to introduce newcomers to the Christian life and encourage spiritual learning for whole families, of any composition. In order to do this, we would need volunteers to lead and help in organizing such events; would you be willing to consider selecting or developing one idea and take on the planning to be able to welcome families at such an event?

If St. Richard's is truly interested in growing into a vibrant parish, we need to be committed to welcoming and including all our members – and to finding ways to connect with new families, in a fashion that presents the message of Jesus in a practical, relevant way to their lives. How committed are you to an exciting, dynamic ministry for families and young people in our parish? Do you have skills or interests or talents or ideas to offer and share with families? Can you pray for our children's ministry or help with behind-the-scenes planning or organizing? Do you have craft supplies or ideas that might be put to good use? Musical talents to share and develop? Why not get involved?

We would love to be able to offer monthly Christian-focused activities for families within our broader community, as well as a fun and friendly Christian learning opportunity on Sunday mornings, but we need YOU! Training, support and encouragement are available for all those who feel they might be interested. Please prayerfully consider over the summer how you might contribute to these parish ministries, and feel free to contact Wendy Birkinshaw Malo (wbirkinshaw@rogers.com or 613-260-0631) for more information on how you can get involved and share your gifts with our families, children and young people.

Many thanks for your support to this ministry.

WE, BEING MANY, ARE ONE BODY FOR WE ALL SHARE IN THE ONE BREAD

(Book of Alternative Services – Eucharistic Breaking of the Bread)

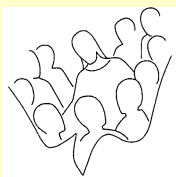
In his book *NEW ERA, NEW CHURCH*, Steven Chalke quotes Joel Edwards, “Identity, belonging, care. That is still what most people in our fragmented world are crying out for. People still want to know that they are valued and belong. The Church as the family of God is supremely placed to offer that sense of belonging” and Robert Frost who said, “Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in. “

Chalke adds, “We seem to live in an increasingly dysfunctional, isolationist society. Never before have so many lived alone” and this is where the Church, from day one, has been called – to be present to all the “Nowhere” men and women who stand at our doors and wonder why no one hears their knock! From the get-go, the Christian Church has seen herself as a community of persons committed to bringing The Kingdom to others through prayer, celebration, reflection and above all else, COMMUNITY. But, somewhere along the line, the idea of COMMUNITAS has slipped off many radars.

This Fall, I will be offering the last of the Kingdom series which began two years ago with a study of the Beatitudes and this time together will centre of the idea of being the Body of Christ. We will look at how Jesus saw community, how Paul took the Jesus vision and ran with it, and how we, as the inheritors of the faith, might be able to rekindle the fire of COMMUNITY in our parish.

The starting date has yet to be determined (schedules that are at this time somewhat fuzzy!) but it will begin in late September or early October. PLEASE HOLD ME IN PRAYER AS I USE THE GENTLENESS OF SUMMER TO DEVELOP THIS STUDY as much for myself as for all of us.

FR. MICHAEL



CHANGING THE WORLD, ONE MICRO-LOAN AT A TIME

Have you ever watched news stories about poverty around the world, and wondered how you could help? Have you ever wished you could directly touch peoples’ lives in meaningful ways that would make a difference, even in faraway places? Have you ever heard of micro-credit???

About a year ago, I was introduced to Kiva, an online micro-credit organization that puts people who want to help in touch with people in developing countries who are in need of assistance in the form of a small loan. Having lived for some years in central Africa during the 1990s, I saw firsthand the amazing difference that small amounts of seed money can make when it gets into the hands of enterprising people who want to work their way out of poverty to make better lives for themselves and their children. When I saw how Kiva operates, I could

immediately see the possibilities for sharing the blessings God has given me, with his children around the world.

Kiva works with international non-governmental organizations (like World Vision and Save the Children) and local groups to identify entrepreneurs in need of a loan to get started. It may be something like raising and selling chickens or pigs, or making and selling crafts like clay pots or jewellery, or collecting and recycling materials from local communities, or selling clothing or office supplies or fruits and vegetables – the possibilities are really endless. A profile of each potential entrepreneur is developed and posted by Kiva online, telling where they live, what they want to do, how much they need, and which local organization is sponsoring them. Lenders (like us) have the option of picking to whom and for what we want to make a loan, and loans are made in \$25 (USD) increments. They are repaid over time according to a repayment schedule (usually a year or less), at which point the lender has the option of recovering their money or reinvesting it.

Since last September, I have made 8 loans to people in various countries, in support of many different kinds of businesses. So far, two of these loans have been fully repaid (so I could re-lend the money!), four have been 60 to 90% repaid, and the last two are newer and have not yet started repaying. I have found Kiva to be a really simple way to reach out to others who are trying to make a better life for themselves and their families. And it's a lot of fun to follow these entrepreneurs as they receive their loans, start or expand their businesses, and begin to re-pay – a sign that they are succeeding in becoming more economically stable.

Since its inception in November 2005, Kiva has facilitated loans in excess of \$140M USD, to over 350,000 entrepreneurs in 53 countries (82% of these loans have been to women), with an average repayment rate of over 98%! This represents an incredible transfer of wealth from richer to poorer countries, and is such a simple but powerful means of sharing with and empowering those in need. It's hard to imagine what a difference these loans have made in the lives of those who have received them – giving them not only a chance to be self-sufficient and care for their families, but also hope for their future.

A small group of us at St. Richard's decided to get involved with Kiva, and also to create a "lending team" so that we could see how our collective efforts could make a bigger difference. If you want to join us, it's really simple! Go to www.kiva.org and click on "register" at the very top of the page. You can create your own account, giving as much or as little information about yourself as you like. Then, if you want to join our St. Richard's team, click on the tab called "community" and search for "St. Richard's" (or go to <http://www.kiva.org/team/st-richards-ottawa> – and click on "join team").

You're all set! Then you can find an entrepreneur you want to loan money to, and watch their business grow!

We already know that St. Richard's members have a big heart for outreach ministries, both within our community and beyond. Kiva gives us one more way to get involved and to help people in far-flung corners of the world in a relatively simple, safe, and affordable way. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Wendy Birkinshaw Malo at:

(wbirkinshaw@rogers.com or 613-260-0631) or

Eric Driscoll at: (eric.driscoll@hotmail.com or 613-823-4529).

SEEKING A NEW TREASURER

Gayle Ascah has been our Treasurer for many years and she would like to pass the torch to someone new. She is certainly willing to train the incoming Treasurer and to provide support throughout the first year. In addition, there are others familiar with our finances that would also be happy to provide support. This is also a position which could be shared if two people would like to do so. It requires a computer (which can be provided, if necessary) and the software currently used is "Quick Books". If you are interested in this position, please speak with Eric Driscoll, June Jordan or Carl Jakubowski.

The Treasurer is appointed by the Corporation to oversee the financial accounting processes, procedures and record keeping of the parish. The term of the appointment is whatever time period is agreed to by the Treasurer and the Corporation. The Treasurer attends all meetings of the Corporation, although only the Incumbent and Stewards are members of the Corporation. The Treasurer is a member of the Parish Council.

TREASURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES

1. Keep the financial records of the parish, accounting for all assets and liabilities (in accordance with decisions of Vestry, the Corporation and the Diocese), in a reasonable, ethical and legal manner.
2. Supervise the timely payment of ordinary operating expenditures, including payroll. For irregular or non-operating expenditures, obtain permission/approval from the appropriate authority.
3. Manage all financial assets and investments.
4. Ensure bank statements are reconciled with the accounts.
5. Prepare formal end-of-year financial reports.
6. Prepare financial sections of the annual Vestry Report.
7. Prepare year-end tax information including GST rebate application.
8. Assist with financial planning including preparation of the annual budget.
9. Prepare periodic financial reports to allow the Corporation to make financial decisions and monitor financial health of the parish during the year, and prepare financial reports for the bulletin from time to time.
10. Ensure that the Parish Secretary/Administrator keeps the necessary financial records on a day-to-day basis.
11. Provide advice and guidance to the Corporation on financial matters.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

When we set our budget for this year, we targeted a 4.4% growth in "Donations for Parish Expenses" as well as budgeting a \$12,700 target for our roof replacement fund. In the first 5 months, we've seen a decline of 6.7% in our general donations. On the bright side, we had raised 97% of our 2010 roof replacement funding target by the end of May... and that was before we held the "Roof for All" concert.

That success on the roof funding target is attributable to several factors. Many parishioners made a concerted effort to make extra donations for our roof repairs, we've also had a large boost from memorial donations in recent months, and some parishioners redirected their normal givings to the roof. With the concert added in, we've reached our overall roof funding target.

Given this success, your Corporation would like you to review your givings for the remainder of this year so we can bring a renewed focus to our broader goals of maintaining St. Richard's as a place of worship, increasing our opportunities to grow closer as a caring, connected community, and continuing to actively support outreach projects and pastoral care in our parish, city, diocese and around the world.



4th Annual Photo Exhibit

Theme: Where do feel most at peace? A photo of where you go to get away from it all.

Format: Colour or black and white

5 – 7 Vertical or horizontal

Caption required

Mounting paper and templates will be provided

Participation

Anyone with a digital or film camera

No limit to number of photos submitted

No judging or grading of photos

Mounted photos will be returned

FALL 2010

September 7: Nearly New Shop re-opens

September 12: Sunday morning **Children's Church School** begins on **September 12** at the 10 am service!!

The 9 am Sunday morning **Adult Bible Study** meets again starting **September 12**. Each week's session examines the day's Gospel reading and how we can apply it in our lives today. All are welcome!!

DAILY READINGS: JULY – SEPTEMBER

For many, the Bible seems to be an almost insurmountable book – so much to read and we don't know where to begin! One way is to spend a little time EACH DAY with the "sacred text" and over the summer, these readings might help you to "break into" the treasure that is the Scriptures:

A GUIDELINE ABOUT HOW TO `DO` BIBLE READING...

One of the ways of studying the Scriptures is to use what is called the Lectio Divina, a form which draws from the Rule of St. Benedict . This community lived under three elements: liturgical prayer, manual labour and thoughtful reading of the Scriptures (this is the lectio). Our "version" of the lectio divina comes from Guigo II, the Prior of Grande Chartreuse in the Twelfth Century.

LECTIO: read the Scripture passage slowly and attentively several times (out loud is best)

MEDITATIO: spend time silently thinking about the text

ORATIO: pray to the Lord about the text you've just read and meditated on, praying about whatever arises from the Meditatio

CONTEMPLATIO: final silent thinking about the text and a rereading of the text

OPERATIO: what can I DO about what has happened in the Lectio Divina moment?)

(from Between Sundays, based on the Revised Common Lectionary)

July 1: Deuteronomy 32: 15-27, 39-43

July 2: Galatians 4: 8-20

July 3: Psalm 140

July 4: Isaiah 66: 10-14, Psalm 66: 1-9, Galatians 6: 1-16 Luke 10: 1-20

July 5: Jeremiah 6: 10-19

July 6: Jeremiah 8: 4-13

July 7: Luke 9: 1-6

July 8: Joshua 23: 1-16

July 9: Acts 19: 21-41 July 10: Psalm 119: 73-80

July 11: Amos 7: 1-17 Psalm 82, Colossians 1: 1-14 Luke 10: 25-37

July 12: Genesis 41: 14-36

July 13: Genesis 41: 37-49

July 14: John 3: 16-21

July 15: Leviticus 19: 104, 32-37

July 16: James 2: 14-16

July 17: Psalm 25

July 18: Amos 8: 1-12 Psalm 52, Colossians 1: 15-28 Luke 10: 38-42

July 19: Exodus 18: 1-12
 July 20: Proverbs 9: 1-18
 July 21: Luke 8: 4-10
 July 22: Deuteronomy 12: 1-12
 July 23: Colossians 1: 27 – 2:7
 July 24 Psalm 119: 97-104
 July 25: Hosea 1: 2-10 Psalm 85, Colossians 2: 6-19 Luke 11: 1-13
 July 26: Esther 3: 7-15
 July 27: Esther 7: 1-10
 July 28: Luke 8: 22-25
 July 29: Job 22: 21 – 23:17
 July 30: Colossians 2:16- 3:1
 July 31: Psalm 55: 16-23

August 1: Hosea 11: 1-11 Psalm 107: 1-9, 43, Colossians 3: 1-11 Luke 12:13-21
 August 2: Ecclesiastes 2: 1-17
 August 3: Ecclesiastes 3: 16 – 4:8
 August 4: Luke 12: 22-31
 August 5: Ecclesiastes 12: 1-8, 13-14
 August 6: Colossians 3: 18-4:5
 August 7: Psalm 127
 August 8: Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20 Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23, Hebrews 11: 1-7, 17-28 Luke 12: 32-40
 August 9: 2 Chronicles 33: 1-17
 August 10: 2 Chronicles 34: 22-33
 August 11: Luke 12: 41-48
 August 12: Jeremiah 33: 14-26
 August 13: Hebrews 11: 1-7, 17-28
 August 14: Psalm 89: 1-18
 August 15: Isaiah 5: 1-7 Psalm 80: 1-2,8-19
 Hebrews 11: 29 – 12:2 Luke 12: 49-56
 August 16: 1 Samuel 5: 1-12
 August 17: 1 Samuel 6: 1-16
 August 18: Luke 19: 45-48
 August 19: Joshua 7: 1, 10-26, Hebrews 12: 18-29 Luke 13: 10-17
 August 23: Nehemiah 13: 15-22
 August 24: Ezekiel 20: 1-17
 August 20: Hebrews 10: 26-39
 August 21: Psalm 32
 August 22: Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Psalm 71: 1-6
 August 25: Luke 6: 1-11
 August 26: Acts 17: 1-9
 August 27: Hebrews 12: 3-17
 August 28: Psalm 109: 21-31
 August 29: Jeremiah 2: 4-13 Psalm 81: 1, 10-16, Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14: 1, 7-14
 August 30: Isaiah 2: 5-7

September 1: Isaiah 57: 14-21
 September 2: Luke 14: 14-24
 September 3: 2 Chronicles 12: 1-12
 September 4: Hebrews 13: 7-21
 September 5: Psalm 119: 65-72
 September 6: Jeremiah 18: 1-11 Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14: 25-33