



# Newsletter October 2024

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## FROM THE PASTOR: Rev. Larry Hoffmann

There are times that are appropriate for us to refocus on the disciplines of faith: alms, prayer, and fasting. These times help us to rediscover and center on a close, intimate relationship with God. The church mothers and fathers of the past saw fasting as something that was good for the body; prayer as something good for the soul; and alms giving, or works of love, as good for the neighbor. These disciplines enable us to walk daily with Christ. In response to God's love we care for our bodies and our spirits and our neighbors.

Autumn can be a time to draw closer to God and many of us do something special during this season. This doesn't earn us extra points with God, but there are blessings that go along with these disciplines of faith. Spending additional time in prayer, fasting, and engaging in acts of compassion can sensitize us to God's presence in our world and draw us closer and closer to Christ. And that surely is a wonderful blessing.

Grace and peace to you.

Larry

## FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION: Dee Mowry

As of this writing, the piano tuner is hard at work tuning the piano in the sanctuary. He comes two times a year to tune and service the piano. Music is an important part of our church entity, and we are INDEED fortunate to have such a talented pianist as Ray Schmidt who fulfills this position very admirably. Music is mentioned two times in the Bible, once in Amos and once in Mark. Amos, Chapter 6, vs 4, 'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves upon their couches...Who sing idle songs to the sounds of the harp, and like David invent for themselves instruments of music;'. In Luke, Chapter 15, vs 25 (The prodigal son) 'Now his elder son was in the field; and as came...near the house he heard music and dancing'. It appears as though music was not too important at this time!!!! We have two instruments of music in our sanctuary, the piano as mentioned above and the Hammond organ. The organ was installed in 1941 after a vigorous money raising campaign. 'Shares' were sold in \$10.00 increments to finance the organ.

At the last piano tuning, I asked the tuner to check on the 'tuning' of this instrument. We used the standard tuning base, A, 440 cps, to check the tuning of the organ. It was exactly on key after all these years. Now all we need is someone to play the instrument!!!! Joyce Hayden Thompson played for many years as did Dotty Moyer Seifert. The last time I played the organ was for Faye Hilyard's funeral. Faye had requested that I play 'Ivory Palaces' at her funeral. The organ works fine and all we need is someone to play, any volunteers???????

## Calendar of Events

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>** – Zeta Alpha will meet in the church basement at 9:30 am;

Bible Study: Let Justice Roll Down, Lesson 2

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** – Fall Dinner after worship service

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup>** – Session Meeting after worship service



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>** – Kayla McCandlish

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>** – Larry & Susan Hoffmann

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>** – Ila Bergreen

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>** – Dee Mowry

**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Brenda Winegardner

**Oct 24<sup>th</sup>** – Linda Embrey

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup>** – David & Brenda Winegardner

**Oct 28<sup>th</sup>** – Judy Turner

## October Lay Readers, Communion Servers and Ushers:

**Oct 6<sup>th</sup>** – Sharon Ankrom: Lay Reader, Communion Server & Usher  
Tom Ankrom: Communion Server & Usher

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>** – Mark & Tracy Embrey: Ushers  
Cinda Keller: Lay Reader

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** – Judy Turner: Lay Reader & Usher  
Cinda Keller: Usher

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup>** – Scott Bergreen: Lay Reader & Usher  
Karen Bergreen: Usher

## Kids' Section

