



## +Christian Symbol+

### Coins

The Bible often uses coins to symbolize human greed. During Holy Week, 30 silver coins — usually shown with a bag or purse — represent Jesus' betrayal by his disciple Judas (Matthew 26:14-16). Many of Jesus' teachings are about money, including the parable of the lost coin. Coins also symbolize giving as an act of worship, just as the widow offered her last "mite" (Mark 12:41-44).

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# Chapel News

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CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## All Saints' Day — Nov. 6, 2022

On November 6, 2022, we will celebrate All Saints' Day in church. This is the time when we celebrate the communion of all Christians, around the world and throughout the ages.

It is our custom to remember by name those who have been baptized and those who have died this year. If you would like to have loved ones remembered by name on November 6 during the worship service, please use the form below to clearly print the name

and date of death or date of baptism, then place it in the collection plate, mail it to the Church Office or email it to christinparamus@hotmail.com.

You are welcome to bring a picture of your loved one with you to worship on November 6. The funerals and baptisms handled by the church this year will automatically be listed. Please have this information into the Church Office by October 31. Thank you.



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### Baptisms

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### Date of Baptism

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### Deaths

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### Date of Death

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### Your Name

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### Your Phone Number

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# Special Congregation Meeting

September 28, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

There will be a special Congregation Meeting on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 11:15AM. Please let this letter serve as notice for the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote upon the Council's recommendation to sell the parsonage and to approve spending the funds necessary to effectuate the sale. Every voting member of the congregation should attend this very important event.



The Council's rationale will be discussed at the meeting, but please feel free to contact me or any other member of the Council if you would like to have more information prior to the meeting.

Yours in Christ,  
Christopher Nilsen  
Congregation Council President



## Please pray for these loved ones...

Dolores Brickman, Maggie Brower, Mike Chapman, John Cutler, Ken Cutler, Charlie Eidel, Krista Fuchs, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Ellen Heim, Fred Hesse, Terry Klotz, Dennis & Jennifer Kruk, Anna & Walter Kruk, Renee Lomelino, Jack Lowack, Marie Lupinski, the Maller Family, Irene Maury, Logan Mercer, Shady Oliver, Erin Raffery, Doris Robinson, Cathy & Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Dorothy Syme, Marge Tomaselli, Frank Tomaselli, Lenny van Dam,

the Vega Family, Janice & Dave Wedderman, Irma Weishaupt, Robert Wiederschall and Peter Zingaro

## And those serving in the military...

Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Greg Flintall, Devin Vega and Rachel Zarnke

## And those who can't always be with us...

Ed & Carol DeMott, Al & Barbara Frielink and Irma Weishaupt

*"If you feel like you're losing everything, remember that trees lose their leaves every year and they still stand tall and wait for better days to come."*

# October

## Lay Assistant | Usher Altar Guild Schedule

**OCTOBER 2** 10:00am  
Lay Assistant Bob Denicola  
Usher Linda Comery  
Altar Guild TBD

**OCTOBER 9** 10:00am  
Lay Assistant Pam Sakala  
Usher Ralph Braun  
Altar Guild Lore Braun

**OCTOBER 16** 10:00am  
Lay Assistant Chris Nilsen  
Usher Linda Comery  
Altar Guild Linda Polise

**OCTOBER 23** 10:00am  
Lay Assistant Carrie Ralston  
Usher Linda Polise  
Altar Guild Marge Tomaselli

**OCTOBER 30** 10:00am  
Lay Assistant Bill Jaichner  
Usher Anne Carman  
Altar Guild Gina Lally



## Counters Schedule

October Bill  
November Anne  
December All

# Faith Doubt

## You're Made for Faith

Contrary to popular opinion, faith and doubt aren't opposites. Instead, "doubt is a way station en route to faith," writes J. Ellsworth Kalas. "I can't imagine getting to faith at a grand level that raises the hair on your arms without passing through doubt to get there."

Switching metaphors, Kalas explains, "Faith is an edifice in which some of the grandest parts are the various

stones and mortar of doubt." Christians need not worry about doubt, which is "the stuff that goes into the building of faith."

The real enemy of faith is unbelief, but it's not a fair fight, says Kalas. Because humans "are made for faith ... unbelief is always an intruder, always working against what is magnificently native to us."

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## What's a Christian to Do with Halloween?

These days, children associate Halloween with trick-or-treating and candy. But centuries ago, Christians named the night before All Hallows' Day (All Saints' Day) "All Hallows' Eve." As the faithful prepared to remember people who were entrusted to resurrection life, they adopted various traditions to poke fun at death.

Around the world, Christians observe Halloween differently: In Poland, kids pray aloud while walking through forests to comfort souls of the dead. In Spain, tolling church bells remind people to remember the saints. In Finland, so many people light candles in cemeteries that the observance is called "seas of light." Although some Christians steer clear of Halloween, others use it as an evangelism opportunity and provide entertainment alternatives such as harvest parties.

No matter your views, you can remind children that though it's fun to pretend, we can always be ourselves with God. Whatever our features and flaws, we need not and cannot hide from God behind masks. God made us in his holy image and loves us as his holy — hallowed! — children.

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## Cents-ible Stewardship

During a children's sermon, the pastor gave each child two pennies and told them to put one in each hand. "With full hands," he asked, "how would you do other things, like drink a glass of juice?" They'd have to let go of one penny. (Likewise, adults must be willing to "let go" of material goods and desires to worship God alone.)

The pastor let the children keep the coins. When my 5-year-old returned to her seat, I suggested she could put them in the offering. Her quite loud response was, "NO! I need more money!" (Maybe my at-home talks

about generosity — not to mention the kids message — hadn't sunk in?) Granted, giving is a tough concept, even for grown-ups. But adults would gladly give away "worthless" pennies.

When the offering plate came by, my daughter put in her pennies all by herself. "Now maybe some little girl can eat tonight," she said. God's prompting may take some time to change our hearts. But may we all give so freely and give up what seems important at the time.

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## Bible Quiz

Which king allowed — even encouraged — the Judean exiles to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple?

- A. Cyrus of Persia
- B. Tiglath-pileser of Assyria
- C. Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon
- D. Hiram of Tyre



Answer: A (See Ezra 1:1-4.)

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# OCTOBER 2022

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>30</p> <p>Reformation Sunday</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p> 	<p>31</p>	<p>(CH) Church (FH) Fellowship Hall (FR) Family Room (OB) Office Building (PA) Parsonage</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px;">  <p><b>Potluck &amp; Prayers</b> <i>November 8 (FR)</i></p> <p><b>Advent Program</b> <i>November 27 (FR)</i></p> <p><b>Christmas Eve Service</b> <i>December 24 (CH)</i></p> </div>			<p>1</p> 
<p>2</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p><b>Potluck &amp; Prayers</b></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am</p> 
<p>9</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p> <p>Coffee Hour following Service</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pot Luck &amp; Prayers (FR) 6:30pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> 
<p>16</p> <p><b>Special Congregation Meeting</b></p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Council Meeting (OB) 6:30pm</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am</p> 
<p>23</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>