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## Our Saviour's Good News

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*Our Saviour Lutheran Church welcomes all people to a safe place to grow in faith and serve the Lord Jesus Christ*

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ENCLOSED: Work Day  
 Camp Centurion



### Take a Knee

*Written by Ted Nugent*

Take a little trip to Valley Forge in January. Hold a musket ball in your fingers and imagine it piercing your flesh and breaking a bone or two. There won't be a doctor or trainer to assist you until after the battle, so just wait your turn. Take your cleats and socks off to get a real experience.

Then, take a knee on the beach in Normandy where man after American man stormed the beach, even as the one in front of him was shot to pieces, the very sea stained with American blood. The only blockers most had were the dead bodies in front of them, riddled with bullets from enemy fire.

Take a knee in the sweat soaked jungles of Vietnam. From Khe Sanh to Saigon, anywhere will do. Americans died in all those jungles. There was no playbook that told them what was next, but they knew what flag they represented. When they came home, they were protested as well, and spit on for reasons only cowards know.

Take another knee in the blood drenched sands of Fallujah in 110 degree Heat. Wear your Kevlar helmet and battle dress. Your number won't be printed on it unless your number is up! You'll need to stay hydrated but there won't be anyone to squirt Gatorade into your mouth. You're on your Own.

There are a lot of places to take a knee where Americans have given their lives all over the world. When you use the banner under which they fought As a source for your displeasure, you dishonor the memories of those who bled for the very freedoms you have. That's what the red stripes mean. It represents the blood of those who spilled a sea of it defending your liberty.

While you're on your knee, pray for those that came before you, not on a manicured lawn striped and printed with numbers to announce every inch of ground taken, but on nameless hills and bloodied beaches and sweltering forests and bitter cold mountains, every inch marked by an American life lost serving that flag you protest.

No cheerleaders, no announcers, no coaches, no fans, just American men and women, delivering the real fight against those who chose to harm us, blazing a path so you would have the right to "take a knee." You haven't any inkling of what it took to get you where you are, but your "protest" is duly noted. Not only is it disgraceful to a nation of real heroes, it serves the purpose of pointing to your ingratitude for those who chose to defend you under that banner that will still wave long after your jersey is retired.

If you really feel the need to take a knee, come with me to church on Sunday and we'll both kneel before Almighty God. We'll thank Him for preserving this country for as long as He has. We'll beg forgiveness for our ingratitude for all He has provided us. We'll appeal to Him for understanding and wisdom. We'll pray for liberty and justice for all, because He is the one who provides those things. But there will be no protest. There will only be gratitude for His provision and a plea for His continued grace and mercy on the land of the free and the home of the Brave.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA.**



## History of Halloween



### The Word on Hallows Eve

The word Halloween comes from the phrase 'All Hallows Eve.' It is the evening before the Catholic Church holiday on November 1st known as, All Hallows Day, All Saint's Day, All Souls Day, or All Hallowmas Day. In Old English, Hallow means sanctify. In the past on November 1st, Catholics honored all saints while Romans prayed for the dead *and* honored saints. Halloween, the night before this, has many different customs and origins attached to its history.

Perhaps the oldest recordings of a celebration on Halloween are that of a druidic fire festival called Samhain. This was celebrated by the Celts (people who now live in Great Britain and Northern France), in Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. It meant the closing of a harvest and the beginning of winter. After the Romans conquered most of that territory, they combined two of their own festivals with the traditional Celtic ritual of Samhain. The first Roman festival was called Feralia. This was a day in late October set aside to commemorate the passing of the dead. The second Roman festival was to honor Pomona, the Roman goddess of the harvest or fruit and trees. Her symbol was the apple, which could be the reason we bob for apples on Halloween.

### Trick or Treat for Prayers?

As with the history of Halloween, there are many different ways the act of trick or treating came about. One is from the 19th century custom called souling. This means Christians would walk from town to town on Halloween night, begging for soul cakes. The soul cakes were actually square pieces of bread made with currants. The more soul cakes people received, the more prayers they had to say for the dead family members of the donors. During this time, people believed the dead remained in limbo for a while after death. They also thought that prayer, even by strangers, could speed up a soul's passage to heaven.

There was another recording of the handing out of souls cakes, this time to *poor* citizens. It was also in exchange for prayers for the family's dead relatives. The church encouraged this as a way to replace the practice of leaving food and wine on doorsteps for roaming spirits.

Europeans and Celts believed that to avoid the spirits, they should wear masks when they left their homes. The Celts also believed that on Halloween, the disembodied spirits of everyone who had died that past year, would come back to search for bodies to possess. So the people put out all their fires and disguised themselves with masks and costumes and marched around town trying to ward off the spirits.

Today, families can avoid having tricks played on them if they give the kids who wander door-to-door, Halloween treats.

### Party Time

Eventually, the customs of European immigrants combined with American and American Indian customs. Although annual autumnal festivals were common, the very first American Halloween celebrations were called 'play parties.' At these public events people celebrated the harvest, shared stories of the

dead, told each other's fortunes, danced, sang, and told ghost stories. During the second half of the 19th century, a new flood of millions of immigrants fleeing the Ireland potato famine of 1846 came to America. This created the meshing of Irish and English Halloween traditions, and people began dressing up in costumes and going house to house for visits. In the 1800's there was a push to make Halloween more of a community-based event, and anything scary and gross was forbidden. In the 20th century, because of the 1950's baby boom, there were a lot of children. Vandalism increased during the celebration of Halloween.

### Traditions or Trade-Offs?

As told before, the idea of bobbing for apples could have come from the Roman goddess of the harvest and her scared fruit of apples.

The name 'witch' comes from the Saxon Wicca meaning 'wise one.' A sacred ointment was rubbed on the skin of the which, to give them a feeling of flying.

The use of Jack-O-Lanterns perhaps comes from when children used to carve out potatoes or turnips and light them for Halloween gatherings. The name Jack most likely comes from a story of 'Jack the Irish Villain.' It was about a man rejected by good and evil, who wandered the world forever looking for a place to rest. His only warmth came from a small candle in a rotten potato. With the Irish potato famine from 1845-50, almost 700,000 people immigrated to the Americas. They brought with them the Jack-O-Lantern tradition but turnips were scarce. The pumpkin became a good replacement because there were a lot of them around.

Masks were worn to scare off demons and evil spirits and to keep people from being recognized.



## WALK FOR LIFE report

The Walk for Life was sponsored by Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc. on September 7, 2018. Our church raised \$380.00. Several members contributed time, money, and prayer. Thanks to all who gave. From all over Gaston County, church members joined in this Walk for Life and have raised over \$44,000 as of 9/12 of its \$50,000 goal and funds are still coming in.

The mission statement of Crisis Pregnancy Center is:

The Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc. affirms the value of life by compassionately sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and providing the following services: Pregnancy Counseling, Abstinence Education, Limited Ultrasounds and various other Medical Services, Adolescent Parenting Programs, Post Abortion Counseling to women, men, and families affected by crisis pregnancy situations, with the hope of changing lives. Phone number 704-868-4636. Address: 800 Robinson Road Gastonia, NC, 28056, website: [www.cpcgaston.org](http://www.cpcgaston.org)

**Our Saviour Lutheran Church**  
**Bill Trudnak, President**  
**August 20, 2018 Council Minutes**



**Devotions:** Bud Penley

Meeting called to order by President Bill Trudnak

**Members present:** Bill Trudnak, Bud Penley, Melinda White, Alice Vlaservich, Steve Digh, Denise Traveria, Jeff White, Robbie Wooten, Betty Ratchford, and Teri Trudnak  
**Members Absent:** None

**Minutes** for July 23, 2018 were reviewed. Bud Penley gave a motion to approve the minutes and Betty Ratchford gave a second motion

**Reception of Petitions and Communications:**

- a. Kay Withers, Withers and Whisenant Funeral Home, will be present for the September 17<sup>th</sup> council meeting for more discussion on the use of our church

**Report of the Pastor:** No report available this month

**Report of the Treasurer:** Motion by Melinda White to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Robbie Wooten

**Report of the Ministries:**

- a. Property: Repaired tiles in the ladies room replaced
- b. Stewardship and Finance: No report this month
- c. Worship & Music: No report this month
- d. Youth Team: No report this month
- e. Witness: Cards and prayers continue to be mailed
- f. Christian Education Team: No report this month

**Report of Auxiliaries:**

- a. Rachel Circle: To resume monthly meetings for the year; scheduled at the home of Betty Clemmer this month

**Old and/or Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

- a. Invitation from Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church: Movie night with ice cream and popcorn, Saturday September 22 at 6pm, all are invited. Announcement to be placed in the bulletin and newsletter

**General Information:**

- a. Kids Alive Report
- b. Attendance
- c. JAARS Thank you note from Advent Lutheran Church for the disaster kits given

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: September 17, 2018

Devotions for September: Alice Vlaservich



**2018**  
**Dallas - North Gaston Area**  
**CROP WALK**

Thanks to cooperative efforts of the *Dallas Ministerial Association*, the *Dallas / High Shoals Christian Social Ministry Board*, the *Dallas Area Churches* and the *CROP Walk Steering Committee*, plans are underway in preparation for the *Twelfth Annual Dallas / North Gaston Area CROP Walk* which will be held on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018. Registration will begin at 1:00 PM in the Dennis Franklin Gym in Dallas. The walk will begin at 2:00 PM at Cloninger Park track in Dallas and participants will walk the track approximately six miles or as long as they can walk. We walk 6 miles because this is the average distance a person in most underdeveloped countries of the world must walk each day to provide water for their family.

In 2017, 111 participants walked in the Gaston Area CROP Walk and yielded \$6,268.52 to help address the scourge of hunger at home and around the world. We need more participants this year and hope you can make a difference.

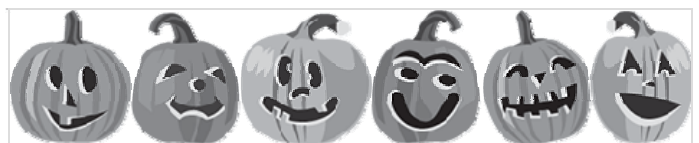
We join with the Whole Church in Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession for your willingness to WALK and SERVE so others can share in the abundance of life that God desires for all people as revealed most clearly in *Jesus - The Christ*.

In thanksgiving and servanthood,

The 2018 Dallas - North Gaston  
 CROP Walk Steering Committee

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CWS/CROP  
 Local Funds Go to: Dallas-High Shoals Social Ministry

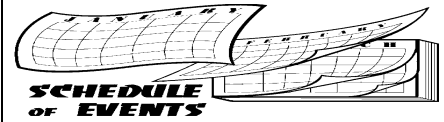
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# OCTOBER 2018



Sunday School: 9:45 pm  
Church Service: 11:00 pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Team Mtg.	2	3	4	5	6
7 World Communion Sunday	8 National Children's Day	9 Gaston Together	10 Columbus Day	11	12	13
14 21st Sun Pentecost	15 Board Mtg.	16 Prayer Group	17	18	19	20
21 HELP CROP STOP HUNGER	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 REFORMATION SUNDAY	29 CLW/Rachel Group	30	31 Reformation Day		Food Collection	

- **October 2**— Team Meetings— Youth at 6:30 pm  
Other Teams at 7:00 pm
- **October 6**—**Work Day**  
"Camp Centurion" (See insert)
- **October 7**— 20th Sunday after Pentecost  
World Holy Communion Day  
Chain Life (see p.6)
- **October 8**—National Children Day
- **October 9**—Gaston Together (see p 8)
- **October 10**—Columbus Day
- **October 14**—21st Sunday after Pentecost
- **October 15**— Board meeting
- **October 16**— Prayer Group will meet at Home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:00 pm
- **October 21**— 22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
Crop Walk (see p 2 & 11)
- **October 28**—Reformation Sunday—  
Communion
- **October 29**— CLW/Rachel Group TBA
- **October 31**—Reformation Day  
Trick-or-Treat on the Square  
From 5-7 pm

Holy Communion Schedule:

October 7: 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 28 Reformation Sunday

Worship Service Assistance:

Communion  
Asst: Nick Vlaservich  
Lay Reader: Teri Trudnak  
Worship Asst: Teri Trudnak  
Greeters: Our Saviour Members  
Ushers: Our Saviour Members

Devotions: Teri Trudnak  
Collection: Betty Ratchford

FOOD FOR THE MONTH: Soup,  
Mac & Chesse,  
Lima Beans



CHOIR PRATICE  
TBA



*Birthdays*

- 3 Denise Traveria
- 4 Chase Messick  
Allie Trudnak
- 5 Christian Clemmer
- 20 Jean Huffstetler
- 21 Jeff Lineberger
- 25 Betty Ratchford



Morgan Dawson  
Nation Finger  
Alice Vlaservich  
Jack Dawson



15<sup>th</sup> .....*Tony & Kathy Trudnak*



**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
Oct. 31 from 5-7 pm

## FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

October 7 Alice Vlaservich  
October 14 Nick Vlaservich  
October 21 Melinda White  
October 28 Brady Ratchford



## Martin Luther



Martin Luther (1483-1546) stands in history as one of those unique forces, an individual who by force of will and by his ideas changed the world fundamentally. There are several ironies incumbent on Luther's pivotal role in history: 1) he doesn't really represent a break with the past, but rather a flash point where ideas and trends which had been smoldering in Europe for several centuries suddenly blazed aflame; 2) Luther initially saw himself as a great reformer of the Catholic church, a simple monk who thought the force of his ideas would single-handedly redirect the Leviathan of the church; in the end, however, he divided Christianity into two separate churches and that second division, Protestantism, would divide over the next four centuries into a near infinity of separate churches; 3) finally, Luther (and all the other reformers) saw themselves as returning Christianity to its roots, they believed that they were setting the clock back; in reality, their ideas irreparably changed the world and pushed it kicking and screaming, not into some ideal past, but into the modern era.

Luther was not a person you would want to have dinner with; he was temperamental, peevish, egomaniacal, and argumentative. But this single-mindedness, this enormous self-confidence and strident belief in the rightness of his arguments, allowed him to stand against opposition, indeed, to harden his position in the face of death by fire, the usual punishment for heretics. Luther became an Augustinian monk in 1505, disappointing his equally strong-willed father, who wished him to become a lawyer. He earned a doctorate in theology from the University of Wittenberg, but instead of settling down to a placid and scholarly monkish life or an uneventful university career teaching theology, he began to develop his own personal theology, which erupted into outright blasphemy when he protested the use of indulgences in his **95 Theses**.

Indulgences, which were granted by the pope, forgave individual sinners not their sins, but the temporal punishment applied to those sins. These indulgences had become big business in much the same way pledge drives have become big business for public television in modern America. Luther's Theses, which outlined his theological argument against the use of indulgences, were based on the notion that Christianity is fundamentally a phenomenon of the inner world of human beings and had little or nothing to do with the outer world, such as temporal punishments. It is this fundamental argument, not the controversy of the indulgences themselves, that most people in the church disapproved of and that led to Luther's being hauled into court in 1518 to defend his arguments against the cardinal Cajetan. When the interview focused on the spiritual value of "good works," that is, the actions that people do in this world to benefit others and to pay off the debts they've incurred against God by sinning, Cajetan lost his temper and demanded that Luther recant. Luther ran, and his steady scission from the church was set in motion. The Northern Humanists, however, embraced Luther and his ideas.

Luther's first writing was **The Sermon on Good Works**, in which he argued that good works do not benefit the soul; only faith could do that. Things took a turn for the worse: Pope Leo declared 41 articles of Luther's teachings as heretical teachings, and Luther's books were publicly burned in Rome. Luther became more passionate in his effort to reform the church. His treatise, "Address to the Christian Nobility of Germany," pressed for the German nation to use military means to force the church to discuss grievances and reform; "A Prelude concerning the Babylonish Captivity of the Church" literally called for clergy in the church to openly revolt against Rome.

In 1521, the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V, demanded that Luther appear before the diet of the Holy Roman Empire at Worms. Luther was asked to explain his views and Charles ordered him to recant. Luther refused and he was placed under an imperial ban as an outlaw. He managed to escape, however, and he was hidden away in a castle in Wartburg where he continued to develop his new church.

In a more conciliatory effort, Luther wrote a letter to Pope Leo explaining the substance of his ideas, *Von der Freiheit des Christenmenschen*, "On the Freedom of the Christian," from which your readings have been selected. This conciliation didn't work (the treatise is not, in fact, very conciliatory, but somewhat arrogant), and Luther was excommunicated from the church in 1521. What had started as a furious attempt to reform the church overnight turned into a project of building a new church independent of the Catholic church. Nevertheless, this small work, "The Freedom of the Christian," is the theological and ideological core of Luther's thinking; the fundamental term of value, that center around which every other aspect of his thought rotates, is the concept of **Freiheit**, "freedom," or "liberty." This is not our concept of freedom, but in the eventual turn of time it will give rise to the notion of "individual freedom," and later "political freedom," and later "economic freedom." Most of the European Enlightenment revolves around freedom and the project of "liberating" people: liberating them from false beliefs, from false religion, from arbitrary authority, etc.-that is, what we will be calling "liberation discourse." Westerners still participate in this Enlightenment project today. This idea of "liberating" people, so common to the international politics of our own period, comes out of Luther's idea of "freedom."



### DO YOU WANT TO HELP THE HURRICANE VICTIMS?

You can either donate on line or mail.

On Line: [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) Select Hurricane Relief.

Mail: Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607  
Memo: Hurricane Florence



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## EVENTS for:

### Agrape/Kure Beach

#### Contact Camp Agapé:

Telephone: 919-552-9421

e-mail: [agape@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:agape@agapekurebeach.org)

#### Contact Kure Beach Lutheran:

Telephone 910-458-0783

e-mail: [kurebeach@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:kurebeach@agapekurebeach.org)

Web site: [www.agapekurebeach.org](http://www.agapekurebeach.org)

Directions to Camp Agapé are on the web site.

Please see calendars and other information on the bulletin board or go on-line

## Events for:

### Lutheridge -Lutherock-Lutherspring- Lutheranch

Web site: [www.NovusWay.com](http://www.NovusWay.com)



"I have set before you  
LIFE and DEATH ....  
CHOOSE LIFE so that  
you and your descendants may live."  
Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV

the unborn and for a conversion of our nation on the issue of abortion. The reverse side of the signs are printed with prayers and hymns to aid your prayer but feel free to bring or say your own prayers. **Everyone is welcome and no RSVP is necessary. Just show up at your preferred location on the day of the event! Signs will be provided.**

#### Gastonia

**Location:** Sidewalks of E. Garrison Blvd from Union Rd to New Hope Rd

**Parking:** Parkwood Baptist Church, Grier Middle School, East Garrison Baptist Church, Public Library or Lineberger Park

**Sign Pick Up:** Along the sidewalks of the route

Life Chain, a one-hour, pro-life prayer and witness event, has been held annually since 1987, in thousands of cities and towns across the United States and Canada. The 2018 National Life Chain will be held on **Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM**. We are thrilled to have three locations in Gaston County: Belmont, Gastonia and Mount Holly! See **Event Details** for more information about the sites.

**How it Works:** Participants arrive early to park and pick up a sign and then space themselves 10- 15 feet apart on the sidewalk. At 2:00 PM we join the rest of the Life Chains across the United States and Canada and, for just one hour, pray quietly for

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (SHOE BOX) IS COMING!

### What is Operation Christmas Child?

This annual project enables caring individuals, families, schools, churches, businesses, and other organizations to fill ordinary shoe boxes with small toys, school supplies, sweets, and other gifts for needy children around the world.

Operation Christmas Child sends a message of hope to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes.



Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project. Since 1990 the project has brought the joy of Christmas to more than 47 million boys and girls throughout the world. Last year we sent 1.24 million shoe boxes from the UK to children in hospitals, orphanages, Internally Displaced Persons camps, homeless shelters and impoverished neighborhoods. With your help we want to reach even more children in the poorest parts of the world in 2018.

### Your gift is powerful!

Your shoe box will make a child feel special and valued, and let them know that you care about them. Choosing gifts and then wrapping and filling a shoe box is a fun and rewarding activity for all the family – especially when you know these gifts are going to be used and treasured.

### From you to a child in need.

Your shoe box will be hand delivered to a child in need, asking nothing from them in return. All boxes are given to the neediest children regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs. Operation Christmas Child empowers local overseas partners to ensure that your shoe boxes are delivered with the highest levels of integrity and respect. Where appropriate and in culturally sensitive ways, our local overseas partners will make available a booklet of Bible stories, which gives a message of hope and includes an explanation of the true meaning of Christmas – God's gift of His Son, Jesus

## A Stewardship Minute

This month's issue of *Stewardship* has a story that reflects the way life in a church really seems to be. It has to do with what often happens when you go to a physician for a check-up. You know, the doctor begins to poke and examine and listen to what is going on in your body. When the doctor touches a place that is sensitive, the patient is likely to jump or perhaps let out an "ouch" or two. The writer of the article in *Stewardship* says that something similar may happen when a pastor starts talking about stewardship at worship. The writer meant that some Christians are sensitive when the pastor begins to touch

on the subject of how they use their time, talent, or treasure. For some, it may bring forth a sensitive area, or even an "ouch." That shouldn't be, of course, but all too often it is.

But think about the following: If Christ is our personal Savior, if we have offered to give our all to him, why should we be sensitive about checking up on the condition of our stewardship? Don't we need to have our spiritual health examined occasionally just as we do our physical health?

Here is the truth of the matter: If we volunteered to serve eagerly, to give generously, to witness joyfully,

and to let Christ truly be the Lord of our entire lives, well, pastors would never need to talk about stewardship at all. It would be our desire to be the best stewards possible.

Think about that. Being a worthy steward is what we would all want to be!

**Prayer:** O Lord, may all that we are and all that we have be used for your glory and the spread of your Kingdom on Earth. Amen.



## OCTOBER

It's in **OCTOBER** that we give thanks and celebrate the reform of the church, that we commemorate St. Luke the physician. We remember St. James, the brother of Jesus and a martyr, and we remember Simon and Jude who were apostles. It's also the month our children and grandchildren transform into ghouls and goons and goblins and all manner of outrageous things. They stalk around the neighborhoods shrieking and snarling like wild animals (even the little princesses have been seen joining in). They roam from door to door claiming what is theirs laughing and slinking away. They do all this at night. In an atmosphere of shadows and superstition about what is over there, and above that, and (shuttering) below here, they brood. Following them through the terrifying maze of pumpkin heads and ghosts are large, plain looking, somewhat disengaged 'adult'. You can hear steady murmuring from them with the rotating refrain from among them, "Remember to say thank you!" Those two words said together—thank you—take all the strange potentials, all the odd possibilities, all the awkward occurrences, and paint smiles across the faces of ghouls and plain looking parents and grandparents alike. It's a parade of unlikely encounters with the stated possibility of "trick" or "treat". It is an exercise in the choice of hospitality to the very different and a chance to remember to say thank you. As we remember the Saints of the church and the reform Luther began let us ask the Lord to give us the gracious hospitality and thankfulness that mark us as His children.



Reformation Day



## TRICK OR TREAT ON THE SQUARE

**OCTOBER 31**

**5-7 PM**

**DAL-  
LAS**



# Church News



GASTON TOGETHER'S CLERGY & CITIZENS COALITION  
 October 8, 2018  
 8:30 to 10:00 am  
 Clinton Room, Gaston Memorial Hospital

## **OUTREACH MISSION**

### SHUT-INS

### NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Please remember our church members who are shut-ins or reside in a nursing home\* and visit them.

**Marilyn Finger**

1150 Meadow Way Dr., Dallas

**Jerri Presley\***

2604 Ole Home Trail, Dallas

(If others, please let the church office know)

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



NEEDED

FOR

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Be a servant of the Lord

If you need a Pastor,  
 please contact Pastor Pete Feige at 704-516-2805  
 or our office at 704-922-4648.



### CLW/RACHEL GROUP

WILL BE MEETING AT THE HOME OF TBA  
 ON OCTOBER 29 AT 1:00 PM



### PRAYER GROUP

WILL MEET AT THE HOME OF SHIRLEE MARAZZA  
 ON OCTOBER 16 AT 1:30 PM



**LET US PRAY...** *"Are any among you suffering? They should pray...The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up."* (James 5:13-15)

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**MARGARET Addington (Brady Ratchford's sister and friends of the community), SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), BRAXTON Bearden (friend of the Locketts), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), KAREN Braddy, MATTHEW Fall (seeking employment) JOE Glenn (Melinda White's father), DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), ROBERT L. McCanless, Jr. (failing health - Charles McCanless' father), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), NANCY Parker (friend of Marie Lingle-ALS), MARY O'Shea (co-worker of Melinda White's). EDITH Paysour, LAWRENCE Paysour (friend of Ratchford's), RIVER Peedin (Ursela Peedin's great-grandson- leukemia), JANICE and JOHNNY Pendleton (grandparents of Raygan Carpenter - Janice has strokes), SONDRRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White), JERRIE Presley, BERNICE—Leon Rawlinson's mother, GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), KELLY Walters (mother of Brie Murray), LISA Walters (Brie and Emma Murray's aunt -cancer), MELINDA White, ANNE White (niece of Betty Ratchford-breast cancer), NANCY Wilson (neck and foot), NICK Vlaservich (hip and healing).





## Daily Bible reading guide from NALC, LCMS and LCC

*Reading the Word of God*, a daily Bible reading guide, has been prepared for Lutherans to use over the next three years.

The North American Lutheran Church has joined with the Lutheran Church-Canada and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to compile a three-year plan of *daily* Bible readings and a year-long series of *weekly* readings on Martin Luther's approach to the Scriptures.

### Daily readings

The daily readings are listed on calendars for **2018**, **2019** and **2020**. The plan provides a guide that will take the reader through the entire Old Testament one time in three years, with the exception of Psalms, which are read twice each year. The New Testament will be read twice in the three years.

A reading from the Old Testament, a psalm (or portion of a psalm) and a reading from the New Testament are assigned for each day. Certain church festivals - Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and so forth - have readings appointed for the specific occasion.

# OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> <i>Job 5</i> <i>Ps. 90</i> <i>Luke 8:26-39</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Job 6</i> <i>Ps. 91</i> <i>Luke 8:40-56</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Job 7</i> <i>Ps. 9</i> <i>Luke 9:1-9</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Job 8</i> <i>Ps. 93</i> <i>Luke 19:10-20</i>	<i>5</i> <i>Job 9:1-20</i> <i>Ps. 94</i> <i>Luke 9:21-36</i>	<i>5</i> <i>Job 9:21-35</i> <i>Ps. 95</i> <i>Luke 9:37-50</i>
<i>7</i> <i>Job 10</i> <i>Ps. 96</i> <i>Luke 9:51-10:12</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Job 11</i> <i>Ps. 97</i> <i>Luke 10:13-24</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Job 12</i> <i>Ps. 98</i> <i>Luke 10:25-37</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Job 13</i> <i>Ps. 99</i> <i>Luke 10:38-11:13</i>	<i>11</i> <i>Job 14</i> <i>Ps. 100</i> <i>Luke 11:14-26</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Job 15</i> <i>Ps. 101</i> <i>Luke 11:27-36</i>	<i>13</i> <i>Job 16</i> <i>Ps. 102</i> <i>Luke 11:37-54</i>
<i>14</i> <i>Job 17</i> <i>Ps. 103</i> <i>Luke 12:1-12</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Job 18</i> <i>Ps. 104:1-18</i> <i>Luke 12:13-24</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Job 19</i> <i>Ps. 104:19-35</i> <i>Luke 12:35-47</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Job 20</i> <i>Ps. 105:1-22</i> <i>Luke 3:12 48:13:5</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Job 21</i> <i>Ps. 105:23-45</i> <i>Luke 13:6-17</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Job 22</i> <i>Ps. 106:1-23</i> <i>Luke 13:18-30</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Job 28:1-29</i> <i>Ps. 75</i> <i>Luke 4:1-13</i>
<i>21</i> <i>Job 24:13-25:6</i> <i>Ps. 107:1-22</i> <i>Luke 14:12-35</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Job 26</i> <i>Ps. 107:23-45</i> <i>Luke 15:1-10</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Job 27</i> <i>Ps. 108</i> <i>Luke 15:11-32</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Job 28</i> <i>Ps. 109:1-20</i> <i>Luke 16:1-13</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Job 29</i> <i>Ps. 109:21-31</i> <i>Luke 16:14-31:</i>	<i>26</i> <i>Job 30</i> <i>Ps. 110</i> <i>Luke 17:1-19</i>	<i>27</i> <i>Job 31:1-15</i> <i>Ps. 111</i> <i>Luke 17:20-37</i>
<i>20-3728</i> <i>Job 31:16-40</i> <i>Ps. 112</i> <i>Luke 18:1-14</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Job 32</i> <i>Ps. 113</i> <i>Luke 18:15-30</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Job 33</i> <i>Ps. 114</i> <i>Luke 18:31-43</i>	<i>31 Reformation</i> <i>Rom. 14:6-7</i> <i>Ps. 45</i> <i>Rom. 3:19-28</i> <i>John 8:31-36</i>			

**Halloween** is celebrated on the 31st of October night. It is common among children to dress up in scary costumes and move from door-to-door collecting sweets and gifts. They shout at each door, "trick or treat!" before their sacks are filled with treats. Watching horror movies, visiting haunted houses and enjoying some haunted hayrides form a part of the traditional celebrations.

Anoka, Minnesota is the Halloween capital of the world. The history of Halloween dates back to 1920, where the festivities originated in Anoka in an attempt to keep younger people away from vandalism. At that time Halloween was known as "Samhain" and was a pagan festival among the Celts of Ireland and Great Britain. Other western countries have embraced Halloween as part of American pop culture later.

Countries like United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, United Kingdom, Peru, Australia and others also celebrate Halloween. Some parts in Western Europe also are celebrating it recently.

Halloween is the shortened name for All-hallow-even as it is on the eve of All Saints Day. It is also called Pooky Night in some parts of Ireland, named after a mischievous spirit. However, there are some fascinating symbols, which make the Halloween celebrations all the more exciting, like:

### **The Carved Pumpkin**

Many families carve out a scary or a comical face onto a pumpkin and place a candle inside it to illuminate the carved out features. They leave it on their doorstep after dark. Legend has it that a stingy, greedy and drunkard old farmer tricked a devil into climbing a tree and trapped him there by carving a cross on the tree trunk. The devil curses Jack to wander on the Earth seeking Eternity. The carved pumpkin basically symbolizes this event.

## **JOKES THAT CAN BE TOLD IN CHURCH**

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!" While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again! As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!"

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50." The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, and they give him \$100." The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He answered, "Call for backup"

A Sunday school teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "Honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings.. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he was ill, and she said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

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## 2018 Mission Emphasis for October :

Both SAMARITAN'S PURSE and overlapping from Sept. is CROP WALK, which will be in Dallas on October 18. Pray for these ministries and give as you are able. God loves a cheerful giver from the heart. Our ministry is all about Jesus—first, last, and always.

### ABOUT US

*After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse—to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel.*

### Mission Statement

***Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ.***

***The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.***

### SHOE BOX STORY

*Yuliya received a shoebox at age 9 in a Central Asian country.*

When I lifted the lid on my purple plastic shoebox, the first thing I saw was a stuffed dog. I was filled with exuberant joy! I just remember hugging it.

Even though I had toys growing up, the dog was an item you couldn't find in my country. It was really soft and had puppy eyes. *"It was my new best friend, my newfound treasure."*

My second favorite item was bubble gum-flavored toothpaste that came in a pink tube. We didn't know such a thing existed. We would squeeze out a bit the size of the tip of a match so we could get a little bit of flavor and make it last as long as possible.

Word traveled fast. My friends would line up in our bathroom and my sister and I would squeeze out a tiny amount on their toothbrushes. I think we made it last about two years.

My third favorite item was an Etch A Sketch. At first we had no idea what it was. We kept pushing down on the buttons and asking, "Why is it not working?"

After having it displayed on a shelf for a couple of months, my sister was dusting and she turned the knobs. When she saw the line going up and down on the screen she was so excited. The item we thought was broken was drawing!

The toys were the most important things. "Here was someone I'd never met ... to me as a 9-year-old it also stood

out that the letter in the box said, *"I am praying for you."* As time went on, I realized why she was still praying for me."

We became pen pals and she would always close her letters, "I am praying for you." I always wondered, "Why is she praying for me?" The impact hit me more than seven years later after I became a Christian. She was showing me the love of Christ all along, starting with the shoebox and continuing in her prayers. "She specifically chose that dog for me and wanted to use it to communicate God's love."

The shoebox was a seed. That's how the Lord works. He patiently knocks on the door of our heart and waits until we open the door. Sometimes you see fruit right away and other times it takes years for the seed to grow.

I still have my stuffed dog 14 years later. That's a glimpse of how much the shoebox meant to me because it was packed with love and prayer. It wasn't just any dog. I could tell she specifically chose that dog for me and wanted to use it to communicate God's love.

Shoebbox stories is a 13-week series by shoebox recipients telling about the eternal impact of a simple gift.

Check back each Monday from [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) for the next installment

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy to millions of children around the world through shoeboxes lovingly and prayerfully packed with gifts that will bring delight to a child. In the hands of local churches, every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship—transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ!

After receiving shoebox gifts, boys and girls are invited to enroll in The Greatest Journey, our 12-lesson discipleship program, where children learn what it means to faithfully follow Christ and share their faith with others.

The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) gives a clear picture of God's desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them.

After describing how the Samaritan rescued a hurting man whom others had passed by, Jesus told His hearers, "Go and do likewise."

For over 40 years, Samaritan's Purse has done our utmost to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. We are an effective means of reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, earns us a hearing for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

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As our teams work in crisis areas of the world, people often ask, "Why did you come?" The answer is always the same: "We have come to help you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ."

In addition to Operation Christmas Child, they have many other expressions of God's Love. Very visible in the USA as well as overseas is International Crisis Response, helping those in emergency

As the Apostle Paul said, "For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV).

**HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX****Find a cardboard or plastic shoebox.**

Decide who would receive it:

Boy or girl:

Ages: 2-4  
5-9  
10-14

Fill with gifts:

Select a "wow" toy, such as:  
Soccer ball and pump, doll,  
Stuffed animal, musical instrument, as harmonica,  
Clothes, shoes

Other suggestions:

Yo-yo, jump rope, ball, toys that light up (with extra batteries,  
School supplies: pen pencils, sharpeners, markers, crayons, picture and coloring books, playing cards, scissors, stamps, hard candy

Accessories: t-shirt, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlight (extra batteries)

Crafts that you make, such as:

Finger puppets, friendship bracelet

Hygiene items: toothbrush, and toothpaste, bar soap (in plastic bag), comb, brush

**Things not to include:**

Guns, knives, military figures,  
Chocolate  
Liquids,  
Medication or vitamins  
Anything breakable such as:  
Snow globes  
Aerosol cans

\*\*\*\*\*You can pick up a card Shoebox in the hallway of the Ed Bldg. on October 4 or use a plastic box.



## Martin Luther's Seal

"From the wilderness of Koburg Castle"  
8 July 1530

Honorable, kind, dear Sir and Friend!

Grace and Peace in Christ!

Since you ask whether my seal has come out correctly, I shall answer most amiably and tell you of those thoughts which now come to my mind about my seal as a symbol of my theology. There is first to be a cross, black, and placed in a heart, which should be of its natural color (red), to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saved us. For if one believes from the heart, he will be justified. ["For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved." --Romans 10:10] Even though it is a black cross, which mortifies and which also should hurt us, yet it leaves the heart in its natural color and does not ruin nature...that is, the cross does not kill, but keeps man alive. For the just shall live by faith, by faith in the Savior. ["This Good News tells us how God makes us right in His sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, 'It is through faith that a righteous person has life.'" --Romans 1:17]

Such a heart is to be in the midst of a white rose, to symbolize that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In a word, it places the believer into a white joyful rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy as the world gives. ["I am leaving you with a gift--peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn't like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid." --John 14:27] Therefore, the rose is to be white, not red, for white is the color of the spirits and of all angels. ["..an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled aside the stone and sat on it. His face shone like lightening, and his clothing was as white as snow." --Matthew 28:2b-3 and "She saw two white-robed angels sitting at the head and foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying." --John 20:12]

This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in the Spirit and in faith is a beginning of the future heavenly joy. It is already a part of faith, and is grasped through hope, even though not yet manifest.

And around this field is a golden ring, to signify that such bliss in heaven is endless, and more precious than all joys and goods, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

"May Christ, our dear Lord, be with your spirit until the life to come. Amen."



*Martin Luther*

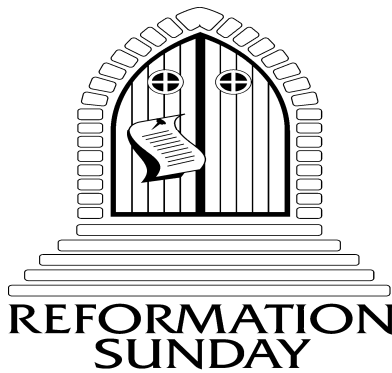


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