



# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2019



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**From the Pastor...**

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## Our Most Common Ailment

At a recent gathering of Lutheran pastors, we were discussing some of the challenges that the church faces in today's world. There was a consensus that apathy was the most common affliction of the church. It is easy to become complacent about almost anything in life, yet when it involves a person's relationship with God one might think a bit more seriously about it. In a more affluent society, it becomes a real issue since many subscribe to the notion that spirituality is irrelevant and does not have any meaning in life. The matter is further compounded by our adamant and fervent denial of death.

I do not pretend to have a quick fix for this dilemma. There are some useful suggestions that may help to address this apathetic milieu in which we live. One antidote for apathy is gratitude; that is the attitude of thankfulness which is at the heart of humanity. We will soon be approaching the national holiday of Thanksgiving. That day reminds us that everyday is a day to be grateful that we live; serve a loving and just God who offers us the gift of salvation in Christ. This is not a seasonal expression but a time to remember the blessings we receive every day.

May I suggest that when you bid farewell to someone that you leave them with these words, "Have a grateful day." Don't say have a great day but add the suffix to allow the listener to consider gratitude as your parting message. It is an easy evangelizing message that anyone can share. Believe me, it is easy to say if it comes from the heart and not just a trendy saying.

One of the fruits of gratitude is a joyful enthusiasm that affects others in a significant way. This is not just a positive attitude but a confident and abiding trust in power of God. The Bible tells us that our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. It also states that this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. It is clear to me that to develop an attitude of gratitude one needs to rely upon the benevolence of God and trust in His mercy.

In closing, I pray that you will resist the urge to be apathetic by trusting in a power that is greater than all of us. The Lord God is faithful in all His words and loving in all His deeds. I hope that you will have many grateful years in which to praise and honor the Lord.

SOLI DEO GLORIA!

## Worship Ministers

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
10/6	10:30 a.m.	Mark Cunningham	10/6	10:30 a.m.	Donna Dudash
10/13	8:00 am	Steve Maurer	10/13	8:00 am	Pam Ward
	10:30 am	Dee Garrison		10:30 am	Skip Steward
10/20	8:00 am	Charlann Young	10/20	8:00 am	Sandy Ritter
	10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 am	Richard Dudash
10/27	8:00 am	Pam Ward	10/27	8:00 am	Jen Ward
	10:30 am	Terry Tegtmeier		10:30 am	Tammy Huggins
USHERS & GREETERS			ACOLYTES		
10/6	10:30 a.m.	Skip & Jean Steward	10/6	10:30 a.m.	Michael Eberly
10/13	8:00 am	Jim & Jen Ward	10/13	8:00 am	Tyra Hampton
	10:30 am	Tom & Tammy Huggins		10:30 am	Izaak Matthew
10/20	8:00 am	Greg & Julie Majors	10/20	8:00 am	Carson Majors
	10:30 am	Dee Garrison		10:30 am	Logan Hornberger
10/27	8:00 am	Dave & Charlann Young	10/27	8:00 am	Shawntel Hafer
	10:30 am	Rick & Lori Caughey		10:30 am	Vivianne Eberly
		<u>Altar Guild</u> Carol Hoskinson	<u>Fellowship</u> Jean Steward		<u>Community Meal –</u> <u>Linda Clugston</u>
Screen Monitor			Nursery		
10/6	10:30 a.m.	Lisa Keane	10/6	10:30 a.m.	Kim Pohovey
10/13	8:00 am	Julie Majors	10/13	8:00 am	Pam Ward
	10:30 am	Doug Dix		10:30 am	Karen Marlowe
10/20	8:00 am	Austin Ward	10/20	8:00 am	Ward Family
	10:30 am	Rick Caughey		10:30 am	Barb Shine
10/27	8:00 am	Whitney Ward	10/27	8:00 am	Majors Family
	10:30 am	Dee Garrison		10:30 am	Donna Dudash

## Offering and Attendance

Date	9/1	9/8	9/15	9/22	9/29
Offering	\$1,755.50	\$2,399.00	\$2,863.00	\$1,615.00	\$
Attendance	55	80	54	57	

### Readings:

10/6	10/13	10/20	10/27
<u>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Time after Pentecost</u>	<u>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Time after Pentecost</u>	<u>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Time after Pentecost</u>	<u>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Time after Pentecost</u>

<u>Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4</u>	<u>2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15</u>	<u>Genesis 32:22-31</u>	<u>Jeremiah 31:31-34</u>
<u>Psalms 37:1-9</u>	<u>Psalms 111</u>	<u>Psalms 121</u>	<u>Psalms 46</u>
<u>2 Timothy 1:1-14</u>	<u>2 Timothy 2:8-15</u>	<u>2 Timothy 3:14-4:5</u>	<u>Romans 3:19-28</u>
<u>Luke 17:5-10</u>	<u>Luke 17:11-19</u>	<u>Luke 18:1-8</u>	<u>John 8:31-36</u>



**Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers:** Ally Clechanowski Lynn Christenson, Cloe Ann Kate, Bonnie Eckhardt, Larry Elliott, Corrine Haney, Tony Whatling, Robert Leffler, Arloene Howenstine, Diane Clugston, Susan Tiller, Linda Beachy, Pat Sundheimer, Louise Harris, Maddy Russell, Debbie Neorr, Paul Gosselin, Mary Pickens, Jackson Kinsey, Jean Baker, Ret Kendrick, Chuck Slaybaugh, Lauren Seifert, **Servicemen & Women-** Don Scholz, Rob Vitous,

Camren Taylor, Jeremy Warfield, Gray Ashworth, Trent Garver, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, David Ward, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, William Robishaw, Paul Roley, Kyle Greiving



**Dress A Child:** DRESS A CHILD (2019) --This year 1,049 children were able to shop for school clothes with a \$74.00 voucher. May God bless you for your prayers and financial support of \$3,094.

**ALL - YOU - CAN - EAT - COUNTRY BREAKFAST -St. John United Church of Christ**

Saturday, October 5, 2019 - 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Breakfast will consist of: Scrambled eggs, ham or sausage, biscuits and sausage gravy, pancakes, juice, and coffee. Cost: \$6.00 ages 11 and up - \$3.00 ages 6 to 10 - Under 6 – Free



**Evangelism Corner:** What is the message of the Bible? Simply stated it is that our Father, God, is constantly in pursuit of His children. He has called us home with His Word, paved the road with His blood, and is anxiously awaiting our arrival. The message

of the Bible, ----- God's love for His children---a love that is unconditional. Daily God gives us the opportunity to experience sacred moments. For many these moments go unnoticed. For others they brighten their day. These moments are like the soft slap of sandals which break the stillness, a pierced hand inviting you to follow. Sometimes we ignore His message but if we listen to His voice, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened", we will turn back on the noise, the humdrum of the day, and choose to follow Him. Those who choose to follow are surrounded by a confidence, a peace, feeling a serenity that softens the corners of their lips and a feeling of joy gleaming in their eyes.

There is a story of a man who chose to follow God thru his entire life. A few days before he died a priest visited him in the hospital. In the room the priest noticed an empty chair beside the man's bed. The priest wondered if someone had visited. The old man said that was where Jesus sat when He visited every day. It seems that the man pulled up the chair and invited Jesus to visit him so that they could have a good talk. A few days later the man's son came to visit the priest to inform him that his father had passed away. He told the priest that he had stepped outside his father's room for a few minutes and when he returned his father had died. There was something strange when he entered the room. His father had been lying in bed when he had stepped out. When he reentered, he found his father with his head resting not on his pillow but on an empty chair that was by his bed. We need

to learn a lesson from this old man. Throughout his life he had followed God to the "summit". So take time to listen and grab hold of those sacred moments and walk with God up to the "summit". Find peace up there and untethered joy with your walk with God.



### Happy Birthday

Karen Marlowe	10/2	Beth Pirillo	10/23
Debbie App	10/3	Carl Gregory	10/23
Denise Garver	10/3	Peggy Dix	10/24
Josh Hafer	10/8	Mike Marlowe	10/23
Mary Simmons	10/8	Rebecca Dix	10/25
Dee Garrison	10/10	Kory Inskeep	10/25
Kathy Pozzuto	10/10	Jean Steward	10/25
Dave Garan	10/11	Richard Dudash	10/27
Jean Baker	10/12	Laura Fortner	10/31
Jennifer Smith	10/13	Greg Majors	10/31
Ron Richards	10/19		



### Anniversaries

Lynette & John McClay	10/2
Greg & Julie Majors	10/12
Aaron & Meghan Woods	10/12
Rick & Lori Caughey	10/19
Jim & Jane Davis	10/26

**Youth News: Oct 17th** - Murder in the Mansion - Suspects! Motives! Mystery! It's an incredible interactive evening experience! The Seiberlings are hosting an art auction for works by an up-and-coming gallery artist, but suddenly a murder takes place in the Manor House. Who is the murderer? What is the motive? Come and join the suspects to help figure out this whodunit. This interactive evening concludes with light refreshments in the Manor House Reception Hall where all will be revealed. **GROGS** and chaperones please plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall @5:00 PM to assemble shoe boxes, eat dinner, and then travel as a group to Stan Hewett Hall 6:45-9:15.

**RSVP by Oct 1st for tickets - Oct 20th** - Boo at the Akron Zoo - All Youth and chaperones are invited to dress in costumes for this non-scary Halloween event! Meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:30 service for lunch and then travel as a group to the Zoo. Bring your own bag to collect treats from 12 themed treat stations located throughout the zoo while enjoying the animals! - **RSVP by Oct 1st for tickets**

### PRAYER FOCUS FOR October 2019

During the month of October, the retail stores are decorated for Halloween, and we prepare ourselves for trick-or-treaters at our doors at the end of the month. But in our churches the month of October brings something far more important: an annual commemoration of the Lutheran Reformation. October 31st is Reformation Day.

The great principles of the Reformation are not just historical relics to honored only in memory. They are vital principles for us and for our times as well. This month let's pray for a renewal of the spirit of the Reformation. In particular:

Pray that the corruption that has gradually grown up in so many places might be seen for what it is: a falling away from the truth of Scripture.

Pray that in our country there will be a rediscovery of the Bible, as the only infallible guide to life, morals, and the way of salvation.

Pray that people will be moved to stand up for the truth, even against powerful interests, as Martin Luther and others did in the sixteenth century.

Pray that sinful human pride and boasting will yield to a new awareness of our need for salvation through God's grace.

Pray that faith from renewed hearts will more and more give glory to God alone, in the name of his only-begotten Son.

May the motto of the Reformers -- Scripture alone, Faith alone, and Grace alone -- be proclaimed with renewed vigor in our times.



**Shut-ins:** Please see a list of our shut-ins attached; I am sure they would enjoy hearing from you by visit or card. Thank you.

- Martha Eckhardt – 12515 Sherman Church Rd. NE – Bolivar, Oh 44612
- Jack Garrison – 4960 US 250 – Beach City, Oh 44608
- Jean Baker – Inn at Northwood 5779 N. Wooster Ave. STE. 101- Dover, Oh 44622
- Arloene Howenstine – 541 La Dyne Ave. NW - P.O. Box 12 – Bolivar, Oh 44612
- Bill Haueter – Hennis Care Ctr. – Bolivar, OH 44612
- Bonnie Burkhart – Park Village Assisted Living. – 1525 N. Crater Ave. – Dover, OH 44622



**Christian Book Club – The next scheduled book club will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. 7:00 p.m.** We will be reading “How to Finish the Christian Life,” by Donald Sweeting and George Sweeting . For those of us over 50 (or even 60 or 70!) the second half of life leaves us with the question: What do I do now?

This father and son duo discuss how a believer addresses numerous issues of the mature years. If you're over 50, now is the time to address these issues with a renewed focus and purpose – and finish in faith. Contact Terry Tegtmeier if you'd like a copy.



**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SWISS STEAK DINNER - Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> - 11:30-1:00 p.m.** Menu Includes: Swiss Steak, Potatoes, Salad, Vegetable, Dinner rolls, Dessert and Beverage. Free will Offering – Take outs available - Benefit – Friends of the Homeless



# Month of October 2019



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
			Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Worship Meeting 6:30 p.m.		Mission Trip to Caldwell, OH Leave 8:00 a.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.		Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.			Property Meeting 9:00 a.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.		Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Rebekah & Sonshine Sisters 9:00 a.m.	Community Meal 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m. Council 7:00 p.m.	Prayer Chain update due Newsletter Deadline	Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.			Budget Meeting
27	28	29	30	31		
Reformation Sunday. Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Dinner for Homeless Shelter 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.		Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.			

