# *the LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE Good Shepherd*

# A Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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**October 2024**



**Sunday Service at 9:30am**

**Sunday School is held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month**

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Dear Friends,

 Anger, hatred, false accusations, prejudices have all exhausted me.  We are living in a time when falsehood and truth, self-aggrandizement, and accusations flood through our lives on a daily basis.  I believe that my exhaustion with them is one of the results hoped for by those who practice such things.  Make no mistake about it, we cannot survive for very long in a world constantly at war, and especially if it is at war with itself.

But I know that exhaustion is not the only way such negative input brings.  The “big lie”, (repeating something not true so often and loudly that it is*assumed* to be true) has been used effectively by Adolf Hitler and other tyrants in history to undermine truth.  You see, once truth and lies are laid out as equally valid and we have a struggle discerning what is true and what is a lie, soon following on the heels of this confusion is the struggle to determine what is good and what is bad; which behaviors are honest and helpful, and which behaviors are harmful and break apart communities and countries.

Another outcome of this poisoning is the notion that I alone determine what is true.  We start to think that our way of seeing things is the only way to see things, conversation is rare, if it happens at all.  Being the sole determiner of truth leads to greed and self-centeredness, and even belief that some conspiracy ideas are to be trusted more than facts or numbers bear out.

This is an area where our faith can help.  Listening to Scripture (and not just the passages we like) helps us in our discernment of truth.  You see, the Bible, the Word of God is also God’s voice calling us to repentance and change of life and heart so we might live as God’s people in our world, and often those passages of Scripture are not very popular and sometimes we feel the need to run away from them because we think that facing our own shortcomings and mistakes will ruin our self-understanding.  And, truth be told, sometimes we need these kinds of corrections for living authentic lives.

Now, for us, Jesus is the clearest expression of the Word of God.  We believe that his life, ministry, his death and resurrection show us the heart of the God Jesus wants us to know. And we trust that this heart Jesus shows us is one of compassion and forgiveness, hope and concern, not just for ourselves but for the whole of God’s creation.  As your pastor, I hope that you will take advantage of those times on Sunday mornings when the people of God at Good Shepherd gather to hear both Law (God’s commands) and Gospel (God’s promises).  You see, what God is seeking to create is a new community of people whose lives have been enriched with grace beyond any our world can offer.



Our inter-generational catechism classes begin on Sunday October 6, with a short meeting after worship. People of all ages and interests are welcome to come along with our classes. Please let Pastor Kohl know of your interest. Our book for study will be *Baptized We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life.* Luther’s *Small Catechism* will also be an important part of our study.

An important part of God’s creation are the critters we share life with. If you have a pet animal, please bring them to the church on **Sunday, October 6.** St. Francis of Assisi knew that the animal kingdom can teach us much about cooperation and love. We’ll celebrate that on the Sunday closest to St. Francis day, October 4. **Please bring in supplies for pets, to donate to shelters.**

In hope and peace,



**Music Corner**

At the end of October, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday. As part of that commemoration, we will sing the traditional hymn, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.*This hymn, originally written in German with the title *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*, is one of the best known hymns by Martin Luther, a prolific hymn writer.  He composed the hymn between 1527 and 1529 with text based on Psalm 46 and a hymn tune derived from a folk song or chant of the day.  Luther was a skilled musician who played the lute and the flute, and he wrote many hymns to express his faith and encourage congregational singing. In fact, this hymn is so closely associated with Martin Luther that the first line of the hymn, "a mighty fortress is our God" is inscribed on his tombstone at the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany.  
  
*"A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.*

**Bazaar News!**

December 7th may seem far off, but it's really not! It's time for us to gear up for our 14th annual Holiday Artisan Bazaar.

In the meantime, some of our crafters are busily working on projects, and could use help with materials. Donations of any of the following would be extremely helpful (and we'll put a bin in the narthex where items can be placed):

4x6 and 5x7 wooden picture frames with or without glass

Old costume jewelry ( broken pieces are fine)

Any size Lightbulbs (no fluorescent)

Alcohol Ink

Old CDs or DVDs

Mod Podge

Gorilla glue

Acrylic craft paints

Foil cup cake liners

Wax based 2-4or six inch battery operated candles

Nautical or Christmas themed napkins  
1/4 inch thick sheets of cork

**Announcements**

**YOGA CLASSES AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

Mondays @ 9:30

Instructor: Arlene Phillips

This is beginners’ yoga for anyone who would like to explore the health

benefits of yoga.... both men and women. No matter what physical issues

you may have there are ways to modify the poses so the benefits are

available to all, so don’t worry if you’re not flexible or can’t get up off the

floor. I have practiced for 20 plus years and took my level 1-2-3 training with

Tias Little in Santa Fe. You will need a yoga mat..two yoga blocks and a strap.

Come join us, if you have questions call me or send me a text

616-813-1277

**GROUNDS CLEANUP** set on Saturday, November 16, at 9:30 a.m.  Bring gloves, rakes, clippers or any other tools you may wish to use or think we need!  Please call Diane Guerin with any questions.  978-502-8570. Rain date will be the following Saturday.

**Sunday School** is held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, during worship.

**Outreach**

**WORLD FOOD DAY/BREAD FOR THE WORLD SUNDAY October 13th!**

We are remembering all the hungry and food insecure people in our

communities and elsewhere with food donations to Jonnycake Center

and asking everyone to bring one or more nonperishable items to help

feed our neighbors! Outreach team will host coffee hour with samples of our

daily bread, and something sweet too.

**Winter Clothing Drive**

Starting the end of October / beginning of November, we will be collecting winter clothing for The Welcome House and The Mathewson Street Friendship Breakfast. We are looking for new or gently used winter jackets, sweatshirts, sweatpants and thermal wear. More details to follow.

Lutheran Disaster Relief is at work helping people whose lives have been affected by Hurricane Helene throughout the southern part of our country.  If you would like to help, please go to **ELCA.org/hurricanes.**  There’s information there about how this help is being distributed.

**Ongoing Prayers for:**

*For additions or deletions please e-mail or call the church office.789-7776, or lcgsmail@gmail.com*

***For those who mourn:*** Daniel Deutsch, brother of Bill Deutsch, passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bill, Jan and their family and friends.

Pat Sweeney

Lane Leedahl

Karin Kohl

Traci Purvis

Jessica Maynard

Bobbie Peterson

Nancy LaPelle

C. Duncan

Margaret Franks

Kathy Vigness Raposa

Billy Wernquest

Ruth Wernquest

Holly Deutsch

Mary Jane Briggs

Bill Deutsch

Meredith Miller

Gary Durett

Natalie Schanck

Mike Carty

Barbara Smith

Eero Moisio

Phyllis Farley

Brian Mitchell

Barney

Joyce Pearson

Amy Phillipo

James Meyers (new)

Naomi Sawyer

Karolyn Lee

Liam Varnelis

Josh Peterson

Kathy Lee

Chris Rose

Colette Cusson

Dennis Murray

Lisa Ferry  
Ellora Hendrickson

Melvin Platt

KC Christensen

Jan Briggs

Ruth McGuy

Bud Godwin

Lisa Lessman

Taylor Lessman

Joan & Sheldon Pratt

Jerry Paquin

Stanley Larson

Ellen Hedlund

Donald & Bernadine Cunnigen,

Maggie Reichgott

Tucker Maute

Karen Perry

Mark Quinn

Carolyn Hathaway

Betty Hathaway

Tim Diskin

**+LOVED ONES IN THE ARMED FORCES**+ Manny Morales, Michael Bock

Matthew Kankash, Heath O’Neill, Andrew Anderson, Noah Cooper,

Dan Berkowitz

 **Jonnycake Market Bring donations to:**

Jonnycake Center for Hope

22 Kersy Rd. Peacedale, RI 02879

**Donation Food List**

**Stock the Market**

If you would like to help us settle into our new home, please stop by and drop off a desired food item for the Jonnycake Market. Donation bins will be on our porch, making it easy to pull up and drop off.

There are a number of healthy items that we would especially like to have on our shelves. Please feel free to share this list with your family, neighbors, and friends and visit [www.jonnycakecenter.org/the-food-pantry/](http://www.jonnycakecenter.org/the-food-pantry/) for more information. **Keep the food coming!** Healthy nonperishable foods, whole grain pasta, organic beans, peanut butter, and some holiday staples are especially welcome.

# October Birthdays

Richard Rousseau 1

Ron Lee 2

Molly Palmer 3

Christine Baum 3

Angelina DiBiasio 5

Richard Vangermeersch 7

Kenneth Bennett 9

Sue Gaunt 13

Theresa Shea Duffer 25

Daniel DiBiasio 26

Jean Larson 28

# Scott Baum 28

# David Lindstrom 30

# *Happy birthday to all! May God bless you with a happy, healthy year.*

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (office # 789-7776)**

# Pastor: The Reverend Dennis Kohl

Minister of Music-Heather Skidds

Office Administrator- Karen Amitrano

# Please contact the church office for any pastoral needs or emergencies

# 2023 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL:

Eric Taylor Caden Baum

Theresa Duffer David Nunez

John Bell David Lindstrom

Fred Baillargeron

Kris Bacon

**\*COUNCIL OFFICERS: President-**Theresa Duffer**; Vice President-** Fred Baillargeron, **Secretary -**John Bell**, Treasurer-**Eric Taylor

**WORSHIP ASSISTING SCHEDULES**

**October 2024**

**\* Can’t serve** on your assigned date? PLEASE 1) **ask someone to swap dates**, and 2) **notify the church office**.

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|  | **Oct 6** | **Oct 13** | **Oct 20** | | Oct 27 | | **Nov 3** |
| PASTOR  ---------------  Assisting Minister | D. Kohl  ------------  C. Baum | D. Kohl  ------------  M. Bender Lee | D. Kohl  -----------  K. Amitrano | | D. Kohl  ------------  F. Baillargeron | | D. Kohl  --------------  K. Bacon |
| Lector | A. Senerchia | D. Nunez | K. Bacon | | R. Stokes | | S. Teller |
| Greeter-Ushers | N. Stein | S. Gaunt/K. Amitrano | B & B Smith | | R. Passananti/ M. Palmer | | B & S Teller |
| Communion Assistant | A. Anderson | J. Vican | A. Senerchia | | K. Amitrano | | A. Anderson |
| Altar Care | M & G Morrison | A. Senerchia | A. Lessmann | | K. Amitrano | | M & G Morrison |
| Acolyte |  |  |  | 1. Baum | |  | |

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| 2024 | **OCTOBER** | | SUNDAY |  |  |  |
| CALENDAR YEAR |  | |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 29 | 30 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
|  |  | **7:30 Peace Group**  **10 am quilters** |  | **7 pm Choir** |  |  |
| 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| **9:30 Worship**  **Blessing of the pets**  **Sunday School** | **I pm Social Group** | **7:30 Peace Group**  **10 am quilters** |  | **7 pm Choir** |  |  |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| **9:30 Worship** |  | **7:30 Peace Group**  **10 am quilters** |  | **7 pm Choir** |  |  |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 01 | 02 |
| **9:30 Worship**  **Reformation wear red** |  | **7:30 Peace Group 10 am Quilters** |  | **7 pm Choir** |  |  |