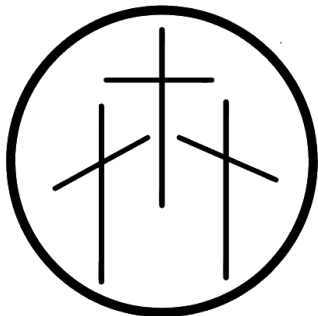


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Special Dates in October

- October 1—World Smile Day
- October 4—National Taco Day
- October 5—National Do Something Nice Day
- October 7—National Inner Beauty Day
- October 11—Native Americans' Day
- October 14—National Dessert Day
- October 21—National Apple Day
- October 26—National Pumpkin Day
- October 28—National First Responders Day
- October 30—National Candy Corn Day
- October 31—Halloween

October Birthdays

Julie Pratt	1
James Patton	2
Jerry Shake	3
Ed Bailey	8
David Butts	13
Gordon Keller	17
Jamie Shake	21
Michael Wolfe	
Jeanine Smith	23
Ashleigh Hermerding	25
Ezekiel Mislan	29
Kurt Wolfe	30

Pastor's Corner

October

This month always amazes me here in Central Indiana as the colors of the trees and bushes transform right before us. I am sure all of us love to watch the colors change on the trees as a true sign that fall is here and winter will not be far behind.

When I think of the colors like we will see this month, I get reminded of the spiritual miracle of color!

For example:

Red-the shed blood of Jesus, which actually makes us white as snow

Yellow-the Light of Christ shining in our hearts and out to the world

Orange-like the flame, the fire of the Spirit among us

Green-for God's new growth in our hearts, minds and souls

This month as we take in the "show" as I like to call it,

let God move in your heart, mind and soul and bring refreshing grace and love to your spirit. We are still in the Coronavirus wilderness and times are tough all around. Be renewed by looking out the window, by going on walks, and by being outside, and be refreshed in life. It's still a beautiful world.

Peace,
Pastor Doug

Jerry O'Neal and the Fruits of the Spirit

On October 9 Jerry O'Neal will join us on Zoom to dive into the fruits of the Spirit found in [Galatians 5:22-26](#). The Stewardship Committee will then continue with this theme throughout the month of October.

While Pastor O'Neal will be on Zoom, we will offer the ability to join us in the Fellowship Hall that morning. Please be watching your email for more details!

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GOODNESS

Readings for October 2021

Oct. 3: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

- *1st Reading:* Genesis 2:18-24
- *Psalm:* Psalm 8
- *2nd Reading:* Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
- *Gospel:* Mark 10:2-16

Oct. 17: 21st Sunday after Pentecost

- *1st Reading:* Isaiah 53:4-12
- *Psalm:* Psalm 91:9-16
- *2nd Reading:* Hebrews 5:1-10
- *Gospel:* Mark 10:35-45

*"Jesus said to the
Jews who had
believed in him, "If you
continue in my word,
you are truly my
disciples"*

John 8:31

Oct. 10: 20th Sunday after Pentecost

- *1st Reading:* Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
- *Psalm:* Psalm 90:12-17
- *2nd Reading:* Hebrews 4:12-16
- *Gospel:* Mark 10:17-31

Oct. 24: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

- *1st Reading:* Jeremiah 31:7-9
- *Psalm:* Psalm 126
- *2nd Reading:* Hebrews 7:23-28
- *Gospel:* Mark 10:46-52

Oct. 31: Reformation Day

- *1st Reading:* Jeremiah 31:31-34
- *Psalm:* Psalm 46
- *2nd Reading:* Romans 3:19-28
- *Gospel:* John 8:31-36

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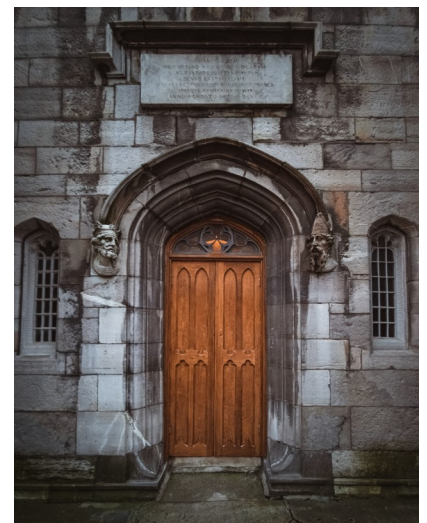
Reformation Day

Did you know that Reformation Day is October 31? This day commemorates Luther's posting of his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. This was when salvation by grace alone (Gal. 2:21) was rediscovered.

Want to learn more? Try out [THIS](#) article and [THIS](#) article.

This year, Reformation Day falls on a 5th Sunday. As we know, this is typically when we have a joint worship with Faith. Plans are ever evolving, as we know things are changing quickly in this world we live in currently.

Please, please stay up to date with emails. This will be your best source of news for all updates for what will happen on this date or any other church matters.



Fruits of the Spirit Bible Study

As a part of the fall stewardship campaign, St. Andrew's and the Stewardship Committee will be reflecting on the Fruits of the Spirit and growing in our faith and how we are called to put them into action.

Bible verses to reflect on:
Galatians 5:22-23:

The Fruits of the Spirit flow

"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things."

from God's love and His love working in and through us. We are called to put His love into action as we live out our mission to walk with our community.

Daily we are called to grow in the Lord and in our faith. The

good news is Christ has blessed us with all we need to continue to grow in our faith.

May we use this stewardship season to continue to grow in our faith as we walk daily with Christ and give thanks for our many blessings and ministry opportunities within St. Andrew's and our mission territory.

Questions to Reflect on throughout October

- ◇ What do the Fruits of the Spirit mean to you and your faith?
- ◇ How can I continue to grow in my faith?
- ◇ How has the Lord continued to bless you and your faith?
- ◇ How can I use my many talents to serve the ministry opportunities of St. Andrew's and our mission territory?
- ◇ How am I being called to put my faith into action?

- ◇ What ministry opportunities interest me?

Growing in Stewardship Opportunity

On Saturday, October 9 St. Andrew's and Faith will host Pastor Jerry O'Neal, I-K Synod's Director of Stewardship for a virtual stewardship workshop on the Fruits of the Spirit and stewardship.

Please plan to join this virtual workshop as together we continue to grow in our faith. (*An option for in person viewing will also be offered.*)

May this season of stewardship be a blessing to our daily faith walk!

In His Service,

Darren Reaman
Chair, Stewardship

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PEACE

FAITHFULNESS
GENTLENESS
SELF-CONTROL

COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Submitted by Kelli Steurer

Change is in the air! October is one of my favorite months. I love going to the pumpkin patch to choose pumpkins for our front porch. We will sometimes enjoy a corn maze (ok, maybe not since we have had the twins! Can you image?!). As we start making more drives to southern Indiana the leaves are always just beautiful. This makes the drive that much more enjoyable.

The Tech Team continues to chug along and refine our live streaming skills. It is getting easier with each passing week—or I should say we are feeling more confident each week. Our numbers are holding steady for views and clicks to watch videos.



We have started to monitor Google Analytics closer so those stats will be coming to you soon!

The Tech Team will be working with the Stewardship Committee to help bring you the Fruits of the Spirit workshop from Pastor Jerry O'Neal on October 9. It is sure to be a morning to remember for all! We hope you will plan to join us.

I want to extend my deep appreciation for Jim and Amanda who

continue to ask questions and work through tough spots with live streaming. They continue to work hard and show me so much grace. Thank you!

If you are interested in learning more about live streaming or helping with the Church Management System, we are always looking for more team members. [Please reach out to Kelli!](#)

As always, please [reach out](#) with any questions or concerns!

Happy pumpkin spice season!

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ALL ABOUT HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a celebration observed in several countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It begins the three-day observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed.

- Read more [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).
- For a free download of activities, go [HERE](#).
- For more kids activities, go [HERE](#).

Everyone is always curious about trick-or-treating times. Stay up to date by visiting [THIS website](#). Please note that these are 2020 times as of the

publication of this newsletter. They will be updated as times are confirmed. Local news stations will also have up to date times the week of Halloween as well.



THANKSGIVING REQUEST TO ASSIST THE FOOD PANTRY

While it is hard to believe, Thanksgiving is just around the corner. As most of you know we participate in the local Food Pantry. Below is information from the man in charge of the storehouse requesting help. If you would like to send a donation, please see the info below about where to send your check. **We are sending \$100.00 on behalf of the church, as we do each year.**

Thank you!
The Church Council

From Rich Hoerger

We are preparing for our November 13th Thanksgiving distribution. Most all of the items have been purchased and stockpiled in the pantry to cover 120 families. We may be a little under and will consider preparing for a few more.

"for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,"

Matthew 25:35

We are serving:

French Style Green Beans = 240 cans in inventory
Cranberry Sauce = 240 cans in inventory
Cherry Pie Mix = 120 cans in inventory
Jiffy Mix Pie Crust = 92 of 120 in inventory

Jiffy Mix Cornbread mix = 140 of 240 in inventory

Stuffing = 82 of 120 in inventory

Turkey Gravy = 240 jars in inventory

Cream of Mushroom Soup = 240 cans in inventory

We may add yams and fried onion rings after we look at pricing.

These items were purchased out of current funds. Aldi has agreed to order our turkey breasts for us. We just don't know the price because weight and buying pressures as we near Thanksgiving will determine price. They will do the best they can.

We are asking our member churches and individuals to help out with these costs as they are able. Last year the turkey breasts cost about \$2,000.00. Some breasts were donated. We would like to offset some of our spending for the other items we now have in inventory. We will be serving two boxes of food on that day, a Thanksgiving Box and a box for

the normal distribution.

Checks can be sent to:
Speedway Christian Church
5110 West 10th St.
Speedway, IN 46224
w/thanksgiving in the memo section.

Except asking for assistance with our HATCH Egg order (\$72.00 a month) we have not solicited extra help from our member churches or individuals above their normal donations.

We acknowledge that we had some generous donations at the start of Covid, and that was a big help. It allowed us to purchase extra items to put in our clients' boxes above what is given out in a normal distribution.

If you have questions, they can be directed to me.

Thanks be to God,
Rich



Insights from Mr. Roger's Neighborhood

Are we well connected?

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."
1 John 4:7

"The spiritual path is not a solo endeavor. In fact, the very notion of a self who is trying to free her/himself is a delusion. We are in it together and the company of spiritual friends helps us realize our interconnectedness." - Tara Brach

"You may say that I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one." - John Lennon

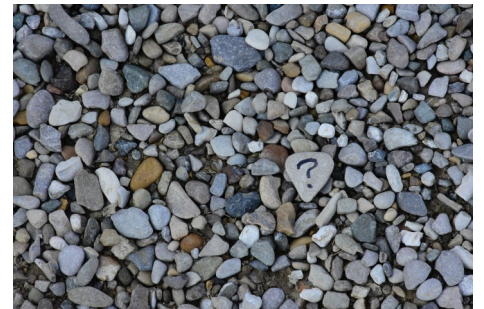
Are we aware of the conflicts that take place inside each church home, and do they become the focus rather than the power of our loving connections with each other? In recent months, there has

been discussion revolving around a variety of topics including whether to worship inside or out, whether it is safe to enter our beloved church home or not, whether we should sing or not, how we should share the peace and how long that should take place, and oh so many more ways we may not agree. Humanity has always struggled with differing opinions about what is the right way to approach anything.

After the exodus from Egypt, the freed slaves fussed and groaned about all the inconveniences that they had to endure. And in the thousands of years that have passed since those days we continue to fuss at one another and the approaches we take in handling conflicts. We are called by our Lord to offer love to one another even as we do not always agree in regards to approach.

Mr. Rogers reminded us that, *"The connections we make in the course of life—maybe that's what heaven is."*

Rather than focus on differing approaches or a need to have everything our way, we are called to focus on our loving respect for each other and the ways that we can support and encourage one another as we all attempt to grow in our relationship with our Lord. We have a powerful connection with one another and if that becomes our primary focus—we may be able to accomplish so much together and experience a bit of heaven here on earth.



What shall we choose?

FBS Returns!

Friendship Bible Study will begin their year on Tuesday, October 5 at 7pm on Zoom. Please know that volunteers are always welcomed and encouraged! Paula Cardoza and Suzy Henschen will be able to share any details and answer any questions you may have.

Clothing Closet

Pat Tumey says "Thank you" to the congregation for the donations of clothing to the Clothes Closet. At this time there is not enough space to accept any more clothing except for winter coats, especially teen sizes. Pat is very appreciative of the support from the congregation for this outreach ministry.






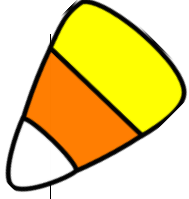
Community Thanks

MJ recently received a voicemail from a member of our community who regularly uses our recycling container outside. She said,

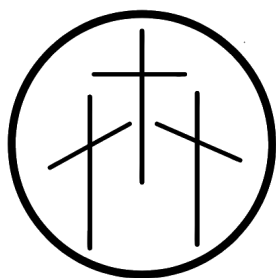
"Thank you for having for the community."

What a joy to know this benefits our Speedway community!

***Remember we are inside the 1st and 3rd and outside (weather permitting) the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Faith Food Pantry 5pm	2 
3 10am Adult Forum 11am Worship 7pm FF	4 	5 Staff 1pm Beginning Anew 6:30pm FBS 7pm	6 L&F 4:30pm Bible Study 7pm	7 Council 6:30pm	8	9 Jerry O'Neal TBD
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In person or not, share with your church as God has shared with you.



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Spirit, we share
the love of Jesus
and walk with
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