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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

October is one of my favorite times of the year. I love the colored leaves and the smells of fall, and yes, I keep my eyes open for “wooly worms” just to see how they are predicting the weather for the upcoming winter. Most of all, I am reminded that I am seeing a miracle of God right before my eyes.

Fall readily shows us the intricate designs that God instilled on all of His creation. Not only do the trees know when their leaves should turn colors and fall off in preparation for the coming winter months, but Two decades ago, while researching her doctoral thesis, an ecologist named Suzanne Simard discovered that trees communicate their needs and send each other nutrients via a network of latticed fungi buried in the soil — in other words, she found, they “talk” to each other. If you would like to know more about the wonderful world of trees that God has created, I would recommend a book called, *The*

Hidden Life of Trees, by Peter Wohlleben.

As we enjoy the beauty of God’s handiwork this month, let us contemplate these words from Job 12:7-10. “ “But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.”

May the joy and peace of knowing our Savior, Jesus Christ, be yours.

Many Blessings,
Pastor Linda

MARTIN LUTHER SAYS:

“God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on the trees, and in the flowers and clouds, and stars.”





DON'T FORGET "FIRST WEDNESDAY"

New Location This Month

You will not want to miss this special "First Wednesday!" Come join Pastor Linda on **Wednesday, October 2** for fellowship, coffee, and *to see what she has up her sleeve*. We will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Christ Lutheran in the Sunday School Room.



**Congregation Council meets
October 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the
Sunday School Room**

**Please not time change for this
meeting.**

**Michael Byerly, Investment
Advisor Representative for
Orrstown Bank will be here to talk
about our church investments.**



"YOUNG VOICES" PROGRAM

The program goes from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Parish House. The

children enjoy snacks, stories, crafts, and work with a choir director learning new and fun song. The program is open to children from Perry County that are in kindergarten to fifth grade. If you know of a child that would enjoy this free program, please let Pastor Linda know so she can contact them.

Also, Christ Lutheran is responsible for providing the snack from September through December. We are in need of juice boxes and would appreciate donations.

Look for the children from the "Young Voices" in New Bloomfield's Halloween Parade.

GREIF SHARE GROUP CONTINUES

Have you or someone you know suffered the loss of a loved one? If so, this loving, support program is for you! The thirteen-week program began on **Thursday, September 15th**, and will meet from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Sunday School room each week. Please let Pastor Linda know if you plan to attend or know someone who may benefit from the program. (717-386-8762 or Lindashank@centurylink.net)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN:

Please keep Emma, Molly, and Walker in your prayers as they begin their last year of Confirmation instruction. We look forward to confirming them in late spring.

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY
CLASS WEEKLY AFTER
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Not too late to join the Adult Bible Study Class. The class in studying six of the Parables of Jesus in depth. Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, and engaging stories. Come and join us to gain new insights into Jesus' parables and their meanings that will help you appreciate more fully their relevance for your own life.



**YOUTH GROUP TO START IN
OCTOBER**

Please pray for Erin Eckert and those who will attend our new "Youth Group." Flyers were given out at the Street Fair, and we hope we will get a good turnout. The first meeting will be pizza and a movie at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening, October 12th at the church.



**"SECOND SUNDAY SWEETS"
Don't miss this chance for
fellowship right after the Sunday
Service on October 13th.**



TO PONDER:

"You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands." (Isaiah 55:12)

"He spreads out the northern skies over empty space; he suspends the earth over nothing. He wraps up the waters in his clouds, yet the clouds do not burst under their weight. He covers the face of the full moon, spreading his clouds over it. The pillars of the heavens quake, aghast at his rebuke. By his power he churned up the sea.... By his breath the skies become fair.... And these are but the outer fringe of his works; how faint the whisper we hear of him! How then can we understand the thunder of his power?" (Job 26:7-9, 11-14)

"Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." (John 1:3)



"MORNING GLORIES"

The "Morning Glories" will meet on Monday morning, October 13th at 9:00 a.m. at the Church. All are welcome.

“REVELATIONS & THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT”

Bible Study Description:

Why not get your “scary” on in the month of October? This will be a 4-session series. The tape, “Explaining All the Scary Stuff in Revelations,” will be used with discussion afterwards.

The group will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8: 15 p.m. Please note that we do not meet on the 8th as the Church Council meets that evening.

Dates for the Study are: October 1, October 15, October 22, October 29th



The “Books and Beyond” book group meets at the Library at 10 a.m.

Oct. 16 Miss Julie Hits the Road
by Ann B, Ross
Nov. 20 Winter Sisters
by Robin Oliveira

“BAD WOMEN OF THE BIBLE”

We will meet on Wednesday, October 16th at 1 p.m. in the Sunday School Room to learn more about **Rahab**. Come and enjoy learning about more this bad girl of the Bible, and how her story impacts our personal lives.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH “GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS” DAY

A big thank you to all who contributed pens and pencils, and to those who helped put the 500 school kits together. The work went fast, and it was a pleasure to not only share the work but fellowship with other Lutherans from Perry County.

CHRIST LUTHERAN’S PRESENCE AT THE STREET FAIR A BIG SUCCESS!

Many thanks to all who helped from set-up to clean-up. Great weather and great fellowship made for a great day of sharing with our community. Dish clothes, prayer beads, bubbles, pocket prayer shawls, tea bag blessings were items that were handed out.

Jayne and her hair glitter is always a big hit and Bev paints Penn State paw prints on those who stop by.

Our new item was our Prayer Tree. Angels were on the tree for those with prayer requests to write on. Fifteen names were left on Angles for us to pray for.

Although we ask for nothing, we did receive some monetary donations to use as seed money for next year. God is good and people were generous. We look forward to new ideas for next year!



OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH:

Domestic violence is defined as a pattern of coercive, controlling behavior that can include physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse or financial abuse. It is pervasive and life-threatening, and does not discriminate between economic levels, races, etc. It can affect anyone, regardless of age, economic status, race, religion or educational background. The statistics listed below come from the website of Domestic Violence Statistics.

Alarming statistics indicate that, as you read this short sentence, a woman has become the victim of assault. According to the Partnership Against Domestic Violence, every 9 seconds, another woman in the U.S. is beaten.

Every nine seconds. It's a sobering reality for one in four women in the U.S. will experience domestic violence in their lifetime, most frequently by someone they know. Female victims most commonly first experience domestic violence between the ages of 18-24 (38.6%), followed by age 11-17 (22.4%), age 35-44 (6.8%) and age 45+ (2.5%). Almost one out of five or 16.3% of murder victims in the U.S. were killed by an intimate partner; women account for two out of three murder victims killed by an intimate partner.

Violence against women occurs predominantly behind closed doors

at home with most cases having never been reported to police. But that doesn't mean the problem isn't visible and doesn't spill into future generations. Domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families with 50% of all women who are homeless reporting that domestic violence was the immediate cause of their homelessness, according to The National Center on Family Homelessness.



BREAKFAST AND BOOK DISCUSSION:

On Saturday morning, **November 2nd**, we will meet at 9 a.m. in the Parish House for breakfast, fellowship, and a discussion of the book, *Forgiveness* by Terri Roberts who is the mother of the shooter at the West Nickels Mines Amish School in Lancaster. It is a story of a mother's love and a story of remarkable grace. Even if you have not had time to read the book, you will be able to join the discussion. Books may be purchased on Amazon, and my guess is local bookstores may also carry it. *Please share this information with friends and family and invite them to join us. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so that we have an idea of how much food to prepare.*



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY CHRISTMAS PLAY –

“CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND, A CHRISTMAS LEGACY”

On Saturday, **December 14th** we will be carpooling to the Christian Life Assembly Church in Camp Hill to see their production of “Christmas Wonderland, A Christmas Legacy.” Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. After the play we will stop somewhere for dinner before returning home. Below is a synopsis of the play. Tickets need to be ordered early. If you are interested, please sign the sheet in the narthex indicating how many tickets you want. *I will be ordering the tickets on October 26th.*

SYNOPSIS:

“A Christmas Legacy” is a Broadway-style dramatic musical for the whole family. The story take place inside the beautiful Billingsley Hotel where you will meet the hard-working staff, some very interesting guests, and Pamela the current reluctant owner of the hotel. See how Pamela and the staff balance the introduction of current technology with the proven traditions of her ancestors. As you are transported through time,

experience Christmas through a little bit of barbershop quartet, or catch some doo-wop along the way. You may even see some big hair styles and leg warmers on the journey! Enjoy beautiful music and dance, elaborate sets and costumes, and heart-warming stories that are woven through the generations. And what would Christmastime be without lots of laughter? Follow as we journey alongside the folks at the Billingsley Hotel who remind us that the birth of Jesus demonstrated a true legacy of love.



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 1** Revelations Bible Study, 7 p.m.
- October 2** First Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
Young Voices in Song, 3 p.m. in Parish House
- October 3** Grief Share Group, 3 to 5 p.m., Sunday School Room
- October 6** Confirmation Class
Adult Bible Study Class
- October 8** Church Council, 7 p.m.
- October 9** Young Voices in Song, 3 p.m. in Parish House
- October 10** Grief Share Group, 3 to 5 p.m., Sunday School Room

October 12 First Youth Group
Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

October 13 Second Sunday Sweets
Perry Village, 2 p.m.
Confirmation Class

October 14 Morning Glories

October 15 Revelations Bible Study,
7 p.m.

October 16 Books and Beyond, 10
a.m. at Library
“Bad Women of the Bible” 1 p.m.
Young Voices in Song, 3 p.m. in
Parish House

October 17 Grief Share Group, 3 to 5
p.m., Sunday School Room

October 19 Trip to hear Lizz Curtis
Higgs speak

October 20 Adult Bible Study
Confirmation Class

October 22 Revelations Bible Study,
7 p.m.

October 23 Young Voices in Song, 3
p.m. in Parish House

October 24 Grief Share Group, 3 to 5
p.m., Sunday School Room

October 26 Young Voices in Song in
Halloween Parade, 10 a.m.

October 26 Last day to sign up for
Christmas Play Tickets

October 29 Revelations Bible Study,
7 p.m.

October 30 Young Voices in Song, 3
p.m. in Parish House

October 31 Grief Share Group, 3 to 5
p.m., Sunday School Room

November 2 Breakfast & Book
Discussion, 9 a.m. in Parish House



**Feeding the
Community**

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

Many thanks to Sharon Wenger for leading this worship service and to all of you who contributed to our ingathering of items for the Food Bank.

Items receive include:

43 cans of pasta 2 boxes of Bisquick

2 boxes of pancake mix

4 jars of pancake syrup

6 jars of vegetable oil



R3 Team Report –

The R3 Team means a lot of things to some people and not really anything to others. Believe it or not you all are part of the TEAM.

That was so apparent at the **Street Fair** as you helped prepare for that day making items and by being there to hand them out and make a connection with those in our community.

It was apparent when we gathered with other Lutherans at St. Paul Lutheran Church and in 22 minutes put together **500 school kits for Lutheran World Relief** to distribute on our behalf.

What a wonderful example as we came together to prepare food and enjoy it together for the **Church Picnic**. What fun and no one went away hungry!

The cooperative effort with the New Bloomfield United Methodist Charge on **Young Voices** is fantastic. There are currently 16 young voice participating. We are reaching the churched and un-churched youth of our community.

Through your participation on **Church Council and the Committees** of this congregation we are working together to reform ways of doing things here and renewing our commitment to service in this place in ways that are pleasing to God.

With all of your help we will revision our church community and our involvement in the community at large.

Your continued prayers and donations thorough out the year keep us vital, keep us new in our commitment to serve others as Christ would have us do. Our outward and upward vision keeps us moving in the right direction. We thank you for that continued support, participation and prayers!



Join the Pop Tab Challenge

You see them every time you open a drink or soup can, or sometimes when feeding your pet. Those tiny little tabs are easy to overlook, but they can make a **BIG** impact on the families at Ronald McDonald House Charities!

The Thrivent member Network-Mid-Atlantic Region will partner with Ronald McDonald House Charities for Thrivent's Giving Tuesday initiative. They are challenging churches and organizations throughout our region to help reach the goal of collecting 10 million pop tabs by participating in the Pop Tab Challenge.

Save your tabs and place them in the container in the narthex.

