



OCTOBER 2026

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

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10-2 Singing at The Oaks @ 10:30 a.m.

10-4 SS 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service
11:00 a.m.
w/Online Option

Blessing of the Pets @ 2:00 p.m. at the cross

10-7 Soup Kitchen @ Noon (MLR/DG)
Ladies' Small Group Bible Study
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

10-11 SS 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00am
w/ Online Option
COUNCIL MEETING @ 8:45 a.m.

10-14 Ladies' Luncheon @ Old Mexico @ 11:30 a.m.
Ladies' Small Group Bible Study
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

10-18 SS 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service
11:00 a.m.
w/Online Option
Noisy Offering
Family Day Dinner
Newsletter Deadline

10-21 NO Bible Study

10-25 SS 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service
11:00 a.m.
w/Online Option
Reformation Sunday
Wear RED!

10-28 Ladies' Small Group Bible Study
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

10-31 Beaver Creek Duck Race/Festival 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

From the Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin a new month, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who coordinated, supported, and participated in Rally Day. A special thank-you goes to Renee and Tony Collier for providing a wonderful breakfast and helping us start the day with warm hospitality. I am also deeply grateful to the leaders in Christian education. Your willingness to share your time, gifts, and faith helps people of every age grow as disciples of Jesus.

Thank you as well to everyone who coordinated our God's Work. Our Hands. On Sunday, we prepared and served food, donated supplies, and participated in our service projects. It was a blessing to gather around the table and then work side by side in service to others across our community. Through every meal, blessing bag, prayer pocket, and act of care, we shared Christ's love in meaningful, practical ways.

Although God's Work. Our Hands. is recognized on a particular Sunday, it also reminds us how we are called to live every day. Our hands continue to do God's work whenever we feed someone who is hungry, encourage a neighbor, welcome a stranger, care for God's creation, or offer our time to strengthen our community.

During October, we will have many opportunities to live as disciples throughout Macon County. From community festivals and National Night to our Blessing of the Pets, Fall Break outreach, downtown trick-or-treating, and Lutherfest, we will meet our neighbors, build relationships, offer hospitality, and share the light of Christ beyond our church walls.

Jesus tells us, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). We do not serve to draw attention to ourselves. We serve so others may experience God's love, grace, and welcome through us.

I encourage each of you to prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to serve this month. Some may serve by preparing food or donating supplies. Others may welcome visitors, staff a community booth, help with an event, pray for our neighbors, or simply offer a kind, encouraging presence. Every gift matters, and every act of love can shine as a light in someone's life.

Please reach out to me to learn more about how you can serve through these opportunities. Together, may we continue to be rooted in Christ, serving our community, and shining the light of God's love for all our neighbors.

In Christ,

Pastor Audra



SCHEDULE FOR NURSERY FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER ARE:

OCTOBER 4 – Emma Felker

OCTOBER 11- Angela Cannon

NOVEMBER 1-Diane Cagle

NOVEMBER 8- Wendi Martin

NOVEMBER 15 – Renee Collier

DECEMBER 6 - Emma Felker

DECEMBER 13 – Angela Cannon

OCTOBER 18 – Mary Lynn Robinson

OCTOBER 25 – Karen Hatten

NOVEMBER 22- Katie Felker

NOVEMBER 29- Mary Haigler

DECEMBER 20 – Mary Lynn Robinson

DECEMBER 27 – Karen Hatten

Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 5 - 2:00 p.m. @ Mt. Zion St. Luke, Oglethorpe, GA



Blessing of the Pets

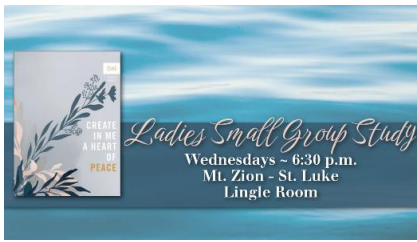
Bring your dogs, cats, horses, birds, and other beloved animals to Mt. Zion–St. Luke Lutheran Church for our annual Blessing of the Pets on **Sunday, October 4, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cross.**

We will gather in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi to celebrate the joy, companionship, and unconditional love animals bring into our lives. For everyone's safety, please keep pets properly leashed, harnessed, or secured in carriers.

We will also collect supplies for Deep South Canine Rescue in Ellaville and J-Lo's Animal Rescue and Sanctuary in Albany. Needed items include:

- Purina dog food or dog food with the first ingredient being meat.
- Raised dog beds
- Food and water bowls
- Cleaning supplies
- Towels and blankets
- Dog toys

Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us as we thank God for His creatures and support these two organizations in their compassionate work.



Ladies Small Group Study

The Ladies Small Group will continue meeting on **Wednesdays throughout October from 6:30–8:00 p.m.** Please note that we will **not meet on Wednesday, October 21**, as Pastor Audra will be attending Convocation at Lutheridge that week.

Our final session of the *Create in Me a Heart of Peace* series will be held on **Wednesday, October 28**. We look forward to sharing these remaining evenings of fellowship, reflection, and spiritual growth together!



Make a Difference with a Thrivent Action Team

Are you a Thrivent member? Through the Thrivent Action Teams program, eligible benefit members may apply to lead up to two projects each calendar year and receive up to \$250 in seed money for each approved project. Associate members may lead one project annually.

These funds can help launch fundraisers, educational events, service projects, and outreach activities benefiting church ministries or nonprofit organizations. Thrivent Action Teams could provide valuable support for many of the ministries and community-service projects of Mt. Zion–St. Luke.

If you are a Thrivent member and would like to use one of your Action Teams to support a ministry, please speak with Pastor Audra. Together, we can continue putting generosity into action and sharing Christ's love throughout our community.

Support MZSL Through Kroger Community Rewards

Mt. Zion–St. Luke is now enrolled in the **Kroger Community Rewards Program!** You can support our church simply by linking your Kroger Shopper's Card to our organization.

Log in to your account at **Kroger.com**, select Community Rewards, and search for **MT. ZION ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH** or enter our organization number, **TK679**. Then click **Enroll**.

Once your card is linked, eligible purchases will help Kroger provide financial support for the ministries of MZSL—at no additional cost to you. Thank you for supporting our church while you shop!



🍔 Save the Date! Free Hot Dog Meals for Students!

Monday, October 12, 2026 | Noon–2:00 p.m.

Fall Break is here, and we want to celebrate our students! Join Pastor Audra of Mt. Zion–St. Luke Lutheran Church and Cussetta Journey of Mt. Pleasant Traveler’s Rest CME Church for FREE grilled hot dog meals for all students!

Location: Piggly Wiggly Parking Lot, Montezuma, GA

Stop by, enjoy lunch, and let us show our appreciation for the wonderful students in our community. We look forward to seeing everyone and wishing you a safe and enjoyable Fall Break!

Community Support Welcome! ❤️

We welcome donations and support from local businesses, churches, and community members who would like to help make this event possible. Together, we can make a difference, build community, and show our students how much we care!



Join Us for National Night!

Mt. Zion–St. Luke Lutheran Church will participate in National Night on Thursday, October 15, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. at 220 Hammond Drive in Marshallville, Georgia.

Bring your family and friends, stop by our booth, and enjoy an evening of community and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!



Celebrate Lutherfest 2026!

Join Mt. Zion–St. Luke Lutheran Church for a joyful celebration of our Lutheran heritage filled with German food, fun, and fellowship!

**Saturday, October 24, 2026
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
401 Randolph Street, Oglethorpe, Georgia**

Bring your family and friends as we celebrate our shared faith, strengthen relationships, and enjoy a wonderful afternoon together.

Please RSVP to the church office at **478-472-6173** or wepray@windstream.net. Everyone is welcome!

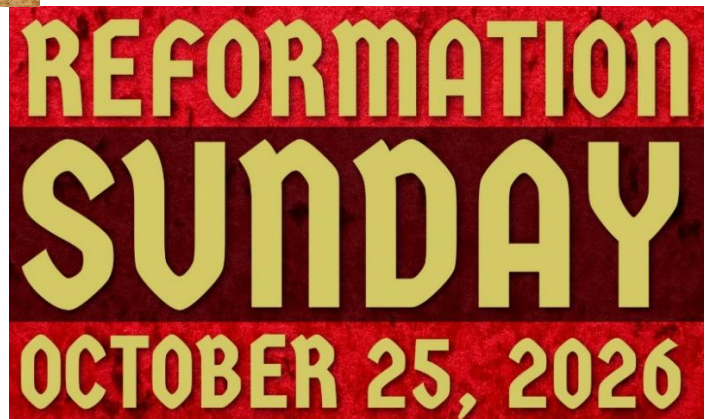


Downtown Oglethorpe Trick-or-Treating

Mt. Zion-St. Luke Lutheran Church will participate in Downtown Oglethorpe's community trick-or-treating event on **Thursday, October 29, beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

Bring your family and friends, wear your favorite costume, and stop by to see us for a sweet treat! We look forward to sharing an evening of fun and fellowship with families throughout our community.

All are welcome!



Serving Our Lord in October

Acolyte:	Dolcie Choppla
Altar Guild:	Jon Coogle & Tommy Martin
Communion Assistant:	Bobby Martin
Lectors:	Karen Hatten & Wendi Martin
Sound Technicians:	Bobby Martin, Joy McNutt & Julia Snipes
Ushers:	Henry Kleckley & Ted Robinson

Family Day Dinner: Tommy & Wendi Martin;
Mary Haigler; Katie Felker; Tricia Trask

Soup Kitchen: October 7, 2026, hosts will be Dale Godfrey/Mary Lynn Robinson

Coffee Hour: 10-04 Wendi & Tommy Martin	10-11 Renee Collier
10-18 NO COFFEE HOUR	10-25 Sharon & Bobby Martin

Flowers

10-04 Tommy and Gail Coogle in loving memory of their grandparents

10-11 Arthur Jackson in honor of his children, Amanda and Austin

10-18 Bobby and Sharon in memory of Betty Futrell & Bob Futrell

10-25 Tony and Renee Collier in honor of Katie, Brett, Angie, and Richard.

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	10-26 Franchelle Arnold
10-12 George Coogle	10-28 Marina Pilling
10-13 Kelsi Cannon	10-28 Karen Hatten
10-13 Tricia Trask	10-29 Billy Martin
10-17 George Smith	10-31 Gail Coogle

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**APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTOR AUDRA CAN BE
SETUP BY CALLING THE OFFICE 478-472-6173 ON
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

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

Pray for Members: Franchelle Arnold, Jenny Brannan, Rick Coogle, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr., Frank Freshwater, Dale Godfrey, Jeremy Martin, Tommy Martin, Zack Martin, John & Celeste Trilla Simmons, George Smith, Donna Webb, Tony Webb, our college students, and all the ministries of our church.

For Friends and Family: Donna Baxley, Robert Burdette, Maritza Rivera Caunt, Randy Carlson, Pam Cole, Kelly Comer, Sally Ann, and Stephanie Jo, Gay, Erin, Travis & Trevor Daily, Roger Ann & Jimmy Davis, Wayne & Rita Dunmon, Carl Ethridge, Debbie Frontz, Elizabeth Gauthier, Jorene Gordon, Joey Goss, Kelvin Hasch, Andy Harvill, Adam Hobbs, Joann and Bobby Hudson, Daniel Jankowski, Lauren Jankowski, Cussetta Journey, Randy Keene, Kimberly Kicliter, Ann Lacey, Ben Leathers, Nelson Lofton (son of Minister Audra & Jay Gehler), Sherry Martin, Bob Melvin, Terry Oglesby, Don Oliver, Greg & Cathy Law Patterson, Hazel Perry, Beverly Robbins, Johnny Mae Scott (mother of Lindsey Scott), Diane Spradley Smith, Ariel Torres, Helen Veras (Celeste Simmon's sister), Robert Wardall, Peggy H. Williams' Family, Vicki Williams (Susan Martin's Mother), Lauralene Williamson, Elaine Woodard, Lamar Yoder, Roy Yoder, Lisa Ann Young (daughter of Carolyn Burdette), our Nation, Ukraine, and the World.