

The BEACON

Holmes Lutheran Church

What are your plans?

“Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord’s return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. You too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.” James 5:7-8 NLT

On the farm, fall was that wonderful season of the year when the crops were harvested. The anticipation, planning and work which begun in the spring was now being enjoyed. The barn was full of hay and the bins in the granary were full. The soybeans were being hauled into town and the corn was going into the cribs. We as kids were back to school and the daily grind begin to settle in.

Routine became the pattern. Thanksgiving seemed to be somewhere in the distant future with Christmas even further away and spring seemed so very far away with the long winter months to endure.

In looking back, it might be that God designed it that way as life can be a wonderful teacher. We need to be at work, not only in our own lives but also in the Kingdom of God. Often we wait for God to just drop something in our laps. God indeed does do that at times, however we are reminded to do everything as (unto the Lord). That perspective begins in our daily lives at home with relationships and responsibilities and extends outward to everything else we touch.

So, in thinking about this, I just looked up the phrase, “unto the Lord” in my Bible program and found that this phrase is used 511 times in the KJV! Amazing! What can I do today as “Unto the Lord”? Well, perhaps everything I do should be from that perspective. That puts new thought and value into whatever the Lord brings into my life.

And then, there are times when life seems to come to a stop. Those times are real also! That is when I encourage you to read Psalm 147:3 “He heals the broken in heart and binds up their wounds.” The Lord knows those who are His own and when His harvest is ready, He will call us home!

Encourage each other in the Lord!
Pastor Ron

**BEING A CHRISITAN IS
LIKE BEING A PUMPKIN!**

God picks you from the patch and
brings you in
(John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of
you
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out
all the yucky stuff. He removes
the seeds of doubt, hate, greed,
etc.
(Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new
smiling face
(Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside you
to shine for all the world to see
(Matthew 5:16)



Home Circle

Wed, Oct 13 @ 1:30pm

**Devotion/Lesson—
Naomi Lette**

**Hostess—
DeAnn Johnson**

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Charlotte Steffenson

Darlene Steffenson



Bible Quiz

Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?

- A. the king of Aram; Elijah
- B. Naaman's wife's sister; Isaiah
- C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha
- D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah



Answer: C (See 2 Kings 5:2-3, 8-10.)

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