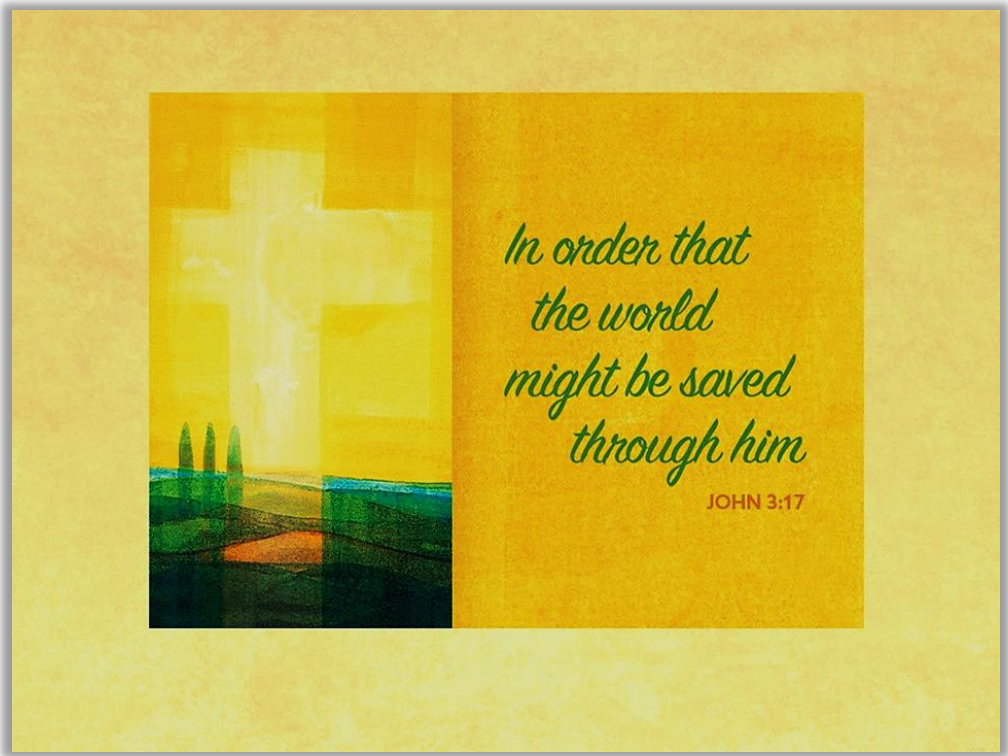


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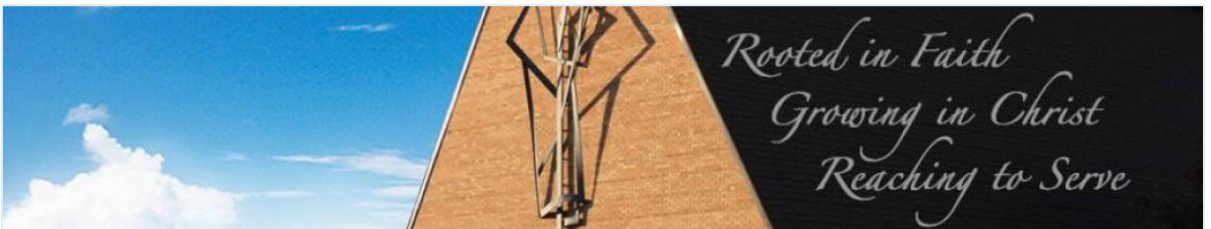
Holy Cross Sunday



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



PRELUDE

Kristen Weikum, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR HYMN, *Let the Words of My Mouth*

By Anna De Foe

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost

and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain

**CONGREGATION
SING REFRAIN**

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

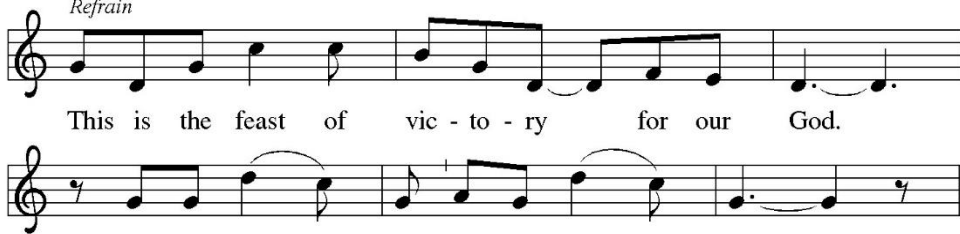
CHOIR, vs. 1

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



CONGREGATION
SING REFRAIN

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



CHOIR, vs. 2

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CONGREGATION
SING REFRAIN

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4b-9

[From Mount Hor the Israelites set out,] ^{4b} but the people became discouraged on the way. ⁵ The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶ Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹ So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 98:1-4

- ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- ² **O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- ³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Cantor Only:



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

GOSPEL: John 3:13-17. The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

There in God's Garden

ELW 342

**All sing verse 1. Women sing verse 2. Men sing verse 3. All sing verses 4,5,6.*

APOSTLES CREED

pg. 105

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

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

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world...

**Response after each petition: (Pastor or Worship Assistant) "God of grace" (All) "Receive our prayer."*

SHARING THE PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING Thank you for your continued financial support of OSLC! Whether you join us in person or online, the ministry & missions of Our Savior's depend on faithful giving. You can give the following ways:

- + online links can be found by accessing our website at <https://www.oslcmn.com/>
- + Using the QR code found here:
- + Contacting the church office to set up regular automatic giving
- + Dropping off or mailing in your offering



OFFERING PRAYER Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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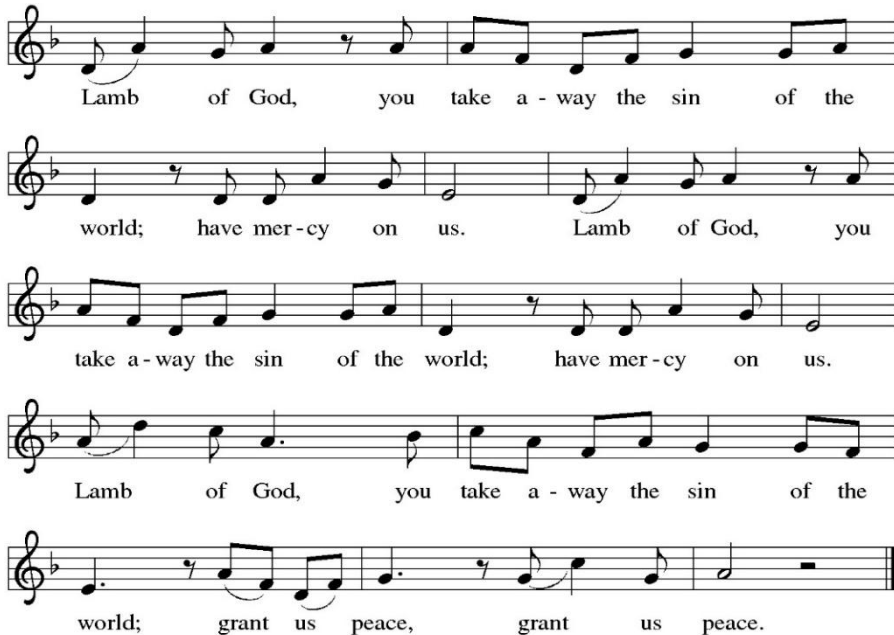
LORD'S PRAYER Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. pg. 191
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy. All are welcome.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Choir Hymn: Jesus, Hope of the World
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Deanna Light and Paul A. Tate, Text & Music, 2001, WLP

ELW 335

ELW 857

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

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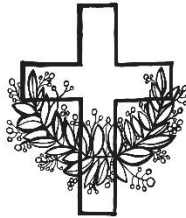
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Kristen Weikum, Organist

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WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

The recent shootings in Minneapolis have left our communities shaken. We grieve the violence, the lives harmed, and the ripple effects of fear and trauma. As faithful people, we must speak clearly: one person's violent actions do not negate the sacred worth of all people. Our call is to grieve with survivors and the families of victims, while we resist stigma, affirm the dignity of every person, and continue proclaiming that all lives are holy and beloved.

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Please pray for the families and friends of the children and adults lost in Minneapolis, and for all the children impacted by the shooting. Marge, Doug, Matthew, Bill, Mark, Dena, Jeff & family, community members with cancer: Dan, Gary, Steve, Jan. Rick & Betsy, Gordon, Ross (post-transplant surgery), Doug J, Doris, Shari, Anna, Jeanette, Aaron, Shawn, Nicole, Gayla-heart, Sarah, Brandy, Rick, Janet, Tom, Lynn M., Archer, Sharon, Mary (lung & bone cancer), Debbie (community, cancer), Leanne, Addy, Deb, Cliff, Lorraine M., Eric, Kyle, Pr. Art, Bob D, Mark O., Janet, John W., Luddy, Gerilyn, Phyllis, Wally, Tedd, Ralph, Chuck, Sue.
Pray for the family of Pr. Karen Soli at her passing.

Call Janet Heglund, the prayer chain leader @ 218-749-6143 for prayer needs.

Or Ginny Ahrlin @ 1-218-749-0056, the text prayer chain leader.

If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.

CONTACT US

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OFFICE ADMIN HOURS: CLOSED MONDAYS & HOLIDAYS.

OPEN TUESDAY- FRIDAY, 9AM - 5PM. There will be times we're away from the office doing errands, for this reason, please call ahead if you plan on coming to the church or need assistance!

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Liz will be here Tues. - Thurs. & off Fridays.

Call @ 218-780-8907 or email at lizcheney44@gmail.com

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Community Closet Challenge

Thank you for participating in our challenge, it's been helping!

We're listing affordable items in the bulletin for what works best in the Community Closet, and what is most needed for the week.

Our part of the challenge will be finding where these items are on sale & listing them in the bulletin, and your part of the challenge can be deciding what's easiest for you to donate.

The weekly **closet challenge** items will cost \$10.00 and under.

It's sandwich & soup weather!

1. HEARTY STYLE SOUPS "HEALTHY CHOICE" 15OZ (2/\$3) AT SUPER ONE, OR "GREAT VALUE" BRAND OF HEARTY SOUPS, 18OZ (\$1.52 EA) AT WALMART
2. "OSCAR MYER" COTTO SALAMI LUNCH MEAT, 1LB, AT SUPER ONE (\$2.97)
3. DELI SANDWICH CHEESE SLICES @ WALMART (\$1.97/8OZ)
4. INDIVIDUAL ROMA TOMATOES FOR SANDWICHES @ WALMART (\$.28 EA)
5. MILK 64OZ CONTAINER AT SUPER ONE (\$1.99 EA)
6. PEANUT BUTTER, PETER PAN BRAND @ SUPER ONE (\$2.22 EA)

*You're always welcome to shop at your favorite store,
and buy the food & brands you prefer if it's more convenient.
Items that are always in need, regardless of our challenge list are:*





ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 14th, 2025

WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE - OUR OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEK FOR PAINTING AND CARPET CLEANING. YOU MAY STILL CALL IF YOU NEED ANYTHING/LEAVE US A MESSAGE @ 218-741-6207

LIFT BEGINS SEPT. 17TH! All youth grades 3-12th are invited- we have a group for all ages & Confirmation. Dinner is at 6pm, Worship is at 6:30 and Groups start at 6:45. The first quarter is held at Messiah Lutheran Church. You're welcome to join us when you're able— please see Pastor Liz for more info.

***FIRST NIGHT OF LIFT IS OPEN TO ALL** Sept. 17th LIFT is for all ages as Pr. Taryn Montgomery from the synod will be here sharing the Generosity Project with us. Dinner is first at 6pm – at Messiah Lutheran. Join us for this special night for adults and children.

ADULT FORUMS RETURN! Grab a coffee and join us for our monthly Adult Forums after worship where we learn & discuss important topics all around us. Oct. 5th will be the first of the year with Tucker Nelson presenting on Habitat for Humanity of Northern St. Louis County.

PHOTO DIRECTORY Photography dates are Oct. 6, 7, 8 from 2-8PM with 12 minute timeframes for your session. There will be a table with a sign-up sheet in the narthex on Sundays to sign up. Using the QR code & directions on the bulletin inserts you may also sign up online Monday – Friday.

WELCA FALL FEST Join us Sat., Oct. 18th for our Annual Fall Festival in the Fellowship Hall. There will be quilted items, a gift item table, a Bake & Sweet Shop, Kids' Corner~and the Youth will serve a Soup Lunch!

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS Check out the bulletin board on the way to the office & pick up a card in any envelope with a small task on it. Return it to the board when you've completed your task, there's a treat in it for you!

THRIVENT CARD NEED If you are not a full member of Thrivent, you can become an Associate Member who isn't invested in their services, pay \$25, and still get the \$250 grant cards for church ministries. Ask Pastor Liz about participating in our Community Closet or Community Breakfast this way!

WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP This week's Livestream is supported by Butch and Sharon Panula in honor of his mother's, and their granddaughter's shared birthday, Thursday, Sept. 11th. Thank you! If you're interested in sponsoring Livestream and local TV Broadcast in honor of someone, or a special event (wedding anniversary, birth of children, baptism date) or in memory of a loved one who has passed, you may do so in any amount from \$25 - \$100- it keeps our system up to date. Sign-up sheet is on the kiosk.

FURNACE/PIPE PROJECT: A special **THANK YOU** to all who have responded to our furnace pipe repair project at Our Savior's. Every gift toward this project is appreciated. If you would like to give to it specifically, we have included a QR code in a box on the last page of announcements for your convenience. Alternatively, we have paper pledge sheets in the office for you. This will help secure proper funding from the bank for the remainder of the project. We also have a new display in the narthex that will have regular updates on financing for you to observe as we move forward. *A sincere thank you for your giving.*



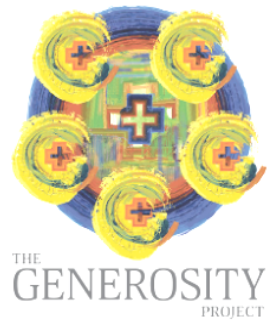
Wednesday,
September 17
6:00 - 8:00pm
Messiah Lutheran
Church

New this year - All Church Living in Faith Together!

People of all ages are invited to gather for an intentionally intergenerational evening of learning and faith formation - this includes YOU!

We hope you will join us for dinner, worship, and a time of learning together.

On Wednesday, September 17, all are invited to join us as we welcome Pastor Taryn Montgomery, NEMN Synod Minister for Discipleship and Christian Community as she introduces us to **The Generosity Project**:



"The Generosity Project is an intergenerational, household-focused approach to stewardship. Its goals are to connect generations, create centers for the faith practice of generosity, and grow in God's grace generation to generation."

Living in Faith Together, the shared faith formation program between Gethsemane, Our Savior's, and Messiah, resumes **September 17th at Messiah Lutheran Church!!**

Our Junior High youth group is now open to students in **grades 3-6!** Confirmation continues as a two year program for youth in **grades 7 & 8, with a few 9th grade students** joining us, and the Senior High youth group is for those who have **affirmed their baptisms - 12th grade!**

Registration is LIVE - even if you registered last year, we need you to fill out a registration form!

Register Here: <https://forms.gle/aHRqdEyDcBypU69w8> OR us QR code

<u>Fall L.I.F.T. Schedule</u>
September 17
September 24
October 1
October 8
October 22
October 29

L.I.F.T. Wednesday Evening Schedule
6:00-6:30pm Dinner (All are welcome!)
6:30-6:45pm Worship with Holy Communion
6:45-7:50pm Youth Group & Confirmation
7:50-8:00pm Closing and Announcements



THIS WEEK @ OSLC:

9/15 OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEK FOR PAINTING & CARPET CLEANING. 6PM BOY SCOUTS
9/16 1PM WELCA BIBLE STUDY
9/17 9AM QUILTING, 11AM FINANCE
12-3PM C.CLOSET, 4PM CHOIR
6PM FIRST LIFT! ALL AGES INVITED, DINNER WILL BE SERVED, @ MESSIAH LUTHERAN

9/18 10:30AM LSS/FIRESIDE, 12PM FUN-DUH-MENTALS
6PM CUB SCOUTS MTG

*SANCTUARY: ORGAN PRACTICE 2:30PM- MON.TUES.WED.

FREE! Community BREAKFAST
2ND SATURDAY
9:00 - 11:30AM

Community CLOSET
WEDNESDAYS
12PM - 3PM
2ND SATURDAY
9AM - 11:30AM

Coming Soon!
CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY
Please plan to be part of our New Directory!
It won't be complete without you!
Each "family" photographed receives a free 8x10 portrait AND a free directory!

Sign-up now – October is on the way!

The photographer will be here
MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6TH - 8TH
There are various times to choose from for your photo session (only takes 10-15 minutes of your time)



September Lectors

7th – Mary Troutwine
14th – Chris Culbert
21st – Jen Fredrickson
28th – Kristi Ongalo

Welca Fall FESTIVAL!

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SATURDAY, OCT. 18
9AM - 2PM

Gift & Decor Shop, Quilt Shop
Bake & Sweet Shop
Kid's Corner
Soup Lunch provided by Youth

Join us



Grab a coffee & join us for this year's Adult Forums after worship - first Sunday of the month:

Oct: Tucker Nelson, Habitat for Humanity

Nov: AEOA Services

Dec: Shelley Svatos - Advent Wreath Meaning & History

WANT TO GIVE SPECIFICALLY TO OUR HEATING & PIPE PROJECT?

We've created a new QR code to give electronically toward this project through our giving app.

It's a quick way to give & makes a big difference. Every gift helps - together, we can do this!

Check out the 'update board' in the narthex to see where we're currently at.

