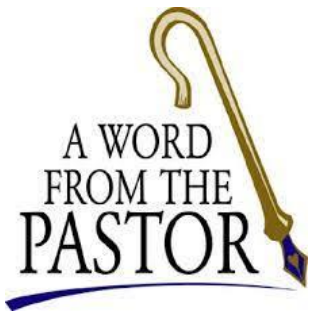


OCTOBER 2024

The Good News

Newsletter for ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH and FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



“For A True Faith That Endures”

October is the month in which we celebrate the Reformation. One of the main tenants of the Reformation is getting the Bible back into the hands of people. The Bible was written not just for a select few to read and interpret. It was written for all to hear, read and study (Psalm 119:105; Acts 17:11; 1 Thess. 5:27; 1 Timothy 4:5; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Colossians 4:16).

Every time you open the Bible you open up a gift from God. God's Word itself proclaims in **Hebrews 4:12-16**

“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

If you want a faith that is true, a faith that will last, an Enduring Faith that has strength and zeal, you yourself must be consistently studying the word of God. It will cut right through all the difficult issues that you are personally facing in your life. It will penetrate right through all the hurt and pain, exhaustion and exasperation, frustrations and fatigue that all souls experience.

The devil will put up every wall and throw every temptation and obstacle in the way for you to be personal mediating on the Holy Scriptures.

One of those temptation is that “I have done it all. I know it all.” Reading the Bible is like breathing. One can never say, “I have breathed enough. I do not need to breathe any more. I have grown past breathing.” If you stop breathing you will slowly be starved of the life given oxygen that empowers your body to have health and energy. So it is with your faith. No

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two-edged sword —
is a lamp unto my feet and
a light unto my path*

The Bible



matter how much you have learned, no matter how much you may think you know continue to dig deeply into the Bible for yourself.

Dr. Martin Luther writes in the Large Catechism concerning the 3rd Commandment: "Let me tell you this. Even though you know the Word perfectly and have already mastered everything, still you are daily under the dominion of the devil, who neither day nor night relaxes his effort to steal upon you unawares and to kindle in your heart unbelief and wicked thoughts against all these commandments. Therefore, you must continually keep God's Word in your heart, on your lips, and in your ears. For where the heart stands idle and the Word is not heard, the devil breaks in and does his damage before we realize it. On the other hand, when we seriously ponder the Word, hear it, and put it to use, such is its power that it never departs without fruit. It always

awakens new understanding, new pleasure, and a new spirit of devotion, and it constantly cleanses the heart and its meditations. For these words are not idle or dead, but effective and living. Even if no other interest or need drove us to the Word, yet everyone should be spurred on by the realization that in this way the devil is cast out and put to flight, this commandment is fulfilled, and God is more pleased than by any work of hypocrisy, however brilliant."

If you want to cast out the devil with all his dominating, depressing, and destructive temptations in your life constantly nourish your faith with the word of God (Matthew 4:4; John 4:31-34), daily dress yourself with the Word of God (Ephesians 6:10-18), and daily live with the Word of God (Colossians 3:16). For a true faith that stands the test of time, and completes the race of faith open up God's gift to you every day and dig deeply into it.

Your Shepherd Under Christ, *Pastor Love*



All You Can Eat

PANCAKE DINNER and BAKE SALE

Sunday, October 20

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Homemade Potato Pancakes and Buttermilk Pancakes served with Scrambled Eggs and Breakfast Sausage

Adults - \$10 Children 6-12 - \$4

5 years old and under – Free

Carryouts available

Faith Lutheran Church

15425 Highway K South - Merrill

From LCMS Stewardship Ministry



The Singing Church

Lutherans have historically been called “the singing church.” There is no doubt that music has been a major component in the theology and practice of the Lutheran church. Luther once remarked about music, “We can mention only one point, namely, that next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise.” Music has a power and purpose that cannot be understated in our worship and the life of the congregation.

But music does more than touch the emotions. Music is a vehicle that carries both the musician and the hearer deeper into connection with the truth of the Scriptures. This is true of the most complex Bach chorale and even the simplest of songs like “*Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*.” Each musical selection within the church shapes the thoughts, minds and faith of the people who experience them.

This is also true of stewardship hymns. We are currently considering the verses of “*Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness*” (LSB 788) as it shapes our understanding and practice of stewardship. This month we take a deeper dive into verse two:

*Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,
For Christ Your Son, and for each human face
that shows Your message ever new and near.*

The stanza begins by touching on the truth of the Law. Thankfulness is not a natural posture for fallen humanity. For sinners curved in upon themselves, thankfulness for love and grace is something that must be taught. We are those who hoard and clutch. Our confession of our shallow thankfulness highlights the need for us to learn thankfulness to God.

Thankfulness also points to what we are stewards of: love and grace! All the things we have traditionally called stewardship aren’t actual stewardship. Rather, what matters is how we steward the one, true and only treasure: the love and grace of God revealed to us in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So, all stewardship is stewardship of the Gospel! How can we gaze at the cross and empty tomb and not be thankful?

The LCMS defines stewardship as “the free and joyous activity of God’s family — the church — in managing life’s resources for His purposes.” God’s love and mercy give us a clear purpose as we live out our Baptism and practice this joyous stewardship. All we are, all we have entrusted to us, and all we are called to do is to connect others with the love and mercy of God revealed in Jesus!

The faithful steward sings with lips and life of this love and mercy that is ever new and near. In the Scriptures. In the Lord’s House. At the Lord’s Table. This is where our stewardship song starts and ends. Our family, our co-workers and classmates, and our world need to hear this song!



REFORMATION DAY 2024 Circuit Reformation Service

October 30 at 6:00 p.m.

St. John – Merrill

*If interested in joining the Circuit Vocal Choir,
contact Sharon Voight at Faith or
Miriam Lipke at St. John – Merrill.*



FROM THE PASTOR

“Halloween - Have Fun BUT Be Smart!”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Halloween can be a time a fun. God want us to have fun but He does not want us to be foolish. The Holy Spirit often teaches to stay away from the alluring deception of magic, séances, Ouija boards, witchcraft, and other supernatural games. As we celebrate Reformation this month and getting back into the Holy Scriptures, please note what those beautiful Scriptures continually and so repetitively teach, especially in the last days in the Book of Revelation. Again, what is God’s very deep feelings and warning about this topic?

Leviticus 19:31 “Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God.”

Deuteronomy 18:9-13 “⁹When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. ¹⁰Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who **practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft,** ¹¹ or **casts spells,** or who is a **medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.** ¹² Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD, and because of these detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you. ¹³You must be blameless before the LORD your God.”

2 Kings 9:22 “How can there be peace,” Jehu replied, “**as long as all the idolatry and witchcraft** of your mother Jezebel abound?”

2 Chronicles 33:6 “He sacrificed his sons in the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, practiced sorcery, divination and witchcraft, and consulted mediums and spiritists. **He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking him to anger.**”

Ezekiel 13:18-20 “¹⁸and say, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the women who sew magic charms on all their wrists and make veils of various lengths for their heads in order to ensnare people. Will you ensnare the lives of my people but preserve your own? ¹⁹You have profaned me among my people for a few handfuls of barley and scraps of bread. By lying to my people, who listen to lies, you have killed those who should not have died and have spared those who should not live. ²⁰”Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against your magic charms with which you ensnare people like birds and I will tear them from your arms; I will set free the people that you ensnare like birds.”

Micah 5:12 “I will destroy your witchcraft and you will no longer cast spells.”

Nahum 3:4 “all because of the wanton lust of a harlot, alluring, the mistress of sorceries, who enslaved nations by her prostitution and peoples by her witchcraft. “

Acts 19:18-20 “¹⁸Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. ¹⁹A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to **fifty thousand drachmas.** ²⁰In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.” (50,000 days wages – They gave them all up because they were detestable to God.)



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ALTAR GUILD OCTOBER SCHEDULE

October 1 – October 7 Gene & Karen Pagel

October 8 – October 21 Chris Pfaff and Phyllis Beilke

October 22 – November 4 Keith & Pat Wendt

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 p.m. Women of Faith	2 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith	3	4	5
6 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Bible Study 4:30 p.m. ISI at John Sturm's	7 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting	8	9 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. AbleLight 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith	10 7:30 p.m. Adult Information Class at St. John's	11	12 LWML Zone 6 fall rall with registration beginning at 8:15 a.m. at St. John's - Hamburg
13 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Bible Study 12:15 p.m. Stewardship and Evangelism	14 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Worship	15	16 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith	17 7:30 p.m. Adult Information Class at St. John's	18	19
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ANNIVERSARIES at Faith

10/7	David and Stephanie Springborn	29 yrs
10/8	Bruce and Nada Pflingsten	41 yrs
10/11	Brian & Lynn Klug	38 yrs
10/18	Kevin and Ann Goetsch	51 yrs
10/19	Zachary & Allison Wayda	5 yrs
10/22	Aleksander & Lindsey Hein	2 yrs
10/28	Joseph & Alice Zuelsdorff	30 yrs
10/29	Kevin & Karen Kleinschmidt	36 yrs
10/30	Jerome & Judith Buch	53 yrs

ANNIVERSARIES at St. John's


10/13	Travis & Julia Hoffman.	12 yrs
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BIRTHDAYS at Faith

October 1	Duane Grunenwald Jeffrey Laabs Matthew Lentz
October 3	Judith Buch
October 7	Tanner Reinhardt
October 8	Christine Williams
October 11	Debbie Kufahl Dakota Sturm
October 13	Ryan Pankow Jason Zulliger
October 18	Karen Kleinschmidt
October 20	Alice Zuelsdorff
October 21	Carol Hein Samantha Jo Westfall
October 27	Connor Calmes
October 29	Alan Klug
October 30	Diane Pfaff
October 31	Joshua Wayda

BIRTHDAYS at St. John's

October 1	Kendra Blasky
October 2	Evelyn Blennert
October 3	Justin Bloch Raina Bloch
October 4	A.J. Vogel
October 10	Frank Mootz
October 11	A.J. Zastrow
October 12	Alice Fromm
October 17	Marlene Koppa
October 20	Diane Hinz
October 24	Jordan Henrichs
October 26	Beth Czech



MEMORIAL GIFTS

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THANK YOU

The staff and students of Trinity Lutheran School in Merrill would like to thank the members of Faith for the wonderful donation of school supplies, At the beginning of the year, supplies are forgotten, so these are helpful Also, it is great to have some on hand throughout the year when supplies run out, Our theme for the year is "Looking to Jesus" and we certainly see Jesus through this act of kindness. God's blessings!

Principal Scott Johnson and Trinity Lutheran School

October 2024 Elder, Usher, Greeter, Scrip Schedule

Sunday, October 6 10:15 a.m. p.m.

Elders Jason Westfall, Mark Porath
 Ushers Bob and Bernice Porath
 Greeter Bob Porath
 Scrip Bernice Porath

Monday, October 7 6:30

Elders Lee Pfaff, Jim Beilke
 Ushers Keith Wendt, Chris Stogbauer
 Greeter Chris Stogbauer
 Scrip Debbie Stogbauer

Sunday, October 13 10:15 a.m..

Ushers Randy Braatz, Joe Heisinger
 Elders Cindy Braatz, Amanda Heisinger
 Greeter Amanda Heisinger
 Scrip Cindy Braatz

Monday, October 14 6:30 p.m.

Elders Jason Westfall, Mark Porath
 Ushers Keith Wendt, Gene Mootz
 Greeter Gene Mootz
 Scrip Debbie Stogbauer

PANCAKE DINNER

Sunday, October 20 10:15 a.m.

Elders Mike Beilke, Kyle Young
 Ushers Brian and Lynn Klug
 Greeter Brian Klug
 Scrip Lynn Klug

Monday, October 21 6:30 p.m.

Elders Lee Pfaff, Jim Beilke
 Ushers Ed Stiver
 Greeter Ed Stiver
 Scrip Debbie Stogbauer

Sunday, October 27 10:15 a.m.

Elders Randy Braatz, Joe Heisinger
 Ushers Cindy Braatz, Amanda Heisinger
 Greeter Amanda Heisinger
 Scrip Cindy Braatz

Monday, October 28 6:30 p.m.

Elder Jason Westfall, Mark Porath
 Usher Keith Wendt
 Greeter Keith Wendt
 Scrip Debbie Stogbauer

Sunday, November 3 10:00 a.m.

Elders Mike Beilke, Kyle Young
 Ushers Bob and Bernice Porath
 Greeter Bob Porath
 Scrip Bernice Porath

Monday, November 4 6:30 p.m.

Elders Lee Pfaff, Jim Beilke
 Usher Ed Stiver, Chris Stogbauer
 Greeter Chris Stogbauer
 Scrip Debbie Stogbauer

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, October 6 10:15 a.m.
 Monday, October 7 6:30 p.m.
 Monday, October 21 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday, November 3 10:15 a.m.
 Monday, November 4 6:30 p.m.

ELDERS

Rodney Dahlke, chairman
 Randy Braatz, secretary
 Jim Beilke, Joe Heisinger, Mike Beilke,
 Lee Pfaff, Mark Porath,
 Jason Westfall. Kyle Young

VIDEO SCHEDULE OCTOBER 2024

Sunday, October 6	Bonnie Grueneberg	Monday, October 7	Gene Mootz
Sunday, October 13	Bonnie Grueneberg	Monday, October 14	Lee Pfaff
Sunday, October 20	Bonnie Grueneberg	Monday, October 21	Bonnie G.
Sunday, October 27	Bonnie Grueneberg	Monday, October 28	Lee Pfaff
Sunday, November 3	Joe Heisinger	Monday, November 4	Gene Mootz



Week of October 6, 2024

Exodus 34:6

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."

Week of October 13, 2024

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Week of October 20, 2024

John 20:31

But these are written so that you may believe that

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Week of October 27, 2024

Ephesians 1:13

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.



ISI
Sunday, October 6
4:30 p.m.
John Sturm's house
239147 Deer Creek
Marathon, WI



LWML Zone 6 Fall Rally

Saturday, October 12

St. John's Lutheran Church - Hamburg

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.

Christian Growth Topic focuses on the Holy Spirit as Helper, Sanctifier and Teacher

Guest Speaker is Deaconess Frances Szeto on "Caring for the Caregivers"

NEW MEMBER and ADULT INFORMATION CLASS starting Thursday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's. For more information talk with Pastor Love. All are welcome to join the class.



Teacher Needed



ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CARE-Hamburg is looking for a part time teacher willing to work afternoons who will work around schedule and must be flexible, fun loving and must love working with children Experience and education a must. If not, person must be willing to take classes. Call Patti at 715 539-8120 or text at 715-432-4858 for more information.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

FALL BACK

Set Your Clocks BACK an Hour

Sunday, November 3,
2024

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Elder of the Month
Jeremy Fromm 715-574-2003
Setting the Lord's
Marlene Koppa

October 2024

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NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

Thank you to Tim & Vickie Bartelt and Jeremy, Sara and Sasha Lee and Bonnie Grueneberg for helping deliver two sets of bunk beds to a family in need in Merrill!





HOLY BAPTISM — OCTOBER 1-15

Water and Word wash us into Christ's death and resurrection. "Baptism ... now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21). We daily remember our Baptism through repentance and forgiveness in the cross of Christ. Through our Baptism, we are brought into the Church, the Body of Christ. As we pray, we rejoice in God's gift of Baptism and continue to rejoice in the gifts of forgiveness, the Holy Spirit and eternal life granted to us in Word and Sacrament.

Remember God's gift of Baptism as you pray:

1. Thank God for His gifts of Word and Sacrament, that through these means God freely gives His grace to sinners by faith.
2. Thank God for the gift of Baptism, that His Word works through the water to join us to Christ's death and resurrection.
3. Thank God for the gift of Baptism, that His Word combines with the water to deliver forgiveness and eternal life.

4. Rejoice that the Holy Spirit gives faith and sustains us in the faith.

5. Thank God for the gift of Baptism for adults, that those who are instructed in the faith and who were not baptized as children may receive the gift of forgiveness and life in the waters of Baptism.

6. for parents, that they might faithfully raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them His Word and bringing them to the Sacrament.

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7. for sponsors, that they might faithfully work with parents to teach the faith to the baptized.

8. for all the baptized, that in daily repentance all might cling to God's promises of forgiveness and eternal life in Christ.

9. for all the baptized, that they might daily cling to their Baptism and hope in Christ alone.

10. for all the baptized, that the Spirit would keep the Church strong in persecution.

11. for all the baptized, that they witness to all about the death and resurrection of Jesus.

12. for all who are not baptized, that the Spirit would draw them to Christ in faith.

13. Thank God for the Baptism of Jesus, that He took on our sins to suffer in our stead.

14. Thank God for calling you to be His adopted child and heir of eternal life.

15. That Christ would return quickly, that the Church might dwell with Him in righteousness, holiness and blessedness.



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OCTOBER Pray For Us Calendar

THE LORD'S SUPPER — OCTOBER 16-31

Bread and wine, body and blood feed us with the food that endures to eternal life. Christ gives His body and blood to His body the Church. Those who have faith in the words, “given and shed for you” receive what those words promise, the forgiveness of sins.

Remember God's gift of the Sacrament of the Altar as you pray:

16. Thank God for the Sacrament of the Altar, that it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine.

17. Rejoice that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given.

18. That God would grant us faith in His Word, that we worthily receive the Sacrament and live in repentance.

19. Thank God for daily bread, even the bread of life that we receive in the Sacrament.

20. for preparation before receiving the Sacrament, that all might receive it trusting in the Words of Christ.

21. Thank God for the Church and the Office of the Holy Ministry.

22. for the unity of the Church, that schisms might cease, and all might be united in the true faith.

23. that we, who are many, may see ourselves as the one Body of Christ.

24. for the Church, that she remains faithful to the truth of God's Word.

25. for the LCMS, that we might believe, teach and confess all things according to God's will.

26. with thanksgiving that God continues to strengthen us through His Word and Sacraments.

27. for those who do not belong to the Church, that God would call all to faith.

28. for the sustenance of the Sacrament of the Altar, that God would grant faith unto eternal life.



29. that after receiving Communion, all would amend their sinful lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.

30. that God would keep all Christians from being led

astray by false teachings, and instead bring them to a deeper knowledge of Him.

31. for the endurance of faith until Christ returns.

Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution. Download at lcms.org/prayforus or call 888-843-6267 to request a copy.





Treasures in Christ

October

Daily Reading Plan



- Day 1: Colossians 2:1-7
- Day 2: Colossians 2:3
- Day 3: Colossians 1:27
- Day 4: Ephesians 3:1-5
- Day 5: Ephesians 3:7-10
- Day 6: Ephesians 3:11-13
- Day 7: Ephesians 3:14-19
- Day 8: Ephesians 3:20-21
- Day 9: Psalm 146
- Day 10: Ephesians 2:4-7
- Day 11: Ephesians 2:8-10
- Day 12: Ephesians 2:11-13
- Day 13: Ephesians 2:14-17
- Day 14: Ephesians 2:18-22
- Day 15: Psalm 147
- Day 16: Ephesians 1:15-23
- Day 17: Matthew 13:44
- Day 18: Phil. 3:8-11
- Day 19: Phil. 3:12-16
- Day 20: Phil. 3:17-4:1
- Day 21: Psalm 148
- Day 22: John 17:24
- Day 23: Revelation 21:4
- Day 24: Romans 8:39
- Day 25: 1 Thes. 4:17
- Day 26: Psalm 149
- Day 27: Matt. 6:19-21
- Day 28: Rom. 3:22-27
- Day 29: 1 Cor. 1:30-31
- Day 30: 1 Cor. 13:12
- Day 31: Psalm 145

That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:2-3

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