

## From Pastor Anne

### A Harvest of Righteousness

All over the countryside there are fields of cornstalks and soybeans that are turning from vibrant green to golden yellow to brown. The brown, dry corn and beans are ready to be gathered into the granary. These fruits of the farmers' labor will provide food for people, feed for livestock, and other commodities. Just a few days from now the harvest moon will rise over those fields and is so named because its appearance in the sky marks the time of harvest, year in and year out.

Images of planting, sewing, and reaping are plentiful in scripture. Today I am reading about a different kind of harvest, found in the book of James. James 3:17-18 says "...the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace."

So, what about the "harvest of righteousness"? The Greek word which is translated as righteousness is "Dikaiousune" and speaks to the character of relationships. We understand a righteous person to be honorable and virtuous. At the heart of the righteousness that James speaks of is being in right relationship with God, with other people, and with creation. The righteous person strives to live justly, honestly, faithfully, and in peace with others, according to God's instruction. Righteousness is not a destination or a goal; it is a journey and a relationship.

Just like the farmer has fields to tend, we have spiritual lives to nurture. We plant and tend, seeking a harvest righteousness. We care for our spiritual garden with prayer, study of the Scriptures, fellowship, and worship. Through faith, and with the grace of God, we will realize a harvest like the one James described. A harvest that is pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, and full of mercy. Faithfully, Pr. Anne

### Saturday "VBS" October 5<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Anne and Andrea are planning for a Saturday afternoon "VBS" on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm at Calvary. The theme is *Jesus Teaches Us to Pray* and will be held with Calvary Episcopal. Middle School and HS youth are encouraged to be helpers for our program, which is designed for pre-school through 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

### TUESDAY Evening Bible Study

We are meeting on TUESDAYS at 6 pm via Zoom or phone. Our Bible study is from *The Good Book Club* study of the books of Luke and Acts. You may also pick up a copy of the materials in the fellowship hall. All are welcome!

### All Saints Sunday Preparation

In preparation for All Saints Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, please submit the names of loved ones who have passed away since last November to the church secretary. These names will be listed in the church bulletin and honored during our worship service.

## Time, Talent and Treasure

Stewardship is the careful and responsible management of that which has been entrusted to our care. We, the people who are gathered as the congregation of Christ-Trinity Lutheran Church, are entrusted to proclaim by word and example, the Good News of Jesus Christ in this place and time.

How we do this, how we show our faithfulness to the Gospel witness of our risen Lord, changes over time. How we proclaim this Good News is a matter for our constant discernment, attentive to the call of the Holy Spirit. Our time, our talents, and our treasure are important to the mission of the Church.

Each household will soon receive a letter asking that pledges be made to support the work of our congregation. A pledge to the Church helps those called to steward our budget understand the resources available for our ministry going forward. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the Church for 2025.

## Budget Requests

All church committees need to submit budget requests for 2025. Please place in Greg Wehrman's mailbox by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Ladies Bible Study – October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Our WELCA unit meets in the fellowship hall at 2:00 pm. All women are welcomed to participate. Ladies from Calvary will also be attending.

Our meetings open with an hour of Bible study, led by Pastor Anne, and conclude with our business meeting, if needed. Please bring your September/October copy of *Gather Magazine* to the meeting. Copies of the Bible study will be available.

## Announcements

- Pastor Anne will offer laying on of hands and prayers for healing on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> following worship.
- Pr. Anne is offering Facebook Live Prayer and Devotions Monday-Thursday at 8 am on her Facebook page.
- This month the local benevolence offering will be given to CACTUS.
- Pr. Anne will be out of the office October 7-9, and October 15-17.
- Feed the Hungry Sunday is on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. We are collecting canned fruit this month for Open Door Food Pantry.
- The church office is closed Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> for Columbus Day.
- November newsletter items are due to the secretary by Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.



**Halloween Night**  
**5:00-7:00 pm**  
**Church parking lot**

### 3 Ways You Can Participate:

- 1. Park your car in the parking lot**  
You can decorate your trunk if you like.
- 2. Pass out candy.**  
You can wear a costume if you like.
- 3. Donate candy.**  
There is a box in the fellowship hall.

Sign up in the fellowship hall  
if you can help.

## Empty Bowls Soup Supper

The Mission and Ministry Committee is organizing an Empty Bowl fundraising event, which is a soup supper that includes a handmade bowl. The funds raised will go to support Open Door. The event will be held in our church hall on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm.

We need your help in these areas:

1. Handmade ceramic bowls. We will need 100 bowls. Do you know any potters or woodworkers? Please ask them if they would like to be involved and give us their names and contact information so we can call them.
2. Homemade soups. Enough to serve 100 people who may want to sample more than one soup. Anyone who is interested in making a pot of soup, please sign up in the fellowship hall.
3. Bread makers. There is a signup sheet for homemade breads.
4. Places and people to sell 100 tickets.
5. Advertising. We need ideas on how to get the word out about this event and help in distributing flyers or signs.
6. Event set up and decorating.
7. Event breakdown and cleanup crew.
8. We need ideas for silent auction items or baskets. Ideas include hand crafted items, event tickets, gift cards, and themed baskets.
9. Cookies, bars, and sweet breads for dessert.

This is a really great event and many hands make lighter work. We can raise money for a wonderful cause and help the community become more familiar with our Church!

Please consider how you can help and sign up to help where you can. There are signup sheets in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

Yours in Christ, Beth Olson (660-270-7491)

## News from the Church Council

The council met on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. A proposal from Calvary Episcopal was accepted that changes the agreement between the two congregations with Calvary supporting 75% of Pastor Anne's salary and benefits, and Christ-Trinity supporting 25%. Fall Fest will be October 6<sup>th</sup>. We will host Trunk-or-Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Scout Troop 61 will be invited to place the aluminum can recycle hut on the northeast corner of our lot. The pledge to the synod was discussed. The council voted to send \$500 plus the proceeds from the sale of items meant for the trunk sale toward this pledge.

## Celebrate Fall with a Wiener Roast

You are invited to the Eppenauer and Ward land on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm for hot dogs and s'mores by the fire. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy an evening around the fire! There is parking space near the event with an easy walk through the yard to the fire. Calvary Episcopal friends are invited too, so come and share in the fellowship! The address is 17326 Main Street Road and it is located about 6 miles West of Hobby Lobby in Sedalia. In case of rain on the October 6<sup>th</sup>, join us on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Trunk or Treat

Christ and Trinity will be hosting another year of Trunk or Treat in our parking lot on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7 pm. Thanks to a Thrivent action grant, we will have money to purchase some candy for the event. Every year we run out of candy, so if members would like to donate additional candy, we will have a box in the fellowship hall.

Plan on joining in on the fun by parking in the church parking lot and handing out candy from your car trunk. Kids come from all over, and it is our pleasure to provide them a safe place to celebrate the holiday.

## Prayer Requests

Barb Freund, Floyd Hatfield, Helen Ewing, Nelson Eckhoff, Connie Shoemaker, Marcy Cash, Shayla Mitchell, Dean Desilet, Richard Dean, Angela, Ryan and Marissa, Rick Morrison, Gerald Hunton, Curt Jeter, Carol Benner, Deb Williams, Gwen Eppenauer.

Continue to pray for our home-bound members: Louise Harms, Sandra Graf, Nadine Fingland, Marene Levin, and Val Hoon.

Let us also remember Getayawckal Ariaya from Ethiopia, and Mouniratou from Burkina Faso; and those who serve our country in the armed services, peace corps and missions.

### Happy Birthday!

- 1 Anna Logan
- 3 Ruby Cox
- 14 Rusty Ream
- 15 Lauren Cox
- 16 Alicia Hartley
- 17 Cathy Hatfield
- 26 Jenni Ohare
- 27 Darren Levin
- 30 Paul Williams

### Happy Anniversary!

- 4 Greg Willson & Julie Willadsen
- 20 Greg & Tricia Wehrman

## A Single Thought

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

-Winston Churchill

## Readings for Sundays in October

### October 6 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Genesis 2: 18-24
- Psalm 8
- Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12
- Mark 10: 2-16

### October 13 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15
- Psalm 90: 12-17
- Hebrews 4: 12-16
- Mark 10: 17-31

### October 20 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 53: 4-12
- Psalm 91: 9-16
- Hebrews 5: 1-10
- Mark 10: 35-45

### October 27 – Reformation Sunday

- Jeremiah 31: 7-9
- Psalm 126
- Hebrews 7: 23-28
- Mark 10: 46-52



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Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
2:00-4:00 pm**

Activities and Bible Study for pre-school through 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

Event held at Calvary Episcopal  
713 S Ohio

Invite the children in your family and neighborhood to attend.  
No registration required.