

# From Pastor's desk...

October 2022

Dear Fellow-Redeemed of Zion,

This month includes two observances that are not really church observances, at least not in the same way as Pentecost, which season we are shortly concluding.

The two events are close together: Celebrating the Reformation, and celebrating Halloween. Which one is the most important to people who embrace the Christian Faith?


Of course, the answer is The Reformation. Ghosts and Goblins, and all sorts of Halloween silliness pales in comparison to the event which signaled a return to the Scriptural teaching of "Salvation by Grace alone, through faith alone, in God's Word alone!"

Some so-called "Christian traditions" forbid their children from dressing up and going house to house begging for a treat, so that the house will not be bothered by ghosts and goblins.

Of course, the real answer is Holy Baptism, where the baptized are clothed with the righteousness of Christ and are therefore already immune to the silliness.

So, we do not worry about the silly things of Halloween, but we do insist upon the salient things: Baptism into Christ, God's Word which declares forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, and participation in the faith and fellowship life of the congregation.

There are no tricks there, only eternal treats!

Blessings!  
Pastor T 



### Mary Martha Guild - LWML

October is the month that the Church recognizes the contributions of the LWML, Lutheran Women in Mission. This organization operates worldwide and locally. Our local group is called the Mary Martha Guild. We will have a special service on October 23 to acknowledge to contributions of the LWML.

Locally Mary Martha has for many years served funeral dinners, hosted the annual Thanksgiving dinner, the Mothers and Others Banquet, and collected hundreds of school kits and health kits for Lutheran World Relief as well as Mites for mission works.

Mary Martha has been inactive since Covid, but we would like to get started again, and we would like to invite all ladies of the congregation to participate in this wonderful organization. **ALL LADIES OF THE CONGREGATION ARE INVITED** to attend an organizational meeting in early November - watch the October bulletins for the date and time.

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### October Quarterly Voters Meeting

The final 2022 quarterly meeting of the Voters Assembly will be held on Thursday, October 27 beginning at 7:00 P.M. On the agenda, in addition to the regular committee reports, will be the election of officers and the 2023 budget. All voters are encouraged to attend. If you are not a member of the Voters Assembly, but would like to join, simply attend the meeting. New voting members are needed and welcomed!!





## LWML Basics and the Mite Box

### WHAT IS THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE?

- The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).
- It has at its “mission heart” thousands of volunteers who are daily dedicating their lives to making a difference in this world.
- It is also “Lutheran Women in Mission,” a phrase that reflects the object of the LWML, adopted by the Board of Directors in January 1998.
- It is women who are finding avenues to use their God-given talents as they meet the challenge to share the Gospel message.
- It is composed of individual women and women's groups within congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, on campuses, in residence homes, or in other settings.
- It provides individual membership to women in LCMS congregations with or without a group affiliated with the LWML. Women may have an interest in the mission and ministry of the LWML – and wish to be part of the organization – but cannot, for a variety of reasons, be part of a local group. Individual membership is designed for these women.
- It seeks to develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness among the women of the Synod through education, inspiration, and service.
- It places a major emphasis on the support of mission and ministry throughout the world by means of Mite Box offerings. These Mite Box offerings have funded over 100 million dollars in mission grants since the organization's inception in 1942.

### THE MITE BOX



Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of “mites” – offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the Synod. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.

Mite Boxes are available from the district, zone, through the LWML *Catalog*, and/or online. They are distributed to every woman in a group, and often to each member of the congregation. Mite Boxes ideally will be located in a prominent place where all who see them will be reminded to contribute regularly and pray for the grant recipients. Some congregations display a large version of the Mite Box so those who do not attend LWML events may contribute their mites.

Mite Box offerings should be gathered at LWML functions, preferably with a prayer or a Mite Box devotion. Some resources are available as free downloads at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org). Societies remit Mite Box contributions regularly to a designated district financial officer; individuals may send their mites to that same district financial officer.



## **LWML Mission Statement**

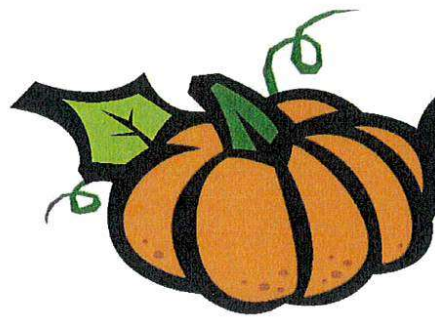
**As Lutheran Women in Mission,  
we joyfully proclaim Christ,  
support missions,  
and equip women to honor God  
by serving others.**

*Serve the LORD with gladness! (Psalm 100:2).*

### **CORE VALUES:**

**Christian Women | In God's Word | Mission Focused  
Sisters in Christ | Servant Leaders**





# October

## Birthdays

David Manuel	10/1
Megendeal Tesfazion Hibtes	10/1
Sondra Hermes	10/9
Mike Stolleis	10/10
Journey Nolting	10/11
Parker Kmett	10/12
Elise Greene	10/13
Keira Simmons	10/13
Elias Morgan	10/20
Nathan Curry	10/20
Katryna Tewes	10/23
Emery Greene	10/24
Olivia VanZeel	10/26
Mary Wallace	10/27
Jacob Hermes	10/28
Steve Jurgens	10/28

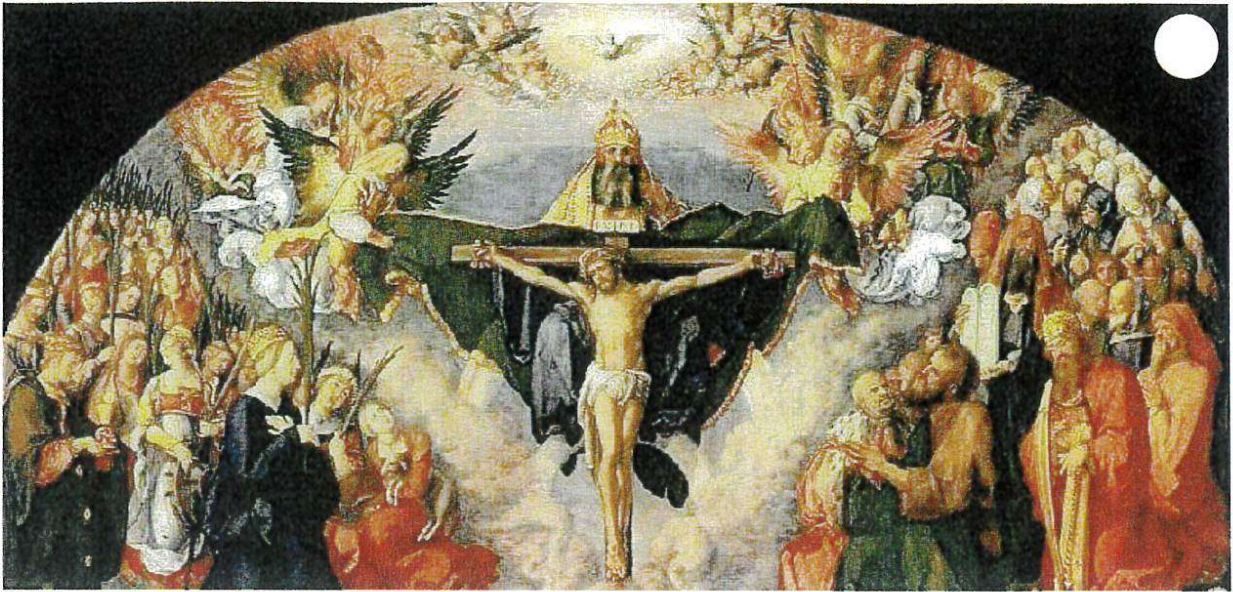
## Baptism Birthday's

Bob TeRonde	10/6
Romel Nolting	10/7
Tammy Tewes	10/8
Jackson Kuhlman	10/9
Journey Nolting	10/11
Evelyn Thomas	10/14
Ron Jurgens	10/16
Ken Matzat	10/16
David Manuel	10/17
Kris Cowhick	10/17
Alexa Edwards	10/19
Kristin Irlam	10/19
Lexi Manker	10/19
Fallyn Shae Shull-Pernell	10/20
Diego White	10/21
Karl Carter	10/22
Stephanie Goebel	10/24
Bonnie Jurgens	10/25
Mary Wallace	10/27

## Happy Anniversary

Darrel & Shirley Patrick	10/3
Frank & Mary Wallace	10/8
Gary & Carol Kiel	10/10
Mike & Amy Wendling	10/11
Ken & Sue Matzat	10/16
Butch & Jeanette Ealey	10/25





### Psalm 119:1-11

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous

### Doctrinal Purity?

Wednesday of Pentecost 13  
7 September 2022

Christians who are committed to teaching the catholic faith whole and entire have been chided for their interest in "incessant doctrinal purification." Which part of "incessant doctrinal purification" would be troublesome, ungodly, or immoral?

What does "incessant" mean? It means never to stop. Is it wrong to be constantly or without ceasing interested in teaching only and all of that which has come down to the church through the prophets and the apostles? St. John encourages us to remain and abide in the doctrine of Christ (2Jn 1:9). To fail to abide in or remain in the doctrine of Christ would be to cease to be in it. So "incessant" abiding is hardly reprehensible.

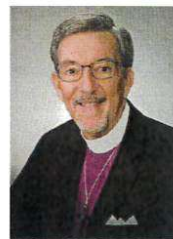
rules. I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. (ESV)

So maybe the problem is purity. Purification of teaching is perhaps a bad thing. Is it? Then why does the apostle charge Pastor Timothy to forbid the teaching of any different doctrine (1Tim 1:3)? Or that Titus is to constantly teach "what accords with sound doctrine." Unsound or impure doctrine would not be acceptable to the Apostle. Peter tells us that we should long for pure spiritual milk (1Pt 2:2). Contaminated milk will kill a baby. Impure teaching can be deadly. It appears "purification" could not be the problem either.

Could doctrine be the problem? If we could just get rid of that pesky and divisive "doctrine" things would be so much better for the church. Perhaps we could adopt a Rodney King-like ambivalence toward doctrine, "Why can't we all just get along?" Maybe we could be less devoted to the apostles' doctrine (Acts 2:42). Yet, our Lord calls on teachers to keep a close watch on their teaching or doctrine (1Tim 4:16). Ultimately, false teaching will corrupt what is to be taught about our blessed Lord Jesus Christ, as Peter warns us (2Pt 2:1). The Lord has given us His own Son, how shall we not in humble faith also see to it that the church that bears His name should always teach only the catholic faith about Him? What exactly is wrong with incessant doctrinal purification?

Rev. Dr. Scott R. Murray  
Memorial Lutheran  
Church



## Leo the Great

"The catholic faith then, dearly beloved, may scorn the errors of the heretics that bark against it, who, deceived by the vanity of worldly wisdom, have forsaken the gospel of truth, and being unable to understand the incarnation of the Word, have constructed for themselves out of the source of enlightenment an occasion of blindness. For after investigating almost all false believers' opinions, even those which presume to deny the Holy Spirit, we come to the conclusion that hardly anyone has gone astray, unless he has refused to

believe the reality of the two natures in Christ under the confession of one Person.

"For some have ascribed to the Lord only manhood, others only divinity. Some have said that, though there was in Him true Godhead, His flesh was unreal. Others have acknowledged that He took true flesh but say that He had not the nature of God the Father; and by assigning to His Godhead what belonged to His human substance, have made for themselves a greater and a lesser God. Although there can be in true Godhead no grades; seeing that whatever is less than God is not God. Others recognize that there is no difference between Father and Son, but because they could not understand unity of Godhead except in unity of Person, they have maintained that the Father is the same as the Son, so that to be born and nursed, to suffer and die, to be buried and rise again, belonged to the same Father who sustained throughout the person of both Man and the Word.

"Certain ones have thought that our Lord Jesus Christ had a body not of our substance, but rather assumed from higher and subtler elements. Whereas certain others have considered that in the flesh of Christ there was no human soul, but that the Godhead of the Word Himself fulfilled the part of soul. But their unwise assertion passes into this form that, though they acknowledge the existence of a soul in the Lord, yet they say it was devoid of mind, because the Godhead of Himself was sufficient for all purposes of reason to the man as well as to the God in Christ. Lastly the same people have dared to assert that a certain portion of the Word was turned into flesh, so that in the manifold varieties of this one dogma, not only the nature of the flesh and of the soul but also the essence of the Word Himself is dissolved."

**Leo the Great, *Sermons on the Nativity***



# **LuHi needs your help!!**

Good morning LuHi Community,

The Lutheran High School Board of Directors is forming three new committees to help plan the future of Lutheran High School. Please review the responsibilities of the three committees and then prayerfully consider if the Lord is leading you to use your gifts and talents toward one of these committees.

If so, please email ([admin@spiluhi.org](mailto:admin@spiluhi.org)) us your name, contact information (indicate preferred method of contact), your relationship in the LuHi Community (ie, alumni, parent of current student, parent of alumni, staff member, Association Church member – please indicate which church, etc.)

## **Lutheran High School New Committees Responsibilities**

### **Washington Street Building**

1. **Oversee movement of materials to storage**
2. **Secure Building for winter**
3. **Investigate sale of remaining furnishings and equipment**
4. **Support Maintenance of outside areas including athletic fields**
5. **Work with IDNR on Surveys**

### **Fundraising**

1. **Assist with hiring of Development Person**
2. **Develop and implement a Fundraising Campaign**
3. **Development of a marketing strategy**
4. **Assist with recruitment**

### **Long Range Planning**

1. **Develop list of options for the future of Lutheran High**

**Please contact LuHi directly at [admin@spiluhi.org](mailto:admin@spiluhi.org) if interested in helping!!**

Thank you in advance for your help and continued prayers as we plan LuHi's future.

Lutheran High School Board of Directors

Please join us for the Lutheran High Brunch

Sunday October 16

Trinity Lutheran School Parrish Hall

515 S MacArthur Blvd

Serving 10:45-1:00

Proceeds will benefit the Bus Fund

Food to enjoy will include bacon, sausage & gravy, ham, corn, potatoes, scrambled eggs, muffins, fruit, and desserts.

RSVP with payment to LuHi by Friday October 7th

5200 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street Frontage Rd

Springfield IL 62703

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Name \_\_\_\_\_



Number of Adult Tickets @ \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Student Tickets (ages 6-12) \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Children 5 and under free \_\_\_\_\_

I/We are unable to attend, please accept our Bus Fund donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# **October Happenings**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service 10:15 A.M. Confirmation Class 6:00 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.	< --- Fall	Pastor's	Conference -->	6	7	8
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**Zion's Newsletter**  
**October, 2022**

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**LWML Recognition Month**

**Sunday School 9:00 A.M.**  
**Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M.**  
**Divine Service 10:15 A.M.**

**LCMS**

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