



*"Grace Happens
at the Church on
the Hill"*

Sunday Schedule Discipleship Classes 9:15 Worship 10:30

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Pastor Caleb Bahr

⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ~ ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. – Romans 14:4&10-12

Hello ILC!

There will be times in life when who we are and what we believe are challenged by powerful people. When those times come, we must know what we believe and be willing to stand for it, even unto death. For one day, we will stand before the Lord God Almighty and give an account of ourselves to Him.

In the year of our Lord 1521, Martin Luther was called before the most powerful man in Europe, the Holy Roman Emperor, to answer charges brought against him by the Pope himself. The Roman church had been selling salvation in the form of indulgences. Luther taught, among other things, that Jesus was not for sale. Jesus gives himself to us freely, no proof of purchase necessary. The Pope's representative demanded that Luther recant everything he had ever said, whether it contradicted Roman teaching or not. After taking a day to consider his response, he made his most famous statement:

"Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason-I do not accept the authority of popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other-my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen." ~ Martin Luther

This statement essentially signed his own death sentence. His Prince and friend, Fredrick the wise, had Luther kidnapped and hidden away in the attic of a small castle for his own protection. Trapped in that upper room, Luther translated the Bible into German, making God's Word available to ordinary people for the first time in over 1000 years. One man standing on God's Word changed the world. You can read the Bible for yourself today because one German monk stood on the Word of God.

You will never know what holding fast to God's Word will do to the world around you. It could get you killed. It could change the entire world for the better. God has promised that no matter what happens, His Word will never fail you. There is only one good and true place to stand, Jesus and His Word. So, let that Word keep your conscience captive and wait and see what God will do. For the Lord is able to make you stand.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Caleb



OCTOBER IS SHOEBOX MONTH!

Ways you can get involved in Operation Christmas Child at ILC:

1. **PACK** a shoebox gift, visit the "shoebox room" is in the SS building (across from Pastor's office). Donations for supplies were made by ILC members and Thrivent!
2. **DONATE** for shipping fees and purchasing more items for a community (like animals, crops, water, etc.). Thank you ILC for Aug.-Sept. noisy offerings. There is a donation jar in the shoebox room.
3. **DONATE** items to the shoebox room. Personal care items, toys, school supplies, clothing, anything you could imagine a child wanting for Christmas that can fit in a shoebox. The blue bin in the shoebox room is for donated items.
4. **PRAY!** Thank you Lord for this opportunity to bring your truth and love to children around the world. Thank you for your birth, for the Christmas season, and for your death and the forgiveness of all our sins. We ask your blessing in Operation Christmas Child. Amen.

Please do not tape your boxes shut, they must be inspected before shipping.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING SHOEBOXES IS SUNDAY, NOV. 15th.

For more information contact the church or visit <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org>

NEW DIRECTORY PAGES ARE IN

Most of you have received your new directory pages.

You are to discard **ALL** pages from your previous binder. These are whole new sets.

Please let us know if you need a binder for your new pages, or if you can't find your old binder.

A HUGE THANK YOU

To Bonnie Gordon for her time of compiling the new pages.
To Bonnie & Sheila Donohue for their time to get them ready for handout.

Double Honor ~~ by Bryce Formwalt

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and faithful people in congregations across the country will be blessing their pastors with gifts and acts of thanksgiving and kindness. From greeting cards to gift cards and from free cups of coffee to all-expense paid vacations, these gestures communicate to pastors that they are loved and appreciated.

Paul writes in 1 Timothy 5:17-18, *The elders who are good leaders are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching ... "The worker is worthy of his wages."* Double honor, understood biblically, refers to demonstrating respect in addition to providing ample compensation for pastors as their livelihood.

If you spend any significant time talking to a pastor about their work, you are likely to learn about the ways that ministry is a joy and what they love about their calling. But if go a little deeper and the pastor speaks freely, you will also discover some of what is not so great and the weight of responsibility that many pastors carry.

Pastors report some of the highest rates of job-related stress. Just dealing with the pastoral care needs of a congregation can be a significant burden: visiting the sick and shut-ins, comforting those mourning, helping families and marriages in trouble, nurturing the faith of those struggling, dealing with crises that come at all hours. Never mind the fact that the pastor has a sermon, a Bible study, and a confirmation class to prepare; worship services that need planning; staff that needs guidance and supervision; committees or ministry teams that need input; and a disgruntled church member that demands attention and things to go their way! All the while the pastor wonders whether they are neglecting their own family's needs or their own self-care.

Shepherding a congregation is difficult work and faithful pastors often silently bear these burdens instead of burdening the people they are called to lead, love, and serve. So how might your congregation double honor your pastor not just in October, but all year long? Here are three practical steps you can take to care for your pastor.

First, speak well of your pastor. Do this both directly to your pastor as well as in conversations when they are not around. In 1 Thessalonians 5:13, Paul says to regard pastors *very highly in love because of their work*. A specific, heartfelt word of encouragement can be a way God uses you to help fill your pastor's tank. Be specific about how they have been a blessing and be sure to tell others, too, both in your church and in your community.

Second, guard your pastor's rest. When the pressures of ministry mount, the first thing to go for a pastor typically is their own sabbath rest. Protect their day off, encourage them to take their vacation time as well as to attend retreats and conferences that refresh their soul and renew their minds. Adopt a sabbatical policy to provide for extended leave (Contact me for a sample sabbatical policy). A rested, encouraged pastor is a gift to the whole church.

Third, provide for your pastor generously. The primary reason good pastors consider new calls is insufficient compensation. Fair and faithful compensation is biblical. And remember, there likely is another church searching for a pastor that's offering a much more generous compensation package. Reviewing your pastor's salary and benefits each year with honesty and generosity is the most concrete way a congregation shows double honor. When a church cares well for the one who labors among them as their spiritual leader, they free their pastor to serve fully in the ministry of the gospel.

Caring for our pastors is not a distraction from our mission; it is essential to it. Honored, well-supported pastors are leaders God is using to carry the mission of God forward in and through our congregations for this generation to the next. So this October, do more than sign your name to a card. Offer the shepherd God has given you the double honor that Scripture calls for.

OCTOBER USHERS:

Russ Grissom Council
Bethany Grissom

OCT. ALTAR GUILD:

Sandy Bailey
Judy Schneider
Jimmie Sheppard

OCTOBER LECTORS:

10/4/26 Eileen Storm
10/11/26 Dorothy Whitten
10/18/26 Priscilla Piph
10/25/26 Bonnie Kaderka

OCTOBER FLOWERS:

10/4/26 Al & Jaboa Atkins,
in memory of Isaac Atkins and
Herman & Betty Atkins
10/11/26 Robert & Bonnie Kaderka,
to the Glory of God
10/18/26 Leonard & Iris Hoff,
in memory of their son, Timothy
10/25/26 *Reformation Sunday, (red flowers)*
Rick & Cheryle Kruger,
in honor of Kara Gosnell's 18th birthday

OCTOBER ACOLYTES:

10/4/26 Makenzie
& Analise
10/11/26 Sarah
10/18/26 Makenzie
& Analise
10/25/26 Bodie



October 2026 Prayer Calendar

- 10/1 For Church Planting Fellowship meeting
- 10/2 For Calvary Lutheran Church in Kalispell, MT
- 10/3 For final preparations prior to the start of the LCMC 2026 Annual Gathering
- 10/4 Heavenly Father, thank you for the start of the LCMC 2026 Annual Gathering. Bless our time together as we greet old friends and make new friends. Amen.
- 10/5 For the Bible study, worship, district meetings, meeting of ministry partners, LCMC Service Coordinator report, meet and greet, and Global Missions Fellowship dinner at the LCMC 2026 Annual Gathering
- 10/6 For the keynote speakers at the LCMC 2026 Annual Gathering as they deliver their messages and the service project to bless others
- 10/7 For the introduction of the new Board of Trustee members in Area 2 and Area 4 and safe travel home from the LCMC 2026 Annual Gathering
- 10/8 For Calvary Lutheran Church of Arleta in Arleta, CA
- 10/9 For the Great Lakes District
- 10/10 For Cana Lutheran Church in Washington, IL
- 10/11 Lord Jesus, when we are tearful because of life's troubles, give us renewed hope and increased joy by Your resurrection from the dead. Amen.
- 10/12 For Central Lutheran Church in Elk River, MN
- 10/13 For Global Mission Fellowship Monthly Check-In
- 10/14 For LCMC congregations in Mexico
- 10/15 For Central Lutheran Church in Tacoma, WA
- 10/16 For Augustana District High School Retreat at Ingham Lake Bible Camp in Wallingford, IA
- 10/17 For Northwest District Impact Youth Event - "Unshaken Standing Firm in a Culture of Pressure" at Shoshone Mountain Retreat Lutherhaven Ministries in Wallace, ID
- 10/18 Dear God, only You can put our broken pieces back together when we are feeling broken. Amen.
- 10/19 For those celebrating milestone anniversaries
- 10/20 For Intentional Interim Ministry Intermediate Training
- 10/21 For Central Lutheran Church in Morton, WA
- 10/22 For LCMC congregation in Myanmar
- 10/23 For Charity Lutheran Church in Bismarck, NS
- 10/24 For church support staff
- 10/25 Heavenly Father, thank You for the beauty in the sunrises and sunsets as You display Your handiwork. Amen.
- 10/26 For Chinese Life Lutheran Church in Alhambra, CA
- 10/27 For the LCMC Board of Trustee, Ministry Board and Staff
- 10/28 For LCMC congregations in Nicaragua
- 10/29 For all LCMC pastors
- 10/30 For Chinese Lutheran Church in San Francisco, CA
- 10/31 For LCMC fellowships



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Roxana Teichelman.....1
Emory Leschber.....4
Sharon Klaus.....4
Robert Kaderka.....7
Brian Wardwell.....8
Samantha Mundkowsky....11
Bonnie Kaderka.....21
Sandy Bailey.....21
Iris Hoff.....22
Nick Trevino.....24
Diane Stromberg 24
Neal Patschke.....24
Krista Randig.....29



New CHURCH T-SHIRTS
\$25 Navy Blue with Cross on
front (left side) & Church on back



It's the Nativity Kick-Off Party - You and your family are invited!

**Sunday, October 11, 2026 at 5 p.m.
at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 411 CR 401, Taylor**

Let's have a little fun before the work begins!

This year our meal will be PotLuck. Bring your favorite dish to share!

**If you have family or friends that you know would like to be in the Nativity....
now is the time to invite them to the party so we can get them signed up.**

Looking forward to seeing you there!

ilctaylornativity@gmail.com Bonnie Gordon: 512-365-8683 or Cell: 512-924-0432
Jaboa Atkins: 512-484-6337

Pilgrimage to Bethlehem – A Live Nativity

It is once again that time of the year to gear up for Nativity. Below are dates to put on your calendar. If you are interested in participating in Nativity or know of someone who would like to be in Nativity, send me an email (ilctaylornativity@gmail.com) or call me (512-365-8683 or 512-924-0432) or Jaboa (512)484-6337. I am always looking for smiling faces.

Bonnie G

Below are the dates for this year so you can get them on your calendar:

Kick-Off Party – Oct 11 – 5pm - More Info coming soon

**Construction Dates – Nov. 14 8am-approx. 2pm, *breakfast & lunch provided*, Nov. 21 if needed,
Dec. 5 8am *Donuts & Coffee provided***

Put up outside tents - November 28, 8am *Donuts & Coffee provided*

Rehearsals – It is really important for you to attend both rehearsals.

Nov. 15th - 3pm-5pm (*All except for choir, welcome, farewell, kitchen & parkers*)

Dec. 6th - Dress rehearsal for everyone arrival time 5pm.

Nativity Dates – Dec 12th & 13th – 5:30 to 8:30, arrival time 4pm (*Sandwich meal provided*)

CHURCH WORK DAY – Saturday, October 17 – 8 a.m.

Please come and help spruce up things around the church & the grounds before our upcoming Polka Service and other events, and the holidays too. There will be things for men & women to do. There is a list of things to do on the clipboard on the table in the annex. If you see something that needs to be done, and it isn't on the list, please do it and then please add it to the list so we know to have it on there next time. Bring anything that you think you may use for cleaning.

So please plan to help to have things ready for all our upcoming events. The more hands that help, the shorter the time it takes to get things done. **THANK YOU!!!!**

August & September Memorials Report

MEMORIAL FUND

For: Sandra Krueger – By: Sharon Fritz
By: Russ & Bethany Grissom
For: Rita Bahr – By: Nancy Werchan
By: Morgan & Teresa Wendland

GENERAL FUND

For: Pam Leschber – By: William & Frances Albert
By: Emory & Joy Dell Leschber
By: Carolyn Sommerfeld
By: Sandra & Richard Hipsher
By: Cindy Fuessel Loftis
For: Verna Grieger – By: Shirley Mundkowsky



CEMETERY FUND

For: Pam Leschber – By: Janette Wendland, Brian Wendland, Cindy Barringer
By: Charlotte & Joe Mueck

BUILDING FUND

For: Pam Leschber – By: Ginger McGill
By: Robert & Bonnie Kaderka

PAM LESCHBER MEMORIALS - Redirected to Romans12two Ministries

By: Al & Jaboa Atkins	Morgan & Teresa Wendland	Joe & Candy Vogel	Ric & Bonnie Gordon
Nancy Werchan	Clarence & Carolyn Merkord	Evelyn Remmert	Russ & Bethany Grissom
Sharon Fritz	Robert & Rebecca Borgne	Archie & Judy Schneider	Darlene & Jack Hello
Kathy Pavlicek	Clifton Gonzenbach	Robert & Vickie Vitek	Glenn & Vickie Spann
Kelly Fuessel	Billie & Connie Carlson	Bob & Sharon Avant	Frankie & Judy Limmer
Norma Betak			

CEMETERY & GENERAL FUND Memorial - Given By: Emily Fritz Simons in memory of Henry Ray & Leon Fritz (*parents*), Jonathan Fritz (*brother*), Virginia Fritz Crunk (*sister*), Emma Decker (*grandmother*), and aunts & uncles.

OCTOBER 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<u>Order Your New CHURCH T-SHIRTS</u> \$25 (see pg. 3 for details)			1	2	3
SS 9:15 4 WORSHIP 10:30 AM HOLY COMM WOW BAKE SALE & Meeting after Service	5	6	7	8 FAITH CIRCLE MEETS 1:30	9	10
SS 9:15 11 WORSHIP 10:30 NATIVITY KICK-OFF PARTY 5:00 pm	12 Long-Range Planning MTG 6:00 PM	13 COUNCIL MTG 6:00 PM	14	15	16	17 Church WORK DAY 8 a.m.
18 SS 9:15 WOSHIP/COMM. 10:30 AM	19	20 LUNCH @ Lucky Duck 11:30	21	22 FAITH CIRCLE MEETS 1:30	23	24
SS 9:15 25 WORSHIP POLKA SERVICE 10:30 AM HOLY COMM	26	27	28	29	30	31 

Polka Worship Service @ 10:30

Sunday, October 25th

Meal Tickets \$15 donation ~ by WOW.

*Meal to follow: Sausage, Sauerkraut, Noodles,
Potato Salad, Green Beans, Rolls,
Tea & Water*

Yummy desserts by members!

Advance Tickets Only ~ Deadline is 10/18



NOTE

See Nativity construction dates and other Nativity related information in the article on page 4 of your newsletter.

Get those dates on your calendars.

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Get Your Tickets...Deadline to Get Tickets is Sunday, October 18th...We need a count.
Tickets available from: Bonnie Gordon, Bonnie Kaderka, Evelyn Remmert, Nancy Werchan

