



# Acts of Faith

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**It's Harvest Time:** The dark green corn stalks have turned brown, and the soybean leaves have dried up and fallen leaving the awaited grains. October marks the peak of harvest activity here in the Midwest. Harvesting is a central theme in our October Scripture readings too. We trust in God's promises and joyfully hold fast to His gift of salvation at the greatest end-time harvest yet to come. As a Christian congregation each of us are to be laborers in the field participating in the work of bring others to Christ and His Gospel.

From the days when Adam and Eve plucked the fruits of the trees God allowed them, to the dropping of manna on the rock hard soil of the wilderness, to this very day when green and red machines pull corn from stalks and grain from the fields, we accept our dependence on the continued fruitfulness of creation and the God whose generosity has blessed us with the harvest.

There is nothing more important to the farmer than the harvest. Everything he does plowing, planting and praying all focus on preparing for, anticipating and safely bringing in the largest harvest possible!

Jesus' whole earthly ministry was about "bringing in a harvest of souls!" His preaching and teaching focused on bringing the message of the Father's love, forgiveness and salvation which He, Himself, would accomplish for us through His sacrificial death on the Cross as our divine substitute. He had called and sent the twelve Apostles to bring this Good News to people in towns and villages everywhere. Jesus is sending us, you and me, out too!

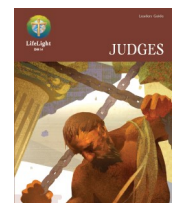
Through faith in life-giving sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for you, God has filled you with peace and now He calls you to be His spokesperson of peace. As you follow His calling wherever it leads you, you can joyfully expect His power, protection and peace and blessings as you go. Listen to His Spirit leading you through His Word and empowering you through the sacraments. We, whose connection with the land is less than that of our ancestors, must be careful to keep our thoughts and prayers on the ultimate harvest, the harvest of souls! In Matthew 9: 38 Jesus commands "*therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*" We see people in our world oppressed and suffering from the bondage of sin. There is a critical shortage of ordained ministers and synodical trained teachers in the LCMS. Pray especially for those young men and women considering or studying for the ministry of Christ. The fields of souls are ripe for harvest.

Blessed be the Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth, and His Son Jesus Christ, Who, through the Holy Spirit, has given us, and will give us, all that we need for life and life everlasting. Amen



**Thank You** Pastor Weber for your service to our congregation. Thanks also to pastor's family who support him. We also remember all those others that assist with our church services and the work that gets done around the church building and grounds. Many times no one notices or expresses appreciation for their assistance.

**LifeLight Bible Study** meets on Mondays starting at 1:00 PM. This study will continue with Judges. Everyone is invited to join us when possible. God sent leaders (Judges) to the Israelites as they fell away from Him worshiping false gods in their land. For 350 years God's chosen people continually repeated a cycle of sin-defeats-repentance-favor in God's sight.



Worship Schedule  
9:00 AM, Sunday Worship Service



Oct. 05	Marilyn Sturtevant (Green)
Oct. 12	Mary Hahn (Green)
Oct. 19	Leah Weber (Green)
Oct. 26	Kari Tavares (Red)

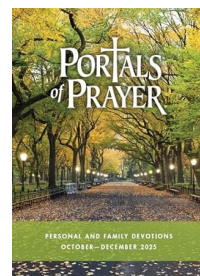
**ELDER'S LIST:**

Kevin Hull:	309-852-0801
Ron Larson:	309-853-5111
Ted Sturtevant:	309-853-8203
Gary Hahn	309-854-2203

**USHER'S LIST**

1st Sunday:	Ted Sturtevant
2nd Sunday:	Nick Phillips
3rd Sunday:	Gary Hahn
4th Sunday:	William Croegaert
5th Sunday:	Jim Cook

**Portals of Prayer** devotional booklets are now available for the final quarter of the year (October-December) in small and medium, sizes. Please pick up a copy for yourself and others you might know .



***October's Calendar***

Pastor Appreciation Month

<b>Oct. 05</b>	<b>17th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)</b> <b>Worship with Holy Communion</b> Service at <b>11:00 AM</b>
Oct. 06	No LifeLight Bible Study
Oct. 09	W.O.F. Meeting 9:00 AM
<b>Oct. 12</b>	<b>18th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)</b> <b>Prayer Service no Communion</b>
Oct. 13	LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
Oct. 15	Oktoberfest Food Preparations 9:00 am
Oct. 16	<b>Oktoberfest</b> Preparations 9:00-Noon Dinner 4:30-6:30 PM
<b>Oct. 19</b>	<b>19th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)</b> <b>Worship with Holy Communion</b> <b>LWML Sunday</b>
Oct. 20	LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
Oct. 23	Elders Mtg. 6:30 PM Church Council 7:00 PM
<b>Oct. 26</b>	<b>Reformation Sunday Observance</b> <b>Worship with Holy Communion (Red)</b>
Oct. 27	LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
Oct. 31	Reformation Day Halloween Observance

**Those For Whom We Pray:** Please include the following in your thoughts and daily prayers.

**Our Faith family:** Allison Leezer, Cari Bridgewater, Nancy Gillespie, Nancy Tudder, JoAnne Behnke, Peggy Faber, Melissa Newman, Betty and Glen Godke, and Bonnie Nuding.

**Friends:** Lisa Griffin, Jim Tudder, Steve Faber, Jacob Nimrick, and all military personnel and first responders.

**CID:** Our campus, prison, deaf, and Hispanic missions in the District need your prayers and support.

**Inactive Members:** Pray the Holy Spirit bring them to the understanding of their need to be in regular worship in church on Sunday, and that we as their brothers and sisters in Christ would reach out to them.

**Our World:** Citizens of and those in Gaza and Ukraine that peace may come to these lands.



**Prayer Requests:** Have someone or something that you would like Pastor to include in either his personal prayers or in our public Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request, place in an envelope, and leave it in the office or hand it to Pastor.



## Birthdays

October 2	Jane Davis
October 8	Ted Sturtevant
October 11	Michael Leezer
October 19	Judy Bridgewater
October 20	Myrene Carper
October 20	Sharon Larson
October 22	Paul Estes
October 27	Sandra Heinrich
October 28	Gary Hahn
October 30	Tinsley Newman
October 31	James Cook

## Baptism Dates

LaJean Breedlove	10/01
Sara Nimrick	10/01
Erin Tavares	10/04
Cade Knox	10/11



## Wedding Anniversaries

October 02	William and Claudia Croegaert
October 18	Ronald and Sharon Larson



On October 1st, Glen and Betty Godke will be moving to Courtyard Estates, an assisted living facility at 141 S Junior Avenue, Kewanee, IL 61443. We wish them God's blessings on this relocation. I am sure they would appreciate hearing from all of us at Faith.

**Women of Faith:** The ladies will be meeting on Thursday, **October 9th**, at 9:00AM to bake pies for the Oktoberfest dinner. Bring a brown bag lunch; a business meeting will follow lunch. Carol Cook is the hostess.

This month we are collecting your mites to support Mission Grant No. 2 to help for Ukraine's orphans and displaced persons for \$100,000, to be used for Orphan Grain Train (OGT). OGT has been involved in humanitarian aid to Ukraine since the war began. OGT works with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine and other Christian churches as it distributes aid. In the past year, seventeen shipments of donated food, clothing, and medical supplies were sent to various locations in Ukraine. Thank you for your support.



Carol Cook, Cheryl Snyder, Mary Hahn, and Nancy Tudder attended the LWML Rock Island Zone Fall Rally on September 16th at Immanuel Lutheran in Rock Island, IL. Theme was "Precious In His Eyes." Rally speaker was David Ward, CID District Life Coordinator who has written ministry articles for the district's *Gatepost* magazine.

**Welcome Rev. Winston Grieser:** Rev. Grieser, St. Paul's Kewanee, will conduct our Divine Service on Sunday, October 5, while Pastor Weber is on vacation. Please note this service will start at 11:00 AM for this Sunday only. Rev. Grieser's family has recently moved to Kewanee from the State of Washington. We thank him and St. Paul's for serving us in Pastor's absence.



**Sad News:** We recently received news that Darlene Yount, wife of former pastor Rev. Robert Yount, passed onto heaven on June 6, 2025 at the age of 89 years in Minnetonka, MN. Christian burial service was held at Glory of Christ Lutheran church in Plymouth, MN. The Yount family played a vital role in the formation and early stages of Faith's development in Kewanee. Robert preceded her in death.

**Faith's Oktoberfest Dinner** is scheduled for Thursday, October 16th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Tickets are available in the church office. Please try to sell them at \$12.00 per person. Meal includes bratwurst sandwich, homemade German potato salad, sauerkraut, and dessert. Take out or eat-in is available downstairs. We expect a large crowd so help is requested for preparation on 10/15 and 10/16 at 9:00 am and at serving times. Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex area. We are also looking for donated pies, fruit pies are preferable.





**Church Council Report:** The September treasurer's report was distributed and Sue reported that the general fund has \$40,445.63 the Memorial/Dedicated Fund has \$9,212.19 for a total of \$49,957.82. The church extension fund balance is \$100,860.94. Monies were transferred from the dedicated fund to general fund to pay for elevator repairs.

Pastor Weber reminded us that he will be on vacation from October 1 through the 13th. Rev. Grieser will conduct service on October 5th at 11:00AM, and the LWML prayer service will be used on October 12th. Pastor is leading a review of the Augsburg Confession for the Elders.

Chairman Bill announced he has sold aluminum cans for a receipt of \$79. He has also spoken to the man who has our field and he is to cut again next week.

Gary Hahn will replace Ted as our delegate to the R.I. Circuit forum on Sunday, Sept. 21st, as Ted will be out of town.

Prices for bratwurst sausages and bacon were received from Sullivan's and Save-a-lot. Bids were equal, but Save-A-Lot promised 5 ounce sausages. Gary will place food orders with Save-a-lot store.

Trustee reported cracks in parking lot were filled and patched. Contractor was paid. Still need to mount new solar night light in the rear lot.

New electrical fire panel and smoke detectors for the elevator is to be installed next week after delays in receiving materials were experienced.

**R.I. Circuit Forum:** A Circuit forum was held on September 21st at St. John's-Geneseo to elect delegates to the 2026 LCMS Synodical Convention. The Pastoral Delegate chosen was Rev. Ken Astrowski, Immanuel R.I. with Rev. Dave Anderson, Trinity-Coal Valley as the alternate. Lay delegates elected were Derick Drockelman from Concordia-Geneseo with Jim Homann, St. John's-E. Moline as the alternate.

**Q.** There is so much violence today; wars, disease, natural disasters, so why does God allow all this suffering in the world?

**A.** The source of all evil in the world is human sin. Beginning with Adam, sinners have tried to exercise God-like power. Given this, why doesn't God intervene to stop all the evil? To destroy all evil means God would have to obliterate all humankind. Instead He decided not to fix the world, but to save it. (John 3:16) God's method of saving the world was to send Jesus to suffer and die in order to redeem those affected by the evil, to bring hope and peace, to assure His steadfast love, and to take them one day to Heaven. Christ's empty tomb ensures He has all authority in heaven and on earth, and nothing can separate us from His love.

**Reformation Day Thought:** The Reformation was, first and foremost, all about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was then, and it still is now. The task of reformation never ends — for every person, in every generation, needs to hear the good news of their Savior from sin and eternal death.



On September 23rd, Cheryl and Mary took twelve blankets that WOF had made, along with donated crocheted throws, to the Phil's Friends organization in Wheaton, Illinois. They also took a box of donated items to be included with the blankets in care boxes for the cancer patients. Items included:

Puzzle books	20	Toothbrushes	20
Fuzzy Socks	19	Playing cards	19
Tissue packs	30	Toothpaste	15
Chap Sticks	13	Dental Floss	12

Thank you for all the donations to this project including Thrivent Financial.

