

## October 2021

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CRAZY MESSY  
— WORLD —  
JESUS**



**— IS —  
MY PEACE**



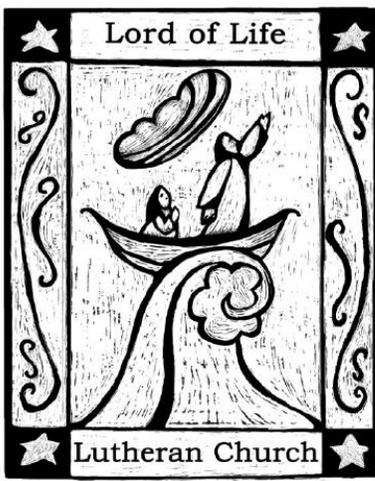
**WORSHIP**  
**SCHEDULE**

**Sundays:** 10 am – In-Person Worship

10 am - Live Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook

Live <https://www.facebook.com/LoLLCGarner/>

**Eucharist:** Every Sunday



# Life-Lines

October 2021



## WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

Reformation Day falls on a Sunday this year. On that day we will celebrate the 504<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Thus, for this month's newsletter, I thought I would give descriptions of the Five Solae of the Reformation.

### First, Sola Scriptura –

The theological doctrine that positions Scripture as the sole source of authority for Christian Faith and Practice. Thus, all other authority is subject to Scripture including bishops, church councils, ordained ministers, bible commentators, or even spiritual messages received by "other" means than Scripture.

### Second, Sola Fide –

Justification by Faith Alone (JBF)

Martin Luther quotes Ephesians 2:8 often, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God."

### Third, Sola Gratia –

Salvation comes to us only by divine grace or unmerited favor, not by our worthiness. A former Catholic Christian who is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Rocky Mount would speak words similar to this as he came to the communion rail, "I am not worthy to receive the very Body and Blood of Christ Himself, but God in His great mercy invites me to receive."

### Fourth, Solus Christus –

Christ is the only mediator between God and us. Our salvation is only accomplished through His death and resurrection.

### Fifth, Soli Deo Gloria –

We as believers give Glory to God Alone.

These five Solas are the basis of our faith. They capture the Good News of Jesus Christ, and they help explain how that Good News takes root in us sinners. They also show us where that Good News comes from, God the Father and His Son, Jesus the Christ.

The reformers believed so strongly about these five Solas that they were ready to lay down their lives for them if necessary.

Thanks be to God who in His Mercy has graced us with Scripture, Faith, Grace, His Son, our Savior and Lord of Life; and given us opportunities to give God Glory both inside the church sanctuary and outside in the community.

~ Pastor Wayne





## From the Desk of Your Council President

Thank you to Lindsey Crocker and Becky Babel for their MANY hours of work to close out our 2020 church records! They will continue to work along with Tess Andrews to get everything into the Parish Soft program for 2021. Terry Barnes continues as our Financial Secretary. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We had a lot of excitement and bonding during our recent Church workday. Thanks to everyone that participated. Overall the church looks SO MUCH better! And then Rally Day was the following day, and the excitement continued. Yay!!



The Council held many Small Group sessions to talk about how to achieve our four goals for 2022.



Here they are again:

1. Worship that nurtures people and deepens their faith and personal relationship with God
2. Incorporate members of all ages and use their gifts in our church ministries
3. Help members live out their faith in their daily life
4. Build excitement within and without

At our next Council meeting, we will craft HOW we will achieve these goals using the input from YOU in the Small Group sessions. We will also approve the "Job Description" for a Council member. We are looking for FOUR new Council members. If you are interested, please ask! The Nominating Committee will be working to find our new Council members. Outgoing Council members are Lindsey Crocker, Linda Garoutte, Dan Hayes and Sarah Watkins.



Plan to attend the Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Each committee will have a table set up to introduce you to what they do. Hopefully everyone will find a place to work within the church to make our community of faith even stronger! We are looking for a Property Committee Chair and worship assistants for every Sunday.



The CROP walk will be on the next Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be a virtual or actual walk this year. The course in Pullen Park will have registration at 2 pm and the walk start at 3 pm. I plan to walk in Lake Benson Park after worship and fellowship on the 31<sup>st</sup>, approximately at noon. Anyone is welcome to walk with me. There is no entrance fee BUT all money collected goes to Church World Services who give most of the money to help people in Wake County that are food insecure and 25% of the money raised goes to International efforts to provide clean water to everyone.

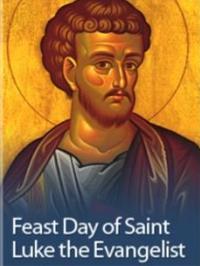


*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Matthew 28: 19-20, NIV

Blessings,  
Alecia Harrison, Council President

# OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>International Coffee Day</i>	2
3 <b>Every Sunday</b> 9 am Coffee & Old Testament Bible Study w/ Pastor Wayne 10 am Worship	4	5	6  German-American Day	7	8	9
10	11  COLUMBUS DAY	12	13	14	15 	16
17	18  Feast Day of Saint Luke the Evangelist	19	20	21	22 HAPPY NATIONAL NUT DAY 	23
24	25	26  NATIONAL Pumpkin DAY October 26	27	28	29 National CAT Day 	30 Trick or Treat The Trails 1 - 3 pm White Deer Park



**REFORMATION Sunday**

TRICK-OR-TREAT THE TRAILS

**GARNER**

October 30<sup>th</sup>  
1 pm - 3 pm  
White Deer Park






## CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD: A Review

There is nothing special about the plot. It is a romance between a young woman, Sarah, who is deaf and never really left the school for the deaf where she received her education, and an unorthodox hearing teacher of the deaf, James, who is older than Sarah and thinks she should read lips and actually speak. She does not think so. She has been using sign language all her life, and feels that if he loves her, he will enter her world of silence and use her language, sign language. That is not the only time Sarah asserts herself as she tries to keep James from controlling her.

Instead of implementing subtitles to translate Sarah's signing, the director chose to have James speak out loud for us, the viewers, what Sarah was saying. I would have preferred subtitles, because James speaking what Sarah was signing gives the impression he has even more control.

You don't need me to tell that the focus is on the challenges in a relationship like James and Sarah's where one partner is deaf and the other verbal. Embedded throughout is comic relief (a Shakespearean term) usually provided by the students who at time are hilarious. Nonetheless, those challenges are not easily solved and Marlee Matlin who received a Best Actress Academy Award for her sometimes emotional portrayal of Sara does a superb job of showcasing those emotions. She deserved it. She was the first deaf actress to ever win it and one of the youngest. This was her first film.

Of course, her latest film was CODA which I reviewed last month.

I was unaware that in between, she has been in several TV shows like *The Practice* and *West Wing* and several guest appearances.

In her personal life she has shown that she can succeed in a marriage to her hearing husband, Kevin Grandalski, who is a Burbank police officer. They have four children. She is an advocate for the rights of

people of all ages who are deaf, and she is very generous in her philanthropic giving to causes she believes in. Plus, she is a very accomplished actress as evidenced by the abundance of roles she has taken on. Since *Children of a Lesser God*, she will only take a role if the film or television show is captioned.

William Hurt was also excellent as James Leeds who seemed to be a natural in the art of signing. Not only did he sign, but he also interpreted Marlee's signing. He too received an Oscar nomination for Best Actor. Certainly Sarah and James were a complicated but powerful couple.

I am glad I watched it even though it took me 25 years to do so. I recommend it. It is available on Amazon Prime.

Pastor Wayne





Thank you to EVERYONE who helped with our Annual Yard Sale! There was a lot of excitement after we had to cancel the yard sale last year. We worked diligently to ensure a safe environment for church members and shoppers. We made over

\$1500! That money will go to local, national and international charities to support oppressed women and children.

We invite you to attend the Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. We are always looking for a few more good men and women that have a heart for helping those in need.

We are celebrating TWENTY YEARS of Lord of Life hosting the Garner Morning Rotary! It is still hard to believe that we have been serving a weekly breakfast to this great group of people for over 20 years! Two of our Rotarians stopped by the Yard Sale to make a financial donation to boost our ministry. They also supply Christmas presents for the Angel Tree in December. We are very blessed to have such a great partnership with the Rotary. It is a win for the people of Garner, all those that we help, the Garner Morning Rotary and Lord of Life Lutheran Church. At last check, we were the only organization that didn't keep all the money for ourselves. Lutherans just don't do that! We are allowed to support many charitable projects with the money that Rotary gives to the Social Concerns committee. IF you would like to help with cooking any Wednesday morning, please let us know! We can use you!!!

And finally, we will be specifically gathering "holiday foods" for the months of November and December. As you are doing your weekly grocery shopping, please consider grabbing an extra can or box of whatever you plan to prepare for your family. Our families in need also want to have a special meal to celebrate the holidays. You can make that happen!

*"As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."* Luke 21:1-4, NIV

Alecia Harrison and Gale Isaacs,  
Social Concerns Co-Chairs



Thanks to Sylvia Lambert and Helen Holderman for setting the sanctuary in August and September, and to Sarah Watkins who is on deck for October. We sincerely appreciate our volunteers!

"Reformation Day" this year falls on October 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a day for giving thanks for Martin Luther and the other reformers, but much more, it calls attention to the ongoing need for the ecumenical growth and renewal of the church. Paraments will be bright red, the color of the church.

We will be setting a date for our next Altar Guild Meeting soon. If you would like to join us, please contact me!

Agapé,  
Ginny King



This month of October in the year 2021 is unusual in that there are five Sundays. Thus, I am calling it Reformation Month and each Sunday will be focused on one of the 5 principles of the Reformation which I refer to in my Wonderments from Pastor Wayne's World.

- October 3: Sola Scriptura (By Scripture Alone)
- October 10: Sola Fide (By Faith Alone)
- October 17: Sola Gratia (By Grace Alone)
- October 24: Solus Christus (By Christ Alone)
- October 31: Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God Alone)



We pray for our world and those in it with hope for our future.

Family of James Nielsen Andrews – Harry Albert’s Uncle; Family of Dave Hash; Kate Beck; Jim Powers; Shirley Poole; Joan Stuart – broken hip; Mary Langworthy’s mother, Evelyn Peterson – broken femur; Eric Roeser, MS; Julie Roeser, eye surgery; Julie Roeser’s brother, Paul Panek; Roxie Hayes; Shannon Thomsen – bicycle accident; Jim Powers; Jonathan McCoy; Shirley Gayer – surgery; Bob Savovsky – pancreatic cancer; Karen Morassi, cousin of Anne Marie Dubnansky; Ingrid Albee, long-time friend of the Dubnansky’s; Lora Clark’s friend, Rebecca Bowman, breast cancer; Sheryll Albert’s father, John Pope, and his wife, Barbara Pope; Kevin & his family, stage 4 cancer; Dennis King; Ginny King’s niece, Robin Littleton – recurrence of breast cancer; Peg Stamp, myeloma & back surgery; Julia Lochra’s friend, Tom Chism - ALS; Tess Andrews brother, David Van Benschoten, multiple myeloma; Tess Andrews friend, Jon Driggers – heart surgery; Karen Rodgers, stage 4 cancer; Lindsay Crocker’s Nephew, Daniel Harman, health and healing; Karen Wright’s mother, Carol Goodford, heart issues; Pam Klawiter’s co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson, breast cancer; Holly Hans’ sister, Heather House and her family; Holly Hans’

mother, Carol Hardy; Shannon Thomsen’s niece, Kylie Gardner, tumors and Turner Syndrome; Paul

& Kerri Blanchard’s son, Jason, mental disability; Chuck Wallace, Don Wallace’s nephew, health problems; Susie, Benjamin and Bryce Lowe.



## October

October 1	Kristin Hayduk
October 2	Tim Clark Connie Fortmeyer
October 5	Keara Grayson Doris Weden
October 8	Avery Britt
October 10	Scott Lokken
October 14	Tom Harrison
October 25	Amy Macurdy Thomas Isaacs

## November

November 2	Maddie Terrazas
November 2	Carolyn Watkins
November 3	Pastor Mike Deal
November 4	Paul Savolainen
November 5	Michael Eggert
November 5	Tess Andrews
November 7	Dennis King Benjamin Gerald Lowe
November 8	Jeremy Hans
November 11	Mark Macurdy
November 15	Ryan Johnson
November 17	Kari Britt
November 21	Ryan Roof
November 22	Bobby Grayson
November 22	Brad Hunnicutt
November 23	Christopher Hayduk Don Wallace
November 24	Jason Blanchard
November 28	Terry Barnes
November 29	Lindsay Crocker



## Prayer... A Spiritual Discipline

Several years ago I came across a blurb written by St. Therese of Lisieux that I hold dear to my heart because it always helps me in my moments of prayer and lifts me afterward. She wrote *"I have not the courage to search through books for beautiful prayers; unable to either say them all or choose between them, I do as a child would do who cannot read; I just say what I want to God, quite simply, and He never fails to understand."* Powerfully awesome! (yeah, I made up that compound adjective, but it fits). Those few words describe the complete essence of what prayer should be... talking straight from the heart, or as some people say, "From our lips to God's ear." It doesn't really matter why as long as it is done. What's your preferred mode of talking to God? In other words, how do you pray? is it spontaneous...scheduled...ceremonial? Where do you pray... do you need a special place? A quiet room is nice, but we don't always have a quiet, peaceful space available and you can't always hold your prayer until you get home, so go for it in your own personal way.

However, and wherever you do it, prayer is most likely one of your most meaningful spiritual disciplines. You know, like when you say grace at mealtime, or kneel for your bedtime prayer as we did as children, or cross yourself in the name of the Trinity. This isn't robotic or automatic, it's spiritual discipline. Still, there are those times that spontaneity seems to kick in, like when a speeding car comes up behind you real fast and, as you look into your rear-view mirror you see that it's a police cruiser... and

that's when your spontaneous prayer says, "Dear God, please don't let him stop me" ... and he passes you by. Well, while it seems that your brief prayer was purely spontaneous (and answered), it was disciplined also, because we have been taught the ways of prayer... to ask of God what we need and that he will answer in His time. Besides, sometimes the most important prayer is done in the midst of chaos and confusion; so, it matters little where you do it.

Matthew 6:8 says, *"Your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him."* What's that you say... your prayers aren't always answered!? Really? So you think that God didn't hear you?... that maybe you didn't phrase it correctly, or that He decided you didn't need the object of your prayer?... hmmm, well, maybe (and this is just a MAYBE) He did answer but it just wasn't the *answer* that you were expecting/anticipating. There He goes again; God being God and saving us from ourselves! You're not being punished, it's just like Garth Brooks sings, *"Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers."* Be blessed.

Gale J. Isaacs



## Blessing of the Animals

In the tradition of St. Francis (commemoration of St. Francis is October 4<sup>th</sup>), on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, Lord of Life Lutheran church will have its annual Blessing of the Animals in the outdoor chapel at 10 am.

All varieties of pets are welcome, just make sure the pets bring their owners.

Donations of pet food will be accepted which will go to Wake County SPCA.

# Coffee



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# the WORD

Continuing this fall on Sunday mornings at 9 am, before our 10 am Sunday worship, there will be a time for Coffee & Old Testament Bible Study with Pastor Wayne. You don't have to be a coffee drinker. Just like our Sunday morning fellowships – tea, hot chocolate, and other beverages will be available.

Each Sunday morning we will view a 30 minute video on the Old Testament followed by discussion.

*All are welcome.*



## The Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist

St. Luke is quite special. Not only was he the only Gentile to write books of the Bible, but he was a close companion of St. Paul. If St. Paul succeeded in evangelizing the western Roman empire, Luke may have had more to do with it than we know. It is likely that God used his medical skills to keep St. Paul alive some of those times when he was beaten, stoned, or half-drowned.

St. Luke is special, too, because he is the first Christian physician on record. Untold thousands have followed in his steps. Physicians can look to St. Luke as an example, but so can historians, because his writings are very much in the Greek tradition. Painters claim him for their brotherhood, too, because tradition holds he painted a picture of the Blessed Virgin which hung in the Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome.

As a physician, Luke must have been curious about the medical conditions behind Christ's miracles. As a matter of fact, Luke uses more medical terms than any other New Testament writer. For example, he doesn't just say Publius' father was sick: he tells us he suffered from fever and dysentery. The apostle Paul told us that Luke was a doctor. In fact, he called him "dear doctor Luke." Given his use of medical detail in the two books he wrote for the Bible, The Gospel According to Luke and The Acts of the Apostles, we might have guessed it ourselves.

Luke pulled back the curtain on the young Jesus more than any other gospel writer. Without him we would not know anything about the boy Jesus's thinking. It is a pretty safe bet that Luke interviewed the Blessed Virgin Mary and got most of the details from her. Perhaps he even heard the Magnificat, recorded in his gospel alone, from her very own lips. October 18<sup>th</sup> is the great doctor's feast day in churches that observe such traditions.

St. Luke is patron saint of artists, bachelors, bookbinders, brewers, butchers, doctors, glass makers, glassworkers, gold workers, goldsmiths,

lacemakers, lace workers, notaries, painters, physicians, sculptors, stained glass workers, surgeons, and unmarried men.

Tradition tells us that St. Luke was the son of pagan parents, possibly born a slave, and was one of the earliest converts. Legend has that he was also a painter who may have done portraits of Jesus and His Mother, but none have ever been correctly attributed to him. This story, and the inspiration of his Gospel, has always led artists to his patronage of them. St. Luke traveled with St. Paul and evangelized Greece and Rome with him, being there for the shipwreck and other perils of the voyage to Rome. St. Luke wrote the Gospel According to Luke, much of which was based on the teachings and writings of St. Paul and his own experiences. He also wrote a history of the early Church in the Acts of the Apostles. He was a martyr.



National Cat Day seeks to raise awareness about the thousands of cats in need of rescue. This day also encourages spaying and neutering cats to help control their population. In the US, approximately 3.4 million cats enter animal rescue shelters each year. Of these, 1.4 million are euthanized.

## Reformation Word Search

L	A	C	I	T	S	A	I	S	E	L	C	C	E
S	A	L	V	A	T	I	O	N	O	S	P	S	E
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- PAGAN
- INDULGENCES
- LAITY
- DIET
- PAPACY
- PAPAL
- ECCLESIASTICAL
- EDICT
- SALVATION
- THESES
- REFORMATION
- SACRAMENT
- THEOLOGY
- MONK
- BULL
- HERETIC

