

St. James

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Serving in God’s House in October

Trustee: October 2 – Justin DeVantier
October 9 – Bruce Milleville
October 16 – Brian DeVantier
October 23 – Andrew North
October 30- Dave Antonelli

Acolytes: Volunteer Needed

Altar Care: John and Karen Collins

Communion Assist: October 2 – Maureen Milleville
October 16 – Ted Washburn

Readers: October 2 – Laurie Schmidt
October 9 – Kristen Rafter
October 16 – Margaret Wittmeyer
October 23 – Beth Wruck
October 30- Mary Burgio

Organist: October 2 – Jennifer Parris
October 9 – Janet Galvano
October 16 – Jennifer Parris
October 23 – Lianda Waugaman
October 30- Janet Galvano

Congregation meeting October 9th following church service in the gray room. Please contact Ted with any agenda items prior to the meeting.

**Euchre Tournament
Friday, October 14th
Pre-register
Sign-up sheet in the hallway**

Memorials:

In memory of Aiden Kaminska \$50 was given to Caring Friends

In memory of Marian Equils \$50 was given to Caring friends

\$25 was given to the Memorial Fund

In honor of Elva Walck’s 90th Birthday \$90 was given to the Lutheran World Relief

In memory of Joyce Heuer \$50 was given to Caring Friends

Harvest Festival has been moved to Sunday, October 9th and will not be the 4th Sunday in September as originally scheduled. Watch for an update next Sunday on when to drop off any produce - pumpkins, apples, pears, squash, kale, cabbage, gourds, mums and other autumn/hardy items to be used for Harvest Festival decorating on Sunday, October 9th. Thank you! If you have any questions on the types of produce etc, please contact Michelle Gibson or Jenn Parris.



Being Lutheran

Three things usually come to my mind as we enter the month of October. First, winter is right around the corner. ☹️. Next is Halloween. Then finally is the Reformation, which led to the birth of the Lutheran Church. So, what is it to be a Lutheran? Our adult Sunday school class has taken on the task of learning all about the Lutheran faith. I invite you to join us every Sunday at 8am, but for now, the following is an excerpt from the book we use in that class, *Lutheranism 101*, on what it is to be a Lutheran.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Randy

So What Is It to Be a Lutheran?

Being a Lutheran is being a person who believes the truths of God's Word, the Holy Bible, as they are correctly explained and taught in the Book of Concord. To do so is to confess the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Genuine Lutherans, confessional Lutherans, dare to insist, "What is contrary to these confessions is to be rejected and condemned, as opposed to the unanimous declaration of our faith" (FC Ep 6).

Such a statement may strike some as boastful. But it is not; rather, it is an expression of the Spirit-led confidence that moves us to speak of our faith before the world.

To be a confessional Lutheran is to be one who honors the Word of God. That Word makes it clear that it is God's desire for His Church to be in agreement about doctrine and to be of one mind, living at peace with one another. It is for that reason that we so treasure the precious confession of Christian truth that we have in the Book of Concord. For confessional Lutherans, there is no other collection of documents or statements or books that so clearly, accurately, and comfortingly presents the teachings of God's Word and reveals the biblical Gospel as does our Book of Concord.

Hand in hand with our commitment to pure teaching and confession of the faith is, and always must be, our equally strong commitment to reaching out boldly with the Gospel and speaking God's truth to the world. That is what "confession" of the faith is all about. Indeed, "Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, 'I believed, and so I spoke,' we also believe, and so we also speak" (2 Corinthians 4:13). This is what it means to be a Lutheran.