



October 2020

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

When I was a child, I didn't give a lot of thought to the month of October. To me, it was just another month of school wearing long sleeve shirts and blue jeans while sipping on hot cocoa if the weather decided to be too cool. And as a kid, I only gave October a quick glance because it was the month of Halloween. That meant trick-or-treating, dressing up in cheap costumes, and maybe if I was lucky, catching a football game on a three channel black and white television if the adults were napping (I really didn't care who was playing).

But as I got older, the celebration of Halloween began to change. Part of it was because I was no longer living with my biological mother and siblings but with my foster family. And their view of Halloween was quite different than what I was accustomed to. They knew they couldn't stop it from happening, but instead of having us kids (I have two siblings from my adopted family), dress up in costumes and go door-to-door asking for sweet treats, we would dress as Bible characters and go to church for a mini-carnival of sorts with its apples to bob, hay filled trailers to ride, and mazes to run through.

Now, nothing was wrong with the change for it was just something that my new family did but I did find that my attitude toward the special day to be different. It just didn't seem as fun anymore because now, instead of enjoying the costumes and all things scary, I was told that those things Christians just do not celebrate. My parents told me that ghost, goblins, witches, and ghouls were the devil's work and so the healthy thing to do was to have a Christian alternative to it. A Jesus night if you will.

So I accepted it and for a long time and I stopped celebrating the sugar filled night of festivities. But as an adult, a husband, a father, and a pastor, I once again have found that my feelings toward this special day has changed yet again. I have no problem taking my children door to door, dressed in the little costumes with plastic pumpkins in hand. Why? Well, I don't view it as being so bad. There are still haunts and frights to be had, but as a Christian, I now understand that I can enjoy them because doing so is to mock Satan.

For you see, I am a baptized child of God, and as such, I know that the devil, no matter what he tries to do to me, has been defeated by my Lord and Savior + Jesus Christ on the cross. Satan's strangle



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Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod

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hold on my eternity has been loosened and upended by God in the flesh who came and took all sin to hell and there He arose victorious for me on that first Easter morning. That is why I laugh at the devil on Halloween. Because he has lost, his conquest a failure, and I stand with Jesus whose pierced hands are outstretched for me in victory.

When I think of Halloween that way, then I am drawn to the Reformation of the 1500's for there I learn what it means to not be scared and bound by my sins but to have the freedom of a Christian given to me by grace alone through Christ alone. That freedom is then poured out onto my family, friends, and neighbors because of the love of Jesus that declares me to be free to celebrate Halloween without a guilty conscience because my mind, heart, body, and soul belongs to the Lord.

Then in response to my Lord's favor and grace, I cheerfully give to Him what He has blessed me with this year: my time, talent, tithes, and offerings. I encourage you to do so as well when considering your pledges this month. For the work of the church continues, pandemic or not. We are still sinners who need God's grace and mercy and God has chosen to give that to us in Word and Sacrament within the walls of our beautiful church. Praise the Lord for that.

Yes, October is the month of Halloween but it is certainly so much more than that. It is a month where every day may not be about sugar, candy, and pumpkin spice, but rather about Jesus, and grace, love, and forgiveness. So go, celebrate with friends and family and enjoy the festivities wrapped in the security of God's love for you as is evident in the marks of the cross upon your forehead and upon your hearts in remembrance of your baptism. And while you are at it, enjoy some sweet treats for me as well.

With a Shepherd's Heart,






Pastor David





From the 
President's Pen

The worship service live-streaming on Facebook has continued through September. This outreach has much potential, with the recent statistics showing growing engagement:

Total Video Performance		Showing All <input type="checkbox"/>
 Peak Live Viewers	13	>
 Minutes Viewed	927	>
 1-Minute Video Views	49	>
 10-Second Video Views	206	>
 3-Second Video Views	566	>
 Average Video Watch Time	0:33	>

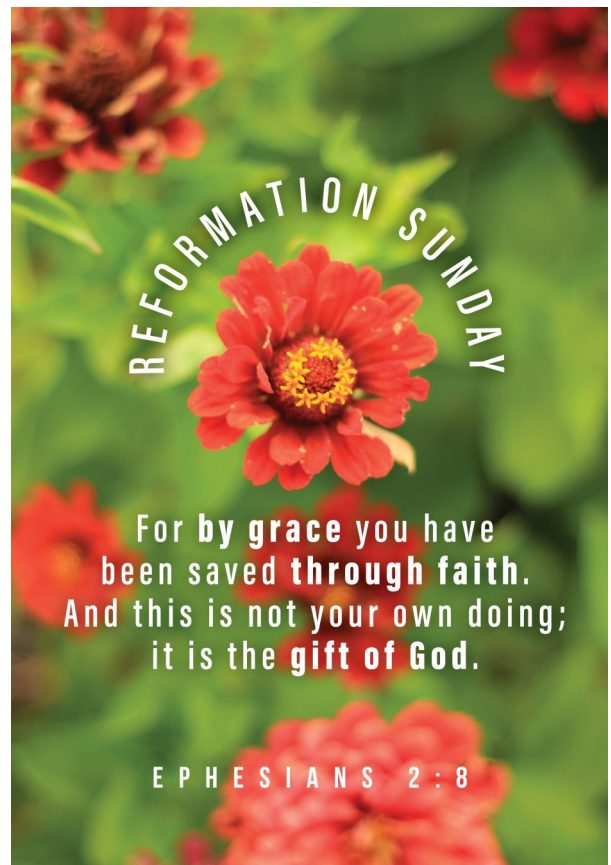
If you are able to attend in person, please consider volunteering to man the camera during a service. Ruth or Ron can help with training (very easy), and the only requirement is that you need to stay in the Choir Loft to be near the camera, zooming in and out and turning it as needed. Here is a easy way to sign up: <https://signup.com/go/DhEpMJH>

We will have a Voter's Assembly meeting after church services on October 11th. The Budget needs to be approved (copy attached), along with some transfers of members into Immanuel. Also, Elections for four offices, with the Treasurer position being the only one without a candidate. Please prayerfully consider taking on this role, and contact Marsha Kenton or Carol Frase.

The Budget for 2021 is slightly lower than 2020. The changes will be discussed at the meeting, but please continue to send in your gifts and pledges. Our membership and attendance fluctuate, but our expenses continue. You can bring your gifts to church on Sunday, drop them off at the office or mail them, or go online to <https://www.ilcpreston.org/> and click on the Donate button at the top to give via PayPal or credit card.

Another reminder: Pastor David successfully applied for a grant in October of 2019 toward his student loans for seminary. It is a requirement of this District grant that the congregation commit to contribute some funds in advance of his applying for the grant. Last year, the Council approved \$1,500. Earlier this year, we setup a Special Funds designation (Pastor's Grant Fund) for collecting gifts toward a contribution this year. That fund is current at \$1,339.12. It would be great if we can reach \$1,500 or more again this year. Please consider a gift prior to September 15th, so we can work on the Application early this year.

Also, if you want to donate stocks or other legacy gifts to Immanuel, remember that we can receive stock through the LCMS Foundation. Carol has that information at the office if needed.





Godparents Kristin & Matt Taylor with Marti Grace Cheesman

BAPTISM



Parents Garver Cheesman, Amy Hudson and Marti Grace Cheesman



Marti Grace Cheesman, daughter of Garver Cheesman and Amy Hudson was baptized on September 20, 2020 at Immanuel. Marti Grace was born December 24, 2019 at Easton Memorial Hospital. Marti's godparents are Matt and Kristin Taylor. Grandparents are Marty and Terri Hudson and, Marty and April Cheesman, and Janet Miller.

Our hope is not in our circumstances.

It's something I need to be reminded of regularly. Especially during times that are not routine or are unexpected, or when it becomes apparent that so little is in our control.

My hope is not in my circumstances.

Your hope is not in your circumstances.

Our hope is not in our circumstances.

Our hope is secure.

The work has been completed.

Our hope is secure and complete because of the work of Christ.

Our hope is secure, yet our circumstances are always changing. For parents, the stages their children are in are always changing. So often our careers change regardless of what we had hoped for. This pandemic we are living in quickly changed circumstances for everyone.

God Has Seen Others Go through This Before

Noah's story is a great example of this. His circumstances changed in a big way when God let him know a flood was coming and he was to build an ark. It was not routine for Noah to build a giant boat. Before God told him, Noah did not expect the whole earth to flood. Noah had no control over the floodwaters or what those around him were doing.

In the account of Noah, the Bible says over and over again the rain prevailed, the waters prevailed ... the circumstances became less routine, perhaps more unexpected, and while the floodwaters prevailed, there was very little Noah had control over.

Similarly, 2020 has been a year of constantly changing circumstances that for many are anything but routine. We may be in circumstances that sound like Noah's—"the floodwaters prevailed." Regardless of the year, circumstances change. Spouses die. Accidents happen. Divorce divides. Politics create chasms between people. Schools are closed. Jobs are lost. Churches shut their doors indefinitely. Children are harmed. The floodwaters prevail.

When the floodwaters recede, the topography of life looks different than before the flood. Yet regardless of topography or circumstances, our hope is secure because it is founded in Christ.

Where to Find Answers

We have a lot of questions. We have problems with no discernable answer. We have questions about our circumstances and what our lives are going to look like. We do not have the answers to it all, but we do have the answer to where our hope is found.

The answer lies outside of ourselves. The hope in our circumstances does not come from figuring out how to make our lives better. The answer is Jesus. It sounds like a cliché Sunday School answer, but it's become the Sunday School answer because it's what Scripture points us to over and over again:

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. (2 Corinthians 4:7–12)

And again,

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:16–18)

The waters prevailed. But God remembered Noah. Moses was afraid he would stumble over his words.

God assured him He would be there.

Lazarus died, but Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

The Samaritan woman went to the well alone and had no husband. But Jesus gave her living water.

Circumstances change, yet our hope in Christ remains steady and firm.

Scripture: ESV®.

JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN

1 THESS 5:16-18

REJOICE / PRAY / GIVE THANKS

Joy tastes like bread and wine

Jesus invites sinners to eat with Him. He gives His own flesh and blood to feed them. In the gift of the Lord's Supper, Jesus feeds His Church with His body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life. This is a joyful feast. We come to the table with our sins and guilt, but walk away forgiven and free. We come to the table hungry for eternal food, and walk away filled with the promise of more to come. We come to the table wearied by this life, and we walk away fed with the promise that Jesus bears our burdens and will come again to usher in His Kingdom, in which there is eternal rest. Find out more at joyfullylutheran.org.



It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Ryan and Erin Andrew, at the birth of their first child, baby girl Sarah Elaine Andrew. Sarah was born at 3:01 a.m. on September 26, 2020, at Memorial Hospital in Easton. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and measured 21 ½ inches long.

Welcome to Sarah Elaine Andrew!



Stewardship

On Sunday, October 11th we will be having a voters meeting after church to approve our church budget for the 2021 year. Your Pledge Cards and a letter will be mailed to you that week. On Sunday, October 18th The Stewardship Committee will have a special gift for you as you leave the church. This is a reminder to keep our church and staff in your prayers when deciding what you can pledge. The Harvest is our Stewardship theme this year so as you turn in your pledge cards on Sunday, October 25th please remember that whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

Blessings!

Stewardship Committee

TREASURER POSITION OPEN

We need a nominee for the Treasurer's office for 2021-2022. Maybe you have the talent of working with numbers? Or maybe you're eager to learn something new? Serving in this office of the church would require that you come to church once a week to sign checks, balance the church checkbook monthly, prepare reports for the church council, and attend church council and voters' meetings. Contact Marsha Kenton, Karen Lyons or the church office if you're interested or have more questions.



The Compassion Place at the Lutheran Mission Society

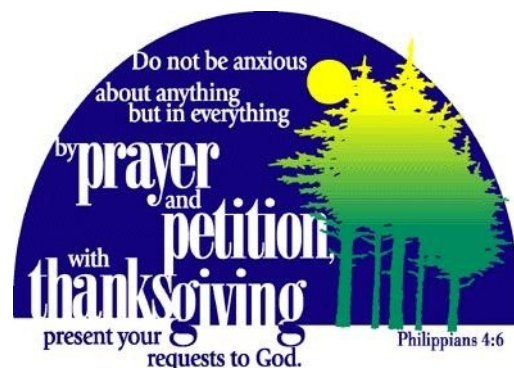
The Compassion Place – Lutheran Mission Society in Cambridge thanks Immanuel for all the support through this past summer. The gifts of food are always appreciated. The mission has an adequate supply of soaps and lotions for now, but still has an **ongoing need for masks**.

Fall has just arrived, but can you believe the Lutheran Mission Society in Cambridge is already looking forward to Christmas??? That's right. Their "Christmas Shop" will open in early November. They are hoping many people will donate Christmas decorations (lights, artificial trees, ornaments, linens, nativity sets, etc.) that they no longer need. These items can be dropped off at the designated spot in the hallway of Geiger Hall.

Gently used coats for children would be much appreciated. LMS's food pantry has a need for one-pound jars of peanut butter, boxed cereals — both hot and cold. Canned meats are always needed. These items can be left in the designated basket in the narthex of the church.

If you have any questions, need help getting your donations to church, or would like to give a cash donation, please contact Irene Wheatley: 410-310-2571. Thank you for helping us help others in our community.

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."
Hebrews 13:16 ESV



Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer, the booklet which contains daily prayers for personal use, is available in regular size and large print. This edition is for the last quarter of 2020. Pick up a copy in the church narthex. Also, if you would like a copy but are unable to attend church, please contact the church office by phone or email, and we can mail you a copy.

The Lutheran Witness

Lutheran Witness subscriptions are available for the 2021 year. Subscriptions are only \$12.95 for the whole year. You'll receive it in the mail monthly and never be without the latest issue. Contact Carol in the church office (410-673-7107 or immanuelutheranpreston@verizon.net) if you are interested in subscribing.

SPECIAL FUNDS

Care & Compassion Fund

Shelly Kapitan

Pastor's Grant Fund

Helen Schmidt

The R Thomas Fund, a Donor Advised Fund of The Signatry

CELEBRATING THE FESTIVAL OF REFORMATION DAY

On October 31, 1517, an Augustinian monk crossed a leaf-strewn courtyard to stand before the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Saxony. There he posted a series of ninety-five statements, or theses, for debate among the theologians of the Church. Little did the poor monk know that he had just set in motion a series of events that would rock the Church in Europe to its core. The monk, of course, was Martin Luther, an Augustinian Eremitic. Printers soon grabbed up his theses and had them translated into German and many other languages of Europe. Soon everyone knew who Martin Luther was and joined in the debate.

The Roman curia, at the time quite hopelessly corrupt, had no interest in debate. They wanted the monk and his concerns to be silent and go away. He was interfering with the money that indulgences were intended to raise in Germany, money that funded finally the construction of the greatest Church Christendom had ever seen to honor the graves of Saints Peter and Paul in the city of Rome. But the monk wouldn't go away or be silent.

He was judged a heretic by Church officials and excommunicated by the pope. Luther was then summoned for trial before the secular authority, Emperor Charles V, at the Diet of Worms in 1521. Luther's study of the Scriptures had utterly convinced him that he was not wrong to teach that salvation was by grace alone through faith in Christ alone, and he knew that this was, in fact, what the Church had anciently taught. He refused to recant his writings in the famous words: "I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not retract anything. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen."

*Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.
Lord Jesus Christ, Your power make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.
O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life. (LSB 655)*

The Lutheran movement grew and spread like wildfire. Nine years after the monk stood all alone at Worms, numerous princes and representatives of the free cities stood before the same emperor at Augsburg on June 25, 1530. They proclaimed their faith in the words of the Augsburg Confession. They indicated they would rather suffer martyrdom than lose the precious Gospel of the sinner's free justification, a doctrine which had brought such consolation to them and the people of their lands. A distinctly Lutheran Church was taking shape. The heritage received from the medieval catholic Church was purified in one territory after another according to the divine Word and in conformity with the saving Gospel.

Source: *Celebrating the Saints*, by William Weedon.
Published by Concordia Publishing House

Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

Youth Group Scoop



Fun at Martinak State Park

August 23, 2020, first gathering of the year with a picnic and scavenger hunt.

If you're interested in joining in, the next meeting is October 25th. Contact Jennifer Phillips at 410-829-9302.



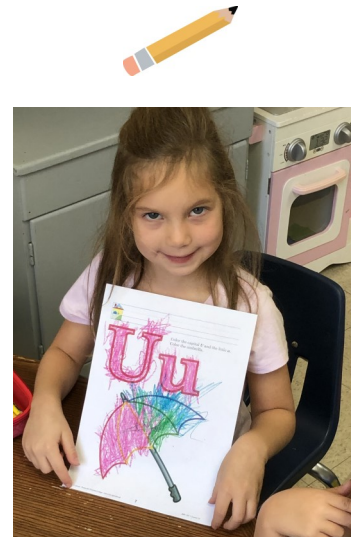
Immanuel Lutheran Nursery School

The Nursery School opened September 9, 2020 for three and four year olds, then September 15th for two year olds. It has been a good transition, with staff and students following CDC guidelines for temperature taking, wearing masks (age appropriate), lots of hand washing, even more cleaning, and social distancing. We instituted parking lot drop off and pick up, for screening and limiting people in our classrooms. We appreciate the trust that families have in our program by putting their children in our care.



Our classes are a little different this year, in that we have one combined three and four year old class and one two year old class. This is due to guidelines from the state with COVID restrictions, and also the decrease in registrations from our local community, certainly influenced by coronavirus concerns. Sarah Durham is teaching the threes and fours. Desi Casey-Motley is teaching the two year old class and assisting with the threes and fours when not teaching twos.

September brought the stories of creation and the flood. We are using new Concordia Publishing House material that is rich with the Word, and gives so much to do with the lessons in easy to understand concepts. We're so glad we've incorporated this material into our nursery school program!





OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 10:30am Divine Service with Holy Communion AA Meeting 7:00 p.m.	5 8:50am Nursery School 6:30pm Elder's Meeting	7 8:50am Nursery School Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Church Council 7:00 p.m.	7 8:50am Nursery School Handbells 6:45 p.m. AI-Anon 7:00 p.m.	8 8:50am Nursery School WINGS 7:00 p.m.	9	10
11 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Voter's Meeting After Worship AA Meeting 7:00 p.m.	12 8:50am Nursery School	13 8:50am Nursery School Confirmation 6:00 p.m.	14 8:50am Nursery School Handbells 6:45 p.m. AI-Anon 7:00 p.m.	15 8:50am Nursery School	16	17
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25 REFORMATION 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship AA Meeting 7:00 p.m.	26 8:50am Nursery School Board of Education 7:00 pm.	27 8:50am Nursery School Confirmation 6:00 p.m.	28 8:50am Nursery School Handbells 6:45 p.m. AI-Anon 7:00 p.m.	29 8:50am Nursery School	30	31

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL OCTOBER 2020

Date	Usher	Lay Reader	Greeter	Assisting Elder	Kids Worship	Acolytes	Head Tellers
October 4	Paul Nichols Jonathon Nichols	Kathy Schmidt		Mark Frase		Catie Casey-Motley	Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
October 11	Paul Nichols Jonathon Nichols	Earleen Lozen				Zach Kirwan	Karen Lyons Jennifer Phillips
October 18	Paul Nichols Jonathon Nichols	Glen Plutschak		Glen Plutschak		Veronica Phillips	Dee Lambert Glen & Mary Lou Plutschak
October 25	Paul Nichols Jonathon Nichols	Richard Wheatley				Catie Casey-Motley	David Schmidt Kathy Schmidt

OCTOBER Birthdays

OCTOBER Anniversaries

Lindy Gulick-Ayers	10/1	Charles Turner	10/14	Mark & Carol Frase	10/3
Brad Plutschak	10/1	Frances Madigan	10/16	Lawrence & Viola Schmick	10/3
Kim Rosebrock	10/1	Zoe Durando	10/17	Rex & Kim Rosebrock	10/4
Richard Tucker, III	10/2	Melissa Phillips	10/17	Ron & Brittany Andrew	10/19
Matthew Harris	10/3	Carol Frase	10/18	Jack & Donna Collins	10/21
Michael Fisher	10/4	Emilee Patchett	10/18	Brad & Heather Plutschak	10/22
Christina Frase	10/4	Justin Frase	10/22	Katie & Adam Taylor	10/23
Denise Mitchell	10/4	Phyllis Frase	10/25	Michael & Kimberly Jantz, Sr.	10/25
Marilyn Harris	10/6	Brynn Durham	10/27		
Evelyn Reichlin	10/6	Sarah Ferkler	10/30		
August Thomas	10/7	Grayson Fisher	10/30		
James Erskine	10/10				

Proposed 2021 Budget

Immanuel Lutheran Church				
		2021 Budget	2021	2020
Pastoral Services				
	Salary		\$ 24,017.14	\$ 23,093.40
	Employee Benefits		\$ 28,116.41	\$ 26,760.08
	Auto Allowance		\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00
	Housing Allowance		\$ 31,907.30	\$ 30,680.10
	Conferences and Conventions		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	Continuing Education		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Guest Pastors		\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
	Guest Pastor's Mileage		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	Total Pastoral Services		\$ 91,740.85	\$ 88,233.58
Administration				
	Quik Books renewal fee		\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
	Administrative Assistant Salary		\$ 16,640.00	\$ 15,808.00
	Office Supplies		\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
	Postage		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Telephone & Internet		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,850.00
	Maintenance & Service Contracts		\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,100.00
	Printed Materials		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Bank Charges/Safe Deposit Box		\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00
	District Travel Equalization		\$ 200.00	\$ 315.00
	Workmen's Comp Insurance		\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,576.00
	Employer's Share SS Taxes		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	Miscellaneous		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
	Total Administration		\$ 40,175.00	\$ 35,684.00
Worship Expenses				
	Bulletins		\$ 800.00	\$ 1,200.00
	Altar Candles and Supplies		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
	Wafers and Wine		\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
	Organists/Music Director Salary		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 16,300.00
	Music		\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
	Piano/Organ Tuning/Repairs		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,900.00
	Total Worship Expenses		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,350.00
Church Property				
	Electricity, Church		\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
	Electricity, Geiger Hall		\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
	Fuel Oil		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
	Insurance		\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00

	Janitor Salary		\$ 7,000.00		\$ 5,700.00
	Janitorial Supplies		\$ 700.00		\$ 700.00
	Water & Sewer		\$ 1,400.00		\$ 1,400.00
	Maintenance & Repairs, Church		\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
	Maintenance & Repairs, Geiger Hall		\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
	Asbestos Inspection		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
	Miscellaneous				
	Total Church Property		\$ 35,700.00		\$ 38,400.00
	Christian Education				
	Christian Youth Ministry, Sr.		\$ 00.00		\$ 100.00
	Christian Youth Ministry, Jr.		\$ 00.00		\$ 100.00
	Board of Education		\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
	Adult Bible Study		\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
	Lutheran Witness		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
	Portals of Prayer		\$ 300.00		\$ 500.00
	Confirmation Materials		\$ 50.00		\$ 100.00
	Total Christian Education		\$ 900.00		\$ 1,350.00
	Christian Witness				
	Evangelism Supplies		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
	Publicity		\$ 500.00		\$ 200.00
	Total Christian Witness		\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,200.00
	Christian Stewardship				
	Offering Envelopes		\$ 200.00		\$ 250.00
	Stewardship Supplies		\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
	Total Christian Stewardship		\$ 500.00		\$ 550.00
	Mission Outreach				
	Accepted Share, District & Synod		\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
	Delmarva Circuit Dues		\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
	Lutheran Mission Society		\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
	United Concerned Christians		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
	Total Mission Outreach		\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00
	Total Expenses		\$ 186,515.85		\$ 191,767.58



A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water _____
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant _____
3. To plant _____
4. Sharp part of a plant _____
5. What is harvested. _____
6. To dry up and shrivel _____
7. Person who plants _____
8. The earth a plant grows in. _____

“But the _____₂ falling on good _____₈ refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a _____₅, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was _____₃ n.”

M A T T H E W 1 3 : 2 3 , N I V

Answer: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, sow



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The Grapevine
October 2020

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