



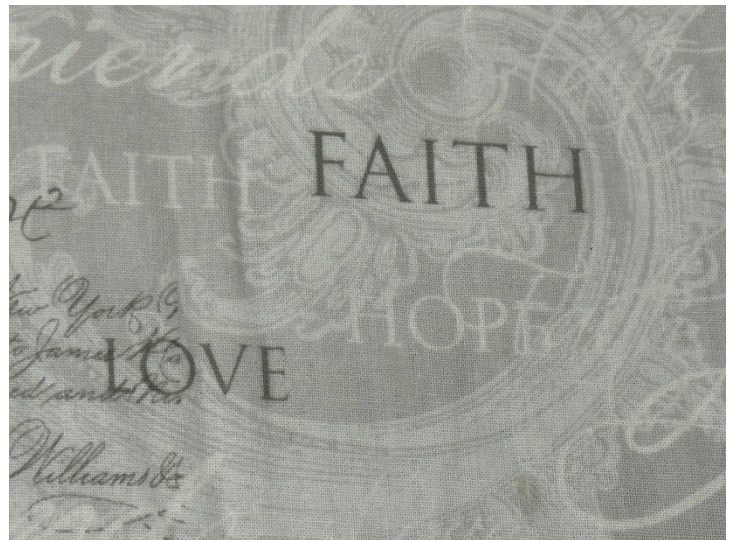
Newsletter

November/December 2023



**We Need One More Council
Member—Is it YOU?**

If you are interested in becoming a Council member and being the liaison for the Hospitality Ministry, please contact Jim Cuff, Ann Pufpaff, or Pastor Angela.



Since we are using we are using the café again, Elaine Himes wanted to improve and update the runner on our buffet table. She wanted the runner to say something, so people would feel more welcome and to think about what we share together. When Elaine was shopping for the material, this is the one that spoke to her. Her hope is that everyone enjoys it.



**Blue Christmas Service 6:30 pm
Monday, December 4th**

The Church Needs You

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient, it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

The church needs you as much as you need the church.



Trivia Game Night

- What famous actress married baseball player Joe DiMaggio 1954?
- Who played the role of Norman Bates the 1960 horror movie Psycho?
- What year did Disneyland open?



Save These DATES

2023

Bring a friend or two or more!

- December 3 **Christmas Cantata** 10:00am
December 4 **Blue Christmas** 6:30pm
December 24 **Christmas Eve Services** at 10:00am and 5:00pm
December 31 **New Year's Eve** – one service at 10:00am
December 31 **German New Year's Eve Party** Gather at 5:00pm
Ring in the New Year with Germany at 6:00pm
Bring hors d'oeuvres.

2024

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- February 11 **Burning of the Palms** in preparation for Ash Wednesday
Valentine Brunch – Wear Red or Pink
February 14 **Ash Wednesday Service** 11:00am and 5:00pm
Lent **Soup Supper** @ 5:30
Worship @ 6:00pm February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20
March 24 **Palm/Passion Sunday**
March 28 **Maundy Thursday** 6:00pm
March 29 **Good Friday** 6:00pm
March 17 **St. Patrick's Day Brunch** – wear green
March 31 **Easter Breakfast** – wear Easter Bonnets
May 19 **Pentecost Sunday** – wear red

PLAN AHEAD

Reformation Day



Thanks to All Helped Set-up and Clean-up for Oktoberfest!

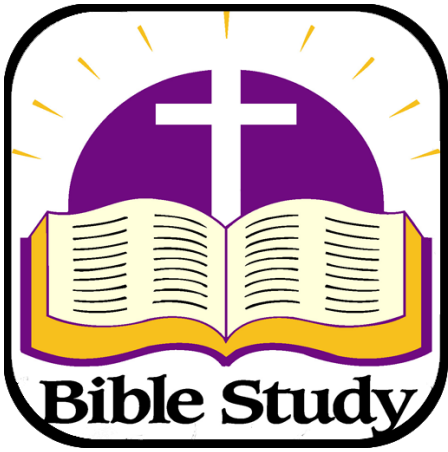


Oktoberfest 2023!



Oktoberfest continued





Tuesday Bible Study 11:00 am in the café

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Thursday Lutheran Men in Mission @ 8:00 am

*Currently meeting by Zoom.

*Breakfast in person every Third Thursday at 8:00 am

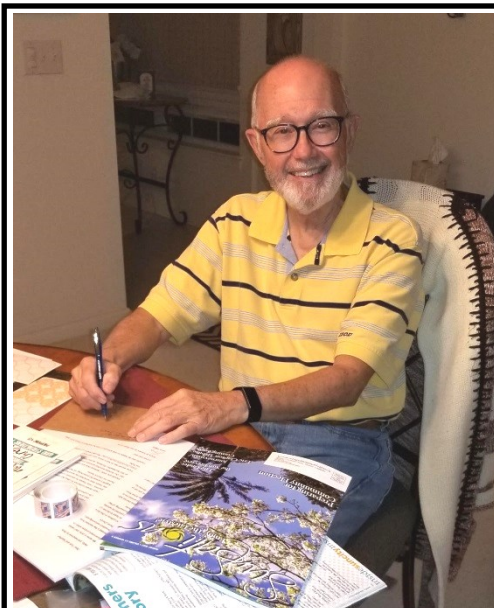
When you've already started eating and somebody says, "Let's Pray."



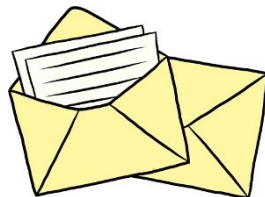
"GOD DOESN'T STOP THE BAD THINGS FROM HAPPENING; THAT'S NEVER BEEN PART OF THE PROMISE.

**THE PROMISE IS:
I AM WITH YOU.
I AM WITH YOU NOW
UNTIL THE END OF TIME."**

~Madeleine L'Engle



Larry Hyatt (pictured) is shown composing letters to new arrivals in Sun City. Using the SunSations magazine's new arrival listings, he has sent over 100 letters to people who have arrived since June.



WELCA Christmas Luncheon



The Women of Lord of Life plan to get together for lunch and fellowship to celebrate Christmas. **All women are**

invited to meet at The Olive Garden, Bluffton on Thursday, December 14th at 12:00. We will order off the menu.

Sign up sheets on the round table in the Narthex.

In lieu of gift exchange, please bring a cash or check donation made out to: ELCA GOODS GIFTS.

Our donations will be used to buy an animal(s) for a global family in need!



Christmas Contata 10:00 am on Sunday, December 3rd

Project ♥ Linus



Project Linus provides handmade blankets to children in the United States who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need.

On a Saturday morning, several LOL women gathered to cut and knot blankets together. A total of 19 blankets were made. They were later blessed during a Sunday service. Thanks to all who volunteered!

