



10:15am Worship for the Week of October 18, 2026

Our Purpose: "Know Christ. Make Christ known."

Our Vision: "Making Christ-Centered, Emotionally Healthy Disciples of Jesus, One Life at a Time."

Our Mission: "Reach and serve our local community, Equip their hearts, minds and souls, and Release them into the world to share God's love."

WELCOME TO RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are worshipping with us this morning, please visit redhillchurch.org and scroll down to the "Connections Card".

Also, so that we may ensure you are receiving news about the life of our church, please let us know if you have moved or changed your contact information by emailing any updates to info@redhillchurch.org.

Sunday Morning Schedule:

- 8:00 to 9:00 am Classical worship
- 9:15 to 10:00 am Bible studies and groups for all ages ("DiscipleU")
- 10:15 to 11:15 am Contemporary worship

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RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH

10:15^{AM} 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Seth Britton, Senior Pastor

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Creation is bathed in light and darkness, subject to chaos and order. But in all things, God calls, equips, creates, and makes things well. The culmination of His divine care is Jesus—the One whose Word unleashes pure Gospel, unmasks pharisaical deception, acknowledges secular authority, and yet infuses into mankind unrelenting hope, steadfast faith, and incredible mercy. Believers cling to these God-given things in the midst of all wrath and affliction, confident in salvation through Christ alone.

*Congregation responses are in **BOLD print**.*

RECKLESS LOVE

Caleb Culver | Cory Asbury | Ran Jackson

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CALL TO WORSHIP

GRACE ALONE

Dustin Kensrue

I was an orphan, lost at the fall
Running away when I'd heard you call
But Father, you worked your will
I had no righteousness of my own
I had no right to draw near your throne
But Father, you loved me still

*And in love, before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own
You have raised me up so high above my station
I'm a child of God by grace, and grace alone*

You left your home to seek out the lost
You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus, your face was set
I worked my fingers down to the bone
But nothing I did could ever atone
But Jesus, you paid my debt

*By your blood I have redemption and salvation
Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown
And you rose that I might be a new creation
I am born again by grace, and grace alone*

Bridge:

I was in darkness all of my life
I never knew the day from the night
But Spirit, you made me see
I swore I knew the way on my own
Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone
But Spirit, you moved in me

*And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone*

Ending:

So I'll stand in faith by grace, and grace alone
I will run the race by grace, and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace, and grace alone

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Matthew 28:19; [18:20]

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1: 8-9*

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HOLY SPIRIT

Bryan Torwalt | Katie Torwalt

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

*Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord*

Bridge:

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

+WORD+

READING

Isaiah 45:1–7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed:

²“I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me,

⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me;

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness;

I make well-being and create calamity;

I am the LORD, who does all these things.

READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

HOLY BAPTISM

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I SURRENDER ALL

Van DeVenter / Weeden

I surrender all, I surrender all

All to Thee my blessed Savior

I surrender all

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15–22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹ They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MORNING MESSAGE

Pastor Seth Britton

GATHERING OF OFFERING *Please complete your worship response card and place it in the offering plate.*

The time of Offering is an opportunity to offer up your praise, both outwardly and inwardly.

OFFERTORY **ACROSS THE WATERS** Isaiah Coughran

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, special concerns. The congregation may be invited to offer other petitions.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

+SACRAMENT+

The Lord’s Supper is the family meal for Christians. If you are a Baptized Christian, seeking a church home, a member of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, and a disciple of Christ who desires to be forgiven and strengthened to live more faithfully for Christ, you are welcome to commune with us (Children, ages 2nd grade and above who are Baptized and who have received First Communion Instruction, are welcome to come commune with their family).

For those needing special assistance with partaking in Holy Communion, you are encouraged sit in the front two to three pews so that a Communion Server may be able to serve you in a timely manner. Thank you!

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

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

COMMUNION

*At Red Hill Lutheran, we come forward to the altar (front area) to receive Communion. * You will be given the bread and will eat it. You will then be invited to pick up a cup of wine or grape juice to drink. After you have drank the Blood of the Sacrament, please deposit your cup in the receptacle at the end of the table.*

** If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, please notify an usher and the servers will come to your seat.*

MORE THAN ANYTHING

David Leonard | Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan | Stuart Garrard

What can compare to the love of Jesus
Who can repair every broken thing
No other One can break this darkness
No other name no other name

I need You more than anything

Bridge:

Through the calm and the storm in the chaos
Though the mountains will crumble You will not
Never failing Your promise eternal

*I need You more than anything oh
I need You more than anything oh
I need You more than anything Jesus
I need You more than anything*

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COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+SENDING+

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

AT YOUR NAME

Phil Wickham | Tim Hughes

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THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

October 18	Bennett Morrow, Lori Pastucha, Elora Tomczyk
October 20	Brooke Rigoni
October 21	Cynthia Conrad, Jacob Manalac
October 22	Keegan Drumm, Scarlett Oard
October 23	Paula Keefer, Haniel B. Robert
October 24	Jeff Cadwell, Ken Hays, Bettie Ore, Riley Roso, Kelsey Waldron
October 25	Katie Groff-Dickleman, Yasmin Fletcher, Isabel Hunt, Melinda Olmedo

ANNIVERSARIES

October 20	Marshall & Danalyn Belgen, Fredrick & Andrea Chang
October 23	John & Lynda Bjoin, Jeff & Jodi Sprosty

PRAYER & CARE

New Prayers This Week:

Requested by Scott Thoele: Prayers for wife, Rachel, who fell and has multiple shoulder fractures. Prayers for minimal pain and healing.

Continued Prayers:

Anne Jackson, Ray Gomez, Paula Hopkins, Greg Deheras, Shawn Anderson, Mai Ngo, Dave Burley, Betty Flowers-Ackerman, Diane Lehman, *Barbara Jackson, Rob Mills, Teri Burch, Katie W., Tuck Coop, Tamara Lippert, Denise Pace, Drew Lippert, Sheila D., Barbara Miller, Jane Thorson W., David Kulcinski, Heather Hoersch, Susan Murphy, Jeff Cadwell, Edna Hohener, Eileen Hamilton, Tina Philips, Diana Godinez's dad, Tin Ngo, Peter D., Amber Benson, Rebecca Tomlinson, Gloria Tomas, Nancy Ogden, Rick Gertenson, Anita Hollis, and Danny Smith

Healthy Pregnancy - Stacia Davis, Kari Woodward, Alison Kooistra, Denise Estrada

US Military Service:

Air Force: Gavin Crawford, Joey Schell, Captain Grant Fox. Army: Calvin Tyler Crawford, Army/JAG: Major Brianna Tuohy; Navy: Matt Browne, Matthew Curiel, Max Daucher, John Farinacci; Eric Belgen. Marine Corps: Giacomo Hennigan.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

Altar Guild: Patti Sullivan, Debbie Hays, Laurie Henry, Rosa Dalton, Donna Wiksell, Melissa Gomez, Patty Reiten, Renee Mihalovich, Sue Raybourn, Betty Flowers-Ackerman, Jennifer Brown, Susan Hansen, Kathy Groff

Ushers: 8:00: Shannon McNeil, Joe Heneghan, Larry Lippert, Karl Kotke 10:15: Dutch Kramer, Sharon Van Sant, Laurie Oard, Michael Mihalovich

Readers: 8:00 Amy Ronce 10:15 Craig Spencer

Communion Servers: 8:00 Harko DeBoer & Marie DeBoer, Yvonne Cole (B), 10:15 Laurie Henry & Brian Crooker, Charlene Liebelt (B)

A/V Team: Manny Olmedo, Tom Waldron, James Pace, MJ Sievert, Brad Wong, Katy Wong, Jason Harney, Gary Fortner

ALTAR FLOWERS

- *Happy birthday to my son, Jeffrey Cadwell.
Love, Mom*

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Holy Baptism...

Today we welcome, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism **Mollie Louise Weir**. May God bless and guide Mollie as she begins her new life in Jesus Christ. We also welcome the Sponsors, family, and friends here to celebrate with us today!

Join our Church Music Ministry!

To get connected to one of our classical music ministry groups, please email jharney@redhillchurch.org. Chancel Choir meets Thursdays at 7:15pm in the choir loft. Handbells rehearse Thursdays at 5:45pm in the narthex.

For contemporary music: icoughran@redhillchurch.org

Livestream Ministry and Worship

The best way to watch our worship services live and on-line is to visit redhillchurch.org. You can also find us on YouTube and Facebook. If you are joining us via the livestream on Sunday mornings and/or for other ministries, can you let us know? We want to ensure that you are acknowledged, cared for, and connected! You can email Mark Siegert at msiegert@redhillchurch.org or Donna Kunz at dkunz@redhillchurch.org.

BIBLE STUDY/COMMUNITY

DiscipleU: How to Study the Bible

Led by Stephanie McArthur

Continuing thru November 22nd

9:15am to 10:00am in the Christian Life Center (CLC)

Have you ever opened your Bible and wondered, Where do I even begin? Join us for this 6-week, hands-on class designed to take the intimidation out of studying Scripture. Together, we'll learn practical tools for understanding the Bible, including how Scripture fits together, how to read passages in context, what all those notes and references mean, how translations differ, how to highlight and take notes, and how to use helpful study resources. Whether you're brand new to the Bible or have been reading it for years, you'll leave better equipped and more confident to open God's Word and dig in for yourself.

Bring your Bible, we're going to use it! Don't have one? We'll be happy to provide one for you.

"Wednesdays in the Word."

Wednesday Morning Bible Study.

"The Sermon on the Mount"

Wednesdays 7:00a.m. to 7:45a.m. in the Sanctuary (In person, Livestreamed and Recorded) Teacher: Pastor Seth

Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" is found in the Gospel of Matthew, chapters 5 through 7. Beginning with the "Beatitudes" and concluding with the surrounding crowds' astonishment of Jesus' authoritative teachings, the Sermon on the Mount contains some of the most practical, ethical, and challenging instructions from Jesus about how life is lived according to the truths and values of the Kingdom of God!

After the study at 7:45a.m., those whose schedule permits, reassemble at local restaurant in Tustin for breakfast and continuing conversation.

Again, this study is livestreamed beginning at 7:15a.m., as well as recorded and posted on our website so that you can participate at any time!

You are always welcome as we study the Word of God!

Senior Ministry: Caring for Those We Love

Join us this Thursday, October 22nd, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm in Peter's Parish for our first Senior Ministry gathering. Lauren Weiss, Director of Education with Alzheimer's Orange County, will share practical guidance for those caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. Learn what to expect, how to identify next steps, where to find support, and practical strategies for caring for your loved one, and yourself. A light lunch will be provided from 12:00pm to 12:30pm. Cost is \$8 per person, paid at the door. Come be encouraged, equipped, and reminded that you don't have to navigate caregiving alone.

October Men's Breakfast

Men of Red Hill Church, School, and our surrounding community are invited to our next Men's Breakfast this Saturday, October 24th, from 8:00am to 10:00am in the CLC. Join us for a hot breakfast, fellowship, and an encouraging morning with guest speaker Mike Schroeder, Pastor, Counselor, and retired Assistant Fire Chief.

Whether you've been part of Red Hill for years or this is your first time, we'd love to have you, and invite a friend! Cost is \$10 and includes breakfast. You're not meant to do life alone.

Sign up on the patio or scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin to reserve your spot!

RHL Quilters

The weather may not feel like it yet, but quilt season is here! Celebrate with us Quilt Sunday as you see our sanctuary filled with a beautiful burst of color as the pews are draped with quilts lovingly made by our Quilting Ministry.

Quilt Sales

Quilts will be available for purchase after worship today on the church patio. The quilts made by our ministry are donated to Lutheran World Relief, bringing warmth and care to people in need around the world. Proceeds from quilt sales help purchase supplies that are not donated and allow this ministry to continue its work.

Quilt Pricing

- Bound quilts (60" × 80") — \$70
- Unbound quilts (60" × 80") — \$60
- Baby/Lap quilts — \$30
- New this year! Burp cloths — \$5

For more information about the Quilting Ministry or Quilt Sunday, please contact Nancy Pace at n15pace@yahoo.com.

Mensday Bible Study

All men of Red Hill are invited to an informal dinner & Bible study Monday nights, 6:30pm in Peter's Parish. We meet off-site the 1st Monday of the month. We typically discuss Pastor Seth's Compass notes. Come and give it a try! Contact: Tom Waldron tjwaldron3@aol.com 714-697-5349

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Red Hill Youth & Family Ministry

Are you interested in learning more about Red Hill's Youth & Family Ministry (YFM)? Stop by our table on the patio to say hello, or email our team. We're here to support and serve your family—let's connect!

Contact Our YFM Team:

- Beth Stoffregen – Director of Youth & Family Ministry | beths@redhillchurch.org
- Brie Longoria – Early Childhood Ministry Co-Coordinator | blongoria@redhillchurch.org
- Katelyn Der – Early Childhood Ministry Co-Coordinator | kder@redhillchurch.org
- Itzel Mancilla – Children's Ministry Coordinator | imancilla@redhillchurch.org
- Tim Rivera – Student Ministry Coordinator | trivera@redhillchurch.org

T.O.T.S. Early Childhood Ministry

Today, during both worship services and during our DiscipleU Educational Hour, in Classroom 11

T.O.T.S. Early Childhood Ministry provides a nurturing environment for Christ's littlest disciples—ages six weeks to five years—to play, learn about Jesus, sing praises, and grow excited about joining the worshiping community. This month, we continue our teaching series, "Love Roots," tracing God's redemption promise from the tree in the Garden of Eden to the shoot from the stump of Jesse. Through stories about Solomon, Elijah, and Daniel, we are seeing how God preserved a remnant of believers and continued to mercifully provide for His people through times of division and exile. Today's Bible Story is "Den of Lions." Next Sunday, we will feature a special story about the Reformation and see how God preserved the truth of His Word through Martin Luther. We hope your little ones join us! Contact Katelyn Der or Brie Longoria for more information.

K.I.D.S. Ministry (Kindergarten - 5th Grade)

Today - DiscipleU K.I.D.S., 9:15am-10:00am, in the K.I.D.S. Zone

Today - K.I.D.S. Fellowship, 10:00am-11:15am

K.I.D.S. Ministry brings elementary-aged kids together to Know Jesus, Impact the world around them, become Disciples of Jesus and Serve others - K.I.D.S. Buckle Up! Today we are wrapping up our road trip through the Ten Commandments, learning how God gave His people His Word as they journeyed with Him. Today as we look at Exodus 20, we will see that God's commands show us how to love. Contact Itzel Mancilla for more information.

Please note: There will be no K.I.D.S. Ministry Programming next Sunday, October 25th. We invite all of our families to worship together and join us for our all family Reformation Worship Service at 10:15am and Oktoberfest/Trunk or Treat Celebration immediately following. Regular K.I.D.S. Ministry programming resumes Sunday, November 1st, in the K.I.D.S. Zone. (DiscipleU K.I.D.S., 9:15am-10:00am, and DiscipleU K.I.D.S. Fellowship, 10:00am-11:15am.) Contact Beth Stoffregen with any questions.

Student Ministry Confirmation Classes

Today, 9:15am-10:00am, in Peter's Parish

All high school and middle school students are invited to join us for Confirmation, a dedicated time focused on God's Word, Lutheran beliefs, and growing together in faith. Students will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of God and embrace their identity as children of God. Students who have already been confirmed are still welcome and encouraged to attend! For more information or questions about Confirmation, please contact Tim Rivera.

No Mid-Week Student Ministry Nights This Week

Tuesday, October 20th, and Wednesday, October 21st

High school and middle school students will not be meeting this week. Mid-week student ministry nights will resume next week for our annual Pumpkin Palooza on Tuesday, October 27th, for high school students and Wednesday, October 28th, for middle school students! For more information, please contact Tim Rivera.

RHL Youth Pumpkin Palooza

High School on October 27th and Middle School on October 28th in Peter's Parish

Red Hill youth students are invited to join us for a fun night of pumpkin painting, games, candy, costumes, and fellowship! High school will meet on Tuesday, October 27th, and middle school will meet on Wednesday, October 28th, both from 6:00pm to 8:00pm inside Peter's Parish. Students are encouraged to bring their own pumpkin (BYOP) to decorate and take home. Awards will be given for the three best pumpkins, and one student will win an In-N-Out gift card for the best costume of the night!

RHL Youth Winter Camp 2027 Sign-Ups Are Open!

January 15th–18th, 2027 at Forest Home

Red Hill Lutheran Youth are headed back to Forest Home for Winter Camp in 2027! Students are invited to join us January 15th–18th for a weekend filled with worship, games, intentional time in God's Word, and time to grow together in community. This year's theme is "Verified." In a world full of likes, followers, profiles, and pressure to prove who we are, we'll take a look at what it means to remember that our identity is already known and established by God. If you'd like more information or are ready to sign up, please contact Tim Rivera.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reformation Sunday, Oktoberfest & Trunk or Treat Celebration Is Coming!

One worship service at 10:15am worship service followed by a fun filled day for the whole family, including Oktoberfest style food and refreshments, games, a cake walk, and trunk-or-treat!

There are many ways to be part of the celebration beyond attending! We are seeking Trunk Hosts, candy donations, baked goods for the Cake Walk, and volunteers to help with set-up, tear-down, games, and activities. Scan the QR Code to the right to sign up and find out how you can help make this a special day for our church, school and community families. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity—we look forward to celebrating together!

For questions, email Beth Stoffregen at beths@redhillchurch.org or Donna Kunz at dkunz@redhillchurch.org.



Baptism Class

Sunday, November 1st, at 11:30am, in the Christian Life Center (CLC)

Are you or a family member interested in learning more about Baptism or ready to take the next step? Join Pastor Seth for this Baptism Class, open to all ages. Families are encouraged to attend together. Participants will receive Baptism materials to review prior to the class. Scan the QR Code at the right to register. Once registered, we'll contact you to arrange delivery of the materials. Questions? Contact Beth Stoffregen, Director of Youth and Family Ministry.



First Responder Luncheon — Volunteers Needed!

On Tuesday, November 3rd, we are excited to welcome our local First Responders back to Red Hill for a special luncheon. This is our opportunity to say thank you to the men

and women who protect our homes, schools, and neighborhoods and serve our community each day.

We need your help to make them feel welcomed and appreciated! Volunteers are needed to help set up, host tables, hand out goodie bags and drinks, and assist with clean-up.

Come help us create a warm and welcoming environment as we serve those who serve us! Scan the QR code in the back of the bulletin to sign up to volunteer.



Planting Seeds for the Future - Red Hill Lutheran Church and School Endowment Fund

Red Hill Lutheran Endowment Committee has followed the example of local organizations such as Orange Lutheran High School and Crean High School to set up a new partnership with Financial Planning Ministry - FPM, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting biblical stewardship.

FPM shared that 60% of adults do not have an estate plan and of those who have one set up, only 15% include a charitable contribution.

The endowment committee is funding an opportunity for members of our church to set up a will or living trust, or modify an existing one at no cost to any of you. This can help turn member's generosity into a legacy gift that can bless the ministry of Red Hill for generations to come.

Attend our first FPM seminar on November 8th at 11:30am in the CLC for education on the topic and the next steps to start a one on one consultation with an FPM advisor. Seating is limited to 25 people, so scan the QR code to register. For information: endowment@redhillchurch.org

Red Hill Lutheran Church & School October Philanthropy

In October, Red Hill Lutheran Church and School is raising money for a "Barn Full" of animals to be donated through World Vision to families in need. World Vision is a Christian organization dedicated to caring for children and families around the world. By providing animals such as chickens and cows, families can have a sustainable source of food and income. This initiative is called "Change for Chickens & Cash for Cows!" If you have loose change to donate, please stop by the RHL Front Office and help fill our collection jar throughout the month. Please also pray for our RHL students that they are inspired to participate in God's work around the world through this month's philanthropy. For more information please contact Caroline Elias at celias@redhillschool.org.



Are You New to Red Hill? We Have a Gift for You!

We are so glad you are here and chose to worship with us at Red Hill Lutheran Church. Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning after some time away, you are truly welcome here. Our hope is that you experience God's love and the warmth of our community today.

We invite you to take a moment to fill out a Connect Card so we can get to know you and stay in touch. After the service, please stop by the Welcome Table on the Patio, where we would love to meet you, share a small welcome gift, and provide information about our beliefs, our church, and the many ways to connect and grow within our community.

Thank you for being here—we're grateful to worship with you today!

The Fall/Winter 2026 edition of The Vine is now available! Pick your copy up in the Narthex, or you can read it online at redhillchurch.org.



Red Hill Lutheran Church & School's

Oktoberfest

Sunday, October 25th

11:30am - 1:30pm

Reformation Worship at 10:15am
Followed by our annual Trunk or Treat

FOOD • GAMES • FELLOWSHIP • FUN

WEAR YOUR BEST COSTUME!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

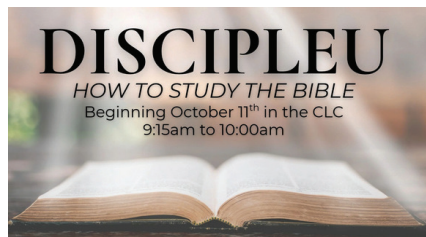
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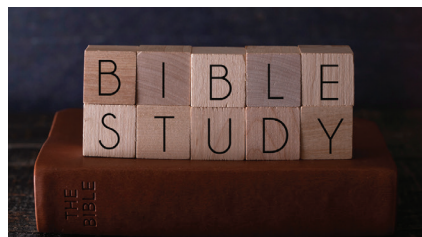
UPCOMING AT RED HILL

October 2026



DISCIPLEU

Sunday Mornings
 9:15am to 10:00am
 CLC



WED. BIBLE STUDY

Wed. Mornings
 7:00am to 7:45am
 Sanctuary



SENIOR'S GATHERING

Thu. Oct. 22nd
 12:00pm to 2:00pm
 Peter's Parish



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sat. Oct. 24th
 8:00am - 10:00am
 CLC



OKTOBERFEST

Sun. Oct. 25th
 11:15am to 1:30pm
 Church & School



FIRST RESPONDERS

Tue. Nov. 3rd
 11:00am to 1:00pm
 Church Patio



FINANCIAL PLANNING

Sun. Nov. 8th
 11:30am to 1:30pm
 CLC



Our Text and Context...The Set-Up...

Matthew 22.15-17 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

To Whom Do You Belong?

*Matthew 22.18-21a But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose **likeness** and **inscription** is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's."*

εἰκών (*eikōn*): Lit., "Image"

ἐπιγραφή (*epigraphē*): "Inscription" "Title"

Genesis 1.26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."

Exodus 13.9 And it shall be to you as a sign on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt.

God Has the Greater Claim...So that We Can Love and Serve in His Name!

*Matthew 22.21b-22 Then he said to them, "Therefore **render** to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.*

ἀποδίδομαι (*apodidomai*): "To pay back" (What is owed)

1 Peter 2.13-14, 17 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good...¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

You Belong to God!

1 Corinthians 6.19-20 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.