

The Vine
November 2025



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let's We Forget

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

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We are an inviting and growing Christian presence, with a passion for living and sharing Jesus Christ!

Our vision is to be a Christ-centered Community that Equips Disciples to Make Disciples!



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Board Report

A Message from your Board Chair...

Did you survive Halloween? Many of us forget this date is an important one in Church history as well. Pastor Lee reminded us of this on Sunday – Reformation Sunday!

Although our Fall season has been beautiful, the winter winds have begun to blow. Amongst other preparations you are making for winter, it's important you know what your Board has been doing. For starters, Carolyn Walker has overseen the rug borders being installed and that project is finally finished. Thanks to all that have diligently given of their time and talents to ensure it was completed properly. The Board continues to work with the Call Committee to ensure all efforts are being made to find candidates for our Senior Pastor. I can assure you that they are working diligently in that regard. Meanwhile, they ask all members to continue in prayer for God's guidance and for wisdom. As many of you know, Pastor Lee led our Service on Oct.26th and welcomed 3 new folks into baptism. It was marvelous to see all of the families and friends that showed up to encourage and celebrate those being baptized. It was so good to have him back with us and what a celebration it was. For those of you that missed it, not to fear! Pastor Lee has offered to assist over the next while by being here for one week each month. In November, he will preach Nov.9th and 16th and be available for Pastoral support throughout that week (Nov.10-15). In addition, he is leading a new Bible study beginning Nov.11th at 7pm on the Book of Ephesians. This is an amazing gift and blessing for us. We are grateful for his ongoing care and attention toward our community. I encourage those not involved in a current Bible Study to sign up and take full advantage of Lee's presence with us. Let either Bob or Judy know if you are interested in attending. If you wish Pastoral support during that week, please contact Judy directly to book a time with Pastor Lee.

Good things continue at LCOS! On November 16th, you have to come to our "Winter Warm Up" hot lunch celebration event. That morning, we will welcome new members into our community and have an opportunity to visit with them after Service over an amazing lunch. I understand Adrianna's famous cabbage rolls will be accompanied by Roast Beef on a bun and Marianne Chaykowski's perogies. I can hardly wait! There is no charge for this event but donations will be graciously accepted toward the cost.

The Roof! Once again, the 'usual suspect' requires attention; of course. I'm referring to another leak in a different section requiring repair. Fortunately, our building committee (Carolyn Walker, Ken Farn, Allan Paul and Knute Smith) caught it before it caused a major problem. Although expensive, God continues to provide as we continue to trust Him as He knows our needs. Watch for tradesmen around the building over the next few weeks.

Board Report , continued

As winter approaches, a host of quiet volunteers have been busy clearing vegetation. Janet Perchthaler, Carolyn Walker and others have provided a major effort to get things ready for winter; thanks to all that have been involved! Inside our building, **MANY** have been at work clearing, organizing, cleaning and culling materials and supplies. The classrooms are gleaming and storage areas are organized. Huge thanks to Kathy, Adrianna, Bonnie, Brian and Kari, to name just a few of those that have given quietly and freely of their time.

News! It is a pleasure for me to introduce 'Charlie'- our latest gift to Children's Church. Many of you have met her. She has assisted in the cleaning and organizing but more than that, she has graciously stepped up to assist in leading Children's Church with Isaria, Kari and Adrianna assisting. Thank you, Charlie!

Feed the Hungry continues to bless a wide group. Last month, many were unsure about the future of this important ministry. I am pleased to report the dedicated group of folks that volunteer completed another offering of food and clothing to those in need at the Chinook LRT station. Once again, God honors those that act to show love to their neighbour. This group is a tangible reminder to all that as Christ followers, action is not optional. Where do you fit in? How might you serve? I welcome all of you to consider how you might give of your time and talents?

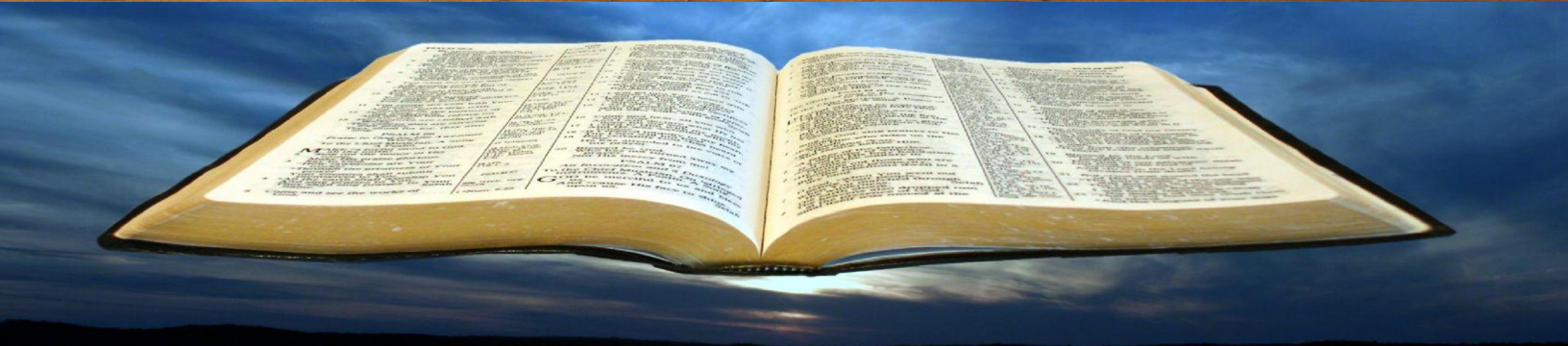
Lastly, November is Stewardship month...this is when we have historically focused on reminding members of the need to maintain our building, provide for staff and keep our mission moving forward. Each Sunday, Cliff Blumhagen (our financial secretary) and I will be highlighting this in a way that will hopefully speak to you. Feel free to reach out directly to me at any time if you have questions.

Chair – Board of Directors



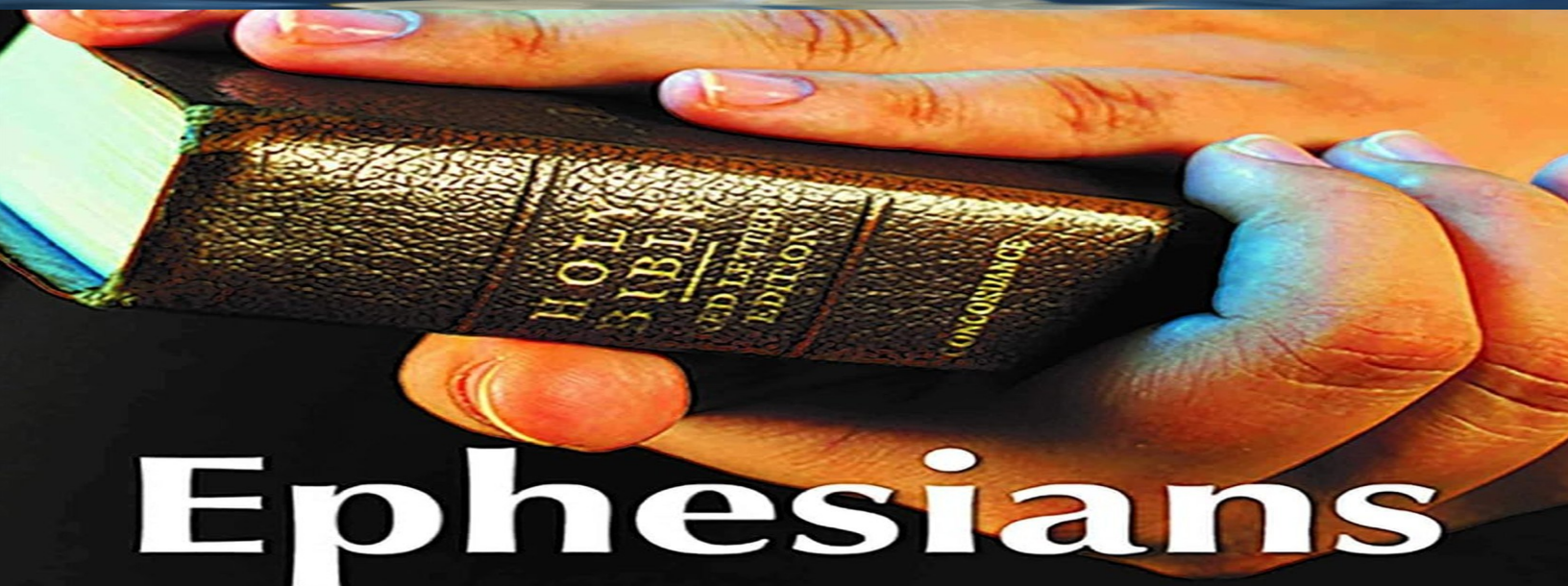
Cover to Cover Bible Study

*Thursdays @ 7:00 pm
Fireside Room*



Discovery Bible Study

**Thursday Evenings 7:00 pm
Library**



Ephesians

**BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR LEE
Tuesdays, November 11 & December 9 @ 7:00 pm**

Call Committee Report

The Call Committee continued our work on the evaluation of the 980 congregations in Minnesota that we commented on last month. The committee determined on our first evaluation step, that of the 1000+ pastors in those 980 congregations, there were 73 that we will take through a second evaluation step to get to a short list for Bishop Trish. It is our expectation that we should have at least 25 candidates.

Once we send the list of names to Bishop Trish, she must contact the appropriate Bishop in Minnesota (there are 5 Bishops) to determine whether any of the candidates have an interest in being part of our call process. The Call Committee will receive the names of those that are interested in being a candidate from Bishop Trish. The Call Committee then will conduct interviews and discussions with the candidates. The committee must determine which pastor candidates we feel fits our congregation and our beliefs. Through prayer and discernment, the committee will finally identify which candidate has been sent by God to be our shepherd at LCOS.

Please remember to continue to pray for the congregation and for the Call Committee and our deliberations for our pastor. We are convinced that God will provide an excellent candidate for LCOS if we all listen to His will.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at church or by phone at 403-975-0081 or email at gmihaichuk@me.com or any of the Call Committee members.

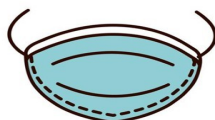
Thanks for all of your prayers and support.

Yours in Christ

Garry Mihaichuk

**It's that time of
year again, and
we are seeing
cases of Covid in
our community.**

Remember...





LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

8831 FAIRMOUNT DRIVE SE
WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00 AM
KIDS CHURCH @ 11:00 AM
(PRE-K - GRADE 7)

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!!



The Search

Asking the Big Questions
Youth Grade 8 -12

Meetings every second Thursday at 5:30 pm.

Next meeting - November 6

Currently studying the book of Hebrews.

Contact Kari Paul, Isaria Kwayu or

office2@oursaviourchurch.ca for details.



Financial Secretary Report

If you wish to contribute to the church, the following are options for giving:

Interac e-transfer:

Donations are made to email address: donate@oursaviourchurch.ca.

PAR Program Giving:

The Pre-Authorized Remittance program (PAR) gives the option to give



If you sign up by November 01, your monthly donation would begin November 20. Please contact the Financial Secretary Cliff Blumhagen (403-936-0419 or financialsecretary@oursaviourchurch.ca) to get a PAR sign up form and with any questions.

Cheque:

You can mail, bring to a church service, or drop off a cheque at the church.

Online Giving (via credit or debit card **):

Donations are made via the following secure link: <https://onrealm.org/LutheranChurchofOurSaviour/give/now>.

**NOTE: to give via debit card, the card must have a CVV code (on the back of the card). This is like the code on the back of a credit card. **

Text Giving (via credit or debit card):**

Donations are made by texting LCOSGive to 73256 followed by the donation amount.

**NOTE: to give via debit card, the card must have a CVV code (on the back of the card). This is like the code on the back of a credit card. **

Giving via online and text will go to General giving.

General giving and Designated giving can be done via Interac E-transfer, cheque, and cash.

Shares from Investments:

Shares from investments are made by transferring them from your investment account to the church investment account.

Legacy Giving:

Donations are made from your estate by gifting to the church by remembering the church in your will.

Financial Secretary Report, continued

Did you know??

If you are wondering why there is little offering in the offering plate at each service, a small percentage of total offering is given via the offering plate. Loose cash, cash, and some cheques are given via the offering plate.

The following methods and percentages of giving for September, 2025 were:

Cash: 7.3% - 18 givers

Cheques: 17.7% - 14 givers

Interac E-transfer: 51.9% - 25 givers

Loose Cash: 2.0%

Online via Realm: 2.1% - 3 givers

Pre-Authorized Remittance Program: 19.0% - 17 givers

Year To Date Financial Status – September 30, 2025:

Revenue (offering, rentals): \$227,553.14

Expenses: \$249,630.03

For a deficit of \$22,076.89



The annual stewardship program for 2026 at LCOS is 'Devoted to Generosity' and is focused on God given gifts, creation, and sharing the gospel.

The program is based on 2 Corinthians 9:7.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work"

The program will kick off on Sunday, November 2 and will be presented over a four-week period leading up to Stewardship Sunday which will be on Christ the King Sunday, November 23, 2025.

We will spend four weeks exploring the concepts and ideas of how the directive to be good stewards is expressed in our everyday lives.



ERIKA GLEISNER

MARG HALL

PAT FARN

DON SMITH



Games Group

Meets the First and Third Tuesday
of each month - 1 pm to 3 pm

Good Fun ! Good Food !

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
Contact Ruth Peterson or Eleanor Wilson

November Worship Services

Sunday, November 2 10:00 am Worship Service

Sunday, November 9 10:00 am Worship Service with Communion

Sunday, November 16 10:00 am Worship Service

Sunday, November 23 10:00 am Worship Service

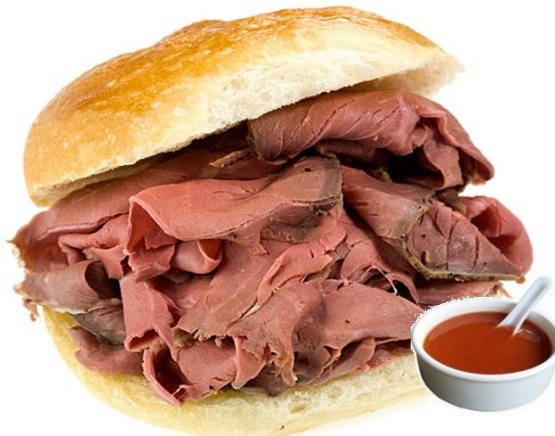
Sunday, November 30 10:00 am Worship Service with Communion

Live Stream Available

Kids Church 11:00 am

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

New Member Sunday with Pastor Lee



The Board of Directors invites you to a
WINTER WARM UP
Sunday, November 16 @ 11:00 am

Sign up sheets available in Place of Welcome

RSVP by November 9

Donations gratefully accepted



Veterans Food Drive

Each year at this time LCOS accepts food and clothing for our local veterans in need. A collection box will be available in the Place of Welcome for donations during the first few weeks of November.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest We Forget

Feed the Hungry

On the third Friday of each month a group of LCOS volunteers serves food to those in need at the Chinook Transit Station.

Volunteers meet at the church by 3:30 to load food and clothing into vehicles to take to the station.

We ask that hot food (stews, soups, casseroles) be packaged in advance in individual sealed containers. A supply of containers is available at the church.

Cold food items (fruit, snack bars, cookies, muffins) and drinks can be dropped off at the church during office hours on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am–2:00 pm and should be individually packaged.

A monthly sign up sheet for those wishing to volunteer is located in the Place of Welcome.

Along with food, clothing is accepted throughout the month, and can be dropped off in the Feed the Hungry boxes located by the east entrance of the church. These boxes are specifically labelled and we ask that items be placed in the appropriate box for ease of distribution. Clothing accepted includes hats, socks, footwear, scarves, mittens, blankets, coats and sweaters.

Questions can be directed to office2@oursaviourchurch.ca.

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Unger Family Update

Dear friends,

We haven't done the math to know how many days have passed since we last sent out an update, but a number of people have asked for one in the past week, so it seems that one is due! ;)

It is hard to believe it is already October, and yet some times it feels like we've been in this for months and months already. A friend used the phrase "time warp" for how it feels in crisis and grief, and I think that pretty much sums it up. Time is both fast and slow with our focus narrowed on adjusting to these life changes.

Nathan continues to make progress at the GF Strong rehabilitation centre, and while some gains seem huge, some seem very incremental. Living with a spinal cord injury is a lot of work and takes a lot of energy. There are some fun times and feelings of success but there are frustrations and fatigue too. Sounds a lot like "normal" life really... We are all trying to live each day faithfully with whatever is in it. Nathan with physio and skill building, and others in the family by working at their daily tasks and not giving up. There is a very real and unpredictable grief that life is no longer the same, but we are also so grateful that life continues.

If all goes the way they predict at the rehab centre, Nathan will be discharged on Nov 12 and return with us to Salmon Arm. There the "real rehab" (as some have put it) will begin as we find a new "normal" and pick up the threads that were disrupted Aug 17. We appreciate your continued prayers for Nathan's recovery and healing, and we ask you to pray for us too as we prepare the house for Nathan's return and continue to process all the emotions that can catch us unaware.

Under grace,

Paul and Cathy and family



Everyone is welcome to join us
as we make simple Advent corsages
on Saturday morning, November 29.
We'll be meeting in the library at the
church between 9:30 & 10:00 am.
Come enjoy coffee, snacks and
wonderful fellowship.

Questions can be directed to:

Karen 403-271-1472 or Marg 403-256-4786

Ladies Annual Potluck Dinner

Monday, December 8

6:00 pm



Bring your favourite dish and enjoy...

Delicious Food

Wonderful Fellowship

Lots of Laughs

And...sign up for your 2026 Prayer Sister

Watch for sign up sheets in November

What's Been Happening at LCOS



Celebrating the Baptisms of Joy & Peter Demens and Charlie Batty



Library News

It wasn't that long ago that we had Thanksgiving on our minds. We took time to thank God for the many gifts He's given us: our families and friends, enough food to eat, and a safe place to sleep. It's easy to give thanks in a prayer; a silent "Thank you" between you and God.

Sometimes it's harder to thank someone for a gift in person, especially if you don't know who the giver is. The gift of the alphabet, as we know it today, is one given to us from various ancient peoples over the course of centuries, whose names we will never know. It's absolutely amazing the amount of literature that has been produced, and continues to be produced, with only 26 letters!

The gift of literacy is one that we need to thank our educators and parents for. Without their patience, assistance and diligence we would be hard-pressed to appreciate God's words and the thoughts of His people. Their works inspire us, provoke us to think more deeply about our relationship with God, encourage us to become better servants to our Lord and His people, and do so much more. I encourage you to browse through the library, search among its shelves, and discover a hidden gem, a gift, a source of comfort or inspiration. I hope that, whatever you find, you appreciate the gift and send a little prayer of thanks to God for the giver who placed that book into your hands.

With happy hearts and book-filled arms,

Carolynne Walker



Time Capsule

Article for Nov 2025 Vine, continued from October



In September 1927, Mary Macleod (right side) unveiled the cairn at Blackfoot Crossing 50 years after Treaty 7 was signed. Left to right daughters Jean Montgomerie-Bell, twins Roma Sharp & Mary Townshend, Helen Cross.

Macleod Trail on the west side of Acadia was part of the old wagon road from Fort Benton, Montana to Fort Macleod, Calgary and Edmonton. It was the main route for supplies before the CP railway arrived in Calgary in 1883.

NWMP troops reached Fort Whoop-Up October 8, 1874. Macleod offered to buy it from David Akers for \$10,000 but he asked \$25,000. They continued to the site chosen for Fort Macleod by October 13, 1874 and built the fort on Gallagher's Island on the Oldman River.

The exact date in 1875 that about 60 men of F Troop from Fort Macleod crossed the Bow River to start another fort was not recorded and most of their names are unknown. George King was the first to set foot on the future location of Fort Calgary west of the Elbow River. He became the postmaster in 1885 and lived in Calgary the rest of his life.

Some published sources give a date of August 25. Fort Calgary was built in the fall of 1875 in about six weeks by I. G. Baker employees who brought building supplies from Fort Benton. NWMP men built the palisade of vertical logs set in trenches three feet (1 metre) deep. They lived in tents and then dugouts as the weather turned cold.

Superintendent Brisebois tried to name the fort after himself. He took the barrack cook stove into his own quarters. Three men went to Fort Macleod to report their grievances. In January

Time Capsule, continued

1876, Macleod and Irvine arrived with back pay for the detachment. The post was officially named Fort Calgary on April 5, 1876. James was visiting relatives near Calgary House in Scotland before he joined the NWMP. Brisebois resigned from the NWMP in August 1876.

James became a Stipendiary Magistrate in the Bow River Judicial District on January 1, 1876. He was appointed the second Commissioner after French resigned in July. Swan River barracks was abandoned and the staff troop was moved to Fort Macleod.

James arrived in Fort Garry July 28, 1876, the day of the wedding and left by evening on a tour of his territory. Mary went east to stay with the Macleod family in Ontario. The newlyweds didn't meet again until the spring of 1877.

Mary met James in Chicago. They travelled with his men to Fort Pelly (Saskatchewan) for the first NW Council by train, stage coach, bobsled and dog team. Slept in tents. A year later, the driver of her honeymoon sleight was hanged for murder! Pg 24, Red Serge Wives.

Mary and James travelled west with some new recruits on a steam boat on the Missouri River to Fort Benton and by wagon and horse back to Fort Macleod. On the boat, she met the stewardess Ann Sanders "Auntie" who became an important part of the Macleod household. "Me and Miz Macleod were the first white ladies in this part of the country." Braehead, pg 157. Auntie operated her own businesses in Pincher Creek, Alberta after the Macleod family moved.

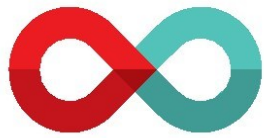
NWMP wives Mary Macleod, Julia Winder, Julia Shurtliff camped three weeks at Blackfoot Crossing (near Gleichen, Alberta) in September 1877 before signing Treaty 7. They were afraid when there was a thunderstorm and everyone crowded into the council tent for shelter. They wore their best summer dresses and had tea with John McDougall's sister Elizabeth Hardisty, sister-in-law Annie McDougall and missionary teacher Elizabeth Barrett while the men had discussions about the treaty.

James and Mary's first home in Fort Macleod had been the officers' mess. Rain oozed through the mud roof and formed a stream across the floor. James said it was an old buffalo track. "Ours may be the only home in Canada that has one!" Fort Macleod was relocated to higher ground in 1884. Several well-known Alberta pioneers lost their original homes built too close to rivers.

Helen Rothney Macleod, the future Mrs. A. E. Cross, was born in February 1878 attended by the NWMP surgeon Dr. Nevitt. Mary's second child called Norman Torquil Macleod was born January 1, 1880. His arrival was announced during the NWMP ball on New Year's Eve.

An Indian called Bad Boy used to annoy Mary. One day James found him in the house sitting at Mary's feet and playing with his revolver while she sewed. James sent Jerry Potts (scout and interpreter) to give Bad Boy a good talking to. Pg 28, Red Serge Wives.

Submitted by Alice Rodier



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Acadia Recreation Complex

**240- 90th Ave SE
Rose Hall**

Thursday, November 13

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Saturday, November 22

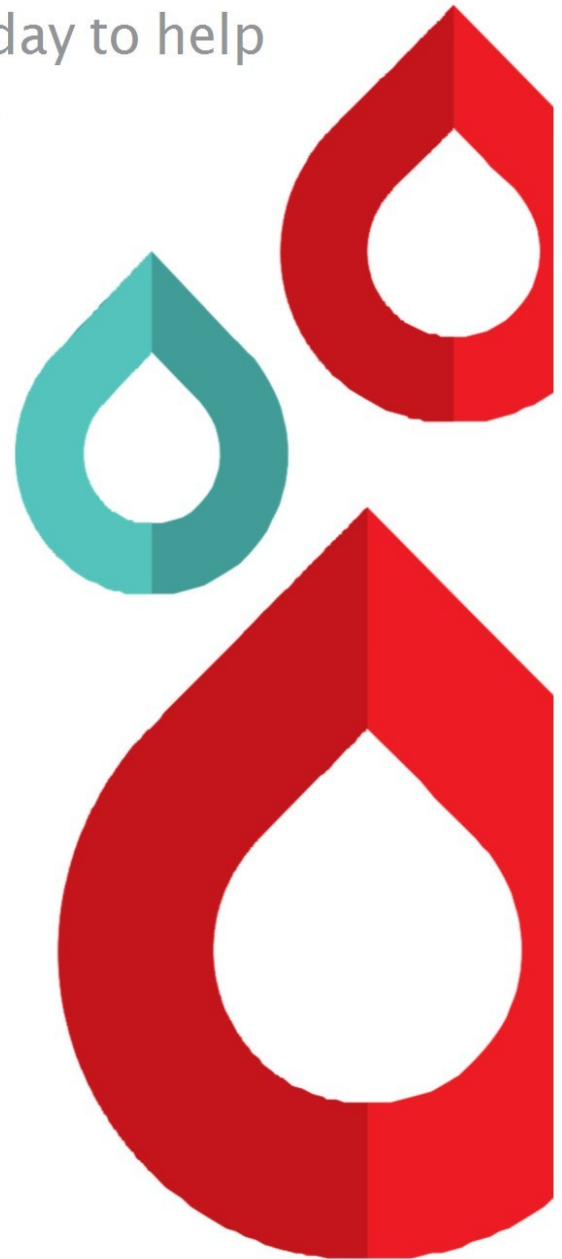
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Saturday, November 29 9:00 AM - 3:00

Donor Event - Donors Needed

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Bishop's Message



November 2025

We are called!

Churches will be decked out in red at the end of October as we celebrate our Reformation roots and then in white as we remember the saints, the beloved family of God that has come before us and continues today through us!

As I have travelled to visit congregations across our Synod – I see you! I see the diverse and faithful ways you are being hope in this world. Tiny Sunday School classes, clothing and nutritious meals for people in need, people caring for one another, lay leaders providing word and worship, so much diversity and creativity is your gift! This work, this ministry, is so important – you are living your call!

Rev Kevin Vandiver of Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Washington, D.C. in his recent sermon at the installation of the new ELCA Presiding Bishop, Rev. Yehiel Curry, preached into this time of the world. From Luke 4:16-30 he led us joyfully to understand Jesus' "mission statement" (*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...*), but then Vandiver pointed out that the response to this great news was the people driving Jesus out to a cliff! That edge of the cliff, the precipice, Vandiver explained, is the crisis all Christians face as we meet the world with the too-good news of Jesus. The life of God's people is not easy.

Reformation too, reminds us of the pain and trials of change, of lives lost in proclaiming the gospel. All Saints illuminates the heritage of faithful people on whose shoulders we lean and it calls us to stay the course for those who will follow.

And so, the call remains – to each of us to continue in our baptismal covenant (or to anticipate our baptism!) sharing God's purpose in a world that seems to be edging closer to the precipice. Remember, God is persistent and faithful to all the promises given. We need not be afraid. We need to simply continue as best we can.

Blessings as you gather, worship, pray, resist, get up again, share joy, enact justice – as you continue in transformative ministry and upholding the family of God. You are not alone and you are much appreciated in this church.

Blessings,

Bishop Irish

November

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