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"The MISSION of Immanuel is to glorify God, build the Christian Church, foster Christian fellowship and concern, and join in the worldwide work of winning souls for Christ."

From the Pastor's Desk – October 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit (Ephesians 2:19-22).

We are a household.¹ That's what God's Word calls us.² Scripture speaks quite frequently about this. St. Paul uses this word and various forms of it to describe us. When he's not speaking about the household directly, he often uses a word to describe the building up of a household. (Too often it's not literally translated due to the limitations of language and grammar when working across languages, and so the connection to a household is lost. The English word "economy" is a derivative of the Greek word for household. An economy is, fundamentally, the managing of a household.) It's important, and foundational to who we are, that we recognize and live together in our church as a household.

So, for us—people baptized into the family of God—we are members of this household. This church is our home. We are, as our Lord tells us, born again. We are born into this family through the work of God. We are a household. We are a family. We are brothers and sisters in Christ. Just like your earthly family, this churchly family comes into existence by the action of another. You have been born again into the family of God by water and Spirit. When a person is baptized in our church, he is welcomed with the following prayer:

Pastor: "In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in

¹ The idea for this newsletter came from my listening to these excellent lectures by Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz:
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/a-brief-history-of-power/id1188406469?i=1000783216662>,
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/a-brief-history-of-power/id1188406469?i=1000784672812>,
and <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/a-brief-history-of-power/id1188406469?i=1000786338377>.

These are three lectures delivered in 2023 at the *Not Ashamed* conference held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tuscola, Illinois.

² See also Luke 6:48, 1 Corinthians 14:12-26, and Ephesians 4:12 and 4:19—among others.

Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

Congregation: “Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.”³

This prayer acknowledges that the newly baptized is now part of our family. This is his home.

My question to you is this: For you, is the church a household? Is it a home for you?

Our biological families are complex. They consist of different personalities—even within a family unit. Arguments are not unknown. Then, add the extended family. There are those favorite family members who make everyone laugh and seem to elevate every gathering. And there are those who don’t quite fit in. There are the critics who seem impossible to please. And the loudmouths and complainers and gossips, and those who bring shame and soil the family name—these all exist in our families. Should we expect anything different in the church? We accept complexity in our biological families. These are the families we were born into. And we make it work. Do we also do this with our church family?

As noted, like our earthly families we were placed into our church family by someone else’s action. We were born into it by the action of the Triune God. With this action we were placed into a family that includes a cast of characters who are also there by the work of God. And this is our family. We are all covered with the blood of the one Christ. So, we are one by that action of the Holy God. Knowing that, what do you do to make it work? Are you one of those family members who keeps a long list of those who have “wronged” you in some way? Are you the one who finds fault with everyone and everything (except the person glaring back at you in the mirror)? Do you seek out your brothers and sisters for counsel? Do you thoughtfully receive the family’s admonishment and seek to change your behavior? Think about these questions. Does this describe you? In one way or another these describe all of us. Yet, our Lord bids us to make it work.

Here’s another thought: Do you think of your biological family as a business, and concern yourself with the size of the family and how each member contributes to the bottom line? When we apply this question to our biological families, we know this is absurd. Why would we apply such absurdity to our church family? In our church family, do we make it a point to concern ourselves with other people’s business? I’m not thinking of gossip—there’s enough of that (and there shouldn’t be any if we heed the Eighth Commandment). I mean, do we take the time to get to know the people called into this family? Afterall, it is God who has put us together as the family of God in this place. I am somewhat dumbstruck when I encounter fellow parishioners (family members) who don’t know the names of the people sitting with them on Sunday morning—and this after a goodly length of time. As a family, how might we bear each other’s burdens and be there for each other if we don’t even take the time to learn a name? You must take the initiative. I cannot do this for you. Nor can any program.

Speaking of programs, over the many years I have been a pastor, I have seen programs and plans come and go. Some are good, and some are not so good. As I ponder these things, I wonder about their necessity. Sometimes I observe that we use programs (waiting for the next one that will solve our problems) as an excuse for inaction. The church failed to provide a program; therefore, I will do nothing. You plan a gathering for your earthly family. Did your planning include a program? I suspect not. You made the calls. You made sure your family knew they were invited, what to bring, what to expect. You didn’t need a program to tell you what to do for your family. Why should it be different for your church family?

We are not a collection of dollar signs and statistics. We are a family with all its sin and warts. And beauty. This church family is a gift from God. Perhaps we should treat it as such.

³ Lutheran Service Book, Pew Edition, page 271.

In the weeks ahead, I urge you to think about these things. Amend your behavior (repent) where necessary. And do the work of making and keeping this a family. It has been given to us by God. And He will bless our efforts.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. L.A. Astrowski Jr., Pastor



Reminder... each time you enter the hospital, be sure to say you are a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island so that the hospital can inform the church. ***If you would like Pastor to know immediately, please have a family member or friend call the office and/or Pastor—otherwise we may not be aware of your hospitalization.*** The hospitals do not regularly call the churches as they once did.

Please contact the office when someone is hospitalized or homebound. The church office phone number is **309-786-3391**; email address is officeimmanuelri@gmail.com.



THE 2026 FLOWER CHART and **THE ETERNAL LIGHT CHART** are posted in the Narthex. The cost for Altar Flowers (two vases) is \$30.00 and for Eternal Light is \$10.00. If you sign up, please be sure to check the calendar periodically for the date(s) you signed to donate.



****PLEASE WRITE OUT ON THE FORM WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE PRINTED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENTS, OR EMAIL THE INFO TO OFFICEIMMANUELRI@GMAIL.COM. YOU CAN ALSO WRITE A NOTE AND LEAVE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

All adults and youth are invited to participate in any or all Bible studies offered at Immanuel. We are thankful we can gather around God's Word. You are welcome to attend anytime.



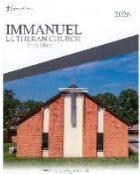
- **Sunday Adult Bible class** – 10:30 am in the Luther Room.
- **Sunday School** – 10:30 am in the Peter and Mark rooms.
- **Adult Bible Study** – Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in Luther Room or on Zoom.
- **Intergenerational Studies** – Tuesdays at 6:00 pm online via Zoom.
- **For the older youth** – there is a Rock Island Circuit Youth Group. Watch for announcements on dates and times.



IMMANUEL AND CIRCUIT YOUTH GROUP **Regular Youth Meetings at Immanuel Rock Island**

- All Circuit youth are welcome to attend the regularly scheduled Youth Group meetings at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Island.
- Meeting schedule - First hour: Pastor leads a Bible Study, Second hour: games and snacks.
- Future meeting dates will be shared via email at the beginning of each month for your reference and monthly planning.

Please pray that our Circuit Youth Group will continue to be a source of fellowship, fun and sharing God's Word with our youth.



NEW PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

The new 2026 Immanuel photo directories are now available in the narthex. One directory per family, please. Special thanks to Bryan and Katherine Cobert and Cobert Photography for photographing our members, as well as creating and printing the directories.

TRUNK OR TREAT IS COMING!

Details will be listed in the weekly announcements when they are finalized.



Building Upkeep

Thank you to those who have signed up to clean a room/area monthly. Your help is appreciated. If you are interested, there are areas that haven't been claimed yet. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT IMMANUEL? Classes leading to Baptism (for the unbaptized) and participation in Holy Communion are available for you (or a friend and family member). These classes are typically done on a one-on-one basis and adjusted to fit the needs of the catechumen. These classes cover the basics of the Faith, and what it means to be a communicant member of our church. If you would like more information contact Pastor Astrowski at 989-326-0199.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION are available for you by appointment with the pastor. Contact the pastor privately via his personal mobile phone at 989-326-0199 if you would like to schedule an appointment.

Remember – we continue to recycle aluminum cans. There is a white barrel outside of the kitchen door – west side of the building. Please place your aluminum cans in the barrel and they will be taken to be recycled. The money is then used to purchase gas for the mower at the church.
Thank You.



Social Ministry would like to compile a list of people to contact for help in the kitchen for funeral luncheons. If you would be willing to help, please contact Tammy Robinson via email (ilcriacctg@gmail.com).

Another part of our Social Ministry includes helping support Seminarian families. If you wish to help with their support, you can place your gift in an envelope with “**Seminarrians**” and your envelope number written on it, and place it in the offering plate or bring to the church office. These gifts will be recorded on your Financial Statement and checks will be sent to them quarterly.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & BAPTISMS

We ask God for His blessing upon all our members, especially those who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and baptisms this month.



- 2 - Tammy Robinson
- 3 - Gabe Cozadd
Dawn Schumaker
Kate Weinstein
- 8 - Sharri Millen
- 9 - Andy Nixon
Steve Saunders

- 10 - Mindy Diaz
- 11 - Laura Anderson
Justin Henke
Paul Welch
- 12 - Ashley Ayers
- 13 - Ron Mau
Aurora Raymond
- 15 - Amanda Depaepe
- 16 - Jane Copeland
- 17 - Joanne Soyke
Kathy Wolfe
- 18 - Jassaniah Leeson
- 19 - Morgan Boore

- 20 - Mitch Bull
Alex Tiece
- 22 - John Campbell
Todd Hazen
Clayton Weisenborn
- 23 - John Klockau
Donald Wolfe
- 25 - Amanda Ferguson
Izzy Leeson
Abby Leeson
- 26 - MacKenzie Heriford
- 29 - Paul Lunneberg



- October 10, 1998 – John & Karlene Campbell
- October 10, 1975 – Mel & Kathy Woolfolk
- October 11, 2003 – Kevin Mueller
- October 11, 1997 – Mel & Helen Vogel
- October 12, 2022 – Pat Matheny
- October 18, 2020 – Hayley & Charles Fiedler
- October 18, 1975 – Clayton & Brenda Weisenborn
- October 24, 1997 – Donald & Kathy Wolfe
- October 29, 1993 – Sam & Wendy Davis
- October 31, 1981 – Dennis & Cathy Langdon

Baptism Birthdays

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - Norma Johnson 3 - Michael Kramer 4 - Taylor Schelfaut 6 - Janice Rusk 7 - Samantha Titus 8 - Amanda Hoss 13 - Janet Mau | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 - Silva Poole 17 - Kamdyn Fiedler 22 - Laura Anderson 23 - Brayden Ripple 26 - Kyle Willits 30 - Layne Cozadd |
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**NOTE – Birthdays, anniversaries and baptisms are listed according to our records.
If you find a mistake or any missing information, please notify the office. Thank You.*

We care about your privacy. If you would like your name and birthday and/or anniversary excluded from the newsletter list, please contact the church office. Thank you.

The Immanuel LWML will have their next meeting on Thursday, October 15th. Starting at 6:00 we will have a devotion with Pastor Astrowski, a short business meeting and then work on decorations for our upcoming Talent Show/Mexican Dinner. All ladies are welcome to join us.

Please reach out to Helen Vogel at 309-781-9627 with any questions.

Upcoming events include: October 11th-LWML Sunday, October 29th-Serving at Christian Care



COMING SOON!



2027 is the 120th Anniversary of CID and the first 5 Circuits (ours being the Peoria-Rock Island Circuit). It is also the 70th year since the Rock Island Circuit branched off its own.

The Rock Island Circuit office administrators are currently working on creating a beautiful wall calendar that will highlight the 12 churches in our Rock Island Circuit. This October, each of the 12 sister congregations will have a copy to view and begin taking orders. We are aiming for a delivery date of December 1. All additional proceeds will be given to our very own Cristo Rey Lutheran Church.

MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY CHANGES / MEMORIALS - SEPTEMBER REPORT:

Membership – **Additions** – none to report.

Deletions – Phillip “Neil” Burger, by death, 9/19/2026.

Changes – Mary A Pedigo new address: 2300 79 Ave W TRLR 116, Rock Island, IL 61201.

Memorials – None to report.

The Rock Island Circuit is looking for applicants for a Parish Nurse to serve its churches. Requirements include: RN and Online District Parish Nurse certification. Interested parties may contact the church office (309-786-3391) or Mel Vogel (309-781-9624).

OCTOBER 2026 MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Week of October 4, 2026 - **Proverbs 22:6**

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Week of October 11, 2026 - **1 Timothy 1:15**

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Week of October 18, 2026 - **John 8:31–32**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Week of October 25, 2026 - **Ephesians 2:8–9**

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.



Items Needed:

Men's Deodorant
Shampoo
Conditioner

13-gal Trash bags
33 gal trash bags
39 gal lawn & leaf trash bags

Toilet paper
Men's disposable razors
Napkins

Please place items in the Christian Care box in the Narthex. Items will be taken to Christian Care.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

It's in the Way that You Use It

Originally Published October 2023

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

LCMS Church Worker Wellness

October is Church Worker Appreciation Month! There are countless ways for individuals to express appreciation and for congregations to show love and gratitude for their church workers. Here are simply a few ideas: Pray for your pastor, deaconess, Lutheran school teachers and other called church workers serving in your midst. Write a handwritten note of encouragement. Give a gift — whether big or small, a simple gesture of remembrance goes a long way. For even more specific ideas, visit thelc.ms/appreciation. What a gift when congregation and church workers mutually encourage each other, so that the Gospel may spread and that faith may grow among us all (Romans 1:12).



Talent Show/Mexican Dinner
Saturday, November 14th-5:00-7:30 (Doors open at 4:30)
Dinner at 5:00 with Talent Show after



Talent Show:

Family Friendly

All talent entries will be approved by Pastor

Contact Helen Vogel if you want to participate with a call or text at 309-781-9627

Mexican Dinner:

Dinner will include enchiladas (chicken or chorizo and potato), rice and beans, chips and salsa, drinks and dessert

Free Will offering for event

Pinata fun for the kids

RSVP by November 1st with the number that will be attending (call or text Helen Vogel 309-781-9627)

Now Hiring: Lutheran Family Service is seeking a School-Based Mental Health Counselor / School Partnership Coordinator to serve students and families in Davenport, Iowa through faith-integrated counseling and support. Part-time and full-time opportunities available. For more information or to apply, contact Cassie Beltz at cbeltz@lutheranfamilyservice.org.

Lutheran Family Service is also seeking a Part-Time Pregnancy Counselor & Adoption Caseworker serving Central Illinois. This role provides life-affirming counseling to women facing unplanned pregnancies, supports birth families, and guides adoptive families through the adoption process. Ideal candidates have a bachelor's degree in social work or a related human-services field and a desire to serve in a Christian, faith-based ministry dedicated to helping women, children, and families. For more information or to apply, contact Kim Laube at klaube@lutheranfamilyservice.org.



The Immanuel Lutheran Apparel Store is open! A flyer with a QR code is available on the table in the narthex for ordering.

Portals of Prayer for October through December 2026 are in the narthex. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend!

The Concordia Lutheran Academy Leadership Team has been exploring a possible homeschool hybrid with consulting assistance from the Classical Consultants. This is a collaborative, classical Lutheran education model that offers support, direction, and community for homeschool families. In this model, parents and trained educators work together to provide an education that combines aspects of traditional schooling with homeschooling. Families are invited to attend a presentation by the Classical Consultants entitled "**Exploring the Benefits of the Homeschool Hybrid Model**" on **October 3 from 6:00-7:30pm at Concordia Lutheran Church in Geneseo**. Refreshments will be served. RSVP the church office at [309-944-3993](tel:309-944-3993). Come learn how this could benefit your family!

German Meal – Monday, October 12, 4:30-7 at St. John's Lutheran of rural Bath. This meal will help support our mission work among the deaf in the Central Illinois District and at Good Shepherd in Sherman. The menu will include: Schnitzel, Spaetzle, Bratwurst, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut and Root Beer. For those coming from out of town the “google” address is (13961 E CR 1100N, Bath, IL 62617).

Oktoberfest – Faith Lutheran, Kewanee is hosting this as a fund raiser. This event will be Thursday, October 15th. They will be serving Brats, German Hot Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, dessert, and drinks for a donation of \$12. Purchase tickets at the door. You may dine in or have a carry-out. Proceeds will aid several missions including Concordia Seminary and H.E.L.P (families with babies).

Circuit BBB (Bible, Brats, and Beverages) - Sunday, October 25, 5:00pm, at St. John's, East Moline. Men, don't miss this great opportunity to meet others in the Circuit and share in a time of fellowship and study of God's Word. Weather permitting we will be in our new courtyard.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE: We are reaching out to our congregations to ask for assistance for families in our area who have recently been affected by the closing of Tyson Food Plant. The unexpected loss of employment has placed a number of families in a difficult situation, and **Cristo Rey Food Pantry** is working to help meet their immediate needs.



Cristo Rey Food Pantry is in need of **food donations, grocery and gas gift cards, and monetary donations** to help support these families as they navigate the sudden loss of their jobs and income.

We are asking our congregations to prayerfully consider how they might help. Donations of nonperishable food items can help keep families' pantries stocked, while grocery and gas gift cards can provide some flexibility for immediate necessities. Monetary donations can also help Cristo Rey Food Pantry respond to the needs of the families they are serving.

This is an opportunity for our congregations to come together and show Christ's love and compassion to our neighbors during a time of uncertainty. Whether your congregation is able to organize a food collection, collect gift cards, provide a monetary donation, or simply share this request with your members, every contribution can make a difference.

Please also keep the employees and their families in your prayers as they seek new employment and adjust to the challenges this closure has created. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to serve those in need in our communities.

Items Requested for the Hispanic Food Pantry at Cristo Rey: Knorr Tomato Bouillon, Canned Chicken Soup, Rice, Sugar, Pinto Beans (Dry and Canned), Cooking Oil Bath, Tortillas (any kind), Canned Tuna, Canned Sardines, Canned Fruits, Cereals, Eggs, Chorizo, Bacon, Fresh Cheese, Milk, Cookies, Crackers (any kind), Potatoes, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Soap. *Note: Cristo Rey has both a refrigerator and chest freezer for the perishable food items.*

There is a table in the narthex for donated items.



LOCATION

Highland Park Bowl
4204 Avenue of the Cities
Moline, IL



COST

\$15 per night



START DATE / TIME

2026-2027 Season
2 - 12 week sessions.
Join in the fall, winter or both.

Monday nights

6:15 pm for practice
League Bowl starts at 6:30 pm



Team sizes of 3-4 people
(men and women)



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Facebook Group Page:

[https://www.facebook.com/
share/g/19VcJvH4T/](https://www.facebook.com/share/g/19VcJvH4T/)



**ITS NOT TO LATE TO JOIN,
COME ROLL WITH US!**



REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCT. 25
2:00 P.M.



BUILT ON THE ROCK

Under the direction of our Cantor Peter Wykert, the hymn festival theme is "Built on the Rock". Music selections will include festival hymn arrangements of Kevin Hildebrand and historic chorales from Martin Luther's era placed side-by-side with modern songs from The Songwriter Initiative (TSI).

*You are also invited
to join us for an*

OKTOBERFEST MEAL

SERVING NOON - 1:30 P.M.

**MENU: Sausage, Schnitzel, Potato,
Sauerkraut & Applesauce**



**IF ATTENDING THE MEAL,
PLEASE RSVP AT
TRINITYPEORIA.COM OR USE
THE CODE BELOW BY OCT. 19.**



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OCTOBER 2026

The Liberty in Christ.



July 4th in the United States is Independence Day, and I am sure you celebrate it. Mexico has an Independence Day also.

The citizens of Mexico wherever they may live remember the night of September 15th, 1810, when a parish priest, Miguel Hidalgo, called on his townspeople to take arms against the Spaniards who had been ruling Mexico since the days of the Conquest in 1521.

El Grito (The Shout), every 16th of September is the Mexican Fiesta par excellence! Streets, houses, buildings and cars are decorated everywhere in the country. On every street corner there are vendors selling flags, balloons, and hats, all with green, white and red, the national colors. Flags wave from practically every house and building.

It is customary for the current President to deliver the Grito at the National Palace in Mexico City. The original bell rung by Hidalgo is the bell that is rung every 16th of September.

The ceremony reaches the high point when the crowd joins in proudly shouting out the names of the heroes of Independence and ends with the exciting: Viva Mexico!

When the Grito ceremony ends, the sky lights up with multicolored fireworks that shower the hearts with the pride of knowing that Mexico is free and independent nation.

Why am I talking about liberty? Just read Galatians 5:1 *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

We have the true liberty in Christ for these reasons:

Because of His love, He died on the cross for us; Through His Gospel, we are now His Children; He gave us reconciliation and His peace; Even though we are sinners, we received His forgiveness; Because gave us faith, we confess that we receive salvation.

Nations may celebrate their Independence Day, but for Children of God, liberty is constant! Every day in Christ we have true liberty; sin's liberty, death's and hell's liberty granted by Jesus. We do not proclaim liberty for just one day, but for eternal liberty when we believe in His promises.

Mexican Independence Day Parade.

Cristo Rey Church joyfully participated in the Mexican Independence Day Parade, representing our community of faith with unity and enthusiasm. During the parade, our group walked together as a church, carrying messages of hope and faith. It was an excellent opportunity to be present in the community and share the love of Christ with the families gathered along the parade route.

As part of our evangelistic mission, we distributed Christian material to the attendees — tracts, pamphlets, and literature with the message of the Gospel — which was well received by both children and adults.



We thank all the brothers and sisters who participated and supported with their time, prayer, and service. We continue to pray that the seed sown that day will bear fruit in many hearts. To God be all the glory for allowing us to be a light in our community!

Cristo Rey Church, with the support of other sister churches from our circuit, is providing assistance through our food pantry to the Hispanic workers who unfortunately lost their jobs at Tyson. In these difficult moments, we have come together as the body of Christ to share food and hope, demonstrating God's love through action to our affected families. We continue to pray and work together so that no family is left without support.

Thank you to all the volunteers and participants for your valuable support.



***Thank you so very much, dear friends,
for your loyal support of
the Hispanic ministry at
Cristo Rey with prayers, donations,
and monetary gifts!***

LCMSFoundation
TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Bill asked his friend, Mike, "Do you have an estate plan in place?" Mike answered, "I really am not very motivated to get after that task. Our children are far better off financially than we are, and they really don't need the small inheritance we will give them. So why bother?" Bill responded, "What a blessing that your children are so financially secure. But have you ever thought that you have something far more valuable to share with them? All their life, you have pointed them to Jesus. What would you think about summarizing that focus in one final statement that you include in your estate documents?" Mike replied, "I haven't thought about it before. I should have. But that does sound like something I should be doing. I don't want to put that off."

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor has some examples of Christian Preambles/Family Blessings. Even a simple worksheet, to get you started on the task of creating your concise statement of faith, as you exhort future generations coming after you to continue walking in the faith, just as you have.

For help getting started, contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

Daily Readings for OCTOBER from the Lutheran Service Book, pages 299-304

Oct 1	Deut. 2:16-37	Matt. 6:16-34
Oct 2	Deut. 3:1-29	Matt. 7:1-12
Oct 3	Deut. 4:1-20	Matt. 7:13-29
Oct 4	Deut. 4:21-40	Matt. 8:1-17
Oct 5	Deut. 5:1-21	Matt. 8:18-34
Oct 6	Deut. 5:22-6:9	Matt. 9:1-17
Oct 7	Deut. 6:10-25	Matt. 9:18-38
Oct 8	Deut. 7:1-19	Matt. 10:1-23
Oct 9	Deut. 8:1-20	Matt. 10:24-42
Oct 10	Deut. 9:1-22	Matt. 11:1-19
Oct 11	Deut. 9:23-10:22	Matt. 11:20-30
Oct 12	Deut. 11:1-25	Matt. 12:1-21
Oct 13	Deut. 11:26-12:12	Matt. 12:22-37
Oct 14	Deut. 12:13-32	Matt. 12:38-50
Oct 15	Deut. 13:1-18	Matt. 13:1-23
Oct 16	Deut. 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28-15:15	Matt. 13:24-43
Oct 17	Deut. 15:19-16:22	Matt. 13:44-58
Oct 18	Deut. 17:1-20	Matt. 14:1-21
Oct 19	Deut. 18:1-22	Matt. 14:22-36
Oct 20	Deut. 19:1-20	Matt. 15:1-20
Oct 21	Deut. 20:1-20	Matt. 15:21-39
Oct 22	Deut. 21:1-23 <i>Deut. 22:1-24:9</i>	Matt. 16:1-12
Oct 23	Deut. 24:10-25:10	Matt. 16:13-28
Oct 24	Deut. 2:17-26:19	Matt. 17:1-13
Oct 25	Deut. 27:1-26	Matt. 17:14-27
Oct 26	Deut. 28:1-22	Matt. 18:1-20
Oct 27	Deut. 29:1-29	Matt. 18:21-35
Oct 28	Deut. 30:1-20	Matt. 19:1-15
Oct 29	Deut. 31:1-29	Matt. 19:16-30
Oct 30	Deut. 31:30-32:37	Matt. 20:1-16
Oct 31	Deut. 32:28-52 <i>Deut. 33:1-29</i>	Matt. 20:17-34

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 7:15 Board of Elders 9 Worship w/HC 10:30 Bible Study and Sunday School	5 Fall Pastor's Conference	6	7 9-1 CHALK 7 Youth Group Program Board	8	9 School in use	10
11 LWML Sunday 9 Worship w/HC 10:30 Bible Study and Sunday School 3 Circuit Youth Outing	12 Columbus Day Office Closed 6 Book Club	13 9:30 Bible Study 6 Intergen Bible Study	14 9-1 CHALK	15 6 LWML	16 Cafeteria & Gym in use	17
18 9 Worship w/HC 10:30 Bible Study and Sunday School	19 6 Book Club	20 9:30 Bible Study 6 Intergen Bible Study	21 9-1 CHALK <i>THE IMAGE</i> <i>Item Submission</i> <i>Deadline</i>	22 6 Church Council meeting	23	24
25 Reformation Sunday (obs.) 9 Worship w/HC 10:30 Bible Study and Sunday School	26 6 Book Club	27 9:30 Bible Study 6 Intergen Bible Study	28 9-1 CHALK	29 LWML serve at Christian Care	30	31

Calendar is subject to change. Any changes will be listed in the weekly announcements.



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Sunday Schedule

Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM

Bible Study at 10:30 AM – Sunday School at 10:30 AM

We invite you to join us for worship and Bible Study and the fellowship of Christians who share in the joy of salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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All Sunday services are “live” streamed on Facebook at 9 am Sundays and posted to the church’s YouTube channel at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWLcoXZtMq13HOqRo_uifqg/featured?view_as=subscriber.

Additionally, you can tune in to Pastor’s nightly devotion each evening at 9 pm “live” on Facebook or find it on the church’s YouTube page later.