

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JOHN 1:1-18 AND MARK 7:24-37

“CRUMBS TO WHOLENESS GIVEN”

Jesus’ healing and reaching out to those in the periphery challenges us all.

Who are the insiders? Who are the outsiders?

Crumbs from the Bread of Life will suffice forever.

ANTECOMMUNION

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024
SERVICE OF ANTECOMMUNION
16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*
** Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Offertory on St. Elizabeth”

John S. Dixon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. You shall have no other gods.**
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.**
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**
- 4. Honor your father and mother.**
- 5. You shall not murder.**
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.**
- 7. You shall not steal.**
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife or (husband).**

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Mark 12:28-31

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
 O fallen human race!
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
 be now and ever giv'n
 by saints below and saints above,
 the church in earth and heav'n.

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***THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

2 Corinthians 13:13

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.**

***THE KYRIE**

Mark 10:47

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison: Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy.

***GLORY TO GOD**

Luke 2:14, John 1:29

Refrain:

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

Verse 1:

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain***

Verse 2:

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain***

Verse 3:

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain***

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

C: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

WORD

MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All who want to come forward for the Message are welcome to do so.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ISAIAH 35:4-7a (pg. 652)

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146



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1. Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

2. I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Refrain

3. Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

4. When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish. the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

5. Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

6. who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

7. who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

Refrain

8. The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

the Lord loves the righteous.

9. The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

10. The Lord shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

JOHN 1:1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. Memory verse is in bold.

*Creation : Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges: + Kings and Prophets : Exile :
Restoration : 2nd Temple : + **JESUS** : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation*

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68

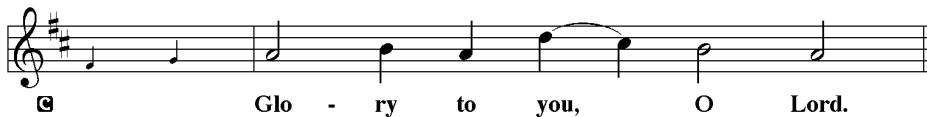
Alleluia. Lord to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*GOSPEL

MARK 7:24-37

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:

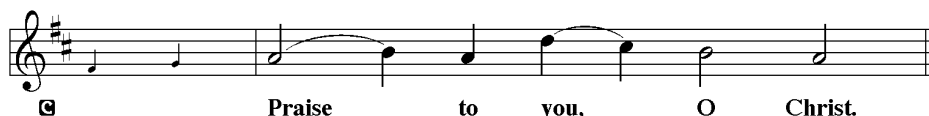


²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Crumbs to Wholeness Given”

The Coming of Jesus

Desperation

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I want to control who gets mercy, which outsiders are welcome.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Jesus receives the outsider and ultimately saves all who trust in Him.

So What? Trust the power of Jesus now and forever. Recognize the dynamics of insiders and outsiders in your sphere of influence. Choose to practice hospitality



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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*THE APOSTLES' CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven and
sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Philippians 4:7

P: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

"A Little Suite"

CHAPEL RINGERS

Douglas Wagner

***OFFERTORY**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalms 51:10-12

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(In Unison)

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

AM: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

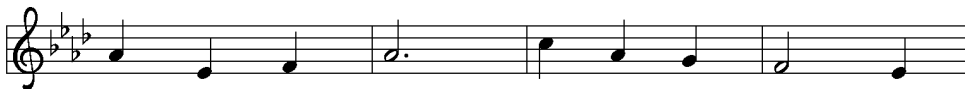
SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Earth and All Stars!"

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1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Vivace"

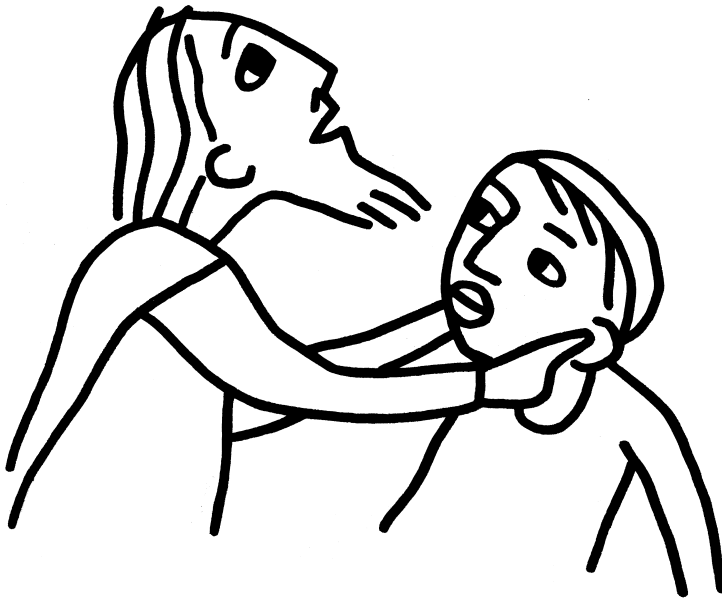
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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Henry and Debra Hoffman in honor of their 50th Anniversary and Matt's birthday.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant Susan Hibsche
Filling In For Director of Music Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister Norman Overcash
Lector Ratchford Family
Acolyte Cameron Bell
Crucifer Christian Mull
Head Ushers Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR Gene Weaver
Council Members of the Month Drew Carpenter & Steve Ritchie



PARISH NEWS

GENERAL INFORMATION: If your family is in need of a **nursery** attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our attendants. **Restrooms** are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE: This QR code goes straight to the “Easy Tithe” page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.



LUTHER CHOIR: Luther Choir begins **September 8th** in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Outreach Committee will be hosting a blood drive **Wednesday, September 11th** from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Please call 1-8-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit REDCROSSBLOOD.org and enter: LutheranChapel to schedule an appointment.

REBECCA CIRCLE: Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Ann Edwards on **Monday, September 9th** at 7:00pm.

ESTHER CIRCLE: Esther Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, September 16** at 10:00am in the **Fellowship Hall**.

RALLY DAY: Please join us for *Rally Day* on Sunday, **September 22nd** at 9:00am in the **Fellowship Hall**. Pick-up breakfast items will be provided as we gather for fellowship to “kick off” a new Sunday School year!

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at **the Captain’s Cap (Belmont)** on **Thursday, September 26** at 11am.

CHURCH PICNIC: Please mark your calendars to attend a church picnic for the congregation on Tuesday evening, **October 15th** at 6:00pm.

FALL VESPERS: All are invited to come for Wednesday night Vespers and fellowship at 7pm. Starting on **September 4th**, the historic Vespers liturgy will be sung. The focus in God’s Word is the Psalter. Time for prayer together using Luther’s Simple Way to Pray, news on the persecuted Christian Church, and fellowship afterwards are offered too. Come and see.

DAILY PRAYER

A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Each morning and evening, pray to the LORD. Sunrise, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1*).

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 37 September 8, 2024 to September 15, 2024

09/08 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 1—Evening Reading: Proverbs 3, 4, 5
09/09 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 2—Evening Reading: Proverbs 6, 7
09/10 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 3—Evening Reading: Proverbs 8, 9
09/11 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 4—Evening Reading: Proverbs 10, 11, 12
09/12 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 5—Evening Reading: Proverbs 13, 14, 15
09/13 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 6—Evening Reading: Proverbs 16, 17, 18
09/14 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 7—Evening Reading: Proverbs 19, 20, 21
09/15 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 8—Evening Reading: Proverbs 22, 23, 24

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, Steve Bell, Faye Anne Boyette, Pauline Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Renee Dockery, **Braxton Finch**, Kathy Finch, Baker Hampton, Doug Rhyne, Eula Ritchie, Kay Robinson, Pat Robinson, Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, and Gene & Myra Weaver.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: John Austin, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Bridget Costner, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, **Jennifer Hart**, Suzanne Ledford, Rita Pasour, Josie Putnam, Joye Rankin, Randy Reel, Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Becky Van Dyke, Susan Woody and Anthony Wynn.

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Wednesday, September 11 ~ Evening Prayer Service

Psalm 39 *"I Am a Sojourner with You"*

Thursday, September 12 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

John 1:1-18 *"Hymn to the Word"*

Sunday, September 15 ~ Holy Communion

Matthew 5:38-48 and Mark 8:27-38 *"Who Do You Say that I AM?"*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Sun-08	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	Luther Choir (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 am	Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)
	11:40 am	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon 09	8:30 am	Preschool
	7:00 pm	Rebecca Circle @ home of Ann Edwards
Tues-10	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringers
	7:00 pm	Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
Wed-11	8:30 am	Preschool
	2:00 pm	Blood Drive (Family Life Center)
	7:00 pm	Evening Service (Chapel)
Thur-12	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Chosen Mission Group (Pavilion/Chapel)
Fri-13	8:00 am	Private Event-All day (Family Life Center/Kitchen)
Sat-14	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)