



Connections

*So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to the others. **Romans 12:5***

A Message from Pastor Rick

Do you ever find yourself needing a word of encouragement? We all do, from time to time, don't we? Maybe you are going through a "season" right now, or you know of someone who is, where words of encouragement, hope and strength would be a blessing. Words that would help sustain you and give you hope regardless of what may or may not be happening in your life.

We all know that life has its ups and downs, and part of living is being able to deal with what life throws at you. But what happens when after months and months of dealing with the same issue, another one is added, and then another? What happens when things completely outside your control happen to you and those you love repeatedly...when these "things" come and stay--or grow in severity? If we're honest with ourselves, we can admit that it's easy to become discouraged and feel overwhelmed. Where do we turn to seek solace, refuge and strength for the journey?

You and I may remember intellectually that God is working all things for good, and maybe you can even see the good--but it's still hard. Maybe you can remember feeling like that at times in your life. If we're honest with ourselves, most of us have been there at one time or another. Maybe you are there in that place right now.

The good news is that God sees all things. He knows what you are going through and He promises to provide for your needs. And God keeps His promises! Even when we can't see the purpose or good in what is happening, God can use everything that we go through to teach, strengthen and shape us to more firmly trust in Him.

As we thank the Lord for all He has given us through Jesus, the discouragement can give way to hope. We become more aware that faith in God is not based on circumstances or what He does for us, but it is based on who He is and His truth.

That's the very reason we gather together for worship each week, the very reason we seek God's Word in our daily devotional life. If this is something that has slipped by the wayside for you, I would encourage you to recognize the blessing of being connected with God and with each other on a regular basis. Just a few weeks ago we celebrated Rally Day with a wonderful outdoor worship and fellowship BBQ (it was such a great experience with so many people!), and we gave thanks for the blessing of being able to "Rally Together" around the persistent love of God!

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Women's Tabletalk

We will be meeting on Monday, October 7th, 7 p.m. at the home of Karen Giacomini. Joann Barklage will lead the study of Chapter 2 from our book "The Shelter of God's Promises" by Sheila Walsh.

We'll meet again on October 21st, 7 p.m. at the home of Joann Barklage. Bonnie Oliver will lead the study of Chapter 3. Please call the church office for addresses.

Page-Turners Book Club

Our September book was a historical non-fiction work, *The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plan to Kill George Washington* by Brad Meltzer.

We will be meeting to discuss the book on Friday, October 11, 7 pm at the Brugaletta's home in Fieldbrook. You can call the church office for the address.

Let Bonnie Oliver know if you are interested in carpooling.

A Message from Pastor Rick -Continued

You and I can say with confidence the words of the psalmist- "**B**e merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me: for my soul trusts in You! In the shadow of Your wings I find protection, until the raging storms are over. I call to God, the Most High; to God who supplies my every need...My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will give thanks to you, O Lord." (Psalm 57:1-2, 7,9)

It's my prayer that God continues to provide you with His strength, and surrounds you with His mercy and grace as you trust in His promises for your life. Let us continue to celebrate this gift together as a people of God as we journey together in faith!

Serving together in Christ's love,-Pastor Rick

OKTOBERFEST

I HEAR ACCORDIONS!

IT MUST BE TIME FOR OKTOBERFEST!

Celebrate the anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in true Old World style with an authentic Sauerbraten Oktober-Feast! Be a table-tourist to Luther's home country of Germany with Sauerbraten beef roasts marinated in a most amazing wine and vinegar brine for a week, rich Gingersnap Gravy, scratch-made Spaetzle, Sweet-and-Sour Red Cabbage, German-style Green Salad, Bacon-Pear Green Beans, Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte, Apfelstrudel, an "ausgezeichnet" assortment of German beers (and German wine too), fresh-pressed Apple Cider, Kaffe, Tee, and more! If the food doesn't transport you, the accordions will!

October 26th at 3:00, 4:30, or 6 p.m.

\$20 General

\$10 Kinder and Studenten



Reserve tickets now through the Lutheran Church of Arcata Office for your German and "German-For-A-Day" friends and family! Call 822-5117 or email gwyn@lutheranchurcharcata.org.

October Worship Schedule

October 6 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "Keeping the Faith!"

Text: Luke 17:1-10

Lessons: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:1-10

October 13 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Text: Luke 17:11-19

Lessons: Ruth 1:1-19a
2 Timothy 2:1-13
Luke 17:11-19

October 20 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Message: Guest Preacher: Pr. Taylor Hagbo

Lessons: Genesis 32:22-30
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 27 Reformation Sunday

Message: "The Truth Will Set You Free"

Text: John 14:1-14

Lessons: Revelation 14:6-7
Romans 3:19-28
John 14:1-14



Men's Breakfast



Our next monthly men's breakfast & devotion will be on Saturday, **October 5th** at **8 a.m.** in the church Fellowship Hall. Larry Wood and Jim Fritz will be cooking!

Please pass the word along to your brothers in the Lord and join us for a hot, home cooked breakfast, devotion and time of fellowship together!

Timber Ridge Worship Service

You Are Invited!

Christian Worship Service with Communion at Timber Ridge, McKinleyville **Sunday, October 27th at 3:30 p.m.** in the Activity Center

All Are Welcome!



10/6 Chris Hoopes
10/7 Jeff Schafer
Roz Johnson
10/17 Elizabeth Illman
10/21 Wendy Parkhurst
10/29 Valerie Simons



10/31 James Fritz &
Valerie Simons

2020 Photo Directory!



It's time to update our directory! Beginning Sunday, October 13th we will have a photo-taking station set up in the PATH room. If you are not in our directory already or if you would like an updated photo, please drop in and have one taken. Also, please be sure we have current contact information—address, phone, email.

Operation Christmas Child



We will once again be working with Samaritan's Purse to gather shoeboxes to donate to children around the world at Christmas. This year we are asking members and friends to pack their own shoeboxes and deliver them to church for a blessing.

The first step to packing a shoebox is acquiring a shoebox. We will have shoeboxes available at church. Please speak with Kathy Wood or call Gwyn in the office.

Next you need to decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy and the age category: **2-4, 5-9, or 10-14**.

What do I put in the shoebox you ask?

Start with a quality **"wow"** item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit that will capture the child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. Then add other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to fill the shoebox. The following are a few suggestions:

Personal Care Items: Comb, Hairbrush, toothbrush, washcloth, bar soap, hair accessories, colorful bandages, lip balm

Clothing: pants/shirt, sundress, underwear, socks, flip-flops, hat/scarf/mittens, jewelry, sunglasses, tote-bag/purse, backpack

Arts & Crafts: pencils & sharpener, crayons, makers, coloring books, notebooks, glue sticks, watercolors, stickers, playdough and plastic cutters, ruler bead kits, sewing/knitting kits, etc.

Toys: balls, jump ropes, marbles, hacky sacks, Slinky, Etch a Sketch, finger puppets, toy cars, dinosaurs, frisbees, binoculars, musical instruments

Personal note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself, family, or group. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

Do not Include: candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Each shoebox requires **\$9 to ship** so we will be having a special coffee hour on October 20th to raise funds for the shipping costs.



You Can Help Arcata House Partnership!

The Arcata House Partnership is having a winter Clothing Drive. We would like to support their efforts by collecting clothing during the month of October.

If you are doing your fall cleaning now, please gather any new or gently used (*laundered*) winter clothing you have in your closets and bring them to church with you any Sunday in October. At the end of the month we will take them to the Arcata House for distribution.



Items they **need right now** include:

- * Coats
- * Jackets
- * Scarves
- * Socks
- * Sweaters
- * Hats
- * Gloves
- * Boots
- * Undergarments

In addition to these winter items, they **always need**: sleeping bags, blankets, twin bedding, towels, backpacks and bags (plastic & canvas). These items can also be brought here to church.

LWML Fall Gathering Set for October 19th



The ladies of the LWML invite all women to the Fall Gathering (formerly known as the Rally) on Saturday, October 19th at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Ferndale. The festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude with lunch.

The theme, "*The Ties That Bind*", was chosen to reflect our mission of quilting and how our lives are bound to and by Christ, just as the layers of a quilt are bound. Please come and join us for a Bible Study and fellowship.

As always, you will certainly be welcome to attend the LWML business meeting after lunch.

All women are invited!

See Valerie Simons for more information.



For Healing:

Joann Barklage

Dale Laakso

Lois Schatz

In the Military:

Josh Henry

Seth Jarvis

Ethan Jabbour

David Seda

In Prison:

Deuce Adams

Jeff Dumont

Caius Joesting

Care Packages for College Students

Every month during the school year we put together care packages for college students at HSU. These care packages include food and personal hygiene items. If you would like to help with this ministry, please stay after worship on **Sunday, October 13th** when we will gather in the gym to assemble the packages. It just takes about 10-15 minutes!



Our Rally Day Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic at Freshwater Park was a huge success!

The food and fellowship was incredible; and the weather couldn't have been better!

Thanks to everyone who helped to set-up and clean-up,
and to everyone who brought food for the Picnic—what a spread we had!

Special thanks to our Praise Band for the wonderful music!

