



# Acts of Faith

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## Christ Alone:

October is here and what a glorious month it is. Falling autumn leaves, warm days and cool evenings, football games, hayrides and bonfires, hot cider, apple harvest, and pumpkin carving are all wonderful memories we remember at this time of year. October this year means the return of Pastor Weber from his yearlong deployment with the Iowa National Guard in the Middle East. Praise and thanks be to God for their safe return and a homecoming with their families. Sunday worship services here at Faith Lutheran will resume on October 14<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Weber.

We also thank God for a congregation that is embedded in the teaching of Grace alone, Faith alone, and Scripture alone. In short, we thank God for bringing us to faith in Christ alone. At the center of our Christian faith is the assurance that salvation is based on the unearned free gift of God's grace. Though we are sinners, disobedient children, deserving of God's wrath and anger, we receive the riches of His love and forgiveness. God's gift of grace is received through faith in what Jesus has done for us. Our good works and the good things that we do flow out of having a right relationship with God, but these good things do not have the power to make us right with God. Through God's Word, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, our faith is created and sustained. The Bible, the inspired Word of God, alone is the source for what we believe and what we practice in the Christian church.

During the month of October take some time to remember Reformation Day, and the core teachings of Christianity that were preserved by God through Martin Luther. Be comforted by the fact that God continues to work through particular ways in particular places to turn people from sin and error so that they might flee for refuge and safety in Jesus Christ alone. Take comfort in the truth that God continues to have mercy on you, forgives your sin and error, and preserves your life in Christ alone through his Holy Word and Sacraments. As Luther said in stanza two of his famous hymn, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*: "For us fights the valiant one, whom God himself elected. Ask ye, who is this? Jesus Christ it is, of Sabaoth Lord. And there's none other God; He holds the field forever."

**Oktoberfest Dinner:** Faith will be serving an Oktoberfest German dinner on Thursday, October 18th, from 4:30 to 6:30p.m. in the church fellowship hall. We welcome members and the general public for a donation of \$10.00 per meal which includes bratwurst sausage, German potato salad, and German sauerkraut, dessert, and drink. Meals to-go will be available. Wayne Becker has advance tickets for distribution. Donated desserts (i.e.. pie or cake) are much appreciated. Helpers are needed to make this a successful project. See the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Proceeds from the activity will be used for replacement of a dysfunctional geofurnace unit in the church.



Pastor Weber will return to Faith's pulpit on October 14th after a year long deployment with the Iowa National Guard. A coffee hour is planned to celebrate this occasion after the Sunday worship service. Please join us for this joyous occasion.

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

*October's Calendar*

- | **Oct. 6\***     **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
 |                **Worship 5:00 PM Saturday**  
 |                Mite box collection
- | Oct. 11        Women of Faith Mtg. 10:00AM
- | **Oct. 14**        **Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**  
 |                **Worship and Holy Communion**  
 |                Circuit Forum Coal Valley 2:00 PM
- | Oct 15         LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- | Oct. 16        Elders and Council Mtgs. 6:30 & 7:00 PM
- | Oct. 18        Oktoberfest dinner 4:30-6:30 PM
- | **Oct. 21**        **Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
 |                **Worship and Holy Communion**  
 |                **and Bible Study**
- | Oct 22         LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- | **Oct. 28**        **Reformation Sunday**  
 |                **Worship and Bible Study**
- | Oct. 29        LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- | Oct. 31        Reformation Day / All Saints Eve

\* *Rev. Stephen Mueller is guest preacher*

*Altar Guild Schedule*

October 6	Marilyn Sturtevant	Green
October 14	Kari Tavares	Green
October 21	Mary Hahn	Green
October 28	Mary Hahn	Red

**Weekly Ushers:**

- 1st Sunday: Ray Heinrich & Kevin Hull
- 2nd Sunday: Eric Cervantez & Nick Leezer
- 3rd Sunday: Nick Philips & Randy Stockner
- 4th Sunday: Mike Leezer & Wendell Hier

**Elders List:**

- Wayne Becker: 309-853-8783
- Kevin Hull: 309-852-0801
- Ron Larson: 309-853-5111
- Mike Leezer: 309-286-3014
- Ted Sturtevant: 309-853-8203
- Wendell Hier 309-853-8388

**REMEMBER:** Please contact the office and inform us of any changes of name, address, marital status, e-mail, phone, and cell phone.

**Lutheran Hour Ministry Radio Program**

Station	City, State	Freq.	Day & Time
WKEI	Kewanee, IL	1450 AM	Sun 5:30 AM

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

**Our Faith family:** Cari Bridgewater, Betty Godke, Tootie Godke, Joyce Long, and Bonnie Nuding.

**Friends:** Jeff Bowman, Karen Wright, Judi Umbarger, and our troops abroad.

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



**Prayer Requests:** Have someone or something that you would like Pastor to include in either his personal prayers or in our public Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request, place in an envelope, and leave it in the office or hand it to Pastor.

**Thank you** Rev. Christopher Bushre, St. John-Geneseo, for serving as vacancy pastor during Pastor Weber's National Guard deployment. Best wishes and God's care as you and your family relocate to Waukesha, Wisconsin. Now Rev. Bushre will start telling more cheesy jokes, I suppose.

## October Birthdays

October 2	Jane Davis	October 22	Paul Estes
October 7	J Wayne Becker	October 27	Sandra Heinrich
October 8	Ted Sturtevant	October 28	Gary Hahn
October 11	Michael Leezer	October 30	Tinsley Newman
October 19	Judy Bridgewater	October 31	Jacob Hernandez
October 20	Myrene Carper		
October 20	Sharon Larson		



### Baptism Dates

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

### Wedding Anniversaries

October 2	William and Claudia Croegaert
October 18	Ronald and Sharon Larson

St. Paul admonishes us to “rejoice with those who rejoice” even as we also “weep with those who weep” (Rom. 12:15).

#### Women of Faith:

The ladies will be meeting on Thursday, October 11th, at 10:00AM for service project work. Nancy Tudder is the hostess, Marilyn Sturtevant will lead a Bible study from the Quarterly. Bring a can of soup for Hobo Soup lunch. As usual, all ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

St. John’s LWML hosted the Rock Island Zone fall Rally on September 25th. Approximately 90 women and Pastoral staff attended this amazing event. Four members from Faith delivered In-Gathering items for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Thank you to all who donated In-Gathering items.

Mites will be gathered on Saturday October 6th. In October we have the opportunity to support the LWML Mission Grant, Equipping Youth to Witness for Life. Did you know over 1.2 million women have abortions each year in the United States? Many of these women are very young women, actually girls in high school. With approximately 27% of these women having no religious affiliation, the need is great to reach out to them with the love of Jesus. One of the current LWML grants will equip young Lutherans to share the Gospel and talk about life issues and serve in their own Lutheran high schools. Women of Faith thank you for your generous support in prayers and mites for these mission grants.



**Special Voters’ Meeting:** On September 22, after worship service, the Voters’ Assembly authorized the trustees to contract for the replacement of a geo-thermal heating and cooling unit at the approximate cost of \$13,000. Johnson’s Heating of Kewanee will be awarded the low bid contract. This unit will supply the office and Narthex areas. The existing unit has been repaired several times the past year and has failed again.

**Council Action:** The Treasure reported the general fund balance was \$42, 851, and the dedicated fund balance was unchanged. Memorial funds of \$655 have been received from the Lois Novotny family. In thanksgiving of Pastor’s return, Council approved a check for \$500 to be sent to the LCMS Operation Barnabas from remaining funds raised last year at the Oktoberfest. The trustees recommended the replacement of the geo-thermal unit which heats the Narthex and office areas, due to its condition, at a cost of approximately \$13,000, subject to Voter approval. The dehumidifier from the office was relocated to the kitchen when mildew was reported to be found in that area. The office large copier has not been functioning properly, and a repair service may need to be contacted. Next meeting will be Tuesday evening, October 16th, at 7:00 PM.

**R.I. Circuit News:** Rev. Robert Hagen, Trinity Coal Valley, has announced his upcoming retirement at the end of the year. Rev. Hagen is the circuit visitor. We wish him well in retirement life.

St. Matthew, Milan is still vacant and have issued another call.

On October 14 at 2:00 P.M. a Circuit Forum will be held at Trinity, Coal Valley for the election of delegates to the 2019 LCMS Convention.

**CID News:** CID has been endeavoring to add a Missionary Pastor for the south side of Peoria, to work out of Christ Lutheran Church there. Although called by the District, this new worker will be funded largely via a support network which he, like overseas missionaries, will build with help from national Synod. Watch for further developments, and pray for these new efforts in urban ministry.

“Partnership in the Gospel” Video Online is a recent half-hour video on the work of the Lord in the Central Illinois District. You can view this same video anytime by clicking on the logo on the home page of the District’s website, [www.cidlcms.org](http://www.cidlcms.org).

CID-CEF has announced new rates for investments with them. Investment Certificates rates are 6 mo. @ .50%, 1 year @ .75%, 3 year @ 1.75%, and 5 year @ 2.0%. Your investments provide the resources for growing LCMS churches and schools in the CID. The office has applications for new investments.

**LCMS NEWS:** After serving St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas, for 15 years, the Rev. Dr. Mark S. Nuckols — an LCMS reserve chaplain — has been called into active duty and installed as director of the Pastoral Care Advisory Team for the Army Chief of Chaplains in Washington, D.C. The installation took place on Aug. 12. Like many LCMS chaplains, Nuckols has served as a parish pastor and provided spiritual care for soldiers when called upon to do so. He has been joyfully involved in both for most of his time in the ministry.

Held every three years the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth (14-19 yrs.) and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God’s people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith, and their Lutheran identity. During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God’s Word, worship, service and fellowship with others from across the synod. It will be held July 11-15, 2019 in Minneapolis, MN. Registration forms for congregations are now available on-line.

**Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning God created ...”** Many studies report atheism is on the rise in our culture. The appeal of atheism is in the denial of a Creator. If the world just happens to exist – and we are just accidents that arose out of a long process of random, directionless evolution – then we get to make our own rules and nobody has any right to tell us otherwise. Because if there is a Creator, then obviously He would know best, and we would do best to follow His commands. Of course, we Christians know this Creator very well, and we have seen not only His power and commands but also His grace and mercy in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than being alive without breathing. “

“Pray and let God worry.”

“We are saved by faith *alone*, but the faith that saves is never *alone*.”

Quotes from Martin Luther

**2018 Altar Flower Chart** is up and available for you to sign up for altar flowers. Please consider placing flowers on our Lord’s altar to remember a significant loved one or event in your life.

