

Light of Christ Lutheran Church




OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Sunday School at 10 am (During school year)
Coffee Hour at 10 am - Services at 11 am

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Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, fire departments, and EMTs around the country. Prayers for our family, friends, and community. Pray for persecuted Christians in all places. Prayers for Ukraine. Prayers for nursing home and assisted living residents as well as shut-ins.

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MEMBERSHIP – Talk to Pastor Kevin if you are interested in becoming a member of our church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to “come and see”.



ONLINE OFFERING now available!



We now offer ONLINE OFFERING on our church website. Just go to www.locw.org and look at the bottom of any page. Click the button to securely give to the general fund of Light of Christ. Thank you!

IT IS IMPORTANT that the church has your correct contact information, cell phone numbers, home phone, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversary, etc.



Bible Study
October 11th & 25th
at 7:00.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

During the month of September, our congregation has prayed for the following parishioners:

Coreen Beard
Maylin Bell
Darrin Baker
Merna Patch

Please continue to pray for them.



If you have anything for the bulletin or newsletter, you can send it to the following email address:
kevinbeard@gmail.com.

WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. MEETING is
Oct 4th at 7 pm.

All women of LOC are encouraged to attend their meeting and Bible Study.



(Aug 24th) Happy Independence Day to Ukraine! I took Serhii to Kyiv this morning to the bus station as he goes back to his fencing training in Germany. It was great to see him and I'm glad he could help at camp. Then I visited Independence Square and saw the expo of destroyed Russian vehicles.



Joy 4 Ukraine is the ministry of Pastor Scott Yount and his wife Lena in Billa Tserkva, Ukraine. If you would like to support

Pastor Scott and Lena and their ministry in Ukraine, you can give online by going to the following link. <https://SONetwork.org/give/>



SEMINARY SUPPORT - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS) is the seminary for the AALC. They have begun a fundraising campaign, **SOLA 500**, to financially support their work of training up future pastors for the AALC. You can support them at www.alts.edu/sola_500.



LOC MONTHLY CHURCH BREAKFAST – OCT 7th at 9am

Please come and invite a friend. This month's breakfast has been moved because Pr. Kevin will be at a Church Conference at our regularly scheduled week.



Worship Services, Bible Studies, Bulletins, and Newsletters are online!

Light Of Christ Website: locw.org
Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston

CONFIRMATION STARTING IN SEPTEMBER!

For students entering the 7th and 8th grade.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is coming!

Please help to bring the love of Christ to children in war-torn or poverty stricken countries. Information and boxes can be found at the back of the church.



SHOEBOX VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED DURING THE WEEK OF NOV. 13th – 20th! Please get a hold of Pastor Kevin if you would like to help.

OCTOBER 2023 READINGS

DATE	1 ST LESSON	PSALM	2 ND LESSON	GOSPEL
Oct 1st	Eze 18:1- 4, 25-32	Psa 25:1-10	Php 2:1-4 5-18	Matt 21:23-32
Oct 8th	Isa 5:1-7	Psa 80:7-19	Php 3:4b-14	Matt 21:33-46
Oct 15th	Isa 25:6-9	Psa 23	Php 4:4-13	Matt 22:1-14
Oct 22nd	Isa 45:1-7	Psa 96:1-9 1	The 1:1-10	Matt 22:15-22
Oct 29th	Rev 14:6-7	Psa 46	Rom 3:19-28	John 8:31-36



CHURCH PARAMENTS ARE HERE!

(Well, at least the green ones)

DONATIONS –The Women of Life Group will have a pie sale on Oct. 15th! Bidding starts at 10:30 am and ends at 12:15 pm.

THE SUNRISE WOMEN'S CLINIC in Sidney MT offers free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and parenting classes, bible studies, baby items such as diapers, wipes, clothing, etc. Sunrise offers love, support, and spiritual guidance. Thank you for supporting them!



YFC "CAMPUS LIFE" - Pr. Kevin is volunteering at YFC and working with high school students.

Middle School at the Innovation Academy, Mondays - 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

High School Lunches from Noon to 2 pm - "Campus Life" meetings Mondays - 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Open Youth Center: Fridays 1-5 pm at the Campus Center. Gr. 7-12.



STEPHEN'S MINISTRY!

Stephen's Ministry is a wonderful service for people who are hurting and need someone to talk to and care about them. Renee G. and Pr. Kevin will begin the interview process soon and work out a training schedule for this Fall and Winter.



Pastor Kevin sold Colorado peaches with Youth for Christ on September 8th. Thanks to all who supported us!



The **Annual Polka Service** will be held on **Oct 22nd**. Phil and C'dale Jore will be playing some good Ol-timey gospel music for us. Please come, tap your feet, and invite a neighbor or two. A free-will offering will be taken to thank the Jore family.

There may also be a surprise special guest musician or two...



**GREEN SERVICE GROUP
(Jan, Apr, Jul, & Oct)**

Roger and Jody Bearce
 Kevin and Marilee Beard
 Marilyn Bell
 Dwight and Luane Ebel
 Gary Hansen
 Wendy Hansen
 Matt and Amy Haugen
 Holter Family
 Mayo Miller
 Dwight and Shelli Patch
 Lisa Sauber
 Cody and BreeAnn Shanks
 Kelly Klem and Janice Deesten

Thank you for serving!

AALC North Plains Regional Convention is on October 13th and 14th at the American Lutheran Church in Mandan, ND. Pastor would like a few delegates from LOC to attend. Cost is \$30 and the hotel is not provided. Let pastor know by October 9th if you'd like to attend.



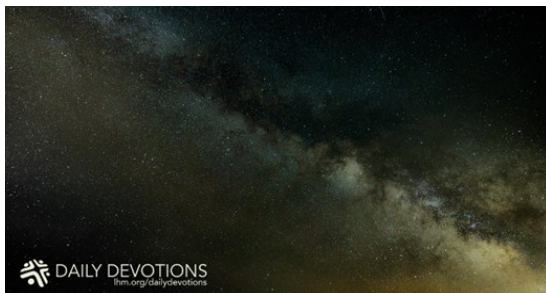
Birthdays & Anniversaries

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Aaron Holter 10/05
 Joyce Giordano 10/06
 Gary Quale 10/06
 Killian Shanks 10/07
 Lisa Sauber 10/09
 Elliana Haugen 10/11
 Kevin Beard 10/13
 Dianne Cummings 10/13
 Linda Tofte 10/14
 Maggie Holter 10/17
 Ainsley Holter 10/21
 Wendy Hansen 10/22
 Marlys Hoff 10/23
 Jessica Quale 10/26

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Brian & Misty Beard 10/05
 Steve & Renee Ginther 10/20
 Cody & BreeAnn Shanks 10/22



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

DEVOTION from LHM.ORG

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-29 - The Word of the LORD came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine: the soul who sins shall die. ... "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is My way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are My ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?"

God sounds utterly scandalized. How dare the people of Israel use a proverb that boils down to "the parents sin, and the children pay for it"? No way! God isn't having any of that in His kingdom! There will be justice—and there will be mercy. The one thing there will not be is injustice, because God hates that with all His heart.

Yet human beings have a problem, because all too often we can't tell the difference between injustice and mercy. We recognize justice—justice is getting exactly what you deserve. We have no trouble with that.

cases where people don't get what they deserve? Then we have to think carefully. Because you can go two ways—you can fall beneath justice, or you can soar above it.

In Jesus Christ, God soars above justice. He takes the weight of the world's sins and loads them upon Himself—on God in human flesh—and He carries them all the way to the cross. This is not injustice, even though Jesus is totally innocent. This is generosity. This is mercy—because Jesus has volunteered to do this out of sheer love and compassion on us. He willingly takes the pain, and we receive the benefit.

If we are the ones who benefit from His love, how can we deny that kindness to the people around us? They, too, are in need; they too are sinners. Jesus has died and risen from the dead for them, too. And if they trust in Him to forgive them, they too will have new life, a life and joy that lasts forever. This isn't injustice, no matter what they have done—or what we have done, for that matter. This is mercy.

Let's tell them about Jesus, so they can share His mercy with us.

WE PRAY: Holy Father, thank You for Your generous mercy to us all in Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Kari Vo.



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Council Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, September 5th, 2023

These minutes are abbreviated. If you would like the full minutes, ask a council member.

The meeting was called to order by President, Dwight Ebel. Pastor Beard opened the meeting with a prayer, prior to the meal. The following members were in attendance: Dwight Ebel, Rick Tofte, Gary Hansen, Bev Quale, Matt Haugen, Wendy Johnson and Pastor Kevin Beard.

A motion to accept the July 11th minutes was made by Bev and was seconded by Rick. M/S/A.

PASTORS REPORT: Pastor Beard advised that he is enjoying services and that he received a thank you from the Sunrise Women's Clinic. \$32,455 was raised in this region with Light of Christ and Alexander raising approximately \$1,187.

- Pastor Beard advised that the Women of Life were meeting on Wednesday, September 6th.
- Pastor has been assisting with Youth for Christ in Alexander.
- The church breakfast will be starting on Sept 9th and Sunday School starts Sept 10th.
- Communion will be the 1st and 2nd Sunday in September.
- Pastor Beard will be in MN visiting family from Sept 15th - 18th, Adam Strunz will preach.
- There will be a joint service at Riders Ranch on September 24th along with a potluck.
- On October 22nd the Jores will return for the annual Polka Service.
- Pastor Beard will be attending a pastors' conference in Mandan October 13th and 14th.

- The annual soup/chili cookoff will be on October 29th at 5pm.

Confirmation is tentatively scheduled to be on Saturdays starting on September 23rd going from 10:00am to 12:00pm. (Change Note: Nope, Thursdays at 6:30 pm)

TREASURERS REPORT: Rick went over the financial report. As of the end of August, the church is tracking real well and currently has \$294,857 in savings/checking with nothing out of line.

Rick added that if anyone wants to discuss anything or has any questions that they are welcome to speak with him. M/S/A

OLD BUSINESS: Pastor Beard advised that Abiding Grace Lutheran Church in Gillette WY now has a new pastor, Pastor Clark. Pastor Beard advises that he believes that Pastor Clark should do well and that he knows him. Any additional funds to Abiding Grace have been tabled until the November meeting.

Paraments/fundraising: Women of Life are talking about doing a bake sale fundraiser for the new paraments. The first set of paraments should be arriving anytime.

Stephen Ministries: Pastor advised that applications are coming in and that he would like 4 to 5 volunteers before he starts to schedule the training.

AED: Matt will continue to look into training for the council.

NEW BUSINESS: Amy G. advised that the daycare needs new blinds for the windows for inspections. Motion to have Amy get blinds from Menards and invoice the council (Rick or Pastor).

Parking lot: Gary advised that he will look into seal coating the parking lot and get the council a price.

Shoebboxes/Operation Christmas Child: Light of Christ is going to be a drop point for collection again this year and that there will be a sign-up list in November. Boxes to come mid-November.

Bible Trivia & Game page

What was God's sign to Noah that he would never destroy the earth again?

- A. A lightning bolt B. A rainbow
C. A butterfly D. A thunderstorm

Matthew Chapter 5:1-12

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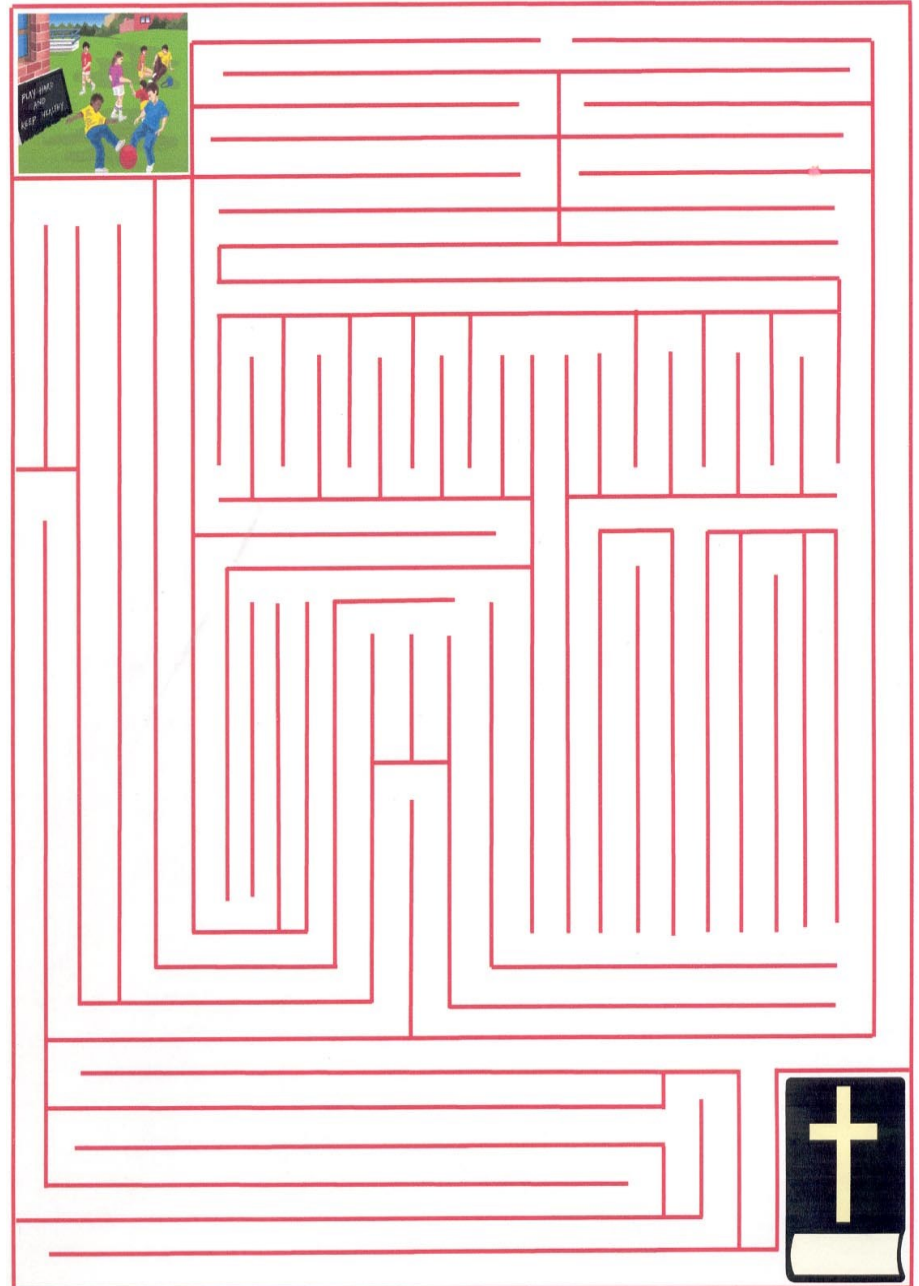
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Stay True!

Stay on the path and follow the word of God.



October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am Sunday School. 11am Worship Communion.	2	3	4 7:00pm Women Of Life	5 6:30pm Confirmation.	6	7 9:00am Breakfast at the church.
8 10am Sunday School. 11am Worship	9	10	11 7:00pm Bible Study	12	13	14
15 10am Sunday School. 11am Worship Communion.	16 	17	18	19	20	21
22 10am Sunday School. 11am Worship	23 	24	25 7:00pm Bible Study	26	27	28
29 10am Sunday School. 11am Worship. Next Service Group meets.	30 	31	Nov 1 7:00pm Women Of Life			
						Trivia answer B. A rainbow

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