

# THE WITTENBERG WITNESS

The Monthly Edition of Wittenberg Lutheran Church's Newsletter

October 2023

Greetings, Wittenberg family.

Hanging in my office is a holy icon called "The Bread of Life." It is a visual depiction of Jesus' words in the Gospel of John:

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (6:35). Jesus is in a chalice, blessing the one who gazes upon the icon. The Eucharistic significance is unmistakable. In Holy Communion, we encounter Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen Lord, who continues to give his life to us as a blessing. The background of the icon is made up of two colors: the top is gold and the bottom is green. The gold symbolizes heavenly glory and the green symbolizes life.

Much like Jesus' cup of life in the icon and in Holy Communion, we, too have a cup of life. This cup is filled with the sour vinegar of our sorrows but also the sweet wine of our joys. We have to be willing to drink both if we are to move from death to life. We have to be willing to go through the darkness of grief and pain to be given new life and move forward.

We tend to think it is easier to drink our cup of life if we have more stuff, but this is not really true. Studies have shown, that after a certain level of financial stability, one's happiness is not directly proportionate to the amount of one's money. Many times the more stuff (and trying to maintain or protect our stuff) can actually cause more stress and unhappiness. Most of the times, it is the one who lives more simply and has enough to live on that is much happier than the one who is always trying to acquire more and better stuff.

Perhaps one way to illustrate this would be to look at a wine glass. You can have a cheap wine glass or the finest Waterford crystal but do they change the taste of the wine? The wine is not any better in a more expensive vessel.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus encounters a man who asks what he must do to inherit eternal life (Mark 10:17-23). Jesus' response to the man's question is to "sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven." Jesus tells the man this, because Jesus loves him; he wants the man to see that it is impossible to save oneself. The man's many possessions had possessed him and made him believe that he is able to have eternal life on his own abilities. Jesus invites the man to a total transformation of his life. It is precisely the man's possessions that hinder him from moving forward in this new life.

Jesus declares God's promise: "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! ... For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible" (Mark 10:23, 27). It is not one's possessions that secures our life but God's presence in our life through Jesus Christ. The man could have lived in the freedom of God's love, giving to those in need. He could have received what his heart truly longed for: eternal life with God. In Jesus Christ, all things are possible. Unfortunately, his many possessions hindered him from having life in Christ.

It seems to me, that in receiving and drinking the cup of Christ's life in the Eucharist, we are empowered and strengthened to drink our own cup of life with its sorrows and joys. We are able to receive what our hearts long for, which is a life with God. And the gratefulness and joy of a new life as children of God transforms us to live more simply and give more joyfully and generously.

Our offerings are a powerful witness to our commitment to Jesus Christ and an incredible testimony to what Christ has done, is doing, and will do in our life. Christ blesses our monetary gifts, not just so we can pay our bills for our operating expenses, but so we can continue to have a place where people in the community can come and experience the crucified and risen Christ in Word and Sacrament, in worship and fellowship. Our offerings also help us to be a church on the move, reaching out and into the messiness of people's lives in the community, so they can experience the kingdom of God is near and come to know the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Keith



## ELCA VISION:

*Claimed by God's grace for the sake of the world, we are a new creation through God's living word by the power of the Holy Spirit;*

*Gathered by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will live among God's faithful people, hear God's word and share Christ's supper;*

*Sent by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the world.*

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Greetings everyone. They say fall is here but it doesn't feel like fall to me! It has been nice to have some cooler temperatures. Maybe this is the global warming everyone is talking about.

The fence repair at the parsonage has been completed and it looks very good. A big thanks to Don Shealy for a job well done. Pastor Getz now has a gate that doesn't open into the flower bed!

Lloyd Roofing came last week to address the leak found in front of the vent hood in the kitchen. We've been watching it closely over the summer and have found it only puddles during a downpour. Hopefully it's fixed this time. Thanks to Mike Nichols for his help on this project.

I would like to thank the congregation for supporting the church council's recommendation to proceed with the food pantry. We have applied for the necessary county permits and after the pre-construction meeting, site preparation will begin. I'm really looking forward to this project getting off the ground. Again a big thank you to everyone who has been involved in this project over the years.

Stewardship and Finance has been working on next year's budget. With the costs of everything rising, the coming year will be a challenge financially. We will have to have faith that the Lord will provide.

Respectfully,

Ross A. Cary

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#### Food Ministries Update

For the month of August the Food Pantry served 172 patrons. The Soup Kitchen served 150 meals as well as providing bag lunches to the Food Pantry patrons. Thanks to all our many volunteers who keep these important ministries running smoothly. We still continued to receive produce from Titan Farms. We also had members of the Rotary Club volunteer in our Soup Kitchen. Blessings abound from our congregation and community!





# WLPP

## Wittenberg Lutheran Preschool Program

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September brought with it many different experiences for the preschool children, many of them were a first for some. We had the librarian come and sing with us and read to us. We started a new gymnastics program in the afternoons for our preschool and afterschool through Kelly's Gymnastics. The most exciting part of September was celebrating our grandparents! We invited them to come with their preschool grandchild to have grits for breakfast. Everyone loved the grits and the time spent together before class started.

We are excited about all the fun topics fall brings to the preschool to learn about like leaves, apples, and farming!





## Food Pantry

### Serving in the Food Pantry this month:

**Friday, October 6: Mike & Virginia Nichols**

**Saturday, October 7: Patricia Tiffner, Mike Nichols**

**Friday, October 13: Rondoll Watson, JoAnn Williams**

**Saturday, October 14: Volunteers Needed**

**Friday, October 20: Robert & Wendy Epting**

**Saturday, October 21: Debbie Reynolds, Marti Burns**

**Friday, October 27: Rondoll Watson, JoAnn Williams**

**Saturday, October 28: Larry Dasher, Henrietta Gill**

## Serving In Worship This Month:

### GREETERS:

Heather & Gerrie Gresham

### ALTAR GUILD:

Connie Kramer, Joann Wells, Virginia Nichols

### USHERS (8:30):

1..... Chris Taylor  
8..... Robert Epting  
15..... Harriet Householder  
22..... Debbie Black  
29..... Rondoll Watson

### USHERS (11:00):

Ervin Caughman, Todd Frick

### LAY READER:

Ricky Frick

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Ricky & Donice Frick

### SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING:

Robert Epting

### ACOLYTES:

1..... Liam Getz  
8..... Mary Dority  
15..... James Shealy  
22..... Jack Shealy  
29..... Shayla Bedenbaugh

### ALMSBEARER:

1..... Ansley Gresham  
8..... Cade Long  
15..... Henry Bouknight  
22..... Gary Barnes  
29..... Zane Price

### CRUCIFER:

1..... Jack Bouknight  
8..... Cooper Cannon  
15..... Jayden Banks  
22..... Wyatt Hendrix  
29..... Pierce Kirby

### ALTAR FLOWERS:

1..... By: Ricky Frick Family  
8..... By: Michael & Betsy Shealy  
15..... By: Ross & Sonya Cary  
22..... By: Patricia Tiffner  
29..... By: Jackie Frick

### BBW:

1..... Ricky & Donice Frick  
8..... Wendy Epting  
15..... Debbie Sawyer  
22..... Sally Sherman  
29..... Last Sunday Breakfast

### NURSERY:

1..... Marti Burns  
8..... Betsy Dority  
15..... Chancie Frick  
22..... Justin & Samantha Trotter  
29..... Marti Burns

### TELLERS:

1..... Andrew Hendrix, Pam Humphries  
8..... Betsy McEwen, Mike Nichols  
15..... Robin Taylor, Justin Trotter  
22..... Ashley Bouknight, Ross Cary  
29..... Greg Dority, Wendy Epting

*If for some reason you can not do the duty you were assigned, please let the church office know ASAP so a substitute can be arranged. Thank you.*

## BRYAN CENTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Wittenberg WELCA is collecting children's, men's and women's clothing, shoes, etc. from October 1 thru November 12. Please put your donations in a box or bag labeled "Bryan Center". Put them in the room off the narthex or in the Ladies Lounge in the Educational Building. Please have your donations to the church by November 12. If you have questions contact Connie Kramer at 803-532-5558.



# Parish Events & Announcements:

**Soup Kitchen:** The soup kitchen will be serving on Saturday, **OCTOBER 28** 10:30am - 12n. Please contact Jennifer Spradley or Jennifer Patrick with any questions, donations, or volunteer times.

**Virtual Sunday School:** You are invited to attend virtual Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 9:50 am via zoom. If you are interested in zooming, let us know.

**Coffee and Conversation** will take place on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. We will begin a new study on October 2 on the Feast Days of the church.

**Dorcas Quilters:** Dorcas Quilters group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00am on the 3rd floor of the educational building. You do not need prior experience with sewing nor quilting to join us.

**Lutheran Men:** The monthly Lutheran Men meeting will take place on Monday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m.

**Noisy Offering:** Noisy Offering will take place on the third Sunday of each month (October 15).

**Records and Archives Team** will meet on Thursday, October 26 at 11:00 a.m.

**First Sunday Lunch** sponsored by the Christian Education Committee will take place on Sunday, October 1.

**Handbell Practice** will take place on Sundays at 4:00 beginning October 8 up until Christmas.

**WELCA Western Fall Conference** meeting will be held at 3:00pm on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at St. James Leesville (Summit). If you would like a ride to the meeting just contact Connie Kramer, 803-532-5558.

**Worship & Music Committee** will meet on Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**Parish life** will be hosting a trip to Sky Top Orchards on Thursday, October 5th. We will meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. and leave by 8:00 a.m. on the bus to go to the orchard then have lunch on the way home. Please wear comfortable shoes for walking around, maybe a light jacket, and bring money for the orchard and lunch. If you have signed up but are not able to go please contact the church office. However, if the decision is after the church office has closed on Wednesday or the day of the trip, please contact Robin at 803-530-5244.

**The Merry Widows** will get together at the home of Dorothy Mullins, 330 Cool Water Court, Leesville, SC on October 28 at 1230 pm. Plan to attend and enjoy food, games and fellowship. Please let Dottie Mullins or Patricia Tiffner if you are attending.

On November 11th, please plan to attend and serve at the Food Pantry on Saturday from 9-12p. Part of the ladies will work at the food pantry and part of the ladies will bake cookies in the church kitchen. We plan to have lunch in Leesville and take prepared cookies to either the Saluda Nursing Center or Generations. Plan for this day to be from 9 -2ish. Hope to have big turn out for this service event. Please contact Patricia Tiffner if planning to attend.

**Taco Tuesdays:** Young adult parents are invited to Mi Rancho for food and fellowship. Pastor Keith will lead a discussion each time we gather. Our first meeting will be October 17, at 6:30. Hope to see you there! Please sign up in the fellowship hall or narthex if you plan to attend, so Mi Rancho can accommodate our crowd.

**Coming soon!** On the first Tuesday of every month, Pastor Keith will be offering an evening class, at 7:00 P.M. Class will start Tuesday, November 7th. Hope to see you there.

**The LMM Western Conference** meeting will be held Oct. 11, St. James Summit, 7:00. This is Ladies night so please bring you significant other. The menu is BBQ with sides, drinks and dessert. The cost is \$12.00 per plate. Please respond to me with a head count by Sunday evening, Oct. 8th via call or text-803-553-1888 or [email-repting35@gmail.com](mailto:repting35@gmail.com) so I can let the men at St. James know how many to prepare for. Hope to see a big crowd there! Also, please prayerfully consider serving as an officer, including President, next year.

## CIRCLE INFORMATION:

Circle	Date	Time	Place	Leader
Morning	October 4, 2023	10:00 am	Hebrews Café	Sally Sherman
IV	October 11, 2023	10:00 am	Upstairs/Church	Virginia Nichols
L	October 16, 2023	6:00 pm	Root Cellar	



Monthly Witness Reporting  
as of 8/31/2023



**Offering Report**

	August	YTD
Regular Offering	\$ 20,389	\$ 171,848
Food Pantry Offering	2,983	20,950
Total Offering to Budgeted Operations	\$ 23,371	\$ 192,798

Vision 20 + 20 Offering	320	6,400
Other Designated Offering/Income	\$ 1,111	\$ 29,812

**Expense Report**

	August	YTD
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 28,268	\$ 240,278
Actual Expenses	33,880	283,838
Budget vs. Actual - Over/(Under)	\$ (5,612)	\$ (43,560)

**Food Pantry Report**

	August	YTD
Expenses	\$ 5,293	\$ 30,063
Balance	\$ 10,303	

**Soup Kitchen Report**

Balance	\$ 6,482
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**Fund Report**

	BAL as of 08/23	BAL Last YTD	Vision 20+20 Goal
Cemetery Annuity	\$ 169,262	\$ 157,258	\$ 225,000
Endowment Fund	149,895	141,386	175,000
Vision 20+20 Fund	509,987	541,408	

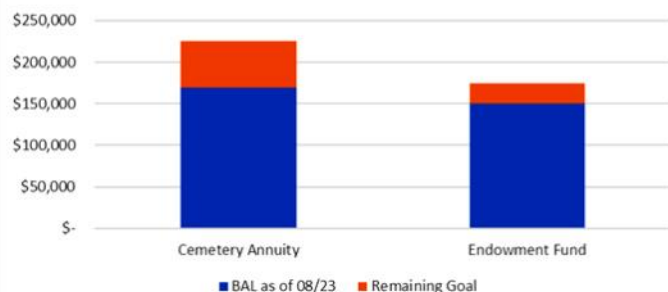
**Preschool Report**

	August	YTD
Offerings	\$ -	\$ 275
Operating Income	20,174	149,119
Expenses	15,838	128,029
Net	\$ 4,336	\$ 21,365

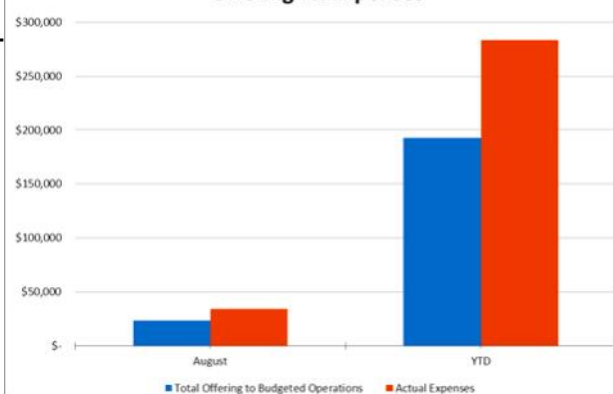
**Thank You for Your Generosity!**

Your financial gifts and your gifts of time and talent are the fuel for our ministry here at Wittenberg. Not only do you support our local congregation, but our synod, the ELCA, and the church around the world. Your gifts have global reach. Thank you for making a difference!

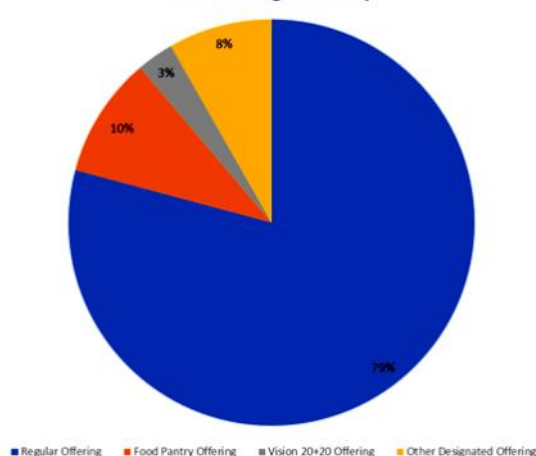
Cemetery Annuity & Endowment Fund  
Goal Progress - Vision 20+20



Offering vs. Expenses



YTD Offering Summary





Hey, Middle and High School Youth!

You are all invited to join in these activities of faith formation, fun, and service. Check it out!

October 8 - Video Game Night + Supper

October 28, 9-12 - Soup Kitchen Helpers

October 21, 3:15 pm—Feed the B-L High School Band

October 29, 5-7 - Corn Maze @ Clinton Sease Farms, Youth + KICS

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Youth Faith Formation Activities occur every week in Sunday School @ 9:50am. Confirmation Youth have a complimentary program along with this calendar of fun and service activities.

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Summer Trip Opportunities:

-[NovusWay Camps](#) (Wittenberg pays 50% registration)

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Additional detail will be published about each event as it gets closer. For now, please mark your calendars!! Update contact information [here](#) or email [wittenbergyouth@gmail.com](mailto:wittenbergyouth@gmail.com). Shareable Google Calendar link [here](#).

# WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMILY



Henry Bouknight	10/1	Brandt Shealy	10/13
Lavonia Frick	10/1	Austin Fulmer	10/14
Todd Frick	10/1	Erin Ruff	10/14
Billy Watson	10/2	Lane Bedenbaugh	10/15
Mary Cook	10/3	Brenda Shealy	10/18
Ethan Long	10/5	Patrick Swygert	10/19
James Shealy	10/6	Chris Taylor	10/19
James Caughman	10/7	Jennifer Patrick	10/20
Mona Henderson	10/8	Charlie Long	10/22
Michael Shealy	10/9	Stacy Osment	10/23
Reid Watson	10/9	Evelyn Fulmer	10/25
Nate Rogers	10/10	Julia Sawyer	10/29
Allen Rish	10/13	Tyler Wing	10/30



Larry & Rebecca Dasher	10/15
Perry & Jaime Barnes	10/19
Austin & Amber Fulmer	10/20
Allen & Terri Rish	10/20
Justin & Samantha Maroney	10/22
Chris & Robin Taylor	10/22
Walter & Denae Smith	10/27
Andy & Mary Hendrix	10/30



## LET US PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Mary Cook	Tissy Price
Helen Dasher	Mona Henderson
Marvin Epting	Steven Humphries
Diane Spradley	Freida Banks
Rondoll Watson	Debbie Reynolds

## LET US PRAY FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY:

Kiersten Ray (*friend of Jarrod Frick*)  
 Tommy Epting (*brother of Robert Epting*)  
 Charlie Clamp (*friend of Pierce Kirby*)  
 Janet Balthaser & Family (*aunt of Mona Henderson*)  
 Philip Reuther (*step-dad of Laura Getz*)  
 Wyman Clamp (*friend of Ervin & Annette Caughman*)  
 Nancy Jordan (*cousin of Pam Humphries*)  
 Matt Derrick (*son-in-law of Henrietta Gill*)  
 Natalie Derrick (*stepdaughter of Henrietta Gill*)  
 Erwin Drafall (*friend of the Guerette family*)  
 Ann Cameron (*friend of the Guerette family*)  
 Family of Mark Bedenbaugh (*friend of Debbie Reynolds*)  
 Family of Steve Smith (*friend of Debbie Reynolds*)  
 Bob Lake (*relative of Donice Frick*)  
 Randy Robertson (*relative of Donice Frick*)  
 Lewis Kay (*friend of Larry & Rebecca Dasher*)  
 Billy Cockrell (*friend of Tracy & Dawn Bedenbaugh*)  
 Cheryl Lybrand Smith (*friend of Sonya Cary*)  
 The Hill Family (*family of Rebecca Dasher*)  
 Jim Aaron (*brother-in-law of Robert & Wendy Epting*)  
 Melissa Sims (*friend of Barbie Rodgers*)  
 Family of Jimmy Holley

## ARMED FORCES:

Jon Rogers	Karl Smith
Ross Shealy	Capt. Will Cary
Elijah M. Sherman	Abigail Sherman
Eddie Rodgers	

## WE REMEMBER:

Jimmy Holley (*cousin of Rachel Young*)  
 Jim Caulder (*father of Debra McDonald*)  
 Johnnie Powell (*son-in-law of Mary Cook*)  
 Tonja Bradbury (*family of Margaret Caughman*)  
 Suzanne Mann

**If you have corrections, please email or the church office.**





## Celebrate Five Decades of Making A Joyful Noise Our Zimmer Organ Turns 50!

Way back in 1973, the people of Wittenberg determined the need for a more full sounding and powerful organ to take the music in our worship services to a new level. The expertise of Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders in Denver, North Carolina were acquired to custom create a beautiful pipe organ just for us.

Please plan to join us at the 11:00 service on Homecoming Sunday November 5th as we celebrate 50 years of making a joyful noise with our Zimmer pipe organ. You'll hear some lovely and inspirational music, have a chance to examine organ related documents and artifacts from the 1973 organ buying process, and enjoy a delicious potluck lunch in the fellowship hall after the worship service. Don't miss this historic event!

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### Congregational Meeting Minutes-September 10, 2023



Call to order by council President Ross Cary at 8:30 am

Purpose of the meeting is to vote to proceed with the site preparation and building of the food pantry.

Motion to proceed with the site preparation and building of the food pantry by Mary Ann Shealy and 2nd by Robert Epting. All in favor stated "Aye".

Ballots were handed out to the congregation and collected by ushers.

Motion to go to recess by Ricky Frick and 2nd by Debbie Black. All in favor stated "Aye".

Motion to come out of recess by Robert Epting and 2nd by Cher Davis. All in favor stated "Aye".

Motion to proceed with the site preparation and building of the food pantry by Gregory Dority and 2nd by Cher Davis. All in favor stated "Aye".

Ballots were handed out to the congregation and collected by ushers.

Motion to recess until the end of service by Cher Davis and 2nd by Rebecca Dasher. All in favor stated "Aye".

Motion to come out of recess by Cher Davis and 2nd by Larry Dasher. All in favor stated "Aye".

The counting committee counted the ballots and the results were given to the Council President Ross Cary.

Proceeding with the site preparation and the building of the food pantry passed with 59 yes, 4 no, and 1 abstention.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Cher Davis and 2nd by Larry Dasher. All in favor stated "Aye".



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### Lexington 3 Backpack Program

Thanks to everyone who donated mac and cheese cups to the Lexington District 3 backpack program. This month we'll be collecting single serve microwaveable Chef Boyardee meals.

Collection baskets are located in the narthex and commons area. Thank you for your support!

## Approved Council Meeting Minutes, September 10, 2023:

Members present: Pastor Getz, Ross Cary, Connie Kramer, Chancie Frick, Mike Nichols, Andrew Hendrix, Jarrod Frick, Brent Shealy, Wendy Epting, Gregory Dority, and Pam Humphries

Member Absent: Robin Taylor, Betsy McEwen, Justin Trotter, and Ashley Bouknight

Call to Order By President Ross Cary at 7:01 pm

Devotion-Mike Nichols "God is our refuge and strength"

Prayer Concerns

Prior Meeting Minutes - previously approved via email

Pastor's Report -submitted via email by Pastor Getz. This Sunday we went over the history of Wittenberg in confirmation class. Motion to approve the report as submitted by Wendy Epting and 2nd by Mike Nichols. All in favor stated "Aye".

Treasurer's Report –submitted via email by Brent Shealy. Motion to approve the report as submitted by Andrew Hendrix and 2nd by Jarrod Frick. All in favor stated "Aye".

Financial Secretary Report-submitted via email by Connie Kramer. Motion to approve the report as submitted by Gregory Dority and 2nd by Mike Nichols. All in favor stated "Aye".

President's Report –Ross Cary- Pastor Anderson from Pilgrim Lutheran has requested to use our church bus to go to Lutheridge on November 18th. Executive committee has concerns about the maintenance issues, liability, and policy for use of the bus? Motion to decline Pastor Anderson from Pilgrim Lutheran request to use the church bus to go to Lutheridge on November 18th by Jarrod Frick and 2nd by Wendy Epting. All in favor stated "Aye". Gregory,

Ross, and Mike will work on a church bus use policy. No workplace anniversaries. Food pantry site preparation and building vote passed during the congregational meeting this Sunday September 10, 2023. Ross will get in touch with Yarbrough Construction tomorrow. Parsonage damage fence repair has been started. We are waiting on some materials to finish the project. Motion to approve the report as submitted by Gregory Dority and 2nd by Andrew Hendrix. All

in favor stated "Aye".

AV&T- no report

Cemetery -no report

Christian Education-Ross Cary-Rally day was a success with an attendance of 48. Added a Sunday School class of 3-6 year olds. They have had attendance of 10 children in the class.

Endowment-Ross Cary -no report

Evangelism/Christian Care-Wendy Epting-no report

Mutual Ministry-Ross Cary-met last month. We will be meeting again in November.

Parish Life -Mike Nichols-apple picking will be on Oct 5th.

Preschool –Chancie Frick-The preschool will be starting gymnastics in the afternoons with Kelly's Gymnastics. There are about 14 kids participating. The preschool has 14 fulltime and 2 half day enrolled. The afterschool program has 20 full time and 1 drop in. DHEC came to check the preschool records. There are 3 forms that need to be updated. DSS issued a provisional license until the forms are updated and then they will receive the regular license.

Property –Gregory Dority and Mike Nichols- back side of playground washed out again. Gregory will work on getting it fixed. No electrical update.

Social Ministry –Wendy Epting-the food pantry served 172 families. Soup kitchen provided 150 meals. Titan farms provided produce again this month. This coming Sunday we have the volunteer appreciation cookout for all the volunteers for the feeding ministries. We will collect items for the backpack program for Lexington County District 3.

Stewardship & Finance-Ross Cary-had the first reading of the 2024 church budget. Trend of our finances is going down.

Strategic Planning-no report

Worship & Music-Andy Hendrix and Pam Humphries-no report

Youth-Jarrold Frick-youth had a service project packing boxes for the food pantry.

Motion to approve committee reports by Wendy Epting and 2nd by Andy Hendrix. All in favor stated "Aye".

Other new business: nominees for 2024 council members. Committee chairs review the 1st reading of the 2024 church budget. Plan to have the 2nd reading of the budget at the next council meeting.





Other old business: No electrical update. Cher Davis has agreed to chair the church directory committee. Jarrod would like to thank the Christian education for forming the 3-6 year old Sunday School class.

Motion to adjourn by Jarrod Frick and 2nd by Andrew Hendrix. All in favor stated "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,  
Chancie Frick

# October 2023

**EARLY SERVICE—8:30 A.M. + SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:50 A.M. + WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Apple Picking Deadline <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening <b>10:10 AM</b> Last Sunday Breakfast <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship	25 <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation <b>7:00 PM</b> Lutheran Men	26 <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	27 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	28	29 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open <b>6:30 PM</b> Merry Widows to Newberry Opera House	30 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open <b>5:00 PM</b> SCLMM Annual Shrimp Boil at Coastal Retreat Center
1 <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening <b>10:35 AM</b> BBW <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>First Sunday Lunch</b> sponsored by Christian Education Committee <b>3:00 PM</b> Blessing of the Animals 	2 <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation	3 <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	4 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Circle <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	5 <b>7:30 AM</b> Parish Life Apple Picking Trip <b>7:00 PM</b> Executive Committee	6 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open	7 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open
8 <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening <b>10:35 AM</b> BBW <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>4:00 PM</b> Handbell Practice <b>5:00 PM</b> Stewardship & Finance <b>5:00-7:00 PM</b> Youth Video Game Night <b>6:00 PM</b> Preschool <b>7:00 PM</b> Council	9 <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation 	10 <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	11 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. <b>10:00 AM</b> Circle IV <b>7:00 PM</b> LMM Western Conference <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	12 	13 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open Becky-Vacation	14
15 <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship//Noisy Offering <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening <b>10:35 AM</b> BBW <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Noisy Offering <b>3:00 PM</b> WELCA Western Fall Conference <b>4:00 PM</b> Handbell Practice <b>5:30-7:30 PM</b> Girl Scouts	16 <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation <b>6:00 PM</b> Circle L	17 <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Taco Tuesday at Mi Rancho	18 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. <b>10:00 AM</b> Dorcas Quilters <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	19 <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship & Music Meeting	20 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open	21 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry <b>3:15 PM</b> Youth Feeding the B-L High School Band
22 <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening <b>10:35 AM</b> BBW <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>4:00 PM</b> Handbell Practice	23 <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation <b>7:00 PM</b> Lutheran Men	24 <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	25 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	26 <b>11:00 AM</b> Records & Archives Committee	27 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open	28 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open <b>10:30 AM</b> Soup Kitchen/Youth Volunteers <b>12:30 PM</b> Merry Widows
29 <b>Reformation Sunday</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening <b>10:10 AM</b> Last Sunday Breakfast <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>4:00 PM</b> Handbell Practice <b>5:00-7:00 PM</b> Youth Trip to Corn Maze	30 <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation	31 <b>Happy Halloween</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting 	1 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Circle <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	2	3 LCY Hand-in-Hand Service Event Grades 6-12 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open	4 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open

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