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A Congregation in Mission, Community and Service

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

OCTOBER 2025

PASTOR: Rev. David Walsh

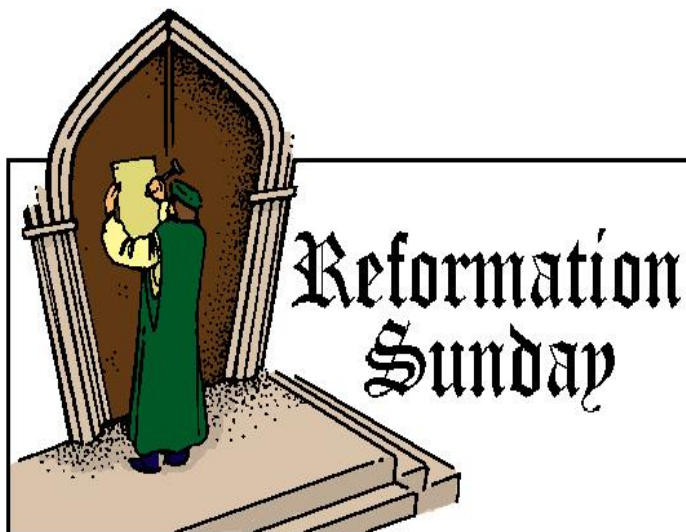
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM

EDITOR: Mary Werth

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 6:00 PM

ASSOC. EDITOR:

WORSHIP: 10:00 AM





We pick our series on the Divine Service up with the “Salutation and Collect of the day.” We see a common call and response that is found in multiple places in the Divine Service (beginning of the service of the sacrament and the salutation). The call and response are “The Lord be with you” “And with thy Spirit.” Now, in Divine Services one and two the response is “And also with you,” why, well there was a movement to give a greeting to the person holding the priestly office. However, the “with thy Spirit” is a literal translation of the liturgy from Latin into English, it also makes sense given the context, at the moment the greeting is given, the Pastor is speaking in the Lord’s stead, so it’s God’s greeting to the church and the response is a recognizing of the Lord’s greeting.

Next is the Collect of the day. This is a prayer to the Lord that is based off the general theme of the lessons (readings) of the day. This prayer is a reminder that the entirety of the liturgy is centered on the Word of God, and I encourage you to pay attention to the hymns that are sung, the prayers that we pray, and so on to use them as guides to learn and remember the Word.

Now, we move on to the lessons or readings for the day. There are three of them, an Old Testament, an epistle (which means letter), and a Gospel reading. The Old Testament and the Gospel readings are usually connected. They share similar themes and sometimes the Old Testament reading is outright referred to in the Gospel reading. During certain times of the year, usually during Easter, the Old Testament is swapped with another epistle reading that again is connected with the Gospel text. We call this simply the first reading. The usual epistle reading follows what we call the “Lectio continua” which means continuous reading. The same epistle is read until it is finished. Sometimes the epistle that is read connects with the other two readings, this happens by either happenstance, or the continua is broken as happens during Advent or Lent. In between the Old Testament and Epistle readings there is an option to put a gradual, which as discussed in a previous article is a psalm verse or other verse from Scripture that relates to the Lessons of the day. Then in between the Epistle and Gospel readings we sing the “Alleluia” which is in recognition of Christ’s Words in the upcoming reading. Sometimes a choir is used to sing a verse that sandwiches the Alleluia. This verse is in relation to the Gospel reading.

We will finish up this month with the Creeds, we confess three different Creeds, the Nicene, the Apostle’s, and the Athanasian Creed. The Nicene Creed is commonly confessed because it is the “communion Creed” so any service in which we have Holy Communion we will confess the Nicene Creed. On Trinity Sunday, we swap out the Nicene Creed with the Athanasian Creed, this is because the Athanasian Creed goes into the doctrine of the Trinity more fully and we confess the Triune God in more detail. The Apostle’s Creed, also known as the Baptismal creed, is confessed at services when Holy Communion is not served. We are also free to confess the Apostle’s Creed at home as part of our devotional life. The Creed is confessed either before the sermon, as is the case in Divine service setting 3, or after the sermon as is the case in settings 1 and 2. The reciting of the Creed during service is a confession of the Work done by the Triune God in the sermon, that God serves us in both Word and Sacrament.

Christ blessings

Rev. David J. Walsh



SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE OCTOBER 2025

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

WEEKEND OF	Oct. 4, 5	Oct. 11, 12	Oct. 18, 19	Oct. 25, 26	
READER (Sunday)	Carolyn Alessi	Mary Werth	Eric Fellner	Rich Loster	
USHERS	Tim McGuan/ Eric Fellner	Tim McGuan/ Melody Keef	Ed Walsh/ Eric Fellner	Jim Hartz/ Mike Wuerch	
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jim Hartz	Ed Walsh	Mike Wuerch	Ed Walsh	

(If you cannot serve on the day scheduled, please notify Tim McGuan (716) 418-5484, Ed Walsh (585) 747-1503 or Dan Griebel (716) 259-9704. ALSO, PLEASE CALL AMBER SO SHE CAN CORRECTLY PUT THE CHANGE IN THE BULLETIN. Thank you.)



COUNTERS

(IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COUNT THE DATE YOU ARE ASSIGNED, PLEASE LET JIM HARTZ KNOW.)

Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	
Mike Wuerch	Sue Holway	Dianne Wuerch	Carolyn Alessi	
Dolores Zeeb	Jim Hartz	Nancy Loster	Janice Vogel	



Dianne Weurch	Oct. 2
Kathy Rodgers	Oct. 11
Tegwanda Alford	Oct. 15
Sue Holway	Oct. 18
Richard Loster	Oct. 25

Oct. 7	Mike & Dianne Wuerch
Oct. 10	Lee & Amber Trimmer



After every flight, UPS pilots fill out a form called a "gripe sheet" which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on the form, then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are actual maintenance complaints submitted by UPS pilots ("P") and solutions recorded ("S") by maintenance engineers:

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what friction locks are for.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to: straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.



ESTHER CIRCLE

Our meeting will be on Monday, October 13th, at 12:30 p.m. at church. All women of Pilgrim are welcome to attend. We will host a lunch after the memorial service scheduled at noon for Carrol Rust on Saturday, October 4th.

The LCMS missionary Ben Goehring spoke at our last month's meeting. He and his wife are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Clarence Center. They will be traveling to Romania early this December. Please refer to the information in this newsletter on their journey and how to give a donation to support their mission outreach.

We continue to need volunteers to host the Sunday fellowship. The sign-up sheet is posted on the board near the entrance to the Sanctuary.

After the business meeting, we will be completing the book review on "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe". Chapters 13-17 will be discussed. Thank you, Margaret Walsh, for leading this conversation.

REMINDER: Dash's receipts go to Sue Holway; cancelled stamps to Sharon McGuan and mites go to Karen Smith. **ALERT!** There's a need for more mite donations. The grants for the LWML Eastern District for 2024-26 have not been all paid and the deadline is next year June 2026. Please reach in your pockets and collect that loose change. It's amazing how these grants can get paid off as long as we all continue to donate and have faith in our Lord to make it happen. Thank you!

Here it is October, Fall is in full beauty with the trees beaming with the bright colored leaves, the harvesting and crisp air. Feel the presence of God in all this! **AMEN!**

Carol Obot



Sunday school will be offered for all children on Sunday, October 12th. The lesson will continue with our second of three lessons on Kings and Prophets. These lessons help us reflect on the Lord's kind provision for His people's temporal and spiritual needs. The class will begin at 9:00 am in the Sunday school room. We look forward to seeing you!

Catechesis page: We encourage you to put this on your fridge and learn God's Word and things that help us better understand it together.

October 2025

Did you know? The narrative of the day about Halloween being originally a pagan/witches holiday is actually false. Halloween was originally a Christian holiday. Halloween means "all hallows eve." It is the day before All Saints Day. There used to be a church service on Halloween and the paraments were purple. Trick or Treating can remind us of the fact that beggars were more active on Halloween (and other church holidays). I will have pastor give a link to an article with more details about the All Hallows Eve on the Facebook page.

Bible verse of the month: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." -Psalm 46:1

Catechism: The Tenth commandment and it's explanation:

What is the Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Liturgical seasons and colors (look on the altar and pastor) for October: Weeks after Pentecost-green
Reformation-red

Christian symbol of the month: Luther Rose. To the right is the Luther rose. Martin Luther created this symbol. The cross in the heart reminds of Christ's death and the salvation of the heart it gives. The white rose reminds us of angels. The blue is sky blue. It is joyous and gives a glimmer of the joy to be had in heaven. The ring around everything is gold/yellow, reminding us that our joy in heaven is eternal. There will be a separate coloring page to go with this that will have Luther's full explanation to go with it.



Hymn of the month: (definitely check out the other verses in the hymnal, for the sake of space we have v. 1 only here) -A Mighty Fortress Is Our God LSB#656

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;

He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken

The old evil foe now means deadly woe;

Deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;

On earth is not his equal

Church festivals, observances, Saint Days in October

7th-Henry Melchior Muhlenberg (Pastor) 9th- Abraham 11th-Philip the deacon

17th-Ignatius of Antioch (Pastor & Martyr) 18th-St. Luke (Evangelist)

23rd-St. James of Jerusalem (brother of Jesus and martyr)

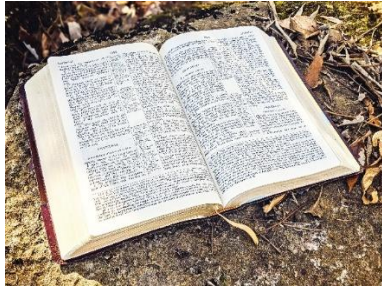
25th-Dorcas (Tabitha), Lydia, and Phoebe (faithful women)

26th-Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heermann, and Paul Gerhardt (hymnwriters)

28th-St. Simon and St. Jude (Apostles) 31st-Reformation Day and All Hallows Eve (Halloween)



As he studies the Bible, Martin realizes:
"By grace we are saved through faith"

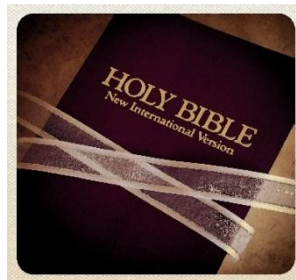


This month we will finish the Psalms and start the book of Mark.

Mark is the shortest of the four gospels.

Oct. 1 – Psalm 145	Oct. 9 – Mark 1:35-45	Oct. 17 – Mark 5:21-42	Oct. 25 – Mark 8:21-9:1
Oct. 2 – Psalm 146	Oct. 10 – Mark 2:1-17	Oct. 18 – Mark 6:1-13	Oct. 26 – Mark 9:2-13
Oct. 3 – Psalm 147	Oct. 11 – Mark 2:18-28	Oct. 19 – Mark 6:14-29	Oct. 27 – Mark 9:14-32
Oct. 4 – Psalm 148	Oct. 12 – Mark 3:1-21	Oct. 20 – Mark 6:30-44	Oct. 28 – Mark 9:33-50
Oct. 5 – Psalm 149	Oct. 13 – Mark 3:22-35	Oct. 21 – Mark 6:45-56	Oct. 29 – Mark 10:1-16
Oct. 6 – Psalm 150	Oct. 14 – Mark 4:1-20	Oct. 22 – Mark 7:1-23	Oct. 30 – Mark 10:17-34
Oct. 7 – Mark 1:1-20	Oct. 15 – Mark 4:21-41	Oct. 23 – Mark 7:24-37	Oct. 31 – Mark 10:35-52
Oct. 8 – Mark 1:21-34	Oct. 16 – Mark 5:1-20	Oct. 24 – Mark 8:1-20	

There's so much to explore in the Bible. Of course we read it at home, but going to Bible study is a great way to do it as well: Sunday morning at 9 am and Tuesday evening at 6 pm.



The B-I-B-L-E

I have worked at the Bible, prayed over the Bible, lived by the Bible for more than 60 years, and I tell you there is no book like the Bible. It is a miracle of literature, a perennial spring of wisdom, a wonder-book of surprises, a revelation of mystery, an infallible guide of conduct and an unspeakable source of comfort.

Give no heed to people who discredit it, for they speak without knowledge. It is the Word of God in the inspired speech of humanity. Read it for yourself. Read it thoroughly. Study it according to its own directions. Live by its principles. Believe its message. Follow its precepts.

No man is uneducated who knows the Bible, and no man is wise who is ignorant of its teachings. Every day is begun at its open page. It lies close at hand in all my work. I never go anywhere without it, and it is my chief joy.

—Samuel Chadwick



Cyber Corner for October

Hello everyone, this month I want to talk about some scams that are going around and what to watch out for. For the most part while the attacks are different, what to do to prevent them is pretty much the same, which are a lot of what I already have mentioned in past articles. Basically, do not answer any calls, email, or pop ups you do not know. If you do want to explore something, do it indirectly. So, if you get an email from your bank saying that your account has a security issue and you need to click on something, don't, instead call them directly, and not by a number in the email. However, the way they are attacking you is changing and is not always easily seen, and in some cases, there are some different things you must do.

Unfortunately, I just got this now that we are coming out of summer travel, but it is good for anytime you travel. It seems that when people get their luggage at airports, they throw away their luggage tags and boarding passes. Scammers apparently are taking them out of the garbage and using them to make false luggage claims on the person's behalf. It has also been found that people throwing away these tags and boarding passes in hotel rooms have been used as well. Apparently, they have enough personal information on the tag to make claims. This particularly hurts people who do need to make any kind of actual claim, and the scammers have already done it. Knowing this, the airlines are trying to do things to prevent this, but you should just take your tags and passes home with you.

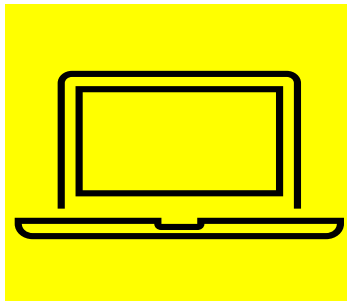
Next there is a Social Security scam. In a phishing email they will tell you something like your Social Security number has been flagged for suspicious activity, and that it has been linked to money laundering or some other criminal activity. They will tell you some legal action is being taken and may even threaten you with arrest. They will then tell you to click on button or a link) in the email to download some document and to reach out to Social Security for any questions after reading the document. When you do this, it will put malicious software on your system, or they will steal personal information directly.

Then there is a very sophisticated scam going around that is done in about three phases. First, you get a text, email, or phone call claiming to be from tech support, like from your bank. They will tell the user that they see something wrong with their account and want you to download something on your computer to give them access to your PC. They then ask the victim to open their financial accounts to see if there are any unauthorized charges. Then they will use this to decide which accounts have the most to offer and tell the user that a financial officer will contact them and tell them what needs to be done. In the next phase(s) a person pretending to be a financial person or government official, will call and will tell them that hackers have access to their account, and they need to have the user transfer their funds to a secure location that they had set up. What can I say but do not do any of this and contact your bank directly.

Amazon scam: here the user gets a fake email pretending to be from Amazon informing them that their subscription has expired and will be renewed at a much higher rate; and they purposely put in an extremely high rate that no one would pay. It will then have a link offering to cancel your subscription if you do not want to renew. When you click on it, it will take you to a fake Amazon login page that will get your Amazon account information. They will then use it to make purchases on your account. Again, do not click on anything.

If you notice, with almost all of these scams, I tell you do not click on anything, talk or communicate in any way to the scammers, and for the most part this is the best thing you can do. Instead, I say you should look up the phone number to the company in question and talk to them directly. Well, I hate to tell you, like most things in this business, nothing is a 100% guarantee. For example, it is not inconceivable, and it has happened that someone has put malicious software on your phone that can intercept your calls and forward them to the scammers. So, you think you are talking to your bank but instead it is the scammers. And you know when you speak to your bank, they always want all kinds of security information to prove it is you that you, which you will now be given to the scammers.

In my next article I will talk about some tools that can help protect you from some of this, but again, and always remember this. To paraphrase a thought here from a former president, the cybercriminals do not stop thinking of ways to attack you and neither do we.

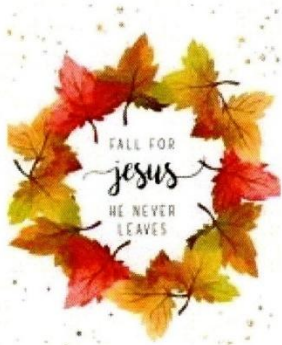


Find and replace

A pastor I know uses a standard liturgy for funerals. To personalize each service, he enters a "find and replace" command into his word processor. The computer then finds the name of the deceased from the previous funeral and replaces it with the name of the deceased for the upcoming one.

Not long ago, the pastor told the computer to find the name "Mary" and replace it with "Edna." The next morning, the funeral was going along smoothly until the congregation intoned the Apostles' Creed. "Jesus Christ," they read from the preprinted program, "born of the Virgin Edna."

-Robin Greenspan,
in "Virtual Hilarity," Reader's Digest,
August 1997



IT'S HAPPENING!!!

LWML FALL EVENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025



You won't want to miss what's happening in a short amount of time. So, mark your calendars to be a part of the last LWML gathering of 2025!!!

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

8900 SHERIDAN DRIVE

CLARENCE, NEW YORK

AGENDA:

- 8:30-9:00AM** REGISTRATION \$5.00 followed by goodies supplied by Board
9:00AM Voting followed by Installation of our new officers by Pastor Browne
10:00AM Devotions
10:30AM Speakers: Delegates to National Convention & LWML President
11:00AM Hands on Project
NOON: Homeward bound, ready to share the day with your church home congregations. Spread the news!!! LWML—Women in Mission!!

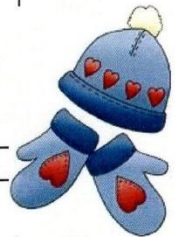
Please RSVP by November 3rd to: Sharon McGuan

716-803-3767 or salmcg23@gmail.com

O Give Thanks unto the Lord for He is Good!

There will be an ingathering of winter hats and gloves. These items will be given to The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Buffalo, who are sponsoring Brunswick Block Club. These items will be distributed to their neighborhood community families in need. Yes, snow is coming and children and adults need protection from the winter elements.

Ladies, your help is needed!!! Giving of Mites is down, but the need is still there. Can you do something at your church to promote giving to Mites? How about a fundraising event? Any one interested in a spaghetti dinner? Put your hands together and pray for the funds to come. **God is Good!**



Esther Circle Outreach for 2025 Good Shepherd Food Pantry



Our food pantry is filled by our parishioners and other faithful community members. It is open from 10 a.m. to noon on every third and fourth Saturday of the month. The fourth Saturday of the month a hot breakfast is also available.

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry is a distribution center located within the church which provides food directly to those in need. Donations are provided by local organizations, individuals and church members.

The Food Pantry provides this service for the residents living within the following zip codes:
14120, 14150, 14217, 14221, 14223, 14226, 14228





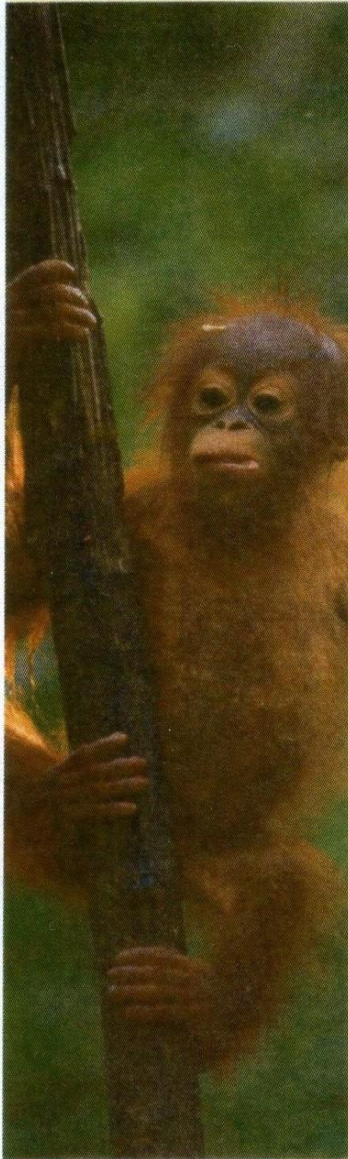
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Letter to my sponsor

Tanggal (Date) Rabu 29-Jun



Shalom Friends apa kabarnya di sana? saya senang bisa menulis surat lagi. Saya memiliki kesempatan untuk membayar surat friends. terima kasih ya sudah menjadi sponsor yang baik. Semoga friends di beri kesehatan dan umur panjang. Saya berdoa. Semoga Pekerjaan lancar dan Selalu Di Perudahkan Segala Urusan. saya senang melakukan kegiatan bersama teman-teman di sini sedang musim panas. apa kegiatan friends setiap hari? Kalau saya kadang memancing ikan dan juga bermain bola di sore hari. Mungkin itu saja barik saya. Semoga kita bisa berbalas surat lagi. Tuhan Yesus Membekali.

Translation

29/06/2025 Shalom! Dear Friends, how are you all? I am so happy to write this letter in reply to your letter. Thank you for being such a kind sponsor. I pray for health, long life, and God's blessings to you all, also everything goes well. I love to do some activities with my friends, it is currently a hot season here. What is your daily activity? I love to fish and play soccer in the afternoon. That is all for now. See you in the next letter. God bless you.

ARIL WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WRITING TO HIM, PLEASE CONTACT
CAROLYN ALESSI OR DIANNE WUERCH.**



Frank Michael Alessi

Born August 3, 2025

Weight: 7 lb 2 oz



A Voters Meeting was held on September 14th after the service. Mike Wuerch was accepted to finish out Dan Griebel's term as elder, which is through the end of 2026. (When "nay" votes were called for, the only one to raise their hand was – Mike. Ha-ha.)

We were encouraged to take advantage of the Bible studies on Sunday mornings at 9 am or on Tuesday evenings at 6 pm.

Tee shirts collected for South Sudan have finally been shipped! Pilgrim received a donation to cover the charges totaling about \$810.

The Car Insurance Reduction class is now FULL. Rhonda Mohr is your contact person regarding the class.

The gap of one of the stained-glass windows on the Chapel road side by the top edge has been filled in. Elevator lights and an outside light were replaced. The room under the stairs was cleaned out. There are two freezers which are available to anyone who wants one. The piano is going to be junked if no one wants it. We want to fill the space with bookshelves. (As of 9/21, it's gone!)



Wes Wiers is leaving in January 2026. Snow removal, grass cutting and other maintenance chores are essential to Pilgrim. Cruz La Santa (which uses our church) currently cleans the building once a month. We need to set up some sort of cleaning schedule for members who want to help in between their cleaning times with vacuuming, mopping floors, dusting, trash removal and other tasks. If you are willing and able to serve on the House and Grounds committee, please contact Mike Wuerch.

The AED box will be put on the wall just below the board that has the Flower Chart on it. Nancy Loster will look into getting a CPR class set up.

Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary is located in St. Catherine's, Ontario. Begun in 1976 as an extension site of [Concordia Theological Seminary](#), Fort Wayne, IN, it moved from [Resurrection Lutheran Church](#) onto the campus of [Brock University](#) in 1983. They have a Field Worker program. A student from there would assist with Liturgy (reading, prayers, and other non-ordained parts). He would also teach some Bible study lessons, and when he is able to preach a couple sermons, as well as do some visits when he has the time. We would reimburse him for tolls, gas and such expenses. We are now on the list of participating congregations for this.

Thanks to the Esther Circle, a Blessing Box will be installed in front of the church. It will be within view of the security cameras. Items to be put into it are non-perishable groceries, paper products, and church literature. A list of items needed to fill the box will be on the bulletin board. Nancy Loster has agreed to coordinate this. (The location was determined by the utility company for the safe placement of the stakes. Here it is as of 9/21.)



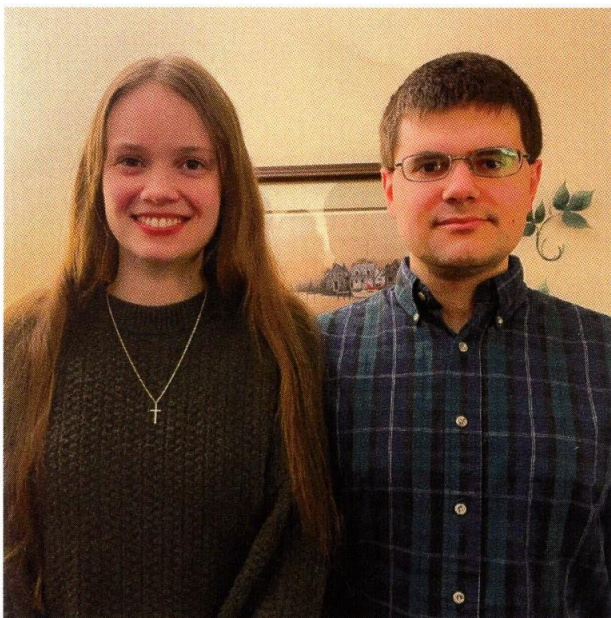
A Potluck (or Pot Faith) dinner will be held on Sunday, November 2nd, after the service. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board so we know how many are coming and what dishes they will bring.

A Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 21st, after the service. More details will be announced as we get closer to the date.

Our next meeting will be on December 21st. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

PRAY FOR Benjamin and Ella Goehring

Missionaries
Serving the Lord in Romania



Benjamin and Ella Goehring serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Eurasia region, based in Braşov, Romania. In this role, Benjamin teaches English as a Second Language to non-native English speakers. These classes provide practical assistance while also serving as a vehicle for the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Benjamin and Ella are both from Rochester, N.Y., and their home congregation is St. Paul Lutheran Church, Clarence Center, N.Y. Benjamin holds

a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Russian from the University of Rochester (2018) and a master's degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from the Warner School of Education (2020). In 2016, Benjamin studied abroad at St. Petersburg State University in Russia. He taught English as a New Language for four years in Greece Central School District, also located in Rochester, N.Y.

Ella also attended the University of Rochester to study Linguistics and Russian. During her time at the university, she served as a workshop leader for linguistics classes and volunteered by visiting elderly Russian-speaking Jews in the community. In their free time, both Benjamin and Ella enjoy playing the fiddle and learning languages.

Pray for Benjamin and Ella as they serve in Romania. Ask God to be with them as they adjust to life in a new country. Pray also that they would forge strong connections with people — both those in Romania and those in the United States — and that the Holy Spirit would open the hearts of everyone they meet to the Gospel. Give thanks to God for sending Benjamin and Ella to serve His children in this part of the world.

BIRTHDAYS: Benjamin — Oct. 28, Ella — Nov. 1

ANNIVERSARY: June 30

HOME DISTRICT: Eastern



**Pray daily
for Benjamin
and Ella** – and

how you can support and tell others about their ministry. Visit lcms.org/goehring

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in support of the LCMS through the work of
Benjamin and Ella Goehring



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I/We would like to make my/our gifts by:

☐ **Check** — Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
Write **Goehring-Romania Support** on memo line.

☐ **Automatic Withdrawal** — Please include a VOIDED ORIGINAL CHECK.

I/we hereby authorize The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to initiate automatic debits to my/our account at the financial institution named below. I/we acknowledge that the origination of direct debit (ACH) transactions to my/our account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law. This agreement will remain in effect until The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod receives a written notice of cancellation from me or my financial institution.

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2025–2027 Mission Grant #2

Help for Ukraine's Orphans and Displaced Persons

Orphan Grain Train

About This Mission Grant

Orphan Grain Train (OGT) has been involved in humanitarian aid to Ukraine since the war began. In the past year, seventeen shipments of donated food, clothing, and medical supplies were sent to various locations in the Ukraine. OGT is assisting twelve orphanages in the Kherson area and three orphanages in the Kyiv area. OGT is working with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine and other Christian churches as it distributes the aid.

The impact the donations have is both lifesaving and soul-saving. The donated supplies assist people who have lost all their worldly goods and help children whose parents have been killed in the war. Through acts of mercy shown by followers of Jesus, recipients see the love of God.

This grant will cover the cost of shipping up to seven containers loaded with food, clothing, and medical supplies to the country of Ukraine.



Boxes of materials sent by Orphan Grain Train ready to be opened and distributed. All are categorized and labeled so people know what is in them.



Opened boxes ready for people to choose items that they can use.



Stuffed animals for girls at a developmentally disabled orphanage.



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LHM Volunteer Engages with Students of All Ages

An **LHM–Russia** volunteer spent the school year connecting with students at a variety of schools and universities throughout Novochoerkassk.

She was invited to give a presentation for 200 students at a conference held at a local high school. Her speech, titled “Friends and Foes of Young People,” explored the challenges and influences young people face in their daily lives. She touched on how to develop healthy friendships and addressed the social pressures that often impact teenagers. The session encouraged students to reflect on the choices they make and the people they surround themselves with. In addition to her presentation, a local pastor was also invited to speak at the event. He delivered an inspiring message about the importance of spiritual growth. Together, their talks aimed to provide practical guidance and encouragement for the students, offering them both personal and spiritual tools to grow and thrive.

At one of her gatherings for elementary students, the session focused on “The Holy Book of Life,” a topic that attracts considerable interest from the children. One of the activities involved students doing crafts and making their own book. On the right side of the pages, the children listed behaviors they need to change such as “I will be less greedy”; “I will be less mean”; and “I will stop bullying the little ones at home.” On the left side of the pages, they wrote down their good deeds like “I help my granny”; “I feed stray animals”; “I pray to God each day.” The good deeds were written down with a pen but the bad deeds were written in pencil so they could be erased when the behaviors were corrected. The students then took the books home to complete with their parents and were rewarded with colorful stickers when they returned for the next session.

As the school year wrapped up, the volunteer distributed bookmarks with the Ten Commandments and conducted quizzes to check what the students had learned throughout the year-long program. Students received small gifts for their correct answers. One of the questions was “What do we get from faith in God?” Responses from the children included, “Life is easier with God; He helps us when we are in need or have challenges; God teaches us to behave better; and we can talk to Him at all times.” Students and teachers appreciated the program and, most importantly, the school’s headmaster believes it offers something extremely useful. He looks forward to partnering with LHM–Russia in the future.

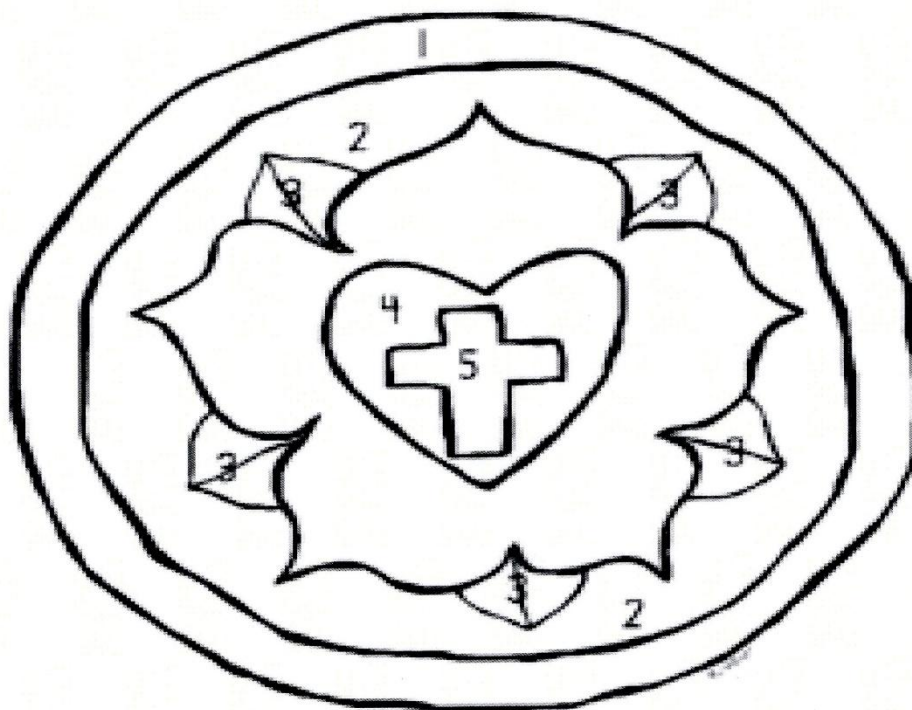
First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

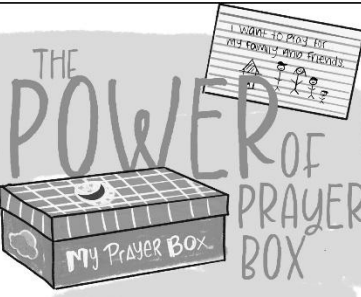
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LUTHER'S SEAL

Color by Number

1. GOLD 2. BLUE 3. GREEN 4. RED 5. BLACK





THE POWER OF PRAYER BOX

Create a simple and meaningful prayer box your family can use to share requests and pray together all week long.

What you need:

- Shoebox with lid
- Wrapping paper or decorative paper
- Scissors & tape
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers and other craft material (optional)
- Pens or pencils
- Index cards or small pieces of paper

What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a gift, wrapping the lid separately so it can be opened.
2. As a family, decorate the box with drawings, favorite Bible verses, photos, or stickers.
3. Place the box somewhere central, like the kitchen or living room.
4. Keep index cards and pens nearby. When someone has a prayer request, they can write or draw it and drop it in.
5. Throughout the week, take turns praying over the requests as a family, or have a parent lead prayer time.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

—Colossians 4:2, NIV



PUZZLE

JESUS TRAVELED TO MANY PLACES

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of the places. Can you find the names on the list?

Words can go left to right, up, down or diagonal—so look carefully in all directions!

BETHANY

BETHLEHEM

BETHSAIDA

CAESAREA PHILIPPI

CANA

CAPERNAUM

DECAPOLIS

EGYPT

EPHRAIM

GALILEE

JERICHO

JERUSALEM

JORDAN RIVER

JUDEA

MAGDALA

MOUNT OF OLIVES

NAZARETH

PEREA

SAMARIA

SIDON

TYRE

WILDERNESS

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