WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Please print your name and those in your family on the top sheet in the attendance pad at the end of each pew and pass it down to the next person in your pew (one pad per pew). We are doing this to ensure accuracy of our church attendance and communion records.

INSERT: You are encouraged to use the *Committing Scripture to Heart* insert each week to memorize a Psalm verse and a New Testament passage, both of which will be part of the following Sunday's readings. Commit these Scriptures to heart as you rejoice in God's words and promises for you.

FUNERAL: This past Wednesday the Rev. Edward Geschke, our beloved brother in the faith, fell asleep in Christ at the age of 85. We thank God for calling Ed to faith in Holy Baptism, for every blessing of body and soul He provided Ed during his earthly pilgrimage, for calling Ed into the Office of the Holy Ministry and using him to shepherd the sheep entrusted to his care, and for leading him at last through the valley of the shadow of death to Himself in heaven. The funeral service for Ed is here at Divine Shepherd this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. All are invited.

BIBLE CLASS: Join us today in Luther Hall at 10:45 a.m. as the youth who attended the Higher Things youth conference in July speak about the conference and their experience.

THANKS: A special word of thanks to everyone who contributed food/snack items for the Geschke family at yesterday's visitation at the funeral home.

NEWSLETTER: Check your e-mail or mailslot for the September newsletter.

PRESCHOOL: The first day of classes for our Little Lambs Preschool is this Tuesday. Let's keep our teachers and students in our prayers all year long.

MANNA: Next turn-in dates are today and September 18. Pre-purchased Home Run Inn, Darden Restaurants, Subway, Walmart, Starbucks, and Target cards are available to purchase after church.

RECONSTRUCTION: Continue to be careful entering and exiting our lot as there may be supplies outside until the reconstruction is complete. Soon the restoration work will begin on the inside. Thanks for your prayers and patience.

PORTALS OF PRAYERS: Pick up your regular print October-December 2016 issue of *Portals of Prayer* from the bookshelves in the narthex. Cost is \$13/year (submit via the offering plate, earmarked "Portals of Prayer"). Blessings on your study of God's Word!

LUTHERAN TALK RADIO: *Issues, Etc.* is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's topics include: Baptism, Federal Funding of Abortion, Martin Luther's Sermons on Matthew, The Children of Israel Entering the Promised Land, and more You can listen on demand at <u>www.issuesetc.org</u> and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

STEWARDSHIP QUOTE: "Prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation." [2 Corinthians 9:5]