



In Germany the Lutheran Christian Church is called the *Evangelische Kirche* (Evangelical Church). “Lutheran” was a name given to the confessional movement within the Western Church by those who opposed it, identifying the movement with its supposed “chief heretic”

Martin Luther. “Evangelical” is the Lutheran Church’s preferred name for itself since they are the OG evangelicals (not to mention the thousand years of Christian traditions before it). Evangelical means “devoted to the Gospel.” In accord with Scripture, we confess that the Gospel is the center of the Christian faith. The Gospel, as we know, is the promise of salvation in Christ Jesus apart from anything we do. Out of love God the Father has sent His only begotten Son into the world in order to save us from sin, death, and the devil through His becoming our fellow man, fulfilling God’s will for us through His obedience, suffering the condemnation for our sin we deserve by dying on the cross, and conquering death by rising bodily from the dead. On account of Christ Jesus, God promises and so gives us His unmerited love, the forgiveness of sins, and everlasting life through the Gospel in its various forms, let it be written, preached, poured over us, or placed on our tongues to eat and drink. Faith is nothing other than God the Holy Spirit grasping us with this promise of salvation.

This Gospel is at the center of the Christian faith because it is at the center of Scripture. As our Lord says, **“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me...”** (John 5:39) Since all Scripture bears witness to Christ, it should be no surprise to us that the risen Jesus taught the disciples on the road to Emmaus about Himself by going through the Old Testament: **“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.”** (Luke 24:27) If we are not interpreting the Holy Scriptures in light of what Christ has done for us, then we are not interpreting them correctly. Similarly, since the Gospel is God’s promise given to us, we must interpret our own lives in light of the Gospel. The Gospel tells us who we are on account of Christ Jesus: forgiven sinners, beloved children of God, heirs of everlasting life. We never transcend or get beyond the Gospel in our lives because we are sinners in need of forgiveness, people thrown to and fro in this world in need of an identity that doesn’t change, and mortals in need of life without end. We can never have too much Gospel in this life because it is the Gospel which is the power of salvation to those who believe (Romans 1:16). This Reformation, we give thanks for the restoration of the pure preaching of the Gospel, and we (or at least I do) proudly bear the name *evangelischer Christ* (Evangelical Christian).

Happy Reformation,
Pastor

MINI-MEN'S RETREAT



Pastor is summoning all the men of both congregations to join him for a Mini-men's retreat on October 12th from 1:00-5:00. Join us for God's Word, BBQ, and a movie. Free, even though donations for food expenses are welcome. Bring your own drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). Topic: God's Call for men: What does God call us as men to do? Sign up in the Narthex!

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FACEBOOK

Facebook live feed of our Sunday Service has been interrupted. We have lost our ability to live stream our service on Sunday mornings due to constraints from our social media provider. To be able to live stream going forward, we need at least 100 followers on our Facebook page which is St Thomas Lutheran Church. So far we have only 84. Everybody can help here by talking to friends and family about following us on Facebook at St Thomas Lutheran Church. It's very simple you just need to go to your Facebook page find Saint Thomas and follow us. Once we obtain over a hundred followers will be able to live stream again. We are actively looking for other solutions as well.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NIGHT

Join us for our last Christian Education Night at Christ on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and at St. Thomas Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.! Invite friends, family, and coworkers as we dive into the main articles of the Christian faith from a scriptural perspective. Ever wonder: Why do we confess the Old and New Testaments to be the Words of God in their entirety? Where is the Holy Trinity taught in Scripture? How many days did it take God to create the universe? These and other questions will be addressed. *Fides quaerens intellectum* (faith seeks understanding)!

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BIBLE STUDIES

We are resuming our bible studies which are being held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Lutheran as we study the lectionary readings from the previous Sunday. St. Thomas will resume their bible studies on Thursdays evenings at 6:00 p.m.

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CATECHISM BIBLE 101 CLASSES

Classes will begin October 19th from 1:00-2:00 at Christ Lutheran. If you know anyone of catechism age that would like to take this class, please let Pastor Blake know. Guardians are also needed to attend classes if you would like to volunteer.

OUR SERVICE PROJECTS

We remember all those who are facing a crisis in their lives especially weather related casualties. Lutheran Missions Ministry is our main organization that we donate to. Mark on your envelopes "Lutheran Mission Ministry".

Please remember the families of Streetsboro by donating to the Streetsboro Community Pantry with a monetary donation or food donation. You can do this through the church through your offering or placing food items in the basket in the Narthex.

Becky Larkins is collecting Paper towels and toilet paper rolls for craft projects. Also 2 litre plastic bottles. You can place them in the basket on the coat shelf in the Narthex. Thank you!

Deb Wolff has pickles ready. Bring back your empty jars and she will fill them up again.

Your October-December Portal of Prayers are here. You can find them on the stand by the door.

Church Council will be meeting Thursday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. If there is something you would like the council to work on, please let one of the council members know. They are Steve Hlava, president, Del Groff, Guy Jeanblanc, Joyce Torres, Deb Wolff, Gilbert Ayers and Stephanie Manijak.

Contact Person: Please call Pastor Blake Martzowka at the church on Thursdays from 9-3 at 330-626-4945 or on his cell phone 989-372-5318 for emergencies or Council President Steve Hlava at 330 422-1959 for any emergencies or questions.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are always looking for members to help out during the service. Please see the sign up sheets in the narthex to volunteer to be a reader, usher or communion assistant. Thank you!

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CHOIR

The Choir will be starting back up for the fall season. If you would like to sing in the choir please let Marla know. The next song we will be singing is "How Beautiful the Feet of God" on October 20. We will look at it after the worship service. Please join us!

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN
TRICK OR TREAT
ON OCTOBER 26
IN STREETSBORO
DRIVE SAFELY**



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kathy Braeshear	Palagia Hlava	Robin Hoffman	Pastor Just
Lorene Kozar	Carol Poston	Heather Poston	Deb Wolff
Patty Abramovich	Isabella Andrews	Betsy	Ray Bishop
Brian	Carl	Russ & Lana Carnes	Dan
David Colvin	Deacon	Debbie	Garbowski family
Ryan Goodrich	Kenny Hanson	Ida Hoover	Daniel Gump and wife
Karen	Kim	Mary Hardesty	Jim
Jim	John	Kathy	Laura & family
Logan	McGowan family	Amanda Nicely	Denise Nicely
Keith Nowak	Patriots family	Richard	Ron
Will Roberts	Susan	Tina	Joe Wargo
Bennie Wegener	Mary Whittaker		

Our College Students—Grace Rohaley, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers, Jacob Zimmerman

Our Military members—Troy Roman and Ben Wolff

The Ohio tornado victims and victims from the hurricane

The world/USA—racism and lack of love outside of God's words

Our teachers and support staff and students as they start a new year

Healthy pregnancies for family and friends

Our military veterans

All Natural disaster victims

COVID virus patients

Gaza & Israel victims

Ukraine refugees

We would love to have updates on our prayer list. If you have good news about someone on this list please let the church know or call Marla at 330-472-3045. Thank you!

Our shut-ins—please send them a card

Carole Poston
12790 Chamberlain
Aurora, OH 44202

Lorene Kozar
8460 Westport Dr. #225
Mentor, Oh 44060

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays

3-Kim Kinder
3-Kathy Brashear
7-Joe Earle
9-Jim Doerfler
15-Stephanie Manijak
17- Abigail Ayers
20-Madelyn Ayers
24-Linda Beuck
27-Linda Hautmann
31-Brianne Wolff
31-Richard Kanengeiser



OCTOBER BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Baptism Birthdays

9-Trudy Ayers
13-Joanna Nicely
13-Gilbert Ayers
13-Thomas Ayers
20-Nick Phillips
Steve Hlava
David Kanengeiser

Happy Anniversary to...

4-Keith & Becky Larkins

If anyone has been left off this list or any other list, please let Marla Manijak know so she can add you. I would love birthdays and anniversaries and baptism birthdays if you know when it is. Thanks!

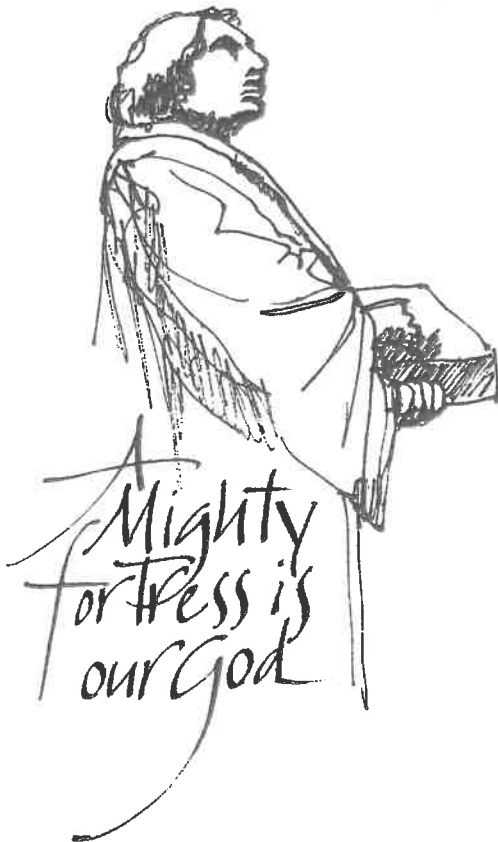
FINANCIAL REPORT

TREASURERS REPORT - Month of August 2024

	Current Month:	Current YTD	Prior YTD:
TOTAL INCOME - General Fund Only	6408.66	69180.84	39126.84
TOTAL EXPENSE - General Fund Only	4595.83	46256.97	41220.28
NET GAIN (LOSS)	1812.83	22923.87	(2093.44)
TOTAL INCOME - Special Funds (See Below)	72.00	4049.50	663.84
TOTAL EXPENSE- Special Funds (See Below)	64.08	578.30	302.46
NET GAIN (LOSS)	7.92	3471.20	361.38
Average General Fund Income Per Week	1602.17	2034.73	1150.79
Amount needed to meet expense budget - per week	<u>1306.73</u>		

Special Funds Include:

Special Building/Property, Pastor's Second Chance, Memorial Gifts, New Building, Lutheran Women's Group, 5th Sunday Benevolence



**Reformation Sunday
October 27**



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 A.M.

PLEASE JOIN US INSIDE

**LIVE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE—PLEASE FOLLOW US
SO WE CAN BE LIVE AGAIN**

OR IN CHURCH PARKING LOT ON CHANNEL 96.9 FM