



MESSENGER NEWSLETTER ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The small church with a BIG heart: Ordinary people
With an extra ordinary message!"

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Calendar for OCTOBER 2025

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

BABBTOWN

Sunday Worship

8:00 A.M. Worship with (Holy
Communion)

Bible Study and Sunday School 9:10
A.M.

SCHUBERT

Sunday Worship

Sunday school

9:15 A.M.

Bible study 9:30 A.M.

10:00 A.M. Worship with
(Holy Communion)

Also Streaming on Vimeo and Facebook

OCTOBER AT GLANCE

- Oct 1 Wk/Day/Confirmation Class
6-7:30 pm
- Oct 2 Braille Workers, 9 am,
Faith Lutheran
- Oct 6 Men's Bible Study, 6 pm
- Oct 8 Wk/Day/Confirmation Class
6-7:30 pm
- Oct 12 Voters meeting, Schubert
- Oct 12,13,14 District Pastors' Conference
- Oct 14 Schubert Work Day, 9 am
- Oct 15 Wk/Day/Confirmation Class
6-7:30 pm
- Oct 19 Babbtown Friendship Sunday
Worship at 10 am
(Pastor Hoehler at Schubert)
- Oct 21 Women's Bible Study, 10 am
- Oct 22 Wk/Day/Confirmation Class
6-7:30 pm
- Oct 26 Reformation Day
- Oct 27 Open Bible Study, 6 pm
- Oct 28 Schubert Work Day, 9 am
- Oct 29 Wk/Day/Confirmation Class
6-7:30 pm

John 20:22-23

"22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Luther's Small Catechism on Confession

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Each week we faithfully come to the Divine Service, we confess our sins and receive the Absolution. And yet, it is sometimes later that day or at night—when we lie in bed—that we sometimes remember a certain sin that we've committed, whether in recent time or in long past. Maybe it's a besetting sin, a sin we struggle with, hate, and yet keep falling back into. And we're left asking the question, "Can God really forgive me for that?"

The Lord has an answer to this question, and the answer comes in the gift of Individual Confession. When a particular sin is plaguing us, we come before the pastor and confess that particular sin. Why? So that our troubled consciences can hear Christ's forgiveness given to that particular sin, answering the question, "Can God really forgive me for that?" with a definitive answer that crushes any attempts by Satan to cast doubt of God's forgiveness: "Yes! I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

The practice of Individual Confession and Absolution is one that has a rich history in the Church, a practice that was retained by our Lutheran forefathers in the Reformation. In many churches today it has fallen into disuse, and the treasure of this rite has sadly not been widely enjoyed. In order to help restore this precious gift, particular times for Individual Confession will be offered throughout the month; keep an eye on the monthly calendar and weekly announcements for dates and times.

If it's your first time making use of this rite, I'll gladly walk you through it and explain things as we go. There is no shame in making use of the gift of Individual Confession; we all have sins to confess.

Again, keep an eye out for dates and times, and know that you can always make an appointment if those times don't work!

Soli deo gloria,
Pastor Groh

SPEAKING FOR LIFE:

“We care about that precious baby, but we also care about the mom. We care about that woman who is haunted by the guilt and shame of a past abortion ... We care because Jesus cares for us. We love because God first loved us. And this we know! Our Lord Jesus—who died for us and took away all of our sin and guilt and shame—is risen and ascended to the Father’s throne. JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY’S WON!” Pastor Paul Clark, LFL of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Prayer Chain Tree

Prayer requests, please
text

Molly Boeckmann at
573-338-4309.



SAVE THE DATE: The LCMS Jefferson City Circuit is having their Circuit Reformation Service on Sunday, October 26, at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Jefferson City.

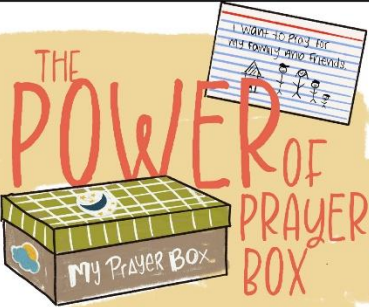
There is also an open invite to sing in the Circuit Reformation Choir! The choir will sing during hymns and two choral anthems – music will be provided. Members are asked to attend at least two of the following practices in the Trinity Sanctuary:

October 12th, Sunday at 2:00pm
October 16th, Thursday at 8:00pm
October 19th, Sunday at 2:00pm
October 20th, Monday at 6:00pm
October 23rd, Thursday at 8:00pm

Contact Kevin Zorena if interested in singing in the Mass Choir and confirm which practices you plan to attend: kzorena@trinityjc.org or zorenak@calvarylhs.org

“Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world” - Martin Luther

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. -Psalm 95:1



THE POWER OF PRAYER BOX

Create a simple and meaningful prayer box your family can use to share requests and pray together all week long.

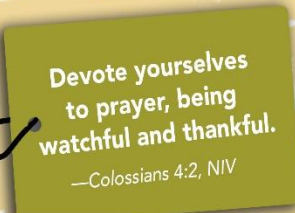
What you need:

- Shoebox with lid
- Wrapping paper or decorative paper
- Scissors & tape
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers and other craft material (optional)
- Pens or pencils
- Index cards or small pieces of paper



What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a gift, wrapping the lid separately so it can be opened.
2. As a family, decorate the box with drawings, favorite Bible verses, photos, or stickers.
3. Place the box somewhere central, like the kitchen or living room.
4. Keep index cards and pens nearby. When someone has a prayer request, they can write or draw it and drop it in.
5. Throughout the week, take turns praying over the requests as a family, or have a parent lead prayer time.



Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
—Colossians 4:2, NIV

SAVE THE DATE

Apple Wine Fest

October 4th, 2025
12:00 - 6:00pm
2201 Rollins Road

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of

Trinity Lutheran Church - Columbia

Food & Drink | Children's Area | Live Music | Biergarten



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH in Columbia

is celebrating its 100th Anniversary throughout 2025. As part of their year of thanksgiving for God's grace and faithfulness, they are hosting an **Applewinefest on Saturday, October 4** from 12-6pm. All the sister congregations in the area are warmly invited!

This is an Open-House Event featuring...

- * For-Purchase German Food of Brats, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Pretzels, Dessert, Soda & Water
- * Over 21 Biergarten with For-Purchase Keepsake Glass that allows for complimentary Apple Wine and local German Beer
- * Live Music from So Grand Polka Band 12:00 - 3:00PM
- * Children's Area with Activities and Photo Back Drop

OCTOBER

Usher Schedule

Oct 5 Jerry Bartel
Andy Beach

Oct 12 Jerry Bartel
John Hanes

Oct 19 Jerry Bartel
Skyler Haslag

Oct 26 Jerry Bartel
Matt Belcher

Communion Assistants

Oct 5 Allan Forbis
Mark Russell

Oct 12 Jim Forbis
Gary Stroup

Oct 19 Gene Walkenhorst
Mark Russell

Oct 26 Russ Mueller
Gary Stroup

Greeters

Oct 5 Donna Skelly, front
Jennifer Hanes, side

Oct 12, Mary Vida, front
Mary Kuhlmann, side

Oct 19 Linda Brenner, front
Lynn Lofton, side

Oct 26 Donna Skelly, front
Jennifer Hanes, side

Sunday School Offering

Oct 5 Kaelynn Haslag

Oct 12 Presley Haslag

Oct 19 Henry Householder

Oct 26 Gabe Marble

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS **(Schubert)**

Oct 7 Hunter Smasal
Oct 8 Landin Fowler
Oct 9 Graham Boeckmann
Ryan Bohl
Oct 14 William Householder
Oct 17 Paul Haynes
Oct 20 Wade Stroup
Oct 22 Bethany Marble
Oct 23 Brendan Larkins
Oct 24 Adam Mueller
Oct 28 Kevin Fichter
Finn Lohraff
Oct 31 Jean Jordan

(Babbtown)

Oct 16 Gary Schnack
Oct 25 Arthur Mueller
Oct 26 Arnold Muelle

NOVEMBER, 2025
NEWSLETTER Items
are due
OCTOBER 19, 2025
Newsletter items may be
placed in Jan's mailbox.

Or they may be e-mailed to
stjohnslutheranjcmo@gmail.com

Any announcement:
Weddings, birthdays,
anniversaries, personal notes,
pictures or church related
business are welcome.

OCTOBER 2025 **CHURCH** **CLEANING**

The Bohl Family
ALTAR GUILD
Karen Forbis
Debbie Rademan