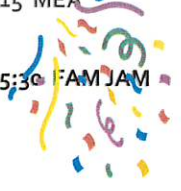


October

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Redeemer Lutheran Church 1300 Nora St E. Thief River Falls, MN 56701 2187-681-3390 redeemer@gvtel.com	Rev. Stephanie White 406-253-6456		1 Deadline for MercyMe 5:30 JAM 6:00 Confirmation Pictures 6:30 Worship 7:00 7 th & 8 th Confirmation	2 4:00 Safety 5:30 SWEETS	3 Pastor Sabbath Prowler Homecoming	4
5 9:00am Ryme Tym 9:30am Worship With Holy Communion Blessing of the Animals	6 Meals on Wheels 5:00 Hospice Spaghetti Supper	7 Meals on Wheels 12:00 First Look	8 Meals on Wheels 5:30 JAM & Grade 6 Confirmation 6:30 Worship 7:00 7 th & 8 th grade Confirmation	9 Meals on Wheels 5:00 Finance 5:30 SWEETS 7:30 Eve Unit Bible Study	10 Meals on Wheels Pastor Sabbath	11 Lifeline Screening
12 9:00am Ryme Tym 9:30am Worship Blessing of the Quilts Presentation of Third Grade Bibles	13 4:30pm F & F Stewardship 5:30pm Property	14 9:30 Martha Unit 12:00 First Look 1:00 3 rd Grade Bible Instruction 6:00 Synod Road Trip @ Redeemer	15 MEA  5:30 JAM JAM	16 MEA 1:30 Grief Counseling @ Heritage 5:30 SWEETS	17 MEA Pastor Sabbath	18
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26 9:00am Ryme Tym 9:30am Worship Reformation Sunday Confirmation Sunday Cake Reception following worship	27	28 12:00 First Look 5:30 Altar Guild	29 5:30 JAM & Grade 6 Confirmation 6:30 Worship 7:00 7 th & 8 th grade Confirmation	30 MercyMe Concert in Grand Forks	31 NO SCHOOL HALLOWEEN 	

Mercyme!



Attn: Youth Groups

Mercyme is coming to the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, ND on October 30th! If any youth in Middle or High school would like to go, Please let the office know **no later than October 1st.** If we have enough interest we will go from there. The church will also cover \$25 of each ticket.

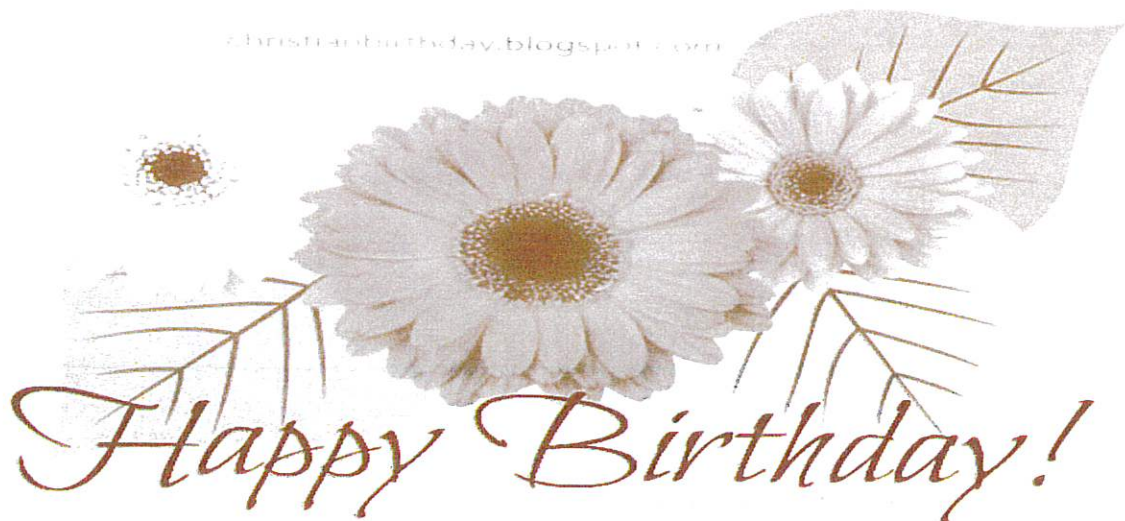


October Birthdays

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1 – Kylea Bernier 2 – Grace Littlefield, Hunter Goulet 3 – Sara Niemela, Imogene Helle, Fern Melbye 4 – Logan Kruchowski, Melanie Lunsetter, Wally Sjaaheim, Reagan Dagg 5 – 6 – Cindy Dally, Beckem Johnson, Grace Gillespie 7 – 8 – Becky Berg 9 – Henley Anderson, Michelle Kasprick, Renae Dalen, Sue Dupree 10 – Arlette Defreeze, John Mattson, Mya Eidelbes, Scott Huseth 11 – Daylin Eakes, 12 – Dave Thompson 13 – Barb Gehrls, Amanda Miller 14 – Brandon Ortloff, Amanda Coltom 15 – Tim Bergerson, 16 – Eva Eickman, Rolek Anderson 17 – 18 – LaVay Hickerson, Spencer Hempel, Paula Praska, 19 – Heather Bayne 20 – Cody Teie 21 – Seth Anderson, Cassandra Reiersen, Ryan Haugen, Karen Borg 22 – 23 – Maizey Ziegler, Diedre Nordin 24 – Bruce Olson, Janet Myers 25 – Julie Olson, Leah Walker 26 – Kara Jimenez, Steve Milender 27 – Tyler Sele 28 – 29 – 30 – 31 – Nate Hals, Brielle Johns, Myles Johnson

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Happy Birthday!

May God's blessings be with you.

THE GRACE OF GIVING

By Mindy Holland



Excel in this grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7; New International Version).

Our God is a lavish giver, surrounding us with the varied beauties of creation and humanity. All that we have, all that we are, flows from the generosity,

diversity and abundant love of our Creator.

My former husband taught me the countercultural grace of tithing—the commitment to share 10% of our annual income. Initially, I was fearful, having grown up in a context where money became a catalyst for worry and careful choices were essential. How could we give 10% away? Stuart's patience and accompaniment around this concern revealed that choosing to give can become a joyous enterprise, especially with a sum left over near year's end. Giving money away feels like being a charitable trust!

Though now on my own, I've remained committed to tithing. I give to the campus ministry I serve and to congregations I visit, which support and interconnect with Lutheran campus ministries. Additional donations bless other campus ministries and Lutheran agencies. I love surprising family members and friends on special occasions. And when compelling needs arise, I feel free to share generously.

Giving as the Lord invites us to do asks of our hearts, as well as our checkbooks. Volunteering time and service are beautiful ways to embody Christ's generosity. Handwritten cards bring smiles and comfort. Listening to a dear friend, fully focused on her story, may be the best gift she's received in a long time. My mother and fellow seamstresses craft thousands of quilts, sent by Lutheran World Relief across the globe to comfort those facing disaster—and our world's demands for help keep multiplying. In the

face of so much need, one happy note: when you give, you may well be reminded that Jesus loves surprises!

One summer, after debating, praying and circling back, I picked up a hitchhiker on the Oregon Coast, having felt the Spirit's nudges. (I don't advocate this as general practice.) As Nick got in, he said, "God told you to come back, didn't he?" All the way from Newport to Yachats, he shared favorite Bible verses and encouraged my service of ministry. Though I gave Nick a ride, he showered me with grace.

When we're listening as we give, there's no telling where our loving Shepherd will lead. In 2018, Jesus directed me to a previously unvisited church in Hillsboro, Ore., to give my last December tithe check to a woman I met inside. In return, she asked what I did. I told her I served in campus ministry in Delaware, yet was deeply missing the Pacific Northwest, feeling unsure whether to stay in my call. She looked me in the eyes and shared, "As a young adult, I struggled with depression and thought about taking my own life. The person who was there for me, the one who showed me Jesus' unconditional love, was my campus minister. Those students need you. You have to go back!"

That day I was the one who received the greater gift from God's abundance and interconnected economy. The Spirit's summonings led to the very individual whose story my spirit most needed to hear.

When we choose to share from what our prodigal Father has already extravagantly given, we open ourselves to extraordinary possibilities to bless others and be blessed. I encourage you to take a leap of faith and increase your giving this year, and again next year, as you prayerfully set goals. It likely means giving up some luxuries. It certainly means creativity, both in what you let go and in whom you choose to bless. Trust that our playful, inspired God of abundance will provide, likely in unexpected ways. Open your hands. Listen deeply for the Spirit. Go and give somewhere new.

Remember it all belongs to God, the one who loves us. You may well encounter a beautiful, inspiring fellow member of the body of Christ, who gives you just what you need in return. †

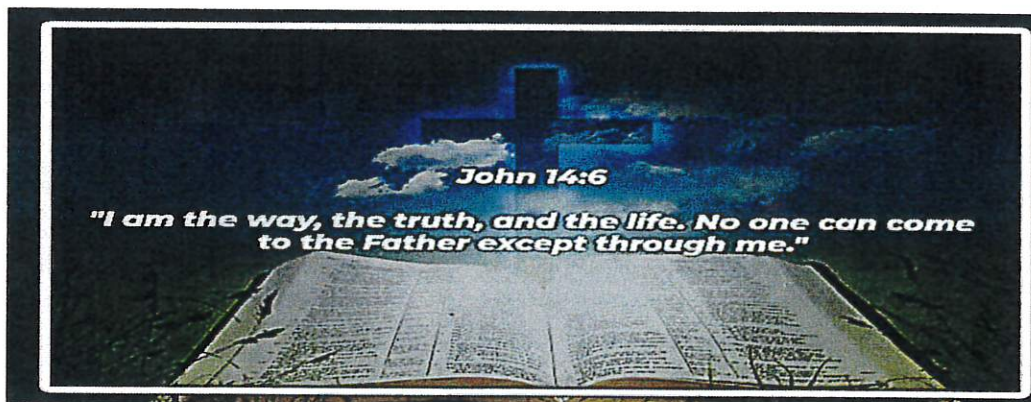
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IN LOVING Memory



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David Stroh	Dale & Denise Nelson	Capital Improvement
David Stroh	John & Dee Wollenzien	Capital Improvement
David Stroh	Joyce White	Capital Improvement
David Stroh	Roger & Sharon Forsberg	Capital Improvement
David Stroh	David & Linda Ulrich	Safety
David Stroh	Northern State Bank	Trees/Flowers
David Stroh	Kenny & Marlys Kain	Capital Improvement
David Stroh	Rocky & Barb Ammerman	Stained Glass
David Stroh	Al & Phyllis Johnson	Altar Guild
David Stroh	Sandra Sundahl	Choir
David Stroh	Jim & Jan Strandlie	Multiple
David Stroh	Nate & Dianne Stroh	Sunday School
David Stroh	Reid Froiland	Music/Choir
Mike & Sandy Parker	Christine Burnham	Undesignated
Sandy Parker	Rocky & Barb Ammerman	Stained Glass
Sandy Parker	Nate & Dianne Stroh	Sunday School
Sandy Parker	Darlene Kelley	Stained Glass
Sandy Parker	Gary & Brenda Tischer	Trees/Flowers
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Sandy Parker	Betty Hostad, Jim & Sue Hostad	
	Tom & Theresa Lendway	Undesignated



ON THE HORIZON

Upcoming Events

New Dates!
We are **HITTING THE ROAD** and you are invited!

ROAD TRIP 25

OCTOBER 13
12 PM | Trinity Moorhead
6PM | Calvary Alexandria

OCTOBER 14
12 PM | Trinity Detroit Lakes
6 PM | Redeemer Thief River Falls

OCTOBER 15
12 PM | Messiah Roseau
6PM | Good Shepherd Clearbrook

The Road Trip is Back—With New Dates! 🚗

We're hitting the road again this October, and we can't wait to see you! Bishop Bill and synod staff are traveling across Northwestern Minnesota for conversation, connection, and encouragement.

New Dates & Locations:

- **October 14** – 12 PM | *Trinity, Detroit Lakes* · 6 PM | *Redeemer, Thief River Falls*
- **October 15** – 12 PM | *Messiah, Roseau* · 6 PM | *Good Shepherd, Clearbrook*

Come join us at a stop near you for stories, sharing, and a chance to be part of what God is doing across our synod.

welcome—come ready to listen,
learn, and engage!



ONLINE BOUNDARIES TRAINING



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FACES of Leadership Online Course Series



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Women of the ELCA



37th Annual Convention
September 19-20

CONNECTED PARENTING

RAISING THE NEXT GENERATION IN A DIGITAL WORLD

SEPTEMBER 27
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
CALVARY CHURCH IN ALEXANDRIA, MN
FREE CHILDCARE AGES 0-5TH GRADE



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RAISING
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Designed to equip parents with practical tools, insights,
and inspiration for raising kids in a connected world



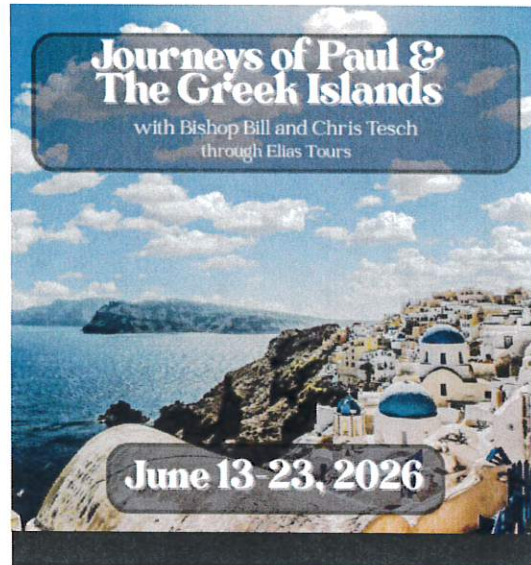
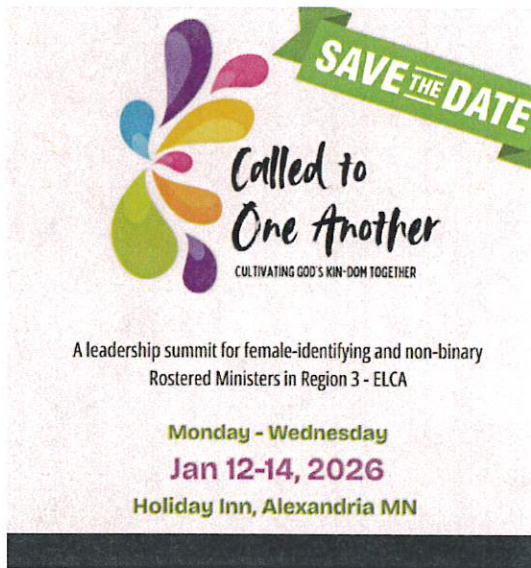
MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

BOUNDARIES TRAINING

 **FRIDAY | OCTOBER 10**

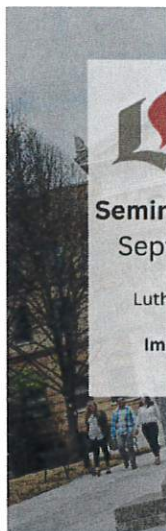
 **10AM-5PM**

 **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH | CROOKSTON**



Have you been thinking about attending seminary?

Check out these opportunities to learn more. If you would like additional information about candidacy or seminary, please contact our Minister for Vocations, Pastor Jon Olson, at jonolson1@cord.edu

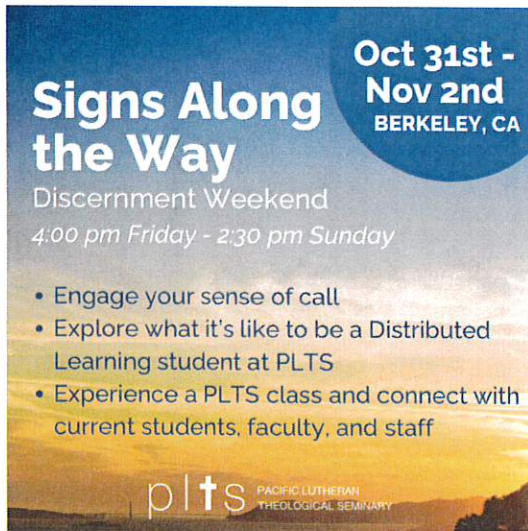


Luther Seminary Sampler Weekend

Immerse yourself in the Luther Seminary community! You'll join others interested in exploring seminary to spend time in conversation, study and discernment.

- Meet with current Luther Seminary staff, faculty, and students.
- Visit with local Twin Cities ministry leaders and hear about how they are living out their calls.

- Enjoy a weekend in Minneapolis and St. Paul as you wonder how God is calling you forward.
- Visit <https://www.luthersem.edu/admissions/events/seminary-sampler-weekend/> to learn more and register.



Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS) Discernment Weekend

Are you wondering if seminary might be right for you? Consider joining Signs Along the Way at PLTS in Berkeley, California to connect with others in discernment, get to know PLTS faculty, and explore what it's like to be an online student in the MDiv, MA in Spirituality and Social Change, or Lutheran Year programs. PLTS is transitioning to only offer online study with in-person intensives, so this weekend is designed for those interested in online learning. PLTS covers lodging and meals during the event and can offer travel assistance for those who need it. Visit plts.edu/signs to learn more and sign up.

77th annual

Bethany LUTHERAN Smorgasbord



SUNDAY
October 26th

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM



ADULTS \$20
CHILDREN \$5
(UNDER 12)

HOMEMADE SCANDINAVIAN FAVORITES
SWEDISH MEATBALLS, GRAVY, MASHED POTATOES,
LUTEFISK CASSEROLE, SOT SUPPE, FLATBROD,
LEFSE, RØMMEGRØT AND MORE!

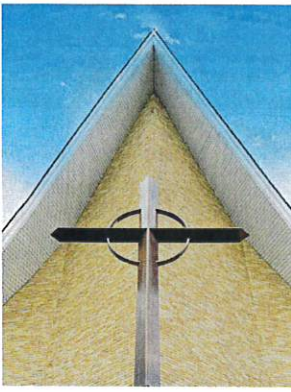
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11:30-12:30 ONLY.
PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO
SCHEDULE: (218) 253-2589

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Proclaiming the gospel of Jesus

September 22, 2025

Dear Third Grade Students and Parents

Third grade is a special time in the educational development process – especially when it comes to reading! The basic letters and sound have been learned and now you begin to put thoughts and ideas together and build word skills and vocabulary. And it's time to Dig into your own Bible to read the story of God and God's People of every place and time.

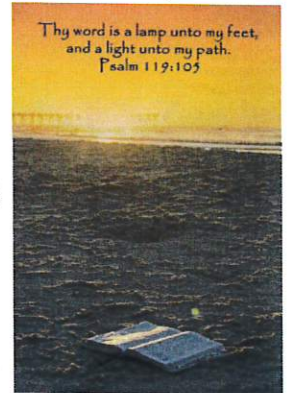
Parents made promises when you were baptized to teach you things about Faith and the Bible. We as a church promised to help your parents do that. We would like to present you with a Bible during Worship on Sunday morning, **October 12, at the 9:30 service**. This is the Sunday before Conferences and MEA break. 4th and 5th Graders who missed getting their Bibles the last few years can join too. **Call the office to make sure we have your correct name (spelling) by October 8.**

To help you make the most of your Bible, we want to teach you about it so you can find things and use it as you come to JAM and to worship. There is a break for conferences and MEA shortly after you get your Bible. We will have an Intro to Bible Class for 3rd Graders from **1:00-3:30 on Tuesday, October 14**. Parents are welcome to attend but not required. You can come early if you want or stay later if needed – but **REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR NEW BIBLE!**

That same evening the **Synod Road Trip** will be at Redeemer from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This is free and open to everyone. **Dinner will be provided** and you can meet the staff and hear all the cool things and ministries we are a part of in Northwestern Minnesota!

Look forward to seeing you in church on the 12th!

Pastor Steph



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THEME: THE GOOD SAMARITAN
JESUS TOLD HIM, "GO AND DO LIKEWISE." LUKE 10:37

FALL GATHERING – CONFERENCE 2
WOMEN OF THE ELCA
NORTHWESTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025
OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THIEF LAKE
40249 204TH AVE NE
MIDDLE RIVER MN 56737

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE: 8:30-9:00

PROGRAM STARTS: 9:00

LUNCH: 11:30

REGISTRATION FEE \$10

PRESENTATION BY THE MIDDLE RIVER AMBULANCE CREW
A SPECIAL OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED
FOR THE AMBULANCE CREW