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October is here along with its beautiful fall foliage, the World Series, cooler temperatures, pumpkins, and the beginning of the Holiday sales for the retailers. Since 1992 October has traditionally been designated as Pastor Appreciation Month — an opportunity for congregations to express, in various ways, their thankfulness to the shepherds who care for them. (see October calendar on page 2)

Members are encouraged to lift up their pastors all the time, not just during October, but throughout the year. All pastors are human and need encouragement and validation just as much as you do. I'd also add that encouraging the pastor's family is also critical — taking the time to tell the pastor's wife on how much you appreciate her sacrifices.

Members should respect the pastoral office as it was established by Christ himself. Ministers keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. In 1 Timothy 5:17 Paul establishes the concept of clergy appreciation when he states that the elders of the church are worthy of double honor, especially those responsible for preaching and teaching. He reiterates this idea in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, when he states that those who work hard among you should be held in the highest regard. *“Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the LORD and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.”*

An important way to show appreciation is through our prayers, asking the Lord of the Church to give our pastor wisdom, strength, courage and peace, asking Him to bless our pastors' ministry among us and to work powerfully through their proclamation of the Word and administration of the Sacraments. Gift cards, checks, and Hallmark cards are nice and warm reminders from parishioners of their appreciation, but if you want to truly express your appreciation, show it by coming to hear the Word in worship and Bible study and taking to heart their words.

The congregation has a duty to assist their pastor as they encourage and support him in the ministry entrusted to him. They volunteer their time, by serving in a variety of ways in the parish, and give of their treasures. The pastor is not a “hired hand” who is to do all the work of the congregation. Telling the good news of the forgiveness of sins in Jesus, in many different situations and opportunities in life, is a task and duty given to all Christians, not only pastors (Matt.28:19- 20; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 Peter 3:15).

What a blessing pastors have been to God's people down through the ages! May God continue to bless the Church mightily through His gift of pastors. Thank you so much, Pastor Weber!



Pastor Weber addressed the LWML Rally as a Chaplain in Illinois Correction centers.

Worship Schedule
 9:00 AM, Sunday Worship Service
 Adult Bible Class, 10:15 A.M.



Oct. 2 Marilyn Sturtevant (Green)
 Oct. 9 Leah Weber (Green)
 Oct. 16 Sharon Larson (Green)
 Oct. 23 Mary Hahn (Green)
 Oct. 30 Kari Tavares (Red)

October's Calendar

**Oct. 02 17th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
 Worship with Holy Communion**

Oct. 03 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
 CID Pastor's Conf. St. Johns E.M.

**Oct. 09 18th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
 Worship with Holy Communion**
 Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Oct. 10 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM

Oct. 12 Food preparations 9:00– Noon

Oct. 13 Oktoberfest Dinner 4:30-6:30 PM

**Oct. 16 19th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
 Worship with Holy Communion**

Oct. 17 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM

Oct. 20 WOF Mtg. 10:00AM
 Elders Mtg. 6:30 PM
 Church Council 7:00 PM

**Oct. 23 20th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
 Worship with Holy Communion**

Oct. 21 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM

**Oct. 30 Reformation Sunday Observance
 (No Communion)**

Oct. 31 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
 Halloween Observance

ELDER'S LIST:

Wayne Becker: 309-853-8783
 Kevin Hull: 309-852-0801
 Ron Larson: 309-853-5111
 Ted Sturtevant: 309-853-8203

USHER'S LIST

1st Sunday: Ted Sturtevant
 2nd Sunday: Nick Phillips
 3rd Sunday: Wayne Becker
 4th Sunday: Kevin Hull
 5th Sunday: Jim Cook

REMEMBER: Please contact the office and inform us of any changes of name, address, marital status, e-mail, phone, and cell phone. E-mail addresses are most important in these changing times to communicate with each other.

Church Cleaning: Faith is looking for a person to do light cleaning of the upstairs portion of our building. If you know of someone who may be interested, please contact Ted Sturtevant.

Those For Whom We Pray: Please include the following in your thoughts and daily prayers.

Our Faith family: Allison Leezer, Cari Bridgewater, Nancy Tudder, JoAnne Behnke, Peggy Faber, Vanda Hallock, and John J. Hernandez.

Friends: Jeff Bowman, Sue Copeland, Ron Pettit, Lacey Hammons, Kent West, Jim Tudder, Hudson McCook, Chris Becker, Eugene Fronk, and all military personnel and first responders.

CID: Our campus, prison, deaf, and Hispanic missions in the District need your prayers and support.

Inactive Members: Pray the Holy Spirit bring them to the understanding of their need to be in regular worship in church on Sunday, and that we as their brothers and sisters in Christ would reach out to them.

Our World: Citizens of and those in Ukraine that peace may come to this land.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy




Birthdays
of the Month



October 2	Jane Davis
October 7	J Wayne Becker
October 8	Ted Sturtevant
October 11	Michael Leezer
October 19	Judy Bridgewater
October 20	Myrene Carper
October 20	Sharon Larson
October 22	Paul Estes
October 27	Sandra Heinrich
October 28	Gary Hahn
October 30	Tinsley Newman


Baptism Dates

LaJean Breedlove	10/01
Sara Nimrick	10/01
Erin Tarvares	10/04



Wedding Anniversaries

October 02	William and Claudia Croegaert
October 18	Ronald and Sharon Larson



Women of Faith: The ladies will be meeting on Thursday, **October 20th**, at 10:00AM. Lunch will be Hobo soup, so please bring a can of non creamy soup to add to the pot. Marilyn is the hostess and a Bible study, Praying Prayers Like Jesus, will be the program.

In October we are focusing on the LWML Mission Grant, Bring the Inner-City Children to Camp. Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR). Located in the Colorado Rocky Mountains, it strives to show God’s grace and glory through His creation to youth attending summer camp. Providing scholarships and transportation for young people in inner-city Denver will show the love of Jesus to children who may not otherwise be able to attend. Thank you for your mites and your prayers for this Mission Grant.

The WOF ladies are collecting used **postage stamps, empty prescription bottles, old Portals of Prayers books and Bibles**. Collection boxes for these items are in the Narthex.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the LWML Fall Rally held at Faith at last month.



Youth Catechesis Class: Pastor Weber is having a Jr. Catechism class for the youth of Faith on Saturdays. This two year program will meet on selected weekends preparing them for Confirmation. If you have or know of a student (5th-8th) who would benefit from this class, contact Pastor for more information.

Bible Study CHRISTIANS IN A WOKE WORLD: A call to courage, confession, and love is Pastor’s next Sunday morning Bible Study. Systemic racism, privilege, political correctness, woke movement, social justice are common terms in the world today. To better understand these words and to answer questions that stem from these, a Christian today must understand this new Marxism, called Cultural Marxism, and its impact on our society and religion. We will analyze the new Marxism from a Biblical perspective.

We will attempt to unlock the mystery of our day- what’s happening to our society? With Jesus and all His promises we need to have courage to confess the truth to this world knowing our place with God is secure. Please advise Pastor if you intend to join this study so guides may be ordered.

LifeLight Study of the Book of Joshua continues on Monday afternoons at 1:00 PM.



Church Council Report: The treasurer reported the General Fund balance is \$48,683.37, the Memorial/Dedicated Fund is \$13,424.74 for a total of \$62,108.11. The Church Extension Fund Balance is \$161,794.36. \$790.00 has been received in memorials for Wendell Hier. The family has indicated that these may be used at the church's discretion. The door offering for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Bristol, Tennessee was \$300.00.

OKTOBERFEST 2022: This year's Oktoberfest dinner will once again be a drive thru meal on October 13th. Meals will be served under the front portico of the church. The price of the dinner is \$12.00, which includes a bratwurst sandwich, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and dessert. Advance ticket sales are encouraged to help determine the amount of food to prepare. Tickets are available from Wayne Becker, and money should be returned to him, preferably no later than October 9th. Meals may be purchased at the drive thru line. Serving will be from 4:30 to 6:30 that evening. A volunteer helper sign up sheet is available in the narthex. Also, fruit pies donations are requested for dessert servings.



Proceeds from this event will be distributed between the church's mortgage debt and the new Concordia Lutheran Academy of Geneseo. Thrivent Financial has approved our project and has sent a kit with \$250 to help defer the cost of food. We thank them for their generous support to our community.



Heather Weber tends the registration table for LWML Fall Rally.



Sue Cervantez and Kari Tavares volunteered to serve lunch for LWML Rally attendees.

Stewardship Matters: The return of high inflation rates fuels anxiety about the future and our financial security. When the cost of nearly everything is rising, it is hard not to wonder if our income will cover all our monthly bills. Situations like this, however, are one reason why faithful stewardship practices are so important. The Biblical basis for carefully managing all we have, as well as giving generously to those in need, is God's promise to provide steadfastly for all of our needs. Acting on that promise in good financial times encourages us to keep trusting God in more difficult ones. The one constant on which we can always rely is His faithfulness to us!

Q: Why do the creeds say "holy Christian Church" instead of "holy catholic Church"?

A: In their original languages, the Apostles' and Nicene creeds describe the Church as "catholic" (small c). It is a Greek word that means "universal" and declares that there is only one Christian Church on earth.

After the Reformation, the Church of Rome more intentionally used "Catholic" (capital C) to distinguish itself as the true Church over against Lutherans and other Protestants. Over time, that use of Catholic began to function as a denominational title. It then made more sense for Lutherans to use "Christian," since we are part of the catholic Church, but clearly not the Catholic Church.

In 1978, when the Lutheran Book of Worship (green hymnal) was published, the creeds were switched back to using "catholic Church" instead. The reasons for the change were not at all clear. Despite its original meaning, people easily assume that "catholic" (capitalized or not) refers to the Roman Catholic Church and are often baffled as to why Lutherans would confess their faith in "the holy catholic Church."

So, to clarify our confession—to ourselves and especially to guests—we have reclaimed the word that Lutherans consistently use confessing our faith in "the holy Christian Church." It has exactly the same meaning as (small-c) catholic, but we hope it communicates more clearly what the phrase actually denotes.