

October 8, 2023

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Serving as Greeters

Today

West Door: **Rhoda Strasser**

East door: **Crystal Kezar**

North Door: **Arlon Knock**

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North Door: **Volunteer Needed**

Serving Fellowship Time

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This Week at LEPC

Today is Mission Emphasis Sunday... Pete Errington will be bringing the message during this morning's worship service, followed by a meal beginning at 11:00 am. There will be a short program after the meal, followed by dessert. There will be no Sunday School classes this morning.

The Communicant's Class... will meet this evening at 6:30 pm at the church.

The Session... will meet on Monday evening, October 9 at 7:00 pm.

The Rachel Bible Study Group... will meet Monday evening, October 9 at 7:00 pm. They will be studying Lesson #2.

The Women's Connection... will meet on Monday afternoon, October 10 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Mid-Week Activities... for **Grades 1st - 8th** is on Wednesday evening, October 11 at 6:30 pm. We will be studying the Miraculous Catch from Luke 5:1-11.

The High School Youth Group... will be going to the Harrisburg Corn Maze with the youth groups from Tea and Sioux Falls. ***The bus will leave from the Church at 6:15 pm this Wednesday evening. All students must ride the bus, and must have a signed permission slip. Copies of the permission slip are in the wall pocket outside of the CE office. Admission to the maze is \$5.00 and the bus fee is \$5.00.***

The Adult Choir... will practice Wednesday evening, October 11 at 7:45 pm.

Rise with the Guys... will meet on Saturday morning, **October 14** at 7:00 am. They will be studying 2 Peter 1:12-21.

The Women's Bible Study... will meet on Saturday morning, **October 14** at 8:30 am. They will be studying 1 Peter 2:1-10.

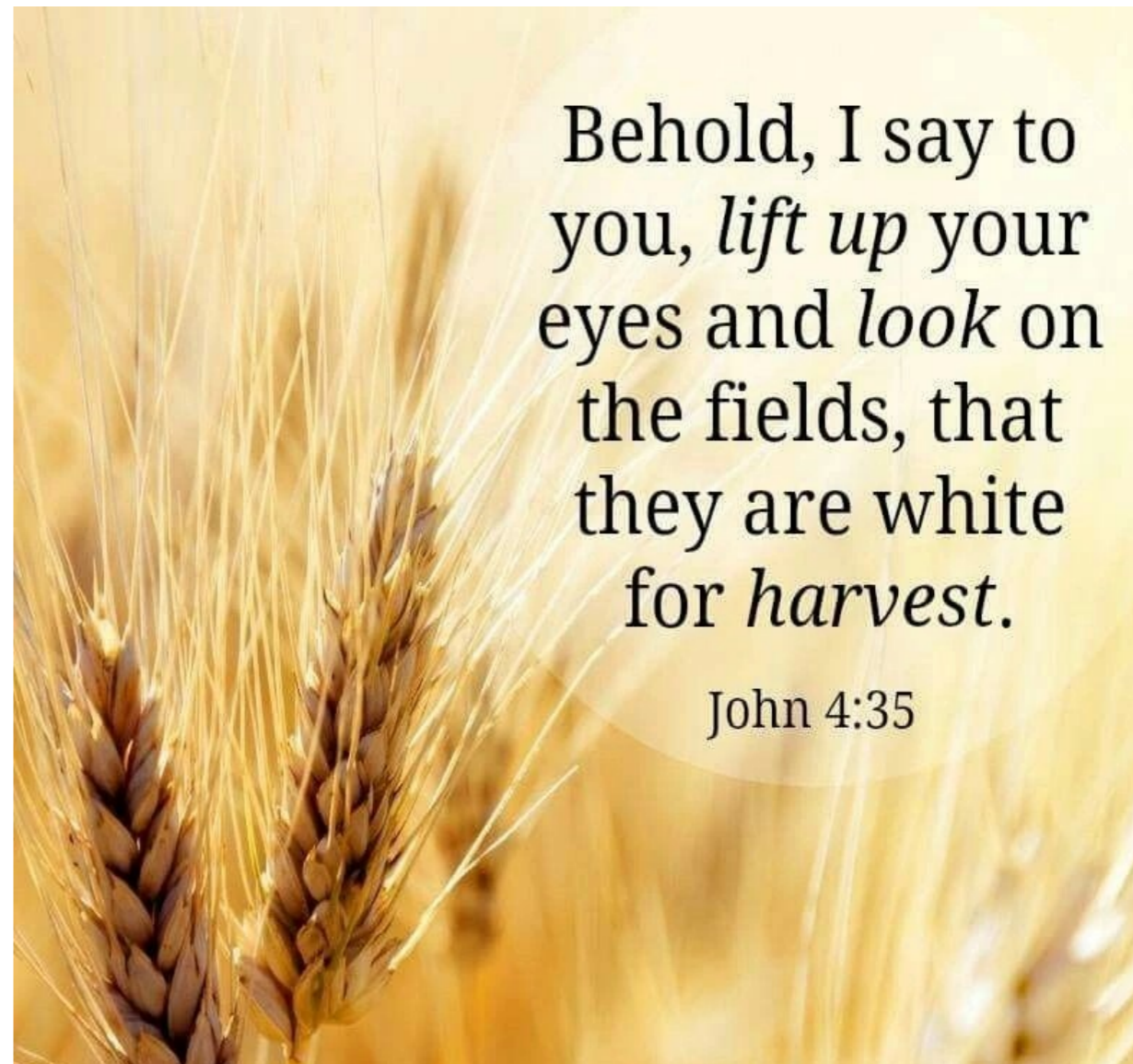
Looking Ahead...

Next Sunday's Offering... will go to the Mission Fund.

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Prayer

Merciful God, we confess we have fallen short of your glory, we know our sins all too well; they always stand before us to condemn us. In your grace and mercy, forgive our sins. Give us new hearts that are filled with love for you and, by your Holy Spirit, make us holy, that we might bring you glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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