October 2026

The Good News

Monthly Newsletter for St. John's Lutheran and Faith Lutheran Churches

SCRIPTURES ALONE

No Addition or Subtraction

In the month of October, we celebrate the Reformation. One of the aims of the Reformation was getting the Christian church back to the Word of God. The Reformation is why today many houses, hospital, and hotels have the Word of God for everyone to read.

Every time you open up the Bible you open up a great gift from God. There are some things that are hard to understand at first, but just like anything in life, the more you study and use it the easier it gets to understand and use.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 says *"and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be **complete**, equipped for **every** good work."*



The Bible completely equips us for everything we need to know about salvation. Any other addition or subtractions from God's Holy Word are not from God but the Old Evil Foe, or the Devil. The above passages clearly proclaim that God is able to and promises to give us His Will in His Holy Scriptures. And there is great deal of proof that He did do it. If you would like to know a long list of proofs, please come to one of our Bible Studies.

Remember studying the Bible is a lifelong endeavor for every Christian.

Martin Luther Wrote "You should diligently learn the Word of God and by no means imagine that you know it. Let him who is able to read take a psalm in the morning, or some other chapter of Scripture, and study it for a while. This is what I do. When I get up in the morning, I pray and recite the Ten

Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer with the children, adding any one of the psalms. I do this only to keep myself well acquainted with these matters, and I do not want to let the mildew of the notion grow that I know them well enough. The devil is a greater rascal than you think he is. You do as yet not know what sort of fellow he is and what a desperate rogue you are. His definite design is to get you tired of the Word, and in this way, to draw you away from it. This is his aim." (WA 32, 64f.).

Luther continues to write "Nothing is more effectual against the devil, the world, the flesh, and all evil thoughts than to occupy oneself with the Word of God, talk about it and meditate on it . . . For this reason alone, you should eagerly read, recite, ponder and practice the Catechism, even if the only blessing and benefit you obtain from it is to rout the devil and evil thoughts. For he cannot bear to hear God' s Word. God's Word is not like some empty tale, … but as St. Paul says in Romans 1:16, it is *"the power of God,"* indeed, the power of God which burns the devil and gives us immeasurable strength, comfort, and help." (Book of Concord; Tappert edition; Large Catechism 9-11; Here [John 5:39,40,43])

When you make Bible study a daily activity it will strengthen your soul against all the discouragements and false teachings in life. In Romans 15:4-6 we read*: "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."* May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate the Reformation, we celebrate the gift of God's Holy Word in our daily lives until He takes us by God's Grace to Eternal Life.

~ Pastor Love

Faith Lutheran Church



All You Can Eat

PANCAKE DINNER and BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 1

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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

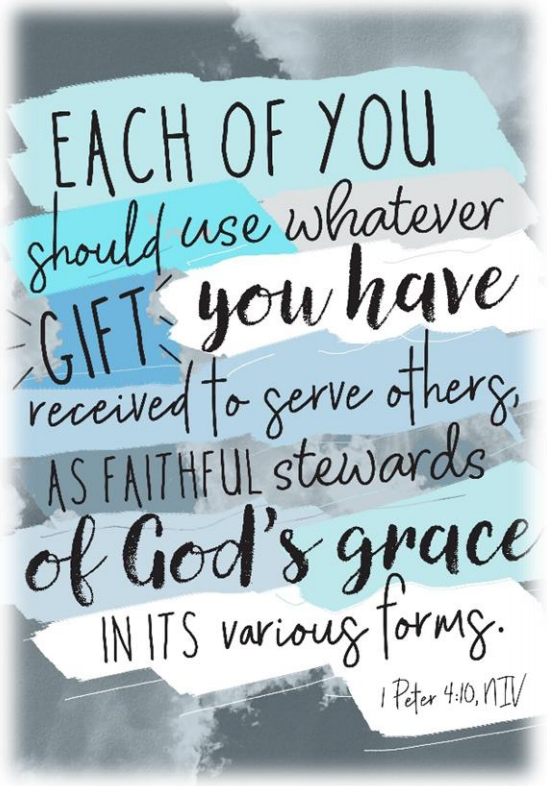
Adults - $12 Children 6-12 - $5

5 years old and under – Free *(Carryouts available)*

Tickets for sale at the Scrip table in the back of church or at the door

LCMS Stewardship

It's All in the Way that You Use It



Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. ***It's all in the way that you use it.***

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it … and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

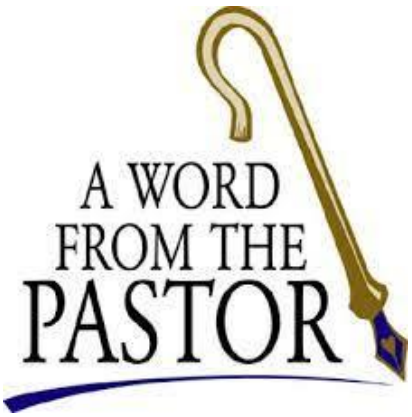


A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use i

“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 “9 When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. 10 Let 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. 13 You 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 “18 and 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? 19 You 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 “18 Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. 19 A 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**. 20 In 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 GUILDOCTOBER SCHEDULE
October1- 5 Phyllis Buch & Deb Stogbauer
October 6 - 19 Gene and Karen Pagel
October 20 – November 2 Chris Pfaff and Phyllis Beilke

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Choir will resume weekly practices at 5:30 p.m. beginning Monday, November 5			**1** 10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's	**2**	**3**
4 9:15 a.m. Sunday School **10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion** 11:15 a.m. Bible Study	**5** 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal **6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion**	**6** 1:00 p.m. Women of Faith	**7** 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith 7:15 p.m. Youth Group at Faith	**8** 10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's	**9**	**10**
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ANNIVERSARIES at Faith

10/7	David and Stephanie Springborn	31 yrs
10/8	Bruce and Nada Pfingsten	43 yrs
10/11	Brian & Lynn Klug	40 yrs
10/18	Kevin and Ann Goetsch	53 yrs
10/19	Zachary & Allison Wayda	7 yrs
10/22	Aleksander & Lindsey Hein	4 yrs
10/28	Joseph & Alice Zuelsdorff	32 yrs
10/29	Kevin & Karen Kleinschmidt	38 yrs
10/30	Jerome & Judith Buch	55 yrs

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 4	A.J. Vogel
October 11	A.J. Zastrow
October 12	Alice Fromm
October 17	Marlene Koppa
October 20	Diane Hinz
October 26	Beth Czech



In Memory of **DOROTHY JAEGER**, a gift for the Special Purpose Fund from Phyllis Buch

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In Memory of MARGE RADENZ, a gift for the Scott Cemetery Fund from Lee and Diane Pfaff



THANK YOU (Back-to-School Mission)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your partnership in Lutheran education! The school supplies are helpful now and throughout the school year.

God Bless You!

Principal Scott Johnson, Trinity Merrill

NOTE FROM Marsha Peterson, daughter of Elvira Saeger

"I pulled up the July 19 online service where you and the congregation sang happy birthday to my mother, Elvira Saeger. The smile on her face was such a joy to see. Thank you for including her in your service

Marsha

October 2026 Elder, Usher, Greeter, Scrip Schedule

***Sunday, October 4 10:15 a.m.**
Elders Mark Porath, Travis Klug
Ushers Carol Hein, Leroy Laabs
Greeter Carol Hein
Scrip Becky Rajek
Audio Bonnie Grueneberg

***Monday, October 5 6:30 p.m.**
Elder Mike Bielke, Jeff Laabs
Ushers Ed Stiver
Greeter Ed Stiver
Scrip Debbie Stogbauer
Audio Gene Mootz

Sunday, October 11 10:15 a.m.
Elders Joe Heisinger, Lee Pfaff
Ushers Brian and Lynn Klug
Greeter Brian Klug
Scrip Lynn Klug
Audio Evan Roubal

Monday, October 12 6:30 p.m.
Elders Rodney Dahlke, Kyle Young
Ushers Chris Stogbauer
Greeter Chris Stogbauer
Scrip Cindy Braatz
Audio Cindy Braatz

***Sunday, October 18 10:15 a.m.**
Elders Mike Bielke, Joe Heisinger
Ushers Amanda Heisinger, Bernice Porath
Greeter Amanda Heisinger
Scrip Bernice Porath
Audio Bonnie Grueneberg

***Monday, October 19 6:30 p.m.**
Elders Jeff Laabs, Jason Westfall
Usher Ed Stiver
Greeter Ed Stiver
Scrip Debbie Stogbauer
Audio Lee Pfaff

Sunday, October 25 10:15 a.m.
Elders Travis Klug, Kyle Young
Ushers Karen Pagel, Carol Hein
Greeter Gene Pagel
Scrip Cindy Krenz
Audio Bonnie Grueneberg

Monday, October 26 6:30 p.m.
Elders Joe Heisinger, Lee Pfaff
Usher Amanda Heisinger
Greeter Amanda Heisinger
Scrip Debbie Stogbauer
Audio Rodney Dahlke

Wednesday, October 28 6:30 p.m.
CIRCUIT REFORMATION SERVICE
Elders Rodney Dahlke, Jason Westfall
Ushers Chris Stogbauer, Ed Stiver
Greeters Chris Stogbauer
Audio Bonnie Grueneberg

Sunday, November 1 10:15 a.m
Elders Jeff Laabs, Joe Heisinger
Ushers Leroy Laabs, Bernice Porath
Greeter Leroy Laabs
Scrip Becky Rajek
Audio Bonnie Grueneberg

Monday, November 2 6:30 p.m.
Elders Mike Bielke, Jason Westfall
Usher Chris Stogbauer
Greeter Chris Stogbauer
Scrip Debbie Stogbauer
Audio Gene Mootz

***HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, October 4	10:15 a.m.
Monday, October 5	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 18	10:15 a.m.
Monday, October 19	6:30 p.m.

ELDERS
Rodney Dahlke, chairman
Mike Beilke, secretary
Joe Heisinger, Travis Klug,
Jeff Laabs, Lee Pfaff,
Mark Porath, Jason Westfall,

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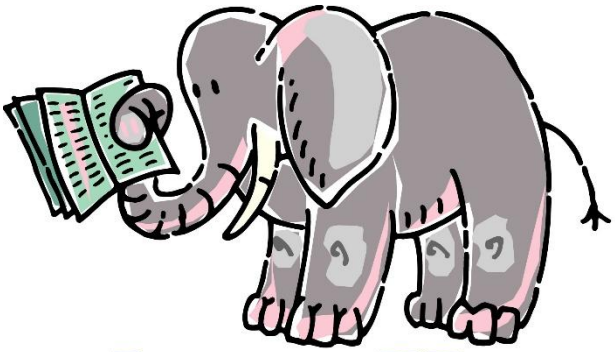
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Mark Czech 715-409-9174

Elder of the Month
Jeremy Fromm 715-574-2003

Setting the Lord's Table
Marlene Koppa

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MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Week of October 4, 2026
Proverbs 22:6
Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Week of October 11, 2026
1 Timothy 1:15
The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Week of October 18, 2026
John 8:31–32
So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Week of October 25, 2026
Ephesians 2:8–9
For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

SINGLES MINISTRY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

INSPIRED SINGLES Meeting on Sunday, October 11 at 12:15 p.m. at Faith

Rachel Waldburger will be the guest speaker. Her topic will be an “Introduction to AI”

INSPIRED SINGLES

Friday, October 16 at 1 p.m. Group will be touring the Woodson Art Museum in Wausau focusing on the “Birds in Art” exhibit.

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THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

Thrivent Financial members that have Choice Dollars® have until Wednesday, March 31 to direct them

Thrivent clients recently directing Thrivent Choice Dollars® to your Faith include **BERNICE AND ROBERT PORATH**. The Thrivent Choice charitable grant program engages Thrivent Clients with Membership and Thrivent Member Networks in providing grants that support charitable activities, furthering the church’s mission and its purposes



St John’s Trunk & Treat
Saturday, October 24
1:00 p.m. – 3 p.m.

If anyone would like to donate candy, it would be appreciated. Also any volunteers to come with their vehicles to hand out candy would be welcome. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Diane Hinz at St. John’s.



October

- **October 1**
  Ecclesiastes 7–9
  Psalms 73:1–28
  Proverbs 24:15–16
- **October 2**
  Ecclesiastes 10–12
  Psalms 74:1–23
  Proverbs 24:17–20
- **October 3**
  Song of Songs 1–4
  Psalms 75:1–10
  Proverbs 24:21–22
- **October 4**
  Song of Songs 5–8
  Psalms 76:1–12
  Proverbs 24:23–25
- **October 5**
  Isaiah 1–3
  Psalms 77:1–20
  Proverbs 24:26
- **October 6**
  Isaiah 4–6
  Psalms 78:1–25
  Proverbs 24:27
- **October 7**
  Isaiah 7–9
  Psalms 78:26–58
  Proverbs 24:28–29
- **October 8**
  Isaiah 10–12
  Psalms 78:59–72
  Proverbs 24:30–34
- **October 9**
  Isaiah 13–14
  Psalms 79:1–13
  Proverbs 25:1–2
- **October 10**
  Isaiah 15–17
  Psalms 80:1–19
  Proverbs 25:3–5
- **October 11**
  Isaiah 18–20
  Psalms 81:1–16
  Proverbs 25:6–7
- **October 12**
  Isaiah 21–23
  Psalms 82:1–8
  Proverbs 25:8–10
- **October 13**
  Isaiah 24–26
  Psalms 83:1–18
  Proverbs 25:11–14
- **October 14**
  Isaiah 27–29
  Psalms 84:1–12
  Proverbs 25:15
- **October 15**
  Isaiah 30–32
  Psalms 85:1–13
  Proverbs 25:16
- **October 16**
  Isaiah 33–35
  Psalms 86:1–17
  Proverbs 25:17
- **October 17**
  Isaiah 36–38
  Psalms 87:1–7
  Proverbs 25:18–19
- **October 18**
  Isaiah 39–41
  Psalms 88:1–18
  Proverbs 25:20–22
- **October 19**
  Isaiah 42–44
  Psalms 89:1–13
  Proverbs 25:23–24
- **October 20**
  Isaiah 45–47
  Psalms 89:14–37
  Proverbs 25:25–27
- **October 21**
  Isaiah 48–50
  Psalms 89:38–52
  Proverbs 25:28
- **October 22**
  Isaiah 51–53
  Psalms 90:1–91:16
  Proverbs 26:1–2
- **October 23**
  Isaiah 54–56
  Psalms 92:1–93:5
  Proverbs 26:3–5
- **October 24**
  Isaiah 57–59
  Psalms 94:1–23
  Proverbs 26:6–8
- **October 25**
  Isaiah 60–62
  Psalms 95:1–96:13
  Proverbs 26:9–12
- **October 26**
  Isaiah 63–64
  Psalms 97:1–98:9
  Proverbs 26:13–16
- **October 27**
  Isaiah 65–66
  Psalms 99:1–9
  Proverbs 26:17
- **October 28**
  Jeremiah 1–3
  Psalms 100:1–5
  Proverbs 26:18–19
- **October 29**
  Jeremiah 4–5
  Psalms 101:1–8
  Proverbs 26:20
- **October 30**
  Jeremiah 6–8
  Psalms 102:1–28
  Proverbs 26:21–22
- **October 31**
  Jeremiah 9–10
  Psalms 103:1–22
  Proverbs 26:23





THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

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.

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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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.*

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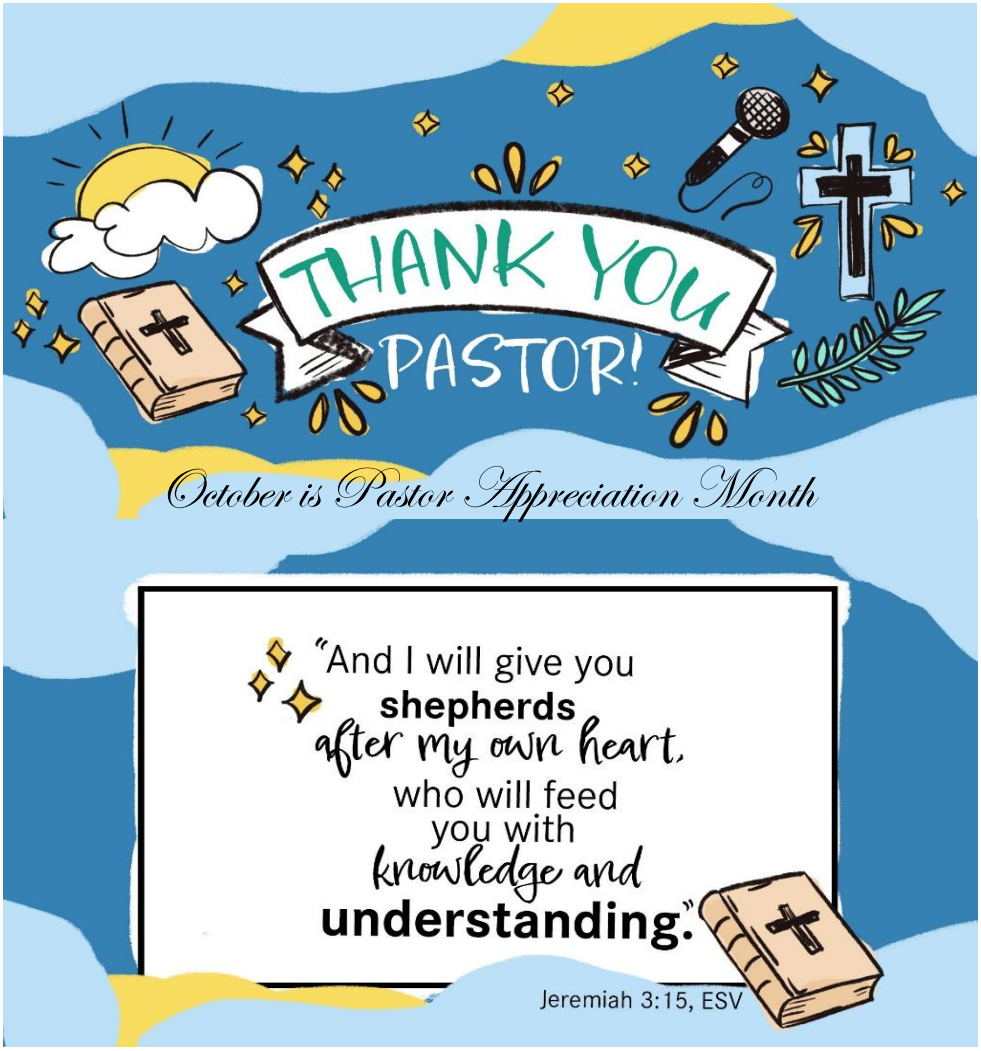
Sunday, November 1
clocks fall back
from 2 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Autumn has arrived, daylight is fading earlier in the evening and another seasonal milestone is approaching: the changing of the clocks.

The change means sunset will suddenly arrive about an hour earlier, while sunrise will also shift earlier in the morning.

When does daylight saving time end in 2026? Daylight saving time officially ends on Sunday, Nov. 1, when clocks fall back from 2 a.m. to 1 a.m., giving most people across the United States an extra hour overnight.

HISTORY Daylight saving time is a changing of the clocks that typically begins in spring and ends in fall in what is often referred to as "spring forward" and "fall back." Some people like to credit Benjamin Franklin as the inventor of daylight saving time when he wrote in a 1784 essay about saving candles and saying, "Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." But that was meant more as satire than a serious consideration. Germany was the first to adopt daylight saving time on May 1, 1916, during World War I as a way to conserve fuel. The rest of Europe followed soon after. The United States didn't adopt daylight saving time until March 19, 1918. It was unpopular and abolished after World War I. On Feb. 9, 1942, Franklin Roosevelt instituted a year-round daylight saving time, which he called "wartime." This lasted until Sept. 30, 1945. Daylight saving time didn't become standard in the US until the passage of the Uniform Time Act of 1966, which mandated standard time across the country within established time zones. It stated that clocks would advance one hour at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in April and turn back one hour at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in October. Under the conditions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, daylight saving time starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. Nearly every U.S. state observes daylight saving time, with the exceptions of Arizona (although some Native American tribes do observe DST in their territories) and Hawaii.



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