



The Parishioner

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From the Pastor's Desk:

Brothers and Sisters, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are all familiar with the word *grace*. We affirm that we are saved by grace, not because of anything we have done to deserve that saving grace. We believe that because God loves us, he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him will not perish but will have eternal life (John 3.16). Any attempt to explain the Christian faith without reference to grace would be a serious distortion of it. But is God's grace expressed solely in salvation, solely in his giving of his Son for us?

I have been reading a wonderful book entitled *Biblical Critical Theory: How the Bible's Unfolding Story Makes Sense of Modern Life and Culture*, by Christopher Watkin.¹ (Interestingly, Watkin is Professor in French Studies at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia!) In his chapter on creation, Watkin makes several important points:

The first verse of the Bible really is the foundation for everything else: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (v. 1). If we can understand the implications of that single verse, we are well on our way to answering the "so what" question of the whole of the Scriptures (page 54).

First, if the universe has a beginning, then the universe is not necessary; it is possible for it not to exist. ... Second, the fact that the universe has a beginning means that reality is shaping up remarkably like a story (pages 53-54).



...the universe is not necessary, and God did not create because he had to. God did not make the universe to satisfy something that was incomplete in him. He does not need the universe in order to be who he is, and he does not need us in order to be fulfilled (page 59).

God already owns all our treasure, all our time, all our talents, and our very selves. There is nothing we can add to him, no way in which we can make him greater than he already is. We are in every way dependent on him; he is in no way dependent on us (page 59).

Neither we nor the universe are necessary. We may be important, precious, glorious even, but preciously and gloriously unnecessary (pages 59-60).

Understanding these points should move us to rethink much of what we believe about God and, certainly, about ourselves. God created us not because he had to or because he needed us; his creation of us and of all that exists (of all that is not God), was an act of grace and love. It is God our Creator and Father who gives our existence and the existence of the universe meaning and purpose. And because God our Creator and Father

¹ Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2022.

loves what he has made, he called a people to be his own, to love and serve him, and in the fullness of time, he sent his Son to bring about salvation, redemption, reconciliation, and genuine peace. That means that our response and our approach to life should be filled with gratitude and faithfulness. It should also define life and existence of us, not by looking at the world through rose-colored glasses, but by clarifying for us the powerful, amazing love of God, but also the powerfully destructive force of evil and sin on and in God's creation, especially on and in us. Living lives of gratitude and thankfulness does not mean being naïve; it means living lives with our eyes wide open, because it is God's grace and love that opens our eyes to see things for what they really are.

Blessings, *Pastor Phillips*



"Autumn is the mellow season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits."
- Samuel Butler

We have just started a new confirmation class!!! (You may recall that last year we had no students!) Confirmation Class meets almost every Sunday, right after worship.

There are 5 students:

- » Gianna Bilowich
- » Sidney Elliot
- » Vance Elliot
- » C. J. Quinn
- » Evan Rogers

Please keep them and me in your prayers. Encourage them during our 2-year journey through Confirmation studies (see my article in the September Newsletter). ~Pastor

3T-Wednesday, October 4 @ 9:00 am

Time of talk, task & tea
lite lunch @ 11:30am, bring a dish to share *please join us*

Our plastic collection for recycling and making mats has really been busy and we can use more hands to help prepare the bags for mat making and weigh the plastic for bench collections.

*Our collection bins are located at the bottom of the steps coming in from the parking lot.

*Find the list of acceptable plastic items that qualify on the table near the elevator and start recycling today!

Check out our new bench in the church courtyard!



♥ **Prayer Shawl Group**

meets
Wednesday, October 11
@ 1:00 pm.

If you are unable to join the group at the church, but would still like to add your talents, please reach out to Elaine Walker.

Old Testament Bible Study

Thursdays @ 6:00 pm. in Fellowship Hall with Pastor Phillips



Eve Bible Study

Tuesday, October 24 @ 3:00 in the Conference Room. The study that day is "The Saints in Ephesus" from the study book, "By the Will of God".

Congregational Council –Next meeting-Tuesday, October 10, @ 6:00

Please have your reports into the office by Thursday, October 5. Envelopes will be available for pick-up in your mailboxes, Saturday, September 7.

Please keep our Church Council in your prayers as they make decisions for our church family.

St. Mark's Financial Overview
August

Receipts	\$ 30,049.54
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 48,388.75</u>
(Deficit)	(\$18,339.21)



Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 17, 2023
12:00 pm - 5:30 pm

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
201 West Jefferson Street
Butler, PA 16001

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

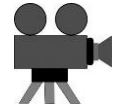
*Summer said in shades of blue,
"Let me be young a few days more."
"Walk forward," Autumn whispered. "There's a
colorful horizon to explore."
~Angie Weiland-Crosby*



Afternoon @ the Movies

Thursday, October 5 @ 1:30

The Book of Ruth Movie



"This remarkable story of second chances is a poignant portrayal of God's redeeming love – a love that changes lives and transcends time . It offers the hope that no matter who you are, no matter where you've been, God has a plan for you." ~Sights & Sounds Theatres

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Thursday, October 19 @ 1:30

**God's Not Dead** Movie

*"College philosophy professor Mr. Radisson's curriculum is challenged by his new student, Josh, who believes God exists." ~Pure Flix Entertainment*

**Butler Meals on Wheels Benefit Meal**

Italian Penne Pasta & Meatball Dinner

**October 17 \*4:00 – 7:00 pm\***

**St. Peter's Anglican Church**

218 E. Jefferson St. (Cliff St. Entrance)

**\$12**

**Eat-in or  
take out**



**80+ Fall Luncheon ~ Tuesday, October 24**

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for members 80 and over and their guest.

Please arrive by 11:30 AM for fellowship, followed by Communion at 12 Noon. Lunch will follow along with a very interesting Program.

- Valet service is available for any who desire it. Drive to the Church St door by the Kitchen. Someone will be available to park your car, and retrieve it when the Program is over.
- Others are asked to enter the door at the corner of Birch and Church Streets. This will eliminate the need to use any stairs. Wheel chairs will be available at both doors if needed. The doors will be marked appropriately with signs.
- **RSVP by adding your name to the sign-up sheet on the table by the elevator or calling the Church Office by Tuesday, October, 17, 2023**





**Women** of the  
NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

# News The Women of the NALC (WNALC)

**Calling all St. Mark's Church Women! Saturday, October 14, 2023, at 11:00 am.**

**JOIN US in Fellowship Hall** for a church gathering with **all women of our church**. This is a fellowship time to visit, relax, and fellowship with friends and to make new ones. We will be celebrating the several missions that we have been supporting: local, national, and international.

A light lunch will be provided. **Please RSVP by October 8** (there is no cost to attend).



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## MID NORTHEAST MISSION DISTRICT FALL GATHERING

**SATURDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 11TH**  
**9AM - 3PM**

*Celebrating Women Veterans*

**SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**26 CLARION ST**  
**SMICKSBURG, PA 16256**

We will be celebrating Women Veterans. There is a \$10 registration fee for each person.

**Please RSVP by October 28** to Jessie Phillips

Our Mission: As sisters in Christ, we dedicate ourselves to guide and direct the Women of the North American Lutheran Church in their efforts to move forward in faith and mission, through prayer and evangelism, with the Holy Scriptures as the final authority in all matters.

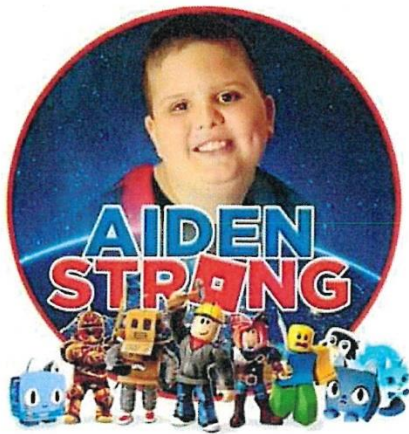
Our Motto: Connecting with our Sisters in Christ by  
Sharing God's Love

**Disaster Response:** It was such a joy to meet so many of you during Lutheran Week in Oklahoma City. We had such a great gathering and accomplished so much together. Thank you so much for bringing and sending so many gift cards for the Tonka Truck in-gathering. We are excited to share with you that we collected a total value of \$5,450.00. That's so amazing! You are so amazing! A lot of gift cards have been sent to Maui, Hawaii and to those impacted by Hurricane Idalia. As I'm

sure you're aware, the fires in Maui and Hurricane Idalia have created unbelievable chaos in the lives those they have encountered. The NALC Disaster Relief team has been able to respond to both of these disasters thanks to the generosity of the people of The NALC. It's always a great time to host a "Stuff the Tonka" event to collect gift cards in your congregations. Additionally, several warehouses were pretty much emptied in order to respond to these disasters. The fall rains will likely give us more opportunities to respond to stateside disasters in the months to come. A congregational "Disaster Kit assembly day" would be a great fall activity in your congregation/mission district. Donations to the WNALC for our Mission Partners is always helpful. When you send in funds please write Mission Partners on the memo line on your check. The cost of shipping Disaster Supplies to Maui is quite expensive. Your donations enable the Women of the NALC to support so many needs in the area of Disaster Response. If you need some help getting these activities going in your congregation, please contact me (Rev. Cathy Fanslau) or Mary Bates. We have lots of ideas! Thank you for being God's presence in the lives of people experiencing so much chaos.

~Blessings, Pr. Cathy Fanslau





# Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for Aiden Bartley



9 years old....he is 9 years old. Aiden was diagnosed with Metastatic Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma in November of 2022. An extremely rare cancer that is practically unheard of in children. At this moment in time, the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh is no longer giving him treatments. The Cleveland Clinic, ironically, does have a pediatric cancer specialist that does deal with child pancreatic cancers. Cleveland clinic has agreed to treat Aiden & he is receiving chemo. It will be similar to his first treatment in October of last year. He will be bringing a bag home again. This will be for 6 weeks for 3 treatments. They will do a scan to check for progress. If none is being made the doctors have a plan B in mind.

We also have a consultation with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for clinical trials. It is a meeting and he nothing is guaranteed.



## BUTLER MOOSE LODGE

225 W JEFFERSON ST

OCTOBER 7TH

1PM - 7PM

**50/50**

**Games of Chance**

**Basket Raffle**

**All proceeds donated**

**to Aiden**

**CHOICE OF SPAGHETTI & RED SAUCE \$10**

**OR**

**PENNE & ALFREDO SAUCE \$12**

**MEATBALLS - SALAD - BREAD & BUTTER**



**For More Information Please contact:**

**Butler Moose Lodge - 724-825-4129**

**Brenda Maier - 724-679-8579**

**Alex Solo - 724-822-2888**

**Or Post to our Facebook Page - Butler Moose Lodge #64**

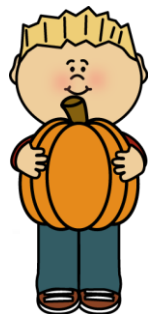
**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/390687122025734>**

**Amber Madliger - 724-991-8190**

**David Maier 724-355-0277**

**FOLLOW AIDEN'S JOURNEY ON FACEBOOK**

**[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PROFILE.PHP?ID=100087120443038](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087120443038)**



## *Katie's Kitchen Newsletter for October 2023.....*

*Change* seems to be the word for this month of October. We transition from the hot, sunny days of summer to the chilly, darker days of Fall & Winter. I must say that I do enjoy this change that comes with a chill in the air & the beautiful colors of the foliage. 🍂 Not only do we change our wardrobe, but we also change the food we prepare & the activities that we do. These changes add spice (no pun intended) & variety to our otherwise "daily grind". God, our Father, knew what he was doing when He designed us. We don't ever stay in one spot too long- we are born, grow, age & die in what seems to be a relatively short period of time. The days, months, & years pass so quickly that we hardly realize we are changing & evolving.

Our Father gives us these days to do His work on earth. I recently saw a picture of Christ on the cross where He had no arms & hands. This picture stopped me in my tracks for a minute as I tried to understand what the artist was depicting. The prayer with this picture said that WE are meant to be the "*arms & hands of Christ*". Think about that for a minute... our lives change so quickly that we often don't even notice. Each of us were given different talents, abilities, & resources to help those around us to build the kingdom of God.

### *Notes from the Kitchen:*

- ❖ We continue to see large numbers of folks who are hungry & come to our meals each week. Inflation & the rising cost of food and utilities seem to be the reason. With prices of everything continuing to rise, it is hard for families to keep up. We do seem to be seeing more children & families. Fortunately, the school district's Kids Weekend Backpack program will be starting again this month, so kids will be fed during the weekends. They are always in need of products or monetary donations to keep the KWBP running. Speaking from experience, you can't teach hungry kids!
- ❖ A HUGE Shout Out to Brenckle's Nursery, Ambrose Farms, Metricks Harvest View Farm, &, of course, Butler Farm Market & Panera Bread for their generous food donations to our kitchen. We have cooked or shared every bit of this wonderful locally grown, fresh produce with our neighbors who come to our meals. These donations mean that we can prepare a variety of healthy food at minimal cost.
- ❖ Please pray for several of our wonderful volunteers who are experiencing health concerns. We pray that our loving Father give them strength & peace and complete healing. ❤️
- ❖ KK is in need of a few people who would be willing to give of their time once a month to help put our meals together. Consider giving a few hours of your time monthly to our neighbors in need.
  - We need Packers who help organize our donations & pack the food for distribution. These folks are needed from 1:15- 4:30 pm.
  - We need Servers who stand inside our door & help to hand out our meals & other donations each week. These folks are needed from 4:45-6 pm.
- ❖ KK is also in need of a graphic artist who could help design a couple of logos for KK & the CM Art Gala. Contact me if you are able to help.
- ❖ Stay tuned.....
  - The first organizational meeting of the Community Meal Art Show & Gala will be held later this month. I'll be keeping you updated as we go along with our plans for this important community event. Mark your calendars for **April 13 & 14, 2024**.
  - We will be doing our annual Christmas give away early in December & will be asking for your help with this in November. We will be asking for toiletries & paper products as we have been in the past. Your help with this is greatly appreciated!



Take time in the next few days to consider how you are helping to build the Kingdom. How are YOU being the "arms & hands of Christ"? It might be to help at KK or possibly your talents would be better used somewhere else in the church or community. Change isn't always bad- it can actually bring new life to you & those around you! ~Justine

*Grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. (Eph 4:7)*





*The true beauty of a harvest lies not only in its yield but in the unity and collaboration it fosters.*  
 ~Catherine Pulsifer

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**One Pan Winter Chicken Roast** <https://tasty.co/recipe/one-pan-autumn-chicken-roast>

**Ingredients**

for 4 servings

- 1 large sweet potato, cubed
- 1 lb Brussel sprouts, halved
- 2 apples, sliced
- 4 skins on chicken thigh
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary
- 2 tablespoons fresh thyme

**Preparation**

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F (200°C).
2. On a baking sheet, toss the sweet potato, Brussels sprouts, and sliced apples so they're evenly distributed.
3. Lay the chicken thighs on top.
4. Drizzle the olive oil over the chicken, fruit, and veggies, and season with salt and pepper.
5. Sprinkle with the garlic, rosemary, and thyme.
6. Turn the chicken over and season on the other side, then return to skin-side up.
7. Bake for 30 minutes, then broil for 5 - 10 minutes so the chicken skin gets golden brown and crispy.
8. Enjoy!



*"I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion."* — Henry David Thoreau



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# St. Mark's Kid Stuff



## Youth Page October 2023



### Sunday School

is in full swing. Meeting at 10:15AM. Classes for all ages (including two year olds and adults).

Sunday School is a great time to learn about God with age-appropriate lessons and discussions.

Do not forget the importance of play and fun. With talented teachers, great activities, and friends, your little ones will love going to Sunday school every week.

This is a great way to show your kids learning about God can be really cool.

Confirmation classes: looking for kids in 7th and 8th grade (or above) who are interested in taking the next step of their Faith Journey.

Meeting every Sunday after Church in the Conference room. The Class is taught by Pastor.



The 50th Year of St. Mark's Children's Hour is in full swing!

There were 55 kids and their families here at St. Mark's this past Wednesday morning. God is Good!

The Children's Hour Ministry has been offering stories, games, music, crafts, and love for 50 years. The Program is run strictly by some of the best volunteers and for that

### First Holy Communion

is taking place for the 2023 class on Sunday the 1st at the 9AM Service.



The students have finished their studies, made banners, and baked Communion bread. They are now ready for their First Communion.

Congratulations to the students receiving First Communion and their families.

Olivia Lee Black

Caleb Fennell

Nora Elizabeth Hoehn

Michael Daniel Masciarelli

Noah Morton

Harlie Marie Quinn

Brody Michael Rivers

Elise Rodgers

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Congratulations to newly baptized Hadley Rose Hunka; daughter of Marc & Rebecca Hunka

Grandparents – Jahn & Kimberly Hunka, and Tracy & Tim Beeles, James Jones Jr.  
Great-grandparent – Bob & Nancy Fisher, Joyce Jones, Bob Walton  
Hadley’s Sponsor - Jessica Rossi

Welcome to the Christian family. Please continue to lift Hadley and her family up in prayer.



Word has it, among our St. Mark's family is a shining star with a hidden talent undiscovered. A lucky group of bus touring folks got to witness this “emerging star of stage & screen.” The stories of his great performance participating in the Ken Grovesare Ventriloquist show are being told far and wide. So if you see, **Jonathan Mosely** make sure you get his autograph!



Another bus trip opportunity will be coming in May 2024. Plans are being made to travel to the Sights and Sounds Theater in Lancaster, PA to see the show *Daniel*. Watch for more information to come or contact Bob Niggel to join in the fun!

Dear Pastor Phillips and St. Mark's,

Thank you for the prayers for Kevin the past two years. Also, thank you for the prayers, hugs, words and cards of support.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness is appreciated,  
God Bless, Kay & Joe Tirk

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St. Marks (Katie's Kitchen), I was standing in line one day, waiting for food. I heard this old man behind me saying just what a blessing it is that you guys do what you do. He was talking about writing a letter to you guys. So, just in case his didn't get through, we all want you to know how much we appreciate you guys and all that you do for us! I've been thinking about volunteering if I could somehow. If there is anyway I can help, please call. Love & Peace, Jeff
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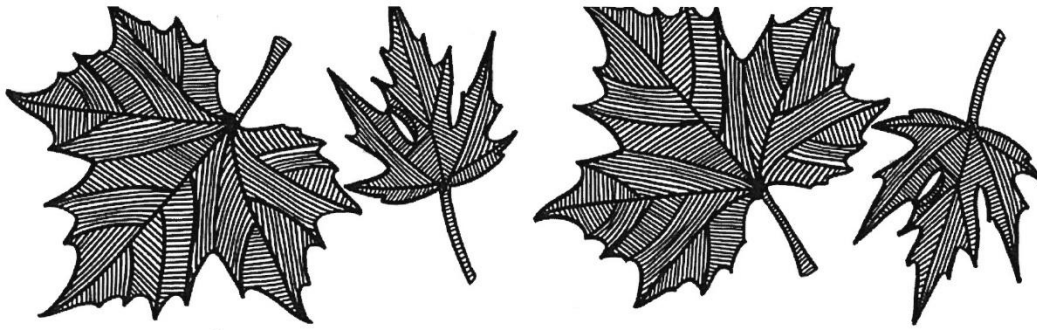
### Stay Connected

We are working hard to continue reaching out, serving and “being witnesses” through a variety of old and new ways. Find us, “Like us” and Share us! ❤️

- [Website](http://stmarksbutler.org) – stmarksbutler.org / [Facebook](#) – St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church (Butler, PA)
- [YouTube](#) – St. Marks Butler PA / [Radio Broadcast](#) – WBUT 1050 AM, Sunday mornings @ 10:30 am
- [Newsletter](#) – “The Parishioner” - sent monthly to your mailbox and found on the website
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Help us stay connected to you. Share and/or update your contact information so that we can keep you informed.





# Autumn Word Search

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| Back To School | Blackberries    | Black Cats      | Bounty       | Chestnuts        |
| Chrysanthemum  | Colorful Leaves | Cool Weather    | Corn         | Corn Fields      |
| Cornucopia     | Cranberries     | Cranberry Sauce | Crows        | Fall             |
| Falling Leaves | Fog             | Halloween       | Harvest      | Harvest Moon     |
| Haystacks      | Indian Summer   | Jack o Lantern  | Kite Flying  | Kites            |
| Leaf Piles     | Moon            | November        | Nuts         | October          |
| Pecan Pie      | Pine Cone       | Pumpkin Patch   | Pumpkin Pie  | Pumpkins         |
| Raking Leaves  | Rain            | Raincoat        | Scarecrows   | Season           |
| September      | Spooky          | Squash          | Thanksgiving | Trick or Treat   |
| Turkey         | Walnuts         | Winds           | Yams         |                  |

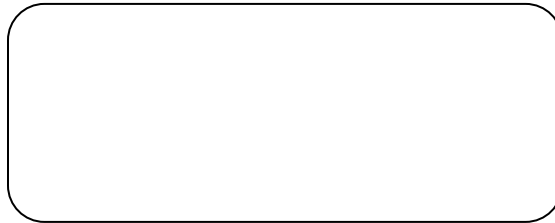
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Sunday School: 10:15 AM

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Wendy Holt, Parish Administrator  
John Lingenfelter, Custodian  
Larry Rettig, Custodian  
Rebecca Veith, Director of Music  
Sherry Young, Treasurer  
Toni Tassej, Financial Secretary



## October Scriptures and Prayers

October 1 – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-10, Philippians 2:1- 18, Matthew 21:23-32

*\* Lord God, You call us to work in Your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of Your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by Your wisdom; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

October 8 – Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-19, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

*\* God of love, You know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

October 15 – Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:4-13, Matthew 22:1-14

*\* Our Lord Jesus, You have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over You, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge You as Lord. Amen.*




October 22 – Isaiah 45:1-17, Psalm 96:1-9, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

*\* Almighty God, source of every blessing Your generous goodness come to us anew every day. By the work of Your Spirit lead us to acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

October 29 – Reformation Sunday – Revelation 14:6-7, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

*\* O God, we thank You for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude. We pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in Your mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*



| SUNDAY                                                                                                            | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | THURSDAY                                              | FRIDAY                                                                             | SATURDAY                                                            |                                                                                       |
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| 9:00 Worship<br>10:15 S.S.                                                                                        | 1      | 2       | 5:00 Bell Choir<br>6:00 Choir                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3<br>9:00 3T<br>9:30 Children's<br>Hour               | 4<br>3:00 Afternoon<br>@ Movies<br>5:00 Katie's<br>Kitchen<br>6:00 Bible<br>Study  | 5<br>6<br>5:00 Worship                                              | 7                                                                                     |
| 9:00 Worship<br>10:15 S.S.                                                                                        | 8      | 9       | 5:00 Bell Choir<br>6:00 Choir<br>6:00 Council                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10<br>9:30 Children's<br>Hour<br>1:00 Prayer<br>Shawl | 11<br>5:00 Katie's<br>Kitchen<br>6:00 Bible<br>Study                               | 12<br>13<br>11:00 Women<br>of St. Mark's<br>Meeting<br>5:00 Worship | 14                                                                                    |
| 9:00 Worship<br>10:15 S.S.                                                                                        | 15     | 16      | 12:00 Red<br>Cross<br>5:00 Bell Choir<br>6:00 Worship<br>& Music Mtg.<br>6:30 Choir                                                                                                                                                                        | 17<br>9:30 Children's<br>Hour                         | 18<br>3:00 Afternoon<br>@ Movies<br>5:00 Katie's<br>Kitchen<br>6:00 Bible<br>Study | 19<br>20<br>5:00 Worship                                            | 21                                                                                    |
| 9:00 Worship<br>10:15 S.S.                                                                                        | 22     | 23      | 11:30 80+<br>Luncheon<br>3:00 Eve Bible<br>Study<br>5:00 Bell Choir<br>6:00 Choir                                                                                                                                                                          | 24<br>9:30 Children's<br>Hour                         | 25<br>5:00 Katie's<br>Kitchen<br>6:00 Bible<br>Study                               | 26<br>27<br>5:00 Worship                                            | 28                                                                                    |
| <br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 S.S. | 29     | 30      | <p><b>Fun Dates to Celebrate in October:</b> 10/1 – National Homemade Cookie Day, 10/5- Bring Your Bible to School Day, 10/9-International Beer &amp; Pizza Day, 10/15-National Mushroom Day, 10/21-Count Your Buttons Day, 10/27-Cranky Coworkers Day</p> |                                                       |                                                                                    |                                                                     |  |

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SEPTEMBER 2023

NOVEMBER 2023

## SCRIPTURE:

*You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand.*  
*<sup>14</sup>Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. <sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;*  
 Psalm 89:13-15