



October 2023

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

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10-1 SS 10a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Online option

10-4 Quilting 10:00a.m.

Soup Kitchen@Noon

10-08 SS 10 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Online option

**COUNCIL MEETING @
12:15P.M.**

**10-11 Ladies Lunch at
Old Mexico @ 11:30a.m.**

**10-12 Grace Group
@11:00 a.m.**

**10-15 INVITATION
SUNDAY**

SS 10 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Online option

*Family Day Dinner
Newsletter Deadline*

**10-18 Singing at The
Oaks @ 10:30a.m.**

10-22 SS 10 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Online option

**10-28 Adopt-A-Highway
Litter pick-up 9a.m. on
Hwy 26**

**10-29 Reformation
Sunday---Wear Red!**

SS 10a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Online option

**CONFIRMATION
CLASS Noon-3p.m.**

Pastor's Newsletter Article

October 2023

Grace means the favor by which God accepts us, forgiving sins and justifying freely through Christ.

Martin Luther – *Luther's Works* – Vol. XII, p. 376

Over 500 years ago a Roman Catholic priest named Martin would bow before his confessor, bearing the heavy burden of his sins upon his bruised and bleeding back (As punishment for his sins, Luther used to beat himself using a lead-weighted whip. It's called religious flagellation.) Luther's guilt was so severe that shortly after confessing, and upon returning to his bedroom, should he think of a sin he had forgotten to confess, he would *run* back to his confessor. Luther was THAT afraid for his justification and salvation.

However, through God's revelations through the Holy Scriptures, Luther came to a new understanding. It turns out that we are not justified by the confession of our sins; it turns out that our souls are not saved by the accumulation of our good deeds. Rather, the crucified Christ accomplished all that is needed for justification and salvation through his death on the Cross. God's forgiveness is neither earned nor purchased by any human action or word; only God can forgive, and so God has chosen to forgive those who believe in the One who wore that crown of thorns, who received those nails into his wrists and feet, and who took that sour wine upon his lips. Jesus paid the price for Sin. So, Luther stopped beating himself and he began *walking* to his confessor.

How much does this justification cost us? What is our price for God's forgiveness of our sins? The answer: NOTHING! You see, for you and for me there is no crown of thorns. For you and for me there are no nails. For you and for me there is no sour wine. No. None. Jesus paid for all of these himself. Jesus paid for all of these with his life so that you and I would never have to.

This IS the gift of God. This IS the Grace of God. And it's free to those who believe!

To God be the Glory for all God has done,
Pastor Steve

Ministry Opportunities in October

October Litter Pick-up

The October Litter Pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 28th. We will meet at the Mt. Zion Cemetery grounds on Hwy. 26 at 9:00 AM. As usual, safety vests and trash bags will be supplied. If you have any questions about the litter pick up, please call David Haigler at (478-244-9727) or Diane Cagle (229-331-2739).

Thanks, *Diane Cagle, Stewardship Committee Chair*

Thank all of you who were part of God's Work Our Hands activities, either in person or donating supplies. The quilting ministry completed one quilt and are working on another. Blessing bags were made as a youth activity. Feel free to take one in the Narthex and share His love to someone in need. The Financial Wellness program did not have a response, but wonderful fellowship was shared, and perhaps a different location and time might bring opportunities to help those struggling.

What a blessing to be used as His hands and feet?? Remember Sunday, October 15th is **Invitation Sunday** where we can invite a family member, friend, coworker, acquaintance, or a perfect stranger to church. There will be name tags everyone can wear to help us get to know each other. Since this is a Family Day Dinner Sunday, folks can stay and share a meal, as well. This will continue every third Sunday of the coming months so we can share the joy of the Lord in Fellowship.

God Bless you all, *Karen Hatten, Evangelism and Social Ministry Chair*

Please pray for our Confirmation Class: Emma, Landon, and Sam



REPORT FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee has been hard at work since our installation. Our members are: Joy McNutt, Katie Felker, Aiden Hobbs, Arthur Jackson, Angie Summer and myself. Pastor Steve has been an invaluable assistance for our group. We are at the final stages of preparing the Mission Site Profile (MSP). This is a detailed document that describes our congregation and its desire for pastoral appointment. It is a very deliberate process and we have had great discussions as to who we are at MZSL and more importantly, where we want to be to serve our community and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you have any questions or desire for input contact the Pastor, Katie, or me.

In Christ Alone. *Jon*

April-June 2023 Foundation

Beginning Balance	\$ 293,883
Gain	7,517
Donations	2,375
Ending Balance	\$ 303,775

Thanks, *Max Wood, Assistant Treasurer*

Serving Our Lord in October

Acolyte:	Dolice Choppala
Altar Guild:	Jon Coogle & Tommy Martin
Communion Assistant:	Bobby Martin
Lectors:	Karen Hatten & Wendi Martin
Sound Technicians:	Bobby Martin & Duck Koch
Ushers:	Henry Kleckley & Ted Robinson

Family Day Dinner: Diane Cagle & Myrtle Joiner; Tommy & Wendi Martin;
Jamey & Angela Cannon; Sharon Martin

Soup Kitchen: October 4, 2023, hosts will be Dale Godfrey/Mary Lynn Robinson

Coffee Hour: 10-01 Wendi & Tommy Martin 10-08 Renee Collier
 10-15 NO COFFEE HOUR 10-22 Sharon & Bobby Martin
 10-29 Jon Coogle

Flowers

10-01 Tommy and Gail Coogle in loving memory of their grandparents
10-08 Arthur Jackson in honor of his children, Amanda and Austin
10-15 Bobby and Sharon in memory of Betty Futrell & Bob Futrell
10-22 Tony and Renee Collier in honor of Katie, Brett, Angie, and Richard.
10-29 Joy and Hillary McNutt to the glory of God in memory of Joseph McNutt

Sunday School: All Classes are held in the Education Building 10:00a.m.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

10-06 Renee Collier	10-18 Ava Coogle
10-07 Daniel Coogle	10-18 Brenden Fitzgerald
10-07 Jeremy Martin	10-25 Callie Ann Coogle
10-09 Neelima Oguri Choppla	10-25 Emily Harvill
10-10 George & 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
10-17 George Smith	

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Dear Church Family: Thank you for the lovely reception that you prepared for our family. Lawana and Maria tried to greet and thank everyone who came to celebrate their father's life.

Jerry wanted us to host a Bar-B-Que with a keg of something or other to celebrate his life. I think we did the next best thing and he would have been happy with it.

I feel the love of so many of his friends and thank the good Lord for my church family! Julia

Please help keep *this prayer list current. Contact the Church Office to update the list.*

Pray for Members: Debra Coogle & Family, Rick Coogle, Grady English & Family, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, David Haigler, Emily Harvill, Myrtle Joiner, Billy Martin, Bobby Martin, Sharon Martin, Tommy Martin, Zack Martin, George & Helen Smith, Angie and Heather Summer, Tony Webb, our college students, The Call Committee and for all the ministries of our church.

For Friends and Family: Sylvia Bergstrom, Pam Cole, Marvin Duke, Carl Ethridge, Jorene Gordon, Dan Harvill, Jr., Adam Hobbs, Michael Hortman, Nicky & Michelle Hortman, Bob Melvin, Elaine Middlebrooks & Family, Patricia Morgan, Buddy Murph, Brenda Oglesby, Don Oliver, Helen Peaster Family, Zelma Perry, Leigh Powell, Jerry Riddle Family, Van Riddle Family, Ann Roberts, John Simmon, Lamar Yoder, our nation, Ukraine, and the world.

Serving our Nation: John Edwards