

Trinity Lutheran Parish
Mona Lutheran Church, Mona, IA
Six Mile Grove Lutheran Church, rural Lyle, MN
103 Pershing Ave
Lyle, MN 55953

T.L.P. IN TOUCH

OCTOBER 2024



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We are called. God's Work. Our Hands. God's Family!

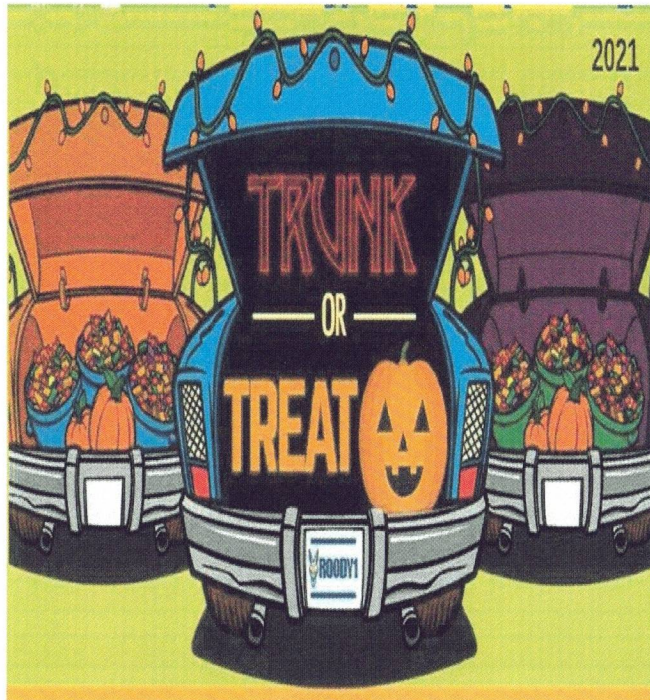
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Scott Meyer C# 507-319-0715 scottmeyer39@hotmail.com		1 7 P: SMG Cemetery Mtg	2 6 P: Confirmation Supper & Class at OS	3	4	5 3 P to 7: 70/50 Celebration at Lyle Legion for Dave & Carol Anderson
20th Sunday after Pentecost 9 A: OS w/HC, SS & F 10:45 A: BS at SMG	7 Pastor Scott's Day Off	8 1 P: M&M BS, H: Karen 7 P: Parish Council at SMG followed by each Church Council Mtg	9 6 P: Confirmation Supper & Class at OS	10	11	12
21st Sunday after Pentecost 9 A: SMG w/HC, SS & F 10:45 A: BS at SMG	14 Pastor Scott's Day Off	15	16 6 P: Confirmation Supper & Class at OS	17	18	19
22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9 A: Mona w/HC, SS & F 10:45 A: BS at SMG	21 Pastor Scott's Day Off 9:30 A: Naomi Circle, H:Joan S, L: Kathy H	22	23 6 P: Confirmation Supper & Class at OS	24	25 November Newsletter Deadline	26
Reformation Sunday 9 A: OS w/SS & F 10:45 A: BS at SMG	28 Pastor Scott's Day Off 6:30 P: MLL, H: Karen	29	30 6 P: Confirmation Supper & Class at OS	31 Halloween 5:30-6:30 P: Trunk or Treat at OS Parking lot		
HC=Holy Communion BS=Bible Study F=Fellowship SS=Sunday School	<u>Notes:</u> October is Clergy Appreciation Month					Wanda Hanson, Office Sec O# 507-325-2487 C# 515-290-0936 monaandsmg@gmail.com

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Trinity Lutheran Parish Monthly Newsletter: Mona & Six Mile Grove Lutheran Churches



Trunks Needed!

Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2024

at Our Savior's Parking Lot

5:30 - 6:30 pm!

YOUTH

Joint Sunday School:

Every Sunday at hosting church for 9:00 am worship. Children will leave worship after the children's sermon for class. See calendar to see where Sunday School will be.

Confirmation:

Wednesday's - 6:00 pm at Our Savior's for supper and class.

Youth for Christ in Austin

The building is on the northside across the street from the High School (400 3rd Ave, Austin). Contact, John Engelstad, the Director, #507-481-4894. Feel free to check it out on FB. Facebook Group: Austin Youth for Christ.

Breakfast Club:

Middle School on T & F from 7:30-8:15 A at Bethlehem Church, Austin. Before school, come and have some hot chocolate and breakfast to start your day right. We do fun ice breakers, play music and have a daily life message based on bible verses.



The Pumpkin Prayer

Dear God, As I carve my pumpkin help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You;
Cut the top of the pumpkin.

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.
Clean out the inside.

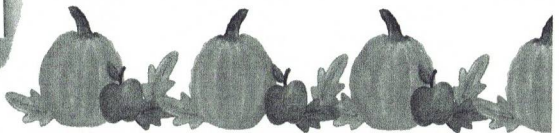
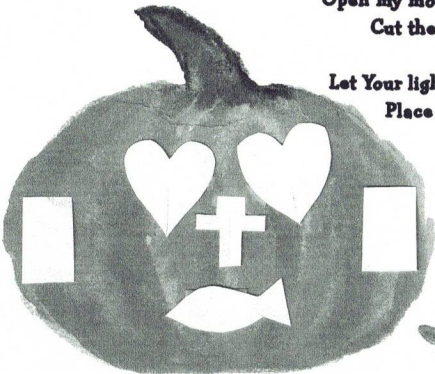
Open my eyes so Your love I will see;
Cut eyes shaped like hearts.

I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You've given me.
Cut a nose in the shape of the cross.

Open my ears so Your word I will hear;
Cut ears shaped like the Bible.

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near.
Cut the mouth in the shape of a fish.

Let Your light shine in all I say and do! Amen.
Place a candle inside and light it.



PRAY

Prayers of Healing and Strength to:

Brian Barber Colleen Crouch Carol Ekle Barb Fossey
Theresa Groesbeck Margie Harrison Andres Knudsen Troy Murphy
Emily Nelson Verdon Olson Jack Rector Jerry Sampson
Scott Willert Fabiola (Oaxaca)

Please pray for God's protection of our troops and HIS wisdom for their commanders. "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Christopher Slindee Thomas Frank Kelly Fredrickson
Riley Wondra Adam Dublinske (M) Skyler Thomas (NG)
Ed Dreyer (M) Gage Thompson (AF)

Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of the Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(NG=National Guard), (M=Marines), (AF=Air Force), (A=Army), (N=Navy)

Missions to pray for:

- >Pastor Samuel, his family and church members in Oaxaca.
- >Friends of Ngong Road children and their families – Lenny Kamanda, Josephine Wairimu, Monica Wanjiku, Sharon Mideva, Victor Nyarega, Faith Mumo, Emily Wanjiku, Godfrey Otieno and Swinny Mbone.
- >Peace and Power, Marie Sandvick Center, Lyle Food Shelf, Good Earth Village, Haiti

Prayers for guidance:

Pastor Scott ~ Parish Council ~ Church Councils ~ Sunday School Teacher ~
Members of Six Mile Grove, Mona & Our Savior's Lutheran Churches

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

LECTORS:

Oct 6 – OS
Oct 13 – SMG
Oct 20 – Mona
Oct 27 – OS

Member Name

Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed

USHERS:

Mona: Nancy Mickelson and Cheryl Jones
SMG: Derry & Debra Olsen and Ted & Shawna Anderson

COMMUNION ASSIST.:

Oct 8 at SMG – Jim Sampson, Teri Zimmerman and/or Timm Ehret
Oct 15 at Mona - Becky Fredrickson and/or Nancy Mickelson

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Mona: Nancy Mickelson and Cheryl Jones
SMG: TBD

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE:

Following worship at each church.

*Thank YOU for the giving of YOUR time
and having a Servant Heart!*

THANK YOU

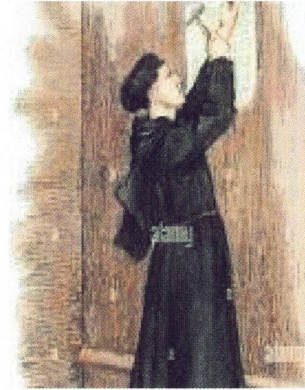
Thank YOU to the Ron Anderson family for watering the plants/flowers at the SMG cemetery for so many years!

FROM THE PASTOR...

October 2024

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast." --

Ephesians 2:8-9



October 31st is Reformation Day. It's the day we celebrate the history and tradition of the Lutheran Church, as well as the anniversary of the day Martin Luther posted his famous 95 Theses on the front door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. These were 'statements of concern' Luther had in regards to how far the Roman Catholic Church had drifted away from the teachings of the Bible.

Thus began the Reformation, which was originally intended to change or 'reform' the Church and call it back to faithful-ness. We talked about this recently in Confirmation class, and two things occurred to me.

First, I suspect it's true that many of our members don't understand or remember what this important period of our history as Lutherans is all about. Maybe we should schedule a 'movie night' at church this month when we can watch one of several good films about Martin Luther and the Reformation (stay tuned). Secondly, I think that we as a church are STILL in need of 'reformation.' As our society grows further and further away from the priority of regular Sunday worship, how does our Lutheran practices and identity need to adjust?

As I've said many times, church is changing, as is the importance of the uniqueness of our various denominations. But I'm still convinced that 'being Lutheran' is still a pretty big deal, and it's worth reminding ourselves of the many gifts our history and traditions have to offer. In other words, let's try our best to keep the spirit of the Reformation alive!

See you all in church.

Pastor Scott

CHURCH INFO

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Oct 6	9:00 am	OS w/HC
Oct 13	9:00 am	SMG w/HC
Oct 20	9:00 am	Mona w/HC
Oct 27	9:00 am	OS
Nov 3	9:00 am	SMG w/HC
Nov 10	9:00 am	Mona w/HC
Nov 17	9:00 am	OS w/HC
Nov 24	9:00 am	SMG
Nov 27 (Thank's Eve)	7:00 pm	Mona

COUNCIL MTG'S

Parish Council will meet October 8 at SMG at 7 pm.
Mona Council mtg will meet following above mtg.
SMG Council will meet same as above.
Small Group Council will not meet in October.

SMG CEMETERY MTG

Will be Tuesday, October 1 at 7 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend, especially if they have any concerns or would like to know what is happening.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL

Anyone wishing to receive the devotional please contact Karen Whalen before October 1st.

CELEBRATION

70/50 Party for Dave and Carol Anderson on Saturday, October 5th at Lyle Legion from 3 pm to ???. Bring your classic car or special vehicle and show it. Dave turns 70 and Dave & Carol have been married for 50 years!

SMG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Every Sunday at 10:45 am in the Dining Hall at SMG. All are welcome!

WATERING SERVICE

There will be no more watering of plants at the SMG cemetery.

WELCA / CIRCLES

>SMG LL – No Mtg
>Naomi Circle – Monday, Oct 21, H: Joan S, L: Kathy H
>Mona M&M Circle/BS – Tuesday, Oct 8 at 1:00 pm, H: Karen
>Mona LL – Monday, Oct 28 at 6:30 pm, H: Karen



Mark Ashley and Larry Aanonson have been straightening and leveling section five of the Six Mile Grove Cemetery. They also have found the locations for the monuments that had been leaning against the evergreen tree. They have been working hard. One day while leveling they found bricks that had been rejected when the church was built. If anyone would like to contribute to the restoration of the SMG Cemetery, they may send a donation to Gary Meyer, Treasurer.

YOU ARE INVITED!

We would love to have you join us for the Coffee Club. Gatherings will be the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am for Coffee, Conversation and Christian Study at Our Savior's Lutheran in Lyle.

CHRISTIAN ENTERTAINMENT

- Steven Curtis Chapman in concert on Feb 20, 2025 at NIACC in Mason City, IA. Call for tickets 641-422-4188 or www.niacc.edu/boxoffice. Ticket prices start at 25.00.
- Caleb & John in concert October 19, 2024. Get ready for a special evening with Caleb & John on October 19 at University of Northwestern – St. Paul, Nazareth Chapel. Go to <https://www.myktis.com/concerts/> for more info.

COMMUNITY

Otter Creek Orchard

Saturday and Sundays till Oct 27 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm with General Admin \$8 per person and Age 2 and under \$Free
(Located in Mona, IA)

Christian Women's Connection

You are invited: Oct 14th from 9:30-11:30 am at the Eagles Club #703.
Cost: \$13.00. Special Music by Tammy Schneider; Special Feature: Senior Center; Guest Speaker: Jan Neus. Men are welcome too!
Ladies, we meet on the second Monday of each month. We open in Prayer, enjoy a delicious Breakfast together, and then we are encouraged by a Speaker from Stonecroft Ministries. This time together is enjoyable, inspiring and fun! We hope to see you there! (107 11th St NE, Austin, MN)

Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie on Saturday, October 12th.
Cost: \$25 per meal. Tickets are now on sale, call 507-583-6621 or online at firstlutheranbp.com/lutefisk-dinner/. Tickets must be ordered and paid for in advance. Seating at 11 am, 12 pm and 1 pm

Can Drive: At HOME First = Helping Others Means Everything
Please deposit your empty aluminum pop cans into the fenced trailer at Mona Lutheran Church. Thank YOU!

Cans for Cancer

Collecting aluminum cans though out the year with a collection box behind the Lyle Legion. Please donate your empty aluminum cans to a very worthy cause.

LYLE FOOD SHELF/PANTRY

>The food pantry at Our Savior's is *grateful* for your support, please help us keep our shelves full. **Needed:** Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Soups, Canned Meat (chicken, tuna, etc). Cash is always appreciated also.
>The last Saturday of the month (Oct 26) at Our Savior's in Lyle, they will hand out food bags at 10:00 am

Ruby's Pop-up Pantry

Austin's Mower County Fair grounds hosts Ruby's Pantry the third Thursday of each month from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Doors open at 4:00 PM

Pub Theology

Different Brews ~ Different views ~ Beer, Conversation & God
All perspectives welcome!
Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at Worth Brewing Company.
(835 Central Ave, Northwood, IA)
Hosted by First Lutheran and Northwood UMC

OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

Clergy Appreciation Day is always the second Sunday in October, and all of October is celebrated as Clergy Appreciation Month. The celebration was established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries and religious workers.

Why It's Important to Celebrate Pastors and Clergy Members

As of mid-2018, there are approximately 51,000 people in the United States who are officially employed as clergy. When we consider all that religious leaders do, it becomes clear how important it is to celebrate and uplift our hardworking clergy.

Reason 1: Pastors and clergy serve the church daily. On a daily basis, clergy members prepare weekly messages, manage the maintenance and financial obligations of their church, and, most importantly, nurture the spiritual well-being of their congregants.

Reason 2. Pastors and clergy serve the church and community during major life moments. Aside from these daily duties, clergy members participate in the highs and lows of the lives of their church-goers and other members of the community. Clergy members lead mourners during funerals, pray over the sick, and minister to the imprisoned and abandoned. Moreover, clergy members bear the emotional pressure heaped upon them by disgruntled congregants and also absorb the hostile criticism of an increasingly anti-religious society.

Our clergy members also oversee our most joyous occasions. The clergy play a vital role in marriages, baptisms, Holy First Communion, and requests for special blessings. Religious workers also uphold the institution of marriage by counseling struggling couples to hold fast to their marital vows and guide the Lord's flock by giving clarity to those with a fractured sense of faith.