

# The Faith of a Steward

October 8, 2017

## GATHERING

Welcome  
Prayer

Jan Rheinheimer

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*  
Jeremy Botts, Songleader

Blue #369

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us come together with humility.

**People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

Leader: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words, let us come together with gentleness.

**People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

Leader: Though we may want everything to happen quickly, let us come together with patience.

**People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

Leader: Though the world around often encourages hate, let us come together in love.

**People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.**

Leader: In humility, gentleness, patience, love and unity,

**All: let us worship the God who has called us together.**

—Based on Psalm 133, *Words for Worship*

## PRAISING

*Thou True Vine, That Heals*  
*O Day of God, Draw Nigh*

Blue #373

Blue #370

Children's Story

Bill Blank

Music for Meditation  
*Etude #9 (Wohlfahrt)*

Kristen Burk

The Lord's Prayer

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Rick Law

Leader: Hear the Word of the Lord.

**People: Our ears are open.**

2 Corinthians 8: 1-15 (p. 941)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Don Rheinheimer

"Pathways to Generosity"

*From the Hands*

Blue #97

## SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Offering

Kristen Burk

*Etude #4 (Wohlfahrt)*

Affirmation of Eric Larson and Chelsea Tatum for the Pastoral Care Team

Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Announcements

## SENDING

*O God of Love, O Power of Peace*  
Benediction

Blue #368

## This Week's Activities

<b>Today</b>	Nursery: Jill B. Tsekouras, Cherith and Phoebe Lundin	10:00 AM
	Paul Reimer, Caroline Steelberg	11:15 AM
	Adult Classes	11:30 AM
	• <i>Talking Across the Political Divide in America</i> (Sanctuary) • <i>Mennonite Understanding of the Christian Faith</i> (Conference Room)	
	Pizza with the Pastors	12:15 PM
<b>Tue</b>	Lunch Bunch at Maxfields	12:00 PM
	Pastoral Care	7:30 PM
<b>Wed</b>	WOW Bible Study	9:30 AM
	Bible Study	7:00 PM
<b>Sat</b>	Pastor Congregation Relations Committee	9:00 AM

sharingwithpcrc@lombardmennonite.org, or contact any of the PCRC members. They are Caroline Steelberg (Chair), Tim Klingler, Doug Kimball, and Deborah Wetherill.

- The Administration Commission invites every LMC household to submit a **2018 financial pledge** by October 15. Pledge forms are in your mailboxes. You can also submit a pledge online at [surveymonkey.com/r/BWZQKXL](https://surveymonkey.com/r/BWZQKXL) or send a confidential email to the church office. Thank you.—Administration Commission
- The **Candidates Forum** sponsored by Immigrant Solidarity DuPage has been rescheduled to November 4.

## Announcements

- **Pizza with the Pastors:** Newcomers and college students are welcome to join our pastors for lunch after Sunday school today!
- Next Sunday, we'll gather for a cozy MYF fundraiser lunch, followed by a **congregational meeting** from 1:00-3:00 PM. We'll review new bylaws (for later approval), discuss growth, and hear an update from the Pastoral Search Committee. Please plan to attend. Childcare will be provided.
- Remember to stop by the table in the narthex to mark your favorite passage or include a personal note in the **Bibles** we're presenting to our third graders.
- The **Pastor Congregation Relations Committee** meets on a periodic basis with each of the pastors. It functions as a support group for the pastors and as a link between them and the congregation. The next meeting with Don and Jan will take place this Saturday. (Hillary's meeting is on November 11.) If you have suggestions, concerns, or positive feedback about our pastors that you'd like addressed at the meeting, please email