

THE Concordia Messenger



“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!” Psalm 133:1

October 2025

On the Certainty of Salvation

by Rev. Sam Scheltens

“When you die, do you know where you’re going?”

This is the question often posed by signs in front of various Protestant churches. Sometimes, we regard this as a silly question. Why, of course I’ll be saved. I trust in the saving death and resurrection of my Lord Jesus Christ, who shed His Blood for me. It really is just that simple. But on the other hand, many other people consider themselves to be safe, and find some assurance in their good works. Look, I’m a good person. My grandma was a good person. Surely, God wouldn’t punish people I like, because I like them and I like what they do.

But on the other hand, some people struggle with doubt. Can Jesus really forgive *that* sin? Can I really be *certain* of my salvation? Isn’t it up to God? What if I haven’t lived a good life? Jesus Christ really and truly does forgive your sins, because He loves you and He died on the cross for you. So, how do you know?

You can know for certain by looking to the promises of Christ, which are attached to faith and baptism. Which promises can you look to? Here are a few examples:

- “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)
- “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:8-10)
- “Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.” (1 Peter 3:21-22)
- “So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.” (Galatians 3:9), and, “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” (Galatians 3:27)
- “[Jesus] saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.” (Titus 3:5-6)

You can remember and cling to your baptism, in remembrance of what Christ did for you on the Cross. There, Christ won for you the forgiveness of sins. The benefits of this victory are given to you every day in your Baptism, and every Lord’s Day in the Lord’s Supper. There Christ gives you His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of your sins, and for the nourishment of your body and soul, and for the strengthening of your faith.

Reformation 2025: Martin Luther and His Life

by Rev. Sam Scheltens

Though the Reformation was bigger than just himself, Martin Luther was a central figure and leader among the Reformers, striving to restore the Word of God to Christians. Martin Luther fought hard to restore to its proper place of prominence the light of the Gospel, and take out from under men’s feet the Word of God. As people who bear his name, it is important for us to understand who he was, and what he said.

When Martin Luther was born in 1483, the Christian Church had adopted numerous false beliefs and practices. They were the result of various false assumptions and scholastic arrogance of the Middle Ages. One of these false practices was the Sacrifice of the Mass. Many in the Church believed that 1) the Mass was a work offered *to* God in order to appease Him; 2) one could ‘offer’ Masses on behalf of people who were dead in order to save them from Purgatory, which is discussed later.

They also believed certain sins after Baptism could not be forgiven by the merits of Christ but had to be worked out, either through penance in life, or purgatory in death. Penance was some sort of action required after going to Confession, which when performed would complete the Absolution given by the priest and so forgive the sins committed. Purgatory was seen as a place the Christian dead went after death, to work out any remaining sins or impurity before entering the purity of Heaven. One could also acquire an indulgence, which was a dispensation by the Pope that would forgive any or all sins committed, either for an exchange of money or some other external action.

This was the world into which Martin Luther was born on November 10, 1483. He was born to Hans and Margarethe Luther in the mining town of Eisleben. Hans was involved in the copper mining industry, and sought to have his son Martin become a lawyer to help the family business. So Luther went to Erfurt for his master’s degree, with the intent of going to law school afterward. However one day while he was traveling back to school there was a great thunderstorm in which Luther feared for his life. Lightning struck the ground near where he was walking, and he cried out in fear to the patron saint of Eisleben: “Help me St. Anne, I’ll become a monk!”

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So Luther, keeping this vow to the saint, dropped out of law school and joined the Augustinian monastic order. Here Luther was completely saturated with the reading of Scripture, prayer, and ascetic life. The Christians of the Middle Ages believed this would make a person holier and more pleasing to God. And certainly, dedicating yourself to praying and reading the Scriptures more is a commendable ambition. But to abandon the vocations which God has placed you in will not make you holier. Only faith and the Word of God, with the Holy Sacraments which God has promised you, can do that. Soon after becoming a monk in 1505, and his ordination to the Office of the Holy Ministry in 1507, Luther was sent to teach theology as a professor at the recently-founded University of Wittenberg in 1508. There he was able to study the Scriptures and preach to the townspeople and students in Wittenberg.

In the late Middle Ages, the Pope in Rome decided that he wanted to build a bigger, more impressive cathedral to say his Masses in, built on top of the supposed (though very likely) site of St. Peter's grave. But the problem with this project, and any other like it, is money. The Pope, though likely the richest man in Europe at the time, could not afford to pay for all the artists, materials, and laborers required to build such a monstrosity. So, he took the concept of papal indulgences one step further – His Eminence would *sell* these plenary indulgences to the peasantry of Germany and Europe, and then use *that* money to build his cathedral.

So John Tetzel, a disciple of the Pope and papal Inquisitor in Saxony, began the sale of indulgences in Saxony, where Wittenberg is. Soon Luther heard about the sales of these indulgences in towns nearby, though he never met Tetzel face-to-face. He even heard of his own people going over to these towns in order to purchase these diabolical dawdles. Luther, disgusted by the practice and wanting to have an academic discussion with his fellow churchmen about it, wrote up 95 theses, or points of argument, against the sale of indulgences. These were posted on the door of the church in Wittenberg, a common place to post announcements and other news. Word spread around the region about Luther's theses, and the Roman church took note. First, the Cardinal Cajetan (us) interrogated Luther in Augsburg, in 1518. Luther stood firm, faithful to the Scriptures. The Cardinal had personal interests in gaining money from the indulgences, so he resisted Luther's points, but he did not arrest him as was suggested him by his superiors. In 1519, the Papist theologian John Eck held a disputation in Leipzig, against Luther and his sympathetic colleague Andreas Karlstadt. There, Eck branded Luther a "Hussite", or a follower of John Hus, who was burned at the stake one hundred years prior for critiquing the Roman church's abuses. This accusation stuck, and Luther was excommunicated by the Pope via letter in 1521 after being warned throughout 1520 against going down this path.

Luther, on the other hand, continued boldly. In 1520, he published three foundational treatises. The first was *To the Christian Nobility of the German Nation*. In this work, Luther appeals to the political leaders of the German people to oppose the abuses of the Roman church. The second was *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church*, in which Luther critiques and condemns the Roman church's abuse of the Mass, namely how the Sacrament is withheld from the laity, and the Masses said for the dead, etc. The third, *The Freedom of a Christian*, is about the central tenet of Luther's theology: that justification, or how a person is made right with God, is by faith in Jesus Christ.

After Luther's excommunication and his continued publications, he was ordered to stand before the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V in the city of Worms, where there was to be an imperial Diet (a Diet was a regular meeting and assembly of the imperial personnel to make decisions about matters within and without the Empire). At the Diet, Luther was asked two questions. The first, was whether all the books presented before him were indeed his writings? Luther answered in the affirmative. The second, does he recant (or take back) the things which he wrote in them? In response to this, Luther requested twenty-four hours to consider his response, lest he answer rashly with too much haste. After his allotted time of consideration, Luther came back before the Diet and answered, indeed he would not recant, for to do so would violate his conscience, so God help him. So the Emperor, in an edict which followed after-

ward, declared Martin Luther an outlaw. That meant that anyone, anywhere, would have the right to kill him in broad daylight.

But Frederick, Luther's Elector or a magistrate just below the Emperor, trusted Luther and believed his teachings to be true. So he secretly kidnapped Luther while he was traveling home and kept him in a castle in the city of Wartburg. Here Luther was protected and hidden, so no one could harm him. Luther often referred to this time as his "Patmos," a reference to the island of St. John's exile, where he wrote the book of Revelation. Luther wrote his own revelation, namely, he used this time of solitude to translate the Holy Scriptures into the German language. The Bible was not commonly available in German to the people. The existing translations were not good and relied on dialects, so it could not be universally German. Otherwise, the people only heard the Scriptures read in Latin, which only the educated knew. So Luther diligently translated and prayed, bring the Scriptures out of their original Greek and Hebrew and into the common German tongue, in such a way that anyone from any part of German-speaking Europe could read or hear it. You live in a blessed time of abundance and riches. You have many good translations of the Holy Scriptures available in your native tongue. All of you probably have more than one Bible in your home, even. This is an abundant treasure. Do not neglect this gift, but dwell in it richly and give thanks to God for the riches he has granted you and all of us.

In the time after the Diet, many German territories came to the Lutheran teaching, and opposed the papist false teachings. People were learning the faith in their own language, and they were receiving both the Body of Christ *and* His Blood, which had previously been only reserved for the celebrating priest. After many years of debate, trouble, and strife in the Empire over Luther's teaching, the Emperor again convened a Diet in the city of Augsburg, where the Lutherans were asked to give a concise explanation of their faith. The Emperor called them together, to 'resolve' the Lutheran question before having to fend off the Muslim Turk hordes, who were growing closer to the Empire every day. So the Lutheran princes, with Philipp Melancthon, a professor at Wittenberg, Luther's friend, and respected rhetorician and orator, composed a series of articles summarizing their faith. Luther, on the other hand, could not attend as he was still an imperial outlaw – but he maintained constant contact with the Lutherans. They read this Confession in German aloud to the Emperor on June 25, 1530. While there was a strong detachment of princes who subscribed to the Augsburg Confession before the Diet, several princes joined the Lutheran confession upon hearing what the Lutherans really believed, instead of what the bishops of the Roman church were slanderously telling them.

The Papist advisors to the Emperor and others composed a response to the Confession, called the 'Confutation' which, thanks be to God, was so poorly written no one wanted it read aloud or published anywhere. But the Lutherans took very good notes and published a response called the 'Apology to the Augsburg Confession' (apology here means defense). Regardless, the Emperor declared the Confutation a sufficient response, and demanded the princes return to Rome. The princes got together and formed the Smalcaldic league, which was an alliance among the Lutherans to defend one another if the Roman forces attacked a Lutheran city or region.

In the years leading up to and following Augsburg, Luther was as prolific as ever. He wrote a number of faithful hymns, many of which we still sing in our churches. He wrote a number of faithful treatises and books exhibiting the true doctrine, and continuously prayed and taught the people in Wittenberg. He was also married to his beloved wife Katherine von Bora. This marriage solidified the Lutheran position on the marriage of clergy, which under the papacy was forbidden and so led to many scandals. The Lutherans believed celibacy to be a gift and not something to be forced upon unwilling or unable clergy. Marriage is also a gift; though St. Paul writes, "For I wish that all men were even as I myself," he writes in the very same verse: "But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that." Marriage is a holy estate blessed by God in the Garden of Eden, prior to the fall. Forcing yourself to abstain from marriage does not make you holier, nor does marriage. But it is good to avoid sin in whatever way possi-

ble. For some, to enter marriage would bring more sin onto themselves, and they should use this gift to benefit the Church. But others should marry, rather than stew in their sins by not doing so. In this way you also bless the Church. So give thanks to God for the gifts you are given, and use them to the glory of God, as Martin Luther did to serve the Church, and now he rests eternally from his labors.

Luther entered into the eternal rest in Abraham's bosom on February 18, 1546. He died while traveling, in the town of his birth, Eisleben. There, after many years of fighting the good fight, he finished the race. When interrogated by his pastor Justus Jonas, he confirmed with his last breaths that he would hold steadfast to the faith which he confessed and taught throughout his life. He died with the Word of God on his breath and the trust of the Lord in his heart.

Martin Luther was often thought to be the angel in Revelation 14, preaching the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ to every nation, tribe tongue and people. And, in this sense, that an angel is a messenger from God, we can take comfort that Luther, in his time through ours, was a messenger of God who proclaimed the eternal Gospel to all the world. We give thanks to God for his work, faithfulness, and dedication to God's Word, and pray that we all may emulate his faithfulness, firmness on the Word, and trust in God alone.

LWML Mission Grants at Work

2025-2027 Mission Grant #3 (Omaha Convention)

Portable Laundry Trailer - Forged by Fire Services, U.S. - \$100,700

When disasters strike, Forged by Fire Services, a disaster response organization of the LCMS Southern District, is deployed to the Gulf Coast Region and beyond. Sharing the hope in Christ, they provide human care to the victims, volunteers, and first responders affected by natural and man-made disasters. After a disaster, one of the primary needs of people and volunteers is clean clothes, but laundry facilities may not be available. Forged by Fire Services would like to provide laundry service by obtaining a professionally built eight-station laundry trailer with all the supporting equipment. They would set up the laundry trailer in the parking lot of an LCMS church. When offering the service, LERT-trained volunteers have the opportunity to talk and share with people grace, mercy, and love of Jesus Christ. This grant will provide funds for the purchase of the portable laundry trailer.

2024 Indiana LWML
District Convention
Large Grant Recipient #10

Resurrection Lutheran Academy (South Bend) \$8,750

The Academy plans to use the grant to provide scholarships for unchurched students with unmet financial needs, enabling them to attend the Academy, where they can hear the Gospel and experience it within the school community.
(Note: This is the final grant from the 2024 District Convention. Delegates to the 2026 LWML Indiana District Convention, June 26-28 in Evansville, will choose new grants.)

Sunday School/Bible Class

Sunday School 10:45am

Young Children are learning about Joshua, Gideon, Samuel, and the Reformation.

Older Children are learning about Resilient Minds.

Youth are attending the adult Bible Study for October.

Adults are studying the Small Catechism with Pastor Scheltens in the Sanctuary.

Women's Sunday Night Bible Study 6 pm are continuing Donna Snow's book *Unshakeable*.

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study 7 pm are studying *Patient Urgency*, a Lutheran Hour Ministries Bible Study.

Preschool

We would like to thank the people who have donated items to Preschool through Amazon orders or other drop offs. Unfortunately, we don't know who you are to thank you personally! If you've donated something and would like a thank you and donation slip, please email Sarah so we can get that to you. Sarah.Shadday@concordia-lcms.com

We've been in the full swing of classes for over a month now. Our 3's class visited the Anderson Apple Orchard and our PreK class will be visiting Farmhand 101 on October 1st. We will have an opportunity for our congregation members to meet some Preschool parents on October 30th and 31st. Our kids will get dropped off at school that day at 9am. Around 9:20am-9:30am they will walk over to church and trick or treat among parents and church members.

If you would like to come at 9am to have donuts and talk with Preschool parents and congregation members, we would love to have you come. If you would like to pass out treats, we will have 10 kids on the 30th (PreK class) and 10 kids on the 31st (3's class). **Please, bring individually wrapped, store bought treats** if you would like to pass something out on our "trick or treat" trail. We have a friend moving in October. We'll miss our friend and pray for a safe move. This does mean we have an extra spot in our PreK. Tours may be set up by contacting Sarah Shadday via text/calls 314-330-3782 or email-
Sarah.Shadday@concordia-lcms.com

Fellowship

On Sunday, October 5th from 5pm-8pm we'll have a congregational campfire at Shelter #1 at Southeastway Park. 5624 S Carroll Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46239. Church will provide hot dogs, s'mores, and water. A hayride will leave our shelter at 5:20pm. Sign up at church or contact Sarah Shadday so we know how much food to bring! sarah.shadday@concordia-lcms.com. If you're interested in visiting an apple orchard, Pleasant View Orchard is close to Southeastway Park is owned by members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

October 2025 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>28</div> <div>Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div> <div>6pm - Women's Bible Sy</div>	<div>29</div> <div>6:30pm - Worship Service</div>		<div>1</div> <div>LWR week - Quilt Drop Off</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div> <div>10am - O.A.</div>	<div>4</div>
<div>5</div> <div>Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</div> <div>9:30am - LWML Sunday (purple!)</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div> <div>5pm - Campfire Fellowship</div> <div>6pm - Women's Bible Sy</div>	<div>6</div> <div>6:30pm - Properties</div> <div>6:30pm - Worship Service</div> <div>7pm - Elders</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div> <div>LWML Retreat Lakeview</div> <div>10am - O.A.</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>
<div>12</div> <div>Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div>	<div>13</div> <div>6:30pm - Worship Service</div>	<div>14</div> <div>7pm - Women's Bible Study</div>	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div> <div>9am - LWR Truck</div> <div>11am - LWR Quilt Pickup</div>	<div>17</div> <div>[F] St Luke, Evangelist</div> <div>10am - O.A.</div>	<div>18</div>
<div>19</div> <div>Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div> <div>6pm - Women's Bible Sy</div>	<div>20</div> <div>6:30pm - Worship Service</div> <div>7pm - Church Council</div>		<div>22</div> <div>[F] St James of Jerusalem, Brother</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <div>10am - O.A.</div>	<div>25</div>
<div>26</div> <div>Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div> <div>12pm - Church Work Day</div> <div>6pm - Women's Bible Sy</div>	<div>27</div> <div>6:30pm - Worship Service</div>	<div>28</div> <div>[F] St. Simon and St. Jude,</div> <div>7pm - Women's Bible Study</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div> <div>9am - Preschool Trick or Treating</div>	<div>31</div> <div>[F] Reformation Day</div> <div>9am - Preschool Trick or Treating</div> <div>[F] All Saints' Day</div> <div>10am - O.A.</div>	<div>1</div>

Treasurers Report

August 2024

<u>Income Descriptions</u>	<u>Aug 2024</u> <u>4 Sundays</u>	<u>Aug 2025</u> <u>5 Sundays</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Unified Budget	14,974.35	24,958.57	210,979.87
Memorials (Non-Designated)	-	-	175.00
Memorials (Designated)	-	-	100.00
Designated Gifts	5,701.43	1,532.37	85,161.99
Reimbursements & Refunds	-	-	-
Rents & Wedding Fees	-	-	415.00
Miscellaneous*	-	-	91,955.74
Total Income	20,675.78	26,490.94	388,787.60
Average per week Unified Budget	3,743.59	4,991.71	4,357.47
Amount needed per week for Unified Budget	6,728.85	6,728.85	6,728.85

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Aug-25	Total to Date
Missions - District Synod	500.00	4,000.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	6,000.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry	187.50	1,500.00
Total Support	1,437.50	11,500.00

Board Expenses	August 2025	Total To Date	Total Budget
Pastoral Care	7,179.84	52,506.06	125,400.00
Christian Education	7,064.20	59,191.13	81,800.00
Congregational Worship	1,095.25	6,918.54	7,200.00
Missions & Outreach	1,437.50	13,800.17	21,500.00
Office	1,734.86	18,006.24	32,500.00
Properties	5,996.32	56,155.07	81,500.00
Unified Budget Total	24,507.97	206,577.21	349,900.00

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	Balance 08-31-2025
Anniversaries & Birthday - 1073	4,694.90
Board of Youth - Trip - 5446***	11,642.18
Building Fund - 2978**	37,993.19
Capital Improvements - 9545	13,940.53
Church Sign	981.47
Church Landscaping	888.05
Heine Family Project	1,744.34
Total Capital Improvements - \$17,554.40	17,554.40
Concordia Cares - 6370	3,543.65
Inheritance Fund - 7423	127,704.57
Preschool Landscaping & Gardening - 2434	150.38
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	203,283.27
Interest Earned	733.96
Total In Church Checking Account	\$177,441.25
Total in Preschool Account	\$ 14,628.05

Payments made to kitchen remodel \$ 68,046.10

Our Spiritual Response in Worship, Bible Study and Giving to our Lord

Worship	2024	2025	Tithes
September 7, 2025	90	85	\$4,201.00
September 14, 2025	73	85	\$6,071.00
September 21, 2025	99	92	\$2,912.00
September 28, 2025	104	TBD	TBD

INTERCESSION and PRAYER
(Matthew 8:17)

Concordia Members

Surgery/Testing/

Recovery:

- Betty Economou 9/22/25
- Lynda Martin 6/16/25
- Jim Roemer 2/12/23
- Tommy Ragsdale 12/11/22
- Peter Economou 4/22/19



Friends of Concordia

- Chuck Buth 9/23/25
- Barb Norris 4/16/25
- Kathleen Sebastian 1/30/25
- Beverly Tewell 1/30/25
- Tyshae Smith 8/28/24
- Josephine Shafer 8/13/24
- Leeroy & Vernon Good 6/10/24
- Ralph McGraw 1/2/24
- Connie Henderson 5/14/23
- Terry & Diana Deamron 9/10/22
- Beverly Stephens 8/20/22
- Ed Stephens 2/18/24
- Terry Haskett 5/15/22
- Missy, Austin & Travis Golden 4/20/22
- Judy Heine 11/22/21
- Pat Brooks 9/23/21
- Rose Swenson 7/27/21
- Susan Soggs 1/7/21
- Rev. Howard Fabricius 1/2/21
- Minna Van Arsdale 8/7/19
- Brandon Frederking 5/2/19
- Steve Stephenson 4/28/19
- Thomas Clark 12/16/18

Battling Cancer / MS

- Kelsey Merena 10/25/22
- David Buuck 9/27/21

Homebound Concordia Members

- Sharon Bruhn, 690 South State Ball Brothers 125, Franklin IN 46131
- Ginny Emmons, 581 Cielo Vista Dr, Greenwood, IN 46143
- Phillis Infante, 1501 S Meridian St Apt 139, Indianapolis, IN 46225
- Pat Barnes, St. Francis Hospital
- Norma Krall, Aspen Trace, Rm #515

Military Servicemen & women.

- Erica Stephenson, Army, National Guard
- LTJG Chloe (Owen) Munoz, 12137 Red Barn Ct, Jacksonville, FL 32226
- Ivan Munoz, (LTJG)
- Zach Goins, 822 Timbervale Trail, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80129 (Navy Reserve)
- CPL Jadon Ranbarger (2166 Marmande St., Kailua, HI 96734)
- PVT Macy Ranbarger (NAS Pensacola)

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Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
- fundraiser -

Honey Sundays for the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch fundraiser are on Sundays Nov. 3rd and 10th. The recommended purchase price is \$10 each. All of the proceeds are sent to the Ranch and the ranch will send each bottle directly to your home. Forms and sample will be located in the foyer on those 2 Sundays. Thank you for your support in advance LWCC.

(Also check it out at: <https://dakotaranch.org/>)

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Women's Retreat - Camp Lakeview

The annual Women's Retreat will be held October 10 -11 at Camp Lakeview. We rent one of the lodges and do not stay in the cabins. So we are comfortable. This is a good time to get away from our daily routine and spend time studying God's Word. This year the theme is "Believe, Trust, Commit." Through this study we will learn to trust God more and be more willing to let God take over our lives. In addition to the study we take time to make something to be given to others. For example, last year we colored Greeting Cards that were sent to Phil's Friends to be given to cancer patients. Also, we have social time during meals and breaks and before going to sleep Friday evening. We return home feeling uplifted after spending time studying God's Word. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more details.

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Grace on Wings

"Showing Christ's Love through Aviation"

Due to this month's newsletter space limitations, please see **MISSION REPORT 775** along with Grace on Wings brochures, located under Bulletin Board One in the Noah Room.

Instant Church Directory

You can now view our church directory online or through the FREE mobile app.

To access the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and enter your email address as listed in the directory. Click "Send Secure Sign-In Link". Then check your email and click on the "Log in to Instant Church Directory" button found in your email.

A free mobile app is also available in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Just search for "Instant Church Directory" to download.

Important: Your email address must be listed in the directory before you can log in.

Lutheran Hour Ministries Radio Schedule

The Lutheran Hour—Sundays
WIRE (91.1 FM) 6:00 AM
WBRI (1500 AM) 6:30 AM
WCBK (102.3 FM) 7:00 AM
WBNL (1540 AM) 1:00 PM

10/5 "Every Age Has a Stage"
10/12 "When a Cakewalk Becomes a Crucible"
10/19 "God's Help Dwells in Us"
10/26 "TBD"

Lutheran Hour is now broadcast on American Forces Network (AFN). To find other airings near you, check the broadcast guide at lhm.org/guide.

Worship Anew—Sundays
WRTV (TV 6) 7:00 AM

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Sunday Worship Services
9:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes
10:30 a.m.



Pastor **Sam Scheltens**
E-mail pastorscheltens@concordia-lcms.com

Staff:

Sarah Shadday *Dir. Christian Education*
Erica Stephenson *Deaconess*
Sarah Shadday *Preschool Director*
Brad Wheeler *Admin. Assistant*

Office hours Mon. - Fri. 8am - noon

Church Council

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Mike Finger, Elder

Mike Ford

Susan Henrickson

Julia Yeater

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Susan Ranbarger

Treasurer
Tammy Owen

Financial Secretary
Carol Monroe

BIRTHDAYS:

Brooks, Abigail	10/1
Brooks, Kaylee	10/1
Markel III, Bruce	10/1
Larson, Janet	10/4
Guinn, Luke	10/4
Monroe, Carol	10/5
Thetford, Tyler	10/5
Barkes, Linda	10/11
Yeater, Julia	10/11
Mihu, Rose	10/17
Everson, Ray	10/17
Santiago Salazar, Aria	10/17
Finger, Anne	10/23
Marot, Michael	10/24
McNally, Eden	10/25
Tinsley, Margaret	10/27
Olmos, Adriana	10/31
Marot, Caroline	10/31

WEDDINGS

	Years	Date
Allen & Albi Distler	71	10/5
Dave & Lorna Warren	46	10/6
Kevin & Becky Horn	49	10/9
Dean & Tammy Owen	27	10/10
Chris & Beth Forster	22	10/11
Larry & Deb Brooks	12	10/12
Mike & Jeri Pardieck	51	10/13
Philip & Sharon Caruana	53	10/14
Dave & Vicki Wilson	48	10/15
Andrew & Emily McNally	9	10/15
Steve & Shannon Barrick	21	10/24
Jim & Julia Yeater	33	10/24

Upcoming Special Collections

Everyone is so generous with the gifts God has given them. We have a lot of collections these final months. Here is a list of current and upcoming new collections:

Seminarian Corrie Steel money collection October 5th only during Bible class.

Gift cards for seminarians until October 26 for their Christmas Party. These should be smaller gift cards (\$10, \$20, \$25) so more seminarians can benefit from the cards.

Treats for kids and shut ins until October 26. If you would like to bring in individually wrapped treats for kids or cards for shut ins, you can bring them in and place them in backs we have on top of the collection cubes in the Noah Room.

Christmas Cards until November 14th for Chloe Munoz (Owen) who is being deployed. The collection is in one of the gray cubes in the Noah Room.

Thanksgiving Basket for the Angel Tree Families. In November, we provide Thanksgiving meals for 2 families from Northeast Elementary. Collection will be in the lobby.

Angel Tree gifts in December for the same families from Northeast Elementary. Collection will be in the lobby.

Christmas cards for shut ins, we will start collecting them on November 30th and end the collecting on December 14th. Collection location is to be determined.

Director of Christian Education

Thankfully, Pastor wrote a wonderful Reformation article, so I can focus on something else. For those of you who don't know, I went on a surprise trip in September so we could bury my grandparents on their 70th anniversary. That's the short version of the story; needless to say, I've been more in an "All Saints" mood than a "Reformation" mood.

We sang hymn 678 in church one day, and the words were ones I wanted to share for this All Saints' Day. Verse one and part of verse three say: "We sing for all the unsung saints, That countless, nameless throng, Who kept the faith and passed it on With hope steadfast and strong Through all the daily griefs and joys No chronicles record, Forgetful of their lack of fame, But mindful of their Lord. So we take heart from unknown saints Bereft of earthly fame, Those faithful ones who have received A more enduring name:"

When we sang this hymn, I had to pause and read it again. This is what most of us will be—unsung saints whose names will be forgotten by time. Our legacy will be counted among the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. Our names may fade, but Christ's name will endure, and that is what truly matters. What could be greater than that?

I could be wrong, but there are some saints whose names are remembered because they left great marks on the world. I think they would be honored to be remembered for defending God's Word and remaining faithful to the end. However, I also think it would sadden them if their names ever detracted from, or took trust away from, Jesus Christ—the true Redeemer.

On All Saints' Sunday, we remember those who have gone before us. We traditionally toll a bell for each member of our congregation who has passed. I will remember them and others who have gone on, even if their names are unsung. I'll remember Charlie, Ernie, Gerald, the Waltzes, Jeff, Glinda, Donna, Carl, and Jim—just to name a few. I know their names, and I know mine will be forgotten one day too; but I thank God that His Word will endure forever. One day, I and all true believers, by His mercy, will be brought to eternal rest.

We trust Jesus for the promise of salvation and look to Him for our place of peace and rest. We do not know what joys await us there, but we do know Christ will be our leader, and there will be bliss beyond compare.

Let's grieve for our broken world this All Saints' Day, but let's also celebrate with the saints in heaven—those known and unknown. Let us praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost together with them. Let us joyfully worship our Lord and, here on earth, join in what they do for eternity.

~Sarah Shadday

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