



Zion Lutheran Monthly

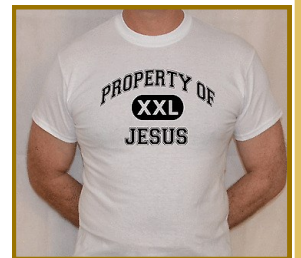
October 2022

Pastor's Corner

TEAM ZION

Fall is back. School has started. We are getting back into the “swing” of things. Not only are we all back to work and school, but we are also getting back into sports. Kids may be getting up to swim before school even starts. Others are staying after school to play baseball or football. Parents are driving kids to practice (sometimes in multiple directions). And it doesn't stop Monday thru Friday, does it? On Saturdays there is practice or away games. And then comes . . . Sunday.

Does everything stop on Sunday so we Christians can worship? OR, is the team telling you where you need to be on Sunday, what you will wear, and how you will conduct yourself with your team? This doesn't just involve our children. Football has started back up again. Does your favorite team dictate to you where you will be on Sunday, who you will be with, what you will be doing? The hold “sports” can have over our lives is impressive. And I do believe over our lives is the right way to word it. Sports can dictate a lot about our lives, even whether or not we are going to worship with our “team” here at Zion.



On Sundays, children, teenagers and adults may be staying away from worship willingly because they are part of a team and feel they can't let their team down. But what about “**Team Zion**”? What about all the saints here at Zion . . . every single one of us is part of this team? Don't you think you are letting some of us down when we don't see you? Church really is a team. We are the communion of saints. Our team will last forever. All other teams will end one day either by graduation or by death itself. We should never forget what the Third commandment says:



Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

We need to be reminded of this. Christ wants you to be near him EVERY week. It is only one hour a week. How many hours are you or your family giving to your favorite sport every week? Try counting that up, how many hours each week do you watch sports on TV, spend at practice, and attend games? I am not a betting man, but I think it is going to be a lot more than the one hour Christ has called you to worship with all the saints at **Team Zion**. But it doesn't have to be that way, does it? No one is stopping you from coming to worship. Coaches can be told you can't make it. A team might be disappointed if they don't get you for one hour but think of it as a time to give a Christian witness of what is more important to you in life and in the life to come – it is not a sport . . . it is your God.

-- Pastor Grimenstein

President's Report

Giving Thanks at Zion

October is when the LCMS would like us to recognize our church workers and all they do to keep our ministries alive and robust. Let's thank our Pastor and all who support and work for our church and preschool to keep the Word alive here at Zion. Thank you to our office administrators, our custodian, our organists, music director, Sunday school teachers, preschool director and all the teachers and aids at the Preschool. I'd like to also thank everyone who volunteers his or her time in any capacity to make Zion a wonderful place to worship our Lord. Thanks to our altar guild, elders, ushers, and acolytes who help with our services. This church is blessed with wonderful workers for the Lord who give of their time and talents.



Please attend the quarterly Voters' Meeting on October 23rd after the second service. Once again, lunch will be provided. We'll be voting on the changes to the Constitution and also voting new officers into their terms which will begin in January. It's important that you hear the reports of your Council and take an active role in the workings of your church! Please attend. On October 30th we're celebrating the Reformation and Octoberfest. Watch for information on this gathering which celebrates an event that changed the world.

Please pray diligently for your brothers and sisters on the prayer list, the Christians on the earth, our LCMS and our missions. Pray for your church here at Zion and give thanks to God for all of our church workers at Zion and in the entire Synod! Enjoy being a Christian and Praise the Lord for being chosen and having His Grace poured out upon us! As the leaves turn and the holidays approach, stand firm in the Word and come to church ready to hear the Gospel in truth and purity.

Like Paul said in Philippians, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." Amen.

-- Paul Klemash

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

Ministry in Uruguay

Pastor Phil and Deaconess Rachel have been in Uruguay for a little over a month and have begun serving the people through Word and Sacrament ministries!

In early September they were installed as missionaries in Uruguay during the Saturday evening and Sunday services at San Pablo congregation in Prado. Pastor also assisted with the divine service in Prado for the first time.

Rachel continues to work with a group of women interested in theology and possible diaconal work. Please pray for her as she faithfully teaches and guides them, and that they would all have open minds, hungry for God's Word and the pure doctrine.



In September Pastor also taught his first catechism class with a group of confirmands from San Pablo school. They talked about the Lord's Supper. Though many of them have English experience, it is always easier to grasp important concepts in one's home/heart language. Please pray that Pastor would faithfully teach and serve them, and for them, that the Lord would continue to kindle faith in their hearts through His Word. One student from the group was baptized recently, and we ask God's blessing over this new member of the household of faith.



Pastor and Rachel continue to acclimate to a different accent, a wide vocabulary, climate differences (winter, but spring is coming!), and searching for a home. They send their thanks for our prayers and for journeying with them, and for all the kind messages and emails of encouragement.

Zion's 2nd Annual

REFOR-FEST!

Join us for...

*Sunday October 30th
Noon - 3:00PM*

Rain or shine!

Catered German Meal!

Beer & Root Beer!

Guessing Jars!

Pastor's Famous Bingo!

*Kid Activities - Pumpkin Painting, Pinata, Potato
Sack Races! "Pin-the-heart-on-The-Luther-Seal"
Steelers vs Eagles game on the big screen!*

Advance Tickets Required!

Adults - \$14 Kids (3-10yrs.) - \$7 2 & under - FREE
Purchase your tickets in the Narthex after Sunday services!

Questions? Contact events@zlecb.org

October marks the 505th Anniversary of The Reformation



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



10K Lutheran Life Bike Ride

Join Lutherans from local LCMS churches on the 3 River's Heritage Trail from the Hot Metal Bridge to Station Square on Oct. 15th at 9:30 am (rain date Oct. 22nd at 9:30 am). Members from Ascension, First Trinity, Peace, Redeemer & Zion Lutheran churches are raising funds for Mary's Place of the South Hills, a Christian maternity home for pregnant and parenting women in need. All funds raised will be matched by the Synod's Million Dollar Life Grant program. Registration is \$5/ind; \$10/fam. Sign up sheet located in the Narthex under the bulletin board. Contact Joy Berardelli for more information to sponsor riders: JoyBerardelli@yahoo.com or 724-601-5057 (cell). Donations can also be forwarded to Peace Lutheran Church, 107 Carol Dr., McMurray, PA 15317. Checks made out to Peace Service Team, memo line: 10K Ride.

They came ... They ate ... They rallied!

Rally Day for the 2022-23 Sunday school year was held Sept. 11th with around 95 folks in attendance. At the event, Sarris gift cards were given out to children who completed the CPH Reads reading program, along with two special prizes (see details on opposite page). Congratulations and a big Thank You to all participants. And another big Thank You to teachers and parents who make the Sunday School program possible!



This year's Sunday School program begins with Concordia's Enduring Faith program, Unit 4. The main takeaways from September's and October's Lessons are:

1. God forgives me and restores my relationship with Himself and others through His Son, Jesus.
2. God chooses me in my Baptism and promises to be with me forever.
3. God in His mercy carries out His promises and gives me faith to trust Him.
4. God sent His own Son, Jesus, as my substitute to pay for my sin.
5. God provides all that I need and gives me forgiveness, life, and salvation through His Son.
6. Through Jesus, God forgives all my sins and promises to work all things for my good.
7. In spite of my sin, God blesses me with my family and all that I need and forgives me through His Son, Jesus.
8. Jesus' death and resurrection restore my relationships with God and others.

These lessons basically take the students through most of the book of Genesis, teaching them many of the well known stories and characters of the Bible while having age appropriate fun along the way. **Sunday School begins at 9:15 am and concludes at 10:15. All are welcome ... come hear and learn!**

Shout Out to Students



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

At Rally Day on Sept. 11th, "CPH Reads" awards were presented by SS Directors Jon & Connie Canale. The following students received a \$20 Sarris gift card (one per family) for completing the program by earning 1000 points: **Sam Bishop; Pippa, Rex, Casper, & Romy Carter; Callista, Roland, Emmett, & Tristan Chilcott; Brooke & Mason Glasser; Nathan & Rachel Grimenstein; Esther Ma; Emily & Sam Trentini; and Shea & Wren Wilson.**

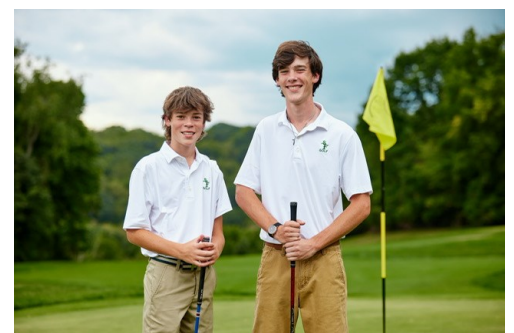


The Top Reader Award was presented to **Esther Ma** for greatest number of points/books read, and the Pittsburgh Zoo Family Membership Drawing winner was **Shea Wilson**.



Lauren Liberatore, a junior at Canon Mac high school, had another great year showing her horse Oreo. She took Reserve High Point champion in the youth division at the South Park horse show series. She competes in multiple events including halter, grooming and showmanship, English equitation, and English pleasure.

Jack & Sam Bishop, in their Junior & Freshman years at SF high school, are playing on the high school golf team. The Varsity team won its section, and is moving on to play post-season matches the first week of October.





Leah Quinlan and Derek Carey are engaged to be married. Leah is a senior at Concordia University Ann Arbor (CUAA), and will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree and Lutheran Teacher Diploma in secondary education, with a major in English and a minor in history. Her fiancée Derek is a graduate of CUAA and is now in his first year at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne where he is studying to be a Pastor. They will be married at Zion next summer. Congratulations Leah and Derek!



Kensington James Killinger, infant daughter of Mark and Shelley Killinger, was baptized at Zion on September 18th. She was born June 9th. Welcome to the family of God, Baby Kensie!

Bridgeville Area Food Bank

The October collection for the Bridgeville Area Food Bank is Sunday, Oct 9th. The "items of the month" are Baking Products. Items may be placed in the wicker receptacle in the narthex near the coat rack.

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





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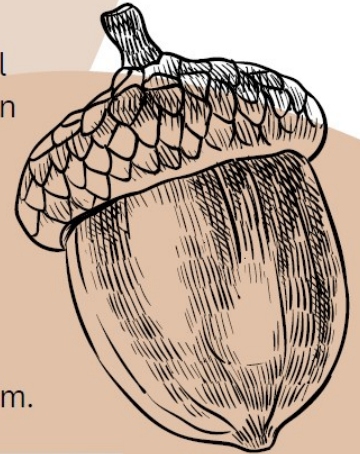
ONLY JESUS
NO OTHER NAME

– 175 YEARS –

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2022 Eastern District LWML Retreat

On September 23-24, seventeen women from Zion attended the Eastern District LWML Retreat at Camp LutherLyn in Butler. We had a wonderful weekend of Bible study, rest, reflection, and fellowship with our sisters in Christ from across Pennsylvania and New York. Our guest speaker was wife, mother, Lutheran high school teacher, and CPH author Christina Hergenrader. She spoke to us on the topic "Living in Faith Instead of Fear." We were all reminded that though our world is filled with fear, Christ offers us a peace that is not of it. Our faith in Him sustains us through all things, and God generously strengthens it and us through worship and His Word. Because of this, we can breathe deeply and bloom.



*"Fear not, for I have redeemed you!
I have called you by name.
You are mine."
Isaiah 43:1*



SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES AT ZION


(watch your emails for more information and sign ups)

Friday, October 21 - 7:00 p.m. - Crafting Night

Friday, November 11 - 7:00 p.m. - Bunco & Church Kitchen Shower

Sunday, December 11 - 6:00 p.m. - Ornament Exchange





LWML FALL RALLY


GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN
CHURCH OF THE SOUTH HILLS

October 15, 2022

Registration begins at 10:00 AM
Meeting starts at 10:30 AM
Mission Speaker: Curtis Wilson from Child
Beyond

Ingathering: SHIM-dried beans & lentils, pasta
sauce in jars, cereal and oatmeal, low sodium
soup, canned protein, diapers, and personal care
items. Cash donations also accepted.

418 Maxwell Dr.
Take PA-51 to Maxwell Dr. in Whitehall



Tenth 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 , 1610 Glenn St, McDonald, PA 15057 412-427-9013

Good Samaritan Hospice, a subsidiary of Concordia Lutheran Ministries, will hold a Youth Bereavement workshop for children and teens (and their caregivers). This free, fall-themed event was developed to help young people manage the death of a loved one.

When: Saturday, Oct. 15 from 1-5 pm

Where: The Mansion in Butler, 141 Mansion Ln,
Butler, PA

RSVP: 1-800-720-2557, ext. 4426



Volunteers are needed! Please call the number above if you are interested.



How Do We Support Our Pastors?

Excerpted from "What About Pastors"

By: Dr. A. L. Barry, Past President of the LCMS

The most important way is through our prayers, asking the Lord of the Church to give our pastor wisdom, strength, courage and peace, asking Him to bless our pastors' ministry among us and to work powerfully through their proclamation of the Word and administration of the Sacraments. Our children should be taught each night to remember their pastor in their prayers.

The members of our congregations assist their pastor as they encourage and support him in the ministry entrusted to him. They volunteer their time, by serving in a variety of ways in the parish, and give of their treasures. The pastor is not a "hired hand" who is to do all the work of the congregation. Telling the good news of the forgiveness of sins in Jesus, in many different situations and opportunities in life, is a task and duty given to all Christians, not only pastors (Matt.28:19- 20; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 Peter 3:15).

God's Word also has these things to say about how we are to support our pastors. 1 Cor.9:14: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." Gal.6:6-7: "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." 1 Thess. 5:12-13: "Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other." Heb. 13:17: "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."

What a blessing pastors have been to God's people down through the ages! May God continue to bless the church mightily through His gift of pastors.



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.

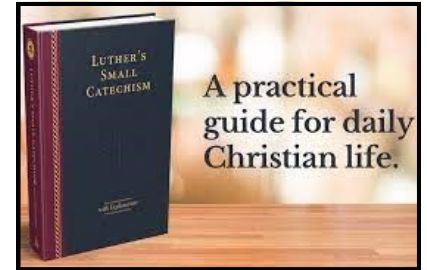
When we confess the “verbal inspiration” of the Bible in all matters, and thus the “inerrancy” of Scripture, we confess this most precisely about the original manuscripts that came from the hands of the prophets, apostles or their secretaries. That doesn’t mean there are not challenges and difficulties, 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.



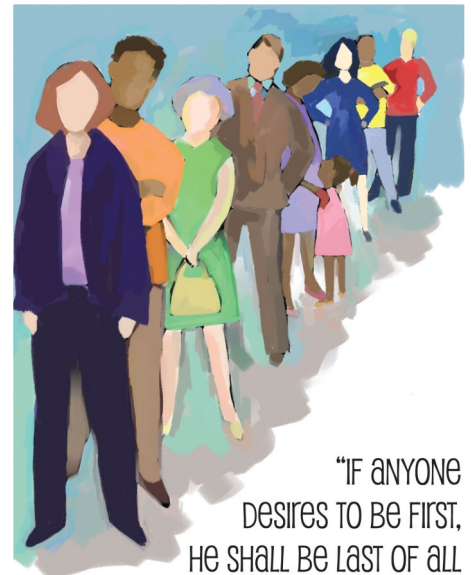
I was in Nebraska a few weeks back for their district convention. An older farmer pulled me aside and said, "Pastor, I have to tell you something." "What's that?" I said. "Pastor, I see people, young people hurting or confused." He began tearing up. "I know it when I see 'em, Pastor. I know they're hurting. 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 2	Elder Kate Lemonovich	8:00 10:30
Oct 9	Christian Bonacci Lizzie Lemonovich	8:00 10:30
Oct 16	Lindsey Liberatore Claire Lemonovich	8:00 10:30
Oct 23	Daniel Grimenstein John Lemonovich	8:00 10:30
Oct 30	Elder Elder	8:00 10:30



"IF ANYONE
DESIRES TO BE FIRST,
HE SHALL BE LAST OF ALL
AND SERVANT OF ALL."

MARK 9:35 NKJV



	Elders	Altar Guild	8:00 am Ushers	10:30 am Ushers
Oct	Bob Schmidt, Roger Diederich, Bill Bishop, Jim Neill	Janet & Marian Oelschlager	Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Noah Wallace, Larry Zreliak	Dan & Tracey Harris, Luke Lemonovich, Sam Bishop
Nov	Bob Schmidt, Roger Diederich, Bill Bishop, Jim Neill	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 Dottie Heslop
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
22 Alice Peterson
26 John Gielarowski
26 Lindsey Liberatore
29 Noah Wallace
30 Sharon Koop

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YOU FOR I
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fearfully
AND
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MADE

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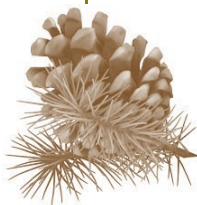
Anniversaries



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
20 Greg & Salina Howcroft
23 John & Carrie Lemonovich



October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult/ Teen Bible Study & SS 10:30 am Worship 12-3 pm Refor- Fest	31 6:00 pm 1st yr Conf 6:15 pm Bells 7:00 pm 2nd yr Conf 7:15 pm Choir 8:15 pm Bells					1
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