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Events in October

**Oct. 22 - Ruth Circle Mtg
at Z's 11:00 am**

**Oct. 24 - Jr Youth Gathering
Oct. 25 Jr. Youth Gathering**

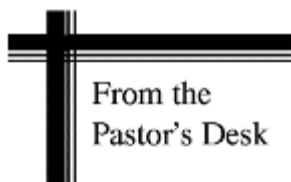
**Oct 25 - Confirmation
10:30 AM**

**Oct 26 - LWML quarterly mtg
6:00 PM**

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From Generation to Generation

"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts." (Psalm 145:4)

October gives us a picture of Psalm 145:4 at work. Three times this month we will see one generation passing the faith on to the next.

On the first Sunday we honor the women of the LWML. For decades they have served the Lord with gladness. They have prayed, taught, cooked, visited, and filled mite boxes one coin at a time. Much of their work goes unseen, but it has carried the Gospel to missionaries overseas, to seminary students, and to neighbors here at home. They have commended God's works to others.

On the last Sunday we celebrate the Reformation. Five centuries ago, God used Martin Luther and others to bring back what had been buried: that sinners are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. That Gospel did not reach us by accident. Parents taught it at the kitchen table, pastors preached it from pulpits, and hymn writers set it to music. One generation after another declared it until it reached us.

On that same Reformation Sunday, two of our young people will stand before the altar and confess the Christian faith as their own. They were baptized into Christ as children, when God made His promise to them. They have learned the faith according to the Small Catechism, that Luther wrote for households just like theirs. Now they will declare their faith in God's mighty acts with their own voices.

Notice what gets passed along in this verse. It is "your works" and "your mighty acts," the things God has done. We do not hand down our own wisdom or our own goodness. We hand down the news of Christ's cross and empty tomb, of sins forgiven and death defeated. The message is His, and so is the power. The Lord keeps His Word alive, and He works through ordinary people telling it to one another.

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So here is my challenge for October. Don't leave Psalm 145:4 to the LWML, the pastor, or the confirmation class. Grandparents, tell a grandchild how the Lord carried you through a hard season. Parents, pray with your children at bedtime and talk about Sunday's sermon on the drive home. Longtime members, learn the name of a young person who sits near you and ask how you can pray for them. Young people, ask an older saint why they still come to church after all these years. The Lord has been faithful from generation to generation. Now it's our turn to tell it.

In Christ,

Pastor Tom

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October is celebrated as Pastor Appreciation Month. The celebration was established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries, and religious workers. The call to honor our church leaders' contributions goes back to the time of Apostle Paul. Why do we recognize this? The most important reason may be that pastors are gifts of God to the churches (Ephesians

4:11). These sermon makers and life changers are more than educated public speakers, trained counselors, and apt administrators. Pastor Vanderbilt is a gift called to serve us by God. Pastor Vanderbilt works hard during our presence within the Church Property, but also be aware he works hard behind the scenes, at home, in our own homes, and in the community. Please take time this month of October to reflect on his gifts that God has gifted him to deliver to us and our guests.

Happy Pastor Appreciation Month Pastor Vanderbilt!



Honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. 1 Thess. 5:12b

It is a good time to show our appreciation for our pastor and ministry staff. Take time to Pray for ministry staff as well as volunteers who serve at church. Pray to support and encourage them in this ministry. Take time to write a simple note and thank them for their willingness to serve. Let them know their efforts are noticed and appreciated for all they do to further Gods Kingdom.