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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

BIBLE STUDY 9:00 AM

SERVICE 11:00 AM

"Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!"

### REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

**Sunday -** 9:00 AM Bible Study  
11:00 AM Sunday Worship

**Monday-**  
*Panera bread distribution 9:00-11:00 AM*

**Wednesday**  
6:30 PM - Adult Choir (September through May/June)

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### WELCOME

Our calling is for all to know Jesus as Lord and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ. Worship should always be focused on God, the time honored traditions of worship are observed here, we want worship to be glorifying to God, honoring to God and reminding us of the greatness and glory of God. People say that they have truly worshipped after our Sunday morning service.

We are a very welcoming church and we want to help you to know Jesus.

### Contact Us

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### SUNDAY SERVICES

Communion and Non-Communion, Services are held during the month, Non-Communion services are held on the 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sundays.

We print bulletins in English (small and large print), and Chinese for morning worship. Please contact us in advance if you need a Spanish bulletin.

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[firststjohns@verizon.net](mailto:firststjohns@verizon.net).



If you or someone you know is a shut-in, has an illness or is unable to worship with us due to other circumstances, please call the church office.

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GET IN TOUCH

# AuTumn Blessings

Autumn brings to the soul relief,  
as hot Summer days slip to an end  
God sent the season for weary hearts  
to restore, repair, and mend.

Unlike the Autumn trees,  
that shed their changing leaves  
God sent the season for failing hearts  
to adhere, embrace, and cleave.

Just as with the Autumn winds,  
there comes a new refreshing rain  
God sent the season for fraying hearts  
to increase, grow, and gain.

The Autumn sun is slow to climb  
and dips much earlier into the night  
God sent the season for sleepy hearts  
to rise, shine, and unwind in His light.

God gave to us the Autumn season,  
so we could have a respite and rest  
for it is the season for our beset souls  
to see how much we are blessed!

~ Author : ©2012 Deborah Ann Belka  
(Web author : [poetrybydeborahann.wordpress.com](http://poetrybydeborahann.wordpress.com))

<http://Nubiagroup.blogspot.com>





# Colors of Fall

## LWML Concert

The LWML "Colors of Fall" fund raising concert will take place on Sunday, November 5, at 4:00 PM.

This year our guest performers will be the "Traveling Light of Christ" choir. They will be singing secular and religious songs and hymns of the season.

Traveling Light of Christ, (TLC), is a small but powerful outreach ministry under the direction of Ilene L. Gentzler. It was formed 15 years ago, solely to sing for nursing homes and small groups in the community, letting their light shine in a dark world.

TLC consists of people who love to sing and letting the light of Christ shine through them so that others may get a glimpse of Jesus.

The bring joy and inspiration to those they sing for. This is their service to the Lord!

Our Minister of Music, Ken Sanders, will provide renditions of the music of the season on both the piano and the organ.

Join in singing a few songs and hymns reflective of Autumn and Thanksgiving.

### ANSWER TO SEPTEMBER PUZZLE

#### THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

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## Bible Study

9:00 AM

**OCTOBER 2023  
PARISH VISITOR  
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**Newsletter**

### MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

**Worship Committee**

**To be announced**

**Church Council –**

**Tuesday, October 10th, at 6:00 pm.**



### UPCOMING OCTOBER SERVICES.

**October 1st - Communion (18th Sunday after Pentecost)**

**October 8th - Non-Communion (19th Sunday after Pentecost)**

**October 15th - Communion (20th Sunday after Pentecost)**

**October 22nd - Non-Communion (21st Sunday after Pentecost)**

**October 29th- Non-Communion (REFORMATION SUNDAY)**

**October**

**Sunday  
Worship**



OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW JESUS  
Bible Study 9:00 AM  
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 AM

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OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 18th Sunday after Pentecost C / Green	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 19th Sunday after Pentecost NC / Green	<b>9</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>10</b> Church Council Meeting 6:00 PM	<b>11</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 20th Sunday after Pentecost C / Green	<b>16</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 21st Sunday after Pentecost NC / Green	<b>23</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> REFORMATION SUNDAY NC / Red	<b>30</b> Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	<b>31</b>	<b>USHERS</b> Dave Stambaugh Bill Lupp	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b> Nancy Hildebrand		



Martin Luther

- Martin Luther was a monk who disagreed with church practices, especially selling indulgences
- He said that people could reach salvation through their inner faith in God, not by their actions
- Luther protested by posting 95 theses (statements) on a church door--a list of reasons why he hated indulgences
- Church officials quickly got word of this protest and weren't happy

Martin Luther's Break with the Church

- 1521 Pope Leo X declared Luther a heretic, and excommunicated him.
- The Holy Roman Emperor Charles V summoned Luther to the city of Worms and commanded him to abandon his ideas. (Imperial Diet of Worms)
- Luther refused and was banned from printing his work.
- Frederick the Wise, the elector of Saxony helped protect Luther after the Diet of Worms.
- With the support of Frederick, Luther translated the Bible into German.



Hallowed Be... MEDIUM ■ Solution on page 25

- ACROSS**
- 1. With 65-Across, ways we address the Almighty—the theme of this puzzle
  - 6. \_\_\_\_ San Lucas (Mexican resort city on the very southern tip of the Baja peninsula)
  - 10. Red Sox catcher Carlton, an 11-time All-Star who played against 3-Down in the AL East tie-breaker game in 1978
  - 14. Waters, in Latin
  - 15. "Take \_\_\_\_ from me..."
  - 16. Opposite of pro-
  - 17. \_\_\_\_ tight ship (keeps close control)
  - 18. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...and he will be called... \_\_\_\_ Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6 NIV with ellipses)
  - 20. Arrangement of drying chile pepper pods, often used as a decoration in New Mexico (anagram of ART SIR)
  - 22. "Yep, that's what they told me as well..."
  - 23. Musical Yoko
  - 24. Covet
  - 26. (With 43-Across) "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...and he will be called \_\_\_\_ ... (Isaiah 9:6 NIV with ellipses)
  - 29. In a bashful way
  - 34. Model railroad track measure, usually 1:48 scale
  - 35. Curly, Larry or Moe
  - 36. Jehovah-\_\_\_\_; Translated "LORD of Hosts", Martin Luther used this term in "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
  - 39. Jehovah-\_\_\_\_; Translated "The LORD is there", this term is used in Ezekiel 38 as the name of the "New City" God will build for His people
  - 40. "Follow up on the phone, OK?"
  - 41. The third time's said to be one
  - 42. Sicily, to Sicilians
  - 43. See 26-Across
  - 47. Aslan's kingdom, in fiction
  - 49. Bee: Prefix
  - 50. Chocolate-covered movie treat
  - 54. Took possession of, as contraband drugs
  - 57. How God introduced Himself to Abram in Genesis 17, meaning "God Almighty"—and the title of an Army Grant tune that won the 1983 Dove Award for "Song of the Year"
  - 59. Undercover operation by the police (or, lead singer of The Police!)
  - 60. Org. that assigns "G" and "PG-13"
  - 61. Musician Jagger or musician Fleetwood
  - 62. Bridge, in Italian (anagram of NET OP)
  - 63. What God called "my name forever" in Exodus 3—translated "LORD" and Anglicized as "Jehovah"; observant Jews still do not say "The Name" aloud
  - 64. Suffix with kitchen-, bachelor- or Smurf-
  - 65. See 1-Across

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- DOWN**
- 1. Not wide
  - 2. Phillippine President Corazon (1986-1992) or Benigno (2010-2016)
  - 3. Yankees catcher Thurman, a 7-time All-Star who played against 10-Across in the AL East tie-breaker game in 1978
  - 4. "As far as the \_\_\_\_ is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12 NIV)
  - 5. Blacken on a grill
  - 6. Filming device, for short
  - 7. Up for debate
  - 8. Supermajor fossil-fuel companies, informally (to their detractors)
  - 9. Biblical land of great wealth, from where Solomon imported 420 talents of gold in 1 Kings 9 (anagram of HI PRO)
  - 10. 1977 Best Actress Oscar winner Dunaway, for "Network"
  - 11. Actress Swenson, of "Benson"
  - 12. Warehouse: Abbr.
  - 13. Captain \_\_\_\_, legendary pirate
  - 19. "Dancing With \_\_\_\_"
  - 21. Charge for a commercial spot
  - 25. Alphabet quartet, which I must follow
  - 27. Handyman, informally
  - 28. Extreme self-centeredness

- 30. Man, in Marseilles
- 31. \_\_\_\_ Kippur
- 32. Big Apple airport code
- 33. Slangy "sure"
- 35. Former "60 Minutes" debater Alexander, and namesakes (anagram of HASSAN)
- 36. Biol. or chem., e.g.
- 37. Smallish batteries
- 38. Slo-\_\_\_\_ fuse
- 39. Feng \_\_\_\_ (Chinese harmonizing philosophy)
- 41. Get in touch with
- 43. Debit's partner, in a ledger book
- 44. Lounging (around)
- 45. Willing to try
- 46. Like corduroy, or some potato chips
- 48. "You \_\_\_\_ both!"
- 50. Main rat in Pixar's "Ratatouille"
- 51. River in Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem "Kubla Khan"
- 52. Dr. Seuss's "And to Think That \_\_\_\_ It on Mulberry Street"
- 53. Iranian ruler ousted in 1979
- 55. 1960's/70's Boston Bruins great Phil, to fans
- 56. "What business is \_\_\_\_ yours?"
- 58. Pres. Eisenhower, informally

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If you are aware of any changes with those on the list please contact the church office.

We encourage you to drop a card or letter to our shut-ins to let them know that they are missed and a valued member of the congregation.

BIBLE PUZZLE  
FOR OCTOBER

Answers for September Puzzle  
on page 3.







#### **PRAYERS**

Christians especially in the Middle East– persecuted  
 Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving  
 Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home  
 Joyce Devan-Health issues  
 Kim Thompson-Health issues  
 Susan vanDyk-Baum  
 Jeanne Noll-Health issue  
 Ed Abendschoen-Health issues  
 Bonnie Abendschoen-Health issues  
 David-Health issues (friend of Ed & Bonnie Abendschoen)  
 Fran Shoff-Health issues  
 Tom Gibson-Health issues  
 Mark Parent-Husband of Candy Parent (Bill Lupp's niece)-  
 Heart transplant  
 Anna vanDyk-Health issue  
 Vicar Geoff Abendschoen-Health issue  
 Karl vanDyk-Health issue  
 Lois Stambaugh-Health issue  
 Dave Stambaugh-Health issue  
 Candy Parent-In hospital with cancer (Bill Lupp's niece)  
 Dawn Frey-Health Issues  
 Pierre-Paul Rodriguez  
 George Card-Health issues  
 Sandra Hinkle-Health issues  
 Jolene Schoff

#### **FIRST TIME REQUESTS**

#### **SHUT-IN MEMBERS**

Bonnie Abendschoen  
 Joyce Devan  
 Dawn Frey  
 Kim Thompson  
 Becky Lupp  
 Marguerite Beck

#### **LEADERS**

Vicar Geoff Abendschoen, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay  
 Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Brasso,  
 Pastor Seifferlein, Pastor Merrell, Pastor Banach, Pastor Robert-  
 son, Pastor Schaefer. Sally Hiller, David Maack. District President  
 Bill Harmon

#### **PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

For all of God's Gifts

**We remember in  
 prayer those who are  
 in need of God's spe-  
 cial presence in their  
 lives due to special  
 needs:**

#### **Early November Birthdays**

6th - Chase Abendschoen  
 6th - Graham Abendschoen  
 7th - Wayne Hildebrand III

#### **PRAYER LIST (cont.)**

##### **SPIRITUAL NEEDS**

For all those who do not know Jesus as Lord  
 For our "action" committees/task forces  
 Our Community and Families

##### **MILITARY**



##### **POLICE**

Jonathan



**4th - Donna D'Andrea**

**27th - Anna vanDyk**



## **September 2023**

The SMP Program: The Fall 2023 course "The Lord's Supper: Life in Christ Nourished and Sustained" commenced on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Dr. Grobien will once again be the course instructor.

I'll be attending our annual SMP Intensive week that runs from Sep. 18-Sep. 22 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Pulpit supply is in place for my time away.

Pastor C. and I continue to connect on Thursday mornings to reflect on the current coursework. In addition, we share in a devotional group every other Thursday at 6:30 a.m., focusing on the book of Matthew.

The next Winkel meeting will occur in the fall of 2023 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Parkton, Md.

The 9/11 Service in the Park was held this past Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We were delighted with the turnout, and the luncheon was also a great time of fellowship. Thanks to all who attended, participated, and supported the event. This year, Rev. Brian Rosenkoetter was the proclaimer and gave a heartfelt message of hope in Christ for all.

The Worship Committee will be meeting in October to plan for the remainder of 2023.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need further information.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicar Geoff Abendschoen

**VICAR  
 REPORT**



## IT'S IN THE WAY THAT YOU USE IT

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it. The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use: "We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*



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**DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM**



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ENJOY OUR "LIVE" WORSHIP.**



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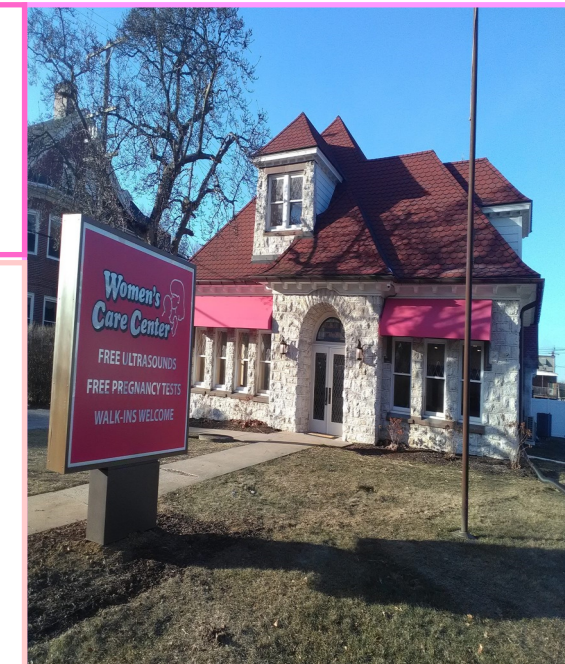
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**4TH QUARTER  
ALMS**

**WOMEN'S CARE  
CENTER**





## Music & Worship Notes



Autumn is officially here. God is beginning to paint the landscape with vibrant colors! He uses shades of orange, red, yellow, and brown along with the green that remains all year long.

The month of October hosts the celebration of the Reformation, Which is on the 31st, but is celebrated on the last Sunday of the month. This celebration is important to all Lutherans as it marks the birth of the Lutheran Church. During the service we will sing some of Martin Luther's hymns. Also, in the service, part, if not all of Psalm 46 will be used.

As in the recent past, Bible Class will not be in session as I will be over at St. Paul's in Columbia with the trumpeter to play for the Reformation service. then the trumpeter and I will repeat the music for First St. John's Reformation service.

The 9/11 Remembrance service was well received. The guest preacher, Rev. Brian Rosenketter had a very moving sermon. There were around 70 people in attendance. Twenty four of those people were First St. John's members. The picnic lunch was great as all who stayed enjoyed the time of fellowship with one another.

Looking ahead - besides the Colors of Fall concert on the first Sunday of November we will also be celebrating All Saints Sunday in the morning worship. We will remember those members who received their crown of glory since last year's service.



**Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh,  
Dave Stambaugh, Beverly Card,  
Ding Wang, Zihong (Andy) Su.**

**Ken Sanders,  
MINISTER OF MUSIC**

## ORDINATION / INSTALLATION

**WHAT:** The Ordination and Installation of our vicar, Geoff Abendschoen

**WHEN:** Sunday, January 28, 2024, at 4:00 PM

**WHERE:** First St. John's Lutheran Church, 140 West King Street

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The service will include two distinct rites. First, the ordination will take place. This is when our vicar will become an ordained pastor. Then the installation will take place. As an ordained pastor, he will be installed to serve both St. Paul's and First St. John's congregations. This service will include communion. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Refreshments will be served at that time.



**Francis Charles Fogle.** entered his eternal rest on Friday, August 25, 2023. We commend his family and friends to the comfort and care of our Lord and Savior, Who is the Resurrection and the Life.