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Greetings in Christ!

It has been a busy summer here for us in Culver. School is starting, and it seemed like a good time to send out another letter. The temperatures have dropped, and this will be welcome in services. It has been a cool summer in general, and we never installed the window air conditioner units. This helps of course with the electricity bills, and it was not much of a hardship this year. Having said that, there were a few Sundays that were pretty warm!

The Book Group had a good summer reading the first part of Bishop Little's book, Joy in Disguise. A very nice group from the area attended, and the discussions were excellent. If anyone has suggestions for the next book to read, please pass them on.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has been on hiatus, and we have started meetings again. We have moved the meetings to 9:00 AM on the fourth Saturday, and we think this time will work better and reduce conflicts.

One of the challenges for us this year has been the budget. We have had some fund raisers which have been very successful. Judy Becker has organized a cheeseball project that has made over \$1300 so far! The cheeseballs are excellent, and many people in the congregation have been involved in making and selling them. I can attest to how good they are. The last two days for sales at the Farmer's Market will be September 5 and September 26, so consider getting orders in.

We also have a mailbox cover project in the works, We have taken orders to decorate mailboxes in Culver. One mailbox in South Bend will get the treatment as well. We are also planning for the Garage Sale September 26.

The annual meeting is scheduled for after the service September 27. We are working now to put together a slate for the vestry. There will be a pep talk about pledging, and we will distribute some financial reports.

We keep those of you who can't worship with us in our prayers. If you have internet access, there are sermons and a few pictures posted at the church web site, and that can help you stay connected.

In faith,

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