

The Epistle

OCTOBER A.D. 2026 + REFORMATION EDITION + HOLY CROSS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2026

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| <p>10/1 – Take Your Bible to School Day</p> <p>10/3 – Men's Breakfast/Study at 8:30AM</p> <p>10/4 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
8:30 & 11:00AM Holy Communion
9:45AM Sunday School for all ages!</p> <p>10/7 – Discipleship Group at 10AM</p> <p>10/8-10 – AMR Lutheran Week "Lite" at
Holy Cross - Nazareth</p> <p>10/11 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost &
Harvest Home In-Gathering
8:30 & 11:00AM Praise Service
9:45AM Sunday School for all ages!
12:15PM Bible Study Luncheon</p> <p>10/12 – Blessed Columbus Day!</p> | <p>10/13 – Discipleship Group at 7PM</p> <p>10/15 – Mini-Epistle Deadline</p> <p>10/18 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost
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11AM</p> <p>10/31 – Blessed Reformation Day!</p> |
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Three Words from Pastor David: Learning to Pray



Prayer was central to Jesus' life on earth. His disciples noticed His devotion to prayer and realizes that their prayer lives fell far short of the example set by Jesus. So they asked Him to teach them.

"One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' " *Luke 11:1*

Why did the disciples, and why do we, need to **learn to pray**? The simplest definition of prayer is talking to God. Why do we need to learn to talk to God? We know how to talk, don't we? Prayer should be as natural as talking to a friend. Yet it's not. Why?

One reason is that God is different than anyone else we talk to. I remember hearing about what it was like to meet the Queen of England. People would be briefed about the protocols of speaking to royalty. Since God is the King of the entire universe, we instinctively assume there are protocols for how to address Him. We can't just barge into His presence and talk to Him, can we? We can't talk to Him about just anything, can we?

It would be presumptuous for us sinful and unclean people to come into God's holy presence and talk with Him, except that Jesus has cleared the way. Through Jesus we have complete and total access to God the Father any time of day. Jesus addressed God as "Abba Father," (Mark 14:36) which could be translated, "Daddy." Paul taught that because we are in Christ, we too can have an intimate relationship with God as our Daddy (Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:6). This was truly revolutionary teaching at that time. People rightly approached God with great awe, fear and trembling. We are right to feel the same way, and yet we can have perfect intimacy with God. We can talk to Him about anything that is on our mind.

The fact that we can talk to God about anything doesn't mean there aren't topics that are more important than others that should be the focus of our prayers. In the Lord's Prayer Jesus gave us those topics. The Lord's Prayer is a lesson in how to talk to God.

The disciples' desire to **learn to pray** went beyond just knowing what to say. They saw Jesus' desire to pray went beyond their own. We occasionally feel the urgent need to pray, especially when we are in trouble; outside of that, the desire is not there. We often have to force ourselves to pray. It's not what we long to do more than anything else, like it was for Jesus. How can prayer become a delight for us, something we truly enjoy and can't get enough of?

And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." *Mark 14:36*

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" *Romans 8:15*

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" *Galatians 4:6*

There is nothing wrong with crying out to God in time of need. God wants us to turn to Him in times of trouble. As we mature in Christ, hopefully we will turn to God not as our last resort, but as our first resort, and we should desire to pray in all circumstances. If, as popular musician Jelly Roll puts it, "I only talk to God when I need a favor," I still have a long way to go in **learning to pray**.

The focus of our Fall Discipleship Groups is "Prayer: The Heart of Discipleship." We will learn that "Prayer is central to the life of every disciple. You cannot live a life of discipleship without a life devoted and fully dedicated to prayer. Prayer is a serious undertaking. It is intentional. And if not now, prayer is something that over time, you will love and long for." (NALC Life-to-Life Discipleship) I hope you can join us every other Wednesday morning, Sunday afternoon, or Tuesday evening, as we **learn to pray**.

Council Actions, September 2026

- ⌘ A new bookkeeper has been hired and will start in October.
- ⌘ We are still in need of a Treasurer. Please pray about stepping up to fill this position.
- ⌘ A motion was made and approved to ask for donations to have the carpeting in the hallways, adult Sunday School room, Sanctuary, Pastor's office, main office and choir room cleaned by Brian's Professional Cleaners. Also the men's room and ladies room floors would be stripped, sealed and finished. The total cost for all of the work is \$2,480.00.
- ⌘ The proposed 2027 budget is being finalized.



TREASURER needed - Council elected officers for 2026, but we haven't found anyone to serve as **Treasurer**. The Treasurer does not do the day-to-day accounting (the Bookkeeper does that) and does not need to be on Council. The Treasurer needs to be able to read financial reports, but doesn't need to generate them. Contact an Executive Committee member if interested. (Council just hired a new **Bookkeeper** who will start October 1st. More details to come.)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

3 – Stephen Zeiner	18 – Sandy Repnyek
5 – Linda Vetter	19 – Adam Barlow
Dorothy Himmelwright	20 – Terri Zahnow
7 – Janice Lerch	22 – Herb Stein
9 – Mayo Abel	23 – Lori Westwood
Ashley Sosa (nee Healy)	24 – Bill Hoy
14 – Jetta Allen	26 – Maura Majczan
16 – Lauri Barlow	29 – Evelyn Malozi
17 – Knoxville Grasser	30 – Cameron Wodzisz
18 – Miles Hottenstein	

ANNIVERSARIES

Kyle & Hailey Grasser
10/1

*You can hear our birthdays
announced on WAEB
790AM at 6:55AM and
8:15AM weekdays.*

*Happy Heavenly Birthday
to Don Frankenfield,
10/23/37-12/22/25*

Scripture Memory in 2026

The following memory verses are suggested from the LCMS website. According to Chaplain Sean Daenzer, Director of Worship, these verses are chosen in part because “they are beautiful and worthy of repeating often.” For more information about memorizing Scripture, see the booklet *How to Memorize Scripture for Life*, by Andrew M. Davis.

Week of

10/4/26: **Proverbs 22:6** – *Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

10/11/26: **I Timothy 1:15** – *Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.*

10/18/26: **John 8:31-32** – *To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

10/25/26: **Ephesians 2:8-9** – *For it is by grace you have been saved, though faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.*

October 2026 Reformation Bible Reading Plan

If you are reading through the Bible this year, copies of the plan are available in the Gathering Place. The plan may be downloaded here: <https://michigandistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Reformation-Reading-Plan-Printable.pdf>

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| ☐ 1: I Thess. 4-5
Job 34-37 | ☐ 8: I Tim. 5:1-6:2
Ecc. 8-12 | ☐ 16: Philemon
Jere. 10-12 | ☐ 24: Mark 5
Jere. 29-31 |
| ☐ 2: II Thess. 1
Job 38 | ☐ 9: I Tim. 6:3-21
Sos. 1-4 | ☐ 17: Mark 1
Jere. 13-15 | ☐ 25: Mark 6:1-29
Jere. 32-33 |
| ☐ 3: II Thess. 2-3
Job 39-42 | ☐ 10: II Tim. 1-2
Sos. 5-8 | ☐ 18: Mark 2:1-17
Jere. 16-19 | ☐ 26: Mark 6:30-56
Jere. 34-36 |
| ☐ 4: I Tim. 1-2
Ecc. 1-3 | ☐ 11: II Tim. 3-4
Jere. 1-4 | ☐ 19: Mk. 2:18-3:19
Jere. 20-22 | ☐ 27: Prov. 24:8-34
Ps. 119:81-120 |
| ☐ 5: I Tim. 3-4
Ecc. 4-7 | ☐ 12: Titus 1
Jere. 5-6 | ☐ 20: Pr. 23:17-27:7
Ps. 119:41-80 | ☐ 28: Catch Up Day
☐ 29 Mark 7 |
| ☐ 6: Proverbs
21:23-22:16
Ps. 117-118 | ☐ 13: Pr. 22:17-23:16
Ps. 119:1-40 | ☐ 21: Catch Up Day
☐ 22: Mark 3:20-35
Jere. 23-25 | ☐ 30: Mark 8:1-21
Jere. 40-44 |
| ☐ 7: Catch Up Day | ☐ 14: Catch Up Day
☐ 15: Titus 2-3
Jere. 7-9 | ☐ 23: Mark 4
Jere. 26-28 | ☐ 31: Mk 8:22-9:13
Jere. 45-47 |

Discipleship Groups



have begun! **Prayer** is our focus this fall.

Groups meet **every other week** through December. We have groups meeting **Sundays** after church, **Tuesday** night, or **Wednesday** morning.

Let us obey Hebrews 10:24,
Consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.

Look for sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Cookies to College!

Over 25 boxes of **delicious** cookies will be sent to **17** different schools and the military.

Pray that these **help open doors of good will** among students.

For monetary donations-use the cookie jar or mark your church envelope "Cookies".

The packages will be packed on 10/16 and blessed that Sunday.

October Events

Reformation Sunday

will be observed

October 25th.

Remember to

wear red!



Trick or Treat Night!



Join Pastor David and Karen to hand out **treats** at the church for Hanover Township's Trick or Treat night, **Friday, October 30** beginning at **6PM**. We hope to meet our neighbors and **tell them about our Fall Fest in November.**



Bring your donations for
Harvest Home before
 Saturday, October 10th!
 All donations will go to
Everlasting Life Ministries.

Fall Family Fest!!!



Join us on **Saturday,**
11/14 from 2-4pm for
 face painting, hay rides, s'mores
 at the fire pit, corn hole and
 other games, and a door prize
 drawing! Bring a friend or two!

Save the Date

All Saints' Day
 Sunday, 11/1/26



We remember with
 thanksgiving all those
 who have preceded us in
 faith and have received
 their heavenly reward.

Close out the church year with
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
Sunday, November 22



Tentative Congregational Meeting



Advent begins Sunday,
11/29/26

St. Augustine's House, a Place of Peace

by Karen Brown

In August, one of the stops on our vacation was a monastery in Oxford, Michigan, called St. Augustine's House. Mike Zyskowski had spent a few days there and recommended it. Turns out it's the only Lutheran monastery in the US!



A **Lutheran** monastery may seem like an oxymoron: after all, didn't Luther close the monasteries in the Reformation? Though many Medieval monasteries were emptied, Luther did not abolish these and other traditional practices. We appreciate this wisdom of his in things like our liturgical worship, having an altar in the sanctuary, and observing different seasons of the church year.

There are set times for prayer and worship in monasteries, something called *The Liturgy of the Hours*. At St. Augustine's, a typical day includes seven set times of prayer, including daily communion. The cycle begins with *Vigils* at 5:10AM (we set our alarm incorrectly and missed this), *Lauds* at 6AM, and then breakfast is available. At 8:15AM *Terce* is followed by Holy Eucharist at 8:30AM, and then *Sext* marks noon, followed by lunch together. *None* is at 2:30PM, and *Vespers* at 6PM is followed by supper with the community under Brother Richard. Finally *Compline* at 8:30PM is followed by approximately 12 hours of quiet, except for the prayer cycle which begins again at 5:10AM the next morning.

To understand this a little better, think about getting together with other Christians either at work or from your neighborhood seven times throughout the day, every day, and having a 15 minute time to pray and recite Scripture. And imagine having your meals together. This is the life that the monks dedicate themselves to.

The location of the monastery and its 42 acres is not far from the small town of Oxford, but the setting is wooded, quiet, and dark at night. The road to reach the monastery is unpaved, which is not uncommon in Michigan. We met the five residents who live there, including one married couple, something quite different from a typical monastery. They explained that they had to receive special consideration to live there, and no one was sure that it would work out, but it has, and I personally can't imagine the place without both Bishop Jeff and Cherie.

We arrived having just missed the prayer time of *Vespers*, but in time for supper (a classic Pastor David move). The seven of us (I haven't mentioned Brother Frank yet) sat down together for a tasty meal prepared by Brother Andy, including pork dumplings that I am still thinking about!

Though the residents have extended periods of silence, they are very friendly and welcoming. I thought I'd have lots of time for personal Bible study, but whenever we weren't in prayer and worship we were chatting and getting to know one another. The residents don't just live there, but they are intentional about being in community and caring for each other.

Our time there was too short, and we hope to visit again and explore more of the grounds as well as the library. There is much more that I could say about this place of intentional community dedicated to prayer, but I hope I have whetted your appetite to learn more about the traditional times of prayer, and this unique place of peace.

To learn more about St. Augustine's House, see their website at <https://staugustines.house/>

The Bears' Witness

"We were born in Vermont but taken to a warehouse in New Jersey in hopes of being adopted by a child. Unfortunately, that didn't happen and we lingered in cardboard boxes in a cold dark warehouse for ages, and it became clear: no one wanted us. The warehouse was closing and we were going to be thrown away!

"But then a man named Daniel said, 'I'll take them all!' He paid \$200 for thousands of us and some of our clothes, took us home where for the next 30 or 40 years we 'lived' in his basement. Still, no one wanted us.

"Last June, Daniel decided to clean out his basement which meant putting us out on the street for the garbage collectors. That day Jan was walking past his house and spotted some of us peeking out of the boxes. She ran home (actually didn't run), got her car and came back to rescue us from sure doom!

"Her immediate thought was – VBS! Ruthann agreed and so we were stuffed – did I mention we were flat bears? So we were stuffed and at VBS about 50 of us were given homes by the attendees. Another 75 of us were put in the back packs for underprivileged kids.

"More of us periodically showed up on the sidewalk outside Daniel's house, waiting for the trash man but they were also able to be rescued.

"The good people at Holy Cross created a Teddy Bear Brigade with several church members meeting and stuffing more bears.

"At Christmas 2025, approximately 100 of us bears realized our dream of finding homes! Holy Cross gave us to Lehigh and Northampton County CYS, Valley Youth House, and Easton Children's Home. Soon after that the Salvation Army asked for 150 bears for their Christmas party. More recently, 70 bears were boxed up and shipped to Ohio for the NALC Disaster Response organization. More were used for the Community Easter Egg Hunt and also the Teddy Bear Tea Party in April. This is a bear's dream come true!"

These bears are so blessed to be "alive" and able to make children happy. We believe God put those bears on the sidewalk when He did so they would come to us for a time such as this.

Sadly, Daniel Bayak recently passed away after an accident, but his relatives generously gave the bulk of the remaining bears (over 1500!) to Jan for the church to stuff and distribute. We are so grateful for Daniel and his relatives' generosity. Of course that means there are still many "Rescue Bears" yet to stuff. We meet every other Wednesday at noon (check the announcements) and would love to count you as part of the bears' witness.



Celebrating Our Christian Heritage

The Prayer That Saved the Constitution

After the bitter battles of the Revolutionary War and the surrender of the British, it became apparent that the Articles of the Confederation were not enough; a constitution was needed. Delegates gathered in Philadelphia in May of 1787 to establish a form of a new government. That's when 81-year-old Benjamin Franklin stepped in. He wondered how this body could forget that before this they had daily prayers asking for divine protection. He reminded those present how their prayers were heard and that they had observed many times when "Providence" led them. In his speech he quoted:

*"I have lived, sir, a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, **that God governs in the affairs of men!** And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, sir, in the sacred writings, that 'except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.' "*

Franklin was quoting from Psalm 127. Unfortunately, they did not have funds to hire a chaplain but General Washington led the delegates to a prayer service at Philadelphia's Reformed Calvinist Lutheran Church where the Reverend William Rogers offered an inspired prayer. The delegates joined in the Lord's Prayer and then soon drafted a document that began: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union...." Facts from *100 Bible Verses that Made America* by Robert J. Morgan

A Baptism & Backpack Blessing

Sunday, August 23rd was a busy day at Holy Cross! We welcomed Isabella Zeiner into our family of believers through her baptism, and we had our annual Back Pack Blessing Sunday. Congratulations to Isabella! And may God bless our students, young and "old".



Fifth Sunday Brunch, August 2026



Our Social Ministry Committee did another fabulous job for our Fifth

Sunday Brunch on August 30th. Everyone leaves these events well-fed and having enjoyed each other's company. Thank you, ladies, for your hard-work on our behalf! Our next 5th Sunday Brunch will be in 2027.

A Long-Distance Visitor

We were blessed to have Pastor Lukas Kralik attend our services while he was studying at Moravian Seminary this past August and September. Pr. Lukas serves the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession, the only Lutheran Church in Slovakia, and was in the US researching the connection between the Moravian Church and the Lutheran Church. His studies took him up and down the East Coast, including North Carolina and Princeton. We are thankful for some extended time to get to know him (Pastor Dave was able to take him with the church to the Iron Pigs game, invite him to practice with the dart team, and play some miniature golf at George's Oasis), and we heard what was on his heart during worship on the Sunday before he left. Pr. Lukas had not planned to visit Holy Cross, but God led him to our congregation across almost 5000 miles, and we are immensely grateful.





Rally Day 2026

We got “Back on Track” on September 13th, with our Sunday School Kick-Off, called “Rally Day”.

Children and adults gathered to play games that became object lessons for Scripture passages, and hear about their Sunday School classes for the coming school year, as Mrs. Miller is doing here. →



This year we’re trying something new: an opening program where children can learn some good, ol’ Sunday School songs and later share them with the congregation in church.



We need your help! We are still looking for a “conductor” to teach the 5th grade class for a

very bright lad, and we need your prayers to “add more passengers” to our program.

If you aren’t part of Sunday School, choo-choo-choose to start coming on Sunday!

Isabella (l.) and Bennett (r.) are showing the engineer hats and red bandanas that the students received on Rally Day.



Children had to move balls INSIDE the tracks or OUTSIDE the tracks to model Proverbs 4:23: You must protect your INNER thoughts and desires because they control your [OUTWARD] actions.



Here students play a game that helps them understand Ecclesiastes 4:9 – Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor...



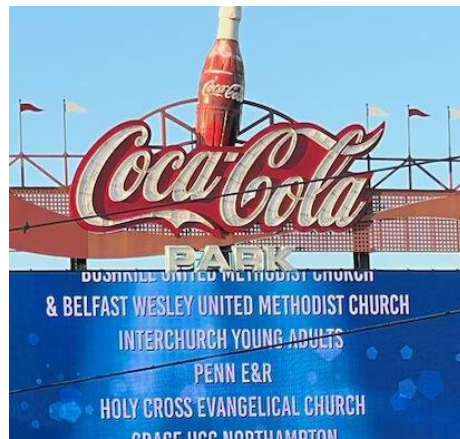
Faith Night at the Iron Pigs

On Friday, August 28th, 39 folks from Holy Cross and friends participated in Faith Night with the Iron Pigs baseball team. The Pigs won with a walk off home run in the bottom of the ninth inning: very exciting! Pastor David was able to invite our church guest from Slovakia, Lukas Kralik, to enjoy a delightful evening at the game.



Seth Miller threw out one of the first pitches!

Emily and Jonathan Miller played a game on the field and won!



Everyone got a souvenir squishy ball, and the church had its name on the big screen!

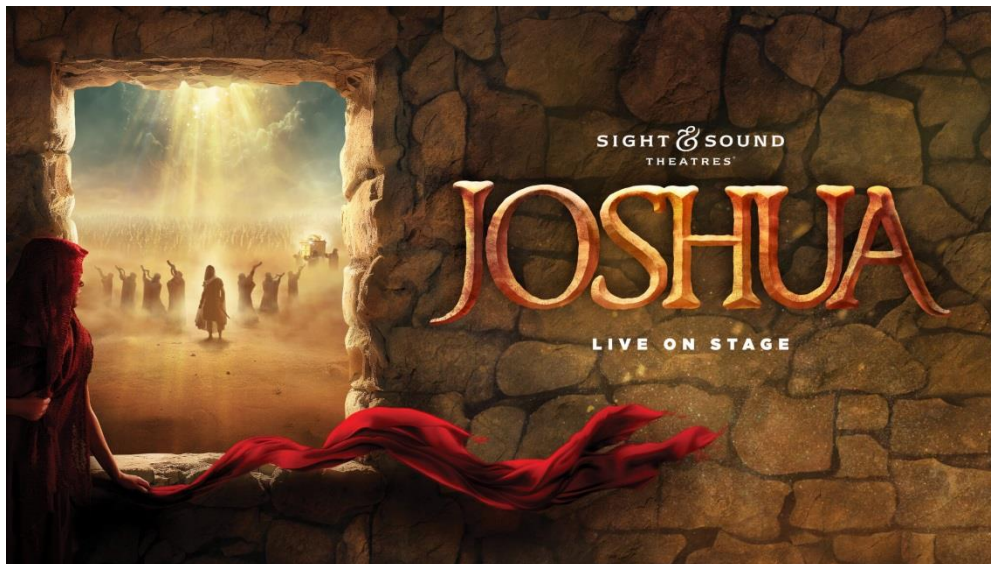
After the game were fireworks.



Several players gave their testimonies of their faith in Jesus.

Thank you to Penny Miller for organizing the event, and to Ruthann Kistler for information for this article.





Sight and Sound Trip: Joshua

On August 11th, 32 friends and folks from Holy Cross attended Sight and Sound's production of *Joshua*. Though the food at Hershey Farms was delicious, the bus trip

comfortable and pleasant, and the company delightful, by far the best feature of the trip was the show! The special effects of the crumbling walls of Jericho was one of the favorite scenes, and the depiction of Joshua himself made history (His story) come to life.

Several people remarked that the show helped them reflect and think about God's power, and trusting in Him no matter what, even when it doesn't make sense. The part about Rahab helped understand in a powerful way God's forgiveness, mercy and the freedom He offers, giving us hope. It opened their eyes to the story of Joshua and Jericho, and how that may have taken place, encouraging further Bible reading. The enjoyable, relaxing experience was one they hope to repeat next trip!

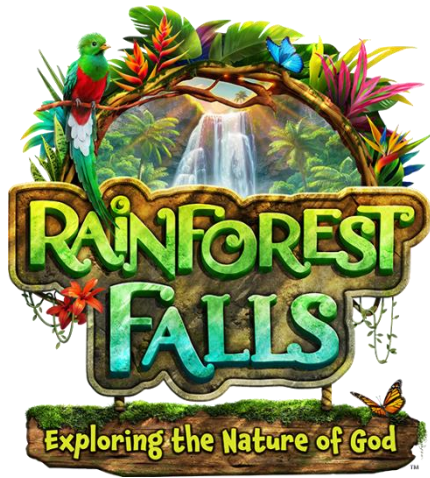
Throughout the play, attendees were touched by God's love, and reminded to be thankful for even little pleasures. Simply being among so many at the theater as well as the story itself encouraged our travelers that we believers are many and have good company.

In the trip evaluation form, most people asked for prayer for their family members and friends. Several asked for their own faith to grow stronger, and prayer for our country.

Thank you to everyone who attended, and to those who submitted evaluation forms. Next summer's show will be *Jonah*, and we're looking for someone who would be willing to organize that. **A HUGE THANK YOU to Ruthann** for organizing and leading this group!

Prayer Care Returns

Has God given you a pressing concern during worship? Are your thoughts and emotions weighing on you? Do you simply need a listening ear and some peace? These are matters to turn over to the Lord, and that's what "Prayer Care" is for. After church, a volunteer will be on hand up by the communion rail to pray with you and seek God's answer. We do need a couple more volunteers to be able to have someone on hand for each service. Please let Karen Brown know if interested: 484-280-8356 or holycrossevangelicalchurch@gmail.com.



VBS Recap

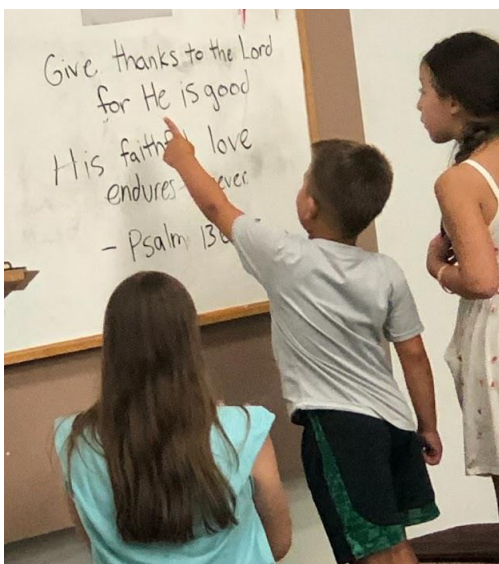
From Sunday, July 12th through the closing program on Friday, July 17th, we hosted up to **41 children** at VBS this year! In addition to these students, we had up to **18 crew leaders** aged 12-20-something. These helpers attended our VBS program when they were elementary-aged. What a blessing!

Praise the Lord, everything He has created! ~Psalm 103:22

This was a good year for us to try a number of new ideas. In our **preschool** class we had a new craft person, Mary Chavez.

She had felt God was challenging her to do more in service, and cheerfully took on the task.

Students (including Chase J., Grace L., and Brinley P.) and Crew Leaders in Bible Adventures.



O Lord, You have examined my heart...~Psalm 139:1

We moved the **Sticky Scripture** activity to a station of its own so the little ones could focus more on memorizing Scripture. They loved to learn a new verse each day, and eight students earned a teddy bear for memorizing and reciting all five verses! Emily Miller joyfully agreed to lead this activity, and she also took on gathering and preparing the crew leaders each night.

Louie K. (preschool class of 2025) and Lily B. (preschool class of 2024) with Emily in Sticky Scriptures..

You, O Lord...are my place of refuge. ~Psalm 142:5

Terri Zahnow took over our **Imagination Station** this year, once again tackling T-shirt painting with the students, as well as other activities that emphasized a characteristic of God each night, such as God is our safe place.

Amelia J. working on a craft in Imagination Station.



Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! ~Psalm 136:1

We combined our **Tree-Top Treats** this year with the students going outside for **Wild Games**. This made clean up from snacks super simple!

Dr. Flutterby (a.k.a. Seth Miller) at our closing skit. Seth was in charge of Wild Games.

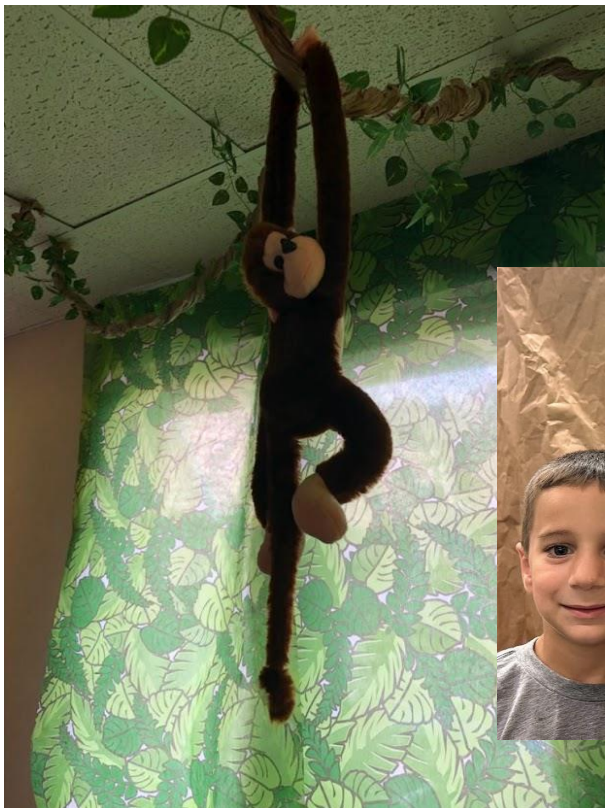
*We can praise the Lord both now and forever!
~Psalm 115:18*

Thanks in large part to **Nelson Randolph**, we were able to fill 60 backpacks for Ed and Carole Franceski to take to needy students in the DC area, and 12 backpacks to deliver locally through Everlasting Life Ministries! Thank you, everyone who contributed, for your generosity!



Praise the Lord!

Decorations from around the church, and the Peters children in front of the waterfall.



The
Bible
contains
3,566,480
letters,

773,693 words,
31,102 verses,
1,189 chapters,
and 66 books.

The longest chapter
is the 119th Psalm; the
shortest chapter is Psalm 117.

The middle verse of the Bible is
Psalm 118:8. The longest name is in
Isaiah 8. The word “and” occurs 46,277
times; the word “Lord” occurs 1,855 times.

The 37th chapter of Isaiah and the
nineteenth chapter of 2nd Kings
are alike. The longest verse
is the 9th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther; the shortest
verse is the 35th of the 11th chapter of John. In the
first verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra is the
alphabet. The finest piece of reading
is the 26th chapter of Acts.

The name of God
is not
mentioned in
the book of Esther.
It contains knowledge,
worship, holiness, and love.

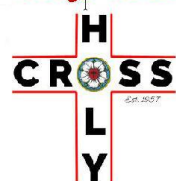
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27 Pentecost 18 8:30A Praise Service 9:45A Sunday School 11A Praise Service 12:15 Discipleship Group & Lunch	28 7P Dart Practice 7P Scouts (TR)	29 9A Preschool 7P Discipleship Group (ASSR) 7P Scouts (YR)	30 9A Preschool 11A Benevolence 12:30P Rescue Bears (ASSR) 7:30P AA (TR)	OCT. 1 9A Preschool 12N AA (TR) 6:30P <i>Gala of Hope</i>	2	3 8:30A Men's Breakfast & Study (ASSR) 7:30P AA (TR)
4 Pentecost 19 World Communion Sunday 8:30A Communion 9:45A Sunday School 11A Communion	5 7P Darts v. Bethany UCC (FH) 7P Scouts (TR)	6 9A Preschool 4P Worship & Music (Ofc) 7P Property (Ofc) 7P Scouts (YR)	7 9A Preschool 10A Discipleship Group (ASSR) 12:30P Rescue Bears (ASSR) 7:30P AA (TR)	8 9A Preschool 12N AA (TR) Lutheran	9 Week	10 9A Material Girls (ASSR) Light 7:30P AA (TR)
11 Pentecost 20 Harvest Home ELM Clothing Drive begins 8:30A Praise Service 9:45A Sunday School 11A Praise Service 12:15P Discipleship Group & Lunch	Columbus Day 7P Darts @ Fritz Wesleyan 7P Scouts (TR)	13 9A Preschool 6P Finance/Stewardship 6:30P Colonial Quilters (FH) 7P Discipleship Group (ASSR) 7P Scouts (YR)	14 9A Preschool 12:30P Rescue Bears (ASSR) 6P Christian Education (ASSR) 7:30P AA (TR)	Newsletter Deadline 9A Preschool 12N AA (TR)	16 10A Cookies to College Packing	17 9A Colonial Quilters (FH) 1P Staff Meeting 7:30P AA (TR)
18 Pentecost 21 8:30A Communion 9:45A Sunday School 11A Communion	19 7P Dart Baseball v. First UCC 7P Scouts (TR)	20 9A Preschool 7P Scouts (YR)	21 9A Preschool 10A Discipleship Group (ASSR) 12N Homeowner Workshop (FH) 12:30P Rescue Bears 6:30P Church Council 7:30P AA (TR)	22 9A Preschool 9A Material Girls (ASSR) 12N AA (TR)	23 10A Bulletins	24 8:30A Men's Breakfast & Study (ASSR) 7:30P AA (TR)
REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:30A Communion 9:45A Sunday School 11A Communion 12:15P Discipleship Group & Lunch	26 7P Darts @ Star of Bethlehem 7P Scouts (TR)	27 9A Preschool 7P Discipleship Group (ASSR) 7P Scouts (YR)	28 9A Preschool 11A Preschool Family Worship 12:30P Rescue Bears (ASSR) 7:30P AA (TR)	29 9A Preschool 12N AA (TR)	30 10A Bulletins 6P Trick or Treat Night	31 REFORMATION DAY 7:30P AA (TR)

OCTOBER 2026 SERVANTS OF THE LORD

		10/4 19th Sunday after Pentecost	10/11 20th Sunday after Pentecost	10/18 21st Sunday after Pentecost	10/25 Reformation Day
Communion	8:30 11:00	Patty Werley Lyn Stryker		Seth Miller Lyn Stryker	Seth Miller Lyn Stryker
Crucifer	8:30 11:00				Karen Brown Lyn Stryker
Grass Cutters	wk b4	Rich Stein Jonathan Miller	Lyn Stryker Jonah Kincaid Bob Kincaid	Sam Glasmire Rich Stein	Gary Mosser Jim Steiner
Greeter	8:30 11:00	Sally Stein Irene Graham	Diane Hahn Eileen Dunn	Sharon Wagner Irene Graham	Diane Hahn Sharon Branigan
Lector	8:30 11:00	Ruthann Kistler Lyn Stryker	Alyce Stein Karen Brown	Patty Werley Lyn Stryker	Penny Miller Kathy Ballek
Liturgist	8:30 11:00	Patty Werley Lyn Stryker	Pat Gilbert Karen Brown	Seth Miller Lyn Stryker	Seth Miller Lyn Stryker
Live Stream	8:30	Jonah Kincaid	Jan Stryker	Jonah Kincaid	Jan Stryker
Prayer Care	8:30 11:00	Terri Zahnow <i>VOL. NEEDED</i>	Sally Stein Ruthann Kistler	Pat Gilbert <i>VOL. NEEDED</i>	Jan Stryker Darlene Treisner
Song Leader	8:30 11:00	Nancy Cook Nancy Cook	Pastor David Pastor David	Karen Brown Nancy Cook	Nancy Cook Nancy Cook
Sound	8:30 11:00	Rich Stein <i>VOL. NEEDED</i>	Rich Stein <i>VOL. NEEDED</i>	Rich Stein <i>VOL. NEEDED</i>	Seth Miller <i>VOL. NEEDED</i>
Usher	8:30 11:00	Jan Stryker Irene Graham		Jan Stryker Sharon Branigan	Jan Stryker Irene Graham
Altar Guild: Jan Stryker & Carol Royer Phonetree: Stephen Zeiner Children's Church: Ruthann Kistler Counters: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker Communion Visitors: Pr. Dave & Sharon Branigan Prayer of the Church: <i>Volunteer needed</i> Sexton: <i>Volunteer needed</i>					

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