

The Messenger



2025



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1901 MIDDLEBOROUGH RD,
ESSEX MD 21221

October 26, 2025

Reformation Sunday



It is by grace you have been saved,
through faith - and this not from
yourselves, it is the gift of God -
not by works, so that no one can boast.

- Ephesians 2:8-9



God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble. – Psalm 46:1

October means many things: cooler weather and the changing colors of leaves; excitement (and perhaps a bit of exhaustion, too!) among our youth and their families for Halloween and all the festivities that fall ushers in; and, for Lutheran Christians like you and me, an opportunity to remember our heritage in faith when we gather for Reformation Sunday on October 26.

This year, Reformation Sunday will mark the 508th anniversary of the day when Martin Luther, a young Catholic monk and teacher, published 95 Theses (or, beliefs) about repentance, grace, and faith. Luther had seen how the Church was selling forgiveness, rather than promising the forgiveness that Jesus gives on the Cross, and this practice deeply concerned him. His theses were intended for debate, but they provoked conflict with Church authorities. Unwilling to take back what he had written, after years of discussions and trials Luther was excommunicated from the Church. After excommunication, though, Luther continued to teach and lead in the faith in Wittenberg, Germany for decades to come.

Five hundred years later, Reformation Sunday often does little more than come and go. We sing “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” in worship and might wear our red to church, but we miss out on the chance Reformation Sunday offers for us to reflect on our Lutheran Christian heritage and identity.

From my point of view, Reformation Sunday offers both challenge and promise. Reformation Sunday challenges us to see ourselves as a part of a church much larger than we can imagine. Not just people of Hope in Middleborough, or ELCA Lutherans, first and foremost we are Christians, as much a part of the body of Christ as our Catholic, Methodist, Episcopal, and Evangelical siblings in the faith who live across the globe. Reformation Sunday promises, though, that our distinctly Lutheran witness to the gospel matters in this broader church. Our witness that Jesus saves us by his grace, which we come to know in faith, according to the promises of the scriptures gives not only hope and new life, but an experience of grace so powerful we cannot but share it. Reformation Sunday points us to this witness we have to offer, while reminding us that others have stories, voices, and experiences from which we as Lutheran Christians can learn.

As we observe Reformation Day this year, my prayer is that the scriptures will continue to shape and send us to be Christ’s body for the sake of God’s beloved world: a world where now and forever, God is and will be our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Vicar Adam

COME LET US WORSHIP

**Join us on Sundays in the Sanctuary at
10:00 am. for worship.**

We are currently offering one worship service at 10:00 AM on Sundays. We are alternating between our Traditional and Family Worship Service format each Sunday, with a children's message, Holy Communion and Children's Church/KBZone.

Please join us in our Sanctuary.

Mission Statement

“Why are we here as a people of God? We are here to celebrate our faith, grow in faith and in God’s Word, and reach out in service to our community. Go in peace to celebrate, grow and serve”!

PRAYER

THE BELIEVER'S SECRET WEAPON

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Bob Baker

Connie Baker

Susan Baucom

Barbara Becker

Bob Bellach

Gail Berry

Jessica Berry

Pat Berry

Kathy Binas

John Boblitz

Ken Brazerol

Debbie Bryant

Andres Buitrago

Wilford Buitrago

Tony Bunk

Ethel Burke

Carolee Calo

David Clagget

Chris Coffey

Mary Jane Conrad

Tom Cox

Chuck DeWitt

Jami Edgar

David Eicher

Belinda Emge

Susan Enclade

Evan

Darlene Fisher

Tim Flaherty

Al Fleischmann

Amy Folk

Derrick Fowler

Sam Freels

Mike Gerald

Fred Getz

Russ Getz

Pierre Gibbons

Cassidy Gore

Trudy Grauer

Cassidy Gore

Trudy Grauer

Cowyn Gustave

Nicole Harden

Juliana Hasson

J & K

Ellie Houser

Lillian Jones

Kay

David Kerner

Joan Kincaid

Michelle Kincaid

Matt Kretzschmar

Christina Lacko

Diane Lacko

Lynne Lake

Patty Baldwin

Linsolata

Margaret Linz

Harriett Lloyd

Karen Louden

Julia Ly

Phil Malpas

Mary-Kathryn

Ruth Massaroni

John Micklos

Marsha Millender

Matilda Miller

Michelle Moore

Terry Novak

Charmaine Ordak

Beth Patterson

Judy Crockett

Peddiford

Krista Pellegrini

Evelyn Porter

Dorothy Prevost

Cass Rayman

Dave Raynor

Yvonne Ryan

Frank Schmidt

Sarah Schnept

Geraldine Scott

Nancy Scott

Tina Sharfe

Barbara Shelly

Mike Short, Sr.

Charlene

Simmons

Lonny Smith

Margaret Smith

Deni Starr

John Steiner

Phyllis Sult

Teresa

SharonThompson

Dale Timmons

Andrea Ulrich

Vernon Wallace

Frank Walls

Trish White

Elvelta Williams

Karen Williams

Gail Wilson

Cass Wohlleben



Bible Study and Small Groups

At Hope Church we take seriously the Great Commission of the Risen Jesus to "go, make disciples of all nations... teaching them..." We offer a variety of opportunities for people of all ages to deepen their faith through small group, Bible study and other discipleship groups and classes.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study:

Meetings every Wednesday at **10:30 AM** in the Choir Room, where each week we'll take a deeper dive into the scriptures that we read from "in worship" each week. Please Join Us!

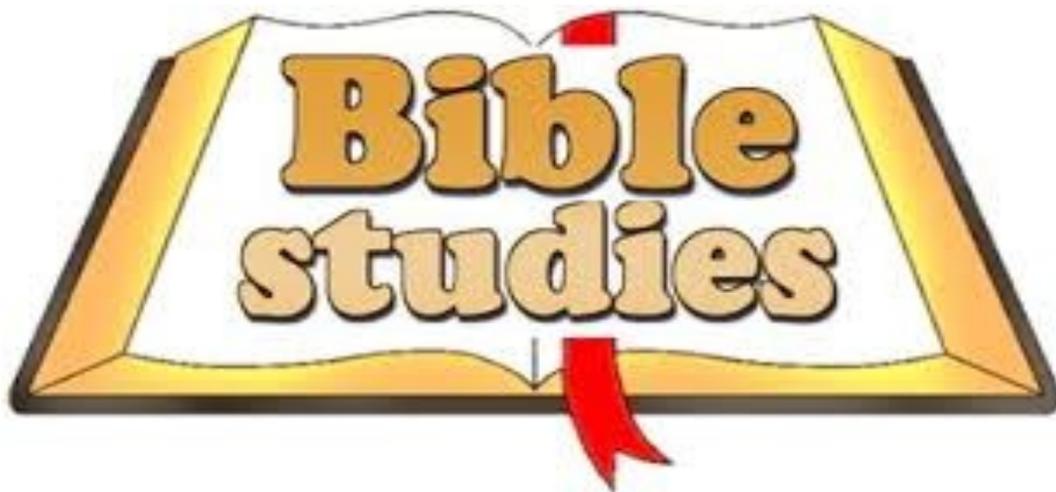
Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Zoom option available):

Meets at **7 PM** every Wednesday in the Choir Room, when each week we'll take a deeper dive into the scriptures that we read from "in worship" each week. For the study at 7:00 pm, we will have a Zoom option available - and the link will be shared closer to then. Please join us!

*****If you would like to join any of the Bible Studies, please let Vicar Adam know and he will share links, phone number and meeting ID with you and more information.**

Vicar Adam, adamfairchild@gmail.com, Cell: (443-974-1542)

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. - Isaiah 40:8





Happy Fall!
God bless you all!

Thank you Judy for all of your lovely creative center pieces for our Coffee Hour

September 14th



September 7th

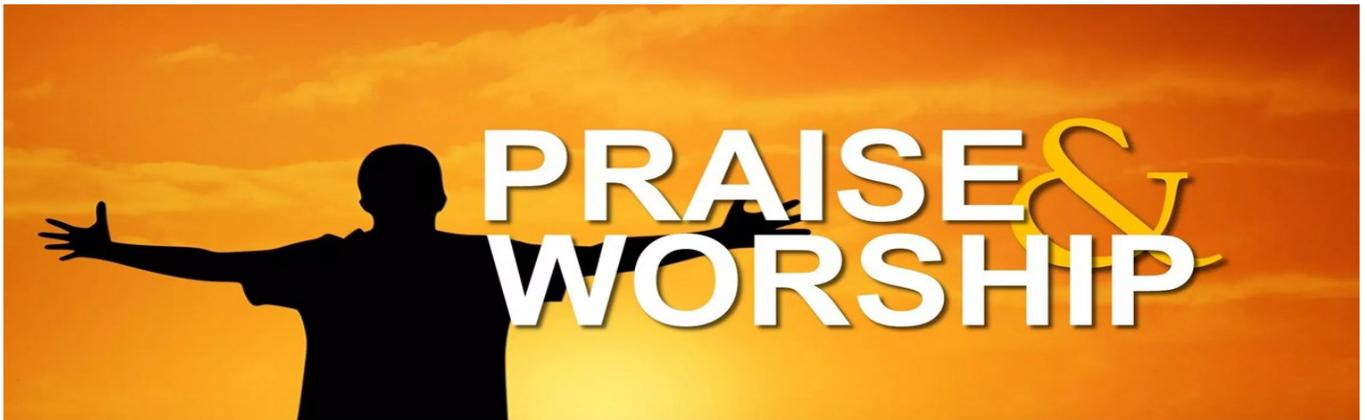




What a joy it was to welcome Anya and Gian as new members of Hope Church on September 7th! Thank you to all who were there to join in welcoming them in worship, and who received Anya and Gian with such warmth and fellowship during Coffee Hour after worship. We rejoice with you both in the gift of baptism, and the life we share as God's people.

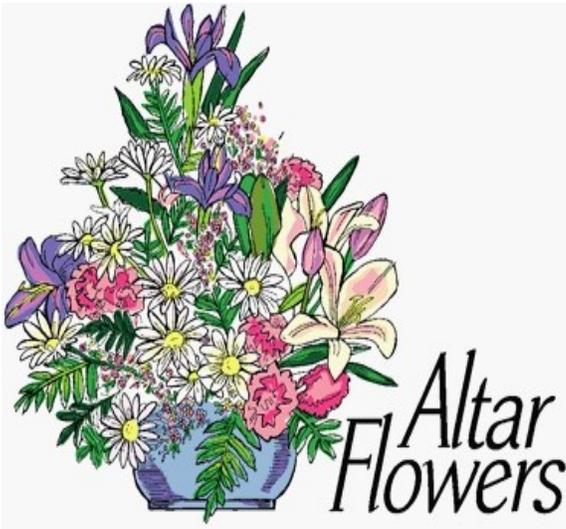


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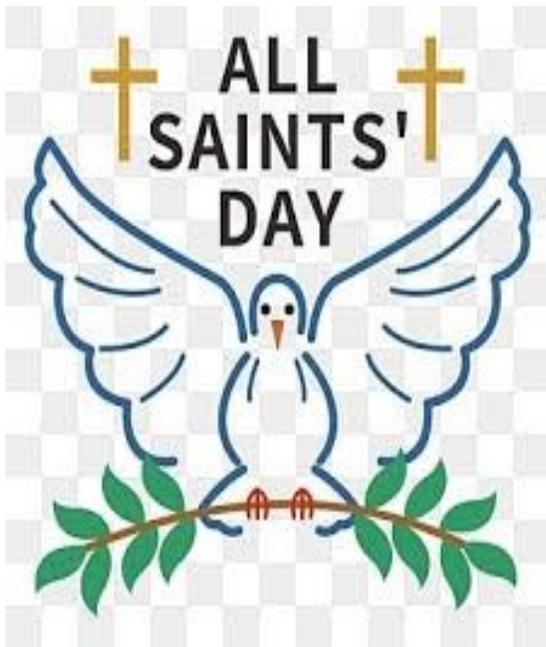


PRAISE & WORSHIP

Every Sunday, 9:30-9:40 AM there will be an opportunity to shout, pray, sing, and give testimony & honor to God. Please join us in the sanctuary.
Colin Eversley, Music Minister



HOPE'S 2025 FLOWER CHART is available at the table to the left as you enter the narthex. Two arrangements are available for each week. In order to give everyone a chance to select a Sunday close to an important event or memory. Available dates for signup are 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/23-2, 12/14, and 12/21. The cost is \$20 per arrangement and we request payment and dedication no later than one week prior to your selected Sunday.



All Saints Sunday

November 2nd is All Saints Sunday, a time for us to remember all the saints who have passed on before us, especially Hope members and their loved ones who have died within the last year. Please call the church office or send an email to Shirley at hopelsecretary@outlook.com to give us the name or names of the those you would like to remember.

Join Us For

Trunk or Treat



Trunk or Treat

Thursday, October 30, 2025

6:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Hope Lutheran Church and All Stars Learning Center

1901 Middleborough Road

Parking lot of Christian Education Building/All Stars Learning Center

“**Trunk or Treat**” provides a *safe and fun* way for families to enjoy Halloween! During a Trunk or Treat children go from car to car “trunk or treating”.

Calling all creative car owners...at least 10!

We need your help to make this event successful! All you have to do is decorate your car trunk, dress in costume (optional), and hand out candy to the children 😊.

This **FREE** event provides a *safe environment* for children and their families who wish to trick or treat. Because the event is held in one central location, children are not forced to cross streets and climb stairs.

Cookies and Candy donations NEEDED: If you would like to donate candy for this event, the candy must be sealed in the original wrapper and brought to the Church or Learning Center by **Monday, October 27th**.

There will be games and activities for the children! Apple cider will be served.

Call Linda Moler at 410-686-3324 to reserve your vehicle and/or to volunteer your help for this event by **Monday, October 27th**.

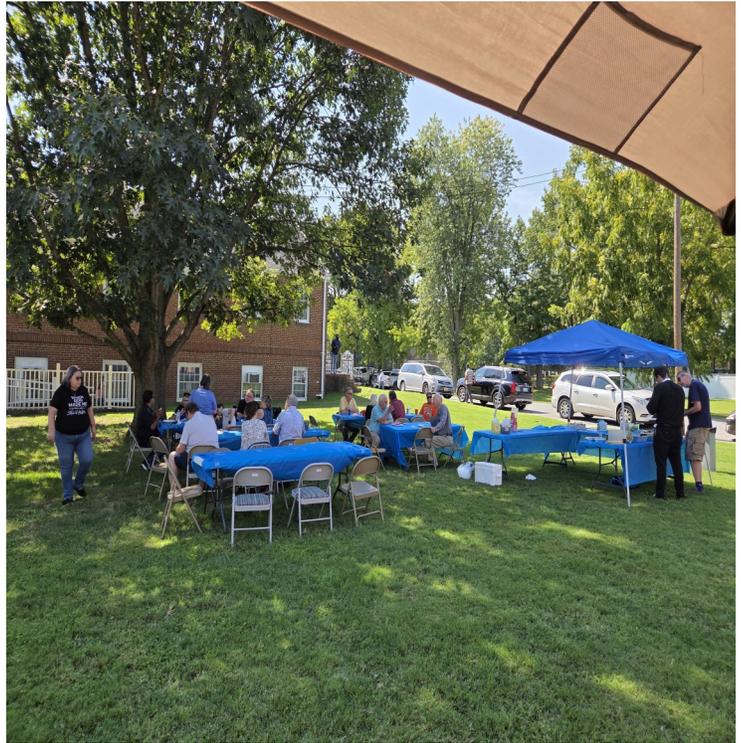
We look forward to seeing you there!



**Please join us for
“Trunk or Treat” on
Thursday, October 30th,
6:30 PM—7:30 PM
in the Learning Center
Parking Lot**

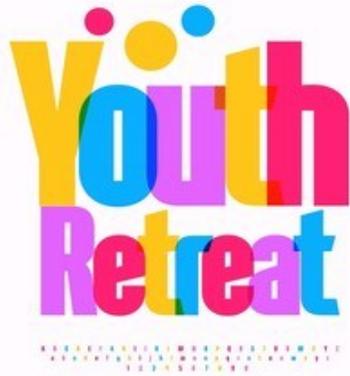


Rally Day & Youth Fundraiser Picnic September 14, 2025



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Youth Retreat in Ocean City, MD

August 13th-16th

By Jack Crout

"While down in Ocean City, our Youth Group was able to explore the value of community, especially within a Christian context. Through evaluating a variety of passages from within the bible, and demonstrating their meaning through fun activities, we were able to learn the important aspects of a community. Some examples like different types and parts of communities, how different parts of the community interact, and how best to help carry the burdens of others within the community. Through all of this, we were able to learn the value of community not only within our church but within the greater Christian Community."



All Stars Christian Learning Center

Hope Lutheran Church

1901 Middleborough Road

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410-686-6060

allstarscenter@yahoo.com

All Stars Christian Learning Center Offers:



Pre-Kindergarten programs for children, ages 3-4

- 2-day, 3-day and 5-day programs
- 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Before & After School Care for children, ages 5-12

- For children who attend Middleborough Elementary School or who can be transported to All Stars
- 6:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
and 3:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Summer Program for children, ages 3-12

All Stars Christian Learning Center offers *safe, quality, and affordable* care within a *loving, Christian* setting. Our staff is *committed* to providing children with a *nurturing* environment by continually evaluating, improving, and enriching our teaching skills and techniques. We offer a **range of experiences** through our **Pre-K** program including *math, science, social studies, literature, language development, pre-reading and pre-writing skills, music, and art*. We also offer a range of *hands-on* and *fun* experiences through our **Before and After Care** program, as well as our **Summer** program.

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Nicole Raith at 410-686-6060
or email allstarscenter@yahoo.com for more information



“Hope Quilting Ministry”

Hope is blessed with a vibrant Quilt Ministry. This dedicated team gathers on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. to create quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The quilts will be blessed at a future date during worship and we will give thanks and recognize those who have shared in this ministry during the year. This ministry donates quilts each year to LWR in New Windsor, MD for distribution to all people over the world who are displaced because of natural disaster, political and civil unrest and famine. This group includes expert quilters, new quilters, and even non-quilters. Some cut fabric, some sew by machines and some offer ideas for patterns and colors. Join this ministry to connect with a caring group who makes Christ known with beautifully sewn quilts. Grateful for our amazing Quilting Ministry Team. Thank you for all you do! God bless you all!



No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful process. We are writing to let you know about our **GriefShare grief support group** for people dealing with the death of a family member or friend.

GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Over 13 weeks, you'll find relief and comfort as you learn what to expect in the days ahead and how to navigate your personal grief process. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Topics include how to manage grief-related emotions such as loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger, and regret; how to cope with the changes in your life and relationships; how to recognize what's normal in grief; and what to do if you feel stuck or hopeless.

At a weekly GriefShare meeting, you will view a video featuring respected counselors, teachers, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics. After that is a small-group discussion for sharing, support, and personal application of what you learned on the video. You will receive a book to take home filled with valuable exercises for navigating your personal grieving process.

Please join others in our congregation and community at GriefShare at the following dates and locations:

Saturdays, beginning October 4th: 10:00 AM at Hope Lutheran Church

Mondays, beginning October 6th : 7:00 PM over Zoom

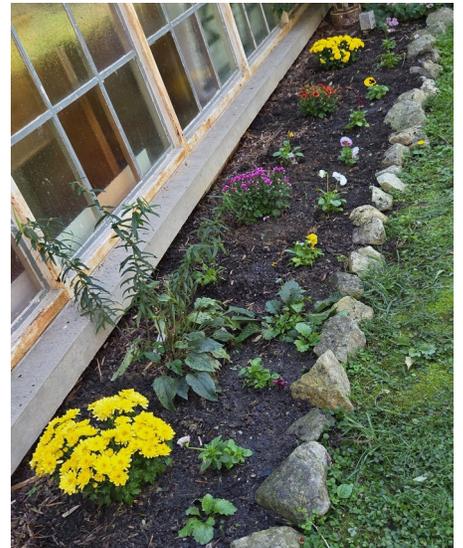
For the Zoom link, or if you have questions or would like more information, reach out to Cindy Schmidt-Presnell at Cindy1213GriefShare@outlook.com.

Butterfly Release, June 30th



Getting ready for Fall in Hope's Courtyard!

Many thanks to Thea & Mary Lee for beautifying and maintaining the flowers in the Courtyard!



PEOPLE ARE OFTEN UNREASONABLE AND SELF-CENTERED.
forgive them anyway.
IF YOU ARE KIND, PEOPLE MAY ACCUSE YOU OF SELFISH MOTIVES.
be kind anyway.
IF YOU ARE HONEST, PEOPLE MAY CHEAT YOU.
be honest anyway.
IF YOU FIND HAPPINESS, PEOPLE MAY BE JEALOUS.
be happy anyway.
THE GOOD YOU DO TODAY MAY BE FORGOTTEN TOMORROW.
do good anyway.
GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU HAVE AND IT MAY NEVER BE ENOUGH.
give your best anyway.
FOR YOU SEE, IN THE END, IT IS BETWEEN YOU AND GOD.

*it was never
between you and
them anyway.*
-MOTHER TERESA-

The trees are about to
show us how lovely it is
to let things go.

@BE AMAZING

TRUST
in the
Lord
with all your heart
*and lean not only
for your own*
UNDERSTANDING
Proverbs 3:5

I CAN
DO *all things*
through Christ
who STRENGTHENS ME

PHILIPPIANS 4:13
[NKJV]

Every night...
Forgive those who
hurt you, pray for those
who need it, and Thank
God for everything you
have.

A cartoon illustration of Charlie Brown hugging Snoopy. Charlie Brown is smiling broadly, and Snoopy is also smiling. There are yellow stars around them. Below the illustration is the text: "LET Your Smile CHANGE the World BUT DON'T LET the World CHANGE Your Smile".

LET *Your Smile*
CHANGE *the World*
BUT **DON'T LET**
the World CHANGE
Your Smile

CATCH UP
WITH
JESUS

LETTUCE PRAISE
& RELISH HIM

'Cuz He loves me
from my head
to-ma-toes

"Amen"

MommaGiggles/FB



Maybe we can all learn
From Charlie Brown.

You cannot be a failure if you have
these qualities.

Kind.

Honest.

Compassionate.

Funny.

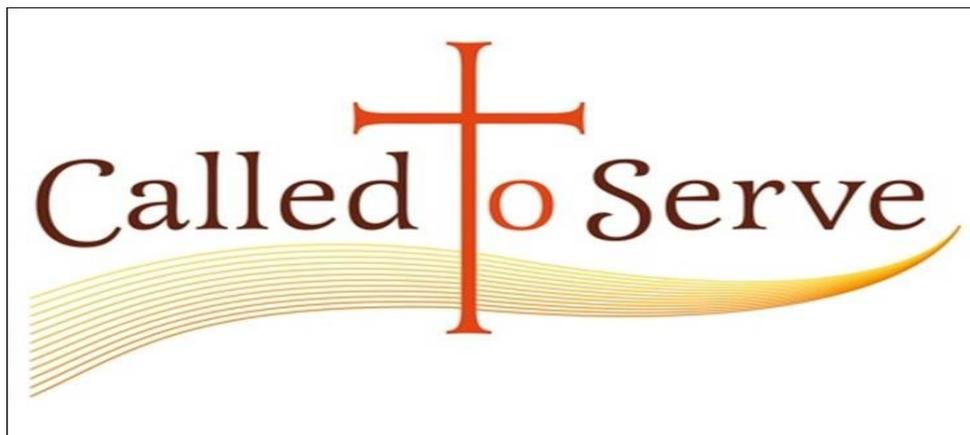
Brave.

Sweet.



Duty schedule for October 2025

10:00	5	12	19	26 Reformation
Assist	Joan Schweitzer	John Kelly	Colan Kahl	Eric Eszes
Serve	None	Bob Schweitzer	None	Bob Schweitzer
Lector	Lynne Lake & Youth	Jeff Patten	Jess Kahl	Bob Schweitzer
Ushers	Carolee Calo Linda Moler	Kate Patten Sue Alexander	Donna Jacob Laurie Koontz	Carolee Calo David Presnell
Counters	Linda Moler Joan Schweitzer	Colan Kahl Thea Melton	Thea Melton Donna Jacob	Bob Schweitzer Steve Kahl
Flowers	Allen Fleischmann Steve and Sharyn Kahl	Carolee Calo Signup Available	Allen Fleischmann Signup Available	Steve and Sharyn Kahl Signup Available
Sunday School	Ruth Kraeger	Denise McLaughlin	Rachel Morgan	Carolee Calo



	October	2025
Date/Day	Scripture texts	Theme
October 5 Pentecost 17	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 2Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wicked surround the righteous; wait for the Lord • Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord • Guard the treasure entrusted to you: faith and love in Christ • Faith the size of a mustard seed
October 12 Pentecost 18	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naaman washes in the Jordan and is cleansed • I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart • If we die with Christ, we will live with Christ • One leper made clean by Jesus gives thanks to God
October 19 Pentecost 19	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Like 18:1-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacob's struggle with the angel: I'll not let go until you bless me • My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth • In the presence of Christ the judge, proclaim the message • The widow begs for justice; God grants justice to those who cry to him
October 26 Reformation Sunday 	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will write my law in their hearts, says the Lord • The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our stronghold • Justified by God's grace as a gift • Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will the truth

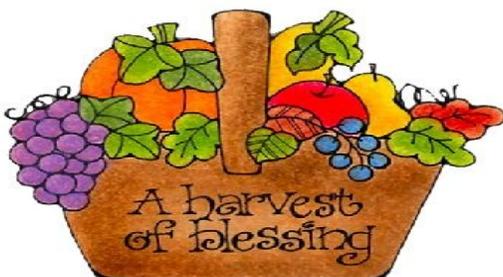
Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

October

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30 AM Bible Study in Choir Room 7:00 PM Bible Study in Choir Room & via Zoom 	2 10:30 AM & 4:15 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel in Sanctuary 	3	4
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26 Reformation Sunday  10:00 AM Worship in person and online 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal	27  10:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting 	28	29 10:30 AM Bible Study via Zoom 7:00 PM Bible Study in Choir Room & via Zoom 	30 10:30 AM & 4:15 PM All Stars Learning Center Chapel in Sanctuary  6:30-7:30 PM Truck or Treat 	31 	





1	Marlene Kahl
2	Bucky Bosch, Sr.
3	Irene Klingenstein
10	Megan Talbott
13	Jimmy Eck, Jr.
17	James Eck, Sr.
21	Ginny Bosch
28	Ed Travers
29	Jessica Kahl
30	Eric Carl, Sr.





**Reminder! Don't forget to turn your
clocks back one hour on Sunday,
November 2nd at 2:00 AM**



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