

CHARGING FORWARD IN STEWARDSHIP

Rhinoceroses are remarkable creatures. Strong, sturdy and surprisingly fast, a rhino is built to protect. When it senses danger, especially near its herd or its young, it does not hesitate. It moves with focus, strength and purpose.

There may be a stewardship lesson for us in that.

God has entrusted each of us with gifts, time and resources to use for his kingdom. When opportunities come to serve, give, encourage or help, faithful stewards do not stand still and wait for someone else to go first. They respond with willing hearts and steady faith.

Stewardship is not passive. It calls us to move with purpose, give with conviction and serve with the strength God provides. May we be quick to answer God's call, bold in putting our faith into action and faithful in caring for the people and work God has placed before us.

BIBLE QUIZ

Psalm 103 (ESV) begins: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his _____." What should we "not forget"?

- A. goodness
- B. kindness
- C. gifts
- D. benefits

Answer: D (Psalm 103:2)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

October is a wonderful month. Cooling temperatures and colorful leaves.

It is the month of Reformation Sunday, celebrating the reformers who declared God's Power and reformed His Church.

This year on Reformation Sunday, Faith Family Congregation will witness a special group of young people who will confirm their faith. We will honor Mrs. LeaAnn who organized and continued to teach these young people. It has been a pleasure for Theresa and me to shepherd and teach this amazing group.

May we continue in a better relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Don Safrit

CHURCH CALENDAR

- 10/4** **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**
10/5 5:30pm Yount Group Meeting in
 Assembly Room
10/10 FLC Reserved (Stewardship)
10/11 **PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY**
 11:30am Senior Celebration Luncheon in
 Family Life Center - "Autumn Memories
 and Golden Moments!"
10/16 Church Reserved (Women of Faith)
10/17 8:30am-2:30pm 16th Annual Carolinas
 Lutheran Women Convocation
10/18 5:30pm-7:30pm FLC Reserved (FACS
 Cross Country Dinner)
10/24 Youth Mission Day (MS/HS Youth in
 Columbia, SC)
 11:00am-3:00pm FLC Reserved (Madilyn
 Laws)
10/25 **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
 10:30am Celebrating Our 2027
 Confirmands
 6:30pm Halloween Carnival
 7:00pm Trunk-or-Treat
10/27 5:30pm Serve Meal at Rowan Helping
 Ministries' Jeannie's Kitchen

WEDNESDAYS – 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28

- 10:00am – Bible Study & Holy Communion
 6:30pm – Handbells
 7:30pm – Choir Practice

SUNDAYS – 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25

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



Join us for our Annual Trunk-or-Treat
 on **Sunday, October 25th!**
 Halloween Carnival snacks, games, and
 activities start at 6:30pm, and Trunk-or-
 Treat runs 7:00pm to 8:00pm!
**Help us fill the parking lot with
 decorated trunks, treats, and friendly
 faces for our community!**



- 1 – Matt Bolen
 2 – Carolyn Rogers
 4 – Jonathan Kluttz
 7 – Dallas Cobb
 8 – Joan Wilhelm
 11 – Brooks Moody
 12 – Autumn Murray
 13 – Robin McKnight
 Brooke Thomas
 20 – Genelia Kluttz
 Mickey Ousley
 23 – Justin Williams
 CJ Moody
 25 – Alex Bruce
 26 – Randall Barger
 30 – Everett Moose

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Jonathan & Genelia Kluttz
 6 – Doug & Jayne Lingle
 10 – Matt & Carrie Bolen
 13 – John & Ann Bruce
 17 – Kenny & Meredyth Fisher

WiFFLe

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

FACS Basketball Practice

Dates: October 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27,
 28, 29, and 30 in FLC
Times: 3:30pm-6:30pm

**Please email or call the church office if your birthday/anniversary has been missed.*

16TH ANNUAL CAROLINAS LUTHERAN WOMEN CONVOCATION

9:00am Saturday, October 17th
Registration at 8:30am

Faith Lutheran Church
205 S. Main St. Faith, NC 28041

HEALING OILS OF THE BIBLE

There are as many as 33 healing oils found in scripture,
including:

Frankincense - The Oil of Consecration

Myrrh - The Oil of Suffering and Healing

Cassia - The Oil of Humility

Cedarwood - The Oil of Cleansing

Cinnamon - The Oil of Prosperity

Hyssop - The Oil of Purification

Spikenard - The Oil of Devotion

Join us as we explore the use of essential oils mentioned
in the Bible!

SPEAKER: PASTOR MARTY RAMEY



TO REGISTER:

Scan the QR Code or visit our
CLW website

WWW.CAROLINASLUTHERANWOMEN.ORG





Join us to help feed our neighbors in
Rowan County!

During the month of October, Social Ministry is
collecting non-perishable food donations for
Trick or Treat So Others May Eat, Rowan
Helping Ministries' largest annual food drive.

If you'd like to donate, please bring your
non-perishable food items (cans, boxes, bags)
and place them on the pew in the Gathering
Room OR in the wagon in the Narthex.
Thank you!

Weigh in Day: Sunday, November 1st, 2026



FEED THE HUNGER. Community
PACKATHON

hosted by Concordia Lutheran Church



The most **FUN**
you'll have in a **HAIRNET**

Friday, October 9
6:30pm - 8:30pm

SCAN TO



REGISTER



feedthehunger.org/clcpat

185 Concordia Church Road
China Grove, NC 28023

Contact Sarah Brandt
sarahgbrandt@gmail.com

YOUTH ON A MISSION!



SERVE

LOVE

IMPACT

SHINE



SAVE THE DATE!

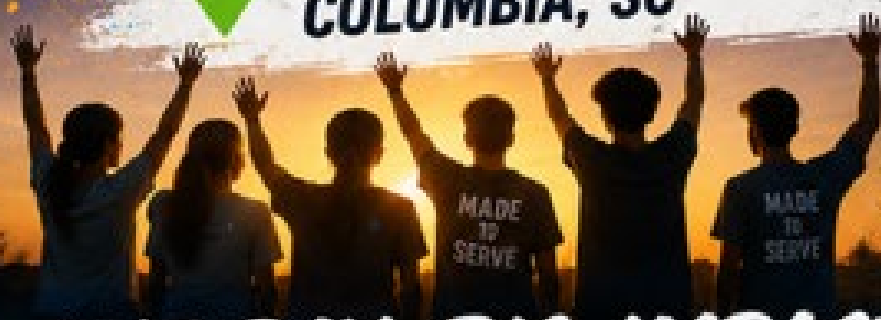
YOUTH MISSION DAY



OCTOBER 24TH, 2026



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COLUMBIA, SC



MORE
DETAILS
TO COME!

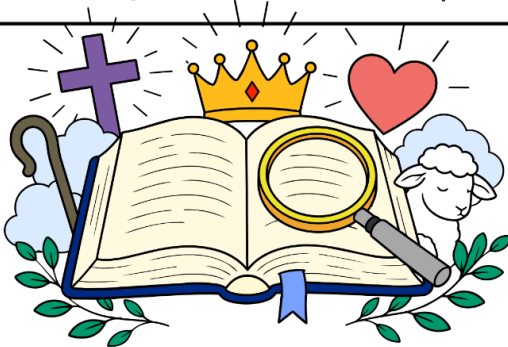
ONE DAY. BIG IMPACT.
JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING.

MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Puzzle!

NAMES OF GOD

Every name of God tells us something about his power, love and care for his people. Use the Scripture clues to uncover just some of these special names.



F _____ (Matthew 6:9)

A _____ and O _____ (Revelation 1:8)

I A ____ (Exodus 3:14)

Y _____ (Exodus 6:2-3)

G _____ M _____ H _____ (Genesis 14:19)

G _____ A _____ (Genesis 17:1)

R _____ (Psalm 18:2)

J _____ (Psalm 75:7)

F _____ (Psalm 18:2)

H _____ O _____ (Isaiah 40:25)

Answer key: Father, Alpha and Omega, I AM, Yahweh, God Most High
God Almighty, Rock, Judge, Fortress, Holy One

Give Thanks with Music

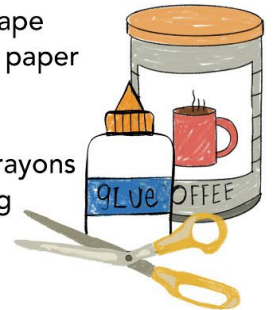
Music is one way to give thanks to God. Make these simple instruments to accompany your singing!



What you need:

- 3 small coffee cans with lids
- 1/2 cup dry pinto beans
- 1/2 cup unpopped popcorn
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice

- Heavy-duty tape
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons for decorating



What you do:

1. Put the beans in one can, the popcorn in another, and the rice in the third.
2. Secure the lids and tape around the rims.
3. Cover the cans with construction paper and glue it in place.
4. Decorate the cans with markers or crayons.
5. Shake the cans to hear the different sounds, then use them to make joyful music for the Lord!

