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Have you ever wondered if your pets will be in Heaven with you? The Bible is silent about the subject. A little girl once asked me this question. I told her, with daring authority, "Heaven is a perfect place, and if it will take your pet to make heaven a perfect place for you, then I am sure your pet will be there."

These words hit home today. Deby and I just returned from the veterinarian's office where we said "Good-byes" to our beloved Pokey, our pound puppy dog of almost 17 years. Will it take Pokey's presence to make Heaven perfect for me? Definitely! There is no doubt in my mind that Pokey will greet us in Heaven with that stub of a tail he wagged whenever a family member petted him.

Sunday morning, we awoke to find Pokey starring at the wall. He seemed totally confused and disoriented. I was shocked, when moments later, I saw him lying in a huge puddle of his urine. That day, Pokey grew steadily worse. Soon he was very unsteady on his feet. He stumbled over small steps and often fell to the ground. At dinner that evening, Pokey did not take his constant position at Deby's right hand where he would pant non-stop and beg for food. I knew Pokey would not recover. The saddest development occurred that night when Pokey struggled and moaned, could not stand up, and wetted himself again and again. It was a long night. I only wished he would have some peace in his final hours. I prayed that Jesus would take him. Monday morning, Pokey was still alive, but he was finally at peace and no longer agitated.

That morning, when the veterinarian's office opened, we took Pokey for his final ride in the car. He hated going for rides in the car because he knew it meant that he would either get a shot at the vet's office or a haircut at the groomer's. But as Deby drove, a wonderful peace remained with Pokey until he took his final breath.

My morning devotion that day read, "It was in the year King Uzziah died that I (Isaiah) saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Attending him were mighty

seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings, they covered their faces; with two wings, they covered their feet; and with two wings, they flew. They were calling to each other, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!'"

From this passage, it is evident that "seraphim" are heavenly animals. If heavenly animals are in Heaven why aren't resurrected, earthly animals? It is said that when we get to Heaven we will get our wings. Maybe seraphim are our resurrected animals and they will get six wings, because we certainly have learned much about faith from our pets.

I had planned to have a "Blessing of the Pets Sunday." Now I'm glad I waited. This is an opportunity to memorialize our pets that have died as well as bless our pets that are still with us.

Here's the plan:

"Pets Blessing Sunday" will be October 14th. We will memorialize our beloved pets that have died during the 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. worship services. You will be asked to write down your name, your pet's name and breed, and a short sentence explaining why you feel your pet was a blessing from God.

After the morning service, we will go home, gather our pets and return to the church for a 10:45 a.m. service on the patio. PLEASE! All dogs must be leashed. Cats and other animals should come in kennels and/or other containers. We will introduce our pets and have them blessed.

This sounds like a great event to invite your friends and neighbors to join us as we honor our pets that mean so much to us. I am excited!

Pastor Rick

Finances and Attendance for September

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	5:00p.m.	Total
8/5	92	18	110
8/12	90	20	110
8/19	73	22	95
8/26	124	12	136

Aug. Offerings:	\$10,974.69
Aug. Expenses:	\$9,627.91
YTD Income:	\$94,650.63
YTD Expenses:	\$96,360.01
Operating Surplus:	\$6,555.18

Couples Bible Study

Pastor Rick and Deby has started a couples Bible study in their home most Thursday evenings at 7:00p.m. The study does not meet the second Thursday of each month when the church council is scheduled to meet. This is a discussion study on the Book of Romans called "Becoming New In Christ". Talk with Deby or Pastor Rick if you are interested.

News Notes for the Near Future

- First Communion instruction on Saturday, October 6th from 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m.
- Sunday, October 7th First Communion Sunday
- Monday, October 8th Feed the Homeless at 2:30p.m.
- Sunday, October 14th Pet Sunday
- Saturday, October 27th New Members class at 10:00a.m.
- Sunday, October 28th New Members Sunday at 9:00a.m. and 5:00p.m.

Healing Service and Prayer Shawl Dedication the first Sunday of each month

Our prayer team will be leading a healing service the first Sunday of every month following the 9:a.m. worship service. Please come whether you want to ask God for healing of either yourself or a loved one. The prayer team will add this opportunity to their offerings of prayer which already include prayer during the communion distribution at either the back of the church or the

"prayer loft" opposite the choir loft. At this service we will also dedicate prayer shawls that are hand-knitted by our members for the comfort and assistance of prayer that those shawls represent. How blessed we are and how blessed others will be to have these offerings of prayer.

God's Gifts

Our children's program began Wednesday, September 12th from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. with a family dinner at 6:00p.m. We had 15 children register for the first class. We will meet every Wednesday until November 14th. Come and give God's gifts a try. It is for children K-6th grade and is a take-home Bible lesson where children answer questions and memorize Bible passages for weekly prizes and a trip at the conclusion of the 10 weeks.

Orphanage Kitchen Cupboards

Congratulations on the \$1300 we raised for the kitchen cupboards for the orphanage we support in Mexico. Through the generosity of an anonymous supporter we were guaranteed success, but the gifts collected beyond that benefactor were over \$1100. Heaven rejoices with us!

Pet Sunday

On Sunday, October 14th we will start a new tradition at Carlton Hills. At the 9:00a.m. and the 5:00p.m. worship services we will publish a list of our pets that have died and a short description of how this pet was a blessing from God. Please use the form provided in the bulletin at the worship services prior to these services to include your pet on the list of those pets that will be honored in memorium.

Then at 10:45a.m. both worship services are invited to a blessing of our living pets on the church patio. Bring your living pets to be introduced and blessed. Maybe we will have pets that can show us a trick or two. Please all dogs on leashes, all cats in cages and all other pets in containers.

We seldom get to honor God the creator in worship and it is our pets that allow the blessing of the creator to be an active part of each of our

families. This will be a great opportunity to invite your friends and family to a special event that will touch many hearts.

Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers Urgently Needed!

An Open House was held September 10th for those interested in becoming Stephen Ministers. We did have several members who are interested in the Stephen Ministry, and interviews will begin shortly. However, and this is a big however, we are in need of more men Stephen Minister trainees. This is not to say we wouldn't also like more women. For some reason, it seems to be difficult to recruit male Stephen Ministers. We are so grateful for Ed, Bill and Jim. They have been so faithful in this "ministry" for several years. We also welcome back Russ Sarnecki who is a member of St. Columba Episcopal Church.

While we are pleading, we also need Care Receivers. We cannot stress enough that there is no shame admitting that one needs help with a problem or someone to talk to. Everyone at some point in life needs another ear to listen, or a shoulder to lean on. We all need hugs, or a pat on the back. Wasn't it wonderful of our Lord to teach us to give and to receive?

If you consider being a Stephen Minister, a care receiver, or just want more information then please speak to any of the Stephen Ministers. Ask them about the ministry, talk with our friend Jesus, and then hopefully call one of the leaders. Carol, Ed and Ellie's phone numbers are all in your church directory. We are waiting to hear from you.

Fall Festival

As you all know the Fall Festival was a very nice success. It accomplished all of the goals we set out to accomplish: 1) It was an excellent outreach tool. We even got some people from the neighborhood to start attending. Jim and his niece plan to come next Sunday as well. 2) We made some money for the General Fund. After receipts are all submitted, and after Thrivent puts in the matching funds, we hope to realize a profit of over \$4,000.00. That is incredible. (The final number will be out once all

the receipts are in.) 3) This event helped many of us to get to know each other better and become more involved with our religious family and home. I know I feel a lot closer to many of you than I ever did before. It was wonderful spending so much quality time with so many of you.

I would like to send out a very very special thank you to a few people that made this event such a huge success:

Mike Diorio - Thank you so much for all the clean-up efforts to make our church campus presentable for the event. Then the tremendous effort setting up and cleaning up. Without

you on the job, then event would not have been so well put together and organized. Thank you so much Mike.

Darrel Timan - Wow, you are a one man shopping dynamo! You were just incredible in pulling together the whole BBQ, food and drinks aspect. Then you jumped in and got the Silent Auction fired up to increase the bidding at the last minute. Not to mention all the hours you put in on cleaning up the campus and helping to set everything up on the day of the event. You made the event a truly profitable and enjoyable day. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

Nicole Davidson - Thank you so much for stepping up when there was no one else around to take the reigns and run the entire carnival. I know it was a lot to ask at the last minute (the night before and the day of the event), but you handled it with grace and it came out perfect. Thank you for giving the carnival your all. It really showed!

Kathleen Darland - I especially want to thank you for all your help. You worked tirelessly behind the scenes at every meeting, every work party, and anytime a need came up there you were with a smile and two very willing hands to help out. You may not have thought you were doing much, but you did so much to help in every area. All your hard work and heat stroke did not go unnoticed. Thank you for all your blood and sweat. (She even got injured helping!) You are a wonderful member of this team!

There were so many other people that were so helpful. Jeanna T., Diana C., Timan Kids, Tiffany

C., The Davidson Family, Ellie T., Terri F., Pam M., Belinda K., Linda G., The Diorio Family, Nancy F., P. Rick, Deby S., The Taylor Family, the Boy Scouts, The Salley Family, Vicki & Dick H., Jeremy H., Deanna S., The High-Up, Jim T., Bill & Mary, Misty T., Marvin H., Gary B., Fred & Norma B., Carrol D., Michelle Gilliam & Sisters - Jessica & Shonda, Dee & Herb R., Hustad Family, Robert Reid, all the people that baked, sold tickets, worked booths, donated items, built baskets, prepared, worked, and cleaned up after the event. I know I have missed a few names but it certainly was not on purpose. Thank you to all of you for making this event such a success.

Now, I invite you to a Follow-Up Meeting on Sept. 18th @ 6:30pm. While the event is fresh in our minds, we would like to brain storm about what went right, what went wrong, what we would like to do again and what we need to change for next time. Please join us and bring a friend if you would like to be apart of the fun next time, in early June.

Thank you all. God Bless. And I hope to see you there.

Corinne Reid

Texts for the Sundays in October

7th Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6
 Lamentations 3:19-26 (23) or Psalm 137 (7)
 2 Timothy 1:1-14
 Luke 17:5-10
 Color: Green

14th Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
 Psalm 66:1-12 (9)
 2 Timothy 2:8-15
 Luke 17:11-19
 Color: Green

21st Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34
 Psalm 119:97-104 (103)
 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
 Luke 18:1-8
 Color: Green

28th Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32
 Psalm 65 (11)

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 Luke 18:9-14
 Color: Green

October Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto
 Communion Assist.: 7, 14- Ellie, Darrel & Jeanna Timan 21, 28- Grace Otto & Ed Teichner
 Communion Care: Grace Otto
 Greeters: 7, 14- Francis family 21, 28- Sallay family
 Lector: 7- Marie Freeman 14- Gary Berglund 21, 28- Jeff Sallay
 Stephen Minister of the Day: 7- Bill Blue 14- Ellie Timan 21- Carol Davidson 28- Ed Teichner
 Ushers: Laura Vaughan, Norma Borgeson, Kathleen Darland, Marie Freeman, Betty Maxa, Mandy Vaughan

October Anniversaries

9 Thomas & Linda Gulliver
 25 Patricia & Stephen Maches

October Birthdays

2 Matthew Quintanilla
 4 Brian Setzer
 5 Betty Long
 5 Tiffany Coletti
 6 Ralph Beyer
 6 Geri Jones
 6 Matthew Priddy
 7 Mathew Callaway
 10 Vance Coletti
 10 James Smith
 11 Sherry Martin
 12 Candy Gomory
 14 Jeanna Timan
 14 Nicholas Johnson
 15 Jean Sevcik
 20 Marilyn Stewart
 21 Kathleen Darland
 23 Chandra Tonini
 24 Linda Gulliver
 25 Sara Paulsen
 27 Steven Maches
 28 Helen Humphries

(If anyone was missed, please call the church office, 448-1888)

Words from the Lord's Prayer

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