

October Prayer

Blessed God who has made me holy, remind me today and everyday that you are bigger than the boogey man, that you are God even over the witches, ghosts, and demons of this world. When I fight imaginary evils and when I am facing very real demons I ask you to stand with me, strengthen me, defend me from all that is evil in this world. Help me to have your confidence as I laugh at the frightening things of this world, in the name of my Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Do It Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; Love them anyway.  
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motive; Be kind anyway.  
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway.  
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway.  
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway.  
If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.  
The good you do today, people will forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.  
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you’ve got...anyway  
You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God, it never was between you and them anyway.

By Mother Theresa

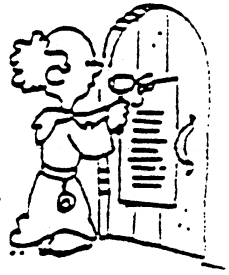
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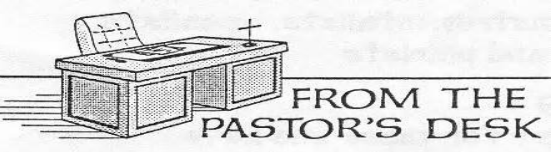
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1 Samuel 28:8

So Saul disguised himself in different clothes, and taking two men with him, he went to see this woman [a medium, or a witch] in the dark of the night.

Halloween approaches and with it all the fun costumes and scary monsters and most importantly kids knocking on our doors trick or treating for candy. Halloween has a long history which predates our American customs of candy and costumes. Many ancient cultures have had a fall festival honoring their dead, the harvest, and their different gods.

As the early Christian church developed, many of these ancient pagan traditions were adapted into Christian traditions. And, a holiday called "All Saints Day" or "All Hallow's Day" became an important tradition filled with rituals to honor the blessed dead, or saints. The word Hallow comes from a word that means Holy, and we also hear this word in our Lord's Prayer when we say "Hallowed be thy name." As All Hallows Day became important, so did its "Eve" day, which became known as All Hallow's Eve, eventually simplified as Halloween.

In today's culture, there are various pieties within our Christian Church regarding Halloween. Some Christians feel Halloween is filled with too many pagan traditions, the scary monsters, the scary horror movies, and the connections to witchcraft and wiccan traditions. Other Christians feel Halloween is an innocent fun day of costumes, laughing at ghouls and evil spirits, and of course lots of sweets. There is no right answer or right piety about this end of October holiday.

There is an element to our current cultural holiday of Halloween that does bother most Christians. And that is the connection to witchcraft. I shared the verse from 1st Samuel and I would invite you to read the rest of the 28th chapter. This is the story when Saul goes to seek the counsel of Samuel, who had died a few months earlier. Saul tried going to the Lord Yahweh, but felt the Lord was not answering him. So in desperation, Saul goes to a medium who lives in the city of En-Dor.\* The medium is able to conjure up the deceased prophet. But the ghost of Samuel is not very pleased at being awakened, and he does not give Saul good news.

There are witches, ghosts and all sorts of other mysterious things that are frightening that we will encounter whether it is Halloween or just any ordinary day of the year. This should not surprise us for even in the Bible there are witches and ghosts. But above all our imaginations, above all the things of this world that we do not understand, there is only one God - the Lord, Yahweh, his Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. There is only one God who blesses, who sanctifies, who makes holy, who hallows. There is only one God who "is bigger than the boogey man," to quote a favorite Veggietales song of mine. And we have been called to worship not the demons, ghosts or witches. We have been called to worship The Only God.

Let us enter into the fall celebrations and holidays with that in mind. And let us cast all our fears aside, for God has made us His holy saints.

\* Yes, George Lucas took the name of one of his Star Wars worlds Endor from this chapter in the Bible.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Jamie

**Week of October 5 to 11**

Sunday, October 5th, Time after Pentecost

Devotional Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

This Week in prayer our homebound members: Myron and Linda Deets, Adeline Sheehan, Frank and Leona Ward, Gladys Reed, Elnora Hinrichs, Helen Friel, Elda and Dick Dalquist, Bill and Ruth Borth, Elsie Heward, Joan Massengil, Ardree Fogel; Pray also for the residents of Southtown Terrace, a home here in Milledgeville for adults with mental and physical challenges.

**Week of October 12 to 18**

Sunday, October 12, Time after Pentecost

Devotional Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

This Week in prayer: This week is the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly, keep in prayer all who attend the assembly, all the work of our Synod and national church, and in particular for the Northwest Conference of the Northern Illinois Synod, the Northern Illinois Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Bishop Gary Wollersheim of the NIS and Bishop Elizabeth Eaton of the ELCA. Continue to pray for our local partners here as well: Faith on Forty Ministry, Church of the Brethren on Main Street, Dutchtown Brethren, Milledgeville United Methodist, and Community Baptist Church.

**Week of October 19 to 25**

Sunday, October 19, Time after Pentecost

Devotional Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

This Week in Prayer: For victims of domestic abuse, for victims of child abuse, for shelters and centers of safety for those victims, for those who work tirelessly to bring justice for victims of abuse everywhere. For those who are shamed by bullies. For school counselors, especially Mrs. Stacey Bontz of the Milledgeville-Chadwick School District.

**Week of October 26 to November 1**

Sunday, October 26th, Reformation Sunday

Devotional Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

This Week in Prayer: For those who are trapped by systemic poverty, for those trapped by the cycle of addiction, for those who have no one to stand up for their rights and equality. For our elected officials and those seeking office, that they may seek justice in their efforts to govern rightly. For our law enforcement officers, fire fighters, first responders, paramedics and other emergency personnel, that their work may be safe.

**October Mission  
Food Pantry**



Items needed:

- Elbow
- Spaghetti
- Egg Noodles
- White and Brown Instant rice
- Canned Chicken (small cans are available at the Dollar General & Dollar Tree for \$1)
- Canned chunked/ground Ham (same as above - makes good ham salad)
- Sweets are always welcome - jello, pudding, cake mixes, cookies
- Paper/Cleaning products (paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, dish soap)
- Personal Health products (shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant)



**Operation Christmas Child**

National Collection Week  
October - November 16th

“Every shoebox offers an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child.”

Franklin Graham  
President, Samaritan’s Purse

To make it easier, the WELCA ladies got some pre-made boxes. These boxes can be picked up in the Narthex.

Questions call: Kim Stewart 225-5541 or  
Carol Lee Bushman 225-7757

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 AM Pastor @ Text Study 1-3 PM School Mentoring	2	3 Pastor's Day Off	4
5 17th Sun. after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship @ FWJ 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship @ Trinity (Banner Dedication) 1:30 AM Crop Walk	6 Noon Sewers Meet	7 6:30 PM Choir	8 9:00 AM Pastor @ NW Conference Meeting 1-3 PM School Mentoring	9 7 PM Dorcus @ Kay Chronisters 5:30 PM MHS Homecoming Parade	10 Pastor's Day Off 5th Quarter Event-following Football Game	11
12 18th Sun. after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship @ FWJ 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship @ Trinity 11:30-1 Confirmation Class	13 Noon Sewers Meet	14 6:30 PM Choir 7 PM Joint Council Meeting	15 9:30 AM Pastor @ Ministerial Ass. Meeting 1-3 PM School Mentoring	16	17 Pastor's Day Off	18 
19 19th Sun. after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship @ FWJ 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship @ Trinity 11:30-1 Confirmation Class	20 Noon Sewers Meet	21 11 AM Grace Meals 4 PM Worship @ Southtown 6:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting	22 1-3 PM School Mentoring	23	24 Pastor's Day Off 5th Quarter Event-following Football Game	25
26 Reformation Sunday 8:30 AM Worship @ FWJ 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship @ Trinity 11:30-1 Confirmation Class	27 Noon Sewers Meet	28 6:30 PM Choir	29 1-3 PM School Mentoring	30	31 Pastor's Day Off 	

5th Quarter Youth Events

After every Milledgeville home football game , 7th graders through 12th graders are invited to the Milledgeville Brethren Church for fun and food and a brief devotion. No need to sign up in advance, friends are welcome. Just come and have fun. Parents: pick-up time will be 1 hour after the game has ended.

Don't let the Friday night lights fun end just because the refs said the game is over! Have more fun at the Milledgeville Brethren Church!



Faithful Parenting Forum

Sunday, October 19th 7:00 PM.

The Faithful Parenting Forum is for all parents of preteens and teens. Our youth face challenges today that are more and more difficult with each passing day. This forum is a safe place for parents to gather, to support one another, to learn from one another, and to hear how our faith shapes our parenting skills. Join us for this great opportunity to grow in faith and to be strengthened as parents.

Grace Meal

September 16th @ 11:30

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, salad's & desserts will be served

Anyone over the age of 60 is welcome

Crop Walk - October 5th

A Little Help Can Make a Big Difference:

- \$25 - can provide blankets to a family of 5 displaced by violence or natural disaster
- \$50 - can provide oral rehydration therapy for 55 children suffering from diarrhea - a deadly disease to children in the developing world
- \$100 - can provide a micro-credit loan to a women trying to start a business to support her family
- \$200 - can provide a water buffalo to a farming family struggling to increase their farm production.

Donations can be made to any confirmand or Pastor Jamie



Elementary School Mentoring

Beginning Wednesday, September 3rd, at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, volunteers are sought to be a "grandparent" to the elementary school kids here in Milledgeville. Meet in the Elementary wing, get a desk and plan for 2 hours of amazing fun - reading and playing school games with kindergarten through 3rd graders. See the light on their face as they grow in their reading and math skills over the course of the year. Take joy in knowing you will be recognized by a kid in a store or at a restaurant simply because you gave 2 hours of your time one afternoon a week. No prior experience necessary, just a joyous heart.

Questions: Contact Mrs. Diane Bracken at 815-225-7022.



CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. With its inception in 1969, CROP Hunger Walks are "viewed by many as the granddaddy of charity walks," notes the Los Angeles Times (Oct. 26, 2009).

On October 17, 1969, a thousand people in Bismarck, ND, walked in what may have been the first-ever CROP Hunger Walk – and raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger. Several other CROP Hunger Walks occurred soon thereafter, and before long there were hundreds of Walks each year in communities nationwide.

Currently, well over 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,600 CROP Hunger Walks each year. More than five million CROP Hunger Walkers have participated in more than 36,000 CROP Hunger Walks in the last two decades



# Confirmation

## Confirmation Class

Class times are 11:30 am to 1:00 pm on Sundays. Friends are welcome to join us for worship and for class.

Please pray for our confirmation students as they prepare to affirm their baptismal faith: Connor Eubanks, Clayton and Colton Simpson, Alyvia Woodard, Heide Gallagher, Jenna Green, Brendan Eye

This month’s class topic is the Bible. Our class has learned about how the Bible was written, discussed the issue of “truth” and discovered contradictors in the Bible should not worry us, they all help point to God’s amazing work.

## Confirmation Mentors Meeting

Wednesday, October 8th at 7 pm there will be at meet-ing for the Confirmation class mentors. This meeting will be for the 7 mentors that will be AAA adults for our confirmation students. AAA means Available, Authentic, and Affirming. We will talk about mentor expectations, participation, and define more about be-ing Available, Authentic, and Affirming.

If you have interest in assisting with the Confirmation class, but are not one of the 7 identified mentors, you are still welcome to come and learn more.

The Confirmation class will walk in the Annual Crop Walk on Oct. 5th.



Saturday, October 19th 9:00 - 1:00

Coffee Hour 9:00 - 10:30

Lunch 11:00 - 12:30  
(BBQ Sandwich/Salad)

Raffle Drawing at Noon

Crafts, Bake Sale, Church Made Noodles, Fun & Fellowship  
Please help support our church Bazaar by donating and attending



Tickets1 Ticket \$1  
6 Tickets \$5

If you would like to buy a ticket see any WELCA member,  
or call the church office 815-225-7410



10/5	Ardree Fogel
10/8	Janet Barkley
10/12	Lynn Kaufman
10/13	Rebecca Green
10/20	Jenna Green
10/21	Cody Buckman
10/26	Stanley Meinsma
10/30	Allen Chronister
10/31	Sally Ann Caudillo

10/7	Debra Judas
10/8	Lauren Schmidt
10/11	Jordan Harris
10/14	Paul Cheeseman
10/14	Corrine Ohlwine
10/15	Cinda Heeren
10/15	Brian Simpson
10/15	Nichlaus Strehlow
10/16	Melissa Emmons
10/19	Carol Sibley
10/23	Mark Dettman
10/30	Kevin Anderson
10/30	Dan Schmidt
10/31	Connie Brockhouse



10/2	Amanda & Craig Schildgen
10/4	Richard & Carol Lee Bushman
10/6	Sarah & Curtis Coyle
10/8	Stacy & Eric Mickelson
10/11	Leland & Ruth Bryson
10/11	James & Katie Gallagher
10/12	Dan & Lois Nye
10/14	Tom & Michelle Neubauer
10/24	Jerry & Cinda Heeren
10/27	Corrine & Orville Ohlwine



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RETREAT

October 10-11, 2014

☑ Rest ☑ Renew ☑ Recharge

Up for quality time away to find  
new life in your energy & faith?

Join us for a weekend of fraternity,  
inspiration, meaning & fun

For more information  
on any of these ac-  
tivities, please see  
the bulletin board in  
the front room.

Third Annual Tri-Synod Youth  
Leader Retreat

October 20th-21st  
At  
Lutheran Outdoor  
Ministries Center

Come and be affirmed in your ministry  
with young people at this  
Practice Discipleship Training Event!

**Who:** Youth Leaders, Pastors, and Volunteers who work with youth.

**Purpose:** To network, enjoy fellowship, share best practices and concerns, and learn more ways that you can accompany young people on their faith journey. Practice Discipleship Coaches from CSIS, NIS and Metro-Chicago Synod will share highlights and lead the group through activities from this year's curriculum: "Frame"

**Register Today!**

\$35.00/person  
Includes overnight accommodations at Freedom Tree Village at LOMC in Oregon, and 3 meals  
Begins at 1:00 pm on Oct. 20th—3:00pm on Oct. 21st  
Call Audrey at LOMC to Register  
815-732-2220

**NIS Practice Discipleship Coach:**  
Michelle Heinrich  
yandf@faithlcrochelle.org  
More info on PD go to their website:  
www.practicediscipleship.org



## Autumn Fest

Sunday October 12, 2014

Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary LOMC!!!

Come join us to celebrate our  
**forty** years of ministry at our  
annual Autumn Fest! Be with us  
for a fantastic day of celebration,  
reminiscing, and FUN!

9:45 AM-4:30 PM

9:45am -Worship with  
Freedom Lutheran -  
Bishop Gary  
Wollersheim presiding

11am -3pm -Wagon  
Rides, pumpkin carving,  
apple cider making,  
fishing, canoeing,  
zipping and games

11:30am - 1pm LUNCH  
catered by Alfano's

1pm - Zip Line blessing  
at the launch area -  
Bishop Wayne Miller

2:30pm - Swing Choir  
Tour 2014 concert

3:30pm - 40th  
Anniversary Worship -  
Bishop John Roth  
presiding

