



News Journal

Monthly Newsletter of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

October 2026

From the Pastor's Desk

Philippians 2:12-13. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

We don't work FOR our salvation; we work OUT our salvation. That means we figure out how God wants us to live for him. What gifts and calling has he placed on our lives? Where do we fit in and how do we serve? How does God conform us to be like his Son, our Lord Jesus?

He works in us by his Holy Spirit. He leads and guides and moves us. Why? It is his purpose to make us like Jesus. That means he reforms us – “re-forms” us. Forms us again in a different way. We change. He wants the best for us, and we do too.

What motivates us to work out our salvation, to live for Jesus, to serve others? Look at Philippians 3:8-12. “For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him (GOAL), not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith (GOAL); ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection (GOAL), and may share his sufferings (GOAL), becoming like him in his death (GOAL), ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.(GOAL) ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, *because Christ Jesus has made me his own.*(MOTIVATION)

At the end of this month we celebrate Reformation Sunday on the 25th. We celebrate the Reformation of the Church after Martin Luther re-discovered the Gospel of God's grace and unconditional love. How

he gave us the gift of salvation, forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. It is a gift to be used, not a gift to have. What do I mean? It's like the sweater your grandmother bought you. She did not give it to you to have, but to wear, to use to keep you warm or make you look good at the Christmas party. It has a purpose. Our salvation is a gift to use to serve others with love and patience. It is a gift that changes us because we know we are loved despite our failings.

As individuals, as congregations, as denominations, as the Church we must be reformed and always be reforming. If we are stagnant we are actually losing ground. One of the things disciples do is be a disciple. To be a disciple you do things disciples do. You love in Jesus' name. You learn the scriptures, the story of God and his people. You fellowship and worship with other Christians no matter their labels. You serve others as Christ served us.

All that happens together, one sinner with another, one saint with another. You cannot follow Jesus by yourself. We do it together.

If you are not already in some kind of “accountability group” then I encourage to to build one or find one. Find people who love you enough to tell you the hard things. People who will walk with you through the tough times and celebrate with you in the good times. Commit to read scripture and talk about what you read. Pray for and with each other. Build trust as you share and care.

Being a follower of Jesus is hard work and it means being friends who want the best for each other as God wants the best for his children.

In His service I am
Pastor Dave

PASTOR HEFNER IS STARTING A NEW BIBLE STUDY TOPIC WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 10:00 AM AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 AT 6:30 PM. WE WILL STUDY "THE GROWING DISCIPLE: A STUDY OF THE BIBLE'S STORY AND THE THEOLOGICAL THEMES WE FIND THERE."

NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO JOIN US! PLEASE SEE PASTOR DAVE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Early Services in October



Sunday, October 11

8:30 am Service of Holy Communion
Outdoor Chapel

(If the weather does not permit us to worship outside, we will worship in the Adult Assembly Room)

INVITE OTHERS TO COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!

This will be our final outdoor service of the year.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON CHURCH COUNCIL?

If you are interested in serving on Church Council, please let the pastor know. You may also put your name on the yellow legal pad located in the Gathering room.



New Jerusalem Senior Friends "Bake and Craft" Sale will take place on **Saturday, November 21, 2026** beginning at 9:00 am and running to 1:00 pm. They will have homemade baked cakes, pies and goodies, canned goods, arts and crafts, etc. *You don't have to be a Senior Friends member to make donations or to shop. We 'd appreciate your help!* ***If you are interested in donating cakes and baked goods, they should be homemade. Arts and crafts should be in good to new condition.*** Preferably these items should be brought to the Fellowship Hall on Friday evening, Nov. 20th, between **5:30 pm – 7:00 pm.** (If not, bring the morning of the sale between 8:00 am and 8:45 am.) If items are brought at any other time, please have it labeled for Senior Friends, your name and description of the item, and possibly your suggested price. Place it on the wooden table in the Fellowship Hall. If any items need to be refrigerated, please do so and leave us a note saying you have done so.

All proceeds will be donated to worthy organizations. We appreciate your support. If you have any questions, contact

Barbara Hamrick, Paula White, or Sandra Bollinger.

Special Note: We will also have **hot dog lunches** available for purchase beginning at **10:30.**

Thank You



Please express our appreciation to your congregation for the donation sent to provide food for the students in our two schools in Haiti. We have been feeding the children at one of the schools each school day. At the second school, we have fed them three days a week, but we are hoping to be able to feed these students every school day. Your donation will help us continue to provide nutritious meals, sometimes the only meal a child will receive that day.

The attached photo was taken yesterday at the Kamitan school during our summer feeding program.

Kit Brunson
SMI Haiti



Lutheran Women



Lutheran Women's Sunday, SOS Presentations, and Blessing of the Quilts will take place Sunday, October 18.

Mark Your Calendars



Sunday, November 1

Daylight Saving Time Ends
All Saints Sunday

Friday, November 20

Set up for Senior Friends Bake & Craft Sale (5:30 pm – 7:00 pm)

Saturday, November 21

Senior Friends Bake & Craft Sale
(9:00 am – 1:00 pm)

Sunday, November 22

Thanksgiving Service
(10:30 am)

Tuesday, November 24

Decorate Chrismon Tree & Sanctuary
(6:30 pm)

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 29

Angel Breakfast
(9:00 am)
Hanging of the Greens Service
(10:30 am)

Bible Journaling



Coming Soon! The Bible Journaling Group will be sponsoring a Bible Journaling Workshop Saturday, November 14. More details to come!

NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
2120 Startown Rd, Hickory, NC

OCTOBER Events

Faith
Community
Service
Fun for All!

 the
Corner Table
NOURISHING OUR NEIGHBORS

HUNGER WALK

— NEWTON, NC —
WALK • GIVE • MAKE A DIFFERENCE



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4TH



Meet at
St. Martin's
Lutheran Church
at 2:20 PM



Walk begins
at 3:00 PM
in Newton, NC



All ages
are welcome
to walk!



CHILI & CORNBREAD COOK OFF



SATURDAY
OCTOBER 24TH



5:30 PM
Chili & Cornbread
Cook Off Begins



6:45 PM
Movie on the Lawn

BRING YOUR
FAVORITE CHILI
OR CORNBREAD
TO SHARE!



New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
2120 Startown Rd, Hickory, NC

Good food • Great fellowship
A fun night for everyone!

NOISY OFFERING



SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 11TH
DURING WORSHIP

All loose change and special offerings
will go to support



Samaritan's Purse®
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD™

Helping share the love of Jesus with
children around the world through
shoebox gifts.



SHARE
GOD'S LOVE



BLESS
CHILDREN



MAKE A
GLOBAL IMPACT

TRICK N' TREAT CAR RALLY

SCAVENGER HUNT ON WHEELS!
FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25TH



3:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Dinner together
at 5:30 PM



New Jerusalem
Lutheran Church
2120 Startown Rd, Hickory, NC



For Middle School
& High School Students



ADULT DRIVERS & STATION LEADERS NEEDED!

Help make this event a success!
Sign up on the whiteboard in the Gathering Area.

CONNECT

SERVE

GIVE

GROW

BELONG

Senior Friends Highlights

Annual Senior Friends Cookout & Meeting

NJLC Senior Friends gathered on Wed., Sept. 16 with 39 people present (38 members and guest Michael Bollinger). **We welcomed our newest member, Georgette Workman.** Greetings were extended to all by Barbara Hamrick. Sign-up sheets passed around: to Riverbend Creamery (Wed., Sept. 23) and Amish Store (Wed., Oct. 14)—depart at 9:00am from NJLC. Members were encouraged to eat a good breakfast on Amish Store trip because lunch might be running later than usual. We

passed around sign-up for 2027 Devotions. Recognized our Sept. birthdays and our only Sept. anniversary was the 63rd Anniversary of Richard & Brenda Arrowood. Prayer concerns were shared and included Evelyn Ferguson & family following Gerald's death on Sun., Sept. 13th. Senior Friends have been asked to serve as Honorary Pallbearers. Other prayer concerns were also shared. Devotions were given by Paulette Abernethy. Meal blessing given by Pastor Orovitz.

All present enjoyed a delicious cookout with all the fixings and some extras to enjoy later! Several meals were taken to our shut-ins, as well as to the Ferguson family. Following the meal, the business session was held. Sandra Bollinger shared highlights from our August meeting and two thank you notes (from Richard & Donna Bunton and Larry Bollinger). Glenda Shook shared the treasury balance and the offering was collected. Expressed our thanks to today's hostesses and additional helpers, including our grill masters. She also recognized Doris Lutz for now taking care of our monthly cards. Thanked those involved in set-up and decorations of tables.

The 2027 calendars are being collected in the Gathering Room—there is a designated box, or you may bring them to the Senior Friends meetings and we'll get them to the box.

Reminder: Annual Bake & Craft sale is Sat., Nov. 21 from 9am-1:00pm with hotdog sale beginning at 10:30. Setup is Fri., Nov. 20 at 5:30 pm. Each member received a blue print out summarizing each of the ten possible organizations being nominated to receive the money raised from our sale. We will vote next month. Members were encouraged to prayerfully consider each nomination and to feel free to bring the blue sheet back next month when we vote.

"*An Appalachian Christmas*" is set for Sat., Nov. 7th. at the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater in Wytheville, VA. Leave NJLC @ 9:00, lunch @ noon and play @ 1:30 pm. We have 24 reservations, but Barbara also has 2 extra tickets. If interested, talk with her ASAP and make payment of \$65 per ticket.

Our Annual Christmas Luncheon is set for Wed., Dec. 2 at 11:30—cost \$16 per plate. More details at a later date.

Betty Sheaves spoke about the frozen meals being prepared at Corner Table. They are requesting 4-5 casseroles a couple times a year that can be frozen and they will then include additional vegetables and sides. Their goal is to send out 10,000 meals, but they need volunteers to help them meet that goal. *We will discuss it further at our October meeting.* The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Barbara Hamrick, Co-President Sandra Bollinger, Secretary

LOOKING AHEAD: Oct. devotions: Sandra Bollinger

Oct. Hostesses: Brenda Arrowood, Irene Punch, Betty Sheaves

Oct. Program: *Chrisman Ministry*

Next meeting is Wed., Oct. 21st at 11:30

Communion at the Rail



As was announced during our Homecoming Service on September 20th, we will begin having **communion at the rail on the first Sunday of each month**. On the third Sunday we will do continuous communion—like we have been doing for several years. Other Sundays and Principal Festivals (Sundays with either white or red paraments), the type of communion service will be decided on an individual basis.

Directions and guidance will be provided prior to our return to communion at the rail. We also ask that everyone follow the directions of the ushers as they assist with the flow of communion.

We look forward to sharing in the blessing of Holy Communion together in both familiar and renewed ways as we continue to worship and grow together as a congregation.



All Women at NJLC are considered members of New Jerusalem Lutheran Women, whether or not you are active in a Women's Group; however, we would love to see you at our meetings!

We cordially invite all women to attend any circle or quarterly meeting.

We currently have three groups. They normally meet monthly, but we'd suggest calling the chairperson to make sure of exact meeting time and place.

Group # 1 / Chairperson is Jenny Morgan / Meeting Time: They have just changed their meeting day starting in October. They will meet on Monday after 1st Sunday of each month @ 6:30 pm

Group # 3 / Chairperson is Teresa Vanderlinden / Meeting Time: Monday after 1st Sunday of each month @ 2:00 pm

Group # 4 / Chairperson is Sandra Bollinger / Meeting Time: 1st Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm

First Sunday in Advent: Sunday, November 29



We will have our traditional Hanging of the Greens service during the 10:30 Worship Service on Sunday, November 29th. During the service we will share the stories behind many of our Advent/Christmas symbols and turn on the lights of our Chrismon tree. Our Chrismon tree is lit with tiny white lights, which point to Christ, the "Light of the World". As stated in John 8:12

(ESV) *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* If you'd like to be an active participant in the service, please contact Sandra Bollinger (sdbollinger73@gmail.com).



Flower Chart for 2027...will be available soon for sign-up. We wanted to remind you that during the Lenten Season & Holy Week (Feb. 10-Mar. 27), we will emphasize simplicity with the use of ferns and greenery rather than floral arrangements on the altar. Just as our liturgical music does not include the "Hymn of Praise" during Lent, the altar arrangements should also reflect the tone of the season. According to the National Altar Guild Association, "Along with the sacred music of the season, altar

flowers provide a visual impression of the music, the church service, and a reminder of His suffering..." Greenery is available at the church if you would like to use it. Please contact the church office for more information.

Church Council Meeting

September 14, 2026

(Motions are in **BOLD** and Actions are *Italicized*)

The September Church Council meeting was held September 14, 2026. All members attended. The meeting was called to order by Council President Ken Temple. Thad Scronce led devotions. Rusty Lutz will lead devotions in October. BJ Morgan was council designate in August and reported that there was no water in Fellowship Hall Sunday, August 9 before Fallon's baptism. The water in the Fellowship Hall was tied to the parsonage account and had been turned off. It has since been turned back on. He also reported that the heat setting on the thermostat was turned one Sunday. That is not the thermostat that is used for heat. He turned it back to cool and below 72 to get it to cool off. The minutes for the August 10, 2026 council meeting were approved as presented.

Pastor's Report (August 11 – September 14, 2026):

Visits – 15

Pastor's Meetings – 6

Other meeting/teaching – 14

Baptized Aubrey Young and Kingston Young on September 6.

Other information:

- Had my heart ablation and related prep procedures 7/21 CT scan, 8/12 (echocardiogram) and ablation 8/13. Took it easy the 14th and 15th.
- Went to ER after services 9/13 with HBP and high heart rate. Was home by 5:00.

Congregation +/-:

- Church bus – The church bus is not always filled with gas when another group needs to use it. Kristy will create sheet to leave in the bus so drivers can sign in with their name, date, mileage, their destination, and whether they filled the gas tank. Please make sure the van is always returned with a full tank of gas.
- A gentleman came inside and approached a church member asking for \$300 while church doors were unlocked. Council discussed the best time to unlock the doors before the services. **Rusty Lutz made a motion for council designates to unlock all doors at 8:30 am.** Hans Robinson seconded the motion. There was discussion that driving to the church two separate times (once for setting the thermostat and another for unlocking the doors) would be difficult for council members who live farther away. Robert Hoyle, Rusty Lutz, and Don Barger said they would come if someone needs them to. Also, Kristy will add a new time & talent sheet item for anyone willing to unlock the church. The council designate would still come early and set the thermostat. *The motion passed with 11 assenting and 1 dissenting vote.* Church members should keep doors locked when at the church alone.
- The rug in Gathering Room is dirty. It either needs to be cleaned or removed. Rusty volunteered take the rug to be cleaned. Kristy will let Paula know so that she can clean the area underneath the rug well while the rug is at the cleaners.
- It was suggested that we remove handicap signs to make it easier to mow. The spots are plainly marked with paint already.
- There are lots of ants on the ball field and near the Scout Hut. Council suggested that someone from the Property Committee walks through the cemetery before the funeral Friday to see if they are there as well. The cemetery has been sprayed, but the Property Committee will check to be sure there are no ants before the funeral.

Announcements/Petitions and Communications:

- Thank you for your donation to SMI Haiti for meals for Haitian children.

Old Business:

- Homecoming Flowers will be placed in honor of the church's anniversary and in honor of Pastor Cauble.
- Noisy Offering for the remainder of the year
 - October: Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
 - November: Wounded Warriors (Veterans Day)
 - There is a veterans program through the NALC. A congregation member suggested sending this money to the NALC Veterans Association rather than Wounded Warriors. Operation Battlehorse (Walk with Me Healing Steps) is another locally-run organization that helps veterans.
 - Council decided to leave November's Noisy Offering to go to Wounded Warriors for this year and consider other options next year.
 - December: Make a Wish Foundation
 - January 2027: Water Mission International
- Blessing a classroom – nominate a teacher
 - The Learning, Youth, and Family Committee nominated three teachers, but have no recommendation for council yet. They are deciding whether to choose one teacher or to divide the money between two or three teachers.
 - Operation Christmas Child –
 - Shoeboxes will be handed out for congregation members to fill. Megan will provide a list of what can be put in the box.
 - Noisy offering could be used for shipping and processing fees.
 - BJ will ask members of the Newton Elks Lodge if they want to contribute again this year.
- Thank you to the congregation for the 35 backpacks donated. Some were given to Startown Elementary and some will go to children in Loris.
- CCC/Cemetery plots/offering envelopes reconcile: Jack, Robert, Ken, and Pastor met April 30. Need to set a follow up discussion (Ken)
 - Robert and Ken have a printed list and will be calling inactive members to welcome them to come back.
 - Baptism is the only requirement for being a member of the church. To vote or to be buried in the church cemetery, a member must be active (communing, confirmed, and contributing). Inactive members must pay \$1,000 and receive permission to be buried in the church cemetery.
 - We need a way of qualifying people as confirmed.
 - There is a difference between someone who doesn't contribute and someone who cannot contribute (e.g. someone in a nursing home). These exceptions are clear.
 - We still have cemetery plots that were reserved before the option for reservations was removed.
 - We can write a cover letter to the congregation about cemetery guidelines and enclose the guidelines.
- Screens in the Sanctuary
 - Rusty spoke with Select Tech and they are not aware of another church with a traditional sanctuary that uses screens. Other churches that use their system have modern sanctuaries. A

few council members volunteered to visit one of the traditional churches with screens Sunday, October 4.

- Name new current treasurer for training in 2027, starting in 2028 (up to 7-year term)
 - No one has expressed interest at this time.
- Fellowship Hall cleanup ideas (Donald)
 - Don purchased two chair dollies. 7-8 chairs can be stacked. The table, television, and table legs have been removed. The TV stand will be removed soon.
 - Our Fellowship Hall policy will be revamped and distributed to groups who use the Fellowship Hall. They will be asked to review, amend, and then bring recommendations to council for approval.
 - Closing the accordion doors would improve the appearance of the kitchen. Don will discuss ventilation possibilities with Robert Hoyle and Allen Cook.
 - Punch bowl
 - The recommendation from Senior Friends was to have the punch bowl appraised. The last appraisal was done before 1960 and it was valued at \$500 at that time.
 - Don is going to have it appraised and then we can decide whether to display it or leave it stored where it is. It is too big for the display cases we currently have.
 - Counters should be kept cleaned off except the coffee maker.
 - Council gave Don permission to make changes as necessary.
 - Council expressed appreciation to Don for all that has been done so far.
- Hand sanitizers
 - Cindy is going to replace the ones in the chancel that need to be replaced. She will leave a few on the front pews for the people helping with communion.
- Hearing Assist System
 - Robert talked to Tony Parker. You can use headsets or you can connect via Bluetooth using your phone. Tony is connecting Robert with someone from a church who uses this system. Robert will research before we decide to purchase a system.

New Business:

- Set hiring committee for Choir Director
 - Hans Robinson and Cindy Coulter will help form this committee. They will ask Carolyn Miller.
 - Kristy will put an announcement in the bulletin asking anyone interested in serving on this committee to contact Hans.
 - The Worship Committee will write a job description at the October 1 meeting.
 - The hiring committee will then:
 - brainstorm how to advertise that we are searching for a new choir director (bulletin, ask congregation members, etc.).
 - Identify potential candidates and set a plan for interviewing.
 - Discuss salary options with the Finance Committee.

Ministries:

Long Range Planning (Rusty Lutz): No meeting

Cemetery Committee (Rusty Lutz):

- Rusty reached out to the funeral home regarding Gerald Ferguson's plot and he will mark the grave.

Property Committee (Thad Scronce/Donald Barger):

- Parsonage

- Pastor Hefner stated that the Property Committee needs share information about the parsonage with the congregation because good communication builds trust.
- Dale Lutz presented information to the Long Range Planning Committee and Council discussed the plans that came from Long Range Planning. Council has oversight.
- If the money spent exceeds 10% of the budget, the congregation must approve the expenditure.
- Altar Committee
 - Changes are being made in the process of preparing the altar (especially with regard to Communion). There is not a clear understanding and the Altar Committee was confused this month.
 - Changes were discussed, but the necessary components for the changes have not been implemented. A transition is in process. The Worship Committee is responsible for good communication and making sure things happen in the correct order.

Fellowship Committee (Hans Robinson):

- No meeting.
- Hosted cookies and lemonade on the lawn in July and August.

Finance & Stewardship Committee (Alan Bolch/Garret Turbyfill):

- Meeting Monday, September 28, at 6:00 pm to discuss the 2027 budget.
- Wayne suggested renting the parsonage for now with a limited term.
 - Council discussion included the difficulty of renting with a short-term lease agreement.
 - We could form a 6-month agreement followed by a month-to-month option.
 - If we hire a pastor, we could provide temporary housing until the lease term ends.
 - Council decided to wait until the parsonage improvements are complete to make a decision.

Learning, Youth, & Family (Callie Southers):

- The End of Summer Bash went well. We had great volunteers and great community participation.
- The Fall Festival will be held Saturday, November 7.
- Sunday School
 - We have doubled our attendance (2-16 year olds) and need additional teachers to teach once per month (craft, Bible Story, etc.) so the age groups can be separated.
- Nursery – Extra items (e.g. stacked chairs and rugs) have been moved into the nursery. The nursery needs to remain clear because it is unsafe for the children.
- The chili cookoff and movie on the lawn will be held Saturday, October 24. There will be awards for the best chili and cornbread.
- The Christmas play will be held Saturday, December 12 at 5:00 pm.

Service Committee (BJ Morgan):

- We donated 61 pounds of food to Ashure Ministry this month.

Witness Committee (Robert Hoyle/Ken Temple):

- Evangelism training went well; Pastor Hefner did a great job. Ten people were in attendance for the first session and 13-14 are expected this Saturday, September 19.

Worship Committee (Cindy Coulter/Jack Robinson):

- Met and discussed upcoming Sundays through Advent.
- Still working on options for cleaning the banners in the Nave.

- Altar Committee Training
 - Bread and wine, once consecrated, are the body and blood of Christ.
 - Training pertained to proper disposal of bread and wine that was not used.
 - A box is being made to be kept behind the altar. The sink goes directly to the ground, but has traps connected to the other sinks. John is going to work with Pastor Hefner about a sink that would lead straight to the ground without being connected to other plumbing in the church. Until the new items are in place, the proper action is to pour remaining wine directly on the ground.
- We will once again kneel at the rail the first Sunday of every month beginning in October. We will continue with the method we have been using for the third Sunday of each month.
- The next meeting will be Thursday, October 1st. The choir director job description and the season of Advent will be discussed. Megan needs to know whether or not to order Advent calendars for just children or for children and adults.

Call Committee (Callie Southers):

- A pastor has expressed interest and has made contact. The Call Committee will be reviewing that person's submission this week.
- Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, at 5:30 pm to review candidate.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, October 12, 2026 in the Fellowship Hall.

Ken Temple, President

Jack Robinson, Council Secretary

Kristy Painter, Recording Secretary

October Birthdays

1 – Stacy Fickling
 2 – Adrian Lutz, Karen Craig
 3 – Jane Reid
 5 – Cindy Owensby, Landon Scronce
 6 – Sandra Bollinger, Sherry Lutz, Maria Turbyfill
 8 – Ryan Black
 10 – Jeffrey Stephens
 11 – Sarah Bowen, Christopher Holland
 13 – Tracy Shuford, Robert Lutz, Jeanie Turbyfill
 16 – Karen Norris
 18 – Robin Bumgarner, Caleb Coleman
 19 – Patty Greenhill
 20 – Paulette Abernethy
 21 – Jerry Whitener, Tanner Lowman
 23 – Dennis Weaver
 24 – LuEllen Spurrier
 26 – Mike Scipione
 27 – JoAnn Hefner
 31 – Thad Kanupp, Charlotte Weaver

Altar Committee

Glenda Shook, Chm.
 Jennifer Bumgarner
 Jenny Morgan

Pastor's Assistants

Read Lessons Jennifer Bumgarner
 Help with Communion Sandra Bollinger

Acolyte

Diana Bumgarner

Flowers in the Church

October 4 Thad and Sarah Scronce
 October 11 Wayne and Carolyn
 October 18 Frankie Fulbright
 October 25 James and Jenny Morgan

Ushers

Chip Canupp, Chm.
 Danny Black
 Allen Cook
 Audrey Rozzelle

Thank you for serving in October

Women's Group #1 Monday, October 5
 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Women's Group #3 Monday, October 5
 2:00 pm, Gathering Room
 Leader – Betty Orovitz

Women's Group #4 Monday, October 5
 7:00 pm – Gathering Room
 Hostess/Leader – Diane Owens and Liz Hewitt

Council Designate Rusty Lutz

Teller Committee *Rusty Lutz
 Billy Young
 Garret Turbyfill

Tape Ministry

October 4 & 11 Robert Hoyle
 October 18 & 25 BJ Morgan

Yard Maintenance & Mowing

October 4 Bob, Adrian, and Cody Lutz
 October 11 Adrian & Cody Lutz,
 Billy Young
 October 18 Cody, Adrian, & Bob Lutz
 October 25 Billy Young, Bob Lutz

Looking Ahead

Saturday, November 7 Fall Festival
 Saturday, December 12 Christmas Play



October 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Paraments 4 – Green 11 – Green 18 – Green 25 – Red				1 5:30 pm – AHG 6:30 pm – Worship Committee	2	3
4 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion Birthday Celebration 2:20 pm – Hunger Walk at St. Martin's	5 2:00 pm – Women's Group #3 6:30 pm – Women's Group #1 7:00 pm – Women's Group #4	6 1:00 pm – Piece Makers Meet 6:00 pm – Bible Study	7 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10
11 Noisy Offering 8:30 am – Early Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Worship	12 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting	13 1:00 pm – Piece Makers Meet 1:00 pm – Bible Journaling Group 6:00 pm – Bible Study	14 10:00 am – Bible Study 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal	15 4:30 pm – AHG 6:30 pm – Bible Study	16	17
18 Lutheran Women's Sunday 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion	19	20 1:00 pm – Piece Makers Meet 6:00 pm – Bible Study	21 11:30 am – Senior Friends 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal	22 6:30 pm – Bible Study	23	24 5:30 pm – Chili & Cornbread Cook-Off and Movie on the Lawn
25 – Reformation Sunday 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Service of Holy Communion 3:00 – Trick n' Treat Car Rally	26	27 1:00 pm – Piece Makers Meet 1:00 pm – Bible Journaling Group 6:00 pm – Bible Study	28 10:00 am – Bible Study 6:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal	29 6:30 pm – Bible Study	30	31