

# Cross of Christ

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OCTOBER 2019



## Our Mission Statement

To know Jesus Christ as Lord and make Him known.

## Our Vision Statement

We are committed to reaching out to the local community and supporting world-wide ministries, as we embrace and nurture current and new brothers and sisters with our Savior's own forgiveness and love.

## Statement of Faith

Cross of Christ is a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We accept and teach the inspired word of God from the Bible.



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## TWO SEAS IN PALESTINE... TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD!

I seem to remember sharing this old story many years back, but it certainly is appropriate to use again as our 2019 Stewardship Emphasis draws to a close. This ancient parable of anonymous authorship (it may even be a rabbinic tale) applies to people's lives and to all forms of giving which flow out of their view of life. Perhaps by examining the symbolism of this story, we can be encouraged to see differently than in the past.

"There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh, and fish and other aquatic life are found in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Along its shores businesses thrive and children play in the shallows of its water. It is renewed and refreshed by the springs and snowmelt from Mt. Herman and the mountain range to the north.

The Jordan River then flows south into another sea. There no one hears the splash of fish, sees the fluttering of leaves, enjoys the songs of birds, nor delights in the antics of children. Travelers choose another route to avoid its crusted shores and polluted fumes. The air hangs heavy above these waters, and neither man nor beast will drink.

So what causes this mighty difference in these neighboring seas? The Jordan River is common to both – so it can't be the water itself, since good water flows into each. Nor is it the land that lies along the sides of each.

The difference lies in this... The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every gallon that flows in, another gallon flows out. The receiving and giving go on in equal measure. However, the other sea is a miser, hoarding its intake jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps! The Sea of Galilee gives... and lives! The other sea shares nothing... and it is aptly named the Dead Sea!"

There are two seas in Palestine – and there are two kinds of people in this world. *What do you think... Is there a lesson for each of us in this little story?*

~ Pastor Hildebrandt

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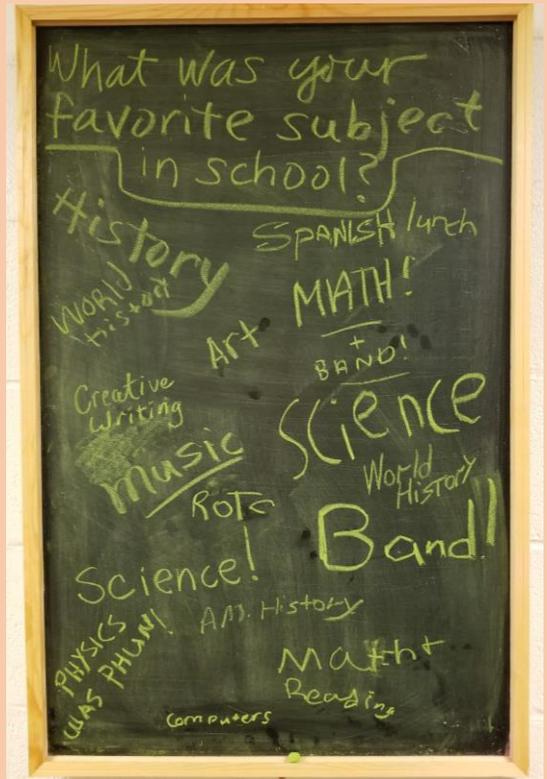
**IT'S OKTOBERFEST TIME!!!** Time for our annual brats dinner, which will be held Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, after Sunday School. We will have plenty of food - brats (and hot dogs), baked beans, sauerkraut, German potato salad and more!! We will have a free-will offering, with all money received going toward items for the Hygiene Kits for the Homeless, which we put together and are given out by the Chattanooga Community Kitchen. (This is a good day to give the offering you would normally spend going out for your Sunday lunch to a worthwhile cause.) And don't forget to bring hygiene products, as we will have donation boxes ready to be filled! (Items that can be donated are listed elsewhere in the newsletter.) On Sunday we will need people to assist in setting up the food for our "12:00 lunch" and of course we always need a clean-up crew! We are also looking for volunteers to bring a dessert of your choice.

This is also Friendship Sunday 2019. Bring a friend with you to join in our Oktoberfest celebration!! Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers. Share the love we have at Cross of Christ with them! After we have eaten all we can, there will be games and activities for children and adults of all ages! Come join us on October 13<sup>th</sup> for this favorite combined event! We will have games, prizes, cake walk, activities and of course Oktoberfest food. Want to help? Want to try face painting? We have everything you need for face painting and would love to have an artistic hand with it. Not artistic but still want to help? There are other items to help with such as food, activities, decorations and games.

**It's also Rally Sunday?? What??** Simply put, Rally Sunday is often celebrated in churches as a way to kick-start the fall activities and the return from summer happenings. Through-out the summer, many of our members and friends have been away on vacation, some of our ministries have been on pause or only with limited gatherings, and so Rally Day is a great way to get us excited for everything starting back up again! Handbells, adult choir, children's Sunday School, Cub Scout and Boy Scouts, ministry committees, everyone is returning to their regular meetings and gatherings.

**DID YOU KNOW...** "Rally" literally means "to come together again to renew an effort; to join in a common cause; a mass meeting intended to arouse group enthusiasm". Sounds like a great friendship event to share with others! Hope to see your smiling face on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>!

## "QUESTION OF THE MONTH"



## CONGREGATIONAL CHALKBOARD COMMENTS



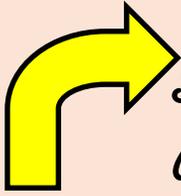
### OKTOBERFEST PREP DAY

**FOOD...** We will be preparing food, at church, on Saturday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 am. The necessary food will be provided, but we need extra hands (aka volunteers) to grill the brats, peel the potatoes, open cans of beans, etc... **Special thanks to Thrivent for providing our seed money!**

**DECORATING & ACTIVITIES...** We need volunteers for decorating and helping with activities... interested?? Decorations and set-up of tables will also be completed on Saturday. (There is also a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for all the above items.)

Still have questions about... **food**, talk with Eunice Timm (624-2588); **decorating, games, activities** (face painters, cake-walk helpers, bingo, etc...) call or text Nikki Holcomb (770-356-1202).

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## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

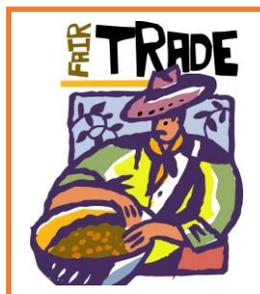
With your help, each of us will continue to serve the Lord in what He has given us... Time, Talent, and Treasure. Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> concluded our series of Stewardship centered services. On September 25<sup>th</sup>, a Stewardship letter was mailed to all Cross of Christ households. Enclosed was a 2020 General Fund Pledge card with an envelope, along with a Time & Talent Survey.

We fervently pray for His guidance as you fill out the pledge card, noting your commitment for annual financial support to Cross of Christ. We are asked that after prayerful consideration, you complete the card and put it in the envelope that was enclosed, which you will bring with you to services on October 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a time in the service that Pastor will ask you to bring your Pledge Card and also your Household Time & Talent Survey to the altar and put them into separate baskets, to be blessed by the Lord. *(Pledge cards and Time & Talent Surveys can be mailed to the church if you are not able to be here on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>.)*

The Time and Talent Surveys will be used by Cross of Christ staff, the Board of Directors, and Committee chairs to match members interests and abilities with opportunities for service. The Financial Secretary will total the pledge cards and tell the Board of Directors the sum of all pledges to be used in developing next year's budget. Please prayerfully consider how you can share the time, talents, and treasures that God has given to you, in order to share the saving grace of Jesus with others.

Volunteers are still needed for substitute Sunday School teachers; Oktoberfest/ Friendship Sunday/ Rally Day preparation and cleanup; the Annual BBQ Chicken Fundraiser; Trunk or Treat; and many other activities listed elsewhere in this month's newsletter, with sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards just outside the Library. Thank you.

Marc Flippin, Stewardship Chair



### Need Coffee for those Cool Autumn Mornings?

How about some Olive Oil or Chocolate Chips for Baking?

### Starting to Plan Out Christmas Gifts?

Here at Cross of Christ, we're pleased to say that we are a part of fair-trade coffee, along with other goods, thru Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and Equal Exchange! The money goes straight to the farmers, instead of all the in-between processors. We order the products, you all buy them, and the process repeats itself.

From LWR, we have for your purchase: medium, dark, and decaf roasts (all ground)

From Equal Exchange, we have for your purchase: French Vanilla (ground), Toffee Caramel (ground), Love Buzz (ground), Sister's Blend (whole bean), and a special Congo blend (whole bean - limited supply) coffee. We also have tea, olive oil, and chocolate chips, all of which have been ethically produced and distributed.

Items are available on Sunday morning, on the table in the new Lounge. Prices: Coffee \$8.00 (bag); Tea (box or bag) \$3.00; Chocolate Chips (bag) \$3.50; and Olive Oil (bottle) \$9.00 or during the week from the Church Office. (Great Christmas gifts!!)

Buying these products from us means that you'll be contributing to an even greater cause and giving hope to farmers worldwide with the Lord's help! If you have any questions, please feel free to stop me in the hallway. Thank you. Nyssa Hunt



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## CHURCH NOTES



- October 6<sup>th</sup> - LWML Sunday (Blessing of the Quilts, to be shipped out on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>)
- October 6<sup>th</sup> – Pledge Card & Time/Talent Survey Brought to the Altar
- October 8<sup>th</sup> - Board of Director's Meeting, **6:00 pm** (note time change)
- October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> – At both worship services, Rev. Herd brings us a message from his Uganda trips.
- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> – Elders' Meeting, 7 pm
- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – Reformation Sunday



## Cross of Christ Reads!

**Cross of Christ Reads!** (our church-wide book club) will gather on the third Thursday of the month, **October 17<sup>th</sup>**, at Panera Bread Company in Hixson from 6-8 p.m. Our book of the month is "Rebecca" by Daphne duMaurier.

**Please plan to join us! Contact Sylvia at the below email address or call 423-877-7954.**

~ Sylvia Hildebrandt    HTexasNatives@gmail.com

## UPDATED NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE INFO...

Newsletter submissions and pictures need to be sent in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. If the 20<sup>th</sup> falls during the weekend, items are due on the following Monday, by noon. Photographs are very special to those who, for one reason or another, are homebound. (I hear great appreciation for sharing of our pictures.)

As I am unable to contact each of our usual contributors or members of the Board of Directors to get information, and would hate to not have your event(s) and info. listed in the newsletter. I appreciate your help!

**WEBSITE...**Send updates, information, or suggestions to the church email [church@cocluth.com](mailto:church@cocluth.com) and they will be forwarded to the current webmaster.

**Your assistance with keeping communication open to all members is greatly appreciated.** ~Lorilynn



**Ladies Birthday Lunch Celebrating  
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER Birthdays...**

**We will be gathering together on  
Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at  
RUBY TUESDAY'S**

**(on Hwy. 153 - located next to the Target parking)**

**September: Lanette Bagley and Rose Dawn  
October: Lorilynn Baier, Natalie Doebler,  
Brenda Errickson, Sherry Reed, Joyce Skiles,  
and Lottie Tyszenko**

Co-hostesses for this month are Karen Miller and Maria Rabbio. All women of the congregation are always invited to attend our bi-monthly Ladies Birthday Lunch. We hope you can attend and join in the fellowship we always have enjoying each other's company and eating together! Questions, please call Jamie Mofsky (774-1033) or the church office.

Our next Ladies Birthday Luncheon will be a Brunch on December 14<sup>th</sup>, where we will celebrate the November and December birthdays at the LWML Ladies Christmas Brunch. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

**(CHANGE IN LOCATION for the men. They will be meeting at a NEW LOCATION... Buffalo Wild Wings, while the ladies are enjoying their lunch. (Moe's is currently closed for updating.)**



**NEED A NOTARY?? Call the Church Office... Lorilynn Baier has her Notary Commission from the State of Tennessee and can notarize paperwork for you. When needed, call 877-7447 for further info. or to set up an appointment time. (Should you have an emergency situation, I will come to the hospital, your home, etc...) Put my number in your phone directory should you need to contact me outside work hours (423-902-7699).**

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## HYGIENE KITS FOR THE HOMELESS

**PACKING DATE CHANGE:** We will be packing hygiene kits for the homeless on **Tuesday, October 29, 2019** after quilting (12:00 noon). Everyone is welcome to come and help... it only takes about 30 minutes to pack 100 kits if we have several helpers. Your continued support of this ministry is greatly appreciated!!

Please continue to drop toiletries collected on your vacations, business trips, or visits to Dollar General - Dollar Tree – CVS – etc.... in our collection box located by the church office. Remember that the items need to be *'not used'*, as we don't want our homeless to feel like they are getting left-over's. *(We are also unable to use mouthwash bottles, due to possible alcohol ingredients.)*

If you have forgotten what we collect, here is a brief run-down of the list or pick up the "pink" wallet size list by the collection box:

**Travel Sized:** shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste

**Other Needs:** Disposable razors, wide-tooth combs, toothbrushes, nail clippers, purse-size Kleenex packs and "individually wrapped" handi-wipes (usually 20-50 in a box)

**CoC Packing Needs:** Snack-size, Sandwich-size, and Gallon-size Ziploc bags

Thank you for everything you do for our homeless community.  
~Joni Rennhack



**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual**  
**Chicken Bar-B-Q**  
**Is Here On**  
**October 19 & 20!!**

**Don't wait...Sign-up for your BBQ Chicken(s) today!**

**(Or call 877-7447 to be added to the sheet.)**

**\*\* ORDER DEADLINE – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> \*\***

There are two (2) different sign-up sheet(s) for your chicken orders, depending if you will pick-up your order on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> (pick-up time is 11am - 4pm both days). *Be sure you are placing your order on the correct sign-up sheet!*

**The price for "Pastor's Secret Texas Seasoned" chicken is...** Whole Chicken: \$8.50 and Half Chicken: \$4.50. Proceeds will be divided among the McKamey Animal Shelter (first \$100.00, in memory of Ed Edmundson, the father of our annual BBQ), with the remaining proceeds split equally between Partnership for Families, Children and Adults (Victim Support Services) and CATCH (Christian Anglers Together Can Help).

We have extra flyers and posters to pass out to family/friends/co-workers/bulletin boards, located on the table by the Church Office. **We have ordered more than 200 chickens!! Let's sell all the chickens ahead of the weekend that we BBQ!**

*We are still in need of helpers... before the BBQ on Friday (Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm) to prep and season the chickens and from 8am-5pm both days, Saturday (19<sup>th</sup>) and Sunday (20<sup>th</sup>), to grill, wrap cooked chickens, distribution, etc... More details on the bulletin board sign-up sheet.*

**As always, you may also buy and then donate one or more chickens to the Community Kitchen, just note your preference on the sheet. (Last year we took 15 donated chickens to the Community Kitchen.)**

Sign up now to help (sheet on bulletin board) and also sign up for the number of chickens you want *and which day(s) you want to pick them up.* Remember, this is the only time of the year you get to have chicken with Pastor's special sauce!! Sign-up or call the Church Office (423-877-7447) or e-mail [church@cocluth.com](mailto:church@cocluth.com) with your order. Thank you!!



**WHEN: Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**WHERE: Cross of Christ  
Parking Lot**

**TIME: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Halloween is right around the corner which means Cross of Christ's Trunk or Treat event. JOIN US FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!! We need candy and "trunks" to make this event happen and to be successful.** You can bring a decorated or undecorate vehicle for "treating" out of your trunk! Pickup trucks are welcome too! We are also collecting candy donations. There will be a box by the Church Office where you can drop off candy. Please drop off candy by October 28<sup>th</sup>. **Interested in helping? Call or text Nikki at 770-356-1202.**



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## YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adult Bible Study, **Bibles & Brews**, meets **every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.** at the **Terminal Brewhouse** for Christian fellowship, encouragement in the Word of God, and a good brew!

### We welcome young adults from across the city!

If you are interested or know of a young adult who would enjoy this time of fellowship, follow us on Facebook... [facebook.com/cocluth](https://facebook.com/cocluth) to get the latest updates on the group. Questions... Nyssa Hunt (991-5891) or Pastor.



## YOUTH CORNER

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### TRUNK OR TREAT

Cross of Christ will be holding Trunk or Treat this year on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Decorate your car and throw open the trunk or back of your vehicle and watch the parade of children begin! See further details elsewhere in this newsletter.



Anytime you are missing something that could have been misplaced while at church, please check the Lost and Found basket. The basket is located in the hallway by the church office. You can also call the Church Office to inquire whether something has been turned in (877-7447).

**Currently we have quite a few things in the basket!!**



“When someone is going through a storm, your silent presence is more powerful than a million empty words.” –Thema Davis



## DON'T MISS OUT ON DEALERS' 2019 MODEL YEAR

**2020s are coming in, which means great deals on 2019 models.**

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\*\* **QUILTING - FELLOWSHIP HALL - TUESDAY MORNINGS - 9:30-11:30 A.M. – JOIN US!** Show up when it works into your Tuesday morning schedule. You can access the Fellowship Hall from the Office entrance (via steps) or use the Nursery entrance (ramp).

\*\* **On November 1<sup>st</sup> the LWML CARE-VAN Ingathering semi-truck** will arrive in our back parking lot, at which time we load our boxes and boxes of quilts (very light in weight), as well as assist those from several other area Lutheran churches that drop by with their boxes. We'll meet at 9:00 am and will be finished before noon. We only need a few helpers - if you'll like to be one of them, we'd appreciate it. **“Manpower” would be warmly welcomed** (as Bob Timm's arm is out of commission this year and Bob Pinkerton is a bit too far away!!) Let Eunice know if you can help out. They will then be shipped out to those in need across the world. CoC quilts will be blessed during the LWML Sunday service on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

\*\* As noted above, the LWML CARE-VAN Ingathering will arrive in our lot on November 1<sup>st</sup>. ***If you are wanting to purchase a regular quilt for a Christmas gift, check out the quilt rack in the Fellowship Hall before October 22<sup>nd</sup>.*** Quilts are available for purchase any time throughout the year for \$50.00. Talk to any lady in the congregation and they can get you hooked up with a quilter who will receive your donation. All money received gets reinvested into quilting supplies.

\*\* **SPEAKING OF QUILTS...** the quilters are hard at work on Christmas Quilts! Be watching for a notice when they will be displayed for purchase. Same price...\$50.00.

\*\* **All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend the Chattanooga Zone LWML Fall Rally, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.** Coffee/Tea/Registration begins at 9:30am, with the meeting beginning at 10am. The offering taken will benefit Belvoir Christian Academy (BCA). (This will be the only in-gathering for this event.)

\*\* **SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am-noon. Annual Ladies' Christmas Brunch!** Table hostesses are still needed. Sign-up sheet coming in November. This year's collection for the community will be children's books for Toys for Tots. A drop-off box will be available for congregational gifts, beginning in November. Questions... speak with Donna Flippin.

**BEYOND THE BUILDING...** The Christian does not go to the temple to worship. The Christian takes the temple with him or her. Jesus lifts us beyond the building and pays the human body the highest compliment by making it his dwelling place, the place where he meets with us. —Ravi Zacharias



**2 -4 -6 -8 Who do you appreciate?**



Pastor Appreciation Month, observed every October, has unlikely detractors: pastors. Some say it makes them uncomfortable because other staff members deserve appreciation too. Some worry churchgoers will think they're fishing for gifts. Others joke they dislike Pastor Appreciation Month because October is only 31 days long!

On RelevantMagazine.com, Pastor Jon Quitt admits that pastors receive quite a bit of both criticism and praise. His proposal? A broader shift in church culture toward year-round mutual thankfulness. "Let's kill Pastor Appreciation Month and rename it Single Mom Month or Nursery Worker Month," he writes. "That seems a better fit, don't you think?"

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### THE MITE BOX...

You will notice on the monthly calendar within the newsletter, on the first Sunday of the month, to bring your mite box to church and drop the funds into the larger mite box located on the table by the Ushers hutch (there is also a second box located on the LWML bookcase, located in the office hallway). **Mite Boxes are available to every woman in a LWML society and are also available to each member of the congregation, including children.** In the Bible we hear these words...

#### The Widow's Mite...

*Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything — all she had to live on" (Mark 12:41-43).*

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars (2017-2019 Biennium Goal of \$2,075,000 was met) that fund district and national mission grants throughout the U.S. and the world.

#### LWML Mite Boxes — How Can I Fill It...

##### First and Foremost... Put the box somewhere you will see it daily.

Put your pennies or pocket change in the box at the end of each day. (The box also accepts dollar bills.)

Say "thank you" and drop-in an amount whenever a calamity or misfortune has been averted.

Say "thank you" with an amount whenever a blessing or good opportunity has been given to you.

Say "thank you" and "give" from your heart on a daily basis. Why? Because you are a child of God!

**Then...** Deposit your change into the 'big box' at church on the first Sunday of the month.

**Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel. Mite Boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.**



**UNIMAGINABLE IMPACT...** You don't know how many people have been strengthened because you asked God to encourage them; how many people have been healed because you prayed for their bodies; how many spiritual runaways have come home because you prayed for their souls. None of us may ever know the true effects of our prayers this side of death. But we do know this: History belongs to the intercessors.

—John Ortberg, *The Life You've Always Wanted*

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### MINISTER TO YOUR MINISTERS

In honor of Clergy Appreciation Month, use these alphabetical reminders of how to treat your pastors:

Accept them as people.  
Build them up. Say “thank you.”  
Communicate with them.  
Defend them when someone tries to run them down.  
Entertain them. They like to have fun, too!  
Family. Allow them to have a family life.  
Genuine. Be honest with them. Be yourself around them.  
Honor them. Don’t put them on a pedestal, but respect them.  
Income. Pay them enough so money isn’t a concern.  
Judge not! Avoid being critical.  
Kind. Treat pastors as you want to be treated.  
Love. See 1 Corinthians 13.  
Maintain. Their families have the same needs as other families.  
Nurture. Help them grow in grace.  
Offer to help. The list of things you can do is endless.  
Pray for them. Lift up their names to God daily.  
Quelch not. Encourage instead!  
Rejoice in and with them.  
Surprise them – in little and big ways.  
Trust them. Believe in them.  
Understand them. Put yourself in their place.  
Vacation. They need time away.  
Welcome them into your home. Don’t wait for an invitation.  
eXpend yourself, not them.  
Yoke. Help them bear their burdens with grace and dignity.  
Zap all gossip!



#### Serve A Meal at Chattanooga Community Kitchen

Could you join with 4 to 5 others from Cross of Christ to serve a meal at the Chattanooga Community Kitchen on November 27<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving Eve)? We will carpool from CoC at 10:15am. Serving ends at 12:30 pm sharp, so we should be back by 1pm. **Nothing is needed except YOU!!** No skills required, except standing behind a service counter and upturning your lips into a welcoming smile! **NO** heavy lifting, only dishing up food onto plates for our homeless neighbors. (Aprons are provided.)

Come be a part of a wonderful gift of service to folks who don't experience a lot of kindness without strings attached. **Come and be blessed and be a blessing.** Contact Arlene Vickers via text or if you do not text, call her if you can help or have questions (410-897-2121). Thank you for your willing hands and taking time to serve those less fortunate!

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## Belvoir Christian Academy

### *Dates to Remember!*

Oct. 5 - End of 1st Quarter

Oct. 7-11 - Fall Break

(School Closed - Child Care Open)

Oct. 17 - Report Card Available via Headmaster

Oct. 18 – Fall Cookie Decorating Day (PTL event)

Oct. 20 - Bonfire and Silent Auction (PTL event)

Oct. 25 - Parent-Teacher Conferences

(School Closed - Child Care Open)

*Since 1887, Belvoir Christian Academy has made Disciples for Jesus through Learning, Loving and Serving.*

Website: [bcalions.org](http://bcalions.org)

## Patriot's Day Service Project!

In honor of 9-11, the BCA students wanted to show how much they appreciate the efforts of local police officers and fire fighters as they work to keep citizens safe and for their tireless efforts in responding to all types of emergencies!

A special delivery for some very special people in our community! Thanks to all of the BCA families who donated bottled water and snacks to deliver to area police and firefighters. This is our annual collection to honor and remember all who sacrificed and served on 9/11/01.



A sneak peek at our updated Science and Makerspace Lab at BCA!



All About Me" T-shirt art from Mrs. Steufert's art class students!



A great Cross Country season at BCA! Each of the athletes did a great job at each of the meets, despite record high temperatures!



Our students recently spent time listening to author, Jonathan Miller from Charleston, SC. He has written and illustrated several children's books about "Sammy the Wonder Dachshund" and shared his writing experiences with the students.

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BCA appreciates BCA 2017 Alumnus, Micah Bean, for his work on building the new Gaga Ball Pit for the BCA students to enjoy. To earn his Eagle Scout rank, Micah had to complete a service project, and he chose to support BCA in this way. The children have really enjoyed playing Gaga Ball each day at recess (see below).



Skytec of Chattanooga visited BCA to show the students the drones they have created to gather data, examine ground surfaces and more, using drone technology!



### A Drone!

It works using high-powered batteries and hand-held controls or computer programs.



## STICK WITH IT!!

“If I’ve learned anything about friendship, it’s to hang in, stay connected,” says journalist Jon Katz.

“Don’t walk away, don’t be distracted, don’t be too busy or tired, don’t take them for granted.

Friends are part of the glue that holds life and faith together.”

This applies to church life too.

When we’re annoyed by some aspect of congregational life or caught in conflict with other members, it’s tempting to drift away to another church — or no church.

Even when all is fine, we sometimes let church take a back seat.

But our bonds with the family of God are “part of the glue that holds life and faith together.”

For the sake of the benefits we gain and give,

may we “hang in [and] stay connected” with our church family.

May we not “walk away [or] be distracted, ... be too busy or tired.”

May we not take one another for granted but thank God for this “glue”

— even when things get a bit sticky!

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**OCTOBER WORSHIP MINISTRY**

**Acolytes (Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. Service)**

06	LWML Member
13	Nathan Pugh
20	Zachary Land
27	Nathan Pugh

**Altar Guild**  
Donna Flippin and Karen Miller

**Elders**  
***Saturday Evening 6:00 p.m. Service***  
Scott Brewster  
***Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. Service***  
Bob Timm & Larry Zehnder

**Greeters**  
***Saturday 6:00 p.m. Service***

05	Allison & Scott Brewster
12	Rhonda & Joel Duncan
19	Jamie & Brad Mofsky
26	Eloise Bartlett

***Sunday 9:00 a.m. Service***

06	LWML Members
13	Maria & Tony Pessini
20	Alison & Nathan Pugh
27	John Clemmons Family

**Readers**

<b><i>(Saturday 6:00 p.m.)</i></b>	<b><i>(Sunday 9:00 a.m.)</i></b>
05 Scott Brewster	06 LWML Members
12 Rhonda Duncan	13 Tony Pessini
19 Jamie Mofsky	20 Natalie Doeblner
26 Sylvia Hildebrandt	27 Jane & John Rudat

**Ushers**  
***Saturday 6:00 p.m. Service***  
Scott Brewster  
***Sunday 9:00 a.m. Service***  
David Murray, Zachary Land, Jim Walpert

## DAILY DEVOTIONS – MUSTARD SEED Lutheran Women in Mission

**THE WORD: Wisdom for Living:  
Firstfruits or Leftovers**

**In the Word**

***Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; ... (Proverbs 3:9).***

**Of the Word**

How do you like leftovers? Most people don't like yesterday's soggy pasta, overcooked steak, or mushy vegetables. Even when leftovers are doctored up, they're still leftovers

What does God say about leftovers? When it comes to gifts, He wants our firstfruits, not leftovers!

Stories are told about families who made conscious decisions to give their offerings to the Lord first and then pay their monthly bills. God blessed their firstfruits, offerings given with love and in faith.

God gave His Firstfruit, His one-and-only Son, Jesus Christ. His death on Calvary's cross assures us of life and salvation, and those gifts are ours through His Spirit's gift of faith.

Because He gives us His best, can we offer Him our leftovers? No, in faith-filled response to His love, we want to give Him our best.

**A Point to Ponder:** What time, talent, and treasure firstfruit gifts can I offer today?

**Walking with My Lord**

Heavenly Father, I give You thanks for the gift of salvation that is mine through faith in Jesus. Fill my heart with such love and praise for You that I will willingly serve You with all that I am and have. In Jesus' name. Amen.



# OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>October 7-11 Hamilton County Schools and BCA Fall Break</p>		<p>1</p> <p><del>9:30 am</del> Quilters</p> <p>Fellowship Hall Reserved</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4 pm Pack Snack Packs for Riverside Elementary <del>6:30 pm Adult Confirmation</del> 7 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 pm Crossways 8 pm Bibles &amp; Brews</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:30 am Ladies Birthday Lunch at Ruby Tuesday's 6 pm Worship w/Holy Communion <u>(Bring Mites to Church)</u></p>
<p>6</p> <p><i>LWML Sunday</i> 9 am Worship w/Holy Communion <u>(Bring Mites to Church)</u> 10:15 am Sunday School / Bible Class 3 pm FPU Classes 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 am Pastor at Nursing Home 7 pm Scouts</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am Quilters <u>6 pm</u> Board of Directors Mtg.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 pm Adult Confirmation 7 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 pm Crossways 8 pm Bibles &amp; Brews</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 pm Thrivent Builds 10 am Oktoberfest Prep, Setup &amp; Decoration 6 pm Worship</p> <p>Fellowship Hall Reserved</p>
<p>13</p> <p><i>FALL FESTIVAL</i> 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School / Bible Class Noon OKTOBERFEST 3 pm FPU Classes 7 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>Fellowship Hall Reserved</p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Columbus Day</i> 10 am Pastor at Nursing Home 7 pm Elder's Mtg. 7 pm Scouts</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 am Quilters</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 pm Adult Confirmation 7 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6 pm CoC Reads! 6:30 pm Crossways 8 pm Bibles &amp; Brews</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5 pm Chicken BBQ Prep</p> <p>Fellowship Hall Reserved</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11 am-4 pm Pickup BBQ Chicken</p> <p>6 pm Worship w/Holy Communion</p> <p>Fellowship Hall Reserved</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9 am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15 am Sunday School / Bible Class 11 am-4 pm Pickup BBQ Chicken 3 pm FPU Classes 7 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>Fellowship Hall Reserved</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!</b> 10 am Pastor at Nursing Home 7 pm Scouts</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 am Quilters</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30 pm Adult Confirmation 7 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30 pm Crossways 8 pm Bibles &amp; Brews</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6 pm Worship</p>
<p>27</p> <p><i>Reformation Sunday</i> 9 am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15 am Sunday School / Bible Class 3 pm FPU Classes 7 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10 am Pastor at Nursing Home 7 pm Scouts</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 am Quilters</p> <p>Noon Pack Hygiene Kits</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>31</p> <p><i>Reformation Day</i> 5:30-7:30 pm Trunk or Treat <del>6:30 pm</del> 'NO' Crossways</p>		

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