



Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church

The Beacon October 2026

Dear Partners in Discipleship,

I want to share a true story with you..... Kyle chauffeured his grandma in her '54 Mercury Monterey down the dusty, gravel road on the way to see the old homestead and reminisce a bit with her. She was glad for the company.

Ahead, a flurry of fuzz swept across the road and see tumbled into the high grass. "I'm going to stop and see what that was," said he. "Skunks," said she, "we don't need to be stopping for skunks just today." "I wonder . . ." said he. He stopped and got out. "Now you're embarrassing me. What are the neighbors going to think if we stop to chase skunks? If you get sprayed, you're walking back to town."

Kittens. Seven of them. Scrawny, bordering on emaciated. No mother in sight. Then it just happened, before he even thought of how it would look to the old woman born on the prairie in the 1800s. He started to meow like an idiot in broad daylight.

"Now, there's no need to do any of that," said she. "They probably have fleas anyway. Don't you dare bring them into my car." But he continued. Calling. Calling. As mother-cat-like as he could. Four came; three escaped.

Four lived to be reunited with the worried mama cat and her boy at the farmhouse almost a mile away. Three almost certainly perished.

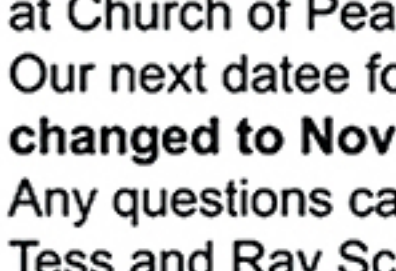
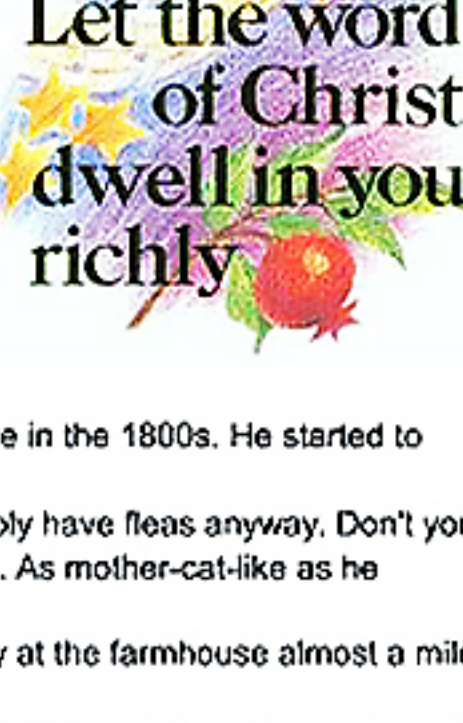
Almost two thousand years earlier . . . Another time. Another call. This one from the cross, and then from the open tomb. A call as loving and recognizable as he could make it, though some watched him and mocked. The call echoed through many centuries of time. Some mocked. Some came. Some escaped. The call is clear to this day. A call to faith in the Savior who alone is the way, the truth, and the life. Some mock, some come, some escape. But to those who come, who answer the call, he is not content to greet them from afar. He draws them close.

Closer. And why not? He gave his life for them, so is it any wonder that he wants to give them his very heart, a noble heart for living with the highest of principles?

They live principled lives when they can, when they notice that they have a choice. But for the most part they are happy just to have enough resources to get through the day. Live smarter? Live by divine principles? A luxury most days, they say. "A luxury, indeed," the Savior says, "and I want your lives to be luxurious with the richness of my Spirit. . . so for today, for now, let my word dwell in you richly, and I will show you the riches of a good life, a smart life, a principled life. A life that is marked by caring for others, a life of commitment in the sharing of the gifts I have first given you, the gift of your self, the gift of time each day of your life, the gift of all that you have and call your own. I gave my life for you, what will you give back in return?"

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly (Colossians 3:16a).

Pastor Tom



Loaves and Fishes

Serving Date: October 12th, 2026

We will continue to maintain our current menu. We will **not** need to serve it hot but be sure to **bake** the casserole.

Folks can make these up in advance an either drop it off on the serving day at Church of Peace at 4:00pm or you can leave it at Imanuel Trinity Church. Please have it there by **12:00 noon** the day of serving. Please do not rop anything off at Church of Peace priot to 4:00pm per their request.

Our next datee for **Loaves and Fishes 2026 have been changed to November 30th, 2026.**

Any questions can be directed to:

Tess and Ray Schwartz

920-517-2958 or tessschwartz@charter.net

More Loaves and Fishes News

Ray and I are looking for new coordinators to train. We have been on board as coordinators for 15 years and longer as volunteers. Time for new blood as they say!

We only serve 4 times a year. You can decide if you want Mondays or Wednesdays. We arrive for set up at 4:00pm and are usually done by 6:00-6:30 ish. All meals are take-out. Clients arrive at 5:00 and are usually done picking up by 5:30pm.

There will be a Loaves and Fishes coordinators meeting coming up on October 13, 2026 at Church of Peace. This meeting would be a good introduction to the organization. Ray and I will be around to train for a long as needed for your comfort. Please consider joining this group, it is a wonderful giving opportunity and so needed in our community.

Blessings,
Tess and Ray Schwartz

Coats for Kids Campaign

We are partnering with the Salvation Army in the 2026 Coats for Kids Drive again this year.

The dates of the collections are September 24th thru October 29th. Ages of winter wear are from 0-18 years. Coats, hats, gloves, mittens, boots and snow pants are all needed. Gently used items are acceptable.

Georgetown Cleaners is collecting any items that need to be cleaned. You may drop them off and let them know they are for the Drive. They will redirect them to the Salvation Army after cleaning.

We have 2 Collection Boxes on site. One is in the narthex and the other is outside the gym doors. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Blessings,
Tess Schwartz
Faith in Action Team Member

More News (Thanksgiving)

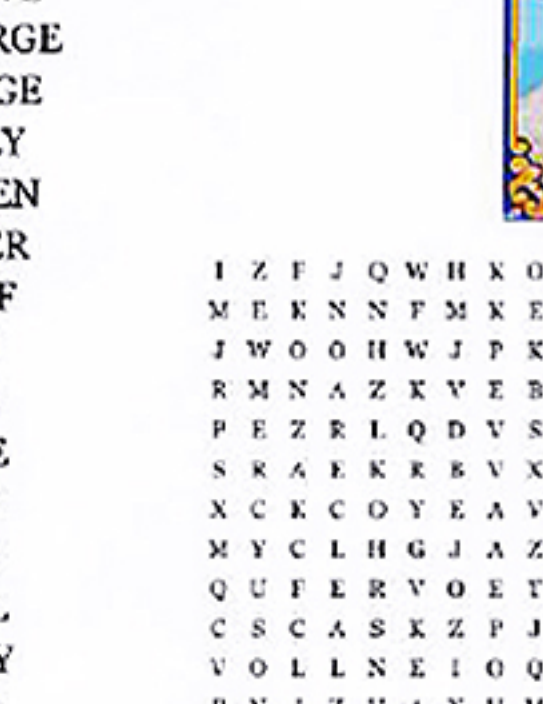
The Church Council has given the all clear for Faith in Action to move forward on Feeding 800 People for Thanksgiving.

We willk be working with Church of Peace, St. Vincent de Paul and Broken Bread as distribution sites as well as our own Church site.

The turkeys are ordered. Kettle Moraine Correction Institute will be cooking and prepping the turkeys. Donations are requested and need to be ok'd then collected. A refrigerated truck from Hoff's is reserved. Joe Klopp and the 701 Boy Scouts will be assisting in multiple categories. Moraine Park Culinary Arts Program Director is on board to assist. Our Media specialist Carla Wiltier has agreed to help again this year.

There will be a sign up in the narthex in November for **prep days**. For those that gotta know now, Tuesday, November 24th and Wednesday, November 25th probably starting at 9:00 am. More info later!

Thank you all in advance,
Tess Schwartz
Faith in Action Team Member



Reformation Weekend

October 24th and 25th, 2026

Remember to wear Red to Church.

Lector Readers,
Communion Assistants
and Audio/Visual Support
are urgently needed.
Please consider helping
out with this. Check the
website to volunteer and
sign up to be of
assistance. You can also
call Pat at 920-921-4545
to get signed up.

The Power of Prayer

CONFERENCE
HAPPINESS
TERRITORY
INCREASE
STRENGTH
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ENLARGE
CHANGE
FAMILY
HEAVEN
PRAYER
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FAITH
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DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words colors in the grid. Look for them vertically and horizontally.

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ACORN LEAF
APPLE PUMPKIN
FALL RAKE
JACKET SCHOOL



October Birthdays



October 1 Lori Dobbs	October 14 Marguerite Sling	October 23 Veronica Thrall Jane Von Rotz
October 2 Barbara Steinbrecher Luella Miller	October 16 Grace Mauthe	October 24 Lori Mickelson
October 3 June Bahr	October 17 Julie Schelk	October 27 Kali Rosenthal Kendal Rosenthal
October 8 Amy Meyer-Bremer Grace Reehl	October 19 Stacy Wright	October 28 Christine Rottman Earl Vis
October 9 Russ Raube	October 20 Susan Schmidt	October 30 David Hurtgen
October 12 Shirley Kimpel	October 21 Cheri Strook	
October 13 Deanna Kaul	October 22 Christopher Hurtgen Marc Stayner	

OCTOBER 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Deborah Circle 1pm Bible Study Stay Strong 3 classes	8:15am Pickleball	5:30pm Worship Communion
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9:30am Worship Communion Littles Spark & Adult Ed 10:30am	Bldg & Grounds Yoga mat 9am - 10am Yoga chair 10:15am - 11:15am	1pm Pickleball Stay Strong 3 classes Boy Scouts 6pm Champions of FDL 5:45-7:45 classroom	Champions of FDL 5:45-7:45 classroom Spark, Connect, Confirmation 6:30pm	Stay Strong 3 classes	8:15am Pickleball	5:30pm Worship
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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Pastor Tom - in Twin Cities from Oct 6-8			Pastor Tom - Theological Conference from Oct 19-21			