



October 2019

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

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- 10-1 Centering Prayer 8:30a
- 10-2 Soup Kitchen Noon
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 10-5 The Installation of
Bishop Strickland, 2p
(See article)
- 10-6 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.
Blessing of Animals 5:00p
(Youth Attending)
- 10-7 Grace Circle 10 a.m.
- 10-8 Centering Prayer 8:30
Quilting 10:00 a.m.
- 10-9 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 10-13 SS/Worship 11:00 a
Council Planning Mtg. 12-4p
Youth Group 5 p.m.
**Pastor Barb at Lutheridge
October 15-17**
- 10-15 Centering Prayer 8:30a
- 10-16 Oaks Nursing Home
10:00 a.m.
No Bible Study
- 10-19 Deer Day 9:00a-2:00p
City Park
- 10-20 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.
Family Day Meal
Mutual Ministry
Newsletter Deadline
Youth Group 5 p.m.
- 10-22 Centering Prayer 8:30a
- 10-23 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 10-26 HWY 26 Clean-up
- 10-27 SS/Worship 11:00 a.m.
**Reformation Sunday
Wear Red!**
Evangelism Mtg. noon
Youth Group 5 p.m.
- 10-29 Centering Prayer 8:30
- 10-30 Bible Study 7:00 pm

Conquering Fear...

With Halloween approaching, and all the deliciously scary masks and costumes popping up on the store shelves, I got to thinking about fear. Not the *fun* kind, that makes you laugh and slap the arm of the person who snuck up on you and yelled ‘Boo!’ but the *awful* kind that leaves you trembling like a leaf, looking over your shoulder in dread. I was thinking about how *that* kind of fear is much like a kitten stuck up a tree. Fear will turn that adorable, soft, little ball of fur into a biting, spitting insane little thing that, according to Calvin and Hobbes, is “pointy on all five ends.”



You can’t talk a frightened kitten down once it has begun to climb and has run out of tree at the top. It’s afraid to climb down, and doesn’t trust anyone else to *help* it down, either. All you can do with a kitten up a tree is leave it there, or grab some gloves, climb a ladder and grit your teeth, because it will fight you all the way, sinking its tiny claws into your arm, your chest, your back, as it tries to get away from its rescuer. Fear is a powerful force. It gives you extraordinary strength, but it is a strength that almost always works against you. Fear makes you sink your fingernails in, and hunker down, paralyzed into inaction, until, in the words of Johnny Mathis, you are “as helpless as a kitten up a tree.”

Jesus is well aware of what fear can do to a person. He is also well aware that the ruler of this world *capitalizes* on that fear; uses it to keep people right where he wants them - in a death grip. Panic-stricken people cannot see beyond their own noses, and will resist any attempt from others to help them out. The Good News of Jesus is that by his death, Jesus has conquered fear! By his resurrection, he has conquered death! The stranglehold the ruler of this world has on humankind is now just an illusion. People are no longer helpless, but are free to choose to be helped. Jesus has come to the rescue, if only people will let him. But here’s the thing; Jesus will not climb up a tree that you have gotten yourself stuck in and wrestle you down. Jesus calls your name, holds out his hand and waits until you are ready to release your grip on the branch, and grasp onto him. No, we do not save ourselves. Jesus has done that for us. But, we *can* resist his aid. We can choose to sit in the crook of that tree until our strength gives out; until our life gives out.

We who have released ourselves into the arms of the Savior live in gratefulness to him for having conquered fear and for rescuing us again and again, in those moments when fear returns and we can’t seem to move. And, I am here to tell you that if you find yourself stuck and in fear for your life, Jesus is always there, waiting to set your feet back on solid ground, if only you will allow him to carry you to safety. Thanks be to God!

Blessings, Pastor Barb <><

*Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not be afraid.*

John 14:27

Serving Our Lord in October

Communion Assistant	Bobby Martin
Ushers	Duck Koch and Ted Robinson
Altar Guild	Jon Coogle and Tommy Martin
Lectors	Karen Hatten and Wendi Martin
Kyrie	Katie Felker
Acolytes:	Aubrey Head

Family Day Dinner: September October 20th

Myrtle Joiner, Tommy & Wendi Martin, Jamey & Angela Cannon and Sharon Martin.

Coffee Hour:

10-6 Wendi and Tommy Martin	10-13 Renee Collier
10-20 Dale Godfrey	10 27 Sharon Martin

Flowers:

- 10-6** Tommy and Gail Coogle in loving memory of their grandparents
- 10-13** Arthur Jackson in honor of his children, Amanda and Justin
- 10-20** Bobby and Sharon Martin in memory of Betty Futrell
- 10-27** Tony and Renee Collier in honor of Katie, Brett, Angie and Richard

Soup Kitchen: Soup Kitchen, October 3rd, Dale Godfrey and Mary Lynn Robinson

Sunday School Teachers:

K-5th Grade – Angela Cannon **6th – 12th Grade** – Katie Felker

Adult Class - Lingle Room – David Haigler/Jon Coogle

Adult Class - Conference Room – Wendi Martin

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

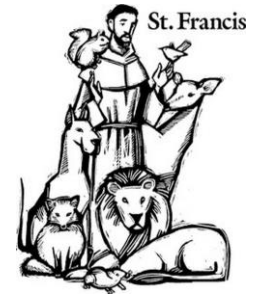
10-6 Renee Collier	10-18 Ava Coogle
10-7 Daniel Coogle	10-18 Brenden Fitzgerald
10-7 Jeremy Martin	10-25 Emily Harvill
10-9 Neelima Ourgi Choppla	10-25 Callie Ann Coogle
10-10 George Smith and Helen Smith	10-26 Franchelle Arnold
10-12 George Coogle	10-28 Karen Hatten
10-13 Kelsi Cannon	10-29 Billy Martin
10-13 Tricia Trask	10-31 Gail Coogle

You Are Invited!

On October 5, 2019 at 2:00 pm, The Reverend Kevin Lyle Strickland will be installed as the fourth bishop of the Southeastern Synod. The installation will be held at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, with a reception to follow. You are all invited to this important event! Pastor Barb and others are going, and if you would like to car pool, just let her know. Music begins at 1:30 p.m. and it is recommended we get there by then, so we will leave by 11:00 am. This is a good opportunity to get to meet your new bishop, whose six year term began September 1st.

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 6th at 5:00 p.m.

It's hard to believe that an entire year has gone by, but it is time for our Annual Blessing of the Animals! Each year, on the Sunday closest to October 4th, (the day the Church commemorates the life of St. Francis of Assisi) we lift our beloved pets to the Lord for his blessing on these dear members of our family. St. Francis believed that all of nature and its creatures are a reflection of God, and by honoring animals, we honor God. He called all creatures his "brothers" and "sisters", preached to the birds and is said to have persuaded a wolf to stop attacking some locals if they agreed to feed it! That is why we often see garden statuary of St. Francis with a bird in his hand and a wolf at his side. So, bring your pets to Church on Sunday, Oct. 6th at 5:00 pm, and Pastor Barb will ask for God's blessing on each one by name.



Reformation Sunday is October 27, 2019 - Wear Red!

On October 31st, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 thesis on the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. He only wanted to start a conversation, leading to what he saw as much needed reforms in the Church's thinking. But, his hoped for conversation starters led to the Protestant Reformation, and the start of the Lutheran denomination. 502 years later, we continue to celebrate our Lutheran heritage by remembering Martin Luther and his teachings on the Sunday closest to October 31st. This year, it is October 27th, and the color of the day is red! We will celebrate the day with rousing music and joyful prayers of thanks to God that the ELCA is a Church that is always listening together to the Spirit's movement, transforming our lives and pointing us in new directions. May we always be a Reforming Church.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL #41

On October 3-6, I will be leading the #41st *Kairos Prison Ministry International* Bible Study Program at Dooly State Prison on October 3-6. I, along with other volunteers, will go into the prison to teach the good news of the love of Jesus to the incarcerated, in hopes of transforming their hearts and minds for Christ. I request your prayers, along with your assistance with the refreshments. As usual, 2 liter bottles of soft drinks and cookies (6 per clear baggie) are most welcome, as well as financial support for this important ministry. Please make all checks payable to *Kairos Prison Ministry International (KPMI)*. In your memo please write *Dooly State Prison, Ga. (DSP Ga.)* Please have all items at the church by 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2nd. Thank you for what you have done for this program in the past and for what you are going to do!

Thank You! Arthur Jackson Kairos Prison Ministry International

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY LITTER PICKUP Saturday, October 26th at 9:00 a.m.

The Litter Pickup will take place at the Mt. Zion site on Highway 26. If you have questions, please call David Haigler at 478-244-9727.

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Please Pray for Members: Jim Arnold, Al Coogle, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Mary Hammock, Emily Harvill, Sharon Martin; Zack Martin, Tricia Trask, Tony Webb, for our college students, for all the ministries of our church and for our Military.

For Friends and Family: Matthew Anderson, John Arnold, Cuyler Barr, Gene Bradley, Charles Cannon, Trey Chapple, Chic Cole, John “Soupbone” Corley; Brian Dietz, Karen Drysdale, Chris Fox, Bob Futrell, Trey Futrell, Allison Greene, Diane Greg; Langdon Harp, Freddie & Linda Hartley, Joseph Hill, Larry Hobbes, Ty Hobbes, Bobby Hosley, Bobby Hudson, Connie Johnson, Curtis Johnson, Jenny Joiner, Nancy Joyce, Greg Kirk, Mary Lamberth, Harris Lott, Corby McClure; Bob Melvin; Crystal Miller, Charlene Oliver, Leigh Powel, Tiffany Richards, Ron Ricklef, Kim Sangster, Douglas Smith, Celeste Trilla, Jacob Vickers and Lisa Vissage.

Serving Our Nation: John Edwards.



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