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**Words from Pastor Kari's Pen.**

*Office Hours for  
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By appointment  
only.*

**Nehemiah 8:10 – The Joy  
Of The Lord Is My Strength  
Knowing God is who He  
says He is is great. Believ-  
ing God will do what he  
says He can do is also  
good. But, the joy of the  
Lord is something you ex-  
perience to gain this  
strength. Sure, we love the  
feeling of joy, but it's more  
powerful than we can even  
fathom!**

The other day I watched a group of young girls play ring around the rosie. Their giggles were so sweet and pure hearted. I was saddened to remember the origin of that rhyme. "Ashes, ashes, we all fall down" refers to the high death toll of the plagues that devastated whole towns over a century ago. These little girls did not know the meaning of the rhyme, but I guarantee the children who sang in all those decades ago knew what it meant. And for a few moments I wasn't sure if I should be sad about the history of the song or happy be-

cause of the contagious joy of these present kiddos.

Did you know that grief and joy can co-exist?

They are distinct and separate, but they can co-exist and work in harmony. A great visual description for this is the Disney movie Inside Out. It tells a coming of age story of a little girl from the perspective of her emotions. Spoiler\* her coming of age story revolves around her maturing emotions due to the joy and sorrow of the family moving from Minnesota to San Francisco. Near the end you have this beautiful image of sorrow and joy blending together to make a memory that Joy once rejected as only sad as one that is also filled with joy.

We do not expect to see the death of Christ as joyful. Its death, and a gruesome one at that. But it is the very beginning of the greatest joy of Christ's resurrection. Grief and joy can co-exist. Perhaps

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fear and courage, hope and despair, or even sainthood and sinfulness can co-exist.

As we let go of the joy of summer and enter into the changing of the season, may you be so bold as to ponder all the various aspects that co-exist within your heart. May you be blessed to see Gods' never failing love in the midst of your perceived shortcomings. Lord grant you the grace to see resurrection in the things that are passing away around you. I pray you see a glimpse of your great God in the wide vastness of all that you feel and ponder.

Peace,

*Pastor Kari*

*Here are some additional quotes for your pondering*

*"There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love."*

*- Washington Irving*

*"There is no pain so great as the memory of joy in present grief." - Aeschylus*

*"Happiness is beneficial for the body, but it is grief that develops the powers of the mind."*

*-Marcel Proust*

*Pastor Kari Lee*

### **Join us for Trunk-or-Treat at Holy Trinity, Newton on October 27th from 6pm-8pm.**

What is Trunk or Treat? It's a safe and family friendly way for kids to trick or treat without having to cross busy streets or walk down dark streets. Cars gather in a secure parking lot and park with their trunks facing each other in rows. Then we decorate our trunks with lights, cardboard cut-outs, streamers, balloons, etc. Then the kids can scoop a loop from trunk to trunk to get candy and make friends with their parents.

Our trunk or treat occurs at the same time as the YMCA halloween event. We had a huge turn out last time. We are looking at a similar turn out this year.

How can I participate? There are several ways to be a part of the fun. You can bring your car and set up your station. You can volunteer to assist handing out candy with another car. You can donate candy or little holiday knick knacks to be handed out. Bring a little carnival style game for kids to play. Really whatever you can think of. Just come have fun with us while we make this a fun night for kids and families alike.

Please RSVP to Shawnea Nilles by Oct 24th so we can mark off enough parking spots the morning of the event.

### **Exciting News!**

St. Andrew's has a new way of giving. We now have a Venmo account. You can look us up at @standluth. We are also working on a QR code that will make giving in the app very easy. Of course you are always welcome to give the same ways you always have.

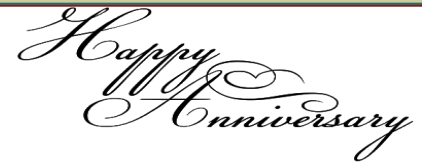
This will just be 1 more convenient way for you to give.





Martha Poots (Oct. 5th)  
 Marilyn Butler (Oct. 6th)  
 Beth Fenner (Oct. 10)  
 Leah Philby (Oct.13)  
 Easton Collum (Oct.14)

Jasper Manatt (Oct. 14)  
 David Bell (Oct. 15)  
 Maiken Lee (Oct. 17)  
 Jeff Meyer (Oct.23rd)  
 Paul Elzey (Oct. 28)  
 Syella Pettlon (Oct.29)  
 Wes Ranard (Oct 29th)  
 Keith Sevenbergen (Oct.31st)  
 Doug Wolf (Oct. 31st)



Doug and Rhonda Wolf (Oct. 3rd)  
 Mike & Jill Philby (Oct 20th)  
 Scott and Angela Sevenbergen (Oct. 25th)  
 Ben & Makenzee Downing (Oct. 27th)  
 David & Jessica Winegars (Oct.31st)

SUNDAY MORNING ASSISTANTS

	LITURGIST	READER
10/01/23	Wes Ranard	Sue Ranard
10/08/23	Vicky Bennett	Vicky Bennett
10/15/23	Staci Arnold	Staci Arnold
10/22/23	Angi Sevenbergen	Angi Sevenbergen
10/29/23	Shawnae Nilles	Shawnae Nilles

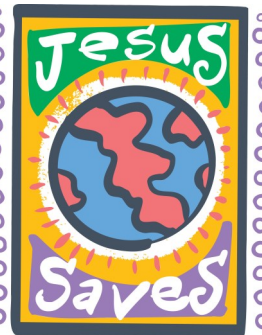
	USHERS/GREETERS	ACOLYTES
10/01/23	Dianne Clemon & Marilyn Butler	Runa or Eloise (Dalton Wolf)
10/08/23	Bill & Linda Bennett	Runa or Eloise (Ian Bennett)
10/15/23	Keith & Kathy Sevenbergen	Runa or Eloise (Presley Arnold)
10/22/23	Wes & Sue Ranard	Runa or Eloise (Jana Sevenbergen)
10/29/23	Rhonda & Devon Wolf	Runa or Eloise (Charlie Bennett)

Any questions contact Linda Bennett  
 Phone 641-218-1547

**Bible Quiz**

Not long before Jesus' arrest, he said: "I did not come to \_\_\_\_\_ the world, but to \_\_\_\_\_ the world." Fill in the blanks.

- A. judge; save
- B. hate; love
- C. condemn; teach
- D. disrupt; conform to



The Answer is on pg. 4

God's helpers

God's providence is not in baskets lowered from the sky, but through the hands and hearts of those who love him. The lad without food and without shoes made the proper answer to the cruel-minded woman who asked, "But if God loved you wouldn't he send you food and shoes?" The boy replied, "God told someone, but [they] forgot."

—George Buttrick

**2023 St. Andrew's Lutheran Church - Service Helper List**

updated 1/21/23

Date	Greeter	Lector	Comm. Asst.	Altar Guild	Candle Lighting
10/1/2023	John & Barb Freeborn	Pat Johnson	Doug Bell	Doug & Jaci Bell	Henry Sharp
10/8/2023	Doug & Jaci Bell	Jessica Winegar			
10/15/2023	Carol Naeseth	Carol Naeseth			
10/22/2023	Mark Bell	Doug Bell			
10/29/2023	Todd & Melanie Sharp	Nancy Wright			
11/5/2023	Marcia Goodrich	Teri Bowlin	John Freeborn	Nancy Wright	Charly Fenner
11/12/2023	Mark & Amy Collum	Pat Johnson			
11/19/2023	Beth, Madie & Charly Fenner	Jessica Winegar			
11/26/2023	Sophia & Jacob Bell	Carol Naeseth			



Our September mission support to the Southeastern Iowa Synod was \$597. There was also a donation of \$300 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Our monthly mission for September was to support the ministry of Cassie Bennett, and at this time we have collected \$220 in donations for a total of \$720 with our budgeted funds.

Our mission emphasis for October will be St. Nick's Christmas Club who provide Christmas packages of food, clothes and toys to children of families in need in Jasper County. If you'd like to support this month's mission, please write "St. Nick's" on your check or offering envelope.

In the month of October, we will be collecting for the Backpack Buddies program at the PCM Elementary School. Rebecca Ver Heul, Holy Trinity member and a third grade teacher at the school writes: "Backpack Buddies was started last year at the PCM Elementary and serves families in both Monroe and Prairie City and our smaller surrounding communities. We had about 25-35 families receiving food weekly from the program. This year 80 families and growing are receiving food. Volunteers come in on Thursdays to organize and pack food bags for these families to go home with students on Fridays. While the Food Bank of Iowa helps with monthly donation of food, many items students like are not available through them. We are looking for nonperishable food items such as cereal in the small individual boxes, fruit chews, instant mac and cheese, goldfish crackers, juice boxes, etc. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you for supporting us, as we hope no child at PCM goes hungry."

There will be a Jasper Co. Take Away Hunger packaging event at the Lynnville Friends Church on Saturday, Nov. 4th. If you'd like to join our team for this event, a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board closest to the office in the hallway.

that I know you will cherish. I do hope I can count on YOU

## Confirmation Sunday

Please join us for worship at St Andrew's on Sunday October 29th for a service celebrating the affirmation of baptism, also known as Confirmation Sunday.

To confess one's belief in God's faithfulness towards us that we receive in the promise of our baptism is an act we do all our lives long. We celebrate this first public affirmation of baptism on Reformation Sunday to remind us that "here we stand " on the love, faith, and grace of God alone. Let us surround them on this monumental day as we promised to do so at their baptisms.

We have 5 youth affirming their baptisms.

Addi Collum

Charly Fenner

Hunter Nelemen

Dominic Peart

Peyton Sharp



# MISSIONARY- MINDED PRAYER

An important part of missions is prayerfully supporting the church. Use this activity to guide your family's prayer time.



## What you need:

- Plastic bag (large zippered)
- Permanent marker
- Bandage
- Toy plane
- Heart-shaped drawing or toy
- Spoon
- Coin
- Hot-sauce packet



## What you do:

1. Label the bag with details about the missionaries you'll be praying for (names, location, specific needs).
2. Add small prayer-prompt objects to guide your prayer time (bandage = health, plane = travel, heart = relationships, spoon = cultural connection, coin = finances, hot sauce = boldness).
3. Include other objects that will prompt prayer for missionaries' specific needs.
4. Place the bag where it will remind your family to pray regularly.

## October, 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

At LSI, we celebrate all the ways professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful connections in their communities. LSI's Host Homes program is an innovative way Direct Support Professionals serve adults with disabilities.

Through this program, an individual moves from Supported Community Living into a private family home with a carefully selected Host Homes Provider who provides 24/7 support for the client. "Working directly with my clients to help them complete goals and work around obstacles is my favorite part of my job," said Erica Hill Murray, a Host Homes Provider at LSI. "I enjoy showing them that there are people in their lives who care about them, are proud of them, and proud to help them." Erica has helped many clients in the five years she has provided care at LSI, but one client, in particular, has made great strides under her care.

"I worked with a client who wanted to find a job or volunteer position, but she had two obstacles in her way: she had trouble using a computer, and she wasn't confident in her ability to speak in an

interview," said Erica. "I offered to look for positions on the computer with her and to call potential employers to explain what she was looking for. After working with her, we found her a volunteer position for a couple of days a week, and she was delighted."

"She thanked me for helping her and said that she was happy that, for once, someone understood her drive to want to work," said Erica. "I like to make a difference – even if it is small. Helping others, no matter at what level, is impactful. I love working at LSI, and I believe my position as a Host Homes Provider has been my favorite position in life."

Another LSI donor elected to share their investment by directing a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their IRA directly to LSI. The donor used this contribution to match new or increased gifts during the annual matching gift campaign. We ask you to consider how you can make a lasting impact and leave a legacy. To learn more about planned giving opportunities, go to [LSIowa.org/leave-a-legacy/](http://LSIowa.org/leave-a-legacy/) or contact Deb Whitford, LSI senior director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) 563-676-2065.

## Gathered as one body

On World Communion Sunday, observed this year on October 1, Christians across the globe gather at the Lord's Table for the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Lord's Table stretches around the entire earth. Catholic Christians, Coptic Christians, Orthodox Christians, Reformed Christians, Evangelical Christians, Lutheran Christians, Baptist Christians, Anglican Christians, Methodist Christians, Christians who worship in churches bearing names that are unfamiliar to us — all join in worship and do what Christ asked his friends to do: remember him!

"This do in remembrance of me," Jesus said during the Last Supper with his disciples. Then he broke bread as a reminder of his sacrificed body and lifted the cup of wine representing his blood. The sacrament is a vivid symbol of Christ's sacrifice, love and forgiveness for each of us.

As we gather as Christ's family around that table of grace, remember that we are united in Christ with our brothers and sisters around the world. "In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are joined as one throughout the whole wide earth" (John Oxenham). Thank you, Lord!

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Worship Times are as follows.

9:00 am St. Andrew's Worship

10:00 am

Fellowship & Sunday School @ St. Andrew's 10:30 am

Holy Trinity Worship 10:30 am

Fellowship @ Holy Trinity 11:30 am.

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*How can we  
pray for you today?*