



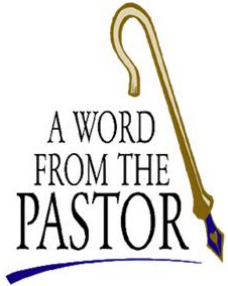
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## QUIET MUTTERING



**Reading Scripture can sometimes be confusing.** There are words

you don't normally see or hear. Sentences are written in ways that may sound strange. Not to mention that the life of people in the Bible can feel very different and far away from our own. Being confused by what we read in the Bible is okay. Only when we can acknowledge that something does not make sense can we begin to let the words of Scripture become more than a textbook, or words on a page. The Scriptures have important, life-changing things to tell us; no matter how old we are or if we know a little or a lot about the Bible.

One of the foundational words used to describe reading Scripture is to meditate or in Hebrew הָגָה (hagah). This kind of meditation is unique to our biblical heritage. It denotes the practice of quietly speaking out loud the words of Scripture to oneself. This quiet muttering is meant to be a full-bodied engagement with the words Scripture offers us. Both the mind and body are engaged in reading the very words of God himself.

Moses spoke of this kind of immersive encounter with God's words to us in Deuteronomy 11:19—"You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." The words of Scripture are meant to permeate our entire lives, soaking us in the stories and promises of God and His people.



This continual encounter with the word of God is even written into the style of poetry found throughout books like the Psalms and in narrative stories found in places like Exodus. To an English reader, the repetition may seem boring or cumbersome, but is actually there to help facilitate

the practice of hagah. As one speaks the words over and over, a funny thing begins to happen. These foreign, strange words slowly become a part of us. The longer we soak in Scripture, the more it changes us. The more it changes us, the more the story of Scripture becomes our story. ✠

**In His Grip,  
Pastor Brenden Harrell**



Oct	03	George Kennedy, Sue Busbee
Oct	07	Valerie Trenev
Oct	11	Joanna Miller
Oct	12	Jim LaBelle
Oct	24	Pastor David Wobrock
Oct	27	Danielle Tate
Oct	28	Katie Harrell



Oct	12	Todd & Julie Martin
Oct	17	Jeremy & Kristen Riley
Oct	29	Fred & Kathy Lee



**Daylight saving ends on  
November 2, 2025**

## MOWING for OCTOBER



Oct 04 – Hathaway, Mayes  
 Oct 11 – Williamson, Tate, Oliver  
 Oct 18 – Williamson, Weiting  
 Oct 25 – Riddiough, Schofield



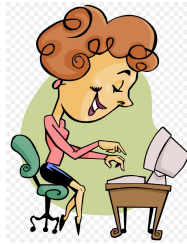
Oct 01 10:00 – 11:30- am – Sm. Grp. Bible Study  
 Oct 02 4:00 pm – Elders' Mtg.  
 Oct 04 Mowing – Hathaway, Mayes  
 Oct 05 9:00 am – SS/Bible Study  
 Oct 05 10:00 am – Comm. Svc.  
 Oct 07 3:00 – 4:30 PM – SH in Use (Shelter)  
 Oct 08 10:00 – 11:30- am – Sm. Grp. Bible Study  
 Oct 11 Mowing – Williamson, Tate, Oliver  
 Oct 12 9:00 am - SS/Bible Study  
 Oct 12 10:00 am - Worship Svc.  
 Oct 12 11:00 am – Pastor Appreciation  
 Oct 13 6:00 – 8:00 pm – Men's Group  
 Oct 14 9:30 – 11:30 am – Quilters  
 Oct 14 5:30 pm – P/S Board Mtg.  
 Oct 15 9:00 am – Oct. Ministry Availability Due  
 Oct 15 10:00 – 11:30- am – Sm. Grp. Bible Study  
 Oct 17 6:00 – 8:00 pm – Parents' Night Out  
 Oct 18 Mowing – Williamson, Weiting  
 Oct 19 9:00 am - SS/Bible Study  
 Oct 19 HONEY SUNDAY  
 Oct 19 10:00 am – Praise/Comm. Svc.  
 Oct 19 11:00 am – Council Mtg.  
 Oct 19 2:00 pm – Family Fellowship  
 Oct 20 9:00 am – Oct. Newsletter Deadline  
 Oct 22 10:00 – 11:30- am – Sm. Grp. Bible Study  
 Oct 24 5:00 – 7:00 pm – Trunk or Treat  
 Oct 25 Mowing – Riddiough, Schofield  
 Oct 26 HONEY SUNDAY  
 Oct 26 9:00 am - SS/Bible Study  
 Oct 26 10:00 am - Worship Svc.  
 Oct 27 Mowing – Atrops, LaBelle, Allred  
 Oct 29 10:00 – 11:30- am – Sm. Grp. Bible Study

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT IS BACK!

**Parents' Night Out is back** starting Friday, October 17, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM in Stahnke Hall. Please join the kids and eat, play, and get to know our preschool kids. Sign up with Lisa DiModica at 805-354-4443. The more volunteers we have, the better! Please plan to participate November 14 and December 19. ☼

## THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Thank you to my dear LCOS family for 28-



plus memorable years as your church secretary. New to Santa Maria in 1997, little did I know that the next almost three decades would be spent serving the Lord through His people at LCOS. You have been shining witnesses to me in my faith journey, and I will be

forever grateful for the time I have been allowed to spend with you. May God bless LCOS for the innumerable kindnesses showered on me throughout the years. Thank you for your many cards with personal notes, gifts, and phone calls of well wishes. You are all in my daily prayers.—Anne Sheaff. ☼

## ALTAR GUILD & FLOWER SCHEDULE



### OCTOBER

Oct 05 – Comm. Svc.  
 10:00 AM – Stephanie Clavin  
 Flowers: Jim LaBelle

Oct 12 – Worship Svc.  
 10:00 AM – Becky Zielke  
 Flowers: Jim LaBelle's birthday – Becky Zielke

Oct 19 – Praise/Comm. Svc.  
 10:00 AM – Connie Hathaway  
 Flowers: In memory of Karla Knight's and Marie Hoffmann's birthdays by Linda Sweeney

Oct 26 – Worship Svc. - Reformation  
 10:00 AM – Marianne Heuchert  
 Flowers: OPEN

## REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 26

"Truth is mightier than eloquence;  
 the spirit stronger than genius;  
 faith greater than learning."  
 —Martin Luther

## ELDER'S CORNER

(This Daily Devotion was written by Rev. Minh Chau Vo.)

*John 1:29-34 – The next day he (John the Baptist) saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who ranks before me, because He was before me.’ I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”*

**Like John, many people today wonder** about Jesus. They ask, “Who is He? Do I know Him? Is He someone I should welcome in my life?”

You may remember John, Jesus’ cousin. His mother Elizabeth was a relative of Mary’s. God sent an angel to tell Elizabeth and her husband Zechariah that she would get pregnant and have a baby boy, whom they would call John. He would grow up to be the prophet who got things ready for the coming Messiah.

But there is something very strange in the Bible. When both of them were grown up, John said about Jesus, “I didn’t know Him,” and “I would not have known Him except ...” How could John not know who Jesus was? Didn’t he hear the Christmas story?

Hard to say, but we can guess a little. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, where He lived until King Herod tried to kill Him. Then His family were refugees in Egypt for several years. When they returned, Jesus was probably about five years old. John was a little older.

The Bible says John grew up and lived in the desert. Maybe he never met Jesus. One day, in the desert, God told John to preach and baptize people with water until he met one special Man, the Son of God. He would recognize that Man when he saw the Holy Spirit descend on Him.

So John began preaching, telling people the Lord was coming soon, and they needed to get ready. Months passed. Thousands were baptized. John was still waiting. Then one day it happened. John saw an ordinary Man in dusty clothes coming through the crowd. He was no one special. But John, by the Holy Spirit, recognized Jesus as the One he was waiting for. This was the Son of God.

God had kept His promise. John saw the Holy Spirit come down to rest on Jesus. This was the One—the Son of God who would save the world.

Many people are still waiting. Your family, your neighbors—maybe even you are asking, “Who is this Jesus? Do I know Him?”

Through our human eyes, Jesus does not look like anyone special. But with the help of God’s Holy Spirit, we can see who Jesus really is. We can recognize that He is our Savior, who loved us and gave Himself to die on the cross for our sins. And three days later He rose from the dead, overcoming death and hell for us, and giving us life forever in His Name.

Because of the Holy Spirit’s help, we never need to ask Jesus, “Do I know You?” We do know Him, and He is our Savior.

THE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, give us the gift of recognition, the gift of knowing Jesus as our Savior. Amen. ✨

**...Have a blessed Fall, Todd Martin**

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## LIFE AT LOPEZ LAKE

**Family Camping** at Lopez Lake in September was enjoyed by about 35 people, including two new families. The weather cooperated for time spent in the lake paddling, swimming, and playing. The potluck was overflowing with delicious foods and conversation. Ask the kids about the crafts they made and the lessons they learned in devotion time. And the campfire time, even without a fire, was our favorite for story and joke and riddle telling. All of this is thanks to the Michael Williamson Memorial Fund. Don’t forget to ask Bill and Lori Williamson about their son. Until next year’s camping adventure... ✨

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## WE APPRECIATE OUR PASTORS

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month** and we plan to let our pastors, preschool director, and preschool administrator know how much we love and appreciate them. After service on **Sunday**

**October 12**, we will have treats and a skit put on by the elders you will not want to miss. A basket will be placed at the back of the church for cards. Come and bring you love, admiration...and laughs! ✨





## HONEY SUNDAY COMING SOON



**Honey Sundays are coming to LCOS on October 19 & 26.** The Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch was founded in 1952 to “help at-risk children and their families succeed in the name of Christ.” It is a recognized service organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Honey Sundays were formed in the 1970s “as the need for the Ranch’s services to treat traumatized children grew.” It is a way to help the Ranch fund the services they provide to children, age 10-18, who face mental health, behavioral, and trauma issues. You may place an order with Linda Sweeney or go online to: <https://dakotaranch.givingfuel.com/honey-orderform> on either of those two Sundays. ☼

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## WEDDING BELLS TO RING



*You are cordially invited to  
the wedding of  
Bonnie Jo Lange  
and  
Greg Jones  
on Saturday,  
November 8, 2025,  
11:00 am  
at  
Lutheran Church of Our Savior*

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## BWAB (formerly FIKISHA)

**“At BWAB Kenya, formerly known as Fikisha,** our community tutoring program is more than just academic support. It’s about unlocking potential.

- Overcoming learning gaps
- Building confidence in students
- Creating safe spaces for growth and mentorship
- Inspiring future Changemakers

Every tutoring session is a step toward brighter futures, stronger communities, and empowered young minds. Together, we are proving that education truly changes lives. Join us in making a difference—volunteer, support, or spread the word today!”

The above quote is from a post on Instagram about how BWAB Kenya is loving their city. Find more information about Boy With A Ball (BWAB), Kenya on Instagram at #BWABKenya or Facebook at Boy With A Ball Kenya. Check out the article at [boywithaball.com](http://boywithaball.com) and [fikisha.org](http://fikisha.org). You’ll be hearing regular updates about BWAB Kenya to strengthen our prayer and financial support of their service in Nairobi. Also, consider visiting Kenya with us in Spring of 2028. For more information, contact Paul and Lisa DiModica at 805-354-4443. ☼

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## BIBLE QUIZ



**The book of Jonah** tells the story of a prophet who ran from God, faced a storm, and learned about God’s mercy. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. Jonah told the sailors he was running from God, and they threw him overboard.
- B. The fish that swallowed Jonah washed up on the shores of Joppa.
- C. Jonah preached in Nineveh for forty days and forty nights.
- D. After the city repented, Jonah rejoiced and built an altar to the Lord.

Answer: A (See Jonah 1:9-15)

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## CHRISTIAN MINISTERS AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR

DAY	TIME	ACOLYTE	ELDERS	USHERS	LESSON READER	MEDIA	ALTAR GUILD/ FLOWERS
5 Sunday	10:00 am Comm.	Ali Mayes	Tom Heuchert Mark Hathaway	Jim LaBelle	Reese Riddiough	Diana Brown	<b>Altar:</b> Stephanie Clavin ----- <b>Flowers:</b> Jim LaBelle
12 Sunday	10:00 am	Drew Schofield	Rudy Stowell	Bill Williamson	Brent Clavin	Dennis Payne	<b>Altar:</b> Becky Zielke ----- <b>Flowers:</b> Jim LaBelle's birthday – Becky Zielke
19 Praise Sunday	10:00 am Comm.	Trevor Schofield	Todd Martin Dennis Payne	Michael Southern	Marjorie Hord	Terry Murdock	<b>Altar:</b> Connie Hathaway ----- <b>Flowers:</b> In memory of Karla Knight's and Marie Hoffmann's birthdays by Linda Sweeney
26 Sunday	Reformation Sunday 10:00 am	Elder	Art Atrops	Paul Mattson	Lisa DiModica	Ed Buchholz	<b>Altar:</b> Marianne Heuchert ----- <b>Flowers:</b> OPEN
<b>Please phone person* at right if you are unable to serve&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>		<b>ACOLYTES</b>  *Mark Hathaway 937-9675	<b>ELDERS</b>  *Dennis Payne 934-1101	<b>USHERS</b>  *Art Atrops 937-0485	<b>READERS</b>  *Todd Martin 801-3873	<b>MEDIA</b>  *Dennis Payne 934-1101	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b> Becky Zielke 598-6924  <b>FLOWERS</b> Connie Hathaway 937-9675  <b>FLOWER MINISTRY</b> Debbie Heuchert 264-4599

1. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR ANY CHANGE(s) BY TRADING WITH ANOTHER MINISTER.
2. PLEASE NOTIFY THE PERSON WHO OVERSEES YOUR ASSIGNMENT OF ANY CHANGE(s).
3. INFORM CHURCH OFFICE ONLY AFTER CHANGE(s) IS/ARE MADE TO SCHEDULE – 937-1116

THANK YOU !!

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			1 10:00 – 11:30 AM – Small Group Bible Study	2 4:00 – Elders' Mtg.	3	4 Mowing: Hathaway, Mayes
5 9:00 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:00 AM – Comm. Svc.	6	7 9:45AM – P/S Chapel (Sanct.)  3:00 – 4:30 PM – SH in Use (Shelter)	8 10:00 – 11:30 AM – Small Group Bible Study	9	10	11 Mowing: Williamson, Tate, Oliver
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