



# Covenant *Tidings*

COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH |  
OCTOBER 2025 – VOLUME 61

## FROM THE PASTOR

You've heard me say this many times before. The world is becoming more and more un-Christian all the time. Recent events like the tragic shooting at a Catholic church and school in Minneapolis and the assassination of Charlie Kirk at a Utah college campus on September 10, remind us that the persecution of Christians and the hatred of Christian beliefs will only increase over time.

The world and the devil hate what Christians believe and confess. Many refuse to accept the Bible's teaching that God created the world in six 24-hour days and that Jesus is the only way to heaven. Even more aggravating to unbelievers are the convictions of conservative Christians on many moral issues like abortion and same-sex marriage and transgender issues. We can find example after example of the hatred and animosity directed toward Christians because of these beliefs.

In times of fear, threat, and uncertainty, the natural inclination is to run and hide. But as Christians who believe and confess what the Bible teaches, we must stand our ground. Whether it's in daily conversations with friends, neighbors and co-workers, or in our social media posts, we must hold tightly to the teachings of Scripture, the clear Word of God.

Even though there is much spiritual darkness, we, as people of God, have a hope that is not of this world. In John 16:33, Jesus says, "In this world you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world." There is darkness all around us. Those who choose to live and walk in the light will face trials and tribulations. But our Savior, Jesus Christ, has already won the victory over this present darkness.

October is Reformation month. Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther faced the threat of physical violence and even death because he took a stand against the Church of his day. He spoke out against the false teachings of the Church and helped people see the truth of God's Word – forgiveness of sins and eternal life are a gift granted by faith in Jesus Christ and not through good works. Luther refused to back down and recant his position and today we are blessed by those Reformation principles of Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone.

We, too, must have the courage and confidence of Martin Luther. We, too, must stand on the truth of God's Word. Jesus tells His disciples in Matthew 5:14, "You are the light of the world . . . Let your light shine so that others may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." We are called to stand together as lights in the darkness. May God enable us to stand firm on the truth of God's Word and defend our Christian faith.

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Steve Voigt*



## Finance Update

The Treasurer's Report dated August 31, 2025, shows a positive balance of \$36,000. We continue to receive income from Northwest Lutheran School and state grants for our Childcare Center. Thank you to our members for your generous giving. Offering income for this year is nearly identical to last year. Let's continue to put God first in all things, including our finances, and use our blessings to point others to life in Jesus.

## Official Acts

### Ushers

#### 9:30 a.m.

Keith Rosynek	Rick Winn
Everett Dassow	Bryan Meyer
Dale Meyer	Leann Meyer
Marcia Rosynek	Bob Schultz
Michael Weiss	

### Altar Guild

Sue Dettmann  
Jane Buck  
Angela Nummerdor

### Greeters

#### **October 5**

9:30am—Bob & Sue Patten

#### **October 12**

9:30am—Darlene Peters & Diana Lafford

#### **October 19**

9:30am—Rick & Jodi Winn

#### **October 26**

9:30am—Henry & Judy Weiss

## **SPECIAL GIFTS**

Adult Christian Education.....	\$20
DCF Grant .....	\$1,118
Helping Hands Food Pantry .....	\$167

## **MEMORIALS**

Larry Wachs Memorial—\$50  
Loretta Centgraf Birthday—\$50

## Thank you

Dear Covenant,

We run our schools on tight margins and rely on gifts and church support to make it all work. Thank you for the partnership and support you provide. It truly makes a difference!

Cole Braun

CEO WeTeachTruth Lutheran Education

Dear Friends at Covenant,

Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting our ministry with Lutheran Bible Translators through your financial gifts and your prayers. We are grateful to God for your partnership in mission!

Please pray for the travel and logistics around the Komba Bible dedication scheduled for the end of November. There are a lot of moving pieces!

Sincerely,

David & Valerie Federwitz

## Church Info & Staff

### **CHURCH OFFICE PHONE:**

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### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon. - Thurs.; 8:30am - 2:30pm

**PASTOR:** Steven Voigt

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**DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH:**

Karen Winefeld

**CHURCH SECRETARY:**

Alyssa Gottsacker

**FACILITY MANAGERS:**

Steve Dasher & Jim Richter

## CECC Info

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD HOURS:**

Mon. - Fri.; 6am - 6pm

**Director:** Joely Douyette



## Nominations for Mission & Ministry Council

At the Annual Voter's Meeting on  
Sunday, November 30, we will be  
electing a President, Secretary, and  
1 at-large member of the Mission &  
Ministry Council.

If you would like to be included on the  
ballot for one of these positions or would  
like more information, please speak with  
Phil Murphy, Chairman of the Nominating  
Committee (262-827-8542) or Pastor Voigt.

### Estate Planning & Will Preparation

The Lutheran High School Association of  
Greater Milwaukee is now offering help in  
developing an estate plan. Do you have an  
estate plan (a will or living trust) that specifies  
how you want your money and other assets  
distributed after your death. Only 42% of U.S.  
adults have an estate plan in place.

For a fee of \$500 you can meet with Craig  
Mellendorf of SFC Estate Coaching who will  
collect information and develop a plan for your  
estate AND then meet with an attorney to put in  
place your will or living trust. This is a fraction  
of the cost you would incur if you went directly  
to an attorney to develop your estate plan.

You worked hard for the assets you've  
accumulated. Make sure you are the one to  
determine who gets what, when, and how. You  
can even find out how to reduce or eliminate  
taxes by leaving a charitable contribution.

To get started, call Andy Locke at the LHSAGM  
(414-421-9100). If you have questions about  
the process, please speak with Pastor Steve or  
Sherry Voigt who recently completed their  
estate plan with Craig Mellendorf!



**LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
OF GREATER MILWAUKEE

## Birthdays

### October 1

Margie Valdes

### October 2

Julie Pergande

### October 3

Alyssa Gottsacker

Joe Winefeld

### October 6

Audrey Wilde

### October 8

Jacen Riley

### October 9

Brandon Smith

### October 11

Terry Engel

### October 13

Henry Weiss

### October 15

Christy Irvine

Phil Murphy

Iysyn Thao

### October 16

Alex Rasch

### October 17

Brian Maletzke

### October 19

Caleb Nummerdor

### October 24

Richard Jobe

### October 25

Ruth Baer

### October 30

CJ Conrad

Annalise Kerby

Gertrude Suckow

### October 31

Joel Johnson

Jim Keck

Dave Valdes

## Anniversaries

### October 2

Jimmy & Dawn Degnan

### October 5

Brian & Kaye Maletzke

### October 8

Ken & Diane Rasch

### October 13

Jordan & Chelsea Gonzales

### October 22

Alex & Alyssa Gottsacker

Phil & Traci Murphy

### October 26

Joel & Beverly Johnson

Mike & Kenzie Peterson

### October 28

Richard & Diana Lafford

### October 30

Ben & Kelly Winefeld

### October 31

Rick & Karen Winefeld



# October 2025

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1

8:30am  
NW Chapel  
1:30pm  
Communion  
Service &  
Fellowship  
7:30pm  
Dartball

2

10:00am  
Bible Study  
2:00pm  
St. Anne's  
Worship

3

7:30pm  
AA Meeting

4

5

8:30 Bible Study  
9:30am Worship  
10:30am  
Bible Study  
10:30am Choir  
10:30 am  
Sunday School  
1:00-2:30pm  
LifeChain

6

5:00pm  
8th grade  
Confirmation

7

8

8:30am  
NW Chapel  
7:30pm  
Dartball

9

10:00am  
Bible Study

10

7:30pm  
AA Meeting

11

3:00-8:00pm  
Bags, Beer, &  
Bites Fundraiser  
@ Journeys

**LWML Sunday**

12

8:30 Bible Study  
9:30am Worship  
10:30am  
Bible Study  
10:30am Choir  
10:30 am  
Sunday School

13

5:00pm  
8th grade  
Confirmation

14

15

8:30am  
NW Chapel  
7:30pm  
Dartball

16

10:00am  
Bible Study  
2:00pm  
St. Anne's  
Worship

17

7:30pm  
AA Meeting

18

8:30am  
LWML Fall Rally  
at Pilgrim

**18th Sunday  
After Pentecost**

19

8:30 Bible Study  
9:30am Worship  
10:30am  
Bible Study  
10:30am Choir  
10:30 am  
Sunday School

20

21

22

8:30am  
NW Chapel  
7:30pm  
Dartball

23

10:00am  
Bible Study  
6:00pm  
Trunk or Treat

24

7:30pm  
AA Meeting

25

**19th Sunday  
After Pentecost**

SWD Pastor's Conference



**Northwest Fall Break**

26

8:30 Bible Study  
9:30am Worship  
10:30am  
Bible Study  
10:30am Choir  
10:30 am  
Sunday School

27

1:30pm  
Prayer Team  
5:00pm  
8th grade  
Confirmation

28

29

7:30pm  
Dartball

30

10:00am  
Bible Study

31

7:30pm  
AA Meeting

**Reformation Day**

**Northwest Fall Break - NO SCHOOL Oct. 24 to Nov. 2**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



Donations of wrapped candy are needed for Trunk or Treat. If you are unable to shop and would like to contribute, monetary donation are greatly appreciated.

We will also need volunteers at the event to pass out candy.



**LWML ZONE 4 FALL RALLY**  
**Saturday, October 18**  
**at 9:00 a.m.**

**Pilgrim Lutheran School**  
6717 W Center St., Wauwatosa

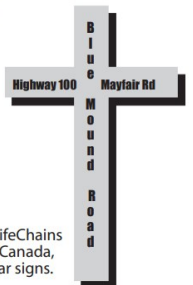
The mission speaker will be Shaun Luehring, the CEO of LUMIN Schools. Pastor Tod Shouse of Pilgrim Lutheran will lead the Bible Study.

**2025 Milwaukee Area LifeChain**  
Sunday Oct.5 2:00-3:30 p.m.

**ABORTION  
KILLS  
CHILDREN**

During the past thirty-three years over 100,000 people have stood in LifeChains in Milwaukee, Waukesha, and other Wisconsin cities. Across America, Canada, and other countries, millions of people have also held our now familiar signs.

[www.MilwaukeeLifeChain.org](http://www.MilwaukeeLifeChain.org)





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