

## **COMMON GROUND**

"Christianity was never intended to be a solo walk with God," says pastor Jeremy Basset. "A conversion to Christianity is also incorporation in the body of Christ, the church."

The New Testament is clear that one cannot be a solitary Christian. We are members of Christ's body (Ephesians 5:30) and "belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10, NIV). As you gather for worship and receive Holy Communion, thank God for "our common salvation" (Jude 3, ESV) granted to all followers of Jesus.

### **BIBLE QUIZ**

When Jesus asks a Samaritan woman for a drink, at which site related to the ancient Israelites is he resting?

A. the edge of the Jordan River

B. beside the Red Sea

C. Jacob's well

D. the Pool of Bethsaida

Answer: C (See John 4:6.)

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

**October 1-5:** Psalm 5, 8, 140; Esther 5:1-14, 8:1-17; 1 John 2:18-25; Zechariah 8:18-23, 10:1-12; Matthew 18:6-9; Job 2:1-3:26, 4:1-21, 7:1-21; Galatians 3:23-29; Genesis 20:1-18, 21:22-34, 23:1-20; Romans 8:1-11; Luke 16:14-18

**Sunday, October 6:** Psalm 26; Job 1:1; Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

October 7-12: Psalm 22:1-15, 55:1-15, 112; Job 8:1-22, 11:1-20, 15:1-35, 17:1-16, 18:1-21, 20:1-29; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Deuteronomy 5:1-33, 22:13-30, 24:1-5; Matthew 5:27-36, 15:1-9; Jeremiah 3:6-14; Hebrews 3:7-19; Amos 3:13-4:5

**Sunday, October 13:** Psalm 90:12-17; Job 23:1-17; Amos 5:6-15; Hebrews 4:1-16; Mark 10:17-31

**October 14-19:** Psalm 26, 39, 91:9-16; Revelation 7:9-17, 8:1-5, 17:1-18; Obadiah 1:1-21; Job 26:1-14, 28:12-29:10, 32:1-22, 36:1-16, 37:1-24, 39:1-30; Joel 2:21-27; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33; Luke 16:19-31, 22:24-30; Romans 15:7-13; Genesis 14:17-24; Isaiah 47:1-15;

**Sunday, October 20:** Psalm 104:1-35c; Job 38:1-41; Isaiah 53:4-12; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 21-26: Psalm 37:23-40, 75, 126; Job 40:1-24, 41:1-34; Hebrews 6:1-20; John 13:1-17; 1 Samuel 8:1-18, 10:17-25, 12:1-25; 2 Kings 20:12-19; Jeremiah 23:9-15, 26:12-24, 29:24-32; Nehemiah 1:1-11; Mark 8:22-26;

Sunday, October 27: Psalm 34:1-22; Job 42:1-17; Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 7:1-28; Mark 10:46-52

October 28-31: Psalm 28, 119:1-24, 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; 1 Peter 2:1-10; Exodus 4:1-17, 22:1-15; Ezekiel 14:12-23, 18:1-32; Acts 9:32-35; 2 Kings 6:8-23; Matthew 20:29-34; Jeremiah 33:1-11; Ruth 1:18-22; Hebrews 9:1-12

#### CHURCH CALENDAR

| 10/1  | 6:00pm-8:00pm Assembly Room Reserved   |  |  |
|-------|--|--|--|
|       | (McCombs Circle)                       |  |  |
| 10/3  | 7:00pm-8:00pm Cub Scouts Meeting       |  |  |
| 10/6  | WORLD COMMUNION DAY                    |  |  |
|       | 12:00pm Senior Celebration Luncheon    |  |  |
|       | in the FLC                             |  |  |
|       | 3:00pm Confirmation Class              |  |  |
| 10/7  | 5:30pm Yount Group Meeting in Assembly |  |  |
|       | Room                                   |  |  |
| 10/10 | 7:00pm-8:00pm Cub Scouts Meeting       |  |  |
| 10/13 | 3:00pm Confirmation Class              |  |  |
|       | 4:00pm Middle/High School Youth        |  |  |
| 10/20 | 3:00pm Confirmation Class              |  |  |
|       | 4:00pm Middle/High School Youth        |  |  |
| 10/24 | 7:00pm-8:00pm Cub Scouts Meeting       |  |  |
| 10/27 | REFORMATION SUNDAY                     |  |  |
|       | 3:00pm Confirmation Class              |  |  |
|       | 4:30pm-6:00pm Fall Party for All Faith |  |  |
|       | Lutheran Children                      |  |  |
|       | 6:30pm-8:00pm Trunk-or-Treat           |  |  |
| 10/31 | HALLOWEEN                              |  |  |

#### SUNDAYS - 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27

9:00am – Refreshments & Fellowship 9:30am – Sunday School 10:30am – Worship

#### WEDNESDAYS - 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30

10:00am – Bible Study / Chapel 6:30pm – Handbells 7:30pm – Choir Practice



- 2 Carolyn Rogers
- 4 Jonathan Kluttz
- 7 Dallas Cobb
- 8 Joan Wilhelm Frances Morris
- 11 Brooks Moody
- 12 Autumn Murray
- 17 Virginia Kluttz
- 20 Genelia Kluttz Mickey Ousley
- 23 Justin Williams CJ Moody
- 25 Alex Bruce
- 26 Randall Barger

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Jonathan & Genelia Kluttz
- 6 Doug & Jayne Lingle
- 11 Kenny & Meredyth Fisher
- 13 John & Ann Bruce

#### WiFFLe

**Dates:** Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings in FLC **Times:** 10:00am-11:00am

### **COUNCIL CORNER**

Council would like to thank everyone that made our church picnic and Homecoming a success. Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) would like to thank the Council and members of Faith Lutheran for the use of the shelter for their corporate picnic on September 13th.

We will begin the Nomination Process for the three new council members in October with the election to be scheduled in November.

We plan on having a proposed budget for 2025 for the congregation to review for input in early November. If you are a chairman or team leader of any group in the church, please get your request for budget changes to Jeff Mills by October 31st for consideration.

The Tessa Lesley Memorial Bench has been set up in the Columbarium area. We will have a dedication event in the near future.

#### Treasurer's Report Month End August 30, 2024

F&M Balance: \$355,531.29 F&M Deposits: \$23,049.31 F&M Debits: \$39,076.70 Gen Fund Balance: \$140,514.42 Des Fund Balance: \$208,684.70



Come join us for the

# Concordia Lutheran Church PACKATHAN

185 Concordia Church Rd | China Grove, NC | 28023



# What is a

# **PACKATHON?**

A Packathon is a hands-on service event where participants team together to produce thousands of life-saving meals for hungry children both here and around the world.

People ages 5-105 work to assemble together four ingredients: rice, soy protein or pinto beans, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamin powder. These ingredients are repeatedly bagged, weighed, sealed and boxed during a two-hour shift.

Feed one child for up to an entire school year in just two hours!

# **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

# DONATE

help us reach the goal of packing 25,000 meals!

Each Meal Costs Only: 0.37¢

Please consider sponsoring one child with a lunch for up to an entire school year at \$89

## VOLUNTEER

Our hands and feet will be doing all the packaging of the food. Bring the whole family!

# OR DO BOTH!!!

To register call Sarah at 704-640-1971 or by email sarahgbrandt@gmail.com







# \* Trick or Treat \* So, Others May Eat

This Fun-filled event is our biggest food drive of the year. Your group is invited to join us in a friendly competition to help feed our neighbors in Rowan County. Our goal is to collect 25,000 pounds of food.

Throughout Rowan County, volunteers will provide brown paper bags with an information flyer inviting people to fill the bags with non-perishable foods. Volunteers will collect the filled bags and deliver them to Rowan Helping Ministries on weigh-in day.



Social Ministry will be collecting perishable food items for Rowan Helping Ministries Trick-or-Treat Food Drive during the month of October.





Please return your filled grocery bags to the church and leave in the room off the Narthex or the bench in the Gathering Room.

Thank you!







# YOUTH UPDATES

# CONFIRMATION **CLASS DATES:**

October 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th.

# MIDDLE/HIGH **SCHOOL YOUTH:**

October 13th and 20th.

# **FALL PARTY** 4:30-6:00PM

October 27th: Food & Games for all Faith Lutheran Children and their Parents.

# TRUNK-OR-TREAT 6:30PM-8:00PM

October 27th, following the Fall Party. Set up is at 6pm. Open to the community.

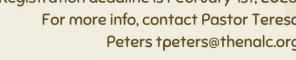
# **NALC YOUNG ADULT INNER CITY** MISSION TRIP

Young Adults 18-28 are invited to come be a part of something life changing June 1-6, 2025!

The cost to participants is only \$50, plus personal travel to Winnipeg, Manitoba. All costs, acomodations, food, and transportation at the gathering are being sponsored by the Canadian Mission District.

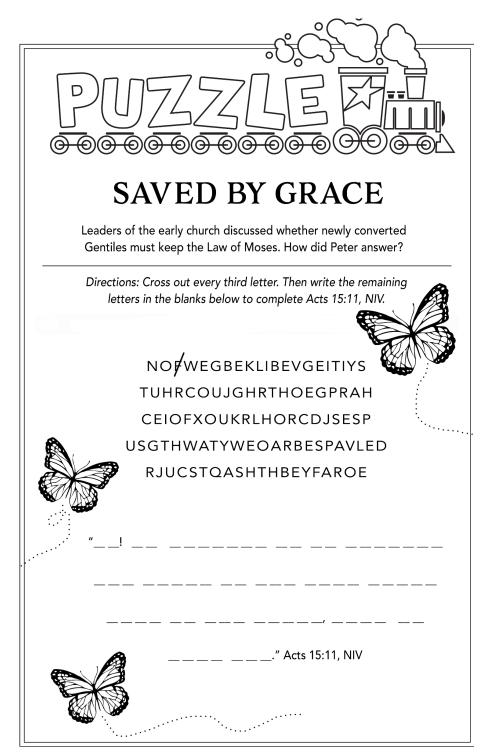
> If the cost of travel is prohibitive, speak with your mission district about the availability of a possible scholarship to help..

Registration deadline is February 1st, 2025. For more info, contact Pastor Teresa Peters tpeters@thenalc.org









Answer: "No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are." Acts 15:11, NIV





Make this craft as a helpful reminder of Jesus' free gift of grace.





#### What you need:

- Small cardboard box
- Small stones
- Tape
- Wrapping paper and bow
- Permanent marker,



#### What you do:

- Fill the box with small stones to weigh it down. Tape the box securely closed.
- 2. Wrap the box and add a bow on top.
- 3. With marker, write a capital letter on each side of the box and the bottom to spell GRACE.
- 4. Use this as a decoration or paperweight, or give as a gift.
- Explain GRACE to someone.
   For help, use Ephesians 2:8-9 and the acrostic God's Riches
   At Christ's Expense.



| DATE         | TOTAL<br>OFFERING | ATTENDANCE                    |  |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| AUGUST 25    | \$7,382.08        | 59 Sunday School, 116 Worship |  |
| SEPTEMBER 1  | \$5,995.00        | 42 Sunday School, 84 Worship  |  |
| SEPTEMBER 8  | \$5,027.00        | 47 Sunday School, 103 Worship |  |
| SEPTEMBER 15 | \$5,540.00        | 50 Sunday School, 107 Worship |  |
| SEPTEMBER 22 | \$3,533.09        | 47 Sunday School, 115 Worship |  |

| SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH |   |                                      |                                     |                                   |  |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
|                               | ОСТ. 6  | OCT. 13                              | OCT. 20                             | OCT. 27                           |  |  |
| Acolytes                      | Leila Roberts,<br>Jack Crawford   | Mia Spinella,<br>Julianna Sheets     | Griffin Alderman,<br>Cole Humphreys | Evan Misenheimer,<br>Brooks Moody |  |  |
| Audio/Broadcast<br>Team       | David Alderman, Jeff Mills, Jeff Overcash, Caitlin Rimmer                       |                                      |                                     |                                   |  |  |
| Children's Message            | Pastor Rob  | Lu Gamewell                          | Jayne Lingle                        | Faith Kids Sing                   |  |  |
| Children's Church             | Communion   | Holly Moody                          | Communion                           | Jennifer Alderman                 |  |  |
| Church Sign                   | John Bruce  |                                      |                                     |                                   |  |  |
| Fellowship<br>Refreshments    | John & Ann Bruce  | Tim & Becky<br>Williams              | Tony & Sallie<br>Herrin             | Jeff & Wanda<br>Mills             |  |  |
| Lector                        | LeaAnn Buckwell   | Jeff Overcash                        | Jamie Sheets                        | Tony Herrin                       |  |  |
| Nursery                       | Carolyn Rogers,<br>Crystal Bradshaw   | Stephanie Barkley,<br>Marissa Asbury | Jamie Sheets,<br>Chris Earnhardt    | Meredyth Fisher,<br>Lela Brooks   |  |  |
| Offering Tellers              | Lisa Painter, Reid Bradshaw   |                                      |                                     |                                   |  |  |
| Ushers                        | Jeremy Alderman, Reid Bradshaw, Jeremy Misenheimer, Mickey Ousley, Jimmy Parker |                                      |                                     |                                   |  |  |

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