

# October Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- **October 4** - Outside Worship and Pet Blessings  
\*Weather Permitting\*
- **October 4** - Council Meeting after service
- **October 7** - 6:30 - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class
- **October 14** - 6:30 - 8:00 pm Confirmation Class
- **October 21** - Confirmation Refearsal
- **October 25** - Reformation/Confirmation Sunday



# October 2026



## Birthdays

Kaitlyn Griffith - 1  
Drew Larsen - 1  
Sarah Lutgen - 3  
Sadie Six - 3  
Thomas Thuesen - 3  
Jeffrey Schmidt - 4  
Roy Stefan - 4  
Seth Wibben - 5  
Melissa Johannsen - 6  
Matthew Reinicke - 7  
Andrea Sherwood - 7  
Jamison Moser - 8  
Royer Nank - 8  
Susan Sherwood - 10  
Kelley Knutson - 13  
Audrey Bakker - 20  
Janice Sloth - 21  
Todd Valentine - 21  
Anna Frahm - 22  
Matt Ohrt - 22  
Jim Loger - 23  
Jordann Van Wechel - 24  
Brandi Nielsen - 28  
Stephanie Schmidt - 26  
Wanda Nielsen - 28  
Michael Asche - 30  
Cooper Dall - 30

## Anniversaries

Jeff & Cathy Intlekofer - 1  
Kelly & Tonya Nicholson - 1  
Rick & Lisa Dumler - 5  
Larry & Carol Dufel - 10  
Bret & Dena Larsen - 11  
Larry & Jolene Depping - 13  
Dominic & Kristine Cipressi - 14  
Chris & Kellie Shoemaker - 16  
Travis & Angela Wibben - 18  
Mark & Marin Faust - 23

## Prayer List

- Jim Loger
  - recuperating at home
- Deana Peters  
(SIL of Jana and Cory Hermann)
  - Breast Cancer Treatment
- Angie Wibben
  - recovering from surgery

These names were received by the church from the individual or their family and have consented to have their names released to the Fredsville congregation. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office (319-989-2065) to be included in our weekly prayers or contact Pastor Lee.

## Pastoral Pondering .... Taking Faith Home

How do we keep our kids engaged in their faith journey? That is an on-going question for many families in the church across the country and around the world. We want to pass on meaningful relationship with God and practices that will encourage and inspire the next generation to live with the love of Jesus wherever they may go. I think one of the best ways we can do this is by modeling faith practices, making conversations and questions about the Bible and God a part of our life together.

Each month we list the scripture passages for each Sunday in the newsletter. Maybe you could read one of these together each day as a way to get ready for worship. You might use the prayer provided as a way to pray together. At worship I have enjoyed seeing parents and children sing and read lessons together, serving communion together. When we can invite kids to participate and take on new roles in worship and the faith community this builds up confidence and encourages spiritual growth.

Another way I've been thinking about engaging faith is asking how are we carrying the conversation home with us? How are we connecting Sunday to Monday and into our everyday lives? On Sundays you might see our Confirmation students filling out their Worship Notes. The goal is to help students think about what they hear and do in worship more deeply. Here are the questions I ask them to consider.

- What main theme did you hear in worship readings / sermon / music today?
- What did you hear as hopeful?
- What was your favorite part of worship?
- What question(s) do you have about the sermon/service?
- What will you pray about this week?

These might be a way to extend the conversation beyond worship and carry it home. One of the challenges we have is talking about our faith. We need to find ways to normalize faith conversations in our family to become more comfortable. It is good to have questions and not settle for easy answers. Curiosity is a spiritual gift that needs to be encouraged. When someone has a question it is okay to say, I don't know. But let's write this down and ask the pastor. I enjoy when people have questions. We can invite and encourage youth to participate in the work of the church in and for the community, by working with a committee, serve a funeral meal, and more.

As a faith community it will continue to be important to support one another on this journey of faith. Take time to read scripture and when possible read and discuss it with others. Take the opportunity to pray in times of personal devotion. When you have the opportunity to pray with and for others it is a privilege. Find ways to serve and invite others to learn and serve with you. Together we can build one another up in the body of Christ from generation to generation.

*May the Peace of Christ be with you always...*

*Pastor Lee*

## Q & A

by Sue Green

### Confirmation Students - 2026

October 2026

*On Sunday, October 25, Cooper Bakker, Cashton Dall, Nora Hines, and Ellie Opoien will be confirmed at Fredsville Lutheran Church. I thought that you would enjoy learning more about these students. Besides finding out who are their parents, what grade they are in and where they go to school, I also asked them to share with me their favorite confirmation memory, how they plan to stay involved at Fredsville and what their Confirmation Bible verse is.*



Cooper Bakker is the son of Jarrod and Shari Bakker. He is a freshman at Dike-New Hartford High School. Cooper's favorite confirmation memory is playing The Game\* at the end of each confirmation session. Cooper plans to stay involved at Fredsville by attending the Sunday Worship and the Special Services more often.

Cooper's Confirmation Bible verse is Philippians 4:13.

**"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."**

Cashton Dall is the son of Doug Dall and Kimber Dall. He is a freshman at Dike-New Hartford High School. Cashton's favorite confirmation memory is the night that they had their class in the sanctuary. Cashton plans to stay involved at Fredsville by starting to go to church regularly on Sunday mornings (once going to rodeos on the weekends is over, which is in another year.)



Cashton's Confirmation Bible verse is 2 Timothy 2: 3-4.  
**"Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer."**



Nora Hines is the daughter of Jason and Beth Hines. She is a freshman at Dike-New Hartford High School. Nora's favorite confirmation memory is being with Ellie Opoien and laughing. Nora plans to stay active at Fredsville by helping her little sister, Paisley, with her confirmation homework.

Nora's Confirmation Bible verse is Proverbs 17:17.

**"A friend loves at all times, and kinsfolk are born to share adversity."**

Ellie Opoien is the daughter of Charlotte Hansen and Matt Opoien. She is a freshman at Dike-New Hartford High School. Ellie's favorite confirmation memory is having fun and laughing with the other confirmation students. Ellie plans to stay active at Fredsville by attending church more often. And, when Ellie attends church, she is going to enjoy being there.



Ellie's Confirmation Bible verse is Philippians 4:13.

**"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."**

\* "The Game" at Confirmation is a review game. Each night of Confirmation, after the students have invested time in fellowship and learning, it is time to review. "The Game" gets the students on their feet and excited to review the material that they have covered in class that night and all previous nights. Students select teams then stand at the raised quilting tables at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Each team is given small slips of paper and pens to write their answers on. Each team selects one "runner". When Pastor Lee asks a question, they must work together to come up with the answer, write it down and then be the first to run their answer to Pastor Lee. If the answer is correct the team gets a point. If it is wrong, they have to run back to the table and try to get the correct answer. Each team can only run one answer at a time to Pastor Lee. The game is played until it is time to leave for the evening. Sometimes there is a "bonus question" that can change the outcome of the game. For that question Pastor Lee backs up even further away and asks something harder. The goal is to win the Confirmation Cup (which is a trophy filled with candy.) The team that wins gets to run forward as Pastor Lee empties the cup on the table or throws the candy in the air for all to enjoy. Pastor Lee really smiles on the nights when the teams tie and everyone gets candy.

*May God's blessings be upon Cooper, Cashton, Nora and Ellie as they grow in their relationship with God. Confirmation is not to be considered their "graduation from church" but "the beginning of their adult faith journey."*

# BABY ANNOUNCEMENT



With joy, we welcome Korby Karlie Nank, born on June 7, 2026,  
to Alex and Sarah Nank

## **Fredsville Endowment Committee Fall Grants**

The Fredsville Endowment fund has money left over from the spring distribution. If anyone has a favorite charity that they would like to champion please work with that charity and have them submit an application form. The due date for those applications is 1 October but we will allow a grace period to the 15th of October.

Grant applications are available with the church secretary and the Fredsville website.



## **Pillowcase Dress Update**

The ladies have been hard at work making pillowcase dress for Little Dresses for Africa. This fall they made 145 dresses!

If you are interesting in helping with the making of dresses they meet every second Tuesday of the month from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm.





### **God's Work, Our Hands local opportunities**

#### **Meals on Wheels**

There is a Google document ready if you would like to sign up to prepare and/or deliver Meals on Wheels for 10-12 local residents during the 2026-27 school year breaks. Contact Ashley in our church office or Jean Loger and they can share the document with you.

Dates meals will be provided:

November 25, 26, 27 (Thanksgiving)

December 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 (Christmas)

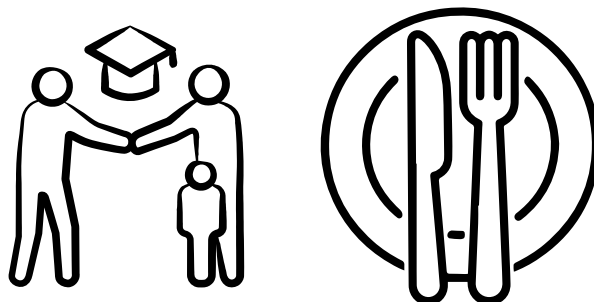
December 28, 29, 30, 31, Jan. 1 (Winter)

March 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 (spring break)



#### **Parent-teacher Conference meals**

A sign up sheet is available in the gathering space to provide sandwiches and cookies for the October 7 and November 18 DNH parent-teacher conferences. Items needed for both dates in Dike are 12 ham sandwiches, 12 turkey sandwiches and 2 dozen cookies. Please have your donations in the church kitchen by noon. Contact Ashley to sign up if you are not able to sign up at the church.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Fredsville Lutheran Confirmation Class Schedule

- SEPTEMBER 16
- OCTOBER 7, 14
- NOVEMBER 4, 18
- DECEMBER 9, 16
- JANUARY 13, 20, 27\*
- FEBRUARY 3
- MARCH 31
- APRIL 14

Wednesday Evenings  
6:30pm -8pm

\* POSSIBLE SNOW MAKEUP DAY

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## Outdoor Worship

October 4, 2026  
9:30 am

As we honor St. Francis in the Season of Creation, we remember that all creatures, great and small, reflect God's love. May we care for the earth with the same joy and humility he showed.

Pet Blessing  
at worship

Please have all pets on leash.  
In the event of rain we will meet  
indoors with pictures of pets.

*Saint Francis*



**Sunday**  
**October 25, 2026**  
**CONFIRMATION  
DAY**

We Celebrate with those who will affirm the promises of Baptism this day and we commit to continue accompanying them in their life of faith in the name of Jesus Christ.

Fredsville Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER 1ST

**All Saint's  
Sunday**

BRING PICTURES TO SHARE  
LIGHT CANDLES, PRAY &  
REMEMBER ALL THE SAINTS  
WHO TOUCH OUR HEARTS  
CELEBRATE RESURRECTION LIFE

Fredsville Lutheran Church

*Advent*  
**SEASON BEGINS**

NOVEMBER 29, 2026



## Worship Readings, Prayers, & Introductions from SundayandSeasons.com

### Sunday, October 4 - Season of Creation      Outdoor Worship - Pet Blessing

Today marks the conclusion of the Season of Creation. This day also marks the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Francis of Assisi. We mark this day celebrating life in harmony with all of God's Creation. We will have an Pet Blessing if weather permits. You may bring a pet on a leash or bring a picture. In the event of rain we will move indoors.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Job 12:7-10** - Ask the animals
- **Psalms 104:10-14,24** - How manifold are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. (Ps. 19:14)
- **Colossians 1:15-20** - Christ the first born of Creation
- **Mark 6:7-12** - Jesus sends the disciples to serve in simplicity

### Sunday, October 11 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost **Green**

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Isaiah 25:1-9** - The feast of victory
- **Psalms 23** - You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over. (Ps. 23:5)
- **Philippians 4:1-9** - Rejoice in the Lord always
- **Matthew 22:1-14** - The parable of the unwelcome guest at the wedding feast

## Worship Readings, Prayers, & Introductions from SundayandSeasons.com

### Sunday, October 18 - Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

**Green**

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Exodus 33:17-23**- God's glory revealed to Moses
- **Psalms 99**- Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God. (Ps. 99:5)
- **Acts 10:34-43** - In Cornelius's house, Peter proclaims God's acceptance
- **Matthew 22:15-22** - A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God

### Sunday, October 25 - Reformation Sunday/Confirmation Sunday

**Red**

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- **Jeremiah 31:31-34**- I will write my law in their hearts, says the Lord
- **Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17** - Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children. (Ps. 90:16)
- **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10** - Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica
- **Matthew 22:34-40** - Two great commandments: love for God and neighbor

# October 2026

| Sunday                                                                                        | Monday               | Tuesday                                                                                                                                              | Wednesday                                                                         | Thursday                        | Friday                                                                  | Saturday                                                                                    |
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|              | <b>Looking Ahead</b> |  <p><i>November 1st</i><br/><i>All Saints</i><br/><i>Sunday</i></p> |  | 1<br>Quilters<br>9:00-11:30 am  | 2<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Pastor's Day Off                           | 3                                                                                           |
| 4<br>Outside Worship<br>9:30 am<br>Sunday School<br>10:30 am<br><b>Church Council Meeting</b> | 5                    | 6<br>Bible Study<br>9:00 am                                                                                                                          | 7<br>Confirmation<br>6:30 - 8:00 pm                                               | 8<br>Quilters<br>9:00-11:30 am  | 9<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Pastor's Day Off                           | 10                                                                                          |
| 11<br>Worship<br>9:30 am<br>Sunday School<br>10:30 am                                         | 12                   | 13<br>Bible Study<br>9:00 am<br><br>Pillowcase Dresses<br>12:00-4:00 pm                                                                              | 14<br>Confirmation<br>6:30 - 8:00 pm                                              | 15<br>Quilters<br>9:00-11:30 am | 16<br>Fancy Fingers<br>9:00 am - 4:00pm<br><br><br><br>Pastor's Day Off | 17                                                                                          |
| 18<br>Worship<br>9:30 am<br>Sunday School<br>10:30 am                                         | 19                   | 20<br>Bible Study<br>9:00 am                                                                                                                         | 21<br><br><br><br>Confirmation Practice                                           | 22<br>Quilters<br>9:00-11:30 am | 23<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Pastor's Day Off                          | 24                                                                                          |
| 25<br><b>Confirmation Sunday</b><br>Worship<br>9:30 am<br>Sunday School<br>10:30 am           | 26                   | 27<br>Bible Study<br>9:00 am                                                                                                                         | 28                                                                                | 29<br>Quilters<br>9:00-11:30 am | 30<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Pastor's Day Off                          | 31<br> |