

The Crusader

Christ Lutheran Church
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8:30 am Praise Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship

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The Pastor's Desk:

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Let Us be Like Falling Leaves



Dear Beloved in Christ:

Let us claim the colors of autumn in our lives. Brown holds stability, protection, endurance, and simplicity for us. Red holds for us passion, determination, love, and adventure. Orange holds balance, warmth, and freedom from our inner prisons, and magenta holds harmony. Finally, purple autumn leaves prompt our vast imaginations, depths of spirituality, transformation, and wisdom. The new colors of the autumn leaves are but a glimpse into the richness and diversity of the loving life moments God has in store for us. So, stay awake and be present for all that really matters.

God has even gifted us the trees to remind us to stand tall and reach for God. They remind us to stay awake by being mindful of what is right in front of us. We may also practice this through stillness and silence, or gratitude to stay spiritually awake and aware.

We are taught to give thanks to God for our daily bread. We are to show gratitude when we receive gifts from others. However, sometimes we can forget that thanksgiving should not only be practiced during the moment when we get what we want, but even when we don't. It is sometimes difficult to give thanks during moments in our lives when things aren't going according to plan, and we feel that we have been cheated or given the short end of the stick. If you ever want to Make God laugh, tell Him your plans. It is so easy to forget to give thanks for the gift of a new day! But that new day is an opportunity to reach out to those we love and even those who might need to know they are loved. It is an opportunity to enjoy and give thanks for good food, great friends, and wonderful family, even from a distance, and an opportunity to turn around and say, "Thank you, Jesus. I am so abundantly blessed."

Pastor's Portion continued

My friends, what are you thankful for this day, this month, this year? Speak those things aloud, write them down, reflect on them, remember them, and keep smiling about them, because when we fill our minds and hearts with gratitude, there will be no room for worry; gratitude and worry cannot share the same space in our hearts and minds. Yes, let us stay awake and present to all that really matters.

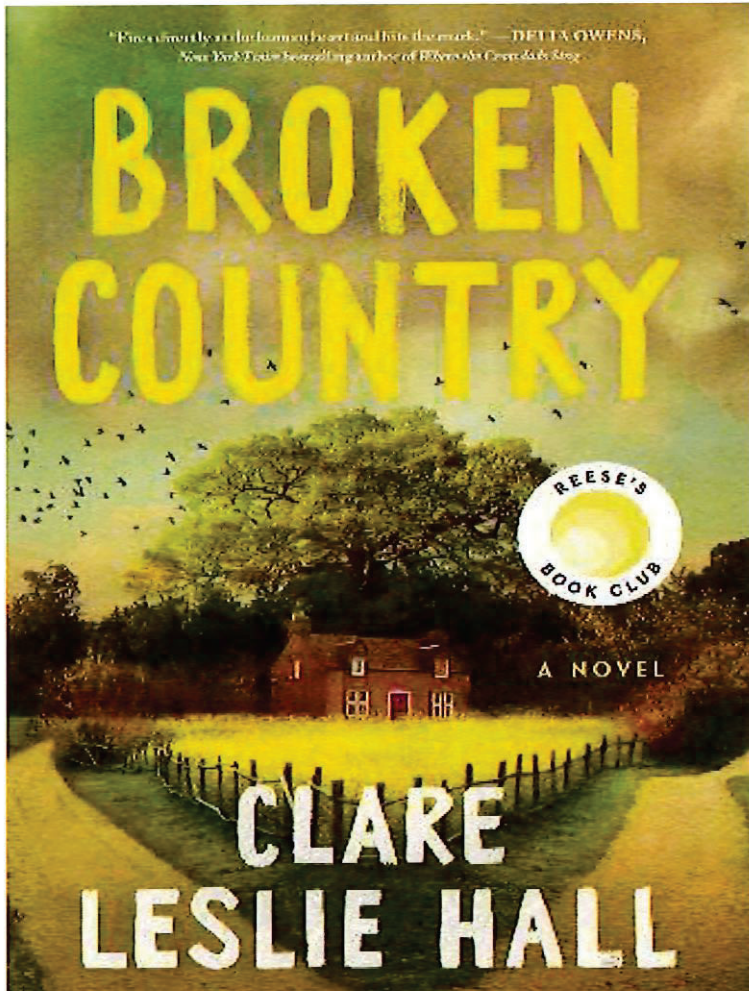
Autumn invites us to think about our expectations of others and ourselves. Autumn reminds us that God is with us. As the leaves change and fall, we are reminded that we will change, we will transform, and we will fall into God's arms to wait for something new and wonderful to happen in our lives. During this time of waiting and longing for the birth of something extraordinary in our lives, whatever that may be, let us spend time preparing our hearts and renewing our spirits. It is in our longing and waiting that we encounter God. It is in our emptiness that we remember God's whispers of love and courage. Let go, like the falling leaves, and let God surprise you.

God's Blessings Always

Rev. Donn Woolweber

BOOK CLUB

Interested in reading great stories? Our Christ Lutheran Book Club is reading *Broken Country*, by Claire Jean Hall. We will be discussing the story on Tuesday, 10/13 at 1:00 pm. Join us for a lively discussion and great snacks!





October Birthdays

03 Joan Kresefsky
11 Keith Lohmeyer
12 Roy Lamberton
14 Micah Idler
18 Charlotte Kimlel
22 Ruth Williams
25 Ray Rogers
26 Bonnie Rose
26 David Cordrey
28 Jim Cooper
29 Jean Lohmeyer
29 Ron Byrd

October Anniversaries

18 Russ & Carol Taylor
20 Dan & Carol Schreffler
21 Bob & Roxanna Wingate
22 Dave & Cathy Asche
24 Stephen & Stephanie
Scotton

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, October 3rd-Fall Festival 11 am—5 pm
- October 5th and 19th Holy Communion at both services
- Mondays@11 am Friends Supporting Friends
- Saturdays@10 am BSSP
- Monday, October 5th@7 pm Church Council Meeting
- Saturday, October 10th@9 am—11 am CornHole, 10 am Bethany LWML Retreat, 12 noon LLL meeting at Pastor's House
- Tuesday, October 13th@1 pm Book Club
- Thursday, October 15th@2 pm LWML Meeting
- Tuesday, October 20th@2 pm Lay Ministry Meeting

Food Shelf Newsletter Article November 2026

Romans 12:13 – “Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

A total of 239 non perishable food and healthcare items were donated to Love INC. We provided electric bill assistance for one neighbor and a short motel stay for another neighbor.

Monthly, we provide GrabNGo lunch supplies (bread, lunch meats, cheese, peanut butter and jelly and apples). We also provided 12 packages of 250 napkins.

High priority items needed include: pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, instant potatoes, shelf-stable microwave meals, canned meals (spaghetti-O’s etc, with pop-tops), and canned tuna/beef/chicken, soup, zip top sandwich bags.

If you’d like to make a monetary donation, it can be placed in the offering plate with the envelope marked “Food Shelf”.

Checks can be written out to Christ Lutheran Church with “Food Shelf” on the memo line.

Thank you for your continued support. Every donation made blesses both the recipient and the giver.

FOOD SHELF TEAM

Linda Boone

Carl Boone

Janet Moore

BSSP October News Article

BSSP resumed Saturday classes on September 12th. Everyone was excited to be back together again on Saturday mornings. Our lessons this quarter are taken from CPH *Growing in Christ* series titled “God Creates a World and a People” and “God Protects His People in Egypt and the Exodus”.

October Bible Story Lessons

October 3 – No class – **FALL FESTIVAL**

October 10 – Joseph’s Troubles

October 17 – Joseph Feeds Egypt

October 24 – Joseph Forgives

October 31 – The Birth of Moses



Just a reminder, if there is a need to cancel our Saturday morning class for any reason (such as weather), you will receive an automated call from the church’s call system with this information. If your phone number has changed, please let us know.

Leona Tull & Donna Hassman, Co-coordinators



October 4	Janet Moore
October 11	Peggy Gum
October 18	Russ & Carol Taylor
October 25	Cathy Young

CornHole

Join us for CornHole on October 3rd outside at the Fall Festival or on October 10th between 9 am and 11 am!

Bethany Lutheran LWML Retreat



*Annual
Women's Fall
Retreat!*

**Barnabas and Paul:
Partnership for the Lord**

**October 10th
9:30am-2:30pm**

Tickets are \$15 each. To order tickets email:
LINKSRJRM@gmail.com with the names of those
attending and either mail your payments to the church or
pay at the door. Please let us know what you plan to do.

Bethany Lutheran
Church:
817 Camden Ave.
Salisbury, MD 21801

Bring your Bible!

*Come and learn about some of
the pivotal figures that God
placed in the early church!*

*Lunch, beverages, and breakfast
munchies included!*

Bethany Lutheran LWML is hosting a day retreat on October 10th starting at 9:30 am. The retreats Bethany sponsors have faith filled activities, are Bible focused, and lots of fun. Last year, we had 6 of our Christ Lutheran members attend. Plan on coming this year. We can carpool and enjoy a day of fellowship and learning. Tickets are \$15 and the food Bethany prepares is always delicious! Have questions? Call Jean Lohmeyer at 302-569-4194.

LWML Mission Project Highlights
Arch Books for Immigrant Children in the
US
2025–2027 Mission Grant 15 — \$125,000



If you remember the first time you learned about the story of creation, it was likely at Sunday School or reading a book at home in your parents' laps. For many immigrant and refugee children in the United States, access to books in their native language, especially books that share the love of Christ, is not guaranteed. Through this project, Arch Books will be made available in Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Telugu, and Farsi to support outreach efforts in the United States.

LWML Mission Project Highlights Continued

Concordia Publishing House, through the Concordia Gospel Outreach program, wants to share the Good News of Jesus with thousands of immigrant and refugee children in the United States. The USA is home to nearly one-fifth of the world's international immigrants, many of whom face challenges in accessing materials in their native languages.

This project will equip LCMS entities serving immigrant and refugee populations with Arch Books, free of charge, in the heart language of the children and their families. It is estimated that up to 125,000 children and their families will be reached by the translated books. Five Bible stories will be translated and made available in Spanish, Chinese, Telugu, Arabic, and Farsi.

This grant will fund the creation and distribution of these Arch Books — *The Story of Creation*, *Noah's 2 x 2 Adventure*, *Baby Jesus is Born*, *The Week that Led to Easter*, and *Jesus Blesses the Children*.

Our Mites Offerings

May 2026	\$607.50
June 2026	\$647.50
July 2026	\$401.00
August 2026	\$336.00

Stephen Ministers and Empathy

Empathy is looking at the world from someone else's perspective to experience what the person is feeling – and then expressing your understanding of those feelings to that person. Empathy is a universal language. No matter how much or how little people seem to have in common, empathy can connect them in a deeply meaningful way. Empathy is something we all need. Do you need someone to listen to you? Our Stephen Ministers are trained to listen and make a meaningful connection with you. Want to know more? Call Aileen Watkins at 302-930-7070.

Items Needed for the Fall Festival

- **Popup tents needed by October 1st**
- **Pumpkins needed by October 1st**
- **Volunteers needed as soon as possible**



ALL ARE WELCOME!

NEIGHBORHOOD

Fall FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 3RD
11-5PM

• FUN GAMES • FOOD TRUCKS • MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT
• PUMPKIN BOWLING | • CAKE WALKS | • FACE PAINTING • PONY RIDES

Join the Fun!

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FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!

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