

Zion Lutheran Monthly

October 2023

Pastor's Corner

The Word of our God Will Stand Forever

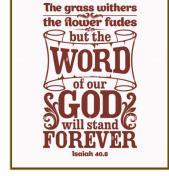
-- Isaiah 40:8

It seems like this time of year change is literally in the air. The summer clothes are slowly being swapped out for sweaters and jackets. The clothes we wear are changing.

Take a drive around town and a quick glance will show you the trees are all starting to change. The dark shades of green are being swapped out for bright oranges and reds which will quickly turn to brown, dry up, and fall off. The leaves are changing. On that same drive, you can notice other changes, some less pleasant. The metallic finish on cars slowly changes where water and salt hit. Metal, so strong and lasting, is rusting. Even something as strong as metal is changing.

And an even more morbid sight to see is the dead deer carcasses littering the side of the roads. Deer that once frolicked are lying motionless. Their bodies dried up weeks, maybe even months ago, and all that is left is a pile of bones, skin and fur. Even the animals are changing.

Change is everywhere this time of year. It reminds us that change in life is always inevitable. Nothing is frozen in time. Nothing lasts forever.



Nothing has been left untouched by the Fall into Sin. But there is one thing that remains unchanging through every change we see in life – the Word of our God (Isaiah 40:8). And this Word is the gospel Jesus Himself speaks to you; the promise that your sins are forgiven by His sacrifice and that even the changing of life into death will have no effect on His grip over you and your life. The Word of the Lord stands forever! Remind yourself of this because we desperately need to remember it.

Clothes may change but . . . the word of our God will stand forever. Leaves may change but . . . the word of our God will stand forever. Metal may change but . . . the word of our God will stand forever. Even life may change but . . . the word of our God will stand forever!

Lots of change this time of year. But no matter what you see, and whenever you see change, please remind yourself that one thing will never change in your life. The word of our God will stand forever!

-- Pastor Grimenstein



President's Perspective

A Refuge for 125 Years and Counting

Hopefully you all enjoyed the 125th Celebration in some meaningful way. If you couldn't attend the dinner I hope you enjoyed singing and worshipping in the single church service which was followed by the wonderful picnic. Thank you to all who planned and executed that weekend's activities! It was nice to meet our LCMS District President and Vice President. Your church has quite a history and you are part of it. There is a reason you are a member of this parish. God wants you here. Enjoy being a chosen Christian and a member of a church that stands firm in the Word, preaching Christ crucified.

Your trustees have been going full throttle for several years and this month will be no different. Hopefully we'll finish replacing the windows in the church, installing lighting for the large parking lot, and perhaps some additional lighting upgrades for the entrance/sidewalk area of the church. By the time this article is published, hopefully we will also have replaced the sanitary sewage line for the parsonage.

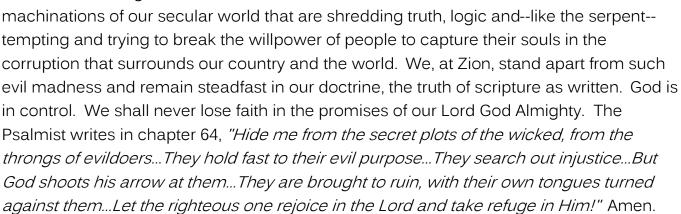
The quarterly Voters' Assembly is October 22nd after the second service, and your Council

God is our refuge

and strength.

would like to see you all at that meeting. We're voting for officers and considering other matters important to your church. These meetings are for you, the members of Zion. A light luncheon will be provided, so please mark your calendar.

Hopefully, Sunday mornings at Zion are a place for you to "reset your neutral" and give thanks for a gracious God and put on armor to face the coming week that is filled with the lies, chaos and evil



Praise almighty God. Let Zion be your refuge each Sunday.

-- Paul Klemash

Mission Moment:

Promoting Zion's Internal, local, and international missionary efforts
Pastor Philip & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph

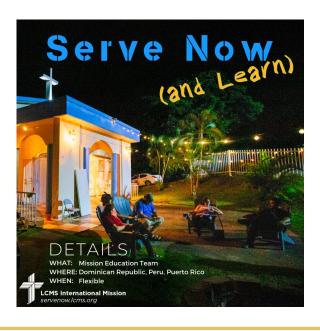
God at Work in Uruguay and Beyond



Did you Know?

LCMS deaconesses are women who are professional church-workers, trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith. "Deaconess," from the Greek word diakonos, means "servant."

Pastor Phil and Deaconess Rachel have been busy preparing deaconesses for the mission field in Latin American and the Caribbean. Praise God for the 84 women enrolled in the new fall cohort of deaconess students! The three-year program includes in-person intensive courses, online classes, readings, projects, exams and practical application of the classroom material with supervision and guidance from the local pastor and deaconess mentor in the home country.



Are You Mission-Minded???

Serve and learn alongside missionaries, local workers, and Lutheran Christians around Latin America & the Caribbean. Be a part of spreading the Gospel, planting Lutheran churches and showing mercy in the Dominican Republic, Peru or Puerto Rico. Grab a team and come along! Learn more at servenow.lcms.org.

REFOR-FEST!

Sunday October 29th Noon - 3:00PM Rain or shine!

Catered German Meal!

Beer & Root Beer!

Guessing Jars!

Pastor's Famous Bingo!

Steelers vs. Jaguars on the big screen!

Advance Tickets Required!

Adults - \$18 Kids (4-10yrs.) - \$8 3 & under - FREE Purchase your tickets in the Narthex after Sunday services!

Questions? Contact events@zlcb.org

October marks the 506th Anniversary of The Reformation



VDMA ...
Latin for
"The Word of the
Lord Endures
Forever"





Redeemer Lutheran School invites you to an evening at the beautiful LeMont, Mt. Washington

Join us to celebrate 40 years of Ministry and the kickoff of our Capital Campaign

"God's Plans, Our Hands"

Friday, October 13th, 7:00 pm
Adult Only Event
Wine Pull and Basket Auction
Semi Formal
RSVP By October 6th

Pay Online: mkt.com/rlspittsburgh



Single



Couple







Rally Day 2023-24 was held Sept 17th. Sarris Gift Cards (\$20) for CPH Summer Reading participants were awarded to the Chilcott, Durnetto/Migyanko, Trentini, Wilson, Carter, Ma,

and Grimenstein families. Nathan Grimenstein was the winner of the grand prize drawing (see details on opposite page)!

Let's not forget the wonderful selection of bagels, pastries, and donuts, and the decorations provided by the Events Committee for all to enjoy before the children were introduced to their teachers



and they proceeded to classrooms -- THANK YOU! At the end of the lesson, "The Praying King-Hezekiah," all the children received gift bags to enjoy.

Sunday School News: This Sunday School year we began with the remaining lessons



from Unit 6 of Enduring Faith and will then proceed to Units 7 and 8. For September, we will be covering Lesson 8, "The Praying King-Hezekiah," and Lesson 9, "The Restoring King-King

Josiah." For October, we will finish Unit 6 and then move on to Unit 7.

October lessons include: Lesson 11, "Abomination Nation-The Lord Leaves the Temple," Lesson 12, "The Rescuing Queen-Esther," Lesson 13, "Return to Rebuild-Rebuilding the Temple," and Lesson 14, "Promised Messengers-Waiting for God's Messenger."



Megan Migyanko has joined our SS staff as a teacher in the Grades 1-3 classroom; she will rotate with Tevia Grimenstein and Christa Blayney at that age level. Thank you Megan!



Adult Bible Study: Adults and youth 7th grade and older are invited to the Fellowship Hall for Pastor's fascinating study on Exodus! Sunday School & Adult/Teen Bible Study are from 9:15 to 10:15 am. All are welcome....bagels and donuts provided.

"...man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord." --Deuteronomy 8:3 NIV



Twelfth Annual "Adopt a Grandparent"

During the Holiday season, I enjoy brightening the lives of residents in local assisted living and nursing home facilities in Allegheny County. Many of these people have few, if any, visitors and receive little, if anything, during the Holidays. Last year, through the generosity of local businesses and friends, I helped deliver over 600 gifts to residents of John J Kane Regional Hospital, Scott Twp, several other nursing and assisted-living facilities, and shut-ins at Zion Lutheran Church and Good Shepherd Church. This year I hope to help deliver 600 + gifts again.



By partnering with me, your \$15 will provide each of two residents a fragrance-free hand cream and help them have a very Merry Christmas. These items are specifically requested by caregivers for the benefits the residents receive. The lotions will soothe their hands and bring joy, as well, by the simple "touch therapy" of applying them. They will be delivered in early December.

Please consider what a blessing this is for the men and women in these facilities who once lived and worked in our local communities. Let them know they are remembered! THANK YOU!

Make your check payable to Ginny Granke-Kimberland, or if you have questions about how you, your school, or your business can become a sponsor, please contact me at:

Ginny Granke-Kimberland, 7082 Clubview Dr., Bridgeville, PA 15017 412-427-9013

Bridgeville Area Food Bank

Pantry supplies are running low ... your support is greatly appreciated!

The October collection for the Bridgeville Area Food Bank is <u>Sunday, Oct. 8th</u> The "items of the month" are Baking Products. Items may be placed in the wicker receptacle in the narthex near the coat rack.

THRIVE Honeyville

During the September distribution, more than 100 families were assisted. Thank you for supporting this vital community service!

The Foster Love Project

Zion Matching Campaign



Foster Love Project shows love in action to children impacted by foster and kinship care through provision of goods, services, and support. It provides dignity and care for kids in the foster care process, and provides support for foster families who are caring for the children making this transition. One way the project gets involved is through donations of new goods that help kids who have to change their home with little or no warning, providing them with small comforts.

Zion will be running a matching campaign up to \$1,000 to support the Foster Love Project during the month of October. Every contribution you make to Foster Love this month is matched dollar for dollar by Zion. There are two ways to donate:

- Offering plate -- Make your check payable to "Zion Lutheran Church" and write "Foster Love" on the memo line, OR donate cash in an envelope marked "Foster Love".
- Online at ZLCB.ORG -- Go to the "Donate" page, click "Online Giving" and find the Foster Love Project line item.

Megan and John Migyanko will be sharing their involvement and what it means to the foster kids in October. You can find more information by going to www.fosterloveproject.org.

Serving children with DIGNITY AND LOVE
Your Support will MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON KIDS!





A Year Since Dobbs



by Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life

We've just passed the one-year anniversary of the *Dobbs* decision which overturned *Roe* and sent the abortion debate back to the states. *Dobbs* was certainly great news, but we haven't yet reached our end goal — making abortion unthinkable.

Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Proverbs 31: 8-9

Notice in those two verses God asks us twice to open our mouths for those who cannot speak for themselves. But we cannot just open our mouths. We need to be prepared to speak the truth in love, to give facts and fight misinformation and outright lies from the other side. Check the status of abortion in your state. Make sure you aren't taken in by false narratives. Most prolife politics have shifted to the states. Pro-abortion groups are throwing tons of money at ballot initiatives. Think Michigan and Kansas.

What happens when you do a search for "crisis pregnancy centers"? The first thing that often appears is from American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecologists (ACOG), which begins with a good explanation of what the center does. However, the article goes on to warn against CPC facilities. Why? The article reiterates that CPCs claim that they are legitimate health care clinics for "pregnant people," but in reality they are trying to prevent abortion with their antiabortion agenda, use "misleading" practices by CPC staff, and spread misinformation about "so-called abortion 'reversal.'"

Many of you work with a CPC. We know what they do to help *women* who are pregnant, their babies, and their partners as well. Most of these centers operate based on Christian principles. The CPCs, and we in Lutherans For Life, know that these women need the love of Christ. *And we know most believe it is wrong to kill their baby.*

they just shout louder."

Life Is Sacred

This spring at the March to the Arch in St. Louis, there were opponents with megaphones trying to disrupt the march. They screamed slogans the entire way, not listening to any counterarguments. My friend observed, "They don't have anything to back up their beliefs, so

We have the grace and truth of the Gospel to share—not only with women and men in crisis pregnancies but with those so adamantly advocating for abortion. Why would we not share Christ with a lost and hurting people? LFL has a lot of information available to you on the website and through brochures and tracts. Check it out!

"Truly at this evil, shameful time, it is not time for loafing, snoring, or sleeping. Use your gift, which has been entrusted to you, and reveal the mystery of Christ." *Martin Luther (Luther's Works 60: 285)*



Upcoming Events

Chrismon Crafting Night

We'll be decorating the dove, crown, and triquerta (trinity).

Thursday, October 19th, 7-9 pm

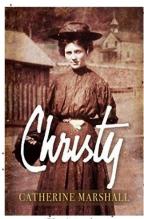


Our September Chrismon Crafting Crew

Women's Fall Potluck & Book Club Sunday, November 12th 12:00 - 2:00 Fellowship Hall

Let's enjoy a meal together as we discuss the book that Christianity Today listed as the 27th most influential book in the lives of modern Christians.

Watch your emails in October for a potluck sign up.



<u>Christy</u> by Catherine Marshall

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, December 10th, 6-9 pm Women's Ornament Exchange Napoli's Restaurant, Bridgeville

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Eastern District LWML 40th Biennial Convention
June 14-16, 2024
Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Cranberry



Pittsburgh Zone LWML Fall Rally

Zion Lutheran Church-Lawrenceville

237 37th St, Pittsburgh, PA 15201 Parking lot just below the church

October 14, 2023

Registration begins at 10:00 AM
Meeting starts at 10:30 AM
Cost \$10
To Register contact Mary Lehocky
724-601-2744 or
Marylehocky@hotmail.com
by October 8

Speaker: Dee Grzyb, LWML Eastern
District President: "What's Your Why"
and "The Treasure Hunt for LWML
Resources"

Lunch followed by Zone business meeting and Eastern District 2024 convention meeting.

Ingathering:

Heritage Community Initiatives

classroom supplies: crayons, markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, tape; diapers 6 weeks to toddler; boys' and girls' underwear and socks for 2–5-year-olds





Highlighting the academic awards, scholarships, and extra-curricular achievements of Zion's students in Kindergarten through College.



Nathan Grimenstein won the "CPH Reads" Grand Prize at Rally Day last month. CPH Reads awards were presented by SS Directors Jon & Connie Canale to students who completed the program by earning 1000 points. Nathan Grimenstein was among the readers who completed the summer reading program, thus his name was entered into the Grand Prize drawing, which he won! He was awarded an annual family pass to the Pittsburgh Zoo.



The Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh. Zion's own Tevia Grimenstein front row, center.

Tevia Grimenstein has been invited to sing with the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh. The Mendelssohn has been performing in Pittsburgh for over a century and is the "chorus of choice" for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. This season, Tevia will sing Brahms Requiem, Handel's Messiah, Holiday Pops, Liszt's Dante Symphony, and Beethoven's 9th Symphony with the PSO. Tevia invites you all to the Mendelssohn's free concert titled "Coming Home" on Sat., March 9th, 7 pm, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Upper St. Clair. To learn more and to reserve your free seats, visit https://www.themendelssohn.org/mcp-concerts/coming-home/.

October is Church Worker Appreciation Month

Each October, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod celebrates Church Worker Appreciation Month. Congregations and school communities are encouraged to demonstrate special appreciation for their teachers, who teach God's Word, love the children they teach and live a life of service to Christ and His church. Along with the Synod's teachers, we recognize pastors, deaconesses, DCEs and all other church workers, who are vital to our life together.



"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).



With this same gratitude, we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Throughout this month, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers.



For teachers especially we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.



For all church workers, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!

Set Apart to Serve seeks to create an intentional culture of church worker formation and recruitment in every LCMS congregation, school and entity. Visit resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve to learn more



God's Clear, Reliable Word

by Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod

Ours is a day of tremendous ignorance, particularly about the Bible and the Christian faith. Foolish and ignorant views abound. How many times have we heard that the Bible has allegedly been translated so many times into different languages that the original text has been lost and no one actually knows what it was or what it means.

In fact, we have more reliable ancient manuscripts of the Bible in its original languages (Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek) than any other ancient literature. The books of the New Testament were carefully copied and spread throughout the ancient Mediterranean world



and beyond. Any errors scribes made in copying are overwhelmingly identifiable as the result of speaking or hearing while one person read the text and several copied, or perhaps when a scribe tried to "fix" a New Testament text that bothered him because it was difficult to understand, to harmonize with another text. These are easily identifiable, especially because loads of other manuscripts express the original. A couple of

sections of the Gospels are not in all the ancient versions (like the long ending of Mark), but there is no Christian doctrine that depends only on these few texts.

The Old Testament Hebrew text is amazingly reliable. Prior to the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1946–1947, the church relied upon a Hebrew text from the 9/10th century. All of a sudden, archeologists found manuscripts a thousand years older, and including many whole books of the Old Testament plus many smaller fragments. The Dead Sea texts and the manuscripts from a millennium later are nearly identical. Ancient Jewish copyists ensured this accuracy by counting letters from the front and back of the Old Testament books, and if the numerical center of the manuscript did not land on a certain letter of a certain verse, the manuscript was hidden or removed from use.

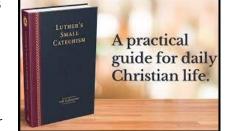
When we confess the "verbal inspiration" of the Bible in all matters, and thus the "inerrancy" of Scripture, we confess this most precisely about the original manuscripts that came from the hands of the prophets, apostles or their secretaries. That doesn't mean there are not challenges and difficulties, some of which may not be able to be solved in this life. We trust the Holy Spirit and figure He knows more than we do, or assume some scribe made a mistake in copying. And remember, any time you find such a rare problem in the Bible, some 2,000 years of Christians have already dealt with the problem.

The teachings of the Christian faith are, in fact, quite clear. They are found in extremely clear, uncontested biblical texts. For example, every statement of the Apostles' Creed is linked

to clear texts, and most often many clear texts. Luther's *Small Catechism with Explanation* (2017) builds on these clear teachings of Scripture. This updated edition teaches God's Word especially well.

I recently asked members of my own parish how many had the new catechism from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and Concordia Publishing House. I was amazed at how

few did. Luther's catechism proper (the Six Chief Parts) provides the strong doctrine-laden texts that make clear the basics, without which a person cannot be a Christian (Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession, Lord's Supper). The explanation provides hundreds of crystal clear texts that teach every aspect of the faith, whether the justification of the sinner before God; who God is, Father, Son



and Holy Spirit; who Jesus is as God and man; the Sacraments; the church; what is a pastor. It also addresses challenging ethical issues we face today such as marital problems, racism, abortion, drug abuse, giving to those in need and much more. Get the new catechism. In fact, get a stack of them for everyone in your congregation.

I was in Nebraska a few weeks back for their district convention. An older farmer pulled me aside and said, "Pastor, I have to tell you something." "What's that?" I said. "Pastor, I see people, young people hurting or confused." He began tearing up. "I know it when I see 'em, Pastor. I know they're hurting. You know what I do, Pastor? I give them a catechism." "Oh," I said, "You give them the little pamphlet edition of Luther's Catechism, just Luther's part?" "No, Pastor, I give 'em the whole thing. You wouldn't believe what happens." He proceeded to tell me amazing things that happened in the life of the recipients: conversions to Lutheranism, fresh comfort from the Word and consolation in the midst of struggles. Last week I went to CPH, and I bought a stack of them. Before I got home that day, I gave away three — two to people looking for a church that teaches the Word of God.

"How can I, unless someone guides me?" the Ethiopian eunuch asked Phillip (Acts 8:31). We often have the same question. It's vital to know the clear and main teachings of the Bible to be able to read it most profitably. That's what the catechism is and does. It's nothing but the Bible. That's why Luther translated the New Testament so early in the Reformation (and continued on to translate the Old Testament as well); it's why he wrote the Small Catechism and Large Catechism in 1529. The catechism is our Phillip.

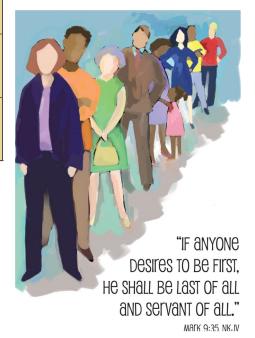
Read your Bible. Read your catechism. Read them daily. Buy your kid and grandkids the new catechism. Get *The Lutheran Study Bible*. Buy your kids CPH's Bible story books. Knowing the Word will make you confident in your salvation, wrought by Christ and pointed to by the whole Bible. God works through His Holy Word (including the texts in the catechism) to create faith in those who hear and read it. *"So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty" (Isaiah 55:11).*

October Service Participants

	Acolytes	Time	
Oct 1	Daniel Grimenstein Lizzie Lemonovich	8:00 10:30	
Oct 8	Emily Trentini Callista Chilcott	8:00 10:30	
Oct 15	Emily Trentini Callista Chilcott	8:00 10:30	
Oct 22	TBD TBD	8:00 10:30	
Oct 29	Oct 29 Claire Schrag TBD		







	Elders	Altar Guild	8:00 am Ushers	10:30 am Ushers	
Oct	Mike Wallace, Roger Diederich, Bill Bishop, Jim Neill	Janet & Marian Oelschlager	Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Noah Wallace, Brian Pasquini	Dan & Tracey Harris, Jack & Sam Bishop	
Nov	Bob Schmidt, Roger Diederich, Bill Bishop, Mike Kroeger	Janet & Marian Oelschlager	Megan & Ava Pasquini, Barb & Wayne Oechslein	John & Kari Gresh, Dwight & Andy Weldon	

OCTOBER Birthdays

- 2 Aidan Dibert
- 3 Bill Bishop
- 3 Jodi Fitzgerald
- 3 Dwight Weldon
- 7 Carolyn Wible
- 9 Jesse Carter
- 9 Staci Taylor
- 9 Chris Yellig
- 10 Diana Schmidt
- 12 Sandra Bryant
- 13 Renee Doak
- 15 Nathan Boyle
- 16 John Lemonovich
- 18 Wayne Oechslein

- 19 Joy Berardelli
- 19 Carol Wuerthele
- 21 Megan Migyanko
- 26 John Gielarowski
- 26 Lindsey Liberatore
- 29 Noah Wallace
- 30 Sharon Koop







- 10 Michael & Renee Doak
- 11 Wayne & Kathleen Conn
- 13 Ross & Christine Chilcott
- 15 Paul & Theresa Hayes
- 17 Ed & Margaret Hajduk
- 18 Wayne & Barb Oechslein
- 19 Jim & Stephanie Eckels
- 19 Sam & Joanne Garloff
- 23 John & Carrie Lemonovich

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