

# COUNCIL NOTES

## COUNCIL MET ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

The Trustees and Council met jointly on Sept. 12th. The Treasurer reported a total of \$91,198.98 at the end of August in the following accounts: Checking, Savings, Memorial, J.A.M, Men in Mission, Pastor's Benevolence, and G.L.C.W. (Grace Lutheran Church Women).

Agenda items discussed included: bids for updating the lights in the Social Hall ceiling, replacing the very worn carpet in the church office, repairing of parking lot, the security of the church, reviewing the contract with the church that is using our facilities, and redoing the children's play area (where the garden used to be).

## NEXT MEETING: MONDAY OCTOBER 17, 2022

This is a change, from our regular day, for October only. Guests are welcome .



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# JOIN IN!

## FAITH CIRCLE - OCT. 11

Faith Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. All women are invited to participate in a time of devotions, prayer and friendship. The "Gather" magazine is the study reference. See Julie or Lynn if you need a copy of the magazine.

## NOISY MONEY - OCT. 16th

The September Noisy \$ was not collected at the Worship services; however some folks left their coins and one individual donated currency. This collection will be deposited but will be reported in the November Grace Notes. Next Noisy Money Collection is Oct. 16th (the 3rd Sunday of the month).

## From: "JESUS CALLING"

Let me show you My way for you this day. I guide you continually so you can relax and enjoy My Presence in the present. Living well is both a discipline and an art. Concentrate on staying close to Me, the divine Artist.

Discipline your thoughts to trust Me as I work My ways in your life. Pray about everything; then leave outcomes up to Me. Do not fear My will, for through it I accomplish what is best for you. Take a deep breath of absolute trust in Me. Underneath are the everlasting arms!

Helen Steiner Rice



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*"The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemies before you, saying, 'Destroy them!'"*  
Deuteronomy 33:27

## OCTOBER'S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY

2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.

### MONDAY

17  
Trustees/Council Mtg. 6:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY

11  
Faith Circle 10:00 a.m.  
• All women welcome  
4, 11, 18, 25  
Prayer Meeting 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Led By Grace Men's  
• Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

5, 12, 19, 26  
Bible Study with Pastor Steve  
• 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.  
• All are welcome

### THURSDAY

6  
Worship Committee Mtg. 10:00 a.m.

### SATURDAY

1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Men in Mission Bible Study  
• 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.  
• All men welcome  
22  
Oktoberfest 5:00 p.m.  
Every Other Sat. Men's Bible Study  
• 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.



OCTOBER 22, 5:00 P.M.

**Provided by the Men in Mission**  
\$12.00 Tickets on Sale Now Through Oct. 16th.  
Seating Limited. No Tickets Sold at the Door.  
**Raffle Tickets Sold at the Dinner**

### MENU

Smoked Sausage, Sauerkarute, Potatoes, Applesauce, Carrots, Cooked Onions, Breads, Dessert

### HISTORY

Oktoberfest evolved from a celebration on Oct. 12, 1812, of the marriage of the crown prince of Bavaria. A festival was held each year afterwards & included horse racing, combining with a state agricultural fair and in 1818 booths serving food and drink were introduced. By the late 20th century the booths had developed into large beer halls. The traditional Oktoberfest colors are taken from the Bavarian flag which is checkerboard blue and white design.

**JOIN US - GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!**

## KEEPING OUR EYE ON THE BALL



*“For since the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard him.”*  
(Heb. 2:2-3)

*“For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified”*  
(Heb. 19:14)

It is one thing to reject the gospel message of Jesus - to reject His teachings, His death on a cross and resurrection. It is another thing, however, to neglect it. As Christians we would never reject the gospel truth. It is unconscionable and unthinkable. However, neglecting the actual truth of the gospel message is something that even as Christians we can easily do. This is because Satan will do whatever he can to keep us from living in the fullness of the power of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. The perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross is the one thing that empties Satan of all his power. What Jesus accomplished on the cross gives us access to live in the strength and unlimited power of His grace. It sets us free from the unbearable pressure of thinking and believing that we have to “do” life all on our own, that we have to manage and direct our lives from our own resources. The good news of the gospel is that we don't.

On the cross Jesus took upon Himself all our shame and guilt. By His perfect sacrifice, He took upon Himself the consequences of our rebellious nature and gave us His own nature and spirit. The cross removed the power of sin over our lives and gave us the right to become God's own children. Through the cross, everything that the devil had inflicted

### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE

upon humanity was destroyed. Sickness was destroyed. Demonic influence was defeated. Fear, anxiety, shame and confusion were vanquished. Through the cross of Christ, we who believe have all been given a new life! The thing is . . . Satan knows this all too well. And while there's nothing he can do about it, he can and does try to keep us from actually living in the strength and power of this new life. Which is why he tries to have us neglect it.

Neglecting the actual power of the cross is the enemy's cunning and subtle way of attempting to thwart God's plan for our lives. If the devil can keep us busy enough (mentally, emotionally and physically), we won't have (or take) the time to center the supernatural work of Jesus' sacrifice in our daily lives. We'll be too distracted, exhausted, strung out and susceptible to all sorts of fear - all the while thinking we have no other choice but to live this way. (After all, doesn't everyone live this way?)

As followers of Jesus, we have access to a life beyond our wildest imagination. God, through Christ, wants to give us this life. This new life is limitless in power, sufficient for every need and perfect in every way. It conquers every fear and gives us perfect rest. It's free just for the asking. The only thing God asks from us in return . . . is everything. Let us not neglect so great a salvation. Remember, God is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine! (Eph 3:20)

Peace,

*Pastor Steve*

## OCTOBER'S SCRIPTURES

We are still in the “season” of Pentecost which started 50 days after Easter. The “day” of Pentecost was a one-day festival of the Jews mentioned in the Old Testament. The first Christian Pentecost, on the seventh Sunday after the Resurrection, is significant because of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the birth of the Christian Church. Pentecost “season” will continue through Oct. 23rd.

### OCTOBER 2nd

1st Reading	Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4
2nd Reading	2 Timothy 1:1-14
Gospel	Luke 18:1-8
Psalm	37:1-9

### OCTOBER 9th

1st Reading	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15
2nd Reading	1 Timothy 1:8-15
Gospel	Luke 17:11-19
Psalm	111

### OCTOBER 16th

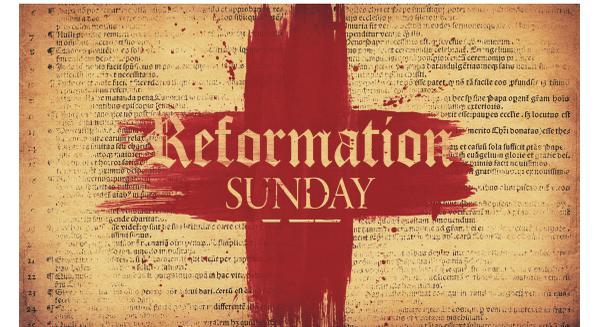
1st Reading	Genesis 32:22-31
2nd Reading	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Gospel	Luke 18:1-8
Psalm	121

### OCTOBER 23rd

1st Reading	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
2nd Reading	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel	Luke 18:9-14
Psalm	84:1-7

### OCTOBER 30th ~ Reformation Sunday

1st Reading	Jeremiah 31:31-34
2nd Reading	Romans 3:19-28
Gospel	John 8: 31-36
Psalm	46



## REFORMATION

### OCTOBER 30th, 2022

Martin Luther (a German Monk) wrote to the Archbishop of Mainz and Magdeburg, protesting against the sale of indulgences which came to be known as the Ninety-five Theses. Indulgences were sold by the church for forgiveness & salvation. Luther insisted that forgiveness was God's alone to grant. Those who claimed that indulgences absolved buyers from all punishments and granted them salvation were in error. Christians, he said, must not slacken in following Christ on account of such false assurances.

It is historically thought that Luther posted his thesis on the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. The thesis were printed and widely copied. Within two weeks, copies of the theses had spread throughout Germany and within two months throughout Europe. The Reformation is celebrated by various Protestants, especially by Lutheran and Reformed Churches. Other Christian churches also acknowledge the Reformation including the Roman Catholic Church and various protestant denominations. Although Martin Luther “started” the reformation of the Catholic church with the posting of his 95 thesis, he never wanted a church named after him. The liturgical color is red, symbolic of the fire of the Holy Spirit.