



Weekly Announcements for the week of October 12th,

Scripture Verses for October 12th

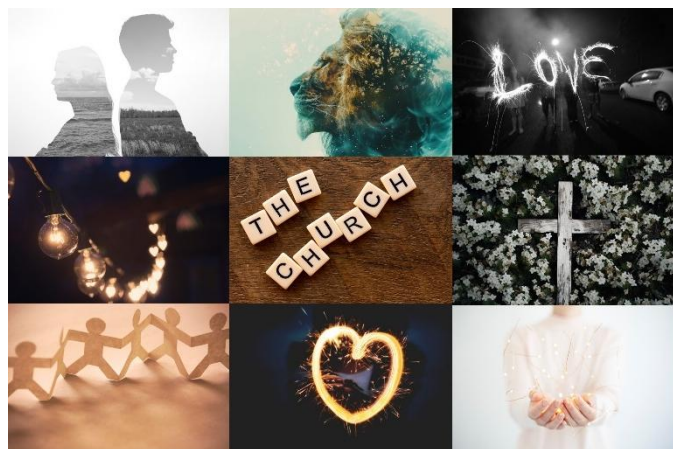
- Exodus 19:3-8
- Mark 2:1-12

Scripture Verses for October 19th

- Psalm 139
- Acts 2:42-47
- 1 John 4:15-21

Message Series: The Church

Ever thought to yourself, why would/should/do I go to CHURCH? As a pastor, I've even wondered that some days. So what is the local church for? Why does it exist? How is it all apart of God's plan? We get a taste of what things looked like for the early church in Acts chapter 2. Join us this fall as we do a deep dive into the purpose and plan for local churches and how God is using them to bring His kingdom here on earth. Embark on an adventure with us as we explore how God uses the community of believers together to create a family where you are known and loved, experience generosity, challenged to step out of your comfort zone, and find unity. In a life full of ups and downs called to do life together. You're not alone!!



All-Church Christmas Program

Preparations for the LMC All-Church Christmas program have begun and we would love for you to be part of this special event. The program will take place on **December 21st at 8:00am and 10:30am**. Would you or your child (1st grade – adult) be interested in an age-appropriate speaking/reading part? Speakers/readers will be needed for both services. Children and adults that are only able to participate in one service are asked to indicate upon signup which service they prefer. **Please sign up by Sunday, October 26th** so that roles may be assigned accordingly. As things stand, rehearsals for the program will take place prior to each service. On the day of the program, a 7:00am rehearsal will take place for the 8:00am service and a 9:20am rehearsal (if needed) will occur prior to the 10:30am service. Those participating at both services will not need to attend the second rehearsal.

PreK - 1st Grade students will have an opportunity to be part of a nativity recording that will be shown at both services. More information will be emailed to these parents.

If you or your child are interested in participating, you may sign up in one of two ways:

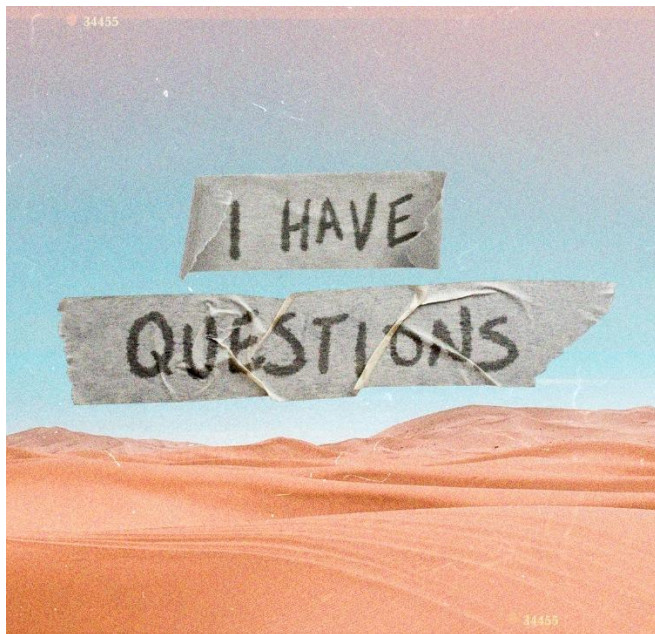
1. Send an email to chad@lmcrf.org indicating if you would like to participate in only one or both services (8:00am or 10:30am.)

2. Sign up in the fellowship hall this Sunday! Again, we kindly ask that all who desire a part, sign up by Sunday, October 26th. We look forward to celebrating Christ's birth with you on this special day.

Upcoming YOUTHerans Events

(6th – 12th Grade)

- **Wed. October 8th** - Bible Study/Games - "I have Questions"
- **Sun. October 19th** – Afton Apple Orchard 2:30pm – 6:30pm. YOUTHerans are heading to Afton Apple for a corn maze and other fun activities. Cost is \$20. See Chad S. for more information.
- **Sun October 26th** – TRUNK OR TREAT (Youth will be helping to serve “dirty soda” bar)
- **Wed. November 12th** - Bible Study/Games - "I have Questions" Part 2



YOUTHerans Message/Study Series

Let's face it, life isn't easy. In times of loss, grief, pain, or doubt, it's normal to have questions — and it's okay to ask them. If you've ever tried to make sense of your circumstances, or wished life didn't have to hurt so much, or wondered why God won't fix what you're going through, you're not alone. In this 3-part series, we'll hear about a few people from Scripture who know exactly what it's like. With Esther, David, Peter, Amos, and John, we'll explore hard questions you thought you weren't allowed to ask, like “When people are hurting, **where is God?** (10/8) If God is good, **why do bad things happen?** (11/12) And when life hurts, **is God listening?**” (12/10 5pm-6:30.) All 6th - 12th graders are invited the 2nd Tuesday of the month as we dive into this series.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

Parking Lot

Sunday, Oct 26th

4:30-6:00 pm
(Rain or Shine)

Volunteer TODAY!



Trunk or Treat is Coming Up Sunday, October 26th from 4:30 - 6:00 pm!

We are excited to be hosting this incredible community event again this year! We are expecting 400 people, including our community helpers - police, firefighters, EMTs, and much more!

There are lots of ways to help! Check out the **signup sheets at church or [online](#)**.

- First and foremost, we need your **prayers!**
- [We need trunks](#) - cars, trucks, SUVs, classic cars and motorcycles for the main event! We will even provide the decorations if needed.
- [We need lots of candy](#) and fruit snacks! (We almost ran out last year!)
- [We need volunteers!](#)
- We need Bibles, Devotionals, Kids' books, and Thrivent t-shirts for the Freebies Table!

Please contact April Rixmann if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

Family Winter Retreat!

What? Why would you even mention snow! I'll bet that's what you are thinking when you read this. Well, we are starting to get an idea on how many people might be interested in a **winter retreat at Camp Luther in Three Lakes, WI**. When you ask? **February 20-22nd 2026**. There will be snow tubing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, broomball, campfires, fun potluck meals and worship time together. We are putting together a list of families interested and looking at renting out their cabins for the retreat. You can find out more about the cabins [HERE](#). Cost for the weekend will vary but we anticipate about \$300-\$400 plus your food. **Contact Pastor Chad or Megan Johnston ((612) 242-0068) for more information and to get signed up!** <https://campluther.com/camp-luther-cottages>



The LMC Fall Road Cleanup The LMC Fall Road Cleanup on Hwy 65 North will be **Saturday, October 18th (weather permitting)**. Meet at the church at **8:30 am**. We should be done by 10:00. **Bring your boots and gloves. Safety vests and garbage bags will be provided.** Some of our "more experienced" helpers don't move in the long grass and ditches as well as we once did, so we welcome anyone 14 years and older to join the group. You never know what **"Treasures"** you might find. Contact Brian Schultz (715-821-9327) if you have any questions.

The Last "Weeding Wednesday" in 2025 will be October 22 from 5:00-6:30 pm. Please come help button up the landscaping for the winter season.



College Bible Study

We are so excited to invite the students back to LMC for **two options** for Bible Studies. **Thursday evening at 7:00 PM** mentored by Monica Bylander along with Steve & Jacky Rolf. **Sunday evening at 7:30 PM** student-led study mentored by Micah Thompson. LMC, we could use your help in providing snacks for the Thursday night Bible Study. The sign-up sheet is in the fellowship Hall on the table. Thank you for supporting this important mission field!



Gertens Christmas Plant Fundraiser for Youth: Plants & Greens for Home Use!

LMC Youth look forward to another great year of selling Gertens greens and poinsettias this holiday season. Youth receive 30% of all purchases - including poinsettias designated for church beautification. Funds raised will be used to reduce youth out-of-pocket costs for the upcoming mission trip to Lake Traverse Reservation in SD, in addition to other trips and events.

Greens - Order Online (Credit/Debit Card Only)

Purchases for greens and gift cards can be made at www.gertensfundraising.com. Enter store code: **94**. All greens purchases will be for home use only. For pictures/prices of greens - [Click Here!](#) Green will be delivered **Tuesday, November 25th**.

Poinsettias - Order Forms (Cash/Check Only)

For pictures/prices order form of poinsettias – [Click Here!](#)

Order forms for Poinsettias are also available in the LMC fellowship hall. Please mark on the form if your poinsettia purchase is for home or church use. Poinsettias will be delivered **Thursday, Dec. 4th**.

Orders for both greens and poinsettias must be completed online or turned in by 10:00pm on **Sunday, Oct. 26th**.

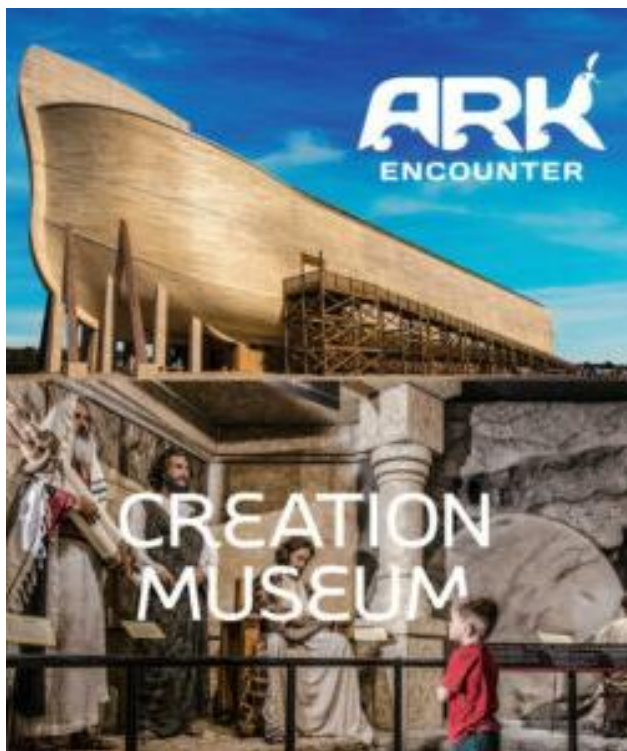
Please indicate online (greens) or order form (poinsettias), which youth you would like your funds to be directed toward. If you would like your funds to be dispersed amongst all youth, please write, "All Youth."



Creation Museum and the Ark

Encounter Are you interested in biblical history with exhibits, botanical gardens, planetarium and zoo animals? What about Noah's Ark? In Petersburg, Kentucky is the Creation Museum which allows you to venture through biblical history in 7 parts called the Seven C's beginning with Creation and a walk through the Garden of Eden. There is an exhibit about Israel during the time of Jesus called Borderland. Then 40 miles away in Williamstown, KY is the Ark Encounter. The Ark features a full size Noah's Ark that is 3 decks filled with exhibits that allow you to experience what Noah's life may have been like. There is a restaurant at each location with other dining options which includes coffee, ice cream and candy. And yes there is some shopping in the Gift Shop. This trip would be 5-6 days, which includes travel days and 3 days at the Museum and the Ark, We are able to get a 3 Day Bouncer Pass which offers unlimited visits to both attractions. We could do a day and a half at each. The parking is extra. We could include a river cruise on the Ohio River if there is interest and would be optional. The costs will include transportation, lodging, the pass with parking and nutrition. No date has been decided. Please text or email me (I will be out of the country from Oct 8th to Nov 5th, but still available by email). I hope to be available at church on Nov 9th for questions.

-Lise Klingler



Bags for the Homeless

We are starting to notice the chill in the air at night now, and that makes me think about the homeless. As a congregation, we are hoping to take donations for specific items that we can assemble into "Bags for the Homeless." The bags will be available for the congregation to take (free of charge) and keep in your vehicle. If you see a homeless person or someone that could use the bag, we are hoping you feel free to hand it to them, find out their name, and offer to pray for them. Below are the items we will be collecting. (Place them in the box in the LMC entryway):

Socks, Gloves, Hats, Handwarmers, Band-Aids, Washcloths, Soap, Energy Bars, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Hand Sanitizer, Gift Card (Fast Food)

The Sunday school kids will be packing the bags on **November 2nd**. Please bring items to LMC by **Wednesday, October 29th**.



Coffee for a Cause! We are serving "Promised Grounds" coffee on Sunday morning during "Sweet Jesus" time. We will have the coffee available for purchase (whole bean only). Proceeds will go toward C4 continents missions and every ounce sold is an ounce of clean water for someone in a 3rd world country through "Filters of Hope!"

[BUY HERE](#)



Youngish Adult Missional Community:

If you are a young'ish adult and have been looking for a Bible study group, and/or some fun folks to hang out with that also love Jesus, check out the LMC Young'ish Adult Group! They are now meeting every week on Tuesdays at 5:00 for a meal and then study, beginning around 6 pm. We will be diving into *Practicing the Way* by John Comer Mark Comer as we learn practices for Following Jesus everyday. Want to know if this group is right for you? Call/text Brandon: (715) 781-6063 or Bekah: (612) 806-6718. Childcare is provided.

Opportunity to Submit Prayers to

Pastor Chad: Submit a prayer to Pastor Chad with this [LINK](#) or scan the QR Code. All prayers will be anonymous unless indicated otherwise. If you'd like the church to pray for them, please indicate that. The power of prayer is SO GREAT!



Giving at LMC: We recognize we have givers from every generation at our church, so whether you're still writing a check faithfully, or if you give online, we're excited to announce we recently added four new ways to give using digital wallets:

1. PayPal
2. Apple Pay
3. Google Pay
4. Venmo



When you go to the Give Now Link, Choose my account and then payment method. You can then choose from your bank account (ACH) or one of the other above methods listed above.



Raise Right Cards: Gifting that gives back!

Find gifts for everyone on your list while raising funds for Luther Memorial. Shop gift cards from over 750 top

brands. Whether you buy the gift cards to give as presents to family and friends, or to use them to buy your gifts— Luther Memorial earns with every gift card purchased. You may also pick up a retailer list and order forms at the Raise Right table on Sunday mornings. You may also order cards in the church office. Refer to the dates below for ordering dates. Scan the QR Code to order from the entire online catalog.

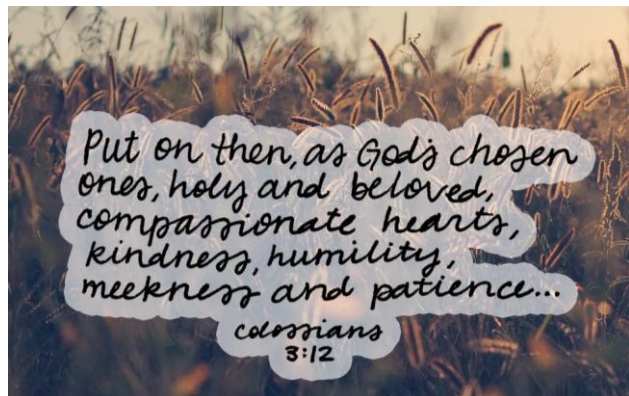
Costa Rica Prayer List:

For those of you who were able to be at the Costa Rica presentation last weekend (and for those who weren't...) We had a question about how we can be praying for the ministries happening in Costa Rica:

- Employment for church members and community folks (banana plantation)
- Youth knowing the truth of Jesus and choosing that over what the "World" offers
- Leadership in the family, community, and church from the men. That God builds up strong male leadership
- New Church building plans and church plants
- Raising up leaders within the church

This Week at Luther Memorial:

Sunday 10/12	8:00 AM Sunday Worship 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Sunday Worship 7:30 PM Unashamed UWRP Study
Monday 10/13	6:30 PM Slate Missional Community 7:00 PM Brace Missional Community
Tuesday 10/14	11:00 AM LMC Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Young'ish Adult Group 6:00 PM Chad's Zoom MC
Wed 10/15	8:30 AM Mid-Week Connect
Thursday 10/16	8:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM College Bible Study
Saturday 10/18	7:30 AM Men's Journey Team 9:00 AM Fall Highway Clean-up
Sunday 10/19	8:00 AM Sunday Worship 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Sunday Worship 7:30 PM Unashamed UWRP Study



Worship Assistants: October 12th

October 12th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Praise Team	Praise Team
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Chad Schuermann	Chad Schuermann
USHER	Ed Swenson	Pat & Susan Pierce
GREETER	Dan Halverson Family	Quentin & Marilyn Schultz
CLICKER	Brian Schultz	Anita Slate
ALTAR FLOWERS	Pat & Wayne Armstrong Anniversary	
READER	Bobbi Jo Lierman	Heide Bishop
VIDEOGRAPHER	Monica Bylander	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Susan Pierce & Marilyn Schultz	
FOOD SHELF	Anita Slate	
ALTAR GUILD	Catherine Elzinga & Michael Guell	
LAWN MOWING	Mike Drinken	
SWEET JESUS	Turchin Family	

Worship Assistants: October 19th

October 19th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Sally Martin	Sally Martin
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Chad Schuermann	Chad Schuermann
USHER	Michael Guell	Quentin Schultz
GREETER	Jeff & Lana Meyer	Sandy Bowen
CLICKER	Crystal Halverson	Heidi Riese
ALTAR FLOWERS	Pat & Wayne Armstrong Anniversary	
READER	Jill Wurdell	DeAn Krey
VIDEOGRAPHER	Curt Leighty	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Pat Armstrong & Greg Wurdell	
FOOD SHELF	Anita Slate	
ALTAR GUILD	Catherine Elzinga & Michael Guell	
LAWN MOWING	Roger Buchholz	
SWEET JESUS	Halverson Family	