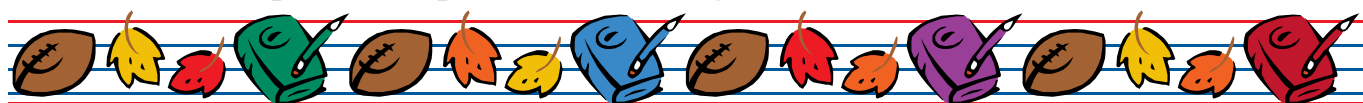


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From Pastor's Pen

From obscurity to becoming the face of the Christian 'Reformation', who would ever have imagined God raising up an Augustinian monk/professor in the little town of Wittenberg to bring Christians back to the heart and core teaching of Christianity... "Justification through Faith in Christ alone."

On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther posted the 95 Thesis on the Castle Church Doors of Wittenberg, Germany to protest the church's sale of indulgences, thus starting the Reformation or Protestant movement.

No money, no good works, no human reason is able to save sinners. Only God's love for us shown in sending His Son, Jesus Christ into the world to suffer and die on Calvary's cross as humanity's substitute and bear on himself the penalty for our sins is able to save us.

Luther held onto the truth that a person receives forgiveness, and all of its blessings including

eternal life, exclusively through faith. Not because faith itself is a saving work, but because the object of our faith is trusting the work and promise given to us in Jesus Christ alone. Our salvation rests in relying solely on what Christ has DONE for us.

So where does our Christian love and good works fit in? They fit in, not in our salvation, nor as saving merits before God but rather as evidence of our faith (or fruits of our faith in Jesus).

Please consider reading Romans and Galatians this October to appreciate the richness of these blessed truths in God's Word.

Pastor Kruse



October Mission

Lutheran Bible Translators Missionary Support

Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) partners with local leaders to create translation programs for the many communities who do not have access to God's Word in their native language. They send out missionaries that provide the resources, tools and the support local leaders need to make the Word of God more accessible than ever.

This month we would like to raise money and prayer support for Michael and Naomi Ersland and their young children. Michael and Naomi have just completed their assignment in Ghana where they spent nearly a decade working with the Komba Old Testament translation project. Komba is spoken by approximately 831,000 people and praise God, the Komba Bible is now complete. The New Testament was finished in 2014 and now they will have the full Bible translated in their own language. The Bibles will be printed shortly, and they hope to have a dedication ceremony in late fall.

The importance of Bible translation is nicely explained by one of the Komba people who said, "If the New Testament had not been translated into our language, people would still say that Christianity is for white people. Now we can hear and read and understand God's Word in Komba."

Now that the Komba translation work is done, Michael and Naomi Ersland have now accepted a call to serve in Tanzania. After a period of language and culture learning, Michael will provide training and mentoring for multiple translation teams. Naomi's management of the family, children's education, and daily life will extend beyond the house as she builds relationships and walks alongside neighbors.

Both Michael and Naomi appreciate learning from the local church as God's Word is used to celebrate life's joys and mourn life's sorrows. The Word becomes alive and active from new

perspectives as language, culture, and faith interweave into a local fabric.

LBT missionaries have to nearly fully fund themselves to do this important work. We would like to help this young family out and they will certainly appreciate our prayers as well as any financial contribution. There will be envelopes for this mission on the information desk for you to use and as always, please make your check out to Peace Lutheran.

Thanks, and God Bless You,

Marilyn Thompson

Junior High Outing



Jr High Youth Group (6-8th grade)

WHAT: Outdoor Jack O'Lantern Wonderland

WHERE: Hollows of Phantom Lake. Meet in church parking lot off of Small Road

WHEN: October 18, 2025

TIME to be announced at the parent meeting

Sign up Deadline September 23 at the parent meeting.

If you would like more info visit

<https://www.phantomlakeymca.org/yhe-hollow>

To sign up or if you have questions please reach out to Amanda 262-888-2880 or Jill 414-243-2413.

Amanda Gnirk

Little Lambs Academy News

Now that we've been back to school for a month, we are all settling into routines and doing lots of learning!

Our 3K kids have been learning about colors with Mrs. Abraham and Mrs. Sara. In October

we will be studying shapes all around us and begin learning our numbers and counting. We're excited to go on a field trip to Cozy Nook Farm in Waukesha where we will learn about cows and go on a hayride to the pumpkin patch as we enjoy God's amazing outdoors!

The 4K Classes led by Mrs. Lehmann and Mrs. Abraham are beginning to learn the alphabet. In October, they will learn about fall leaves, apples and pumpkins, and will also work on number formation. The children learn all 26 letters of the alphabet throughout the year, learning to write the letters and sound them out, as they develop early reading skills.

Our 2T Toddler Class is having fun learning about Creation. Two-year-olds come for a short morning class with a parent or grandparent. We play, do a craft, sing songs, learn about God and play in the gym or on the playground. Ms. Missy leads this class.

Childcare is busy with children from infants up to 4 year olds who come for some or all of the day. The teachers teach them about Jesus, care for their needs and help with potty training for the 2-year-olds. Children learn to share and get along with others, as well as calendar, weather and many other academics throughout the year tailored to their age and development.

We look forward to seeing you at church this month when our new LLA students receive their Bibles and sing a song during worship. Thank you for this beautiful gift - the Bibles are truly a treasure! God's Blessings to all of you!

Stacy Abraham
3K & 4K Lead Teacher and Chapel Teacher



City On the Hill

These are upcoming City on a Hill dates:
October 11, November 8 and December 13.

We need a few volunteers to help just one Saturday a month. We meet at the Peace upper parking lot at 10am and return by 3pm .

Anyone 12 years old and older with a heart to help those with limited means can volunteer. No experience necessary. Sign up at the information desk.

Any questions contact Stephanie Montano

Helping Hands Quilters

In August, even though several members were not present, the five members present were quite busy. Seven quilts were layered and pinned, and are now ready for quilting.

A donation of a couple of bags of fabric had been left for us. Included in the donation were several pieces of fabric in extra large yardage which is perfect for quilt backs. We are always appreciative of fabric donations, especially 100% cotton fabrics because of their durability and ease of working with.

Anyone interested in quilting is invited to join us. Our group is small but mighty!

"Friends are like fabric – you can never have enough!" notes Amazon Web Services.

Vickie Schmidt

Ysleta Lutheran Mission Trip

Excitement is building for our trip to the US/Mexico border! We now have a team of 13 signed up for the trip that is happening the week of November 8 – 15. The Peace team includes: Greg & Sara Shuler, Mark & Darcy Luling, Tom Roberson, Lisa Groth, Carole Hetrick, Pastor Kruse, Gary & Gretchen Barg, Art & Marilyn Thompson and Eric Thompson.

We will be building a home for a family in need in the Kilometer 30 area which is on the southern outskirts of Juarez. This is the same area that we went to on our last trip in March of 2024. It is a very rural and poor place. Residents purchase their water from trucks that will fill up a tank on their property. They then use buckets to carry water into the house for their daily use. Juarez is a high desert area and gets less than 9 inches of precipitation a year with most of that occurring in July and August. It is a difficult life and we pray that the little house (12 ft by 24 ft) we build will be a true blessing to the family.

We have not yet been given the biographical info on the family, but you can pray for them now as we know that God knows who they are. We pray that they will experience God's love in a new and powerful way and that we can truly be the hands and feet of Jesus as we serve.

Thanks,

Marilyn Thompson

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Beckie Kruse	October 4
Jake Rewolinski	October 5
Oliver Korselt	October 6

Grace Shaffer	October 7
Joanne Webb	October 8
Elsie Korselt	
Paige Matz	October 9
Bonnie Vath	October 15
Louis Aranda	
Sara Pitcel	October 17
Kennedy Plautz	October 26
Amelia Boesel	October 29
Mary Lewandowski	October 31



Jeep & Vickie Kust
October 03, 1987

Steve & Jennifer Langbauer
October 04, 1997

Chris Krakau & Chayna Regalia
October 7, 2023

Mark & Lynette Gerke
October 08, 1988

Tom & Dori Loppnow
October 12, 2012

Greg & Sara Shuler
October 12, 1985

Joe & Amy Borchardt
October 19, 2013

Jerry & Sally Malecki
October 20, 2001