



October 2026

CrossTalk Newsletter

The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School is 'connecting families in Christ' by proclaiming the forgiveness of sin in the Gospel and the Sacraments.

God's mercy and peace be yours this definitive Lutheran time of the year. Only five hundred and nine years ago, Martin Luther was a local priest and professor at Wittenberg University when he approached the Castle Church door and nailed the ninety-five theses up for all to read. It was All Hallows Eve, or the Saturday right before All Saint's Day. Certainly, some learned theologians would look at his ideas on repentance and indulgences and the truth of what the Scriptures say. Usually, the practice of the Church would take precedent, but Martin had been teaching about righteousness and faith. And what he was reading in Romans didn't coincide with what was going on around Germany and Rome. Could a Christian appeal to the Lord for forgiveness directly, "by faith for faith"? Even Ephesians speaks candidly about the grace of God for us, not by works lest any man should boast. Which is why in a thoroughly German way, Luther laid out all ninety-five reasons. It should be a slam dunk case!



Reformation Day

As we know, the nail stroke heard round the world is this landmark event of the Reformation. The leaders of the Church were not about to let this go, and even the emperor was distressed with the amount of trouble Luther was causing. Certainly, it shouldn't take years to handle the writings of an upstart monk. Little did Charles V realize the veracity of a monk who knows that God's Word speaks absolute truth. We were blessed to watch Martin Luther translate the Bible into the language of the people and become one of the most popular authors of Biblical interpretation, since the early church fathers. Because we can now pick up and read the Sacred Scriptures in our own language and study a proper understanding of them in Confirmation class, we have a distinct gift of knowing the truth. Take some time this month to read the book of Romans or Ephesians. Even half a chapter in the morning and half a chapter at night will give you an abundance of Biblical truth that will nourish the soul. May your journey in God's Holy Word be a revisiting of Reformation proportions in the joy of God's grace.

God's peace be yours,

Pastor Gadbaw

From the Health Ministry



American Heart Association.
Healthy Smiles, Healthy Hearts™

Daily Habits That Protect Your Mouth and Heart

Prevention starts with what you do every day.

The health of your mouth and heart are connected. The good news is, there's a lot you can do every day to protect both. Small, consistent habits add up to big benefits.

- ✓ Brush teeth twice a day for 2 minutes with fluoride toothpaste.
- ✓ Floss once a day.
- ✓ Brush your tongue.
- ✓ Eat more fruits, vegetables, and lean proteins.
- ✓ Check your blood pressure regularly to spot early signs of problems.
- ✓ Limit sugar and ultra-processed foods.
- ✓ Quit smoking, vaping or using tobacco.
- ✓ Take medications as prescribed.
- ✓ Visit your dentist and doctor regularly.
- ✓ Talk about the oral and heart health connection with your health care team.

LITTLE ACTIONS YOU TAKE EVERY DAY CAN ADD UP TO BETTER OVERALL HEALTH.



**BRUSH
2X A DAY**



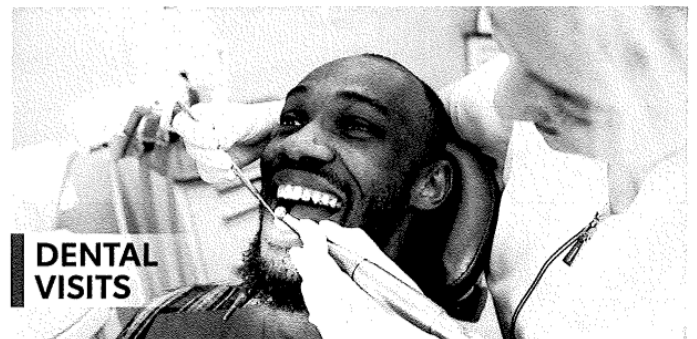
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DAILY**



**HEALTHY
EATING**



**TAKE
MEDS**



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Cups & Conversation



please join us for:

Cups & Conversation

Just bring a cup and a friend!

Speaker: Lynn Neumann, Director of Parks, Rec & Community Ed

Topic: Hutchinson Public Arts

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2026; 9-10:30 a.m.

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Commons Room

800 Bluff ST NE, Hutchinson, MN

Please use the north door.

Hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Health Ministry

News from the Early Learning Center

A month into fall seems hard to believe! We are into a great start to the “school season”. Teachers are using our *Little Lambs* curriculum with our classrooms. Bible stories, creative projects, sensory and science fun has been happening throughout the center. The classroom items provided from donations have supported the projects in the classroom.

We will be having a family fall fun event on October 23rd. Our theme is: “For everything God created is good” 1 Timothy 4:4-5. Families will do some fall projects and activities together as well as time to meet with other families and the classroom staff.

Our staff will have training on October 20th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We typically have about 8 of these per year. Training is based on areas of interest to staff as well as licensing requirements. The staff enjoy having a meal together during this time.

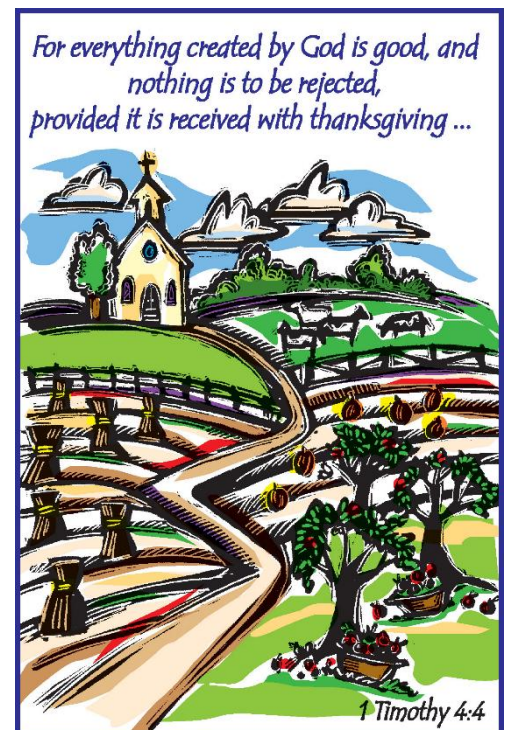
The school age children will be here over MEA; they are usually excited to see their friends after going back to school. We will be planning some fall activities with them including science fun, fall foods and a field trip.

Our Christmas program this year, we'd like to include a play about the first Christmas. We hope this will become a tradition. Our initial investment for costumes, props and a backdrop is about \$500. Any donations to help get this set up and going would be greatly appreciated. If you'd like it for more information or would like to see what we are thinking, stop by the ELC office and we can visit

We are looking for a full-time Early Childhood Teacher to join our toddler team and a part-time classroom aide who is over 18 for our infant classroom.

Lori Holtberg

OSL Director



Roof Loan Update

Roof Loan Payoff Progress

\$0

\$122K

We
currently
owe
\$122,000
on the
loan.

\$334K

Upcoming Guild Events

Remember all ladies of the congregation are invited to join us!

- ✓ Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, **October 13th, 2026** for our regular Guild meeting which will include a **pizza party** for lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Commons. Our guest speaker will be Lisa Kamrath who will share reflections of an LWML District President.
- ✓ OSL LWML Women's Guild will be celebrating LWML Sunday on **October 4th**. Join us that Sunday as we celebrate the work of the LWML. Special treats and coffee to be served during fellowship following service that morning.
- ✓ Sharon Haberkamp will be traveling to AbleLight Thrift Store on **Thursday, October 8th** to assist with duties of operating the store. Please see her if you are interested in riding along to help at the store.
- ✓ The OSL LWML Women's Guild will be hosting the **LWML McLeod Zone Fall Rally** on **Saturday, October 17, 2026**. Our speaker will be Pastor Mark Biebighauser from Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. He will be speaking about the importance of the family table in today's world. **All are invited to attend.** Registration is free. You do not want to miss this gathering; it should be a very interesting meeting! See the flyer in this issue of Crosstalk as well as posted throughout the church building for more information.
- ✓ Quilters will be meeting on Monday, **October 19th** at 9:00 a.m. in the Commons to tie quilts for Orphan Grain Train and Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.
- ✓ The OSL LWML Women's Guild will be honoring Veterans on Sunday, **November 8, 2026**. Please join us for a special program at fellowship time following services to honor those who helped to preserve our freedom.
- ✓ Looking ahead to November, please mark your calendars for Tuesday, **November 10th** for our regular Guild meeting which will feature a special Veteran speaker. Meeting begins with lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Commons.
- ✓ Just a heads up! Start collecting those favorite Christmas Cookie recipes! Our annual **Cookie Walk** is scheduled for Saturday, **December 5th** and we will need your wonderful culinary creations for our sale!

LWML ZONE RALLY

LWML MCLEOD ZONE FALL RALLY



Saturday, October 17, 2026

Registration: 8:30 am with coffee and treats

Rally begins: 9:00 am

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
800 Bluff Street NE
Hutchinson, MN 55350

Use
North
Door

All are
welcome!

Donation baskets
will be set out for
the following:

LWML MN South
District

Mites for Missions

Gifts from the
Heart for McLeod
County
Emergency Food
Shelf. Bring
nonperishable
food items or
cash/check.

**Pastor Biebighauser (Hosanna
Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN)
will speak on "The Importance of
the Table."**

***The Son of Man came eating and
drinking, (Luke 7:34a NIV).***

Make all checks
payable to LWML
McLeod Zone and
note purpose in
memo line.

Lunch will be
served after the
program.

Please RSVP to:

Gwen Dahl,
320-552-3099, by
October 11, 2026.

This and That

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The next social event of this group is scheduled for **Friday, October 2nd** from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Commons here at OSL. All widows and widowers are welcome!

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God." (II Corinthians 1:3-4)

Monthly Sunday Door Offering Designations

- 1st Sunday **Habitat for Humanity**
- 2nd Sunday **Common Cup**
- 3rd Sunday **Lutherans For Life**
- 4th Sunday **Seminarian**
- 5th Sunday **"5th Sunday Giving"**
(Red Stocking)

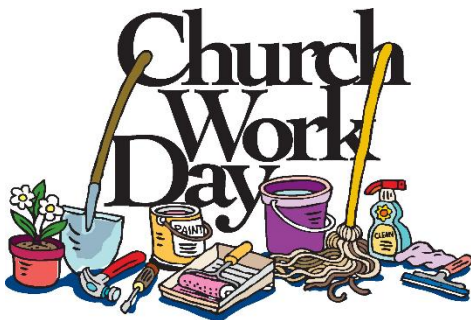
The current designation is listed in the bulletin each Sunday in the weekly calendar in case you forget.

LWML Sunday

Is October 4th. Ladies, please plan to wear **purple** that day.

St Luke's Sunday

is October 18th.



is Saturday, October 31st at 8:00 a.m. Please come and help as you are able.

October is... Pastor Appreciation Month



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Thrivent Choice® empowers clients with membership to live generously and help make an impact on the organizations and causes they care about most. By directing Choice Dollars, members have a voice where Thrivent distributes millions in grant funding each year—\$1 of grant funding for each Choice Dollar directed.

About Choice Dollars

- ✓ Clients with benefit or associate membership are eligible to direct Choice Dollars.
- ✓ Choice Dollars are calculated based on the prior year's premiums paid and contract values (as of December 31) of eligible Thrivent life, health and annuity products.
- ✓ Members receive their full annual Choice Dollars amount at the beginning of January. If a member's calculated amount is less than 25 Choice Dollars, they will be designated 25 Choice Dollars.
- ✓ New Thrivent members will receive 25 "Welcome to Membership" Choice Dollars within one month of joining.

Minimum and maximum Choice Dollars designations

Members will be designated a minimum of 25 Choice Dollars, up to a maximum of 5,000 Choice Dollars per calendar year.

Choice Dollars expiration date

Members have until December 31st to direct Choice Dollars® before they refresh for the new year.

A Message from the Steeles

Steeles in Mission:
Rev. Dr. Walter Steele: Theological Educator
& Robyn Steele: Deaconal Care & Training
Serving the Lord in Mission to Asia.



August 2026



Newest News & Prayers

–We made applications for three-year work visas through Philippine Immigration. However, we discovered that we are only able to get one-year visas as of now. Please pray that the renewals come through without delay and that in the future we can get them for three year-periods.

– Pray for Walter as he travels to Mindanao for a meeting with LCMS church relations and the Tagakaulo Lutheran Church of Christ in the Philippines.

–Walter is scheduled to travel to Madagascar to teach there in December. Prayers are appreciated for visa and travel safety.

–Robyn's work is extending into the Asia Region as she now will be caring for the needs of fellow missionaries as well as teaching deaconess students at the seminary.



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Teaching in the USA



Continuing Education Course

Home Service usually involves visits to congregations to report on the mission work in the field. But that is not all. This July Walter taught a continuing education course for Concordia Theological Seminary at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Westminister Massachusetts.

Six pastors and nine laity gathered for the three day course on Pastoral Theology of Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Having a great mix of people with various vocations provided for some great discussions. And as any teacher knows, it is energizing when those in a class are attentive and not afraid to ask what is on their minds.

I want also to thank the pastors and congregations I was able to visit. It had been a long time since I had been in New England. That district is also a clear mission field. The days with these Christians were times of encouragement and strengthening for us all. For those we missed this time, we will be at it again in two years.

We are excited now to be back in The Philippines and with our pastoral and deaconess students.

In Christ,

Walter

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Celebrating this Month



10/1	Duane Pischke
10/2	Becky Mathews
10/8	Eden Gadbaw
10/9	Robert Burns
10/9	Andrei Mlinar
10/11	Dean Brehmer
10/11	Jessica Wegner
10/13	Elizabeth Gadbaw
10/14	Joyce Rohy
10/15	Ethel Olsen
10/16	Chuck Esser
10/16	Kelly Haley
10/16	Mackenzie Paulson
10/22	Michele Mlinar
10/23	Cora Zackrison
10/23	Molly Zackrison
10/28	Karen Ostlund
10/29	Duane Dostal
10/29	Sharon Jenkins
10/29	Wanda Rannow



10/2	Leland & Cindy Teichert	50 Years
10/4	Dave & Lucie Penkert	29 Years
10/4	Neal & Wanda Rannow	51 Years
10/5	Dean & Kim Brehmer	41 Years
10/5	James & Pamela Hensel	49 Years
10/10	Derik & Rise Schwanz	28 Years
10/11	Lonnie & Kimberly Weerts	41 Years
10/16	Percy & Mary Anderson	61 Years
10/16	Gary & Karen Hranicka	50 Years
10/16	Marshall & Shelly Kranz	6 Years
10/18	Jordan & Alanna Dahl	18 Years
10/20	Michael & Jeanne Niesche	42 Years
10/23	Paul & Janine Hallman	33 Years
10/23	Tim & Brenda Zackrison	33 Years
10/24	Kevin & Becky Mathews	28 Years

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