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Coming up in worship

This Sunday, November 13, the message will be *Every Member In Ministry*. This message will lay the foundation for our lay ministry program. As a part of this service, persons will be asked to use the *Every Member in Ministry Commitment Form*.

The scripture this week is:

I Corinthians 12: 4-12



**Friday,
November 11, 2005**

**VETERANS
★DAY★**

Golden Key meets this Friday

The Golden Key Potluck Luncheon begins at noon in the Fellowship Hall this Friday, November 11. This month's program is titled, "Growing Old Without Growing Grumpy". All senior citizens, whether a member of Blue Ridge Church or a senior in our community, are invited to come to Golden Key any month. This would be a good month to invite a friend or neighbor to come with you.

Adult Work Campers plan trip to Mississippi

During the month of September we took a special offering as a church for the victims of the Katrina and Rita Hurricanes. It was announced at that time that the church would also be organizing several work teams to participate in the reconstruction of the Gulf Coast.

Dr. Lutgen will lead a team this spring, the week of March 25-April 1, to Mississippi. If you would like to be a part of this team please let the office know. As more information is available he will hold a meeting of interested persons. Look forward to an announcement of this meeting.

Brunch on Consecration Sunday

If you are planning on enjoying the brunch after your worship service on November 20, you must make a reservation! Please call the church office. Of course, you should still plan on coming to church that morning even if you aren't able to come to the brunch. Reservations are required.

During worship services this Sunday, you will have an opportunity to complete an information sheet on ways that you would like to participate at Blue Ridge. Below is a copy so you have a chance to look it over and know what areas are of interest to you.

Every member in ministry at Blue Ridge

This is another opportunity for you to serve your church. We have listed some suggestions and ways below that might be of interest to you in building relationships in your church. Please mark beside any committee or way in which you would like to be involved.

Name _____
Address _____
E-Mail address _____
Telephone # _____

I/We can help with:

Sunday morning video team

- _____ Set up PowerPoint announcements
- _____ Run video

Evangelism Committee

- _____ Serve on and participate on committee

Fellowship & Nurture Committee

- _____ Serve on committee
- _____ Help when needed (no meetings or regular duties)

Outreach Committee

- _____ Serve on committee
- _____ Attend Adult Work Camp
- _____ Serve a meal at reStart
- _____ Help with short-term service/mission projects

Van Ministry

- _____ Driver (will have training available)
- _____ Helper (rides on van and helps driver with riders)
- _____ Office Helper (answers telephone Sunday morning from 8:00-9:30)

Nursery Department

- _____ Provide child care in evenings and Wednesday morning (this is a paid position)
- _____ Volunteer child care on Thursday evenings for Alpha

Music Department

- _____ Join choir, handbells, orchestra
- _____ Join a fine arts group: drama, dance

Youth Group

- _____ Serve as a youth sponsor
- _____ Prepare and serve snack supper
- _____ Be a guest speaker

Education Committee

- _____ Serve on committee
- _____ Teach on a team in the Children's Sunday School
- _____ Assist teachers by sending birthday & "miss you" cards
- _____ Help plan parties for the children at Christmas and Easter
- _____ Provide treats for special parties; fix light lunch for elementary teachers' quarterly meetings
- _____ Help with Kids on a Mission on Wednesday nights
- _____ Provide supper for the Kids on a Mission
- _____ Teach on a team in the Youth Sunday School
- _____ Provide cookies/doughnuts for Youth Coffee House
- _____ Help a team of teachers in an Adult Sunday School Class
- _____ Help start a new Adult Sunday School Class
- _____ Help lead a small group Bible Study or discussion group
- _____ Help start a short-term class

Other opportunities to volunteer

- _____ Offering Counters (Sunday, Monday or Friday mornings)
- _____ Sunday School Superintendent (collect and record attendance/offering-10:00 a.m. Sunday)
- _____ Property Maintenance (carpentry, outside grounds, painter, electrical)
- _____ Condolence Meals - provide food and/or help serve
- _____ Greeters/Doorkeepers (weekdays, evenings, Sundays)
- _____ Live plant keepers
- _____ Help with occasional bulk mailings and labeling
- _____ Help with occasional telephone backup
- _____ Serve on Card Ministry
- _____ Serve on the Prayer Force Ministry
- _____ Take photos at different church activities

Coming Next Week...

Sunday, November 13

Worship Times: 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes: 9:30 or 10:45

- Amish Friendship Bread Table in entry area at south end
- Fellowship Coffee
- 10:30 a.m., Angel Choir, Room 112
- 10:40-11:00 a.m., Communion in Chapel

Monday, November 14

- 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Break Time Club, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m., Boy & Cub Scouts

Tuesday, November 15

- 7:00 p.m., Trustees Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m., Outreach Committee Meeting, Room 222
- 7:00 p.m., Education Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 16

- 9:30 a.m., Priscillas Circle Meeting
- 10:00 a.m., Sisters in Spirit, Hobbs Hall-Upper Room
- 5:30 p.m., *Kids-on-a-Mission*
- 6:30 p.m., Chancel Bells
- 7:00 p.m., Men's Ensemble
- 7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir
- 7:30 p.m., Cantata Drama practice

Thursday, November 17

- 10:00 a.m., Women's Bible Study & Issues Group, Room 223
- 6:30 p.m., Alpha programs

Youth Information:

Friday-Saturday, November 11-12

- Youth lock-in — check newsletter for more info

Sunday, November 13

- 9:30 a.m., Mid High Sunday School, meet in Sanctuary, then go to class
- 10:30 a.m., *The Last Cup* Coffee House
- 11:00 a.m., Senior High Sunday School

Music only this evening:

- 6:00-6:45 p.m., Bells
- 6:45-7:30 p.m., Choir



Making the most.....

Have you ever been driving to only get lost and somehow find yourself back where you started? Somewhere on the drive you made turns that led you back to the very place you began your journey. Sometimes in our faith journey we catch ourselves back in a spiritual place where we ask the basics of where, why and how in our faith. Soon following, we are back in abundance and excited about what God is doing in our life. As we experience the beauty of the autumn colors, I am reminded of the blessings of the Missouri seasons. I have heard many say, "Where did this year go?" Indeed, it seemed like the snows of last winter were just upon us and now the leaves are falling and the heat of summer is past. We will soon be back to the snows of winter and God will lead us into the excitement of a new cycle. What season are you finding yourself in? What season is God leading you into? May the many colors we see in the season of autumn remind us of the many ways God adds color to our lives during the times of our falling to the ground with the hope of the new life of spring that will come before we know it! Make the most of your seasons and in all things, as always...make the most as you live by faith.

...Russell Smith

G.I.F.T. group continues to grow

The Growing In Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) group has been having many new people inquire and participate in their activities.

The Growing In Faith Together Group three-fold mission:

- (1) Education-Sunday School meets at 11:00-12:00 every Sunday in Room 222
- (2) Service Projects-for the church, the church family and the community
- (3) Social-adult and family events

Anyone can participate in any of the above or all three! If you would like to receive more information via e-mail, you can contact Michele Shanahan at

emshanahan67@comcast.net.

Pastor's Corner:

New Consecration Sunday is coming to Blue Ridge on Sunday, November 20. I hope you plan to be in attendance for this important Sunday in the life of our church. The Fellowship and Nurture Committee will be providing a complementary brunch that Sunday from 10:30 to 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All we ask from you is to make a reservation so we can prepare enough food for those in attendance. You can make your reservation this Sunday at the worship service at which you attend.

How many of us consider our giving to the church as something that is good for us to do? First, our giving to the church is not like our giving to any other organization to which we belong. We are not collecting dues here or supporting some cause in which we believe through our gift. We give to the church because it is something that is good for us to do. In the Bible, Herb Miller notes that the word **believe** appears 273 times, **pray** appears 371 times and **love** appears 714 times. **Give** appears 2,172 times. Second, Jesus saw giving as a spiritual discipline. In the Gospel of Luke 12:34 he shares, "Where your treasurer is, there your heart will be also." How I spend my money says more about where I place my priorities than any other thing I do. My experience has taught me that it is good for my soul to practice a spiritual discipline that is good for me. The Bible teaches that giving to the church is one of those disciplines.

The New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program will give me the opportunity to consider, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" To consider for maybe the first time in my life giving as a spiritual discipline. Please make every effort to be present Sunday, November 20. *...Ken Lutgen, Jr.*

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- As of November 7, the following member has been reported in an area hospital: Shirley Wadleigh at Research..
- We received the following thank you note from Earl & Alice Wehemhoener: "Thanks to our church friends for the prayers, cards and calls at the time of the death of our sister-in-law."
- Congratulations to Alice Wehemhoener for being named "Valiant Woman of the Year" by Church Women United in Raytown.

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