

## Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence, or AI for short, seems to be the latest buzzword in society today. As one who has a high level of comfortability with technology, it has been fascinating to see what is possible today.

One of my latest "wow" moments from AI was when a friend of mine showed me a video on YouTube where it took characters from a feature film and then created an original spoof by putting it in a 1990s fashion advertisement. The entire short scene was entirely generated by AI tools, which included the images of the characters, the scripts for the characters, and even the voiceovers. It was a demonstration to me of what is possible with this technology.

However, in light of this video and the countless number of others that have been created with this technology, we must give pause to things like this and begin to ask questions through the eyes of faith. How are we as Christians to regard artificial intelligence? Should it be embraced and used, or avoided altogether?

To answer each of these questions, it will be helpful to make the distinction between ministerial use and magisterial use. Lutheran scholars for centuries have made this distinction with regards to reason, i.e. ministerial use of reason and magisterial use of reason. Taking the last one first, the magisterial use of reason means that reason takes the highest position of authority in the same way that a magistrate, or king, would take. This magisterial use of reason is looked down upon as Lutheran Christians because it means that reason and thinking even supersede Jesus Christ and God's Word. With this perspective, if human reason and God's Word ever came into conflict, human reason would win, and that would mean a violation of the First Commandment.

The ministerial use of reason, on the other hand, is where reason serves the Gospel and the Church at large while remaining in a position subservient to it. Reason and common sense can be used to make arguments as to how to defend the Christian faith in light of opposition. It can be used to help make decisions in the realms of where Scripture has neither commanded nor forbidden (adiaphora). There are many other ways reason and common sense can be used without compromising God or God's Word, letting each remain properly positioned on the top where they should be.

The reason I bring this up is that the same classifications can be applied to any other gift that God has given to us in this world. All gifts have the potential to erroneously eclipse God and His Word in their "usefulness" and "utility." At the same time, all gifts can be used to further serve His Church and help aid in getting the Gospel out.

There are some scary things that AI has brought with respect to theology and faith. Voice-cloning tools could easily be manipulated to replicate the voice of a pastor and make him "say" whatever text is inputted so that pastors could "say" false teachings or any number of other inappropriate things. There is already a "SermonAI" tool that has been flooding my inbox, promising AI-generated sermons as a "time saver." However, this would be at the expense of taking away the pastor's preparation and wrestling with God's Word.

There is also the danger that AI chat services, such as ChatGPT and GPT-4, have such real results that it even begs the question of what it means to be human as these computers get ever closer to exhibiting human reason or emotion. The level of authority with which ChatGPT answers receive on online forums such as Reddit demonstrates that it might not take much for many people to see a theological answer from ChatGPT as higher than the Bible itself. (There already exists an AI Jesus that responds to users' text chat questions.)

For all the great concerns and skepticism I have about artificial intelligence, there are some ways in which it could be useful to serve the church. One way in which I have found a benefit already is with AI voice transcription program called Whisper. It has the ability to provide nearly flawless speech to text services. I have used it to generate sermon transcripts, where we load the sermon section of the live stream and use AI to generate a printed copy of the sermon which can go out in the mail to shut-ins who are unable to watch the live stream or use a DVD (e.g. those living in a nursing home). It will also be helpful in many other use cases for Bible classes, lectures, and more.

So, how do we regard artificial intelligence? It definitely has some potential to be used for the good of sharing the Gospel, but only insofar as it doesn't take the place of God or His Word.

P.S. This newsletter article was NOT written with AI ... at least not this month... ~Pastor Gimbel



Morgan Calcaterra  
Preschool Director



*"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.*  
—John 15:1-5

We are LOVING preschool here at Holy Cross! We play outside, learn about Jesus, and enjoy time with our friends.

We have begun compiling a wish list for those who would like to assist our preschool with supplies we may need. I will be adding to this list throughout the year as we go: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/35R45NEJG85DK?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/35R45NEJG85DK?ref=wl_share)

We still have a few openings in both 3s preschool and 4s preschool from 8:30AM to 11:30AM if you know someone interested in our program! Please enjoy the photos of some of us enjoying our day. Come see us sing in church on Sat., Oct. 7 at 3PM!





# GOLF FOR SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

Sept. 10 was a beautiful day for golf at The Falls Golf Club at Turtle Creek!

Thirty-one teams. 48 golfers and nine sponsors supported Holy Cross Preschool. Sixty-two golfers and nine sponsors supported Child of God School. Fourteen golfers and two sponsors split their profit between both schools.

In the Team Putting Contest, Ron Doerr, Kyle Frayne, Tom Haywood and Pastor Wachter had the shortest team total distance of 33 inches.

In our Ping Pong Challenge where golfers tried to chip ping pong balls into a fishing net, the successful golfers entered a 50/50 drawing which Scott Birk won.

The team of Marcus Birk, Scott Birk, Greg Gielow and Mark Hingst won the Don't Lose It ball challenge.

Many teams enjoyed playing Draw Your Tee where they drew a card for a better tee location.

Pastor Goreline won the 50/50 raffle drawing.

Each golfer received a golf cooler bag from Thrivent Action Team, a cooling towel from Matador Properties, two free bucket of balls from Cave Springs Golf, and an attendance bag filled by Lang Insurance, FritoLay and Walmart.

A delicious dinner of roast beef, chicken parmesan, pasta con broccoli, salad, and rolls was enjoyed while golfers received awards and participation prizes.

Based on player designation, approximate proceeds are \$4,160 for Holy Cross Preschool and \$4,340 for Child of God.

Thank you to all who participated; to Scott Birk and Kyle Dibler for coordinating the event; and to Child of God volunteers April, Trent, Lauren, Chelsey and Joe for helping with the games. Pictures of each team are posted at [facebook.com/hclpreschool](https://facebook.com/hclpreschool).

~ Darlene Birk

## Thanks to Donors, Sponsors

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### Tournament Sponsor:

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Birch Creek Golf  
Cave Springs Golf Center  
Pevly Farms Golf Course  
The Golf Courses at Forest Park  
The Falls at Turtle Creek  
The Highlands at Forest Park  
The Landings at Spirit Golf Club  
Holy Cross Grace Guild  
Holy Cross Preschool Board  
Bill Adams  
Ron Doerr  
Emily Kahler  
Betty Kling  
Joyce Niewald  
Ziolko Family & Ernestine Wilson



*First Place in Flight A [left]:  
Matt Birk, Nathan Doerr,  
Clay Ritchie,  
Mike Settlemyer*

*Second Place in Flight A  
[right]: Marcus Birk,  
Scott Birk, Greg Gielow,  
Mark Hingst*



*First Place in Flight B [left]:  
Garrett Hallemeier,  
Reggie Ricker, Jim Skiles,  
Patrick Statler*

*Second Place in Flight B –  
Mark Borchert, Bill Hiner,  
Brendon Kemper,  
Larry Krull*



*First Place in Flight C [left]:  
Trevor Malone,  
Paul Standing,  
Tim Standing, Jacob Voss*

*Second Place in Flight C  
[right]– John DeMartino,  
Kyle Dibler, Shawn James,  
Steve James*



# Monthly Music Minute for October 2023

A series in which the music director shares some thoughts about the music coming up in church this month

October is here, which means our church year is nearing its end, with Advent somehow only a couple months away! In the meantime, we are in what I like to call the "Fall Festival" season of the church year, when we have lots of events, celebrating Holy Cross Day, Reformation Day, All Saints' Day, and Christ the King Sunday (the last Sunday of the Church Year) in the span of three months. I want to share a little bit about two events we have coming up this month.

On Sun., Oct. 22 at 3PM, we will be hosting our **second annual hymn festival!** This hymn sing, led by our choir and brass, will be entitled "Into the House of the Lord: Reflecting on Our Christian Faith through the Life and Psalms of David." At this hymn festival, we will recall the story of King David, and we will try to imagine what might have been going through his head as he was writing his psalms. Why did he write Psalm 23? What life event caused him to cry out for forgiveness in Psalm 51?

At this hymn festival we will sing close to a dozen hymns which will reflect on questions like these. Those of you who attended last year's hymn festival know how rewarding an experience like this can be. I encourage you to join us!

One week later, during our normal weekend services, we will be celebrating **Reformation Day**. You may recall that a few years ago was the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation. The key word there is "start" — because the Reformation wasn't a singular event, but instead a process and movement that continued to grow and develop over time. That means that there are more 500th anniversaries coming up! 2023 is no different.

The year 2023 marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's *Formula Missae*, or "Order of Mass and Communion for the Church at Wittenberg." A letter he wrote describing the order of service he was using in Wittenberg, it was celebrated in Latin, with his German Mass being

completed three years later. The letter is significant because it is the first record we have of a Lutheran order of service - so we are essentially celebrating 500 years of Lutheran worship this year!

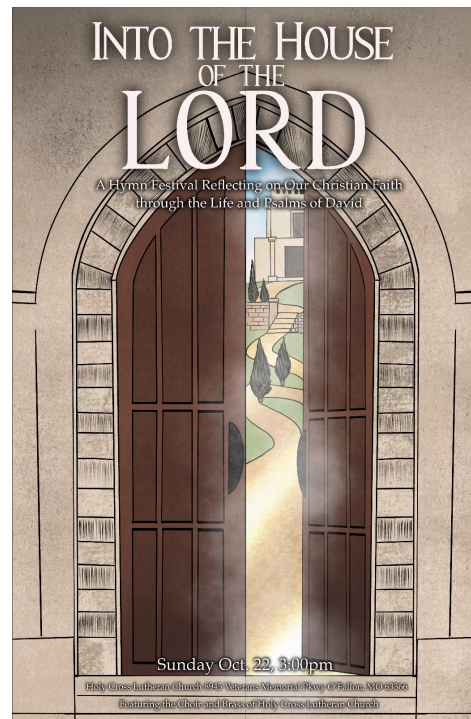
Luther believed strongly in the promises found in the Divine service, emphasizing that, while the order in *Formula Missae* is the way his church in Wittenberg celebrated Holy Communion, one should be wary of getting too legalistic about the order of service and how ritual is performed, writing,

*"We will want to beware, lest we make binding what should be free, or make sinners of those who may do some things differently or omit others. All that matters is that the Words of Institution should be kept intact and that everything should be done by faith."*

So on this Reformation Day we will celebrate 500 years of this free, faith-filled worship by doing something a little bit different. We will be using Divine Service Setting Five, our contemporary understanding of Luther's Divine Service. All liturgy elements and hymns used will have been composed by Martin Luther and his contemporaries. The Preludes and Postlude will be composed by Johann Sebastian Bach and Dietrich Buxtehude, two of the most important and influential composers of Lutheran Church music in history.

Additionally, I will be leading Sunday's Adult Bible Study that day as we go through the text of the *Formula Missae* and see how it forms our worship and what we can learn from it today.

As we continue through our "Fall Festival" season, I hope you can join us for these events! Worship can often feel routine - as it is meant to! This is a good thing. That said, sometimes alternate ways of worship may perhaps help you to think about things a little differently, and so enrich your faith from a little bit of a different perspective. So, I invite you to join us as we continue to grow together! - David Gilson



## Holy Cross Music Events:

**Oct. 7, 3PM**—Preschool sings at 3PM service

**Sun Oct. 22, 3PM**—"Into the House of the Lord" Hymn Festival

**Oct. 28-29**—Luther's Divine Service for Reformation celebrating the 500th anniversary of *Formula Missae*

**Nov. 5, 4PM**—Concordia University Chicago Chamber Orchestra Concert (tentative)

## GET INVOLVED IN MUSIC

### AT HOLY CROSS!

**Adult Choir** rehearses Wednesdays from 6:45-8PM in the choir room

**Intermediate Adult Handbell Choir** meets Mondays from 6:30-7:30PM in the balcony.

**Beginning Handbell Choir** (grades 6-adult) meets Wednesdays from 6-6:30PM in the balcony.

**Children's Choir** (grades K-5) meets Wednesdays from 6-6:30PM in the choir room.

**Questions**, or want to get involved? Talk to David Gilson or call the church office for more information ([dgilson@hcross.com](mailto:dgilson@hcross.com)).





**LWML SUNDAY** will be celebrated Sept. 30-Oct.1. Holy Cross Ladies Guild and Holy Cross Grace Evening Guild are both members of the LWML. That weekend, members of both guilds will participate in worship services as readers, ushers, and greeters. A door offering will be taken to support LWML Missions. Door offerings will be sent to the LWML to help it meet its mission goals. For 2023-25, the national LWML proposed to raise \$2,350,000 for grants to 31 organizations in the US and around the world. Donations can be made at the door, or online at <http://www.lwml.org/donate-online>.



Holy Cross has two LWML groups:

**Holy Cross Ladies Guild** meets **Fri., Oct. 13, 10AM.**  
**Grace Evening Guild** will meet **Tues., Oct. 10, 6PM.**  
**All women** of Holy Cross are invited to attend meetings of either or both Guilds. Join us as we "serve the Lord with gladness" and raise funds for missions at home and around the world.

## Grace Guild Craft Expo

**NOVEMBER 4, 2023**

**9AM to 3PM**

## Vendors Wanted

**CONTACT APPLICATION**  
**COORDINATOR ELAINE HOWARD**  
**BY TEXT 314.705.1171 OR EMAIL [Mikey63368@live.com](mailto:Mikey63368@live.com)**

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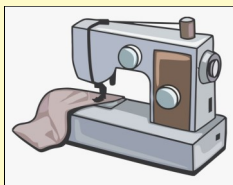


Sarah Lawrenz, Exec Director, and Debbie Toney, IT Specialist, from Share Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support accept a check from Rummage Sale Chairperson Barb Grosch for \$3,245, which is the sale proceeds' amount.



**Tie-Quilting** will be on Tues., **October 17 at 9AM in the gym.** If you want to help the ladies tie quilts for missions, please join them at this time. Bring a sack lunch, if desired. Contact: Norma Helms at 314.808.1579.

**Like to sew?** Quilters need new skillful sewing hands who can sew blocks together for quilt tops. They have a brand-new sewing machine that will help the process. Quilters have added additional times to create quilt tops at church. Interested individuals could also take cut blocks home to sew. Contact Norma Helms if interested.



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## LWML Fall Rally

October 7, 2023

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 1307 BOONE ST., TROY, MO 63379	GUEST SPEAKER CHRISTIE STEFFENS INGATHERING BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY
REGISTRATION 8:30-8:45AM	RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 15
BREAKFAST 9-9:30AM	CONTACT CHARLOTTE HUSLAGE
MEETING 9:30AM	636-775-5889 DAY 636-462-2745 EVENING

## CANDY & NUT SALE

Order forms for Terri Lynn candy and nut packages are available in the Welcome Center. Check out new items! Orders can be placed **until Oct. 8.** Cash or check must accompany order forms to be processed. Orders should arrive in plenty time for the holiday baking season





# Church Anniversary Potluck, Games

Another year in the books! The 63rd Church Anniversary was a day full of fun! Church services were graced with lots of special music to kick off the celebration.

The remainder of the day was celebrated with the Annual Potluck and Field Day. The kitchen team served all of the delicious homemade salads, sides, and desserts to about 150 of our members. Thank you to all who provided a dish!

After everyone had their fill, it was time to make way to the pavilion and field for music and field games. Adults and kids alike participated in balloon tosses, sack races, cornhole, washers, ladder golf, and bounce houses.

This year featured the music of Dorsett Street Jazz Band. They were a hit!

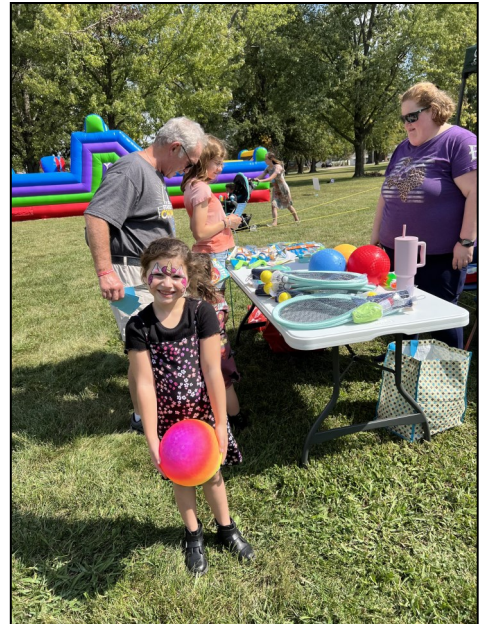
Many members and families rested in the shade of the pavilion and enjoyed the tunes.

Also new this year was face painting. Did you see the designs?! They were wonderful and the kids loved it!

We hope everyone had a great time and enjoyed a yummy sno cone! The picnic committee wants to give a big thank you to everyone who helped with setting up, in the kitchen, running the games, cleaning up, and every other odd and end for the day. THANK YOU! We are looking forward to next year and what exciting events we can think up.











## STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

This year's Stewardship Program is themed SHINE, based on Matthew 5:16 and Missouri District's statewide service event theme. The program is broken down into three weeks:

- ♦ **Oct. 7-8:** SHINE – the light of the Lord shines on us
- ♦ **Oct. 14-15:** SHINE – shine before men  
that they may see your good works
- ♦ **Oct. 21-22:** SHINE – praise your Father in heaven

On Oct. 14-15, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Missouri District President, will be the guest preacher; and during the Sunday Education Hour, Leah Sieveking from Missouri District will share some of the work the Missouri District is doing.

In addition, Stewardship Board is hosting a **Helping Hobbies and Learning for Life** event in the gym on Sat., Oct. 14, from 10AM to 2PM. Come learn and share life skills like crocheting, knitting, photography, quilting/sewing, building/painting birdhouses, a craft corner, and more! Sign-up sheets for classes are available in the Welcome Center until Oct. 8. Lunch will be provided with salad, sandwiches, chips, and

### Help Out HOPE by Eating Out at Applebee's for Limited Time

Applebee's in O'Fallon is working with HOPE Food Pantry to raise money for much needed food. Anyone who eats at Applebee's on the following dates can mention HOPE Food Pantry and the pantry will receive 15% of the profits.

Monday, 9/25  
 Tuesday, 10/3  
 Wednesday, 10/11  
 Thursday, 10/19  
 Monday, 10/23

Thank you for your support!



# Confirmation Retreat



**T**en Holy Cross youth, ages sixth to eighth grade, joined students from Chapel of the Cross and Child of God at Camp Wartburg for a Confirmation Retreat on Sept. 15-17. The theme was "God of Wonders".

The kids enjoyed exploring God's wonderful creation around camp while participating in several activities including archery, team building "Group Initiative Courses" (that's the photos of the kids standing on the wooden platforms and moving the long boards around), a guided nature hike, and a scavenger hunt. They had campfire time and worship on Sunday morning. The kids enjoyed getting to know youth from the other churches through large group games, Bible study time and shared meal times.



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# Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events — October 2023

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1	LWML SUNDAY	2		3		4		5		6		7	
<b>CANDY &amp; NUT SALE</b> 8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour + BASICS 10:45AM Holy Communion 1:30pm Board of Elders		9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancers 6:30PM Inter/Advanced Handbell Choir)		9AM Preschool Chapel 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meetings 6PM: Bds of Youth, Educ. 6:30PM Preschool Board 6:30PM Evangelism Board		9AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 5:30PM Open Gym/Dinner* 1PM Preschool Chapel 6PM Beginner Bell Choir 6PM Children's Choir 6:15PM Midweek (gr: 2-5) 6:30PM Confirmation 6:30PM High School 6:45PM Adult Choir 7pm Gym		<b>8AM News &amp; Notes</b> <b>Deadline</b> 9AM HOPE Seeds (gym) 6:30PM 20s&30s 7PM Financial Peace University (Virtual)				<b>CANDY &amp; NUT SALE</b> 8:30AM LWML St. Charles Zone Rally at Trinity Troy (offsite) 3PM Holy Communion + Preschool Singers	
8	STEWARDSHIP 1	9		10		11		12		13		14	
<b>CANDY &amp; NUT SALE</b> 8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour + BASICS 10:45AM Holy Communion Noon: Baptism for Kennedy Bartlett		9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancers 6PM Council Boards 6:30PM Intermediate/ Advanced Handbell Choir 8PM Council Meeting		9AM Preschool Chapel 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meetings 6PM Grace Guild 6:30PM Adult Bible Class		6:30AM Men's Breakfast/Bible Study 9AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 1PM Preschool Chapel 5:30PM Open Gym/Dinner* 6PM Beginner Bell Choir 6PM Children's Choir 6:15PM Midweek (gr: 2-5) 6:30PM Confirmation 6:30PM High School 6:45PM Adult Choir 7pm Gym		<b>CIRCUIT MEETINGS</b> <b>8AM News &amp; Notes</b> <b>Deadline</b> 6:30PM 20s&30s 7PM Financial Peace University (Virtual)		<u>Koinonia Deadline</u> 10AM Ladies Guild		10AM TO 2PM: Helping Hands/ Learning for Life — Stewardship Board 3PM Holy Communion	
15	STEWARDSHIP 2	16		17		18		19		20		21	
8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour + BASICS 10:45AM Holy Communion 4PM Youth—Escape Room		9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancers 1:15PM Quilt Setup 6PM Altar Guild 6:30PM Intermediate/ Advanced Handbell Choir		9AM Preschool Chapel 9AM Quilting (gym) 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meetings		9AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 1PM Preschool Chapel 5:30PM Open Gym/Dinner* 6PM Beginner Bell Choir 6PM Children's Choir 6:15PM Midweek (gr: 2-5) 6:30PM Confirmation 6:30PM High School 6:45PM Adult Choir 7pm Gym		<b>8AM News &amp; Notes</b> <b>Deadline</b> 6:30PM 20s&30s 7PM Financial Peace University (Virtual)		<u>Koinonia Production</u> Preschool Fall Break (Oct. 20-24)		3PM Holy Communion	
22	STEWARDSHIP 3	23		24		25		26		27		28	
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29	Reformation (obs)	30		31		1	NOVEMBER	2		3		4	
8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour + Transfer for Lutherans 10:45AM Holy Communion 12:30 to 3pm: Fall Festival — Reformation Theme		9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancers 6:30PM Intermediate/ Advanced Handbell Choir		9AM Preschool Chapel 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meetings		9AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 1PM Preschool Chapel 5:30PM Open Gym/Dinner* 6PM Beginner Bell Choir 6PM Children's Choir 6:15PM Midweek (gr: 2-5) 6:30PM Confirmation 6:30PM High School 6:45PM Adult Choir 7pm Gym		<b>8AM News &amp; Notes</b> <b>Deadline</b> 6:30PM 20s&30s 7PM Financial Peace University (Virtual)		CRAFT FAIR EXPO SETUP (TBD)		9AM to 3PM: Grace Guild Craft Expo 3PM Worship Service	



# October 2023 Celebrations

*The LORD will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9*

## Happy Baptism Anniversaryl

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| 1: David Kunzweiler, Curt Paulson, Ray Schroeder         | 18: Rebekah Maue   |
| 2: Melinda Meyers  | 19: Karen Copper   |
| 3: Jenna Haffer  | 21: Jonathan Fransch, Ryan Sutton  |
| 4: Brett Albano  | 22: John Anderson, Mariah LaBeau, Ashley Owens   |
| 6: Jeff Schwentker                                       | 23: Beckett Einsporn, Addisyn Freand   |
| 7: Austin Shouse   | 24: Holden Gimbel, David Schlesselman, Justin Shouse   |
| 8: Garrett Piazza  | 25: Bailey Hunter  |
| 10: Jesse Smith  | 26: Vernon Harrington  |
| 11: Mary Bollinger, Ian Claxton, Edna Deubel             | 27: Kara Klette, Gordon Robinson, Megan Walkenhorst, Judie Woelfer                               |
| 12: Donald Duncan  | 28: James Carlson  |
| 13: Angela Maue, Christopher Polashek, Kiersten Tichenor | 29: Elsie Claxton, Harper McCulloch, Maggie McCulloch, Jake Mincher, Dylan Rion, Kelly Schlereth |
| 14: Barbara Dolinsky                                     | 30: Jameson Alton, Jill Danchus, Elma Jane Kramer, Miriam Gimbel                                 |
| 15: Jim Salarano, Beth Wuertz                            |  |
| 16: Ian Laufer   |  |
| 17: Stanley Ziolk  |  |

## Happy Birthday!

- 1: Jim Bastian, George Beyer, Dale Kling, Angie Maue, Jim Salarano, Justin Smith, Karen Steinbruegge
- 2: Carla Cooper, Oria Ray, Maxine Salarano, David Schlesselman
- 3: Paul Bertram, Elma Jane Kramer, Leah Miget, Tracy Porter
- 4: Cindy Aubertin, Mark Eaton, Joan Humphries
- 5: Justin Cross, Clint Morrison
- 6: Dean Gooding, Judy Rutledge
- 7: Craig Miget, Drew Miget, Carol Santoyo
- 9: Dianne Anderson, Kevin Rheinecker
- 10: Clayton Jones, Joshua Strubelt
- 11: Sandy Dietz, Holden Gimbel, Don Nordmeyer, Judith Peer
- 12: Linda Ledford
- 13: Spencer Dafler, Alli Smith, Linda Ziolk
- 14: Betty Lee, Emmett Zimmerman
- 15: Aleeah Ray, DJ Spearman
- 16: Elaine Alton, Jennifer Dillender
- 17: Terry Amos, Ed Fattmann, Jessica Mincher, Jan Ogar, Rob Williams
- 18: Janet Allquist, Liz Belter, Ella Emerick, Loren Herr, David Ulrich, Katherine Wiese, Cherie Zimmermann
- 19: Anna DeMent, Rich Franzer, Miriam Gimbel
- 20: Glenda Kramer, Robert Reidel
- 21: Elsie Claxton, Sherian Duello, Kenny Sayers, Jeanette Stewart, Sharon Wachter
- 22: Peggy Goodman, Deborah Hegykozi, Ren Koepke, Lydia Legoute, Valentina Smith
- 24: Mark Hoemann, Mary Sawall, Betty Shaw
- 25: Robin Bira
- 26: Mark Unger, Liam Conroy IV
- 27: Kacey Booth, Bennett Dafler
- 28: Michelle Bettdur, Natalie Elick
- 29: Ingrid Marhanka, Matthew Maue
- 30: David Sampl, Jeff Schwentker
- 31: Jen Klootwyk, Homer Langley, Brian Storm, Darlene Wischmeyer

## Blessed Wedding Anniversary!

- 1: Harold & Sandra Kohrs (63)  
Nick & Rachel Sampl (7)
- 2: Jim & Carol Boyd (3)
- 3: Mark & Jennifer Crider (25)
- 4: Kevin & Sarah Smith (15)
- 6: Bob & Robin Cross (39)  
Mark & Joan Humphries (33)
- 9: Craig & Carolyn DeMent (30)  
Ryan & Natalie Van Wave (19)
- 12: Michael & Lauren Claxton (10)  
Steve & Denise Lackey (39)
- 13: David & Mary Sampl (43)
- 16: Bob & Karen Steinbruegge (24)
- 20: Drew & Sarah Linn (11);  
Susan & Douglas Mays (39)
- 23: David & Lauren Kunzweiler (3)
- 24: Frank & Deborah Hegykozi (49)
- 27: Barb & Charles Smock (58)
- 28: Kara & Kristofer Klette (6)
- 29: Jim & Maxine Salarano (63)

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## THINGS TO KNOW:

### HOPE Seeds Oct. 5

9AM to noon in the Holy Cross gym.  
Pack seeds for missions.  
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### GROW YOUR FAITH THROUGH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Preschool** for 3s & 4s — Weekdays, varying hours.  
Call for details.

**Sunday School** for ages 3 through High School —Sundays, 9:30AM  
With **Little Lambs** (under 3s with a parent)

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class:** 9:30AM in the gym

**BASICS: For those who want to join the Lutheran Church**  
*Currently at 9:30am on Sundays*

**TLC (Transfer for Lutherans Class):** Call the office for next date.

**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesday mornings at 10AM

**Adult Bible Class:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30PM

**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study:** October 11, 6:30AM

**Adult Bible Class:** Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

**Confirmation (grades 6-8); MidWeek Classes (grades 3-5)**  
— *Wednesdays, see calendar*

**High School** Wednesdays, 6:30PM, Wednesdays

**20s & 30s Bible Study:** Thursdays, 6:30PM, Rm 1&2.