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OCTOBER 2026

Happenings

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Siblings in Christ:

Welcoming the Season of Fall

There is something beautiful about the arrival of fall.

The mornings grow crisp, the days become a little shorter, and the trees slowly begin to trade their summer greens for brilliant shades of gold, orange, and red. The change of seasons invites us to pause and notice the beauty that surrounds us.

Fall also reminds us of an important truth: **change is part of God's good creation.** Just as the leaves change and eventually fall, we too experience seasons of growth, transition, letting go, and beginning again. Scripture tells us in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

Perhaps this autumn we can see the changing leaves as more than something beautiful to admire. Let them remind us to trust God through the changes in our own lives. Some seasons bring celebration; others bring uncertainty or loss. Yet through every season, God remains faithful.

Fall is also a wonderful time to practice gratitude. Before the busyness of the holidays arrives, let us take time to thank God for simple gifts: a warm cup of coffee on a cool morning, the laughter of family and friends, a beautiful sunset, a meal shared around a table, and the gift of another day to love and serve.

As we begin this new season, may we open our hearts to what God is doing among us. May we have the wisdom to recognize His blessings, the courage to release what needs to be released, and the faith to embrace what lies ahead.

So let us welcome fall with grateful hearts. May the colors of the season point us toward the beauty of our Creator, and may the changing leaves remind us that even when life changes, **God's love never does.**

Blessings to you and your family this autumn. May this new season be filled with peace, gratitude, fellowship, and renewed faith.

OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS

LITURGIST
4 - Terry Medine
11 - Weston Bramm
18 - Sally Bruch
28 - Jen Hernandez

CHILDREN'S TIME
4 - Pastor Dee Mede
11 - Weston Bramm
18 - Sally Bruch
25 - Jen Hernandez

AUDIO VISUAL
4 - Clare Hay
11 - Bret Collins
18 - Lyndsay Myers
25 - Clare Hay

GREETERS
4 - Ruth Aves & Lyn Exner
11 - Sharon Butler & Lora Stevens
18 - The Hernandez Family
25 - Sally Bruch & Vicki Maveus

USHERS
Bret Collins
Lou Ferrante

6 - Kris Aves
8 - Brian Stevens
12 - Tim Hall
15 - Robbie Furlough
18 - Molly Bramm
18 - Weston Bramm
23 - Terry Medine
24 - Peter Bramm
27 - Peter Silvus
29 - Sally Bruch

Trustee's Corner

Look for more updates soon!

October Calendar

1	One Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Meeting Room
4	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, Zoom
5	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
6	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
11	Worship	10:00am	In Person, FB Live, Zoom
12	AA	8:00 pm	Meeting Room
13	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	1st Lutheran Church
	Knitting	12 to 2 pm	Meeting Room
18	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, Zoom
19	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
20	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	1st Lutheran Church
25	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, Zoom
	Trunk or Treat	6:00 pm	Church Parking Lor
26	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
27	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	1st Lutheran Church
	Knitting	12 to 2 pm	Meeting Room

Church Leadership

One Board Chair
Diane Parrish
Secretary
Clare Hay
Finance Representatives
Clare Hay
Jason Hernandez
Treasurer
Lori Finkle
Financial Secretary
Clare Hay
Men's Ministry President
Bret Collins
Women's Society Co-Presidents
Vicki Maveus
Clare Hay
SPRC Representatives
Bret Collins
Diane Parrish
Trustee Representatives
Peter Bramm
Brian Stevens
Worship Chair
Larry Worden
Education Chair
Peter Bramm
Lay Leader
Diane Parrish
Lay Leadership Representatives
Rev. Deanna Mede
Welcome & Witness
Lori Finkle
Eric Mede

Mission Sunday: October

Local Mission: Food Pantry
Broad Mission: Rockford Work Camps

Food Pantry and Clothing Closet
First Lutheran Church
510 South Street, Kirkland IL 60146
815-522-3886

Tuesday's 12-2 pm

If special help is required, please call **815-978-2147.**

Food Pantry Report for the 5 week month of August
142 Households Served
444 Persons served, 131 were Children

Have something you'd like to add to **November's** Newsletter? It can be news you have to give, or maybe there's something you'd like to know more about… email the church office and we'll work on getting it added.

Deadline for submissions is **October 23**

We are worshipping in person, and online via Facebook Live & Zoom, Sundays @ 10am. Please contact Pastor Dee for the zoom link, 224-805-9513

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

DATE	SERMON	SCRIPTURE
4TH WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	19th Sunday After Pentecost "True vs. False: Image vs. Idol"	Exodus 20: 1-5a; 32: 1-6 NRSVue
13TH	20th Sunday After Pentecost "True vs. False: Faith vs. Power"	Acts 8: 14-23 NLT
20TH	21st Sunday After Pentecost "God Knows Your Name"	Exodus 33: 12-17 & 2 Timothy 2:19 NIV
27TH	22nd Sunday After Pentecost "Trusting Things Are in Good Hands"	Deuteronomy 34: 1-5 & 9 John 14: 25-27 NLT

For many years now our pantry has been able to offer the neighbors bread and pastry products of all kinds, rarely with any limits. This happened because Steve and June May faithfully picked up donations from the Bimbo (SaraLee) warehouse in Rockford and the Hy-Vee store in Sycamore. We are so grateful for the miles and hours they have given to make these pickups. Now, it's time for us to let them step back from these weekly runs and have a few others pitch in. The Rockford pick up is done on Friday morning at 10:30 AM and the Hy-Vee pick up is on Saturday morning between 9 and 10 AM. Please talk to Clare (815-978-2147) if you think you could help out of if you're curious and want more information.

If you or someone you know needs help providing food for their household, the pantry is open every Tuesday from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. If there is an emergency need for food please call or text Clare at 815-978-2147.

THANK YOU to everyone for the donations of Baby Wipes in August! There were 61 packages collected and distributed.
It was very much appreciated!

October Item of the Month

For the month of September, we will collect BATH SOAP for the families who visit the Food Pantry. Any type you'd like to donate will be appreciated! There will be a box by the front door of the church where you can leave your donations.
There will be an envelope for cash donations that will be used to purchase items. Thank you!

Donating with the PayPal Giving Fund

When you donate to the church using the PayPal Giving Fund, PayPal does not withhold any fees from your donation. It's a great option to ensure that we receive your entire donation. However, unless you check the box next to "Share my name and email with this charity." PayPal does not tell us who made the donation. Please always check that box so that we can acknowledge your gift and say thank you!

*Ed Davis
*Alicia Ross
*Jessica Yeager Stark
*Jim Montgomery
*Ron Johnson
*Helen
*Dustin Hoffman
*Our service personnel deployed

THE KIRKLAND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The Next Women's Society Meeting is Saturday, October 17th @ 8:30 am in the basement. All ladies of the church are invited.

METHODIST MEN

Meet every
3rd Saturday
@ KFR.

ONE BOARD
meets
Thursday, October 1

Donating is as easy as taking a picture:
Kirkland UMC's
QR code for donations
Or visit
www.kirklandumc.org

SCAN ME

Sunday, October 25 @ 6 pm
in the church parking lot

Set up needs to be completed by 5:45.

Accepting candy donations
Trunks needed
Please sign up to volunteer
See Eric Mede for more details