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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 13, 2024

8:15 AM

READY TO
serve

••••• LUKE 1:38 •••••

 **Lutheran Women**
in Mission SUNDAY

LWML: I AM READY TO SERVE...

Each woman recognizes she is the Heart of LWML, created to praise His name, reflect His glory, and share His love.

Our church understands that the Heart of LWML lies within each woman as she engages in mission education, mission inspiration, mission service, and mission support.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY TO THE GLORY OF GOD

At the beginning of the service all are asked to sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate during the collection. So that we may better serve you and send you more information, guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card.

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THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Making an impact at home and abroad! As Lutheran Women in Mission, we know it’s an honor to serve God by serving others. We serve local organizations with Gifts from the Heart, Mission Service Activities, and Special Offerings. And through a careful selection process, we choose mission grant recipients from around the world each biennium. Starting with one grant of \$15,000 our mission grant goal continues to grow each biennium. In 2023, a Mission Goal of \$2,350,000 was approved to fund 31 grants. The seed of the mustard plant is among the smallest of seeds, yet from this small seed grows a large bush. Jesus used the analogy of a mustard seed to show how something small and seemingly insignificant can have a powerful impact. Like the analogy, our Mustard Seed Daily Devotions are short devotions, small seeds of faith, that are great for your spiritual growth, and are easy to sow by sharing with friends.

WE BELIEVE GOD’S WORD... ON THE LORD’S SUPPER

We believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion Christ gives His true body and blood under the form of bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. We believe Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament, and as we come in faith to receive it, we receive Him. The Bible teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment on themselves (*I Corinthians 11:27-29*). Those baptized and believing Christians who share our confession of faith are welcome guests at the Altar. The Pastor would be glad to answer any questions relating to our faith or practice. Anyone not confirmed or communing is welcome to come and receive a blessing.

Also Happening This Week (Oct 14 to Oct 19, 2024)

Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Create in Me - Ladies’ Crafts
 Wednesday, 8:30 and 9:15 a.m. Chapels: School and ECE

Our Discipleship the Past Weeks:

Worship	10/6/24	10/13/24	10/20/24	10/27/24	
8:15 Traditional	115 ()				
11:00 Contemporary	x				
Sunday School					
Monthly Budget	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200	
Giving MTD	\$18,KKK				
Weekly Giving					

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER

Over 80 years of History! The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) was established in 1942 as the official women’s auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. With the launch of our new logo in 2023, we are shifting away from the acronym LWML and towards the descriptive phrase Lutheran Women in Mission. Past President Gloria Edwards championed the phrase during her term, and in 1998 it became the official doing-business-as (DBA) name for the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League.

Lutheran Women in Mission: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. *On Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday we remember our past and look to the future.*

OPENING HYMN “Serve the Lord with Gladness” (Tune: *LSB 662*)

♪ 1. “Serve the Lord with gladness!” It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name.

2. “Serve the Lord with gladness!” He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

3. “Serve the Lord with gladness!” There’s no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

(Tune: ST. GERTRUDE)

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

KYRIE *LSB 204*

People: ♪ **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 204*

♪ **1. To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2. To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**3. For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You announce Your will for us in mysterious and troubling ways. We pray that, as Mary once heard and accepted the angel's message of Your will, we too many hear Your call and respond with full faith and willingness to serve; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

The Lord Calls Samuel

3 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶ And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION THE LEAGUE PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being

found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Praise, Love, Serve"

LSB 361

♪ **1. Our God and Father made the earth, And when we went astray,
Our God, the Son, descended here To take our sins away.
With His own blood He bought us. He broke the bonds of sin.
Then God the Spirit came into Our hearts to dwell within.**

**2. In gratitude we pledge ourselves, To Him with all we have.
Our hands will work; our voices sing; Our lips proclaim His love.
His errands we'll do gladly; His Gospel we'll defend;
Our silver and our gold we'll use — His Kingdom to extend.**

**3. Wherever He has need of us, We will His call obey.
Whenever He calls out to us, We'll answer right away.
His will is ours that lost souls Will turn away from sin
And come to have eternal life Through fellowship with Him.**

**4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!**

Stanzas 1- 3 based on the LWML Pledge Written by Jean Hansen Kammerer, Stevensville, Montana
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SERMON

“READY...”

³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God... ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(A time of silence for personal prayer.)

Leader: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Leader: O Christ,

People: have mercy.

Leader: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Leader: Mary was chosen to be the mother of a child to be named Jesus, who would save all people from their sins. “Mary, for you have found favor with God ... you shall call his name Jesus.” (Luke 1:30–31)

People: We thank You, Lord.

Leader: Mary’s response of willingness to serve was a response of faith and trust. “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord.” (Luke 1:38)

People: We thank You, Lord.

Leader: The Psalmist proclaimed that we are to “Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples” (Psalm 96:3). Help us, O Lord, to proclaim Your glory and to proclaim that You are the Christ.

People: Help us, good Lord.

Leader: Jesus said to His disciples: “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation” (Mark 16:15). Help us to encourage our mission efforts and missionaries with our prayers and our mite offerings.

People: Help us, good Lord.

Leader: Help us, dear Lord, and equip all of us, women, men and children to engage in Your mission and our congregation’s work.

People: Help us, good Lord.

Leader: As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, (1 Peter 4:10a). Help us to remember our church workers in their ministry and also the service that is given through our Lutheran Women of Mission.

People: Help us, good Lord.

Leader: “Serve the LORD with gladness!” (Psalm 100:2). Help our response to be one of joy and love as Jesus loved us and came to serve us.

People: Help us, good Lord.

Leader: Gabriel reminded Mary, “For nothing will be impossible with God.” (Luke 1:37). Help us in our faith believe that all things are possible because our Lord is God.

People: Help us, good Lord.

Leader: Mary was ready to serve her Lord. May we be ready and willing to serve our Lord with gladness.

People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: Lord God, hear us as we pray for (*petitions are offered here*):

People: Amen.

Leader: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Leader: O Christ,
People: have mercy.

Leader: O Lord,
People: have mercy. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS



For your convenience, we now accept gifts via Venmo or PayPal.

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Lord, You created me to be a steward. In Holy Baptism, You made me a Christian steward. Guide me in understanding that I am a steward by Your grace and that my stewardship is a way of life. Keep me dependent on You and responsible to You. I ask this for Jesus' sake, Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Mites, Missions, and Mustard Seeds: Based on the biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. The Mite Box is more than just a symbol of God's provision — it's a reminder that your offerings and prayers bring the love and hope of Jesus to those in need.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you.

LAMB OF GOD

LSB 210

- ♪ 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

“WITH JOY WE COME TOGETHER”

(Tune: LSB 527)

- ♪ 1. With joy we come together Our hearts of one accord,
Rejoicing in the blessings Of serving You, O Lord.
The gifts that You have given Make us a mighty throng.
With thankfulness we raise up Our praise to You in song.
2. We celebrate the women, Who've served You through the years,
Sustaining one another Through vict'ry, trials, and fears.
We follow now their service, Devoted, Christ, to You.
No matter what Your errand, We'll strive to follow through.
3. Through ministries supported, We've seen Your love outpoured.
With mites that You've provided, We've learned to trust You, Lord.
Our many hands have served You, Yet much is left undone.
Your mission must continue In reaching everyone.
4. Lord, with Your love and guidance, We'll serve You faithfully.
Wherever You should lead us, We'll follow willingly.
May we be bold in witness So others see Your grace.
That we may one day worship Together face to face.

Jean Hansen Kammerer

“LUTHERAN WOMEN, ONE AND ALL”

(Tune: LSB 892)

- ♪ 1. Lutheran women, one and all, We have heard the Gospel call.
We by faith have seen our Lord Crucified and then restored.
We have seen Him pay the price, For our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim And unite to praise His name.

**2. Lutheran women, young and old, Well we know His challenge bold:
Help to take the Gospel light To a world in darkest night,
By example in the home, By inviting those who roam,
By our prayers for sinners lost, By our gifts for missions' cost.**

**3. Lutheran Christians, coast to coast, In the Lord a mighty host,
Let us all united be In the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope, and love, Working for the Lord above,
Till, our earthly labors done, We in heaven shall all be one.**

Elmer A. Kettner (Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 212

Pastor Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

LSB 394

**♪ 1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**

**5. Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.**

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace to serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU, LWML MEMBERS, FOR SERVING TODAY!

"I AM A TRUST FROM YOU, LORD!"

*God has entrusted me with life, body and soul,
and all my material and spiritual blessings.
By faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, I will care for, honor,
and freely and gladly share His gifts.*

Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

-- 1 Chronicles 29:13-14

The Monthly Spotlight: Family Life Board

The Board of Family Life shall plan programs to accomplish the following objectives: a. Strengthening the spiritual and social fellowship between congregation members; b. Integrating new members into the life of the congregation, including involving such members in Bible study groups available within the congregation; and c. Building mutual cooperation, trust, and fellowship. Debbie Schellmann serves as Director of the Board. She's joined by Linda Couch, Jonathan Cain, Carol Seelman, Laura Elston and Julie Buchtrup. God bless you all!

Joshua Wareham Prayers Cards are available in the narthex.

Vicar Joshua Wareham departs November, 2024, to serve the Lord in Sri Lanka, where he will spend his vicarage before returning to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. His duties include preaching and helping lead worship services, teaching catechism classes and Bible studies, and assisting in ongoing evangelism and outreach activities. Let's remember him in prayer, and as God blesses us, support his ministry through our gifts to Synod or through a special offering to Faith Lutheran.

Bible Studies at Faith, Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

- ▶ **Women's Bible Study: Acts** (LWML Room)
- ▶ **The Wired Word: What does the Bible say about?** (Board Room)
- ▶ **Sunday School: Ages 4 through 6th Grade** (Gathers in Sanctuary)
- ▶ **Youth Confirmation: 7th and 8th Graders** (Confirmation Room)
 - ▶ **High School/College Age Bible Study** (Youth Room)
 - ▶ **Adult Membership Course: GodConnects** (Conference Room)
- ▶ **We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms/Church and State** (Cafeteria)

The Wednesday Gathering (Every Wednesday)

Outreach, and more rolled into a strategic and intentional initiative to bring us together, to bring unchurched people to our facility and ministry circle, and to work toward "making disciples" for the Lord.



Bible Studies, Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.

The Wednesday Gathering Women: "The Heart of Jesus" (Board Rm)

The Wednesday Gathering Bible Men: "Titus 10" (School)

Crafts for Children

October 23... "Connecting to Faith through Technology" A workshop!

Confused by all the technology happening at the church? **Bring your phone or laptop to**

Wednesday Gathering on October 23, 6:30 PM, Conference Room,

and let Janice and Ward help you sort it out!

- How to use QR Codes to access Online information and sign-ups
- How to access the online membership directory using CCB
- Discover what's new on the Church and School websites
 - How to access live stream church services
- How to participate in a ZOOM meeting or connection group

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

Gathering all future bell ringers for a new Bell Choir at Faith.

Can you read music? Do you have bell choir experience? Always loved the Bell Choir?

Come join us or speak to Vaunda Noerenberg or Jill Musgrove for more information.

Pastor Call Committee Update

After meeting for prayer and discussion, the Call Committee was led by God's Spirit to recommend that we review the list of pastoral candidates given to us (by congregation nominations and District President recommendation/endorsement) to bring at least two names to our next Voters Meeting/Call Service.

The Florida-Georgia District President recommends that Call Services to elect a Pastor, in the Voters Meeting setting, typically include at least two candidates, in order to allow members the opportunity to pray for and discuss whom they believe God is calling to their ministry. Our Call Committee believes, and therefore recommends to our Board of Directors and to the Voters Assembly, that they prepare a slate of pastoral candidates with at least two names of pastors who have indicated in the past they are open to giving "serious consideration" to our Call.

The Call Committee believes it can and will complete this task relatively quickly. Immediately then, the Circuit Visitor (Pastor Jeff Jordan of Rivercliff LC) will contact the additional potential candidates to see if, in their current circumstances, they are open to considering a Call. When the Circuit Visitor completes his work, the Call Committee will request, through our Board of Directors, a Voters Meeting/Call Service. The Call Committee will publish and make available to you, our members, the relevant candidate information.

October/November Events

Operation Christmas Child Boxes... in the narthex!

For children around the world, a shoebox is often their very first gift. Given together with the Good News of Jesus Christ, it communicates God's love to a boy or girl in need. So, it is important to make sure your gift is ...

FUN—includes a “wow” item and other quality toys

FULL—packed to the brim with additional school supplies and personal care items

PERSONALIZED—prayed over and contains a note and photo, which are often the child's favorite!

Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) Sunday, October 20, 2024

Imagine trying to understand Scripture in all its richness without the benefit of Luther's Small Catechism, or trying to teach young children about basic Bible stories without books like A Child's Garden of Bible Stories. For Lutheran churches around the world, these situations are reality. They don't have the basic books, so vital to understanding the Lutheran faith, because no one has translated them into their languages. Guest Preacher Rev. Mark Moss shares the story of LHF.

Through the mission gifts of people like you, LHF translates, publishes, distributes and introduces books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven. LHF has published the catechism in more than 110 languages with dozens more requested. In the past decade, LHF has published and distributed over 1,300 titles and 3 million Lutheran books to pastors, seminary students, missionaries and churches – all at no cost to them.

Saturday, October 19, 2024 Circuit Forum, Rivercliff Lutheran Church

Our pastoral and lay delegate will attend this meeting to elect a Circuit Visitor.

Sunday, October 20, 2024 4 p.m. Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Faith Forum: “Citizens/Disciples in the Lion's Den”

Former *Lutheran Hour* Speaker and currently at The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL)

Dr. Seltz will be with us at Faith to share insights on our privileges and responsibilities as Christian citizens with the right to vote. Check out his many resources at <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/>

The Center provides input, education, advice, advocacy, and resources in the areas of life, marriage and religious liberty and seeks to engage in discussions in Washington, D.C., to establish partnerships and resources in our nation's Capital for the sake of our churches, schools, universities, and seminaries.

Trunk or Treat, Friday, October 25, 2024, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Trunk or Treat is a great chance for our church and school to come together and connect with the community. Last year, we had 26 trunks—let's aim for 30 this year!

Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024, 8:15 and 11 a.m.

A celebration of God's grace in renewing the Church and anchoring His people on Jesus.

Thursday, November 7, 2024, 6:00PM - 7:00PM
Faith Lutheran School International Night in the Gym

Come and see the many exhibits on the beauty of God's creation in world cultures.

Faith School Children Sing, Sunday, November 10, 2024, 11 Worship

We will be thrilled to welcome our students to 11 am worship to share their musical gifts.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024, 12:30 PM ELECTIONS... VOTERS MEETING
NOMINATION FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

You are invited to pick up a form and nominate a fellow member for a leadership office or Board Position. Nominations are due by Oct 27. Something to think... and pray about?

The privileges and duties of voting members include the following:

- A. To exercise conscientiously and prayerfully their rights to vote in all measures that will connect people to Jesus and advance the work of Christ's Kingdom, both locally and in the church-at-large;*
- B. To serve willingly in any office or capacity for which their talents and abilities equip them;*
- C. To attend faithfully all Voters Meetings; and*
- D. To assist with wholehearted diligence in administering the temporal and spiritual affairs of the congregation, working toward unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:3). Faith Lutheran Bylaws – April 2009*

Thanksgiving Worship, Wednesday, Nov 27, 2024, 6:30 pm

Advent Begins... Sunday, December 1, 2024

Advent by Candlelight, Sunday, December 8, 2024, 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran School Update

What's happening at Faith Lutheran School?

1. Our Principal, Amy Kurtz, has received and accepted a Divine Call to serve as Principal at Immanuel Lutheran School, Memphis, Tennessee. The Spirit of God has led her to begin her new ministry in January 2025, and so Amy will be with us until this Christmas. We give thanks to God for her time with us and pray the Lord's rich blessings on her (and the family) as they move to Memphis and prepare to undertake her new position at Immanuel Lutheran School.
2. Our ministry Leadership is working to provide for the interim (beginning January 2025 until the next school year begins). We are exploring numerous options to fill key positions in this ministry.
3. You are cordially invited to pray for, and drop by to see, our Thursday, October 17, 10 a.m., "Open House." It's a great way to experience the day-to-day blessings of our School ministry.
4. Though it seems "a way away," our School Children will share their gift of music in our Advent Midweek services, Dec 11 (Elementary School) and Dec 18 (Early Childhood). Each service begins at 6:30 p.m. An Advent Youth Service will be offered Dec 4, 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars!
5. The Board of School Ministry and the Church are planning a "Farewell and Godspeed" for Amy on Sunday, December 15, 2024, between services and after the 11 a.m. worship.

Principal Call Committee Update

The School Ministry Board and Director Danette Smith have completed and submitted paperwork to Jennifer Tanner, Florida-Georgia District Education Executive, to formally begin the process.

Faith Lutheran School, Marietta, GA, Principal Search

Faith Lutheran Church and School, Marietta, Georgia, invites area Lutheran congregation members to nominate candidates for the position of School Principal. This position is full-time, begins the 2025-26 School Year, and provides leadership for the Early Childhood Education Center and Elementary School. We seek an individual committed to Lutheran education, who is a servant-leader with a vision for ministry in our diverse community. The Principal works collaboratively with the Pastor (or Interim Pastor). A Position Description is available. For more information, please email School Board Chair Danette Smith (danette.w.smith@gmail.com) or Interim Pastor Ken Wagener (317-650-5843 KennethCWagener@gmail.com).

We have also sent the interim position announcement to area Lutheran congregations.

Oct 17 Parent/Teacher Conferences, early release 1:00 pm

Oct 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences, no school (in-service meeting)

Oct 28 – Nov 1 “Red Ribbon Week” Oct 29 PTL Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

From the Florida-Georgia District

Dear Friends, As Hurricane Milton bears down on Fort Myers, FL — where we continue long-term recovery operations for survivors of Hurricane Ian — our Disaster Relief teams are closely monitoring the situation and preparing to respond. Due to the severity of the storm, which has now strengthened to a Category 5, our teams have safely evacuated our bases in Valdosta, GA, and Fort Myers. They have temporarily relocated to Columbus, GA, where they will remain until conditions are safe to resume operations.

In addition to our preparations for Hurricane Milton, we are still responding to Hurricane Helene. We will be opening a new base of operations in Augusta, GA, on Friday, October 11, with work scheduled to begin on Saturday, October 12. We are in desperate need of volunteers, especially Team Leaders, to join us in this critical work. If Hurricane Milton causes significant damage to Fort Myers areas, our volunteer teams will be mobilized for local cleanup efforts as soon as it is safe.

Our teams are awaiting confirmation to establish a base in East Tennessee, near the North Carolina and Virginia state lines, to maximize our impact and assist more families and individuals affected by Hurricane Helene in Mountain City and surrounding areas. If activated, we will urgently need volunteers to support these efforts.

Our office along with LCMS has set up 3 Camps (Tampa, Valdosta and Augusta). Unfortunately, we are only setting these up for a month due to how short we are in LERT volunteers. PLEASE share with your congregations, circuits and others the opportunity to volunteer, even if it's just for a couple days. The two GA locations are mostly “chain saw” trained people, but St Pete/Tampa is tear out of drywall – anyone can do this. Here's our District Link to get more info and sign up to Volunteer. <https://flqadistrict.org/lert/>

May the Lord not only have mercy on those already affected, but also may our Merciful God bring Hurricane Milton in the area where the least possible impact will happen and may those winds from the cold front that is keeping it south be stronger than anticipated to decrease its strength substantially!