

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF OCTOBER 2, 2022

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim & Penny Cleveland; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora; Darlene Welsh; Walt & Carolyn Trier

ELDERS AND COUNCIL meet **this Tuesday, October 4**, at 6:00 & 7:00pm.

MEN'S GROUP & WOMEN'S GROUP will *not* meet in the month of October.

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2023: do you want them? Not want them? How about a year-end giving statement? Talk to Linda LeFever ASAP!

CHURCH MAINTENANCE DAY: Saturday, Oct. 8. See the tables for a list of projects. Able to help? Sign up and tell us what you need!

CONFIRMATION will meet at **9:00am** beginning **TODAY**.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: TODAY, 11:30am. New voices welcome!

COLUMBIA CITY LIFE CHAIN: Right to Life of North Central Indiana is sponsoring the annual Life Chain TODAY from 1:45-3:00pm. For more information, talk to Vicar Woodhouse or visit www.nci4life.org.

FLC LIFE TEAM INTEREST MEETING next Sunday, October 9, at 11:30am.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for an **important congregational gathering** on **Saturday, October 22**, from 9:00am – 2:00pm (lunch provided!).

TRUNK OR TREAT & potluck supper will be Sunday, October 30.

CALENDAR

Sun. Oct. 2 (Trinity 16)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School / Confirmation 11:30am Choir
Mon. Oct. 3	8:30am Discussion of next Sunday's readings
Tue. Oct. 4	6:00 / 7:00pm Elders / Church Council
Wed. Oct. 5	8:30am Matins 9:00am Book of Concord Study (Lg. Catechism) 7:00pm Divine Service
Thu. Oct. 6	7:00pm Bible Study (Genesis)
Sun. Oct. 9 (Trinity 17)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School / Confirmation 11:30am Life Team Interest Meeting

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It has become a tradition on the first Sunday in October to recognize and celebrate the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Though we do not have a separate worship service specifically for the LWML, still it is good to give thanks to God for the many blessings He has worked through this organization!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League has been serving the church and the world for 80 years, supporting missionaries and mission efforts both in the United States and all around the world. Their mission statement reads "As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others." This work is made possible by the generosity of LWML members and their congregations—and this in no small part from Mite Boxes! Anyone can participate in this mission work by filling a Mite Box with spare change and returning it to church—grab a Box from the table between the offices!

The theme of the LWML celebration this year is "For Us and With Us," based on Romans 8:31-39, which reads in part, *"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? . . . we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Each of us has faced challenges and circumstances greater than our own strength, but in Christ, who is for us and with us, we are already more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Christ's victory is our victory through saving faith. We can confidently live each day, trusting in Christ.

You can learn more about the work of the LWML by contacting our congregation's LWML representative, Bonnie Hazen. Consider attending the upcoming FW North Zone Rally on October 15 at Our Hope Lutheran Church in Huntertown (see the newsletter for more info). Finally, there is much more information on the LWML website, www.lwml.org.

