

St. Paul's Lutheran Church *Reformation* October 29, 2023

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
C Amen.

KYRIE



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God,

C you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive

us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C Amen.


GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

¹Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. ¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and

the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance,¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die."²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

(Refrain: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.)

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

**C ⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away. *(Refrain)***

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our
stronghold.

**C ⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the
world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

**C ¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will
be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in
the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our
stronghold.

C *(Refrain)*

*(Refrain: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob
is our stronghold.)*

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

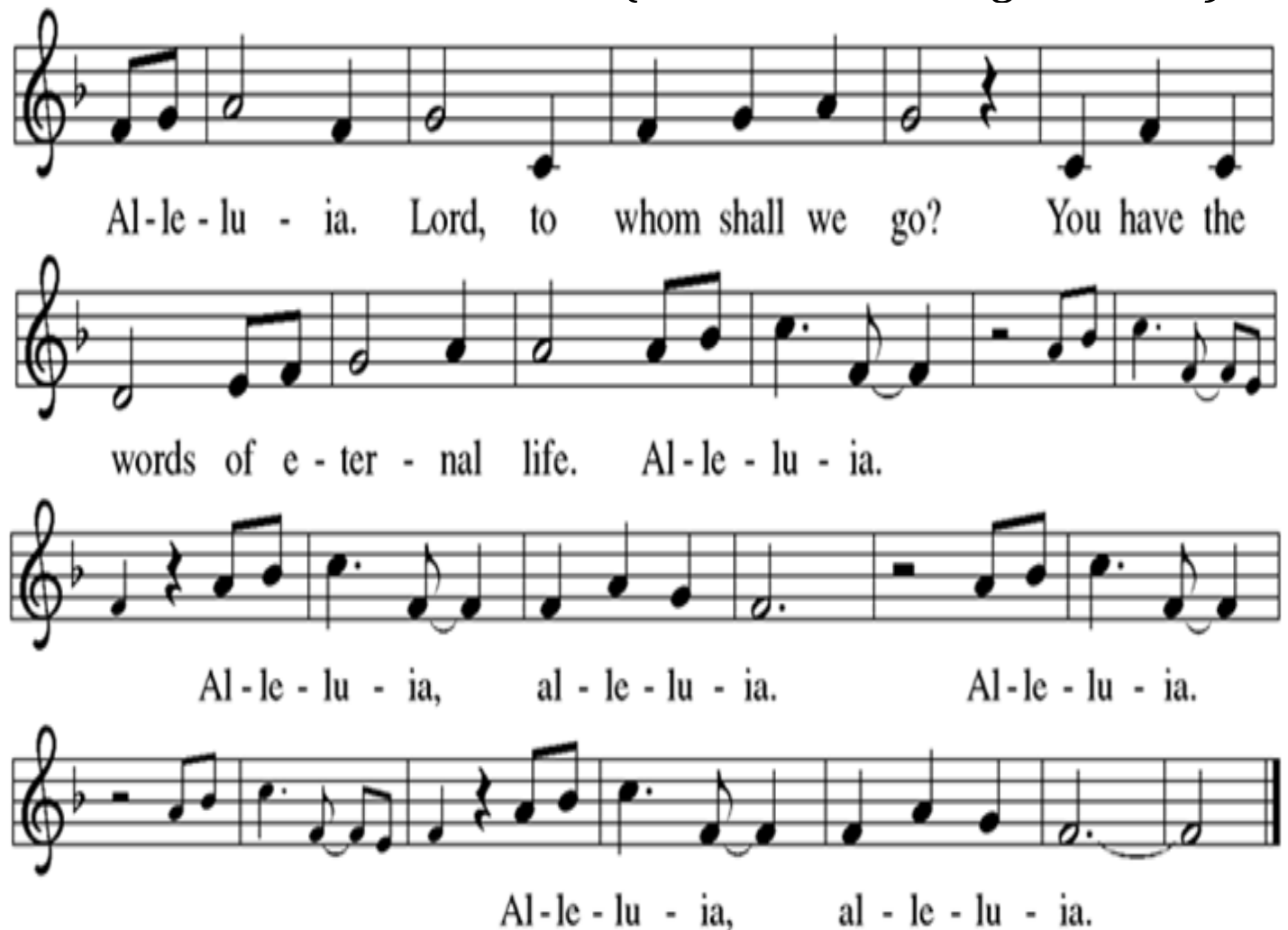
¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith.

²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(10 measures organ intro)*



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a 10-measure organ introduction. The lyrics are: 'Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;
³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY *LBW 229* *“A Mighty Fortress
Is Our God”*

APOSTLE’S CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator
of Heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God our parent, you call us your children and have made us siblings through your son Jesus. Heal the church's many divisions, bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and

unite us in one body through the love of Christ. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

God our creator, your hands have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human carelessness. Renew the face of the earth. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

God our ruler, the nations rage and the kingdoms shake, but your word stands fast forever. Let your justice and peace roll down like waters wherever there is strife, injustice, war, or religious conflict. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

God our champion, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Draw near to all who suffer. *(We pray especially for Ruth Ann Beck, Myrtle Bennett, Leroy Bleemel, Keith Freyberger, Jane Harris, Juanita Hembree, Cheri Kieffner, Eugene Keller, Zach Leinenbach, Judy Lorey, Logan Musgrave, Steve Rothgerber, Dolores Russell, Annette Schepers, Roxanne Schepers, Donnie Schwenk, Becky Seibert, Jim Seitz, Cindy Seng, Dana Senninger, Martha Jane Tucker and all those*

we name before you either silently or aloud.) Be their rest and comfort. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himself and Cooper Uebelhor.)* God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

God our reformer, you make all things new. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected ways, and kindle zeal in us for the future. We pray for young people affirming their baptism. With them, stir in us a desire for your wisdom. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

God our savior, you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of your grace. We give thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and for all whose example has brought us closer to you. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

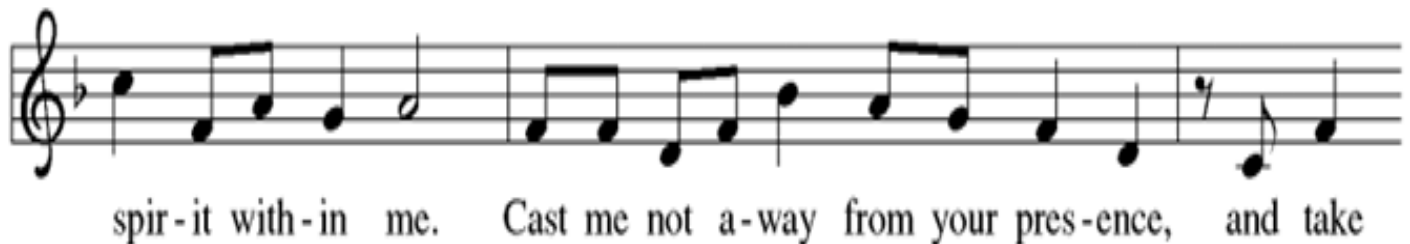
The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE





OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed
for you and for all people for the forgiveness of
sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be
thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 315 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LBW 369 "The Church's One Foundation"

LBW 365 "Built on a Rock"

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

May you run and not be wea - ry. May your

heart be filled with song. And may the

love of God con - tin - ue to

give you hope and keep you strong. And may you

run and not be wea - ry. May your

life be filled with joy. And may the

road you trav - el al - ways lead you home.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

C Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *LBW 260 "On Our Way Rejoicing"*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Harvey & Lisa Himself
Comm. Asst: John Potts
Video: Jeff Schmitt
Pianist: Kaia Holt
Lay Reader: Melanie Freyberger
Audio: Keith Keller
Acolytes: Jaxson Kellar & Dax Smith
Altar Guild: Brandi Dodd & Erin Kalb

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 99 SS: 5

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Oct. 29th – Nov. 5th, 2023

Sun. Oct 29 th	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	6:30 PM	The Chosen – Part 2
Wed. Nov. 1 st	6:30 PM	Confirmation
Sun. Nov. 5 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	6:30 PM	The Chosen – Part 2 series

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCA News

November Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

We are looking forward to having Ken Eck from Purdue Extension join us at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, November 7th for a presentation on the basics of "Composting"; things we can do in our garden and how to do it right. There will also be time for any questions we might have. Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring a friend or two! Hope to see you then.

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Haysville Sewer Update

An informational meeting to update residents on the proposed sewer project in Haysville will be held on Thursday, November 2nd, at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

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Annual reports for each committee will need to be dropped in office or emailed to Jenny Begle at secretaryst.paul@frontier no later than December 3rd. Contact Jenny if you need assistance.



That's a Wrap!
St. Paul's 175th Anniversary Heritage Sunday
October 8, 2023

More than 250 people attended our final 175th Anniversary Heritage Sunday celebration luncheon on October 8. The day was hosted by WELCA which not only conducted their annual Harvest Home event but also led worship and held a fabulous bake sale.

Many members invited friends and family who grew up at St. Paul and now live elsewhere. Among the special guests were Mark Rehrig, son of Rev. A. D. Rehrig who served us in the 1960's; Brad Schroeder, son of Rev. Charles Schroeder who served in the mid-70's; Janine Andrews, daughter of Rev. William Andrews who served from 1980-1995; and members of the Schaber family who used to live next door to the church.

The Evangelism Committee hosted a photo booth, cookbooks were distributed (and are still available), a special cake with St. Paul's photos was baked by Tina Terwiske, mums were used as table decorations and sent home with guests, and meals were delivered to shut-ins.

The day also marked Pastor Appreciation Day and Pastor Holt was honored with a gift from the St. Paul's Church Council along with many individual notes and gifts from those in attendance. Mark Rehrig surprised everyone with a gift of \$1,500.00 from his sister, Jenni Hill and him, in memory of his parents, Pastor Rehrig and Joan.

The St. Paul's 175th Team would like to express gratitude for the hundreds of people who helped in any way with this year's celebration. A small group will be working on an update to our history from 1998-present over the next few months.

The background of the page is a light pink color with a repeating pattern of watercolor-style illustrations of autumn-themed items. These include pumpkins, gourds, various flowers (like roses and daisies), and leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and brown. The illustrations are scattered across the page, with some larger and more prominent than others.

Sunday School

OCTOBER 2023

10/1

Preschool - 3rd:

Story & Craft

4th - 6th:

Backpack Buddies

10/8

Heritage Sunday Meal:

No class

10/15

Fall Break:

No Class

10/22

Preschool - 3rd:

Story & Craft

10/29

Preschool - 3rd:

Story & Craft

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes
- Small water bottles



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

The Women of the ELCA will have the 'Shoe Boxes' available in the welcome center on **Sunday, October 8th through Sunday, November 5th**. Brochures are available with the boxes that give an explanation on how to pack the box.

Some gift suggestions that are noted are:

- ⇒ School supplies: Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons, markers, writing pads, solar calculators, coloring books
- ⇒ Toys: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes
- ⇒ Non Liquid Hygiene Items: mild bar soap (put in plastic bag), comb, washcloth
- ⇒ Other: T-shirts, socks, ball caps, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights

DO NOT INCLUDE: war related items like toy guns, knives or military figures; candy, toothpaste, gum; liquids or lotions; breakable items such as snow globes; aerosol cans

Remember, if you don't want to shop there will be a donation box available to make a monetary donation. The filled boxes need to be returned to the church by **Sunday, November 5th**. If you have any questions, please contact any WELCA officer.

Valet Parking

Anyone interested in assisting with valet parking on Sunday mornings, please stop in the office to pick-up a brief information sheet and to make a copy of your driver's license. If you have any questions, please see any council member.

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The annual congregational meeting-part 1 will be held immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, November 26th. At this meeting we will vote on approving the budget as well as vote on five new members for the 2024 church council.

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Reminder: There a five Sundays in October. There will be an offering plate in the rear of the church if you wish to donate to the 5th Sunday Community Assistance Fund.

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In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser
AM-1 Luke Himsel
Cooper Uebelhor

Redzikowo, Poland
Virginia Beach, VA
Colorado Springs, CO