



Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends in Christ,

October is one of those months in the church year that feels especially rich. The air is turning crisp, leaves are beginning to glow, and inside our sanctuary we are surrounded by reminders of God's presence that stretches across time and space. This season gives us a chance to pause and notice that we are part of something so much bigger than ourselves—God's church in all places and all generations.

On **Sunday, October 5**, we will join Christians around the globe in celebrating *World Communion Sunday*. Imagine it: on that day, people from every nation, language, and culture will gather at Christ's table. We may not all sing the same hymns or use the same words of prayer, but we are bound together by one Lord and one faith. To mark the occasion, we will celebrate Holy Communion with Irish Soda Bread—a small way of tasting the diversity of traditions in the wider church. As we break that bread, we remember our unity with believers near and far, and we give thanks for the many ways people worship God throughout the world.

Later in the month, we will gather for two days that are close to our Lutheran identity:

- **Reformation Sunday (October 26)** is our chance to look back to Martin Luther's call to re-center the church on the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is not simply a day about history—it's a reminder that the Reformation is ongoing, that God's Spirit continues to shape and renew the church today. We will celebrate the gift of grace that frees us, and the calling we share to live boldly as people of faith.
- **All Saints Sunday (November 2)** gives us space to remember those we love who now rest in Christ. Together we will speak their names, light candles, and trust that the communion of saints is real—that those who have gone before us are still bound to us in God's love. It is a day filled with both tears and hope, grief and gratitude.

Each of these services is about connection—connection to the global church, to our Lutheran heritage, and to the saints who surround us. When we gather for worship in this season, we are reminded that our faith is not just personal, but communal. It is not only about what God has done for me, but what God is doing through us, together, as Christ's body in the world.

I want to warmly invite you: **come, and bring a friend or neighbor along**. Whether it is for the beauty of World Communion, the power of Reformation, or the comfort of All Saints, these days are worth sharing. If you have been away for a while, this is a wonderful time to return. The table of Christ is wide enough for us all.

I look forward to worshipping with you, celebrating with you, and remembering with you. May these holy days deepen our sense of belonging—not only to this congregation, but to the one holy church that stretches across the world and through the ages.

With gratitude and peace,

Pastor Bunny



Youth News:

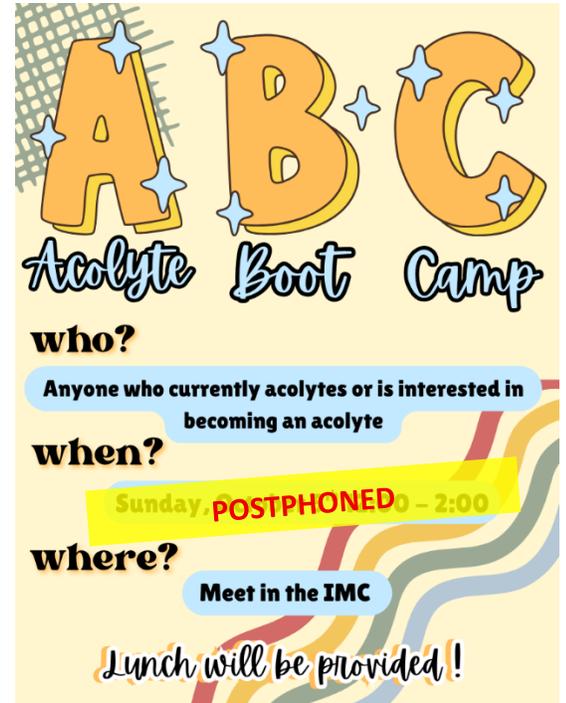
Reminder! Sunday School is back!! We meet at 9 AM every Sunday in the large classroom downstairs! All ages are welcome, visitors too!!

Acolyte Bootcamp

Calling all acolytes! Whether you are already serving as an acolyte or want to learn. The "Acolyte Boot Camp" is being **postponed** to a later date- still to be determined.

~~It will not be on Sunday, October 5th from 12:00-2:00.~~

Anyone interested is welcome to join! This is a great opportunity for existing and new acolytes to get together to learn from and teach each other! Please sign up on the bulletin board. Lunch will be provided. See Hannah with questions!



Update on Sealcoating of OSLC Parking Lot

****Weather permitting****

The first half of the parking lot is to be sealed (Southend - 36th Street side) on Friday, October 3rd. We will have to close off that portion to all traffic till Monday October 6th. This will take away about 40 parking spaces and leave about 40 spaces for Sunday October 5th on the church side.

The next half will be done on Friday October 10th – we will not be able to park on that till Monday October 13th. Parking lines would be done on Friday evening the 10th after 5:00pm. The curing process of the seal coal needs traffic to stay off the surface for at least 48 hours, it will be ok to walk across after a half day or so.

If all goes well, we might have just enough room for church parking on both Sundays. On Sunday **October 5th enter the parking lot from the church alley side and on the 12th come in off of 36th Street.**

Sealing the cracks is still going to be done on Wednesday morning October 1st with all of the parking lot closed off Tuesday night so the lot will not have any vehicles in the way of filling cracks. That is the plan

Rick Rogness

You're Invited: Polka Service at Our Savior's!

Join us for our beloved Polka Service October 19 at 10am! It's a joyful tradition at Our Savior's Lutheran Church! Tap your toes, sing along, and celebrate with lively polka-style hymns that lift our spirits and bring smiles all around.

This service is *non-communion* and makes for an easy, welcoming Sunday to invite your friends, family, and neighbors—no strings attached, just good music and fellowship. Come share in the joy!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH 10:00 AM

**All are welcome to join us for a
German luncheon following the
service!**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
3634 1st Ave NE
Cedar Rapids, IA**

Reformation Sunday

Every year at the end of October, Lutherans around the world mark Reformation Sunday—a day that recalls the events of October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses in Wittenberg. That act sparked conversation and, eventually, a movement that reshaped the church and the world.

Why It Matters for Lutherans

Reformation Sunday is not just a history lesson. It's a reminder of the heart of our faith: **we are saved by grace, through faith, because of Christ—not by our own works**. That central truth is as freeing now as it was 500 years ago. When we gather to sing hymns like *A Mighty Fortress* or see the red paraments adorning the altar, we remember that God's Spirit is always reforming the church, calling us back to the gospel, and sending us forward into the world with courage and hope.

Celebrating the Reformation also gives us the chance to tell our story: why we worship the way we do, why Scripture is central, why the sacraments matter, and why every person has a calling in God's kingdom. These convictions shape us as Lutherans and connect us to a tradition of faith that still bears fruit today.

How It Can Be Divisive

At the same time, Reformation Sunday can carry sharp edges. Luther's protest, and the centuries of division that followed, remind us that the church is fractured. While Luther's movement sought reform, it also led to painful splits among Christians that persist to this day. When celebrated without humility, Reformation Sunday can sound like we're simply cheering for "our team" rather than confessing our shared need for Christ.

That's why in recent years, Lutherans and Catholics—and many other Christians—have worked hard toward dialogue and reconciliation. We recognize that the Spirit continues to reform all of us, and that God's mission is bigger than any single tradition. Celebrating the Reformation means holding both truths together: we give thanks for the gift of the gospel rediscovered, and we lament the divisions that arose along the way.

What It Means for Us Today

Reformation Sunday is, at its core, about **trusting God's promise**. It reminds us that God's Word is alive, that Christ is our center, and that we are always called to be a church of reform—not for our own sake, but so that the world may hear the good news of Jesus.

This October 26, come and celebrate with us. Wear red as a sign of the Spirit's fire, sing with joy, and be reminded that God is still at work reforming hearts, communities, and the whole creation.

***Flashback*--Korver Sindelar shares his winning Martin Luther Presentation with Our Saviors Lutheran Church on June 8th – [click here to watch and listen to the presentation.](#)**

Phil and Andy's Pantry in October



Let's start collecting canned fruits and vegetables that can be part of our Thanksgiving collection in November. These items will be delivered before Thanksgiving to help missions supply dinner items to needy families in our community. It is a time when we can show our thankfulness and these families will appreciate a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner.

The Mitten Tree Returns This November!

Each November, Our Savior's joyfully hosts a Mitten Tree to support the Linn County Child Development Center, and this year we are pleased to continue that beloved tradition.

The Linn County Child Development Center provides early childhood programs for children ages 2 to 5, including services for low-income families and children with special needs.

Here's how you can help:

Our mitten tree will go up early in November — watch for the official placement date and drop-off details.

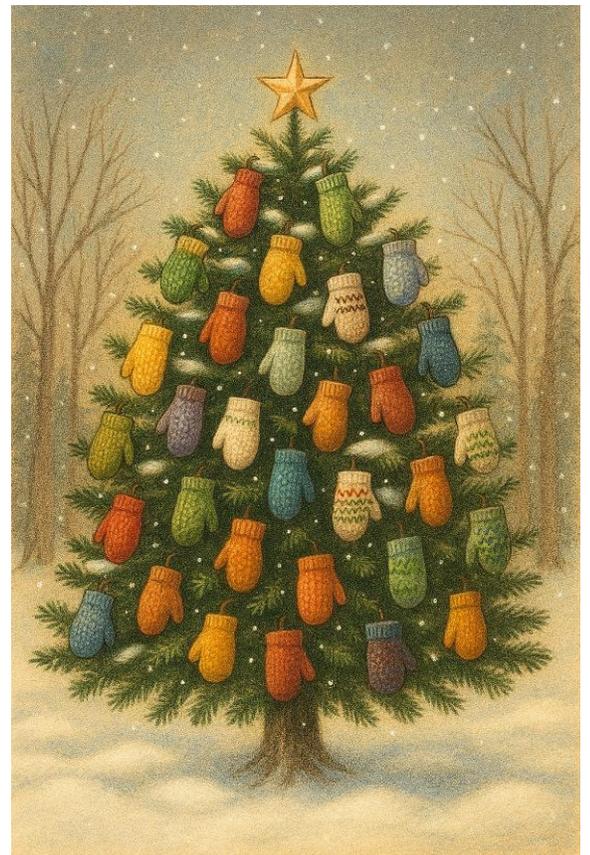
We invite each of you to create or purchase preschool-sized hats and mittens.

Please avoid gloves — mittens are much easier for little fingers learning to get dressed.

More info will be shared soon on where to drop off your donations and any timing guidelines.

To our crafty members: you have a head start! Whether knitting, crocheting, or sewing, we encourage you to begin now so your creations can be ready when the tree is displayed.

Thank you for your generous spirit and care for the children in our community. Stay tuned for updates—and happy crafting!



Serving Our Congregation

Bunny Dillard – Head Pastor

Sue Clapp – Congregation President

David Sampson – Treasurer

Therese Plummer – Office Manager

Hannah Plummer – Children & Youth
Ministries Director

Forrest Green – Music Director

Terri Hodge – Bell Choir Director

Readers

October 5 – Suzanne Schmitt

October 12 – Catherine Burroughs

October 19 – Rachel Sindelar

October 26 – Korver Sindelar

Nov. 2 – Pastor Catherine Burroughs

Nov. 9 – Ann Larson

Nov. 16 – Ardy Erickson

Nov. 23 – Nancy Greer

Nov. 30 – Suzanne Schmitt

****Readers can pick up their reading in the
“Reader” mailbox located between the offices in
the back hallway**

Acolytes

October 5 – Korver Sindelar

October 12 – Evy Fiester

October 19 – Parker Zeien

October 26 – Eric Strottman

November 2 – Mason Schmitt

November 9 – Korver Sindelar

November 16 – Evy Fiester

November 23 – Parker Zeien

November 30 – Eric Strottman

Assisting Ministers

October 5 – Hannah Plummer

October 12 – Nancy Greer

October 19 – Rachel Sindelar

October 26 – Natalie Fiester

Assisting Ministers (cont.)

November 2 – Hannah Plummer

November 9 – Sue Clapp

November 16 – Nancy Greer

November 23 – Rachel Sindelar

November 30 – Natalie Fiester

Ushers

October 5 – Fiester’s

October 12 – Sue Clapp, Al Johnson,
Bob Sindelar, Rachel Sindelar

October 19 – Strottman’s

October 26 – D. Sampson, M. Houg, T. Zuber

November 2 – Schmitt’s, A Larson, & B Andersen

November 9 – Fiester’s

November 16 – Sue Clapp, Al Johnson,
Bob Sindelar, Rachel Sindelar

November 23 – Strottman’s

November 30 – D. Sampson, M. Houg, T. Zuber

Prayer for Pastor

October 5 – Karen Janney

October 12 – Ardy Erickson

October 19 – Diana Emig

October 26 – Therese Plummer

November 2 – Arnold Strottman

November 9 – Natalie Fiesster

November 16 – Laurie Strottman

November 23 – Ann Larson

November 30 – Nancy Greer

Children's Sermon

October 5 – Hannah Plummer
October 12 – Beth Anderson
October 19 – Hannah Plummer
October 26 – Pastor Bunny

November 2 – Beth Anderson
November 9 – Hannah Plummer
November 16 – Pastor Bunny
November 23 – Beth Anderson
November 30 – Hannah Plummer

Sunday School Teachers

October 5 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
October 12 – Natalie Fiester
October 19 – Hannah Plummer
October 26 – Hannah Plummer

November 2 – Natalie Fiester
November 9 – Rachel Sindelar
November 16 – Hannah Plummer
November 23 – Natalie Fiester
November 30 – Rachel Sindelar

Greeters

October 5 – Marv Gerjets
October 12 – Catherine Burroughs
October 19 – Rachel Sindelar
October 26 – Korver Sindelar

2025 Financial Update

Contribution results for the week ending 9/28/2025:

General Giving:	\$2,315.00
Total Giving:	\$2,374.60

Weekly averages through 9/28/2025 (39 weeks):

Average Actual General Giving:	\$3,917.16 (\$152,769.13 YTD)
Average Actual General Expenses:	\$3,860.79 (\$150,570.81 YTD)

The averages reported above are the averages of "actual" general giving and general expenses, not the forecasts.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday!

Thank you to everyone who spent time with us at Central Furniture Rescue for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday! We were able to organize and make space for more donations to be dispersed among our community!!

From Central Furniture Rescue website - [Home - Central Furniture Rescue](#):

“Central Furniture Rescue provides furniture and household items at no cost to individuals and families who are transitioning out of experiencing homelessness and into their own places to live.”

