

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

GRADUAL Ps. 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

DAILY READINGS

October 1: Deut. 2:16-37; Matt. 6:16-34; **2:** Deut. 3:1-29; Matt. 7:1-12; **3:** Deut. 4:1-20; Matt. 7:13-29; **4:** Deut. 4:21-40; Matt. 8:1-17; **5:** Deut. 5:1-21; Matt. 8:18-34; **6:** Deut. 5:22-6:9; Matt. 9:1-17; **7:** Deut. 6:10-25; Matt. 9:18-38.

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† **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost** †
October 1, 2017

VERSE: Alleluia. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Alleluia. (Matt. 28:18b)

PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, You have used Your authority for the sake of serving the world and now enlivening Your congregation in the means of Your gracious Gospel good news. Grant us to live in Your living Word and Sacraments by faith and live under You in full confidence. Amen.

Sermon: *“Jesus is a Man of His Word Who Displays Virtuous Authority”* (Saint Matthew 21:28-32)

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Johnson

Liturgist: Pr. Steven Briel

Organist: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Prelude: I Come, O Savior, to Your Table (Wilbur Held; Richard Resch)

Anthems: Here I Stand/A Mighty Fortress (Larry Shackley);
 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (LSB 655)

Postlude: Fanfare in B Flat (Charles W. Ore)

Altar Guild:	Arlene Rogge & LuAn Schutte
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am: Joe Koehler 10:30 am: Ross Meyer
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Ushers:	8:00 am: Joe Koehler, Philip Koehler, Dan Orbin, Mike Orbin, Jerry Rogge 10:30 am: Randall Beyreis, Marv Cummins, Tim Lodholz, Dean Noren
Money Counters:	Randy Bredenberg, Scott Brockberg, Scott Kulberg, Russ Reznecheck

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Grace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Vance Milbrath.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for our Office Secretaries and for our many appreciated members of school support including Teacher Aides, Subs, Retirees, Admin Assistants, and Library volunteers.

SCHEDULE FOR THE LORD’S SUPPER: At the Reformation the Lutheran Churches celebrated the Lord’s Supper *“every Sunday and on other festivals”* (Apology XXIV, 1). We follow this fine custom and so offer the Lord’s Supper every Sunday at both morning Divine Services. Individual glasses are used in the 8:00 a.m. Divine Service on the first Sunday in the month and in the 10:30 a.m. Divine Service on the second Sunday in the month. All other celebrations use the chalice.

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TWO LARGE PRINT LSB HYMNALS NOW AVAILABLE: (4 NOTE-BOOKS) Please ask the ushers about the notebooks that are now available for those who have difficulties with small print hymns.

PARENTS: We’re happy you’ve brought your children to worship today. Jesus says, “The kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” If you must leave during the service for any reason, please be aware that there are also exits at the front of the sanctuary to the left and right; that you will be able to hear the service over loudspeakers in the entrance area and in the upper room to the left of the sanctuary; and that there is a changing table in the restroom near the elevator.

THE DIVINE SERVICE The Divine Service is the time when God serves His people with His forgiving grace in Word and Sacrament. It is not a time to be entertained. To show she is not a sect or cult the Lutheran Church retained the historic liturgy as much as was possible. The liturgical service makes no attempt to meet current cultural norms or personal needs but is the time when God comes in Word and Sacrament to meet our deepest spiritual needs. The Lutheran Church uses an ordered liturgy so that God’s holy “priesthood” can participate and “declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). The Augsburg Confession concludes, “It is quite clear that among us nothing in doctrine or ceremonies has been accepted that would contradict either Holy Scripture or the universal Christian Church (AC, Conclusion).”

INTROIT Ps. 147:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 147:6

The Lord lifts up the | humble;*
 he casts the wicked | to the ground.
 Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*
 for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.
 The Lord builds up Je- | rusalem;*
 he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.
 He heals the broken- | hearted*
 and binds | up their wounds.
 He determines the number | of the stars;*
 he gives to all of | them their names.
 Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*
 his understanding is beyond | measure.
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
 The Lord lifts up the | humble;*
 he casts the wicked | to the ground.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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- Since the Lord’s Supper is testimony of our unity in the faith, the Sacrament is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
- Visitors from sister LCMS congregations who agree with our doctrine and practice should announce your desire to commune to a pastor before joining us at the Lord’s Table.
- Members may prepare by reading Luther’s “Questions & Answers for those who intend to go to the Sacrament” (LSB 329-340).

OPENING HYMN: LSB 913

CONFESSION: LSB 167

INTROIT: (inside of bulletin)

KYRIE: LSB 168

GLORIA: LSB 170

SALUTATION: LSB 172

COLLECT

CHOIR—School Students:

“Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gradual

Responses: LSB 172-73

HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 655

SERMON

CREED: LSB 174

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE OFFERING

CHOIR—School Students:

“Here I Stand”

OFFERTORY: LSB 176 (“What Shall I Render to the Lord”)

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 177ff

DIST HYMNS: LSB 618, LSB 619

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 181

(“Thank the Lord”)

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 585

**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
October 1- October 7.**

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
Jason Christopher	Derek Howey Abel Orbin Grady Pollock
MONDAY	FRIDAY
Katie Borchering Emily Broberg Kelsey Latterell	Riley Gehl Emma Kanz Stephen Kruse Emily Weishaar
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Heaven Knutson Gavin Glenn Abby Weinhandl	Sandra Scott
WEDNESDAY	
Joshua Glock Nichole Schilling	

If you notice an update is needed, kindly advise the church secretary to make sure we have the correct information to publish.

Jr./Sr. High Youth

GET CONNECTED: Are you in 6th-12th grade? Are you a parent of a youth in 6th-12th grade? If you answered yes to either of those questions, then I want to hear from you! We have many youth group events throughout the year and I want to make sure YOU know about them. Please email me (Jayme Kruse) so that I can put you on the email list and keep you informed throughout the year! - jayme.kruse@gmail.com Also, be sure to request to join the "St. John's Youth Group" private group on FB!

**Please lock all doors before leaving this building.
If you unlock to enter, please lock as you leave!**



**† Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost †
October 1, 2017**

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: *no special feast days this week.*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort— Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Tony Stadler, Bill Radintz (son of Paul & Diane), Bill Wacker, Dorothy Schutte, Gail Ledstrom, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Bruce O'Hern, Dana Rossow, and Doris Gangelhoff. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

Our homebound members are Linda Bredenberg, Dorothy Cooper, Sue Erickson, Alex & Audrey Hansen, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiede, Ilene Shepherd, and Bill Wacker.

All those serving in our Armed Forces— Drew (Virginia) and Rachel (Texas) Ellis, Agena Hamilton (Oklahoma), Nicholas Malikowski (California), Kevin Mazurowski (Idaho), Nathan Mazurowski (Texas), Brian and Veronica Pruhs (Hawaii), Joseph Radintz (home), Marty Schiltz (home), and Andrew Zupfer (home).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year— Al Berge and family; Ty Holthus and family (at the death of her mother Connie Oberle), Darla and Rod Priebe (at the loss of her father Leonard), Larry and Marcy Dalchow & family, Laurie and Randy Bredenberg (at the loss of her youngest brother), Lynn Slauson and family (at the death of her mother Ella Fritz), Jeri Bennett and family, the family of Francis Rol, Jane Kothrade and family (at the loss of her father Loren Zander), Karen Orth (at the loss of her mother Elaine Larson), Tim Kanz & family (at the loss of his father William), the family of Harold Bauermeister, Lori Kaiser & family (at the loss of her father Raymond Kinzler), Ed Kemna & family (at the loss of his brother Ted), the family of Marcella Faue, the family of Elaine Underdahl, Katy Briel & family and Erik Preus & family (at the loss of their mother Donna Preus), Dan Kolander & family (at the loss of his father Donald), and Marv Cummins & family (at the loss of his brother Larry), Gloria Burns & family (at the loss of her mother LaVonne Richert), and the family of Caroline Christophersen.

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones— Mark Coombs & family (at the loss of his father Paul).

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available the first Thursday of every month in the sanctuary from 6:30 until 7:00 pm or by appointment. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name. "If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

EACH QUARTER: FIVE COPIES OF LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER will be available to share with those who need this magazine in larger print.

"LUTHERAN HOUR" this week on WCCO 830 AM at 6:00 a.m., WWJO 98.1 FM at 7:30 a.m., and KRWC AM Buffalo at 9:30 a.m.

† Announcements †

MISSION: See Pastor David Preus's Summer Newsletter on the narthex table for the latest updates. Remember also the Rev. Daniel Jastram and his wife Joan who have been deployed to Japan and the Rev. Charles Wokoma in Nigeria. Your regular financial gifts are desperately needed by these missionaries; with your prayers and financial gifts you take part in our Lord's great commission to make disciples of all nations.

YEAR BY YEAR IN THE LIFE-WORK OF MARTIN LUTHER: In this 500th Anniversary year of the Lutheran Reformation (October 31, 2017) we will examine the background, history, main characters, and major events in the life and work of Martin Luther, moving year-by-year starting with 1517. If you have ever wondered how such an amazing event as the Reformation of the Christian Church could have come about or how Luther developed in his theology and what he actually wrote/taught or what all of this means for today come to the adult class in the Fellowship Hall between services each Sunday. This week "No Turning Back"—1521-1522
Next week "Singing & Chanting"—Luther 1523

THE PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE: If you have any questions about this process, please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the Call Committee:
Paul Dolan Brenna Koehler Erik Preus Phil Schutte
Theresa Gaffer Matt Kolander Sue Reznecheck Dennis Stieg
Ed Kemna Nicoleen Meyer Jerry Rogge Gary Volberding

THE COUNCIL OF DEACONS would like to thank Randy Beyreis, Phil Koehler, Ross Meyer, and Scott Kulberg for their service as Deacons. Additionally, we'd like to welcome Tom Eversman, Stu Glock, Mike Gaffer, and Dan Holthus as new Deacons.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration of the Bredenberg Family Baptisms today.

COLLECTIONS FOR PR. WOKOMA: School versus Congregation Challenge... We are so excited to announce that the race is so close. The school children have currently collected \$660.07 (not counting Friday's chapel) and the congregation has collected \$528! Today is the last day for our collection. Each group needs \$691.18 to pay for the 45 catechisms. Any extra money collected will be given as a cash gift to help pay for any extra airline baggage fees that Pastor Wokoma might be charged. Thank you for your amazing generosity and help with this teaching resource for his seminary students. Any questions contact Ruth at ruth.droogsma@stjlutheran.org

30th ANNUAL MN LUTHERAN FALL CONFERENCE: Topic is "What...the Church Is Good?" on Saturday, Oct 21st at Redeemer Lutheran Church in St. Cloud from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Speakers: Rev. Dr. Alvin Schmidt(St. Louis), Rev. James Strawn(IA), Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders(IA). \$25 registration (\$10 students) includes lunch: 320-252-8171 office@redeemerstcloud.org. Pre-registration by Oct 12th is required if the meal is desired. See posters and flyers for more information.

CELEBRATING 500 YEARS OF REFORMATION at Orchestra Hall, November 2nd, 3rd & 4th. There will be three concertos; one by Bach, another by Mendelssohn & a chorale. Some Lutheran Hymns will be included in the program. Tickets can be purchased at 612-371-5656 or at minnesotaorchestra.org.

This Week at St. John's Lutheran

TODAY: 8:00 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
K-8 Sing at Both Divine Services
9:15 am: Sunday School
9:30 am: Bible Study
10:30 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
5:00 pm: Robotics (Conf Rm-Upper Level)
7:00 pm: GALA Meeting (Conf Rm)
MON: 6:00 pm: Robotics (Conf Rm-Upper Level)
TUES:
WED: 6:00 pm: Public School Catechism
7:00 pm: Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
THUR: 7:00 pm: Table Tennis (Music Room)
12:00 pm: Deacon Reports due
FRI: 8:00 am: Chapel~4th Grade Sings
SAT:
SUN: 8:00 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
9:15 am: Sunday School
9:30 am: Bible Study
10:30 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
Annual Golf Tournament (Rush Creek)
1:00 pm: Robotics (Conf Rm-Upper Level)
5:00 pm:

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, October 8th:

Altar Guild: Arlene Rogge & LuAn Schutte
Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Jerry Rogge
10:30 am: Barron Cate
Acolytes: 8:00 am: Andrew Wandersee & Alexis Brockberg
10:30 am: Allie Cate & Dalton Cate
Ushers: 8:00 am: Joe Koehler, Philip Koehler,
Dan Orbin, Mike Orbin, Jerry Rogge
10:30 am: Randall Beyreis, Marv Cummins,
Tim Lodholz, Dean Noren
Money Counters: Mike DeSplinter, Mike McFerrin,
Courtney Oakland, Mark Schutte



CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of October are: Rice and Toothbrushes. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



4TH ANNUAL ST. JOHN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT: is *next Sunday October 8th* at Rush Creek Golf Club, 1pm SHOTGUN. No Vikings game that day. Bring your friends, neighbors, relatives and co-workers. Support St. John's!!

NURSERY HELP NEEDED: Do you love little kids? Would you like to help parents grow in faith? To encourage couples with small children to attend Bible class, the Board of Parish Education needs YOUR help to offer childcare in the nursery on Sunday mornings from 9:20-10:20am. Please contact Amy Becker at amy.becker@stjlutheran.org or at 920-207-4143 if you are interested in helping with this vital church ministry. We are looking

for great volunteers (18-100 years old)! Those 18 and younger may volunteer as long as one parent is also volunteering. Please consider volunteering a week or several, to help make this ministry possible at St. John's.

NURSERY CARE provided during the Education hour each Sunday from 9:20-10:20am began September 10. The room is staffed by a minimum of two nursery attendants. We provide care for infants 6 months to 3 years of age. The nursery is located to the west of the sanctuary, just past the Auxiliary Room. We encourage you to leave your child in our care while you attend Bible study. Contact Amy Becker at amy.becker@stjlutheran.org or at 920-207-4143 if there are any other questions.

THE 4TH ANNUAL ST. JOHN'S GALA will take place on Friday, November 10th at beautiful Rush Creek Golf Club in Maple Grove. This year's gala embraces the theme "Give Thanks, Give Back" and is a wonderful opportunity to support St. John's Lutheran Church and School. Proceeds will be used to update and enhance the building's technology resources as well as support the tuition assistance program for families in need. Enjoy a fabulous dinner followed by an evening of entertainment with silent and live auctions, dancing, and a concert featuring Bjorn Briel. Invitations request an RSVP to reserve your seating; don't miss out on the social event of the season!

GALA DONATIONS NEEDED

The Gala committee is currently seeking and graciously accepting donations for our 4th annual St. John's Gala. We would greatly appreciate donations for our silent and live auctions. Items such as: ● Vacations (airline tickets, condo rentals, hotels) ● Day Trips ● Sports or Horseback Riding Lessons ● Services (Auto repair, car wash, home services) ● Electronics ...and beyond, have all been big sellers in our auctions which directly support our church & school! Please contact Liz Glock (612-247-4794) with any questions or if you or someone you know would like to donate! Table sponsorships are also available, plus all businesses that donate or sponsor will be recognized through emails, handouts, flyers, and throughout the evening of the event! All donations are tax deductible. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

THANKS to all those who donated time and material for our recent Pro-Life Sewing Saturday. Three baby quilts, 18 tied fleece blankets, 27 taggy blankets, 13 receiving blankets, 3 flannel quilts, 4 pillowcases, and 5 items of baby clothing will be donated from St. John's to City Life Center and Anoka Women's Source.

LOST & FOUND: A red umbrella has been left in the sanctuary and is now in the last pew. Please claim it if it is yours.

CHOIR HAS BEGUN! Come join us, Wednesdays 7-8 in the Sanctuary. All abilities and adult voices welcomed! High school aged youths are especially encouraged to attend (it counts toward volunteer hours, looks great on a college application). We have much to celebrate with the 500th anniversary of the Reformation taking place this year. See Dr. Rossow for details.

ANNUAL PORK CHOP DINNER: Thursday, Oct. 5th from 4:30 to 7pm at Life In Christ Lutheran Church in Albertville. Adult dinner tickets are \$10, Children's hot dog meal is \$5. Dine-in or carry-out! Advance tickets available: 763-497-3799.

OKTOBER MISSIONS FEST this Friday, October 6TH, 4:30-8:00pm, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Spring Lake Park. Family friendly 4th annual event: German foods, beverages, music and silent auction. Free will offering proceeds support mission work in Nigeria and Ghana.



PLEASE HELP: support new mothers and babies in need of basic items. Some Twin Cities new mothers, and fathers too, rely on pregnancy centers to help them. Not only do they receive material blessings, but also spiritual through weekly Bible studies. Our donated items will go to City Life Center in Minneapolis and Women's Source in Anoka. Please add your donations to the play pen in the narthex. Items needed:

City Life Center

- baby blankets
- diapers (any size)
- baby wipes
- onesies
- bibs

Women's Source

- baby blankets
- boy clothes (any age)
- bottles of pre-mixed formula
- car seats
- 2T & 3T coats, hats, sweaters, mittens

For mothers

- deodorant
- toothpaste
- shampoo/conditioner
- mouthwash
- bar soap

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Items received by the end of the day on Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. If there is an accompanying flyer or insert, kindly provide the information by the Monday beforehand to allow appropriate processing time to accommodate your posting. Thank you!!

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday, September 24th: 8:00 am: CT: 166 CM: 132
10:30 am: CT: 147 CM: 106

FINANCIAL UPDATE	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
	09/24/17	since 07/01/17
Offerings Received	\$ 10,359	\$ 160,336
Amount Needed	\$ 13,635	\$ 177,255
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (3,276)	\$ (16,919)
% Ahead (-Behind)	-24%	-10%

Please contact the Church Treasurer Chad Brown (763-276-4736) or Finance Deacon Randy Beyreis (763-222-8729) if you have any questions on St. John's financial condition.

SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S! Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event! The Secretary keeps a main calendar and all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar!