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Sunday Services in October

October 5: LWML Sunday, Pentecost 17

October 12: Mission Festival Sunday Pentecost 18

October 19: Pentecost 19

October 26: Reformation Day (Observed)



Pastor Pool's Sunday Bible Study The Footsteps of Paul

In October, our Sunday class will discuss the cities of the second and third missionary journeys of Paul. This series is based on

Pastor and Sallie's recent trip to Greece and Turkey. Pastor will share a few photos, but we will especially look at the Scriptures as we get to know these ancient cities and the Gospel work of the Apostles in these places. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome. Bring your Bible. *See you there!*

October 5: Crete

October 12: Corinth

October 19: Thessalonica

October 26: No Bible Classes



Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor Dreams and Visions in the Bible

Our Tuesday Bible study continues our look at the dreams and visions of the Bible. We are now focusing on New Testament experiences. Our goal is to understand how and why God gave these revelations. We normally meet on the first and third Tuesdays, but because of Pastor's District Conference, we will meet the third and fourth Tuesdays. We hope that works for you! We have two class options at 9:30am or 7:00pm.

October 21: Peter and Cornelius

October 28: Paul and John



Celebrating Our Roots

Our church was incorporated in 1855. This year we celebrate our 170th anniversary. We have a few special plans. On October 26, Reformation Sunday, we will gather our early and late services together for one service at 9:00 am. That weekend, our Bible classes and Sunday School will not meet. But, we will have a cake and light brunch reception in the Fellowship Hall. Pictures and reminders of our past will be available for your perusal. Please join us for this special weekend.

Immediately after service, and before our reception, we are also dedicating our new Chapel in classroom 2. We have been doing some light remodeling of this classroom for a space for prayer and meditation during the week. We will also use it for private confession and absolution, private communion, small baptisms, weddings, etc. This is still a work in progress, but we hope to have it usable by October 26 for our dedication.

God has supplied us with a blessed history of faithfulness. This church was founded on the confession of the Prophets and Apostles in the Holy Scriptures. For generations we have preached the Good News of Christ crucified for sinners. And Christ continues to build His church on this rich tradition. Our future is bright as we remain faithful. Even as we celebrate what God has done among us, we also look joyfully to the future. Truly, it is as Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2, "No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him."

Let me remind you one more time! There is just one service on Sunday, October 26 at 9:00 am as we celebrate our 170th anniversary.

God's Peace,
Pastor

Closet Clean-Out Project

We are organizing, purging, and cleaning several storage closets in the church this month! Volunteer for an hour or two with our Boards of Education and Trustees. The event is: Saturday, October 18 at 9:00 am.



LWML Sunday, October 5

This year's theme begins a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement

— As Lutheran Women in Mission, we

joyfully proclaim Christ, support

missions, and equip women to honor God

by serving others. For Lutheran Women

in Mission Sunday 2025 we focus on Proclaiming Christ.

Everything we do as Lutheran Women in Mission begins with

Christ's message of repentance and forgiveness. The Ascension

text of "GO" (Luke 24:44-53) is the mission emphasis for

Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2025. On Ascension Day,

Jesus gave his followers an assignment "that repentance and

forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all

nations." We, as the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, have a

responsibility to proclaim the message of Christ, to be that body

which proclaims repentance and forgiveness, showing forth the

merciful Christ in what we do and say. As Lutheran Women in

Mission we continue to support, encourage and uplift

missionaries, and also provide physical support and compassion

to all people. It is the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness

of sins in Jesus' name that motivates us to do this work. All Glory

be to Jesus! Please put an extra donation in the large Mites box at

the back of the church today, and continue to remember LWML

throughout the year in your prayers and by contributing to their

Mites collection.



Lutheran Women
in Mission

Sunday

Mary Martha's Muffins for Mites Sunday, October 5

This year in celebration of LWML

Sunday, October 5, the Mary Martha

ladies are providing Muffins in the

fellowship hall before and after early

and late services. Stop by and pick up

one Muffin, or a half a dozen. A good will Mite offering will be

appreciated. Your donation will help charities supported by

LWML Mites, such as Lutheran Family Services, Pastoral

Education, International Missions, Suicide Prevention and many

others. Thank you for supporting LWML.





Mary Martha

Mary Martha will meet on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. Hostesses are Donna Dell and Camil Dell. All women of the congregation are welcome to attend.

Mission Festival Sunday October 12

This year, our Mission Festival offerings will support LCMS World Relief and Human Care. There are special envelopes in your box of envelopes. In tangible ways, at home and abroad, the LCMS continues to bear Christ's mercy in word and deed. It's at the very heart of every LCMS World Relief and Human Care gift. Today, the LCMS is continuing the mercy work and legacy of LCMS World Relief and Human Care — it's the same work, the same compassion and the same capacity. Your contributions to the LCMS, designated for "LCMS World Relief and Human Care," now reach people close to home through the Office of National Mission and in faraway lands through the Office of International Mission in ways that defy sin, death and the devil in this broken world. God's unchanging love, through many works of mercy, continues to open hearts and minds to the Good News so that lives are changed and souls are brought into the body of Christ for eternity. One of the most efficient and effective ways you can support our church's ongoing work of mercy is through a gift that can do it all — a donation to the LCMS, designated for "LCMS World Relief and Human Care." This straightforward designation affords our national and international ministries the financial agility to apply your donation — whatever the amount — whenever the opportunity for Gospel-centered mercy and human care is most pressing or urgent. *Taken from LCMS.org*



Sunday School Mission Project

The Mission Project for this month's Sunday School offerings is St. John's new Chapel. The Chapel is being built in classroom 2 in the Sunday school hallway. This mission project will continue through the end of October. Thanks for your help.



Help Wanted For Family Night Meals on Wednesdays

Can you help out with Family Night Meals on Wednesday evenings? You

can sign up to help just once—or you're welcome to pick multiple dates. Debby Gosnell will coordinate the meals and help with various tasks but would like a break from a weekly Wednesday evening commitment during the fall/winter months. Lisa Hagen has agreed to continue to serve the food and clean up afterwards, although she welcomes assistance if you can stay.

Ways to help:

1. **Prepare an entrée for a Wednesday meal (We plan for 12-14 adults and 9-10 children)**
2. **Drop off requested food items needed for upcoming meals.**
3. **Help with set-up and clean-up for a Wed. meal (5 - 6:30)**

Check the display in the Fellowship Hall for specific information on how to help and indicate which Wednesday you'll be assisting us. Thanks!!

Operation Christmas Child

We have empty boxes ready to go. We would like to encourage every family to take home at least one box to fill this year. Boxes and instructions are in the fellowship hall. Each box costs \$10 to ship so please turn your shipping fee into the office with a note that it's for OCC. Checks should be made out to St. John. You may also make donations to OCC shipping by writing a note on your offering envelope. Thank you!



OCC Assembly Workshops

Mark your calendar. Two OCC Assembly Workshops have been scheduled in October. The first is on Thursday, October 16 at 1:30 p.m. and the second is on Thursday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come and help, including men. We will be assembling fishing kits, jewelry kits, friendship bracelets and jump ropes. Please watch your bulletins for more information. *Many hands make light work.*

Church Membership Directory

There is a rough draft copy of the Membership Directory in the fellowship hall. Please take a look at it and make any changes to your information directly on the rough draft. Please also look at the information of grown children and update or remove information if needed. New Directories will be available in January.



St. John Trunk or Treat

The Board of Evangelism is hosting a trunk or treat on Friday, October 24 in the St. John parking lot. It will be held from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and will happen in conjunction



with the Lyon's Trick or Treat event on Main Ave. We would love to have members sign up and participate by decorating their car and handing out candy. The Board of Evangelism will provide supplies to decorate your car, or you may decorate it yourself. Donations of candy and hot chocolate and apple cider packets are appreciated. Watch for the display in the fellowship hall and sign up soon.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Beginning Nov. 2, we will be receiving **non-perishable, non-expired**, Thanksgiving food items in the hallway by classroom 1 to give to families connected with our congregation who are in need.



Thanksgiving
Food Drive

Suggested items to donate are: boxed potatoes, canned vegetables, canned fruits, stuffing mix, mushroom soup, boxed dessert mixes, boxed muffing mixes, gravy mixes, cranberry sauce, pudding or Jello mixes, etc. Let the office know if you would like to receive a box.

Preschool News

We have such a sweet class this year.

We have fifteen students taking advantage of our 5-, 3-, and 2-day programs. A few of them are very independent and hardly seem to

need us, a few are big talkers and chat with us all morning, and a few are struggling and need lots of hugs, encouragement, or a mom to stick close for a while.



We've been busy watching Monarch caterpillars form their chrysalises and are now waiting for butterflies to emerge. We also have a visiting praying mantis we love to observe.

Outdoors we swing, make recipes in the mud kitchen, dig and play in our sand pile, and hike our wooded trail. Indoors we explore paint and glue, build and drive cars around the room, and play babies and family.

We are looking forward to our field trip to the pumpkin patch at Pride of the Wapsi on Wednesday, October 15.

We close each day with songs, Bible story, and prayer. Each day we pray specifically for the family of our helper. And of course we share our love for Jesus throughout the day as we talk about his creation and how we care for our friends. We are thankful for every opportunity to minister to the children and families or our school.

Cindy Sperry and Gina Andresen

Raise Right Fundraiser

Our next RaiseRight order is due **October 5**. Please pick up an order form in the fellowship hall. Completed forms along with payment may be placed in the blue box. Cards should be in your box on **October 12**. Thank you for supporting our preschool!



CONGRATULATIONS!



October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Claudia Schenk, who will be 82 on October 3.

Ronald McGauvran, who will be 92 on October 4.

Thomas Judd, who will be 80 on October 10.

Jan Peters, who will be 82 on October 16.

Ann Hansen, who will be 94 on October 25.



October Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to:

Eric & Valerie Schaefer,

25th Wedding Anniversary on October 14.

Kevin & JanaLea Montgomery,

40th Wedding Anniversary on October 26.

Keith & Norma King,

25th Wedding Anniversary on October 28.

We list birthdays 80 and above and anniversaries for year one and every five years thereafter unless we receive a request not to do so.

Holy Communion at Home

If you are at home and would like a visit from Pastor, please call the office to set up an appointment. He is glad to come and bring you God's Word and the Sacrament. Pastor also does a monthly service at the Alverno on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30. Visitors are generally welcome.



THOSE WHO SERVE IN OCTOBER

Early

Elders: Jim Schnitzmeyer
Dave Reynolds

Ushers: Tom Colschen
Jon Meyermann
Calvin Lange

Late

Elders: Tom Hardersen
James McHugh

Ushers: Donovan Sirna
Pete Sirna

Recording

5 Darlene Paysen
12 Darlene Paysen
19 Darlene Paysen
26 Darlene Paysen

Acolyte Schedule

5 Early Elder
5 Late Elder
12 Early Elder
12 Late Elder
19 Early Elder
19 Late Elder
26 9:00 Lainey S.

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 20

If you would like to put any information in the November newsletter, contact Camil Dell, and get her the information by October 20.