

REFORMATION SUNDAY



Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

October 29, 2023

10:30 a.m.



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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
210 North Wayne Street
St. Marys, OH 4588

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Youth Service

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Setting 3

Page 138 Red Hymnal

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress

Cherwein

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P** The beginnings of faith call for seeking the Lord.
The beginnings of faith call for the reading of Scripture.
The beginnings of faith call for understanding the Word of God.
The authority of the Scripture stands on its own. Our discussion and questions are answered there.
Seek the Lord in The Word.
- C** **May we never fear the truth of Scripture.**
May we never cease proclaiming God's Word.
May we never cease to critically apply Scripture to our lives.
May the Holy Spirit infuse us with the living knowledge of Christ, the Word made flesh, the Way, the Truth, and the Light. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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- P:** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**
- P:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.**
- P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,

and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of

Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you

the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father,

and of the + Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GREETING

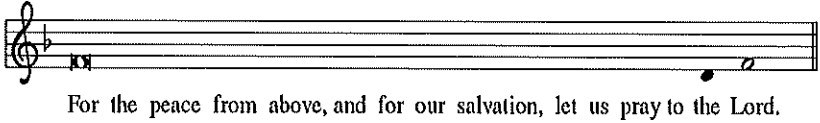
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

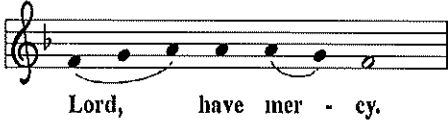
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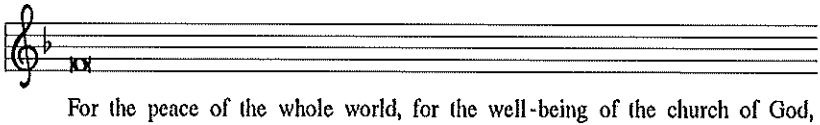
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



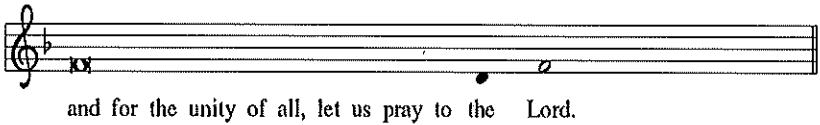
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



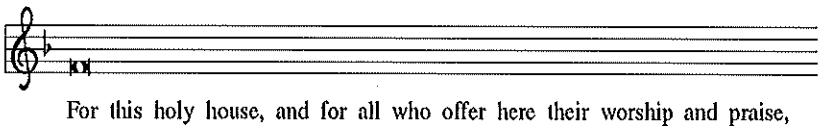
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



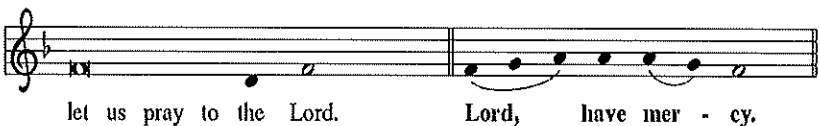
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



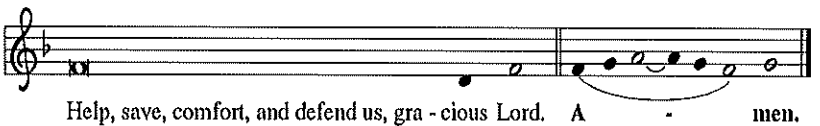
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



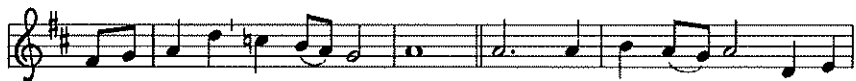
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,



glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

Insert

PSALM 46

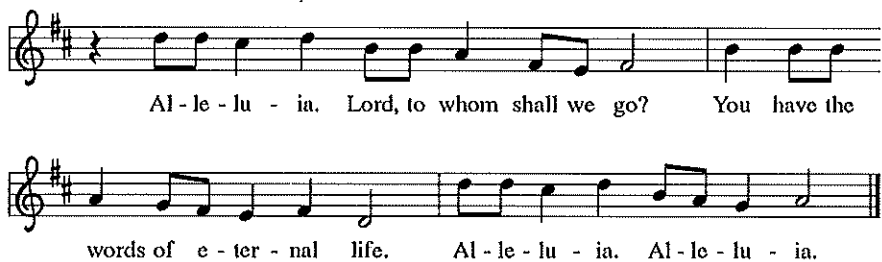
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SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to Saint John the eighth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

#632

CONFIRMATION

P: Will the Confirmands: Allison Grace Ankerman, Calianna Lee Bond-Awls, Grady Michael Hughes, Makenna Kathryn Meinerding and Megan Marie Miller come forward to the Communion Rail.

P: You have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You have attended worship and participated in the life of Christ's church. You have had the Holy Scriptures placed into your hands and you have completed two years of Catechism instruction.

P: Today is the day that you assume full responsibility for your faith. Today the promises made by your parents at baptism now stand before you to accept and keep.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R: *I renounce them.*

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R: *I renounce them.*

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R: *I renounce them.*

P: All of us may answer the following questions: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in

holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R: *I do and I ask God to help and guide me.*

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brother and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

(Parents come forward)

L: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Amen.

L: Allison Grace Ankerman

Confirmation Verse: Philippians 4:7

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L: Calianna Lee Bond-Awls

Confirmation Verse: Lamentations 3:22-23

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

L: Grady Michael Hughes

Confirmation Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

L: Makenna Kathryn Meinerding

Confirmation Verse: Philippians 1:6

“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ”

L: Megan Marie Miller

Confirmation Verse: John 8:12

“I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake, stir up in Allison Grace Ankerman/ Calianna Lee Bond-Awls/ Grady Michael Hughes/ Makenna Kathryn Meinerding/ Megan Marie Miller **the gift** of your Holy Spirit; confirm her/his faith, guide her/his life, empower her/him in her/his serving, give her/him patience in suffering, and bring her/him to everlasting life.

C: **Amen.**

(Parents and Confirmands turn to face congregation.)

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters/brother in Christ.

C: **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

P: You are now a full member of the body of Christ, his church, and you are responsible to God for your own faith. Go in peace.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Do Not Despair Little Flock

Smith

CONGREGATIONAL SONG



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Lord God, we give you thanks for the wondrous gifts you have so freely given us. You are the source of our lives, our work, and our possessions. In an act of worship we offer back to you what you have first given to us, that our sacrifices in some small way, might express our devotion to you and be used to spread the Good News of Christ to the world. We pray this in the strong name of Jesus.

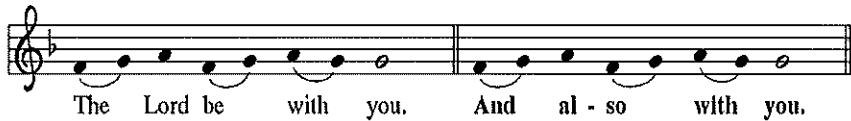
C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

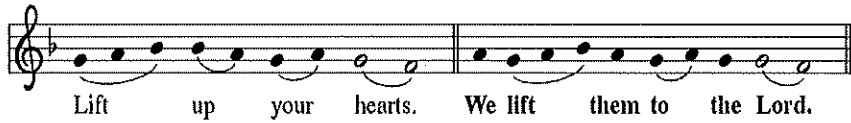
L: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

DIALOGUE



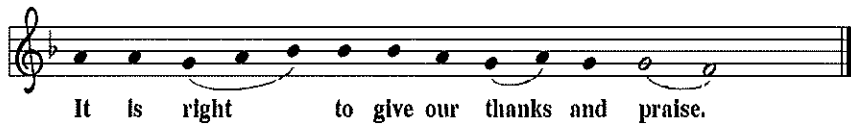
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

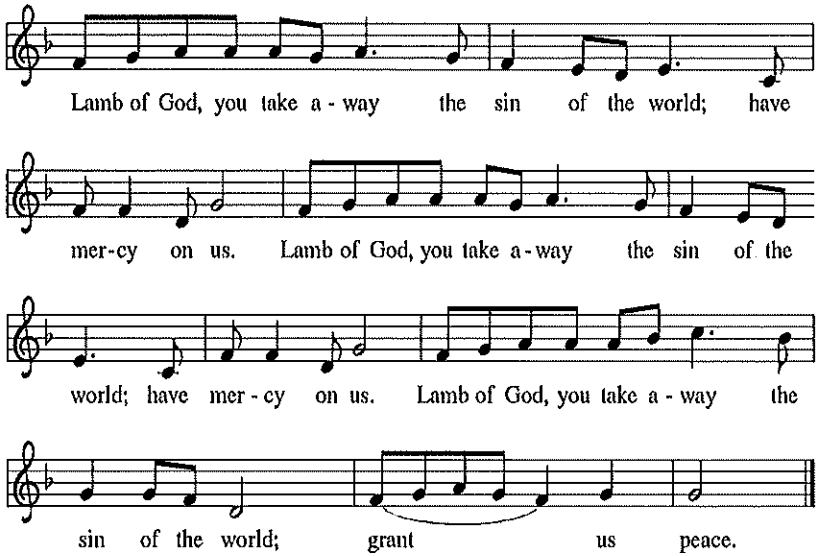
P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

<i>"Now We Join in Celebration"</i>	#462
<i>"Bread of Life from Heaven"</i>	#474

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

C: Amen.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

Holy and Eternal God, you have fed, nourished, and forgiven us at your holy table. Send us now into the world to share the good news of your salvation with all we meet, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
And give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

#836

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Morning Fanfare

Martin

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Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Darl Bishir's birthday on October 31st and to honor our youth who are being confirmed today.

Today, October 29*

- Acolytes:** 8AM: Colton Ankerman
10:30am: Cason Meinerding
- Communion** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster
Assistants: 10:30AM: Ruth Hoenie
- Crucifers:** 8AM: Bennett Glass
10:30AM: Jake Ackroyd
- Ushers:** 8AM: Ryan & Brandy Yahl,
Steve & Dora McAfee
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Noah Torsell,
Colton Ankerman, Braylon Lampert,
Zoey Lampert

Fellowship 8AM: Doug & Martha Stetler
Table: 10:30am: Andrew & Lorra O'Bryan
Greeters: 8AM: Brandy & Ryan Yahl
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee
Readers: 8AM: Kathy Langsdon
10:30: Jake Ackroyd

*Next Sunday, November 5**

Acolytes: 8AM: Jessi Eberle
10:30am: Zoey Lampert
Communion 8AM: Chris White
Assistants: 10:30AM: Ann Maki
Crucifers: 8AM: Calianna Bond Awls
10:30AM: Allison Ankerman
Ushers: 8AM: Ryan, Brandy, Eliza & Zaila Yahl
10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Dana Cook,
Stanley & Debbie Brown
Fellowship 8AM: Nora & Harry Staunton
Table: 10:30am: Dan & Cheryl Macklem
Greeters: 8AM: John & Amy Hesse
10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Sandy Wierwille
Readers: 8AM: Betty Hussey
10:30: Andrew O'Bryan

* Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE Last Wednesday: 26
Sunday 8 a.m.: 47, 10:30 a.m.: 43, Total for the Day: 90
 Total for Day: 116
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Calendar for October 29—November 12, 2023

S/29	8:00 a.m.	Reformation Worship*+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Breakfast
	10:30 a.m.	Reformation/Confirmation Worship*
M/30	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Bible Study
T/31	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/1	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	1:00 p.m.	Book Club
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Th/2	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time
S/5	8:00 a.m.	All Saints' Sunday*+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bring a Friend
	10:30 a.m.	All Saints' Sunday*+
	11:45 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
M/6	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Bible Study
T/7	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/8	9:30 a.m.	Women's Board Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class

	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
T/9	9:00 a.m.	Workday
	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release Time
	2:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
F/10		Veterans' Day Observed/Office Closed
S/11	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
S/12	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Dessert/Appetizer Challenge

**Holy Communion*

**Livestreamed on www.zionstmarys.org & on WCSM 96.7 Radio*



We invite you to include the following people in your daily prayers: Janet Dicke, Judy Von Blon, Brent Paulus, Sandi Deerhake, Alma Kuffner, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Ann Morris, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Ronald Suchland, Don Diers, Linda Diers, Ruth Schreffler, Vicki Bishir, Emily Henkle, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Pastor Wilck, Lisa Suchland, Kelsey, Eileen Zimmerman, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Markham Hodge, Alan Bishir, Mike Kittle, Donna Maynard, caretakers of the sick, Martha Meyer, Adam, Barb, Family of John Bowsher, Family of Mike Rubin, and the people of Israel.

Please pray for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carroll, Nathan Adams, Jacob Yahl, Jason Gross, Daniel C. Lukac IV, Michael Franklin and Kyle Schmehl who are in the service. Please pray for them, their family, and their safe return home.

Christian Sympathy to the Family of Mike Rubin, father of Allison Brady, and to the Family of John Bowsher, grandfather of Brandy Yahl.

The loose offering for the month of **October** each Wednesday & Sunday is earmarked to defray the shipping costs for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

The following students will be confirmed today having completed all their confirmation requirements: Allison Ankerman, Calianna Bond-Awls, Grady Hughes, Makenna Meinerding and Megan Miller.

Operation Christmas Child News: National Collection week is Nov. 13-20, 2023 so it's time to pack the boxes. Shoeboxes are available to be picked up at the table in the Narthex **now until Sunday, November 5**. Please return fun filled, prayed for boxes by **Sunday, November 12**. Please remember to include a WOW gift, hygiene items, and school supplies and the \$10 donation for shipping. Boxes may also be packed online at samaritanpurse.org/buildonline for a cost of \$25. The signup sheet to work at our Drop off location is also on the table. See Dora or Steve McAfee for more information.

Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sunday, November 5**. Remember to set your clocks *back* 1 hour, before heading to bed the night before.

The Congregational Meeting packets are available on the table in the narthex. Our Annual Congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 5**, at 11:45 a.m., with a light lunch being served in the auditorium.

Veterans' Day will be observed on **Friday, November 10**, and the office will be closed.

Date change: the Dessert & Appetizer challenge will be held on **Sunday, November 12**, at 6 p.m., in the auditorium. Do

you think your dessert or appetizer can win the golden spatula? Bring it and found out. Youth and adults are encouraged to participate. Not a baker or cook? Come, enjoy, and score the goodies. All are welcome.

The 2024 Flower Chart for the first 6 months is on the bulletin board by the alley entrance. We invite you to select the date you wish to provide flowers. On the Tuesday before the date you selected, order your arrangement from your favorite florist, and *contact the church office, 419-394-3115*, to let us know what information you would like included in the bulletin.

We have installed equipment for livestreaming of our worship services. The worship services can be found on our Facebook page. Volunteers are needed to help with recording each of the services. Please contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill about this ministry.

Our 8 a.m. worship service is broadcast live on WCSM radio 96.7 FM. Thank you to our primary sponsor of our WCSM radio broadcast—St. Marys Chrysler. Volunteers are needed to help with the sound board. No experience needed! Anyone interested in running the sound board during worship will be trained. We would like to have more people for rotation purposes. Contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill if you can help.

Weekly Budget	43 Week Budget	43 Week Income	Received 10/22
\$6,133--Current	\$263,719	\$237,748	\$6,407
\$290--NALC Offering	\$12,470	\$11,447	\$103