



## **October 2024 Newsletter**

### **St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church and School**

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### From The Pastor

*“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” 1 Timothy 2:1-2*

October will be an intense month with increased campaigning, the fourth quarter drafting for 2025 budgets, and continued questions over economic forecast. During this month, it would be foolish to ignore celebrating the value of the Reformation. There were dramatic actions taken by Luther like nailing the 95-Thesis to the castle church door (1517) or later burning the Papal bull condemning him to death (1520). However, these actions were within the limits of Luther’s vocation as a pastor and professor.

At the same time, these were also harsh times of plague and hunger. The governing powers already had its hands full with the fallout from Luther and neglect came against the people. A rebellious effort was not far off and the flame would become a fire by 1524-1525. It is known as the “Peasants’ War” but behind it were radicals justifying this rage such as Thomas Muntzer. Luther would have to answer such an outcry in the same year his protector Elector Fredrick the Wise died and when he would marry Katharina von Bora. He tried to address both sides concerning the injustice of the princes and lords along with rejecting the rebellious spirit of the peasants. History notes that Luther even traveled, “about the countryside and admonishing crowds of peasants to keep the peace.”

In the end, the Gospel was not a means for rebellion against authority (Romans 13). Luther wrote, “For baptism does not make men free in body and property, but in soul; and the gospel does not make goods common, except in the case of those who, of their own free will, do what the apostles and disciples did in Acts 4 [:32-37]. They did not demand, as do our insane peasants in their raging, that the goods of others—of Pilate and Herod—should be common, but only their own goods. Our peasants, however, want to make the goods of other men common, and keep their own for themselves. Fine Christians they are!” In other words, the communal efforts by Christians are sacrificial not an overthrow of the lawful powers God gives.

How will we deal today with our double-edge sword of injustice tied to economic fears? The outcome of the peasants’ war was not pleasant. Tens of thousands were slaughtered and radical spirits squashed. Luther saw two kingdoms at work in the world and so should we. Government is to exercise the Law seeking justice, while the Church stands or falls upon the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To have “a peaceful and quiet life” as St. Paul says is not laziness. It is to pray for both sides of the governing and citizenship. It is not to be a quietism hiding in the corner or a rebellious spirit driven by the Devil. Work for justice in our Land with order in government that is to be by and for the people. Yet, no system of men no matter how good can justify sinners. God’s Word alone does the saving and so by grace through faith alone in Jesus there is forgiveness, eternal life, and true salvation.

Sola Deo Gloria,

Pastor



<sup>1</sup> Kittelson, James Lutheran the Reformer 191

<sup>2</sup> “Against the Murderous and Thieving Hordes of Peasants”



## What is Stewardship?

Christian stewardship is the faithful management of our financial resources and all we have. It begins with the understanding that all we have is God's (Ps. 24:1 "The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it") and that "we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1Tim 6:7). Since all we have is God's, we should use it for His purposes. God's purpose for us in our lives is expressed in the various vocations, or callings, that we have. So, for example, a father and mother use their income to feed, clothe, and protect their children.

Besides the vocations that each of us have in our family life and in society, we are also all Christians and members of this parish. How do we use our income faithfully in regard to this vocation? To learn this we must look to God's Word.

**Deuteronomy 8:17-18** You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

**Luke 16:13** Jesus said, "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

**Matthew 6:19-21** Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

**Malachi 3:8-9** "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me." But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse-- the whole nation of you-- because you are robbing me.

**2 Corinthians 8:7, 9:6-8** But just as you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us --see that you also excel in this grace of giving. The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything.

## What does this mean?

Your heart always goes where you put God's money. Stewardship is not an optional subcategory of the Christian life; it is the living out of a Christian's dependence on God. As such, faith and finances are inseparable. True joy is found not in storing up the things of this world, for the things of this world won't last. True joy is found in clinging to Christ who poured out His life for you on the cross and now gives you His Life in Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper. The things of this world are temporarily given to us by God to see and we will be called to account for how we manage the Owner's things (Rom. 14:10-12, 2 Cor. 5:10).

## THIS NOVEMBER: Prayerfully Consider Your Giving

In view of next month being a month of "Thanksgiving." Prayerfully consider your giving to God's work in His Church. Are you faithfully giving a first-fruits tithe of your income to the work of God? Instead of merely a budgeted number what is the percentage of income (1%, 5%, 10%, and 15%) that you actually give? Are you, as St. Paul says, "excelling in this grace of giving"? If not, why not? In next month's newsletter, bulletin inserts, and Bible Study we'll consider more of what God says about Stewardship. St. John's Stewardship Board is looking to encourage a good habit of giving to the Lord by way of our offerings. November 17<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> will be a special time to consider what the percentage of giving would be from our families.

# As You Proclaim Him

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## 6. Jesus protects you ... as you proclaim Him.

We need the protection Jesus provides in Holy Communion. After the Last Supper, Jesus warned Peter that Satan would sift him like wheat. Jesus prayed that Peter's faith would not fail (Luke 22:32) and, with the aid of Christ, it did not fail. Peter now warns us of Satan's efforts to devour us (1 Peter 5:8–9). He also calls attention to the fact that suffering due to Satan is universal in the church. We need not wonder if we and those with us in worship each week need Jesus' personal aid against Satan. As Luther wrote, "If you could see how many knives, darts, and arrows are every moment aimed at you [Ephesians 6:16], you would be glad to come to the Sacrament as often as possible" (LC V 82). Satan launches his sharp missiles at our conscience, seeking to distort it. By self-accusation and brooding despair, Satan would deceive us to think that our sin outweighs Christ's sacrifice. Conversely, by self-justification and comparison with others, Satan would deaden our conscience in comfortable pride. While we might underestimate the dangers of a bad conscience, Jesus does not.



By means of His own blood, He entered into heaven in the presence of God on our behalf (Heb. 9:12, 24). He now bids us drink that same cleansing blood at His Table. This strong comfort for the conscience defends us against Satan's missiles. Our confessions say that "the Sacrament ... brings great consolation to anxious consciences, so that they too may learn to believe God and to expect and ask from Him all that is good. This worship pleases God [Colossians 1:9–10]" (AC XXIV 7–9).

We should strongly desire such confident faith for ourselves and for all those we love in Christ. A clean and good conscience trusts that Christ's forgiveness, delivered in His promised gifts, cleanses us from all sin. Such a conscience also expects and asks all that is good from God. A clean and good conscience before the Holy Trinity is a wondrous treasure.

## Armor of God

To the saints in Ephesus, St. Paul details the armor Christians take up against Satan's schemes. We wrestle against the powers of darkness and the spiritual forces of evil (Eph. 6:12). We take up the essential tools in the fight against the evil one: the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the Gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:13–18). In Baptism, we put on Christ (Gal.3:27). In so doing, we are belted with truth (Jesus), plated in His righteousness, shielded with faith in Him (Eph. 2:8–9), helmeted with salvation, and sent on our way in the blood-bought, resurrection-breathed peace of Christ. How beautiful the feet of those who speak the Gospel in every vocation. We take up the sword of the Spirit in daily prayer, knowing the Word made flesh prays with us and for us.

But, in the context of this armor of Christ and Satan's tempting and accusing arrows (Eph. 6:16), Dr. Luther directs us to the Lord's Supper: "If you could see ... you would be glad to come to the Sacrament as often as possible" (LC V 82). The father of lies (John 8:44) masquerades as an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14). Returning to our Baptism in Confession and Absolution keeps the armor of Christ in place against Satan. Receiving the holy food our Lord serves at His Table does the same.

Belt of truth? Jesus is truth (John 14:6). In the Supper, Christ joins Himself to us intimately, joins us to the Truth. Our communion hymns praise the armor of Christ. Righteousness? "Your righteousness, Lord, cover me" (LSB 625:3). Peace? The blood Jesus serves supplies peace (Col. 1:20), and so we sing, "Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace" (LSB 631:5) and "The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n" (LSB 623:2). Faith? "Let this food your faith so nourish" (LSB 627:10) and "What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base" (LSB 618:5). Salvation? "Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared This feast for our salvation" (LSB 622:1). Sword of the Spirit, that is, the Word of God? "This Word remains forever true, All things are possible with You ... Your Word alone suffices me; I trust its truth unfailing" (LSB 622:4, 5). We sing of the helmet of salvation and the Gospel of peace in the Nunc Dimittis. We "depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation" (LSB, p. 199). Christ encounters us at His altar more intimately than Simeon holding the baby Jesus in his arms. This Holy Sacrament replenishes the armor by which God's children take up the sword of the Spirit in daily prayer, "Restoring and refreshing Them for this world's strife" (LSB 602:4).



## Treasures of grace

These stanzas confess the treasures of grace, treasures that are easily overlooked. We sometimes truncate the Sacrament to “the forgiveness of sins,” omitting a portion — “for where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation” (SC, “Sacrament of the Altar”). At His Table, Jesus’ blood fills us with His life. As we sing, “His quenching blood that life restores” (*LSB* 624:6). Luther said of the Sacrament, “Here He offers to us the entire treasure that He has brought for us from heaven” (LC V 66). The living Christ, here and now, in the flesh, gives blessing upon blessing. He works mightily to replenish in us the armor of Christ to stand firm against Satan’s temptations and accusations. He “comes the pow’rs of hell to vanquish” (*LSB* 621:3).

Even as Jesus defends, protects and strengthens us with His armor at His Table, He also provides for us wondrous work that we all accomplish together. St. Paul writes, “As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes” (1 Cor. 11:26). The word “proclaim” is the same word used for the witness of the apostles. In the Supper, His gathered church weekly proclaims Jesus’ imminent return to the world.

Jesus links His saints to His proclamation of the Gospel. He includes His gathered guests, eating His body and drinking His blood, in proclaiming the only cure for sin. This is grace upon grace from our gracious Lord. The living Christ, here and now, in the flesh, does this.

## The Good News preached

Recall Jesus’ response when John the Baptizer sent his disciples to ask, “Are you the one who is to come or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have the good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” (*Matt. 11:3–6*)

Jesus’ mighty works of healing fulfill the messianic prophecies of Isaiah. But note what Jesus places in the position of importance. Above restoring sight to the blind, weightier than a leper cleansed, even surpassing the raising of the dead is this: “the poor have the good news preached to them.”

Jesus invites His gathered people to join Him at His Table in this work. This work took Him to cross and tomb, to the Father’s right hand. It now brings Him into the midst of His gathered church each Lord’s Day. The living Christ, here and now, in the flesh, proclaims through you, His gathered guests.

Some sermons may not proclaim as clearly as others. C. F. W. Walther called the Lord’s Supper the pulpit of the laity, and from their pulpit, they proclaim Christ crucified and risen and returning. His death is central to every week of our lives. His return is central to every week of our lives.

If, as Luther once said, Satan is closer than our shirts,<sup>[1]</sup> is it not a wondrous gift that Jesus gives us an even closer armor against Satan? Satan did not become incarnate, but Jesus did. He is flesh of our flesh, and, at His altar, He gives us His body to eat and blood to drink. Through our eating and drinking in faith, Jesus defends us with Himself. Through our eating and drinking, He proclaims Himself. The living Christ, here and now, in the flesh, lovingly and marvelously works for us.

<sup>[1]</sup> Martin Luther, *What Luther Says: An Anthology* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1972), 399, #1174. The Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Wieting is a retired pastor and author of *The Blessings of Weekly Communion* and *Lutheranism 101 - The Lord's Supper*, both available

## Introducing “Amelith Church Mice”! The Amelith



Church Mice would replace the janitor position at church. We are working to put together a list of volunteers of those who would like to help. The amount of time given can vary based on your availability and a schedule will be made ahead

of time. The duties you do will be what you are able to do but mostly light house work. Any time you could give would further reduce our costs and bring fellowship among us. If you are interested put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, contact Tom Rohde. Many hands make light work.

A Holy Conversation is incorporating God's Word into your daily life and to be used as a guide using God's Word you may have heard in church service. You can use it in your daily reading, prayers, talking with the kids, and preparing for next Sunday.



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1664 Amelith Rd. Bay City, MI 48706  
989-686-0176  
Sunday Worship Service 9:30am

## Holy Conversation

### A sample devotion

- Invocation - In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen
- Memory verse of the week - try to memorize by the end of the week
- Scripture - read together and talk about the scriptures. How does it speak of Christ?
- Prayers and Blessing - Pray together the collect and Lord's Prayer. Include your own prayers and the prayers suggested for the day.



St. John Amelith Sunday School is off to a great start!  
It is a wonderful thing to see the children participating  
in learning God's story. Most Sundays at 11am, the same time  
as Pastor's adult bible study.



**“Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, rejoice”** (Phil. 4:4).



## Agnus Day



## — A PRAYER FOR STABILITY AND PEACE —

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!  
(LSB 537:4)

Lord Jesus Christ, we come to You this day as the Lord of all nations, Eternal Ruler of all, and Redeemer of humanity. Our hearts are heavy and burdened by the instability of the world. We know war rests purely in the realm of fallen humanity, and is further evidence of our need for You, our Savior. We know war brings about death and destruction, causes economic devastation and makes widows and orphans. We know war does not resolve but only deepens division, increases hostility and passes hatred on to the next generation.

We come to You with a penitent and distressed heart. We know with confidence You hear our lament. We trust in Your promises, given to us in Your Word:

Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but You are the same, and Your years have no end. (PS. 102:25-27)

Jesus, we look to You for Your steadfastness, benevolence and love. Hear us as we pray for stability and the cessation of warring madness. We lift up to You the United States of America, its leaders and those in uniform. Pour out Your special wisdom on those called to lead. We ask You to bless our military forces, especially those who are deployed and their families, who anxiously await their return. Look with favor on those who protect the freedoms we enjoy and often take for granted.

We thank you for the gift of life You give us through Your death on the cross. Grant us penitent hearts to walk daily with You as our Lord and King. To You be all honor and glory, now and forevermore. **AMEN.**

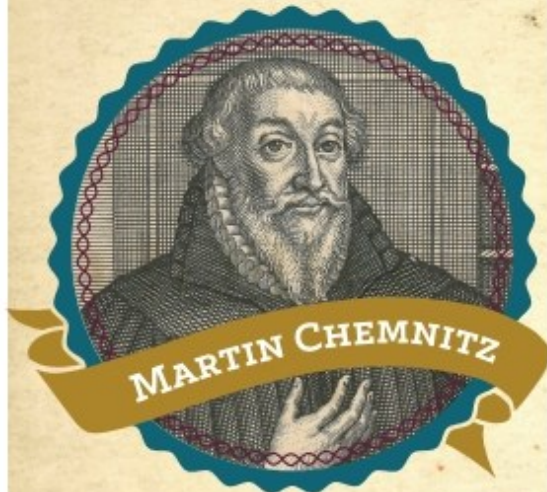


## FACES OF THE REFORMATION

### MARTIN CHEMNITZ

**Born:** Nov. 9, 1522 | Treuenbrietzen, Germany

**Died:** April 8, 1586 | Braunschweig, Germany



REFORMATION  
2017 It's *Still* All About  
**Jesus**

[LutheranReformation.org](http://LutheranReformation.org)

## The “Second Martin” Who Faithfully Detailed the Doctrines of the Reformation

**THE REFORMATION** — often depicted as a radical break with the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church that resulted in the creation of a new church — actually began with a more modest goal: education reform. Dr. Martin Luther and his colleague Philipp Melanchthon wanted to change the way theology was taught at the University of Wittenberg; they wanted to shift the focus of theological commentary to the original source, the Bible. It was not until nearly a decade after the publication of the 95 Theses that reorganizing the church in Saxony, once an afterthought, had become a practical necessity. When in June 1530 Emperor Charles V refused to accept the Augsburg Confession, and military conflict seemed unavoidable, the break with Rome became a more permanent reality. Now those territories in which the Reformation had taken root had to restructure their churches. Johannes Brenz and Johannes Bugenhagen took the lead in developing church orders for evangelical territories, but this need would extend also into the next generation.

Among those who picked up the baton, few demonstrated as much practical administrative talent and theological depth as Martin Chemnitz. Remembered today mainly for his literary contributions — many of which have been translated into English, including his *Loci Theologici*, *The Two Natures in Christ* and *Examination of the Council of Trent* — as well as for his role as an author of the Formula of Concord, most of Chemnitz's professional life was devoted to his work as a church administrator and organizer. For nearly 30 years, until his failing health forced him to resign, Chemnitz served first as assistant superintendent (coadjutor) and then as superintendent of the churches in the city of Braunschweig. In this capacity, Chemnitz was responsible for examining pastoral candidates, providing congregations with competent ministers, instructing clergy, preaching, and maintaining unity and discipline among pastors. While serving under his good friend Joachim Moerlin, Chemnitz and Moerlin were invited to reorganize the churches in Prussia. Moerlin continued to serve in Prussia, and in 1567 Chemnitz succeeded his friend as superintendent of Braunschweig. To fulfill a requirement for this new position, Chemnitz took a doctorate from the University of Rostock in 1568, and in the same year was invited by Duke Julius to oversee the reformation of the duchy of Braunschweig-Wolfenbuettel, the last German duchy to be reformed.

During his time in Braunschweig-Wolfenbuettel, Chemnitz worked alongside Jakob Andreae, another author of the Formula of Concord. This relationship, though at times tense, proved to be fruitful. As a church organizer in Prussia and the duchy of Braunschweig, Chemnitz had insisted upon symbols or confessions — like the Augsburg Confession, the Apology and the Smalcald Articles — to ensure doctrinal unity among clergy. Chemnitz's commitment to doctrinal unity and his ability to clearly articulate doctrine while avoiding extremes, along with Andreae's tireless efforts at promoting Lutheran unity among German territories and cities, resulted in the widespread adoption of the Formula of Concord, the capstone of the Book of Concord and the standard for Lutheran unity even today.

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**Valley  
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is seeking qualified applicants who love our students and our school to fill the following positions:

- Part-time Food Service Assistant – work under the direction of the Food Service Director to prepare and serve daily student lunches and maintain kitchen facilities and equipment according to required standards.
- Part-time Business Office Assistant – work under the direction of the Business Manager to assist in carrying out regular financial processes and maintaining accurate financial data.
- Part-time Development Associate – work under the direction of the Director of Advancement to maintain accurate donor records, assist with event planning and production, and grow relationships with our community of supporters.

While each part-time position could be filled with different individuals, the Business Office Assistant and Development Associate could be combined to create a single full-time position by the right candidate. The ideal candidates have the desire to support and further the ministry of Valley Lutheran and contribute to an excellent Christian atmosphere for students and visitors. If interested, please contact Al Kaul at [akaul@VLHS.com](mailto:akaul@VLHS.com) or 989-790-1676.

## Amelith Lutheran Men's Club Wild Game Potluck

Dinner starting at 6pm  
 Euchre Tournament starting at 7pm.  
 For more info contact  
 Tom Rohde  
 989-284-8051  
 Vinny Revord  
 989-385-8352

*More details to come!*

## TRUNK OR TREAT



WHEN: Saturday, October 26th

WHERE: ST. JOHN PARKING LOT/PAVILION

TIME: 6:00 Treating

6:30 Trunk judging and potluck

(After treating is finished)

Come and join us for the annual Trunk or Treat. You are invited to park your car, decorate it, and hand out treats. Plan on 75 children participating. Treating will start when the siren sounds from the fire truck.

There will be a trunk decorating contest with prizes for first, second and third place. Let's see how creative you can be! In addition, there will be crafts for the kiddos and a hayride. We are asking everyone to bring a dish to pass. This can be a hot dish, fruit or veggies, or a dessert. Drinks and paper products will be provided.

I will be at the road by 5:30 to direct traffic. Please stop and see me before parking your car. There will be a traffic pattern that will make it safe to treat where there are no moving vehicles.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Deb Hutter at (989) 316-8322.



## LWML Bay Area Zone Fall Rally Mission Activities October 19, 2024

St. Paul Lutheran Church Ministry Center  
 6100 Westside Saginaw Rd; Bay City, MI 48706

**8:45 am Registration, \$5 fee – Mite Offering**

**9:00 am Welcome - Breakfast**

**9:30 am Devotion – Business Meeting/Installation of Officers**

**10:00 am Service Projects begin:**

**Witness Bracelets — Tie Blankets — Plarn Making**  
 (Please begin saving grocery bags from Meijer, Walmart, Dollar General or similar)

**Create cards for Phil's Friends cancer patients**  
 (will also collect gift cards from Target, Walmart, Dollar Tree, JoAnn Fabrics, and Walgreen for Phil's Friends)

Family and friends of all ages are always welcome to service events!

Please RSVP By October 12<sup>th</sup> to Heidi Schultz at  
[heidiannschultz@aol.com](mailto:heidiannschultz@aol.com)  
 Or Jan Pickelmann at [hmpickel@chartermi.net](mailto:hmpickel@chartermi.net)

# 2024 Upcoming Events at Concordia Theological Seminary



**Exhibit Dates: October 31, 2024–January 31, 2025**

The Good Shepherd Institute of

Pastoral Theology and Sacred Music for the Church, an Institute of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), is hosting an art exhibit to mark the 500th anniversary of the first Lutheran hymn collection published in 1524. This exhibit, “Singing of Jesus Christ,” focuses on the central role of Christ’s saving work as emphasized in the Lutheran chorales, particularly those written by Martin Luther. Artists were invited to create works inspired by one of four selected hymns from the 1524 collection, each penned by Luther:

- Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (LSB 556)
- Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord (LSB 497)
- In the Very Midst of Life (LSB 755)
- We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth (LSB 382)

These hymns, rich in imagery, offer a broad canvas for artistic interpretation, allowing artists to draw inspiration from any part of the hymn text. Each artwork submission will include a description of how the hymn influenced the piece, demonstrating a clear connection to the chosen hymn as a source of inspiration. The exhibit aims to blend theological discussion with artistic expression, celebrating the intersection of sacred music and visual arts.

## Luther Hostel

**Date: November 6-8, 2024**

Timely Topics for the Life of the Church

Luther Hostel provides an ideal opportunity for laypeople as well as pastors and other church workers to retreat to the Seminary to study with CTSFW professors, worship in Kramer Chapel, and get to know others who love to explore their faith. During the three-day retreat, CTSFW faculty present lectures focusing on various aspects of Lutheran theology, taking an in-depth, confessional look at a specific theme. This year’s theme is “Timely Topics for the Life of the Church.” The schedule also includes time to attend classes taught by CTSFW professors, explore the campus, and visit with current seminary students and faculty.

The registration fee for Luther Hostel is \$200, which includes all meals. If you’re not local to the Fort Wayne area and need lodging, you can check out our lodging options by visiting our Hotel & Lodging Information page. Limited on-campus housing is also available at \$40/night. Interested parties wanting to explore on-campus housing should call (260)452-2204.

## Good Shepherd Institute

**Through the Church the Song Goes On - REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! - November 10-12, 2024**

When Martin Luther made his initial foray into the world of hymn writing 500 years ago, he could not have imagined the creative forces he was unleashing. The 2024 Good Shepherd Institute Conference at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, being held November 10-12, 2024, will celebrate those first Lutheran hymns and the hymnals that followed under the theme, “Through the Church the Song Goes On.”

Featured Speakers:

- **Dr. Paul Grime**, Dean of Chapel at CTSFW, will reveal how Luther’s approach to congregational song was different from that of other reformers. He will further discuss how Luther set the stage for a rich hymnological tradition among Lutherans that would eventually affect all Christians.
- **Dr. Christopher Boyd Brown**, Associate Professor of Church History at Boston University, will demonstrate how Lutherans quickly build on the foundation that Luther laid.
- **Dr. Lester Ruth**, Research Professor of Christian Worship at Duke University, will trace the development of a new form of congregational song, contemporary praise and worship, a subject on which he is a leading expert.
- **Rev. Stephen Starke**, Pastor Emeritus of St. John Lutheran Church (Amelith), Bay City, MI, will explain why he and others continue the tradition of hymn writing today.



# Spiritual Respite Companion Care Workshop

Providing Spiritual Support and Care by Partnering with your congregation.



## Spiritual Respite Companion Care Workshop

Saturday November 9th

St. John Amelith Lutheran Church

1664 Amelith Rd.

Bay City, MI 48706

10:00am – 2:30pm

Lunch is included

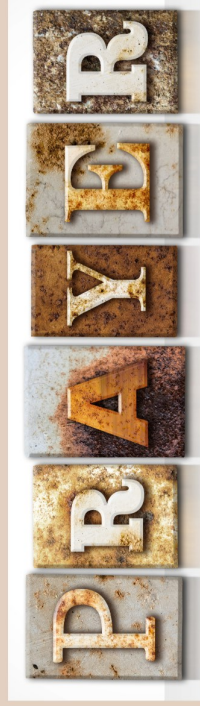
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# October



## Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> October Birthdays	<b>2</b> October Anniversaries	<b>3</b> Board of Ed Chairperson	<b>4</b> Head Elder	<b>5</b> Sunday School Teachers
<b>6</b> October Altar Guild Servers	<b>7</b> School Principal	<b>8</b> Congregational Chairperson	<b>9</b> Art Teacher	<b>10</b> Morning Care Staff	<b>11</b> Preschool Staff	<b>12</b> Nominating Committee
<b>13</b> Youth Group Chairperson	<b>14</b> Stewardship Committee	<b>15</b> After Care Staff	<b>16</b> Cemetery Crew	<b>17</b> Music Director	<b>18</b> Head Trustee	<b>19</b> Pastor
<b>20</b> Confirmand Students	<b>21</b> Quilting group	<b>22</b> SJA Teachers	<b>23</b> Lawn Mowing Crew	<b>24</b> SJA Choir	<b>25</b> Treasurer	<b>26</b> Trunk or Treat at SJA
<b>27</b> Outreach Committee	<b>28</b> Board of Ed	<b>29</b> Elders	<b>30</b> Trustees	<b>31</b> SJA Teachers		

Every day, let us include the person/position/event mentioned in our prayers. You can pray for them, the job they do, those who receive or in whatever way you are lead.