

# The Herald

October 2021

## Holy Nativity Lutheran Church



**WE CONTINUE IN  
THE SEASON OF  
ORDINARY TIME  
AFTER  
PENTECOST**

**In-Person &  
Facebook LIVE  
Worship  
Schedule**

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Saturday Service  
5:00 PM

Sunday Services  
8:30 & 10:30 AM  
Communion is  
shared at all  
services.

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**Music Rehearsal**

Continues to be by  
appointment Solo  
and Ensemble  
performances are  
welcome during  
this time.

### **PASTORS PAGE**

#### **Who Would Jesus Bless Today?**

This month begins with a reminder to welcome newcomers to the faith like Jesus did, as exemplified by Jesus gathering the children to himself, identifying himself with those who were among the most vulnerable and helpless in society. Who, in our communities, is in the place of the children of ancient times? May we provide a place of welcome and care for the most vulnerable and the weakest in our society.

Oct 10 ... We meet again the rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life. He is a good man, sincere in his asking. Jesus looks on him and loves him. Out of love, not judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Jesus counters this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

Oct 17 ... Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

Oct 24 ... Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly?

And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"

#### **Not Ashamed**

Here at HNLC we end the month of October As usual celebrating the Feast of The Reformation. Often treated as a sort of "Lutheran heritage" day, a time for singing chorales and remembering the theological reforms of the sixteenth century that gave birth to Lutheranism, we might also do well to remind each other of the church's need for continual reform; the church's history is secondary to an emphasis on the issues and needs of the church today.

The true center of this day is found in the appointed readings.

- In Jeremiah we are reminded of a new covenant and the promise that God will forgive, this promise is written on our hearts.
- In Romans Paul reminds us how "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Given this reality, how can we have any hope apart from divine grace?
- In the gospel lesson from John we are reminded that our freedom comes from Christ alone. We are neither bound to the past nor slaves to our anxieties of the present.
- Psalm 46 proclaims "God is our refuge and strength." We can turn to God in times of crisis, or fear, trusting God to pour out mercy and forgiveness upon us. In a world of chaos, confusion, and change there is a constant: the enduring and life-giving grace of God.

On Reformation Sunday—as every Sunday—we remember that we are not ashamed of this good news, this gospel.

*Peace,*

*Pastor Andy*

# Church Calendar

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**FEAST OF THE REFORMATION ...** Every renewal of the church essentially consists in an increase of fidelity to her own calling. Undoubtedly this explains the dynamism of the movement toward unity. Christ summons the church, as she goes her pilgrim way, to that continual reformation of which she always has need, insofar as she is a human institution here on earth. Consequently, if, in various times and circumstances, there have been deficiencies in moral conduct or in church discipline, or even in the way that church teaching has been formulated—to be carefully distinguished from the deposit of faith itself--these should be set right at the opportune moment and in the proper way. —Decree on Ecumenism, Second Vatican Council as found in ~ *Sundays & Seasons*



The Church Building is open for in person gatherings at Full Occupancy in attendance while practicing physical distancing and all covid precautions.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	4	5  American Red Cross	6	7 Facebook Live Weekly Bible Study 10:30 AM	1/8 AA Meeting Facebook Live Evening Prayer	2/9 5:00 Worship
10 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	11 AA Meeting	12	13 Church Council Meets 6 PM at Church	14 Facebook Live Weekly Bible Study 10:30 AM	15 AA Meeting Facebook Live Evening Prayer	16 5:00 Worship
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#### PRAYER LIST



*Beth Allen, Marie Begnaud, Bill Bartleson, Eileen Bartleson, Nicholas Baud, Bert Brown, Renee Bryant, The Family of John Byrne III, Robert Carthew, We Rejoice for the birth of Elaina Rose Condon, Granddaughter of Larry and Pat Baud, Shawnie Copes, Donna Cuevas, Phyllis Cullen, Diane Cummings, Rosemarie Daffin, Jim DeClerq, We Rejoice with the DiRienzo family at the birth of their grandson, Liam Alexander Vandyke, The Family of Austin Dobleman, Jerry Duffy, JoAnn Eleanor, The Family of Michael Epstein, Victoria Flynn, The Family of Chuck Forsman, Louis Giannobile, Gavin Gigliotti, Mark Gismondi, Pat Gismondi, Wilma Gismondi, Chuck Gordon, Doris Gordon, Pastor Andy, Randi Gordon, The Family of Ann Gray, Don Halterman, Marianne Halterman, Leaha Harris, Jim Heise, Catherine Hewitt, George Hobb, The family of Ruth Hurlburt, Joan Jakubiak, Marilyn Kaiser, Pat Kapus, John Kleinstuber, The Lail Family, Troy Lail, Jr., Ella Lake, Lake's Granddaughter, Kristin Lamelas, Charlotte Langon, Sheila Lapham, Mark Leipert, The family of Norma Leipert, Joseph Lonia, Peter Lynskey, Jeff Lyons, Jessie MacGregor, Grant MacWilliam, Victoria McKelligott, Bill Mitchell, Harry Mirra, Jami Munyan, The Family of Florence Olsen, Joseph Ostrowski, Janet Ostrowski, Abby Owens, Cathy Patrick, Kathi Perlove, Fay Stafford Rambo, and all who mourn the loss of Jim Rambo, Harry Rees, Lindsey Reese, Joyce Rodak, Janet Rust, Marie Sahn, Ken Silver, Linda Smith, Marley Smith, Dorothy Stagg, Mark Stagg, Ralph Stein, Georgia Swain, Amanda Swanger, Rejoice for the Grandchild born into the Theriault Family, Gretchen Turner, Larry Wall, Betty Warner, James West, Lori Wotycka*

#### STEWARDSHIP 2021

The Finance Committee and the Church Council are putting together a Capital Expenditure Budget that reflects our immediate, short term and long-term Capital needs. Please pray with them as they prepare this for presentation in the Fall.

#### PROPERTY

We want to express our continued gratitude for all of our volunteers that work tirelessly to beautify our buildings and grounds. Thank you!



#### SOCIAL OUTREACH



We respond to the call of Christ to **Live Generously** by participating in a Thrivent Action Team in collaboration with our ministry partner The Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries and Thrivent Feed The Northeast 2021 as we collect Food items from Now through the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The GWCM Food Pantry is currently in need of canned foods. Please bring your donations to church and place them at the altar. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Fall Blood Drive** is scheduled for Tuesday October 5. Please register by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or by signing up online at RedCrossBlood.org.

#### Announcement:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
This summer I underwent routine follow up testing for various health concerns. The results of these tests indicate that I will need to undergo surgery to address and correct what's wrong. My Surgery is scheduled for October 21. I expect to be in the hospital about one week post-surgery. After discharge I will need several weeks at home to recover before being ready to return to my duties here at HNLC. Church Council President Diane Yandach is working closely with NJ Synod Bishop Tracie Bartholomew to arrange for coverage for me while I am out on medical leave. Bishop Tracie has found a pastor, The Rev. Jeff Ziegler (Pastor Jeff), who will serve as preacher, presider, pastoral counselor and vice pastor in my absence. And for the one weekend he is not available, The Bishop has asked Pastor Christine Regan to cover for me. I will be keeping Diane apprised of my progress in recovery. I covet your prayers. May God bless and keep us all,  
Pastor Andy

*Give blood.*  
Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.  
American Red Cross

**Blood Drive**  
**Holy Nativity Lutheran Church**  
Fellowship Hall  
3 Lenape Trail  
Wenonah, NJ 08090  
**Tuesday, October 5, 2021**  
**2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: holy nativity wenonah to schedule an appointment.

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**Be sure to pray for and encourage our Church Leaders**

Remember to pray for and express your appreciation and support for Church Council Members and Lay Leaders as they continue to lead us through these troubling times:

Diane Yandach – Church Council President/Stewardship Ministry

Denise DiRienzo – Church Council Vice-President

Jackie Ricketts – Church Council Secretary/Fellowship Ministries

Pam Kincaid – Council Person and Church Treasurer

Caryl Carthew – Council Person, Financial Secretary/Worship & Music

Kim Theriault – Social Ministries Coordinator/Altar Guild (Along with Rick T.)

[OPEN POSITION] – Christian Education (Please pray about leading this part of our team ...)

[OPEN POSITION] – Property Team Liaison



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**Please Deliver This Copy of THE HERALD To:**

**In-Person and Facebook Live**

**WORSHIP TIMES:**

**SATURDAY — 5:00 PM**

**SUNDAY — 8:30 & 10:30 AM**

**CHURCH OFFICE:**

**PHONE: 856-468-5760**

**All calls are forwarded to Pastor's Cell**