

LUKE 17:15

**ONE OF THEM TURNED
BACK, PRAISING GOD**



+ The 18th Sunday After Pentecost +

October 9, 2022

AS WE GATHER

What was so different in one leper’s life in today’s Gospel? All ten hoped they could be cured, but only he believed in Jesus personally. He lived out that faith in his thanksgiving, and he heard Jesus tell him, “Your faith has made you well” (Luke 17:19). In the Old Testament Reading, faith moved Ruth to decide to stay with Naomi and to announce, “Your people shall be my people, and your God my God” (Ruth 1:16). What a change in her life, including becoming Jesus’ ancestor! In the Epistle, Paul encourages Timothy to live out his faith even amid opposition. Today, God’s Word asks us to review the faith the Holy Spirit has given us. How shall we live out that faith? In churchly words and music, in caring for people around us, in using our unique gifts to God’s glory? The day is open for lively faith.

The pottery vessels on the altar remind us that although Holy Communion is not celebrated today, our Lord’s sacred gifts are still central to our life of faith. Holy Communion is celebrated every 1st, 3rd, and 5th weekend (and major festivals).

Liturgical Color:

Green is the color of life and growth in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Visitors: We are glad you have chosen to be with us today! We would especially like to follow-up with you beyond today, so please take a moment to leave your best contact information in the guest books at each entrance/exit or in the Record of Fellowship books found on each pew. Do you have basic questions about Bethlehem? Refer to the information sheet inside the Record of Fellowship books or ask. A cry-room for parents and children is just off from the front entryway and there is a nursery downstairs as well.

PreludeLorraine Miller, Gary Moege

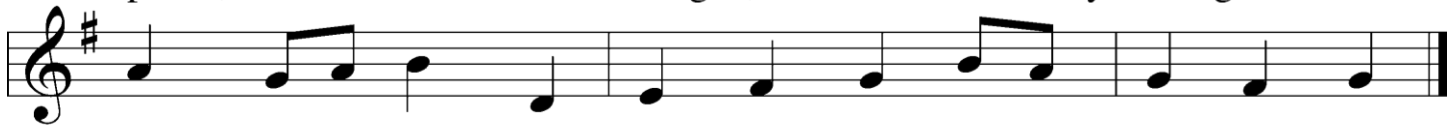
Gathering Hymn “When to Our World the Savior Came”, #551



1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and
 2 That good phy - si - cian! Night and day The peo - ple
 3 His prais - es then were heard and sung By o - pened
 4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for
 5 His sov - 'reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in



help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness
 thronged a - bout His way; And won - der ran from
 ears and loos - ened tongue, While light - ened eyes could
 us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver
 pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -



longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.
 soul to soul, "The touch of Christ has made us whole!"
 see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a - go.
 cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.
 fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.

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Please rise.

Morning Prayer

Opening Verses..... *page 235*



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth shall de - clare Your praise.



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



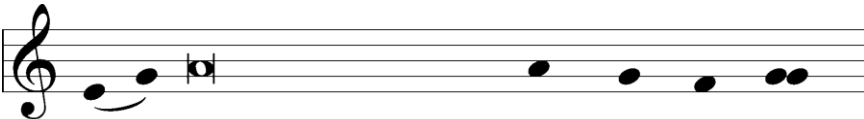
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

Antiphon..... *page 235*



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite..... *page 236*



C O come, let us sing to the Lord;



let us make a joy - ful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.



I Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;



let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.



II For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.



I In His hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.

II The sea is His, for He made it;

and His hand formed the dry land.

I O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;

let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.

II For He is our God, and we are the peo - ple

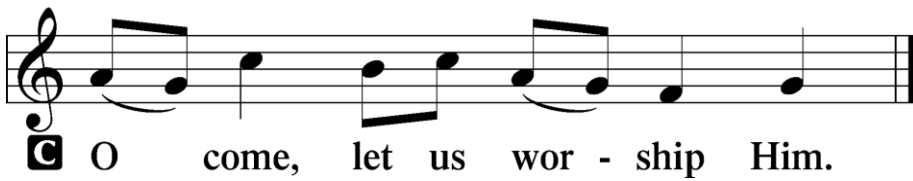
of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.

C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon *page 237*

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Psalm 111.....(*front of hymnal, spoken responsively*)

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Office Hymn..... "*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*", #806



Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus
 Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
 thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__
 Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
 rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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Please be seated.

Readings

Old Testament Reading.....Ruth 1:1-19a

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading 2 Timothy 2:1-13

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

Holy Gospel Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P Oh Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

P In many and various ways, God Spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Apostles' Creed..... (*back cover of hymnal*)

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Please be seated.

Children's Song "*Only One Came Back*"

Children's Message

Sermon..... "*Going Forward with Grit, Grace, & Gratitude*"

Please rise.

Hymn of Dedication..... "*For All the Faithful Women*", #855 (1, 7, 3, 4)



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en Who served in days of old,
7 For Ruth, who left her home - land And ven - tured forth in faith,
3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.
 Who pledged to serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death,
 In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,
 All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.
 We praise You, God of Is - rael, And pray for hearts set free
 We of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise
 With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.
 To bind our - selves to oth - ers In love and loy - al - ty.
 That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.
 We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

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Offering

Offering plates are not being passed during the service; worshipers may place their offerings into the plate located at the west entrance.

“Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:15-16)

Prayer

Collect of the Day *(spoken in unison)*

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving)

Collect for Grace *page 241*

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your

mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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Benediction..... page 242

Sending Hymn..... *"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus", #685*



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Dismissal (Bethlehem's Mission)

- P** Grow in Christ,
- C** Live in Love and Share the Faith!

PostludeLorraine Miller, Gary Moege

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Next week's readings:

OT: Genesis 32:22-20; Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Attendance Last Saturday: 28	Attendance Last Sunday: 63
Total Offering: \$2,768.00	Missions: \$64.00
Home Use: \$1,416.00	Benevolences: \$1,288.00

Serving us today:

- Usher Alan Miller
- MusiciansLorraine Miller, Gary Moege
- Altar Committee..... Teresa Hillsman (Chair), Lisa Gulick
 Lynn Johansen, Beryl Lindley, Susie Mills
- Flower Committee Eunice Cobb (Chair), Penny Humphrey

This Week's Schedule

- Monday 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class
- 2:00 a.m. Moms and Tots
- 6:00 p.m. Mary Martha Guild Meeting

Tuesday		<i>Pastor on Vacation</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday		<i>Pastor on Vacation</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
		No Bible Study
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at Warrensburg Christian School
	1:00 p.m.	Games and Card Group
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Group
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	UCM Parade
	11:00 a.m.	Trustees' Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
	9:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at www.blchurch.com , under the Sermons tab)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	1:30 p.m.	Youth Leave for the Riverside Concert
	3:00 p.m.	"Down by the Riverside" Concert in Waverly

Prayers

Of Rejoicing—We give thanks to the Lord for the Baptism of Bailee Leona Maddux (daughter of Derek and Haven—a member of Faith, Warsaw) here yesterday in a private family ceremony. Blessings on her growing life in Christ!

Of Rejoicing for Colleen and Jeremiah Murrell & family on the safe and joyful arrival of Ezra Vera Paige Murrell, born on October 5th. May Christ bless and keep this family with health and every goodness!

For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, are undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization and rehabilitation: Mel Bockelman, Paula Brewer, Felisa Brown, Ben Burd (friend & coworker of Jeremy VanWey), Ray & Mary Carstensen, Bob & Barbara Compton, Donna Cuellar (Betty Weinberg's daughter), Marion Droege, Wilma Gertz, Karen Haase, Maxine Jaeger, Mary Johnson, Wanda Kreisel, Betty Landers (Darlene Laubenstein's sister), Johnny Nichol, Judy Pierce, Maryanna Savery, Denny Spanton, Rose Steitz, & Joe Zeman.

For Pregnant Mothers (& Waiting Fathers), especially Paige & Colin Hart (who are getting closer to December)! The Lord's good provision to all parents in the daily welcome and care of their children.

For Military Members—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden, Ty Carter and Chance Hillsman.

Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you're feeling the strain, feel free to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty, and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

Worship Services

Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. Sunday's Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at blchurch.com.

Sunday School and Christian Education

Sunday School is at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings downstairs for ages Preschool through 12th grade. Our teachers for the fall are as follows: Rebecca Holland-preschool & kindergarten; Jack Easterwood-elementary; Rich Vanderburgh-junior & senior youth and Penny Humphrey-superintendent. The children are regularly working on songs with the goal of singing in the Sunday service once per month. We invite all children of the congregation (and outside too!) to come and be a part of this time growing together in Christ.

Sunday Bible Study—Steward the Harvest of Autumn with GLEANINGS. Continuing through the last Sunday of the Church Year (November 20), we're undertaking a study that surveys hunger and harvest, wasting, feasting, and sharing in Scripture and in our lives today. The Old Testament session still ahead is: *5) Hunger*. The New Testament sessions will be: *6) Breakfast, 7) Lunch, 8) Dinner, 9) Midnight Snack, & 10) Party*. **Join us in the conference room at 9:15 a.m.** to find out what those titles are about and how they'll take us further into Scripture and life. Each attendee gets a personal study booklet—which includes all of the sessions. Prepared by the Society of St. Andrew (SOSA)—an organization which gleanes America's fields to feed the hungry—this exploration and discussion will take you through the harvests of autumn to Thanksgiving with new awareness and generous stewardship. To learn more about SOSA, go to www.endhunger.org.

Faith Discussion and Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study—We will not be meeting this week due to Pastor's absence but **will resume on the 19th**. That day, we'll begin looking into the background and beginning of the book of the prophet Haggai. **Join us in the conference room from 10:30 to noon** for this time of study, growth, and exploration of Scripture together.

UCM Students—The **UCM Lutheran Student Center** is located at **215 S. Holden Street** and is a place on campus for students to gather for fellowship. The Student Center has a meal and Bible study every **Thursday, starting at 5:00 p.m.** Their contact number is 660-747-7603 and Facebook @UCMLutherans. You are also invited to gather with us at Bethlehem for worship, Scripture study, faith discussion, and projects at any time. We welcome you to grow and serve alongside us here at Bethlehem!

The Lutheran Witness October issue provides an interesting overview of 12 Christian denominations. Pick one up at each entrance of the church. Also check your mailboxes for the 4th quarter **Portals of Prayer**.

Opportunities to Help & Serve

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is celebrating their 80th anniversary this year. In honor of this occasion. We have chosen to support our local Food Center by trying to **"Fill the Tote with 80" food items**. There are totes by each church entrance for you to use, so help us fill each of them with 80 items! **This challenge will end on Sunday, October 30** (Reformation weekend). Thanks for being as generous as you can!

The Warrensburg Food Center is in need! Harvesters is the primary source of food for our local food pantry. The Food Center currently serves over 400 families monthly and the number grows every time they are open as new families sign up for assistance. Several groups in the community have committed to food drives, but the need is great. Anything you can donate, either in the form of food items or cash, will be put to very good use! Our pantry is supplemental, which means we only try to give food for a week and the families must fend for the rest of the month. **There is a list of needed items on the bulletin board in the north foyer, and there is a donation cart as well.** You can leave cash donations at the church office or mail to the Food Center, P.O. Box 872, Warrensburg, MO 64093, or put it in Sue Cottrill's or Pastor's mailbox. Thank you for helping to lessen food insecurity in our county!

Donations and Prayers Needed—On Sept. 28, Hurricane Ian made landfall in Southwest Florida as a Category 4 storm, one of the strongest recorded hurricanes ever to hit the contiguous United States. LCMS Disaster Response Director Rev. Dr.

Ross Johnson said that it was remarkable to have so many disaster leaders together in one place as Ian made landfall. Together, they prayed for those affected by this storm. Then those involved in the response to Ian continued a process that had begun as soon as the storm became a threat. **If you would like to donate to the “Hurricane Relief”, you can go to lcms.org/givenow/hurricane.**

LSC Meal Support—Those who would like to help provide meals at the Lutheran Student Center can send a check directly to them or put it in your offering with a note in the memo line “LSC Meals.” The suggested cost to cover a meal is \$35. As an alternative you can also come cook and serve the meal to the students. Contact Pastor Schweigert if you would like to do this. (660) 747-7603.

Garden & Greenspace Work—The warm growing season has come to an end, but plenty of great produce has been shared again this year through our community vegetable garden, and there’s still stuff to do this fall. Talk to Shawn Lindley or Pr. Joel if you’re looking for a way to plug in and help in the process. Thanks!

Fellowship

Bethlehem’s Junior & Senior Youth Third Sunday gathering will be happening on **October 16**, but instead of meeting at 3:00, all who are planning to attend the Singing Saints’ “Down by the Riverside” concert in Waverly should be here and ready to leave by **1:30 p.m.** on **October 16** in order to get a good spot for the 3:00 outdoor event. Please contact Penny Humphrey for transportation arrangements.

Exercise Class happens at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone, men or women. For more information, contact Judy Smith.

The Games and Card Group meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room downstairs. Anyone, men and women, are welcome to come. If you have any questions, please contact Melvin Theroff.

The Quilting Group meets on the **second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** (September through May). Anyone is welcome to help with this project. No special sewing skills are needed. Bring your own lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Luker.

This & That

10th Annual Ladies’ Night Out—October 11, 2022 from 5-8p.m. at the UCM Multipurpose Building. Tickets are \$15. This event is for any ladies who would like to help support Breast Cancer Awareness. Bethlehem’s **Felisa Brown**, as a survivor of breast cancer, will be the honorary guest speaker this evening. Please come out

and support Felisa and all of the others that had or have breast cancer. Your ticket gets you a free T-shirt, VIP bag with coupons and goodies and you will be entered into multiple raffles.

Want to Ride on a Float or Walk and Hand Out Stuff? We are in need of people to present Bethlehem to the Warrensburg community and have some great items to hand out (in addition to candy)! Adults and children are welcome. **The UCM Homecoming Parade will be held on Saturday, October 15th at 9:00 a.m., so let Cindy know by this Wednesday if you'd like to be a part of this fun event.**

The Singing Saints of Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, Missouri will be presenting their annual "Down by the Riverside" concert on Sunday, October 16th at 3:00 p.m. at Eagle Bluff Ranch in Waverly, Missouri (31827 US-65, Waverly, MO 64096). The 62-voiced concert choir will present an outdoor concert featuring a program of songs about rivers, water, Baptism, and God's creation at a beautiful venue overlooking the Missouri River. The concert is free, but a free-will offering to help support the expenses of the spring choir tour are greatly appreciated. Fall-themed refreshments will be served after the concert.

American Heritage Girls (americanheritagegirls.org) is a Christ-centered group program for girls (ages 5-18). **AHG** was founded by a group of parents wanting a faith-based, scout-type character development program for their daughters in 1995. The AHG Program is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. AHG girls across the nation and the globe participate in badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities, and outdoor experiences, all with an emphasis on Christian values and family involvement. AHG meets at Faith Lutheran Church in Knob Noster. For more information on dates and times contact Rebecca Holland (660) 441-1271.

Trail Life USA (www.TrailLifeUSA.com) is a Christ-centered outdoor adventure and character development program for boys (ages 5-18). Trail Life partners with churches to grow godly young men. Boys connect with friends, dads and mentors in a safe, encouraging, Christian Environment. Trail Life USA meets at Faith Lutheran Church in Knob Noster. For more information on dates and times contact Jeremy VanWey (660) 909-4765.

Country Kitchen Cards—We have Country Kitchen Cards. Stop by the office if you would like to purchase one. They are \$10 and you get 10 buy-one- get-one free meal deals. All proceeds go to the youth group. Thanks for your support!

2022 Elders

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Our Mission

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

Our Vision

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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