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Worship Services

Sunday 10:30 am

Bible Class 9am

Contemporary & Sunday School 4:30 pm

Upcoming:

Fall Festival—October 7



Pastor's Message...

Times and Seasons—A Season of Change—A Prayer Page for October

“To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.” Eccl. 3:1

“Change and decay in all around I see...” so goes the old hymn and while it is true that all earthly matter will pass away, it is not true that decay is a necessary partner of change. Autumn is a time of change. With change in climate comes the reminder that change is a part of life—often God’s way of working his will among us. In October, we think of the positive changes in our lives and congregation, and we praise God for that change!

A BRIEF PRAYER: Almighty God, while you are changeless, we are not. Ours is a world of constant change. Especially in this time of autumn we are mindful that your world is never the same. Help us to remember that all times and seasons are in your gracious hand. All change is known to you, the changeless one, and all things work for the good to those who love you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

A HYMN

With the Lord begin thy task, Jesus will direct it; For His aid and counsel ask, Jesus will perfect it.
Every morn with Jesus rise, and when day is ended, In His name then close thine eyes; be to him commended.
If thy task be thus begun with the Savior’s blessing, Safely then thy course will run, naught thy soul distressing.
Good will follow everywhere while thou here must wander; Thou at last the joy wilt share in the mansion yonder.

THOUGHTS FROM SCRIPTURE ON THE CHANGES OF LIFE

“And he who sat upon the throne said, ‘Behold I make all things new.’ Also, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ And he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning & the end.’”

“O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.”

(Jesus said) “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

(Jesus said) “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”

A REFLECTION PRAYER ON LIFE’S CHANGES

Let us recall the changes in our individual lives as we live in this autumn season of change. Our economic and vocational changes. How our families have changed—the changing seasons of our children and parents. How within ourselves we have changed. Let us consider our changes.

When we would fight and fear life’s changes, Lord, forgetting that you guide us. Forgive us Lord! Let us recall how we as a community of faith have changed over this past year. Let us remember those who have joined and those who have left, and let us consider the hand of God in all our changes. For all the ways in which through change your grace is seen among us, we thank and praise you, Lord. And let us remember Jesus, who not only accepted change, but welcomed it when it served His Father and fought it when it maintained evil. Let us remember Jesus, who was God’s agent of change, even to the present, forgiving our sins and restoring our lives—the most holy change. Let us remember Jesus.

For your Son, our Savior—that we might ever accept his changeless love, and that we too might risk being agents of his saving change. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer! Change us, Lord! Empower us to change your world! Amen!

A CLOSING PRAYER: Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O is for October! O is for Omega! O is for omnipresent! God is the beginning, as we talked about in April; God is also the end & everything in between! Not only that, He is everywhere, all the time - omnipresent! He says, "I am with you always, even until the very end of the age!" (Matthew 28:20) That means no matter where we are or whatever we are doing God is with us! We have nothing to fear; He's got us! He has called us by name (Isaiah 43:1), we are His & He is with us! May you enjoy an outstanding October remembering that God is always with you wherever you go!

Mrs. Z

Preschool Happenings

Hello church, and happy October! We are in full swing at preschool, learning all about ourselves and one another, making friends, and having lots of fun. We're settling into our new routines together at the beginning of this school year!

Last month we focused on the theme "All About You/Healthy You." We are discovering together what it means to be part of a classroom community where everyone belongs! It's fun to learn new things about one another, and explore what we each have to offer. Focusing on healthy habits like washing hands, brushing teeth, and eating the rainbow are coming. We also get to celebrate the seasons changing from summer to fall!

Thank you so much for partnering in prayer with us as we teach, shepherd, and enjoy these little image bearers. We are so grateful for the support of this church family!

Miss Sandy



Be a light to all nations... Isaiah 49:6
With prayers, love and a shoebox we can be God's light for young ones and their families all over the world.

Last year our Grace family packed over 30 shoeboxes that found their way all over the world. The shoebox is only the beginning. With a simple box children learned about the love of God and welcome Him as their Lord and Savior.

It is that time of year again when we start to think abouts filling boxes. This year we have funds to ship 50+ shoeboxes. All we need now is to fill them with love and joy and wow stuff!!!

How you can help...

- *Pray for the children who will receive the boxes!!!
- *Bring stuff to put in a box
- *Make stuff to put in the boxes (looking for people who are willing to sew together items I have per cut)
- * write a letter or note or card to a child who will receive our shoeboxes
- *Fill your own box and bring it to church
- *Donate money to help buy stuff to fill boxes.

Thank you for helping being the gospel of Jesus and the love of God to people around the world one shoebox at a time. If you have any questions or want to get more information please let Jenny Funderburg know.



FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

4 pm - Kids Crafts, Bouncy House (weather depending)
Ping Pong, Bingo & Fun

5 pm - Community Chili Cook Off

6 pm - Community Pie Baking Contest
All entries for chili cookoff & pie contest due at 3:30

7 pm - Line Dancing

FREE EVENT! All Are Welcome!
For info, Call 360-332-6589



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Grace Budget Draft Summary	2023 Actual Jan—Aug	2023 Budget
Income	184,905	154,784
Expenses	180,682	169,488
Excess Revenue / (Shortfall)	4,222	(14,704)

Servants	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29
ACOLYTES	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden
ALTAR COMM.	Pam & Linda	Pam & Linda	Pam & Linda	Pam & Linda	Pam & Linda
SCRIPTURE READERS	Dan Persse	Joan Gregory	Gwynne Fowler Briggs	April Mouw	Sandie Miller
PIANIST	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus
ORGANIST	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson		Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson
COMM. ASST.	Dennis Wildermuth		Dick Johnson		Jon Huffman
USHERS	Dan Persse Jim Higby	Dick Johnson	Jon Huffman Jim Higby	Jay Pukaluk	Dan Persse Dick Johnson
FLOWERS		Joan G. Birthday			



A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



R G S Z M P N B T L W

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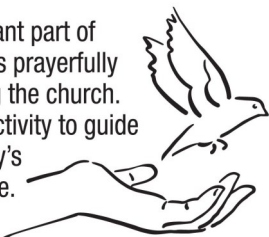
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1:3-4, NIV

MISSIONARY-MINDED PRAYER

An important part of missions is prayerfully supporting the church. Use this activity to guide your family's prayer time.



What you need:

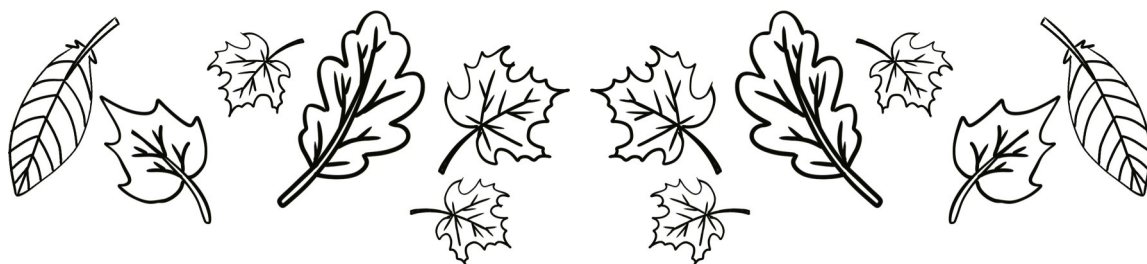
- Plastic bag (large zippered)
- Permanent marker
- Bandage
- Toy plane
- Heart-shaped drawing or toy
- Spoon
- Coin
- Hot-sauce packet




What you do:

1. Label the bag with details about the missionaries you'll be praying for (names, location, specific needs).
2. Add small prayer-prompt objects to guide your prayer time (bandage = health, plane = travel, heart = relationships, spoon = cultural connection, coin = finances, hot sauce = boldness).
3. Include other objects that will prompt prayer for missionaries' specific needs.
4. Place the bag where it will remind your family to pray regularly.

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV



October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. Communion 4:30 Contemporary & Sunday School Council Meeting	2	3	4	5	6	7 MEN'S Bible Study 8 am Fall Festival
8 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary & Sunday School Council Meeting	9 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm	10	11 jsdfknuow	12	13	14
15 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. Communion 4:30 Contemporary & S.S. Family Dinner	16 Newsletter Deadline	17	18	19	20	21 MEN'S Bible Study 8 am
22 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary & S.S.	23 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. Communion 4:30 Contemporary & S.S.	30	31				

BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Ann Johnson | 8 Joan Gregory |
| 2 Fred Hartman | 10 Kellie Faulkner |
| Ryan Thompson | 13 Gavin MacArthur |
| 3 Hannah Phelps-McDonald | 20 Kyle Thompson |
| 4 Anabelle Terris | 22 Svenna Hrutfiord |
| 5 Daizy Dehnke | 23 Lisa Berg |
| 7 James Aguirre | 24 Aubrey Matta |
| Marilyn Mitchell | 27 Linda Thompson |
| Sophia Delong | 29 Stirling MacArthur |
| | 30 Christie Rector |