



October Beacon

Blessed autumn! We're getting back into our Bible book of the month series where we take a look at a different book each month and see what there is to learn about the story of God and God's people. And this month we look at arguably the duller title for a Bible book: Numbers. We are still in the Pentateuch – the first five books of the Bible at number 4. Numbers gets its name from an ancient Greek translation of the title of the book in the Torah, but in Hebrew, the Old Testament's original language, the book's title is translated as "In the Wilderness." Doesn't that sound more exciting? And it's more accurate to the action in Numbers, because the people Israel are still on their journey to the promised land that started back in the book of Exodus.

Numbers covers 40 years of wilderness journey, from camping in Sinai (chapters 1-10), the bulk of the journey itself (chapters 10-22) and on to the eastern side of the Jordan River valley (chapters 22-36) and ready to cross over. Only most of the original people that started the journey won't finish it. The next generation of descendants of the original Exodus story are the ones who will cross the river. Even Moses won't cross. (We'll come to that next month.)

There is a good deal of counting in Numbers which can lead one to think that this is where the book got its name. There's a census in chapter 1 and again in chapter 26, which shows how the people have grown in

number from generation to generation.

But Numbers is more than just numbers. We continue with Moses leading the journey with Aaron at his side, and we encounter stories like Balaam's talking donkey; spies bringing back grapes, manna and quails to the people and their ensuing complaints about them; Miriam and her illness; Moses' staff and serpent that when looked upon meant life and healing; and a whole host of other stories concerning how the law worked – or didn't – for various people. There's a lot of story in Numbers! Which speaks to you the most?

Remember to always keep the big picture in mind, especially with Numbers. The challenges for the people on their journey do add up in this book, and it can seem daunting as you read along. We too can face challenges that seem daunting in our lives today. But just like the people in Numbers – and the whole Bible, even – we don't face challenges alone. We have God there on the journey with us: guiding us, feeding us, and providing another way to look up and receive life and healing.

Enjoy reading Numbers and let me know what you think. In November we'll wrap up the Pentateuch and the Exodus journey in the book of Deuteronomy.

Blessings,

Pastor Rick



Please Hold in Prayer

To add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin/beacon, add them to the list in the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office. If you would like your prayer concern to be shared through our One Call Prayer Chain, please contact Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095.

We pray for healing, strength and patience for those we love going through difficult times:

Dale Kruschke

Ray Francis

Kate Powell

Wes

Alene Kumpf

Jennifer Kleparek

Elaine Golding

Laura Kropelin

Weekly:

Sunday worship at 9:30, Sunday School at 10:45 (No Sunday School 10/12th)

Thursdays at 10am: Bible Study (see Bible Study list for location)

Food Pantry:

First Monday of the Month: Food Pantry setup @ 8am

First Tuesday of the month: Food Pantry distribution @ 8am

Counters: October: Glenn, November: Christine Johnson, December: Marilyn

Council: October 14th at 7:00

Office Info: Pastor Rick: Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

Tracy: Tuesdays: 9:30-2:30, Thursdays: remote

Call, text or email any time.

Upcoming

October 11th: Chowder Sale

October 25th: Tyler's civil service project (see below for details)

October 26th: Women's Group meeting at noon

November 14-15th: Rummage Sale

Boy Scout Troop Spaghetti Dinner

On **October 15th** from 4:30-7:00, Troop 559 is having their spaghetti dinner at First United Methodist Church. It is drive-thru only – please enter from Main St. and exit onto John St. Tickets are \$12 presale and include spaghetti with homemade sauce, salad with dressing, bread and butter and a dessert. They're also selling popcorn. If you are interested in purchasing anything, please see William or Elizabeth Rizzo or Franklin Young.

Women's Group October Date

Women of the congregation! Please join us at **noon on Sunday October 26th** for our October Women's Group chitchat! A pot-luck lunch would be fun if you can bring something.

Bible Study

Trinity's Bible Study has merged in with the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study! Consider this your invitation to join, make new friends, and gain new insights into the Word and faith.

Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays. The location rotates among the NOEL churches:

-October 2nd – here at Trinity!

-October 9th – St. Peter, 1355 West Ave, Medina

-October 16th – Trinity 6369 Wolcottsville Rd, Akron

-October 23rd – Zion Lutheran 4447 Central Ave Gasport

-October 30th – St. John's 10213 Roosevelt Hwy. Lyndonville

-November 6th – here at Trinity!

Chowder

The chowder sign-up sheet is out now in the narthex! There are also flyers available to hang up in the community, and tons of ways to get involved. We definitely need your help! Baskets for the basket raffle can be put in the last Sunday School room (the one with the comfy chairs.)

Welcome!

Welcome, Tammy Johannes and Chris Johnson to our Sunday School teacher team!
We are so grateful to have you!

Civil Service Project Volunteers

Tyler Johnson is organizing a group to do some civil service work for a school project. Tyler has chosen to clean up S. Newstead rd. from Main St. to Genesee. He is asking you to sign up to help to do a small section of the road on Saturday October 25th at 10am. If enough people sign up the task won't take long! The sign-up sheet is in the narthex, and if you have any questions, please see Tyler.

SECRET PRAYER PALS REVEAL GET-TOGETHER!

LADIES: A NEW SEASON OF THE SECRET PRAYER PALS IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

After a very meaningful and FUN Reveal Get Together on Sunday 9/14 (the first 1:00pm Bills Game! Sorry) another season will be underway shortly!

The SECRET PRAYER PALS is a group of ladies who agree to pray for their secret prayer pal at least once a week! That's all that is required! Most of the participants let their pals know they are being prayed for by sending cards and/or leaving little gifts on the prayer pal table in the narthex...secretly, of course. HOWEVER, this is not required! JUST A PRAYER – ONCE A WEEK - IS YOUR ONLY REQUIREMENT!

If you wish to be a part of this wonderful fellowship, you will find SECRET PRAYER PAL FACT SHEETS on the table in the narthex. Please complete these and put them in the box by **OCTOBER 12th**! If you know of someone who would like to be a part and will not get to church by the deadlines, please take a fact sheet to them. On Approximately October 19th, you will be able to pick up the fact sheet of your pal for the new season.

I'M SURE YOU WILL FIND YOUR PARTICIPATION BENEFICIAL.
Anyone who has previously participated will agree!
If you have any questions, feel free to speak with me.
In Christian Love,
Sue Kidder



All Saints

All Saints Sunday is November 2nd this year, and it is when we honor and remember our loved ones who have died and are now with the Lord. The Ancient Requiem Prayer for the Dead reads:

“Grant them Eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine on them.”

We would like to invite you to pick up a cut-out flame (they will be out on October 19th) and write a loved one's name who now rests in the light of Christ on it and tape it to a window. You can do as many flames as you would like. On All Saints Sunday we will be surrounded by the glow from the saints in light.

We need you

Kids (1st grade and up) can be **Goldfish Assistants** during communion to remind us to be “fishers of people” as Jesus’ disciples. 3rd graders and older can **acolyte**, bringing the light of Christ into worship and then extinguishing the candles.

Adults and older kids (7th grade and up) can **read** the 1st and 2nd readings and the Psalm during worship. You can also **assist with communion** or **assist Pastor with leading worship**. Please see Pastor or Christine to express your interest for any of these opportunities.

Do you **sing** or **play an instrument**? See David Hofmeier to see how you could play music during worship or even sing. We welcome your participation and will help you find a song that's a great fit for you and for worship.

If you love to sing (or even have a mild curiosity?) – the **choir** is excited to have you! No commitment – come try it out. Can't read music? We'll train you. Can you only make some of the dates? That's OK! Check with David about the most updated rehearsal schedule.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 1st - Michal Alysworth
- 2nd - Erik Polkowski
- 3rd - Sharon Wolcott
- 4th - Anthony Cinotti
Donna Jurewicz

Henrik Avery Swendsen
Franklin and Cheri Young
6th- Julian Miller-Stubbendick
9th- Sharon Waff
10th- Cheryl Johannes
12th- Daric Brege
14th- Spencer Henley
15th- Clayton Francis
17th- Tammy Johannes
20th- Kathy Greiner
21st- Raymond Francis
22nd- Ray Francis
23rd- Bentley Jones
25th- Payton Palizay
31st- Tim Morgan

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

10th - Dale & Lois Kruschke
19th Vince & Kristine Fazio

AKRON-NEWSTEAD FOOD PANTRY

Food distribution is on the first Tuesday of each month, from 8:30-10:30am. Set up occurs on the day before each distribution starting at 8 am.

The next ones are October 7th and November 4th and 18th

The Little Free Pantry is open for anyone in need and is supported by donations of items from the community.

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