

October Newsletter 2025



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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

"For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith.""

(Romans 1:17)

October is now upon us. During this time of year, it really shows us that there is a change in the season. Weather is generally cooler in nature than just two months ago. October reminds us that soon, winter will come.

October is also the month where we remember Martin Luther and Reformation Day (usually observed the last Sunday in October). During his time there was a change in the church. And it was for the best. Luther brought to remembrance what had been lost by the church, namely, the Gospel.

Sometimes you hear people say, "We've never done it this way before." The Roman Catholic church vehemently used this approach towards Martin Luther. And it was Martin Luther who reminded them that they had done it that way before, but they forgot it.

It is not what Luther got rid of that makes us Lutheran, but what he kept from the Roman Catholic church. The Liturgy, The Mass (Divine Service), The Creeds, The Prayers, etc. Those things are important for the life of a Christian in keeping their relationship with their Father in heaven. The rest of the nonsense he got rid of, because it endangered the life of a Christian and their relationship with their Father in heaven.

This cycle kind of comes around periodically in the church, but not to the point where our faith is endangered. More so, it is about trimming the fat. Getting back to the crux. What is necessary for our life as a Christian? What really keeps us righteous before our Father in heaven?

Romans 1:17 sets the tone in this season of the Reformation. May you enjoy October with its cooler weather, its festivities, etc. But more importantly, remember why we are the way we are as Lutherans.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with being a Lutheran. You can dare to be so.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Welmer

October Birthdays

Denise Topp	10/2
Brian Denzin	10/9
Audrey Hipp	10/10
Dick Crawford	10/13
Monty Simmons	10/14
Carolyn Kempson	10/15
Charlie Simmons	10/16
Anna Hipp	10/16
Thompson Guy	10/17

Kirk Pacenti	10/19
Madison Douglas	10/20
Scott Stroud	10/22
Michael Gray, Jr.	10/23
Judy Nance	10/27
Carmelita Piepenbrink	10/27
Zoe Jovaag	10/29
Gwen Campbell	10/29
Shelli Baker	10/31

October Anniversaries

Anniversary	Yrs	Date
Alan & Beverly Burt	20	10/10
Rudolf & Grace Denzin	14	10/11
Jesse & Grace Norman	10	10/14
Jeremy & Chelsea Miller	14	10/14

Jim & Christina Poca	26	10/19
Scott & Michelle Bumgardner	22	10/21
Kirk & Kathleen Pacenti	25	10/28

Prayer Requests

Members

Michelle Bumgardner
Nancy Morkert
Monty Simmons
The Topp Family
Barbara Wright

Family of Members

Carol & Carl Anderson (*J. Anderson*)
Page Dover (*Stroud*)
Doug Emmer (*Emmer*)
Sherry Emmer (*Emmer*)
Lynn Erke (*Randall*)
Austin Martin (*Petty*)
Dusty Martin (*Petty*)
Valerie McMullen (*McMullen*)
Lloyd Miller (*Uffalussy*)
Avery Morkert (*Morkert*)

James O'Connell (*Pacenti*)

Tim Stroud (*Stroud*)

Fred Topp (*Topp*)

Jo & Steve Vail (*Vail*)

Katie William's Father

Friends of Members

Gene & Faye Edwards (*Tyson*)

Ava England (*Anderson*)

Jon Freese (*Gatlin*)

Charmaine Goines (*Petty*)

Alta Hook (*Schroeder*)

Stella Kuhn (*McMullen*)

Mia Marine (*Cox*)

Jollie Reeves (*Simmons*)

Amy Turner, Lilly &

Tabitha (*Turner*)

Becky Whitfield (*Bumgardner*)

LONG-TERM

Members: Joan Ashton, Mariann Fretwell, Ingrid Hall, Carolyn Kempson, Ida Jane Larson, Walter Meyer, Peggy Moselage, Judy

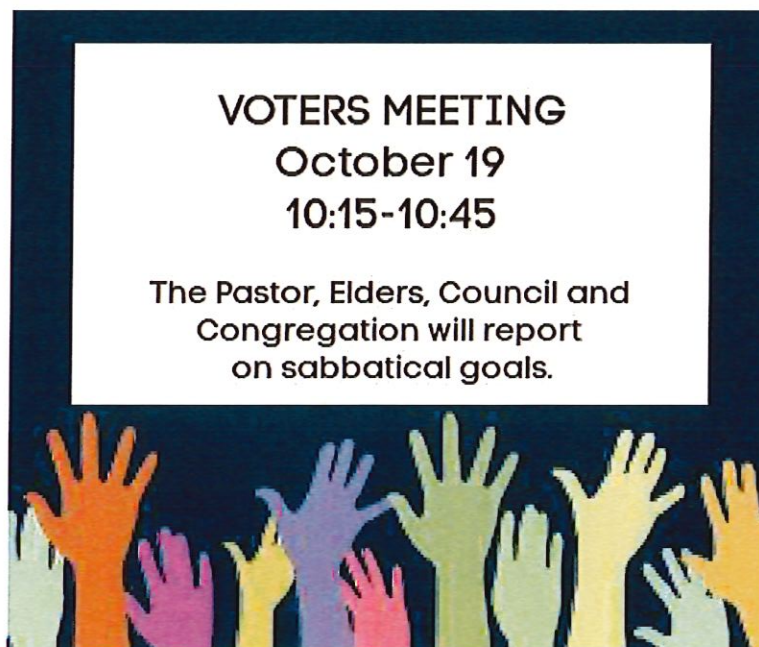
Nance, Paul Parker, Pastor Pingel, Stan Puterbaugh, David Ratchford,
Pat Stroud

Non-Members:

Robbie & Sue Barnes (*Hyde*), Bonnie Blair (*Nance*), Thomas Caines
(*Lowe*), Jack Coulter (*Schlie*), Bethany Dillard (*Johnson*), Ashley & Jim
Koss (*Schlie*), Christan McCall (*Schlie*), Lloyd Miller (*Uffalussy*)

A graphic with a dark red background and a large, faint, stylized number '8' in the background. The text is in various colors and fonts, including gold, white, and orange. The main title 'PASTOR'S APPRECIATION' is in large, bold, gold letters. Below it, a quote in white script reads 'Our Pastors encourage and inspire us with wisdom from God's Word.' and 'His Fruit Shall Remain'. The date 'OCTOBER 12, 2025' is in white script. Below that, an orange banner contains the text 'Join us in showing your appreciation to our pastors:' in white script. Finally, the names of four pastors are listed in white script: 'Pastor Donald Welmer', 'Pastor Gilbert Pingel', 'Pastor Jim Watson', and 'Pastor Don Coulter'.

PASTOR'S APPRECIATION *Our Pastors encourage and inspire us with wisdom from God's Word.*
"His Fruit Shall Remain" **OCTOBER 12, 2025**
Join us in showing your appreciation to our pastors:
Pastor Donald Welmer
Pastor Gilbert Pingel
Pastor Jim Watson
Pastor Don Coulter

A graphic with a dark blue background. At the top, the text 'VOTERS MEETING' is in bold white capital letters, followed by 'October 19' and '10:15-10:45' in white. Below this, a white rectangular box contains the text 'The Pastor, Elders, Council and Congregation will report on sabbatical goals.' in black. At the bottom, there is a row of colorful hand silhouettes in various colors (orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink, etc.) raised in the air.

VOTERS MEETING
October 19
10:15-10:45
The Pastor, Elders, Council and
Congregation will report
on sabbatical goals.

Eighth Annual
Oktoberfest
Sunday, October 5th
after church



First Lutheran Church Camp
1621 Lee Pike
Soddy Daisy, TN



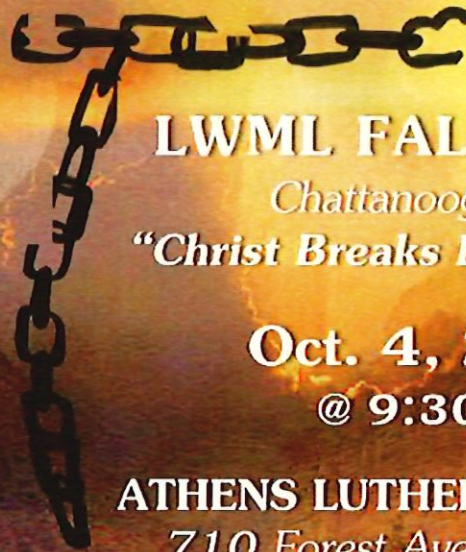
LUNCH around 1:30 pm
VESPERS at 2:30pm
Pumpkin Painting
Games
Big Foot Race
Good Food - Great Times
Wear your best Oktoberfest attire

We will be serving bratwurst
and trimmings, hot dogs,
sauerkraut, potato salad,
pretzels with cheese and
mustard dipping sauce,
dessert, lemonade & water.

Feel free to bring a
beverage of your choosing.

Fun, Food and Fellowship
Please sign up at Church by September 28th
if you are planning to attend

**"SET FREE THOSE
WHO ARE CRUSHED.
BREAK EVERY EVIL
CHAIN."** (NIRV)



LWML FALL RALLY

Chattanooga Zone

"Christ Breaks Every Chain!"

Oct. 4, 2025

@ 9:30 am

ATHENS LUTHERAN CHURCH

710 Forest Ave, Athens, TN

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED!

No cost to attend and includes lunch!

Guest Speaker: Robin Nation, Founder
and Executive Director of "Women at the Well"
*a residential Christian discipleship program
for women with life-controlling problems and addictions.*

Women At The Well- Needs List

The LWML Fall Rally is October 4. Our speaker will be from Women At The Well, a program for women with life-controlling problems such as drug/alcohol addiction, depression, and helplessness. We are asking for help in donating items they need. All items will be delivered to the rally on October 4. Thank you!

Canned fruits or vegetables
Bottled water
Ketchup
Coffee, tea, Kool-Aid
Vegetable Oil
Paper towels or napkins
Toilet paper
Hand soap
Dish soap (Dawn preferred)
SOS or Scotch Brite pads
Cleaningsupplies
Trash bags
Gallon and sandwich size baggies
Aluminum foil
Saran Wrap
Toiletries- Shampoo, conditioner, hair products, soap
Office supplies- Notebook paper, Sharpies, pens, pencils
Baby wipes (sensitive skin/fragrance free)
Diapers- all sizes



100 small pumpkins needed for kids to paint at BCA's Fall Festival Fundraiser on October 16. Please drop your donations off anytime outside of the BCA office.

SERVE

Our "First Fellowship and Serve" is on October 6, from 9-12.

We will do some work around the church, cleaning and repairing, have a short devotion and enjoy lunch together. All are welcome.



Baptism Banner-Making Day

The altar guild is hosting a class on Saturday, October 11, where we will create baptism banners for our littlest church members. If you are a member of the church and would like to learn how to make these banners, please join us from 10 am to noon in the fellowship hall.

MEET, GREET and FELLOWSHIP with LUNCH

Daniel Barbers' Elder Group will meet October 12.

Kevin Hyde's Elder Group will meet October 19.



*Ladies' Fellowship
meets at 6:00
on Thursday, October 16 at
Portofino's on Ringgold Road.*



Men's Fellowship
meets at 6:30 on
Thursday, October 16
at Rib & Loin on
Brainerd Road.



BRUSHES & BUBBLES

Guided paint party Friday,
October 24, 6:30-8:30. Join us
for a night of painting a picture
for Christmas, led by Kathleen
Pacenti. Wine and appetizers
will be served. Feel free to bring
an appetizer to share.
Make check for \$25 to Kathleen
Pacenti and give to Nancy Gray
prior to Oct. 18.
Please sign up in the Narthex.

HOW TO KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE FAITH FOR LIFE

On October 21st and 28th at 6:30pm Robert Campbell and Pastor Watson will offer a two-week session, "God's Design for Faith Formation," at First Lutheran to introduce Bible studies and materials from Concordia Center for

the Family designed to help our young people stay in the Christian faith for life.

In 1st Samuel, Hannah, who prayed for the gift of a child, dedicated him to Israel and the Old Testament priesthood saying, "As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord." All of us, both parents and other members of First Lutheran, know that our children are gifts of God to be brought up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord", in life-long faith. But like all denominations, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod loses 30% or more of our youth in the teenage and young adult stages of life. Extensive research indicates that the key to retaining faith in young people depends on adult involvement, especially of parents, in faith development and worship in the home. Concordia Center for the Family of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod found that, overwhelmingly, parents asked for more ways and resources to make faith active at home. Pastors and parents who have taken part in this program are indicating very positive results.

Childcare will be provided.

The sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.



CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

We Want You in it!



As many of our members have requested, McKinley Tyson will be taking pictures for an on-line directory October 26 from 1/2 hour before the 9:30 service starts and for a half hour after the service ends. She will also be here November 2 and 9, 9:00-11:30.



WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION



Walk to End Alzheimer's - Chattanooga



October 25th @ Heritage Park

Check-In Opens at 8 am; Promise Garden Ceremony at 9:00am; Walk to Follow



alz.org/ChattanoogaWalk



**JOIN US IN THE FIGHT
AGAINST ALZHEIMER'S**

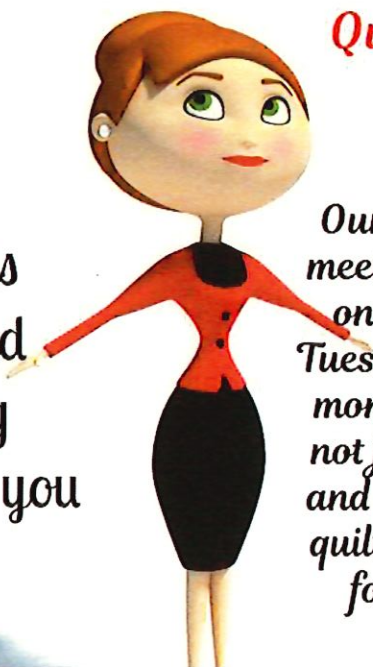


Nursery workers are needed
immediately for the second and fifth
Sundays of the month. If you can help,
please contact Dari Selcer.

Thursday, October 16

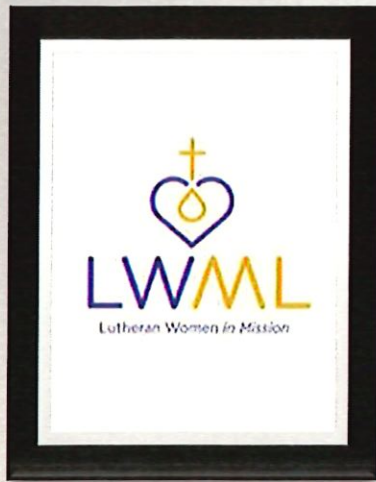
CHURCH OFFICE
CLOSED

In my
dream
world,
fabric is
free and
quilting
makes you
thin!



Quilting!

*Our quilters
meet at 10:00
on the 3rd
Tuesday of the
month. Why
not join them
and see what
quilting does
for you!*



**LWML meets the second
Thursday of each month at
10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship
Hall. All ladies of the church
are welcome.**

BCA

BCA October Dates to Remember

- Oct. 1 - End of first quarter
- Oct. 2 - 10 - Fall Break for K - 8th (Infants – Pre-K4 open)
- Oct. 16 - Fall Festival - 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Oct. 17 - Parent Teacher Conferences - Pre-K3 - 8th grade closed (Infants, Pre-K1 and Pre-K2 open)
- Oct. 24 - BCA Spirit Night at Chuck E. Cheese
- Oct. 29 - Ministry Appreciation Lunch at BCA



BCA's Flag Patrol

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

FALL

FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

OCTOBER 16TH FROM 5:00 TO 8:30 PM

FOOD | GAMES | SILENT AUCTION |
INFLATABLE | AND MORE!
BELVOIR CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



Support BCA through Food City's School Bucks Program!

The annual Food City School Bucks program recently kicked off for the new school year and runs through May 5, 2026.

To date, Food City has donated nearly 24 million dollars to regional schools! Since 2016, BCA has earned over \$5,300 from the School Bucks program!

If you don't have a Food City ValuCard, you may register for a new one, or learn how to register your existing Food City Valucard by visiting <https://www.foodcity.com/schoolbucks/>

Once you have registered, be sure that Belvoir Christian Academy is the designated school on your account for this year.

Food City ValuCards cannot be linked at the check-out register. Families and supporters must update their Food City account and link it to BCA online.

Thank you for helping BCA earn money through this easy shopping program at Food City!

October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCTOBER 2025			1	2 11:00 Evangelism	3	4 9:30 LWML Fall Rally @ Athen's Lutheran Ch
5 16th Sunday after Trinity LWML Service 8:30 Divine Service Philip Halabrin baptism 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service Octoberfest at Camp w/2:30 Divine Service	6 9-12 First Monday Fellowship & Service w/hunch	7	8	9 10:00 LWML Meeting	10	11 10-12 Altar Guild Baptism Bannet-Making Day
12 17th Sunday after Trinity Pastor Appreciation Day 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Reception 11:00 Divine Service 12:30 Daniel Barber's Care Group Gathering	13 6:00 BCA Board	14 9-2 Food Pantry 1:30 Bible Class 6:00 Parish Fellowship 6:00 Elders Meeting 6:00 Social Ministry 7:30 Christian Ed Meeting	15 6:30 Church Council Meeting	16 6:00 Ladies' Fellowship at Portofino's 6:30 Men's Fellowship at Rib & Loin, Brainerd 6:00 BCA Fall Festival Fundraiser	17	18
19 18th Sunday after Trinity Food Pantry Offering 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Voters' Meeting 11:00 Divine Service 12:30 Kevin Hyde's Care Group Gathering	20 Newsletter & Calendar Deadline	21 10:00 Quilters 1:30 Bible Class 6:30 How to Keep Young People in the Faith for Life Seminar	22	23	24 6:30 Brushes & Bubbles Guided Paint Party	25 8:00 Registration for Alz Walk 9:00 Alzheimer's Walk
26 Reformation Day 9:30 Divine Service Pictures taken for Church On-line Directory	27	28 6:30 How to Keep Young People in the Faith for Life Seminar	29	30	31 5:00-7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat	

October Worship Assistants

October 5 8:30

Organist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Frank Streufert
 Jeff Anderson
 Ushers David Topp
 Kurt Piepenbrink
 Altar Guild Connie Uffalussy

October 5 11:00

Organist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Adam Weidman
 Assistants Freer Team
 Ushers Barber Team
 Altar Guild Janet & Ted Ryan
 Acolyte Colin Hipp
 Nursery Ashley Shamblin

October 12 8:30

Organist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Frank Streufert

October 12 11:00

Organist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Charlie Simmons

Jeff Anderson
Ushers Chris Douglas
Tony Seiberlich
Altar Guild Connie Uffalussy

Assistants Freer Team
Ushers Barber Team
Altar Guild Carla Brooks
Acolyte Lucas Barber
Nursery Dari Selcer

October 19 8:30

Organist Anna Hipp
Assistants Ralph Meissner
Jim Post
Ushers David Topp
Kurt Piepenbrink
Altar Guild Connie Uffalussy

October 19 11:00

Organist Anna Hipp
Live Stream vacant
Assistants Freer Team
Ushers Barber Team
Altar Team Jodie Hyde
Acolyte Eradesa Stroud
Nursery Jasley Montgomery

October 26 9:30

Organist Anna Hipp
Live Stream Eric Turner
Assistants Freer Team
Ushers Barber Team
Altar Team Sandy Turner
Acolyte Colin Hipp
Crucifer Audrey Hipp
Nursery Dari Selcer



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