



Reformation Sunday
8:30 a.m., October 27, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*
Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*
Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Hadley Marien
Altar Guild: Marge Schroeder
Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson
Communion: Marge Schroeder, Jennifer Werner
Greeters: Elaine Kilgore, Donna Savin
Instrumentalists: Phil Rothschadl,
Andrew Szymanek, trumpets
Media: Cheryl Werner
Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Al Wollschlager

PRELUDE Es ist das Heil uns kommen her (Salvation Unto Us Has Come), *J. S. Bach*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** **ELW 504**

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE **This Is the Feast** **p. 140**


PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you for preserving your holy church throughout the ages. For the gift of the good news of Jesus, the Christ. For the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection from the dead and the promise of eternal life in Christ, we thank you, loving Father. We treasure the rich heritage handed down from the faithful who have gone before us. Receive our worship, reveal your presence to us. This we ask in the name of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, through all eternity. Amen.

C: Amen.

ANTHEM **God Is Our Refuge, Allen Pote** **Ascension Choir**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

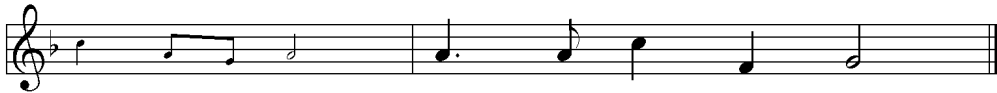
GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

Borning Cry

ELW 732

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

P: I present the following students who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Karla Aparicio Castillo
 Kellen Robert Johnson
 Elsa Janette Kinunen
 Linnea Emma Kinunen

Cole Gregory Reinfeldt
 Mira Marie Schaefer
 Limbert Joel Hernandez Sierra
 Maxwell Michael Stigler

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

P: Let us pray...Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I do.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I do.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and

To strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Confirmands may kneel. The pastors pray for God's blessing over each confirmand.

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray: Holy God, we give you thanks for this day. For the gift of faith from your open hands. For the hope you offer to each of us and to all the world. For the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus and the promise of eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE


PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Comfort: For Natalie Mustapich and Maxine Berdoll at the death of Kenny Berdoll
For the husband and son of Beth, Cheryl Anspach's boss, who died unexpectedly
For the family of Rev. Abelina Centeno de Gómez (Bishop Gómez's wife), who died unexpectedly

OFFERING

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word
Sandra Eithun

Ascension Ringers

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray ... Merciful Father,


C: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER


Voice

Cantor All Cantor



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low'ed be your

6 All Cantor All Cantor



name, hal-low'd be your name. Your king-dom come, your king-dom come, your

11 All Cantor All
 will be done, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en, on earth as in heav - en.

17 Cantor All Cantor All
 Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, For -

22 Cantor All Cantor All
 give us our sins as we for-give those, as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us, who

27 Cantor All
 sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of _ tri - al, save us from the time of _

32 Cantor All Cantor All Cantor
 tri - al, and de - live-er us, and de - live-er us from e - vil, from e - vil. For the

37 All
 king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours, for the king - dom, the pow - er and the

40 Cantor All Cantor
 glo-ry are yours, now and for - ev - er, now and for - ev - er. A -

46 All
 men. A - - - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All those believing in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection are welcome to receive communion at this table of grace. We offer both bread and wine for holy communion. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.

LAMB OF GOD

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HYMNS

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW 779

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son ☩, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

ELW 547

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, Johann Pachelbel

Worship Support Schedule https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport		
Nov. 3	8:30a	10:45a
Acolytes	Zach Jahner, Ruby Olson	Claire Cruft, Ava Steinke
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Cindy Finn, Kris Wells
Communion	Carol and Steve Spieker	Diane and Rick Dowling, Cathy Rapp
Greeters	Ev and Kay Stone	n/a
Media	Buck Houston	Anna Marien
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	Dennis Leatherwood, DJ

Faith Statements of the 2024 Confirmands

Karla Aparicio Castillo

Luke 10:27

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus is many things in my life. He is my savior, best friend, and someone I look up to. Jesus sacrificed himself for me because of his unconditional love. When Jesus did this he saved me from suffering even though I'm not worthy of his love. Jesus is someone I can talk to about anything and rely on like I would a best friend. Having Jesus as my best friend has made me prioritize him even more. Jesus is someone I look up to because of his ability to love me continuously after I've made a mistake. Jesus is loving, kind, faithful, and gentle. That's one reason why I look up to Jesus because of his character and how he is towards his children. Jesus Christ is number one in my life because of the experiences he's put in to have stronger faith and of how good he's been to me and others.

An experience I've had with my family and church is when I watched my older brother speak in front of more than sixteen thousand people about his faith and how it impacted his life. He mentioned how God told him to be brave in a difficult situation that was coming to the United States. Watching my brother share his story showed me what a person who puts their trust and faith in God looks like. My brother means a lot to me and watching him be so open to sharing his beliefs influenced me to believe. This was because my brother was sharing his testimony on how God helped him get through challenges in his life and how he could do the same for others. It showed me that God's plan for my life will always turn out good even if there are some struggles on the way. He also talked about how God provided for him and our family when coming to the United States. That meant a lot to me because he explained how God provided for us at a difficult time—for example, giving us support from our family when living in Iowa. Overall watching my brother speak in front of more than sixteen thousand people about his faith was an experience that influenced what I believe because it showed me the miracles that God can do.

Having strong faith started with being encouraged and influenced by someone and that someone has always been my mom. This is because my mom has always taken me to church, talked to me about God, and encouraged me to pray. Growing up with this example made my faith journey more special because I had more support from someone I was close to. When I was younger my mom prayed with me every night and reminded me that prayer is the best way to communicate with God. My mom is the one person who has always told me to trust in God's plan and to always walk in his direction. She's someone that I can go to for help when I feel distant from God.

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Watching my mom being so open with her faith encouraged me to become more comfortable with sharing what I believe with others. My mom has always encouraged me to walk in my faith, grow closer to God, and grow in my faith.

A way that I could continue to grow in my faith is by spending more time with God. That would help me grow because more alone time with God will create a close and intimate relationship. That includes reading his word, praying, and talking to him about everything. Spending more time with God is the best way for me can grow into the person Jesus wants me to be. Another way that I can grow in my faith as a Christian is by spreading God's word to others. That will impact me growing in my faith because sharing how God has been good in my life will strengthen my relationship with him. Spreading the word could also encourage others to do the same and influence them to put their trust in Jesus. To sum up, these are some ways that help me grow my faith as a Christian and possibly encourage others to do the same.

Growing in my faith includes me serving Jesus every day. Some ways I see myself serving Jesus is by serving others and praying. Serving God can also be serving those who are in need. A way that I could do this every day is by volunteering, praying for them, and leading them closer to God. That is important because helping those in need will reflect the motivation I'm getting from God's love. Another way that I can serve Jesus is by talking to him through prayer. Prayer helps me grow closer to Jesus. Prayer is a way to praise God because I'm putting all my focus on him, saying thanks, asking for guidance, and praying for those who are struggling. Prayer is a way that I can communicate with Jesus because I'm expressing myself and listening to God for wisdom. Doing these two things will help me serve Jesus daily and get closer to him.

Kellen Robert Johnson

Deuteronomy 4:29

“You will look for the Lord your God, and if you search for him with all your heart, you will find him.”

In my life Jesus is someone who shows me how to put others first. He helps me see that other people's feelings matter. He is someone who inspires me to be the best I can be every day. Jesus is someone who I know watches over people.

Some experiences I have had with my family and church that have influenced what I believe are things I see on our road trips and hikes. They just remind me how amazing our Earth is. Some of the things at church that have influenced what I believe are when we pray, it makes me feel better.

Some people that have been influential and encouraging on my faith journey are my mom and dad. They help get me to church and they help me understand the importance of faith. I also know that they will always support me on this journey no matter which path I take. They always listen whenever I have questions and they always answer them or guide me in the right direction to figure it out for myself.

Some ways I will continue to grow in my faith as a Christian is being kind and helping others in everyday life. I will always put others first and show people that their opinions and feelings matter. I will not make anyone feel like they don't fit in.

I see myself serving Jesus in everyday life by showing kindness to people. I also see myself serving Jesus by respecting others and listening to what they have to say. I will also help people who need it or ask for it. I will show others why being kind to people and helping people is so important.

Elsa Janette Kinunen

Ecclesiastes 3:1

“Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses.”

Jesus is someone who I can talk to every day. Jesus is someone who has an influence in my choices. Jesus is someone who I look up to. Jesus is someone who has always been there for me. But most importantly, Jesus is my Savior.

Throughout my journey with Christ, there were many experiences that have influenced my beliefs such as going to church services that my whole family came to, going to JOLT, being an acolyte and finally going to Adventure Camp. These experiences taught me more about Jesus and God. It grew my connection with others and how much I value my faith. I know how important it is to be involved.

There have been many people along the way who I look up to because of what they have taught me about Christ and how they have influenced me to be more involved with my church. The people I would like to thank are my parents for driving me to JOLT and waking me up every Sunday even when I didn't want to wake up. I would also pick my pastors. All three of you guys built a relationship with me ever since I was a kid. You would always bring the smiles and the laughter which is why I would come back every week.

Some of the ways that I will continue to grow my faith as a Christian is to continue going to church, sign up for CRASH and grow my relationship with God.

I will continue to serve Jesus by continuing to pray every day, talking about Jesus to my friends and family, reading my Bible, going to church and building my relationship with Him.

Linnea Emma Kinunen

Nahum 1:7

“The Lord is good; he protects his people in times of trouble; he takes care of those who turn to him.”

My Faith Journey has always been a big part of my life. Jesus has guided me through tough decision, providing me with wisdom and strength when I needed it the most.

Seeing my brothers get confirmed and starting their own faith journey has inspired me to think more and more about what I believe in.

My mom has always been a huge advocate for my faith. She has been there to listen, guide, pray with, me and create a positive environment where my faith could grow. Her love for church has taught me the importance of keeping a good relationship with God and staying on a committed spiritual path.

To keep on growing my faith as a Christian, I can engage in several meaningful activities. Praying regularly and reading the Bible can help strengthen my connection with God. I will participate in church activities as much as I can.

As I continue my faith as a Christian, I plan to stay committed to serving Jesus in my daily life. This includes acts of kindness, volunteering, and being an active member of my community. I want to reflect on what I learn in church by doing it in my daily life.

In conclusion, my faith journey has been influenced by the guidance of Jesus, the inspiration from my brothers getting confirmed, and the support from my mom. Moving forward, I am committed to growing my faith by serving Jesus daily through acts of kindness, community involvement and reflecting his love by all that I do.

Cole Gregory Reinfeldt

Hebrews 13:8

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.”

Confirmation means to me that I will follow God for the rest of my life. I chose the verse Hebrews 13:8 because I know he will always be there for me and I'll never be alone.

My faith community is made up of my family, friends and church. My whole family has shown me their faith by showing unconditional love. My church has influenced me by my time in JOLT. In JOLT we learned and played games about the Bible and what it means to be a Lutheran. Also I go to church on Sunday. The music in church is my favorite way to worship God. My friends and I always support each other.

My Grandma is the person who has influenced me the most on my faith journey. My Grandma has talked to me about her faith. I have watched her trust in God in her cancer journey.

I will continue to grow in my faith and serve Jesus in many ways. I will continue to go to church. I will continue to pray every day. I will serve Jesus by helping others.

Mira Marie Schaefer

John 14:1-4

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms. If that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

I see Jesus as a source of guidance, strength, and love, a role model for living a righteous life, and someone who provides comfort and hope in challenging times. I feel that he has always been a reason in the back of my mind to keep pursuing through life and hard moments that it carries. He is the foundation of my life, and he is the reason I have hope and strive to be a better person every day.

Growing up, my family emphasized the importance of faith. We attended church on Sundays and often had small discussions about Bible stories and moral teachings. These moments helped give me a better sense of community and the value of living a Christian life. Participating in youth group activities like jolt and crash has also been beneficial to take time to learn more about the importance of faith and taking time to study the Bible.

The most encouraging and influential people in my faith journey would probably be my family, pastors and friends. They have all been important figures in my life, and they have all helped me learn the importance of faith in action, the value of community, and the power of prayer. And, these people continue to inspire me to support and encourage others in their faith journeys as they did for me. I would never have made it this far in my life without the encouragement and support of these people who have guided me through every step of my life.

To grow as a Christian, I intend to continue a daily routine by setting aside dedicated time each day for personal prayer and reflection. I also plan to participate in church youth groups like crash to learn from others and continue to learn more about the church. I also intend to continue to help those in need, whether through volunteering with local charities or participating in mission trips. From what I’ve learned to this point, serving others is a powerful way to show my faith and demonstrate Christ’s love.

I believe I have served Jesus well in my everyday life, even through the small things. I see it starting with how I interact with others on a daily basis. I try to be my best everyday, and strive for qualities such as kindness, patience, and compassion in my relationships, whether it’s at home, at school, or really anywhere. I believe that small acts of kindness can be powerful, so I make an effort to lend a helping hand to neighbors, support friends and family in need, or simply offer a listening ear to someone who is going through a tough time. Additionally, I volunteer with school events like key club, which I joined because I believe it is beneficial to help those who are less fortunate, and I find that my service not only benefits others but improves my own faith journey as well.

Limbort Joel Hernandez Sierra

Philippians 1:3

“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.”

Jesus holds a central place in my life. I believe that He is the Son of God, who performed miracles, healed the sick, and sacrificed Himself on the cross for our sins. His selfless love and grace are a constant reminder of how much He cares for all who believe in Him. For me, Jesus is a source of protection and comfort, a guiding light in times of uncertainty, and a reminder that through faith, miracles can happen. Whenever I am faced with challenges, I find strength in knowing that He is always there, watching over me and guiding my steps.

My journey of faith has been deeply influenced by both my family and my church. One experience that stands out was when I volunteered at the Hope Center to help serve meals to those in need. That day made me feel closer to God in a way I hadn't experienced before. I saw the power of compassion and felt a deep sense of empathy that resonated with my understanding of Jesus' love for others. My family has always emphasized the importance of giving back and serving others, and this act of service helped me understand that our faith grows when we actively live it out in the world around us.

While my family and church have been foundational in my faith, social media has also played an important role. I have learned a lot from influencers and accounts that share biblical teachings and stories about God. These online communities have introduced me to new ways of thinking about my relationship with God, and I have found encouragement in hearing how others live out their faith. Social media has helped me feel connected to a larger Christian community, one that spans beyond the walls of a church and shows me how faith can be lived in daily life.

As I look toward the future, I plan to continue growing in my relationship with God by dedicating time every day to prayer and reflection. I aim to deepen my understanding of the Bible, studying it not just as a historical text but as a guide for how I should live my life. I also hope to watch more Christian influencers who share uplifting messages about God's love and wisdom. By doing these things, I believe I can grow stronger in my faith, becoming more grounded in my beliefs and more equipped to share that faith with others.

Every day, I try to serve Jesus in the way I live my life. I begin my day with prayer, thanking Him for the blessings He has given me, including the gift of life itself. I strive to show kindness and love to those around me, knowing that these are qualities Jesus exemplified in His own life. Whether it's offering a kind word to someone who needs it, taking time to reflect on my actions, or simply being grateful for the day I've been given, I see each moment as an opportunity to honor Him.

In conclusion, my faith in Jesus shapes how I live, how I treat others, and how I hope to grow in the future. Through prayer, service, and learning, I aim to continue strengthening my connection with God and serving Him in all that I do.

Maxwell Michael Stigler

Isaiah 41:10

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand.”

To me, Jesus is a savior, a protector, and a guide. He saves and forgives me of all of my sins. He protects me from all harm, and he guides me down the right path, the one to eternal life. Throughout my life, my views on my own faith have changed significantly. My parents have been extremely helpful by taking me to church and helping me understand God. They made sure that I went to Sunday school, because they know how beneficial it is. It was those trips to church as a kid that really opened my eyes to Jesus. I remember feeling confused and not really understanding many of the practices and beliefs in church up until sixth grade. Then I began to be more proactive in my faith. Suddenly I paid more attention to the sermons, and to the verses we read in the youth group. But what really got me started was acolyting. Helping with readings made it easier for me to read my own Bible at home, and being a part of the service really made me take more responsibility for my own faith. By 7th grade I read the Bible almost every night and really wanted to go to church. Learning about God and what he’s done for me, and for all of us is really important to me. Everyday I try to think about how I can best thank God for all he has done, how I can best honor his commandments and rules, and how I can best encourage others in their faith journey. I do my best to forgive others, because even though sometimes it feels like the hardest thing in the world, I know that I’m serving God. I make sure that Jesus is never kept in the back of my mind, because he belongs at the very front of it. Those are all ways that I try to serve God, but there are always opportunities for me to grow as a Christian. I feel that one of the best ways to grow as Christian is to help others nourish their own faith. God wants all of us to help each other in our faith journeys, because He knows that our faith journey never really ends. I’m confirming my faith now, but I’m still going to actively nurture my faith as much as I can throughout my life.



Children Are God's Gift: We are a noisy church. We are happy to celebrate the sounds of children during worship. You are welcome to step into the lobby with your child for a break if needed. There are also Busy Bags available in the lobby.

Pew Pads: Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor. You might make a new friend!

Budget and Annual Meetings: Members are invited to a 2025 budget listening session on Sunday, Nov. 10, and the Annual Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 17. The listening session is an opportunity for members of the congregation to ask questions and review the budget in more detail before it is presented for a vote by the congregation at the Annual Meeting. Both sessions will take place between services.

Sing for a Season: Sing with the Ascension Choir for the Advent/Christmas season. Rehearsals are from 7:15-8:15 p.m. on Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 11 (Tuesday on Nov. 26); and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Nov. 9. The choir will sing for the Advent Concert Worship services on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 15. For more information or to join, contact Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org.

New Youth Choir: We're beginning a new Youth Choir for students in grades 6-12 on Thursday, Nov. 7, 5:45-6:30. This is a short-term commitment with rehearsals in November and December. The Youth Choir will then sing for the Advent Concert Worship services on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 15, at 9:30 a.m. To sign-up, please contact Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org.

Children's Choir: Children's Choir for children in grades K-5 returns on Thursday, Nov. 7, 5 to 5:40 p.m. Children's choir will rehearse on Nov. 7, 14, 21 and Dec. 5 and 12 and will sing for the Advent Concert Worship services on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 15, at 9:30 a.m. Email Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org, to join.

Who Is My Neighbor Meeting Nov. 3: If you are interested in immigration and refugee resettlement and how to live out your faith in response, please join us on Sunday, Nov. 3, between services in the Conference Room. Contact Joan Mikecz, joanmikecz@sbcglobal.net, if you have questions. Please follow Mission Outreach on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/Ascension.ELCA.MO>.

Tutoring Revised: We have been receiving requests for help with learning English from non-members. What a wonderful chance to provide a renewed outreach opportunity! We will work with tutors and potential students to find the times that best match their schedules. Resources and guidance on how to work with the students will be provided. We are willing to work with your schedule. Please contact Shirley Wehmeier, shwehmeier@gmail.com, if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

Hawthorne Help: We are still looking for a couple of people to help first graders with basic math skills. Help is needed Monday through Friday from 11:40-12:40 a.m. Volunteers can choose one day to help or sign up to go on a regular schedule. If you can help, please contact Pastor Edwin, edwin@ascensionelca.org.

Hunger Project -- More Than Food: This 4th week of celebrating ELCA's 50 years of *Addressing World Hunger*, we share the many ways this project does more than offer a one-time provision of food. The Hunger Project teaches farmers how to grow food crops more efficiently and safely. Sanitation and food safety are integrated into the program. Clean water is a high priority for all sites receiving help. Affordable housing, employment skills and providing resources for a life of stability are all goals of this valuable ELCA project that Ascension supports through our budget. ELCA Hunger programs help us all be part of the promise of living in a just world where all are fed. If this area of ministry is something you are interested in helping with leadership, please contact Shirley Wehmeier, shwehmeier@gmail.com, for more information.

CALENDAR

Sun Oct 27

Reformation and Confirmation

8:30am Worship S

9:45am Blast

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Oct 28

10am Chosen Study HR

6pm AMEN CR

6pm Chosen Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Oct 29

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

11:00am Berdoll Visitation

1:00pm Berdoll Funeral S

2:00pm Berdoll Reception

Wed Oct 30

11:30am Staff Meeting HR

1pm Knit Wits HR

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Oct 31

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

Sat Nov 2

9am Jubilate rehearsal S

Sun Nov 3

All Saints Day

8:30am Worship S

9:45am Blast

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

12pm Private Reservation

7pm AA WH

Mon Nov 4

10am Chosen Study HR

6pm AMEN CR

6pm Chosen Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Nov 5

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Nov 6

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Nov 7

9am Young at Heart bus trip

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group HR

5pm Children's Choir MR

5:45pm Youth Choir MR

6:30pm JOLT EH

Sat Nov 9

9am Adult Choir S

12:30pm Handbells S

Sun Nov 10

CRASH Kringle Sales

8:30am Worship S

9:45am Budget Forum CR

9:45am Blast

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

6pm CRASH Service Project

7pm AA WH

Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MG	Memorial Garden
N	Narthex (Lobby)
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>

Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: _____

Time of Worship: _____

Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did God invite you here?

How can we share the life of Ascension with you?

- Newsletter: e-mail or U.S. Mail
- BLAST (ages 3-5th gr.)
- JOLT (confirmation, 6-8th gr.)
- CRASH (high school)
- Bible study (small groups)
- Choirs or other music ministries
- Serving others (local/global options)
- Starting Point class (membership)

Please place in the offering plate.



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