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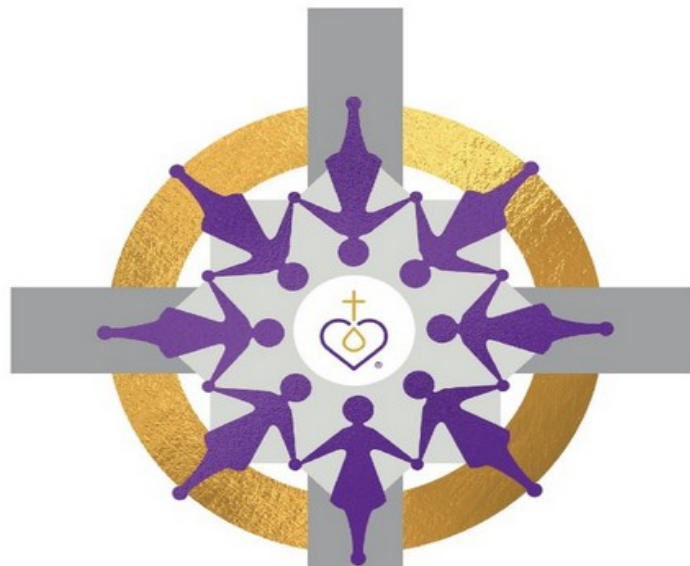
Lutheran Church

Love. Serve. Repeat.

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October 2026



READY TO
serve

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 **Lutheran Women**
in Mission SUNDAY

OCTOBER 11, 2026



On the last Sunday of this month, we celebrate Reformation Sunday.



In recent years there is among many people less enthusiasm about doing that than there has been in the past when even city-wide Reformation services were held-- with thousands of people

in a city like Milwaukee. where I attended “prep school”, and a huge choir.

There are many reasons for the decline in enthusiasm. For one thing, Church denominations themselves have become less popular. More and more independent churches have sprung up while attendance at traditional denominational congregations has declined.

One cause is that many of those traditional churches have become anything but traditional in their teaching and practice-- in some cases so “liberal” that they are hardly recognizable as Christian churches. Another is the “ecumenical movement” that attempted, but failed, to bring churches that had splintered back together. Unfortunately, that attempt often resulted in unity being emphasized over truth.

It did result in some very honest and helpful dialogues between Lutherans and other denominations, including Roman Catholics. But it left many who had been working and praying for more visible unity feeling frustrated and unfulfilled-- with the ideal still remaining but its fulfillment well over the horizon.

The New Testament calls for **unity** in the **truth**. Both are equally important. But finding that perfect combination is not an easy matter today. In fact, I have learned to accept, with disappointment, that there is no perfect Church.

That should not shock us when we bring to mind that the church is made up of people, and people are all sinners. And just think of the failings of Jesus’ first disciples whom He forgave and corrected and sent into all the world as leaders of His Church. They clearly were not perfect before that sending, and nothing tells us that they suddenly became perfect later.

Martin Luther and his fellow reformers had no intention of beginning a new Church, let alone one named after him. Their intention was to **reform** the life and teaching of the Church, both of which were largely in shambles in the Middle Ages. So, the primary confession of the reformers, “The Augsburg Confession” was intended to prevent a division in the one Church.

The first part of that confession outlines how the Faith that was being taught and practiced by the reformers was not a new Faith at all, but one witnessed to through the ages. Then the reforms were discussed, but also in the context of the Faith through the ages. For example, the marriage of priests was being permitted, but celibacy had not always been required in the first place. So also, Communion in both kinds-- not withholding the consecrated wine from the people. Most importantly, often grace--undeserved love and forgiveness for Christ’s sake, and not by works-- was being hidden and even denied in areas both of teaching and

practice. Misleading legalistic rules needed to be abolished, for example, in the area of Confession and Absolution.

Because of our emphasis on the Reformation, some might assume that we believe Church History started on October 31, 1517, when Luther nailed the 95 theses to the church door at Wittenberg. Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth. Luther was in fact a very conservative reformer, keeping whatever was not contrary to the Gospel, and so deliberately identifying the churches adopting his proposed reforms with the Church through the ages-- the small c "catholic" Church.

One loss in our present Lutheran Church is that so many people are unfamiliar with the rich history and Church fathers that came before the 16th Century.

Although I do not think of us as the perfect Church, it is Christ Jesus Himself who takes care of the problem of our failures and imperfections. And He is at the center of it all for us.

Evan with our imperfections, we continue to proclaim the Faith of the Ages, squarely based on Holy Scripture and guarded by our agreed upon historic "confessions" of faith and practice-- to which our congregations all subscribe. For that I am extremely thankful-- enough to celebrate! You can be too!

And did you know that the majority of Lutherans now live in Africa-- about 31 million at the last count, and rapidly growing? More interesting and uplifting history. So maybe more on that some other time!



Prayer List

Members –

Bill Bayes,
Eileen Havelka,
Carol Tresnak,
Kristin Crager,
Sal Dreher,
Larry Pikora,
Charles Hulke
Bonnie Hulke

Family & Friends –

Barbara Gardner – sister of
Carol Tresnak,
Delores Roti – Bible Class
member,
Peter Phillips –
English friend of Pastor
Bauman,

**Carol DiDominicif and John
Kramer** – friends of Kristin
Crager,

Sandy Lesniak – sister-in-law
to Terry Kainz,

Donna Dean – Aunt of Kristin
Crager,

Charles Landwer – Acolyte,
Elaine Elsner – sister of David
Schroeder,

Cyrus, Solomon, John -sons of
Sunil and Jessica Bhatti,

Kristi Dove – cousin of Gayle
Sterrett,

Isabella Consiglio- grand-
daughter of Bill and Bev Bayes,

Pastor Charles McClean -
long-time friend of Pastor
Bauman ,

Shirley Burk – sister of Jan
Christiansen,

Brad Gustafson – brother of
Craig Gustafson,

Frank Hernandez – regular
visitor,

Dan – brother of Lisa Kann.

Jim Lily – husband of organist
Lynette Lily

Ellen Kyriakopoulos

Co-worker of Earl Neathery

**Please keep the church office
updated Thank you!**



Lutheran Women *in Mission*

THE LWML MISSION STATEMENT

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

—Adopted January 2021

THE LWML VISION STATEMENT

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

—Adopted June 2015, revised February 2016

PRIMARY FOCUS

• Proclaiming Christ

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples! (Psalm 96:3).

• Supporting Missions

And he said to them, Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation (Mark 16:15).

• Equipping Women

Now may the God of peace ... equip you with everything good that you may do his will (Hebrews 13:20–21).

• Serving Others

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another (1 Peter 4:10a).

BELIEFS

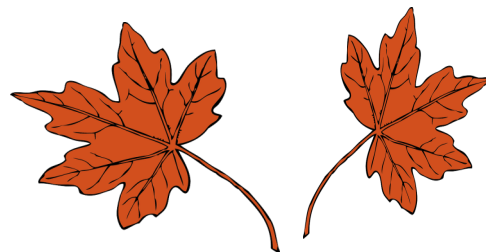
As an auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, our beliefs are in line with the statements found on the LCMS website at lcms.org/about/beliefs

OBJECT

Mission Education, Mission Inspiration, Mission Service, Financial grants for mission needs

MOTTO

Serve the Lord with gladness (Psalm 100:2).
Lutheran Women's Missionary League



October Birthdays

10/02 Bill Bayes
10/03 Gale Schroeder
10/07 Lynn Zillmer

10/10 Mike Ongchangco
10/16 Sally Hover
10/25 Cassandra Murray-Verley



It's almost that time again!

Fall Back:

Sunday, November 1, 2026 (clocks
move back 1 hour at 2:00 a.m.)



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP

2026-2027

Starting a New Season

Surge began a new season on August 23, 2026. We are looking forward to a great year with lots of fun and learning.

Surge is divided into two groups. We have our younger group that is focused on stories in the bible, and our Confirmation class that is going through Luther's small Catechism.

Our first lesson for the younger group was focused on forgiveness. We need to forgive others as God has forgiven us, as is talked about in the Lord's Prayer".



If you know any kids in the area ages 4-14 that you think may be interested, please pick up an information sheet and a registration form for them along with a schedule for the rest of this school year and ask them to give it a try.

We are thankful for those willing to help out this year including Pastor Bauman, John Moninger, Kevan Bauman, Heather Duran, Diane Stevens and Lynn Zillmer.

May God bless this year as we carry His Word to this next generation.

CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN: KENYA/PROJECT 24



Streams in the Wilderness

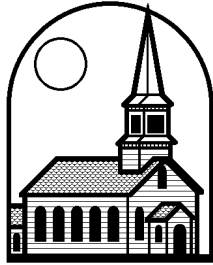
“I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.” Isaiah 41:18

Water is something many of us can easily take for granted, but for the Project 24 community at Lenkishon, access to clean water is a tremendous blessing. This summer, work began on a borehole at the Lenkishon site, bringing hope for a more reliable source of water for the students and surrounding community.

The drilling process required patience and hard work as the team searched deep underground for water. When water finally began flowing, it was a joyful moment and an answer to prayer. The water will provide a valuable resource for the Project 24 site and the surrounding community, helping meet daily needs for years to come.

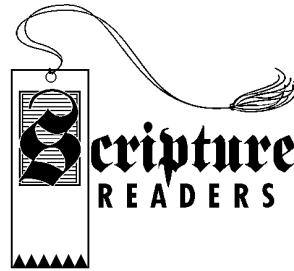
We give thanks to God for providing this water and for the people who helped make the borehole possible. Projects like this remind us that the ministry of Project 24 reaches beyond education. As we care for children and share Christ with them, we also have opportunities to address practical needs within the communities where God has placed us.

October 2026 Schedules



Lay Minister Schedule

October 4– David Schroeder & Gary Luper
October 11– Marty Sterrett
October 18 - Gary Luper
October 25 - Larry Pikora



Reader Schedule

October 4 – David Schroeder
October 11 – Walt Kienzle
October 18 – Adele Pikora
October 25 – Sally Hover

If you would like to volunteer to serve, please call the office.

If unable to serve when scheduled, please try to find a substitute. Also notify the church office as soon as possible (630 837-1166 or immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net) Thank you!



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Hispanic Ministry Church

Sunday - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00:p.m.

Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight

The last Sunday of every month

1:00 p.m. - 6:30:p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
4 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	5	6 Board of Lay Ministry 7:00 p.m.	7	8 Board of Directors 7:00 p.m.	9	10 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
11 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost LWML Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 1:00 p.m. Picnic	12	13	14	15	16	17 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
18 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 5:00 Surge	19	20	21	22	23	24 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
25 Reformation Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	26	27	28	29	30	31 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties