

Memos

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WORSHIP WITH US

SUNDAY
8:00 A.M.
Classic Grace
(Traditional Worship)

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9:30 A.M.
Prayer & Praise
(Contemporary)

Sunday School
Koetz Hall

Adult Bible Study
Fellowship Hall

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10:45 A.M.
Joyful Noise
(Contemporary)

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"I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe.

Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. Amen. "

[Martin Luther](#)

Reformation Day October 31

Sola Scriptura The inerrant Scripture is the sole source of written divine revelation, which alone can bind the conscience.

Solus Christus Our salvation is accomplished by the mediatorial work of the historical Christ alone.

Sola Gratia In salvation we are rescued from God's wrath by His grace alone; salvation is not in any sense our work.

Sola Fide Justification is by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone. In justification Christ's righteousness is imputed to us as the only possible satisfaction of God's perfect justice.

Soli Deo Gloria Because salvation is God and has been accomplished by God, it is for God's glory. Therefore, we must glorify Him always.

JIM ANDREWS ORDINATION—
Sunday, October 16th at 3:00pm at St. Mark.
Pot Luck dinner to follow in Fellowship Hall.
Everyone is welcome.

Romans 3: 19 - 28

As modern [Christians](#), we walk by faith. Our awareness of faith and how it works in our lives comes from this passage in Romans.

This passage was the basis of the [Reformation](#) in Western Christianity, the solid rock on which [Martin Luther](#) based his teaching of the goodness of [God](#).

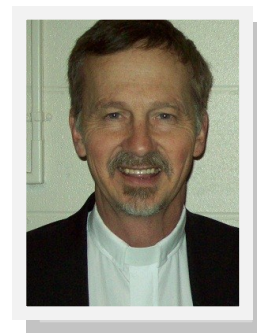
This basic belief of Lutheran Christians is called **justification by faith**: God gives us faith in him which saves us from ourselves and our sins. We do not and cannot save ourselves by anything we do or anything we say.





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It happened about a year ago. In the early summer people were surprised that when the offering plate was passed, they were invited to take money out! \$50 was given to each family, with the explanation that this was not their money. It was God's money, and they were to use it to build up the kingdom of God. And people did in so many creative ways. About a year ago we had our celebration Sunday in which people shared how they had used God's money in so many ways, from making salsa, to making cards, putting on a talent show, to just giving it to needy people in their lives, no strings attached. It was the most joyous and memorable worship service I can remember.



One of the great blessings of that teaching experience was that people learned the lesson that God owns it all and that we are just stewards of God's money. When we had our consecration Sunday weeks later, 118 families made faith promises (an increase of over 100%) and the amount promised increased by 68% compared to the previous year.

The bad news is that the economy has hit our congregation hard this year, and there are many people who are recently unemployed. Many people have understood the stewardship principle of proportionality and as their income decreased or stopped entirely, their giving has decreased proportionately.

This is appropriate and in keeping with good Biblical stewardship. The down side is reflected in the fact that as responsible stewards of the congregation's funds, our council is recommending to the congregation that we cut our 2012 budget by 22% - a cut of over \$86,600 from last year.

Sunday Oct. 2, our "All Together in One Place" service at 9:30AM, will once again be our Consecration Sunday. Once again, you will be invited to make a faith promise for the coming year. I'm writing to ask you to prayerfully consider your faith promise to God through the ministry of St. Mark.

Remember the principles of Biblical stewardship.

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Remember that our giving is not a tax or obligation, but we give to God out of an attitude of gratitude for all He has given to us.

Remember that God has promised to give back to those who give to Him, and that one who gives generously will also reap generously.

Please prayerfully consider your faith promise for the coming year.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Jay

FAITH PROMISE CARD	
NAME:	_____
ADDRESS:	_____
CITY, ST. ZIP:	_____
As long as God continues to bless me/us as He is right now, I/we want to make a faith promise of \$ _____ per week/ month for the furtherance of the work of the Gospel through our congregation both at home and abroad.	
(Additional cards will be available in the church office.)	



PRAYER CONCERNS

Let us pray . . .

For Pastor Jay, Tom Cameron, Lisa Albrecht, Gloria Melnyk, Gwen Dobslaw, Rich Rossner, Ubaldo Bivian, Phyllis Crowley, Crystal Kuk, Al Marco, Dave Brasel, Carol Ambrose, and Sandy Virag, President Obama and other world leaders, and Bishops Mark Hansen and Wayne Miller and all Christian church leaders.

For the homebound including : Dave Brasel, Fred Dietrich, Wally Huscher, Diane Anetsberger, Helen Highland, Helen Laschober, Bob Higdon, Calvin Porter, Mildred Hense, Donna Gutierrez, and Carl Flaws.

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY INCLUDING: Andrew Elsner, Christopher Freitag, Luke Bialcyk, Bradley Hojek, Nathan Rogers, Kyle Kuchenbecker, Isaac Bartosik, Aaron Feltz and Ron Brasel.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

Isaiah 65:24



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY will return on October 19th from 9:30 A.M.—11 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. We will be studying the parables of Jesus.

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If you would like to submit a report for the Annual Report that will be presented to the church congregation prior to the annual meeting on November 13th, please submit it to the office by October 7th.

## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

**Operation Christmas Child begins: October 16th. Gifts must be returned by November 13th.**

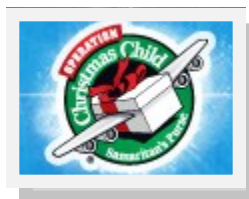
Judi Labuda will be speaking at all the services on October 16th, to explain the program and some new changes this year. Last year we collected 67 boxes.

Can we top that? I think we can! Let's try! This year we will have brochures available with gift ideas, a list of items not to include, and the boy and girl packing labels all included. We will also have some shoeboxes available. We are hoping that everyone will get involved.

You can do shoeboxes with your family and friends, friends from work or school, friends from your club or maybe your bowling team...

We are also hoping that we can count on the small groups and committees here at St. Mark again to do some boxes.

Thank you again, in advance! Quoting Franklin Graham, President and co-founder of Samaritan's Purse, "Thank you for getting involved in Operation Christmas Child! Through the generosity and compassion of people like you, we have been able to bring the joy of Christmas and the Good News of Jesus Christ to millions of children over 100 countries around the world."



## OPEN MARKET FAIR SEASON 2011

**W**e have been blessed in so many ways it is almost impossible to cover them all. The weather was incredible with only a few exceptions.

To each and every one who participated in some way my *HEARTFELT THANKS* to you. None of this could have been accomplished without each and every person. Talk about when you put out a call for “help” – we are never disappointed. I know I really pushed and I sure some of you went beyond what you normally would think of doing. But, you did it and you were so “darn cute” and “adorable”. I can’t wait to share with you what I am thinking for next year.

Just thinking back,

**K**ozy Kitchen – satisfied so many appetites with people asking for more and take outs became a favorite. When you entered our KK you felt like you were in a special atmosphere of being welcomed by everyone you met. Our **Chief Supply Officer** made sure we had all our supplies and were ready each month. **Organized parking and set up** – so dark some mornings you couldn’t see, but the crew was out there and you all know who you are. Tireless individuals going above and beyond. In the morning we were a church and within an hour – completely transformed serving the community to a day of buying, selling, food and fun. **Bakers** bringing in their favorites desserts that literally were flying off the table for our **annual bake sale**. Our **Fun Fair** sold over 1,000 tickets and brought many smiles to children all ages. Many of the children playing games they have never seen or heard of but playing again and again. And to the ever so **patient people** handling these games – you were incredible. Our **prize and craft staff** furnished items for each one of these games played. They were the hit of the day. Speaking of happy faces – I remember quite a few that you weren’t always able to identify because of the wonderful costumes and make-up, along with quite a bit of fairy dust flying around. The **homemade costumes** were something that belong in a magazine. Our **sidewalk chefs** were kept busy making tacos and popcorn and more tacos. The **St. Mark table** was most successful and we were able to donate funds to our Youth Group, Garden Missions, Worth Food Pantry, PADS Organization and the general fund. Over 4,000 flyers were distributed with many of our own vendors distributing them. Our **publicity** covered several newspapers, local business advertising and many special featured articles. Our **Resident Nurse** was a favored highlight for many of our regular vendors and shoppers (until her cuff burst on the last day from an overactive individual). And at the end of the day - our **clean-up crew** – absolutely tireless. And within an hour – we were back to being a church once again. It goes without saying after six months there were so many wonderful people participating and helping make this the success that it was. We were blessed to raise over \$6,000, had over 30 new vendors join us and people coming from as far as Oswego, Naperville, Hyde Park, Lisle and Crete to show how we have expanded.

None of this could have been done without each and every one of you. Last, but not least – thank you to my right and left hands (BM & MH).

OUR THANKS TO CHRIST FOR MAKING THIS ALL POSSIBLE.

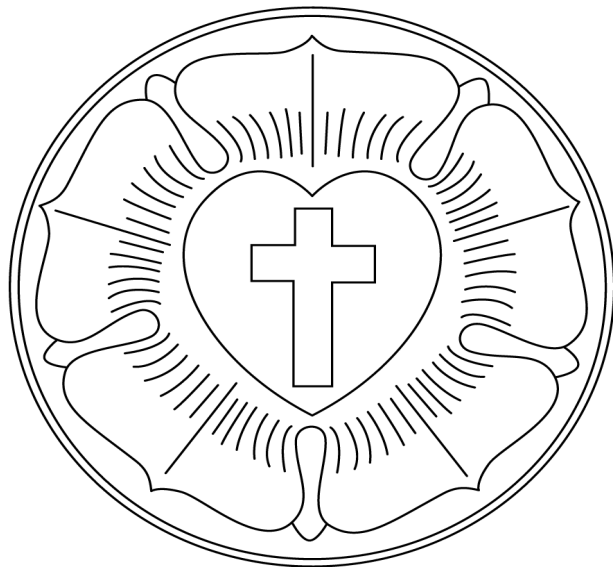
Blessings,  
Vivian

*THE WINNER OF OUR DRAWING FOR THE QUILT WAS – BARB WOODS.  
THANK YOU TO THE **QUILTERS** FOR YOUR DONATION.*



**KID'S KORNER**

**LUTHER ROSE  
COLORING PAGE**



Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,  
 Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,  
 Within my heart, that it may be  
 A quiet chamber kept for Thee.



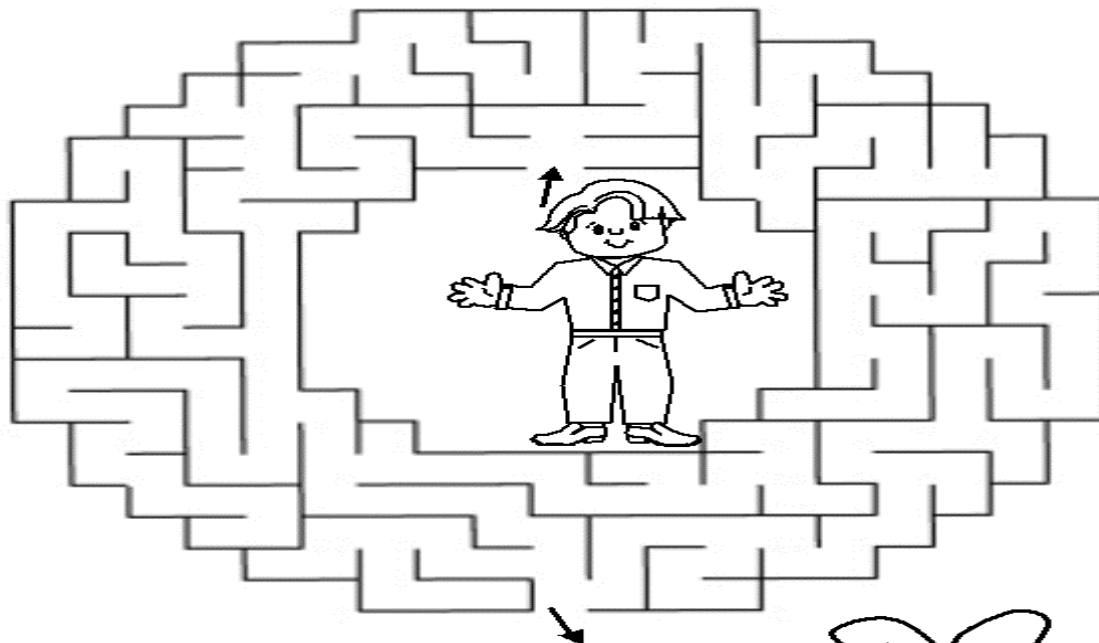
*Martin Luther*

**COLOR CODE FOR LUTHER ROSE**

- Black Cross:** It is only through faith in Jesus' death and resurrection that we are saved.
- Red Heart:** God's amazing, unconditional love for us.
- White Rose:** Peace and joy we find in Christ
- Blue Background:** Hope we have in a heavenly joy to come
- Gold Ring:** Gift of eternal life in Christ will never end

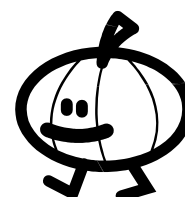
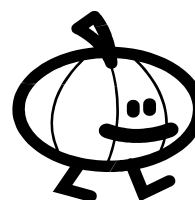
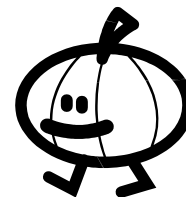
**A Free Gift Maze**

Help yourself find God's free gift to you.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PUMPKINS!!

1. Roger Johnson, Debra Doolan
2. Claudia Zehentmaier, Vicki Skold
7. Don Kuech
8. Kathy Kuehner, Hunter Voitke
9. Joe Albrecht
10. Madysen Wzorek, Annalisa Lammel
11. Jodie Brownfield, Kim Voitke, Jeffrey Piantek
12. Bob Rames, Linda Macak
13. Jim Blisk, Barbara Quinn
15. Michelle Okrzesik, Devon Neubauer
16. Megan Johnson, John Carey, Mae Lopez
17. Maureen Bauer, Stephanie Daujatas
18. Glenn Sturtevant, Kate Zukowski
19. Mary Zelmer, Ashley Barry, Katie Oberbeck
20. Christa Thompson, Carol Kocian, Jennifer Pizer
21. Bob Hammond, Marlene Kowalski
23. Julie Elsner
24. John Collier
25. Nancy Wojcik
26. Debbie Barry, Glenn Dondlinger, Richard Voegele, Renee Ries, Stephanie Oberbeck, Dylan Hult
27. Gil Dobslaw, Ed Muscarella, Lauren Baldauf
28. Vianca Navarro
30. Karen Dondlinger, Tracy Craig, Ryan Ries, Joe Evans
31. Ron Danihel, John Curry, Barbara Tobin



**Disciplemakers** children's  
 program - Wednesday, October 12th - No-  
 vember 16th from 6:30 to 8pm.



## St. Mark Lutheran Church Teddy Bear Ministry

Thank you to all who have supported our Ministry by taking a Teddy Bear to someone in need! It has been amazing to hear the stories of just how important a little thing like a Teddy Bear can be to someone going through a difficult time. Or perhaps it's not the Teddy Bear ... but the kindness of someone bringing hope in God's love.



We have recently welcomed our Sunday School children who now join us in our Teddy Bear Ministry. Teddy Bears are sprinkled throughout the Sunday School area and the children are encouraged to take one to a friend, family member, neighbor, teacher, etc. who might be going through a rough time and in need of a little extra Tender Loving Care.

During the month of October, all of our Teddy Bears are proudly tagged in pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We have a few small Teddy Bears wearing Breast Cancer shirts ... if you know of someone who could use one of these special bears, please contact Judi LaBuda at 708-598-7881 or LABUDA7013@aol.com.

**October is Clergy Appreciation Month.** Don't miss the opportunity to thank your Pastor for his service.

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"Worship for Shut-Ins" Summary Sheets

October 2011

**October 2, 2011 - I Corinthians 15:58**

**"Always Abounding in the Work of the Lord"**

*by Rev. Dr. David P. Stechholz, Bishop President, English District-LCMS*

We have the message of reconciliation, love, grace, hope and peace with God.

**October 9, 2011 - Matthew 22:1-14**

**"Worthy of the Kingdom"**

*by Rev. James L. Elsner, Prince of Peace~Hudson, IN*

Those whom God has called in His grace and who receive His gift of forgiveness and faith can look forward to with hope and confidence of eternal life.

**October 16, 2011 - Matthew 22:15-22**

**"Whose Image?"**

*by Rev. Daniel J. Brege, St. Pauls~Decatur, IN*

With our pains and our miseries we see that we are fallen, we are barely a blurred image of the Creator. But Christ makes the eternal payment, restoring the image of God in us, and bringing us back to God the Father.

**October 23, 2011 - Matthew 22:41-46**

**"David's Son and Lord"**

*by Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier, III, Concordia Theological Seminary~Fort Wayne, IN*

Because all people are sinful, the Messiah, the promised Savior, had to be God. But because He was God, He was triumphant in His mission. Therefore, we can be certain of having the forgiveness of sins and everlasting life, through faith in Jesus.

**October 30, 2011 - I Thessalonians 5:1-11**

**"Destined for Salvation"**

*by Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church~New Haven, IN*

People have always been concerned about the end of time. What will happen and when will it be? For the Christian the end of our journey on earth is but a transition to life with Christ in heaven. We encourage one another and build one another up with this comforting truth.

## SEIZE THE MOMENT

Too many people put off something that brings them joy just because they haven't thought about it, don't have it on their schedule, didn't know it was coming or are too rigid to depart from their routine.

I got to thinking one day about all those people on the Titanic who passed up dessert at dinner that fateful night in an effort to cut back. From then on, I've tried to be a little more flexible.

How many women out there will eat at home because their husband didn't suggest going out to dinner until after something had been thawed? Does the word 'refrigeration' mean nothing to you?

How often have your kids dropped in to talk and sat in silence while you watched 'Jeopardy' on television?

I cannot count the times I called my sister and said, 'How about going to lunch in a half hour?' She would gas up and stammer, 'I can't. I have clothes on the line. My hair is dirty. I wish I had known yesterday, I had a late breakfast, It looks like rain' And my personal favorite: 'It's Monday.' She died a few years ago. We never did have lunch together.

Because Americans cram so much into their lives, we tend to schedule our headaches.. We live on a sparse diet of promises we make to ourselves when all the conditions are perfect!

We'll go back and visit the grandparents when we get Steve toilet-trained. We'll entertain when we replace the living-room carpet. We'll go on a second honeymoon when we get two more kids out of college.

Life has a way of accelerating as we get older. The days get shorter, and the list of promises to ourselves gets longer. One morning, we awaken, and all we have to show for our lives is a litany of 'I'm going to,' 'I plan on,' and 'Someday, when things are settled down a bit.'

When anyone calls my 'seize the moment' friend, she is open to adventure and available for trips. She keeps an open mind on new ideas. Her enthusiasm for life is contagious. You talk with her for five minutes, and you're ready to trade your bad feet for a pair of Rollerblades and skip an elevator for a bungee cord.

My lips have not touched ice cream in 10 years. I love ice cream. It's just that I might as well apply it directly to my stomach with a spatula and eliminate the digestive process. The other day, I stopped the car and bought a triple-decker. If my car had hit an iceberg on the way home, I would have died happy.

Now...go on and have a nice day. Do something you WANT to...not something on your SHOULD DO list. If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

Have you ever watched kids playing on a merry go round or listened to the rain lapping on the ground? Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight or gazed at the sun into the fading night? Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask 'How are you?' Do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed with the next hundred chores running through your head? Ever told your child, 'We'll do it tomorrow.' And in your haste, not see his sorrow? Ever lost touch? Let a good friendship die? Just call to say 'Hi'?

When you worry and hurry through your day, it is like an unopened gift....Thrown away.... Life is not a race. Take it slower. Hear the music before the song is over.

**Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming -- :**

**"WOW--What a Ride!**



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