



The Mountain Top Echo

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Byron MN

Reaching Out ... Sharing Christ OCTOBER 2026

Our Strong Foundation

A Strong Foundation is needed…when one builds any type of structure to support the frame, walls, floor, and roof from wind, rain, tornadoes, floods, snow, and the like. The strong foundation will help the structure endure those elements and provide it with long years of service to those who are occupying and using the structure. When we began living in Lake City and looking for a house with character and a strong foundation to last for many years to come, we found that house that was built in 1917 and has a strong foundation to withstand all the elements. What about your house, does it have a strong foundation?

A Strong foundation is needed…in the lives of God's people who are living in this world amidst many different and difficult issues and decisions. Each one of us understands that life can get very hectic and chaotic at a minute's notice. That is because we are living lives between two extremes; life and death. Between those two extremes we have experienced joys and sadness, celebration and confusion. Through it all we know that we need a strong foundation to keep us upright and living our lives in all aspects of life. For without that strong foundation our lives will be like a house of cards, tumbling to the ground with the slightest breath of air on it. God's Word is what is needed as our foundation to help and support our very lives. Jesus stresses this as He uses the Sermon on the Mount to illustrate how strong a foundation needs to be: ***"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock." (Matthew 7:24, 25).*** What is your house, your life built on?

A Strong foundation is needed….in the lives of God's people who are living in this world, in this society, in his care and keeping. We are in need of a strong foundation when everything is going well; plentiful rain, abundant crops, the church is growing, life is grand. We are in need of that strong foundation, that does not shake or fall apart when things are not going well; lack of moisture, sun too hot, retirement is not going the way we planned, heated words and discussions among husbands and wives, parents and children, and when life is just plain miserable. We are in need of God and His Word in our lives to stabilize our lives and to lift us up and to be an encouragement to others. Is your life built on the rock or is built on the sand ?(see **Matthew 7:26-27)**

A Strong foundation is needed…in your life, in your families lives, in the lives of former members of Mount Moriah, in the lives that you will touch. God has blessed you with that strong foundation as you look ahead in the future and wonder what God has in store for you. That strong foundation has been what we have been standing on these last almost 8 years together. Sometimes you may have felt that foundation was shaking, crumbling under your feet. Yet it has remained strong and true as God has remained in your life these many days past and will remain true in the future. May you continue to be held up and strong with a foundation that will never crumble. God's joyous peace in Christ Jesus remain with you this day and always.

In Christ's Service
Pastor Scott Fiege
Galatians 2:20; Jeremiah 29:11





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October Newsletter Articles

LCMS Family Ministry

"Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs" (Psalm 100:2 NIV).

The Bible is filled with places that praise God and talk about singing songs of praise. The Psalms in particular are full of this. We have a God who has done it all for us, and so we can respond with praise. We have a rich tradition of songs and hymns that praise our God. Many of these songs and hymns can help to teach the Christian faith, especially since songs are an easy way to learn and memorize. Little children learn songs easily and often these songs that we learn when we are very young are the ones that stay with us when we grow old. Parents can encourage children to sing by singing in church or by playing music at home or in the car that praises God and teaches the Christian faith.

LCMS Stewardship

It's in the Way that You Use It (Originally Published October 2023)

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it … and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

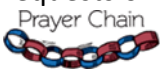
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Electronic Giving: Our church invites you to consider our electronic giving program as a way to automate your regular weekly offerings. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much needed consistency for our church. If you are interested in participating in this program, speak with financial secretary, Tammy Vosberg. You may also contact Tammy with any questions at 507- 289-2850 or via email at dtvosberg@gmail.com

Call Ardi Gibbs for the date of the next **LWML** meeting.

Prayer Chain: Ardi Gibbs is our Prayer Chain Leader. Please contact Ardi with your prayer requests or if you would like to join the prayer chain team. (507) 254-6564 / ardig775@gmail.com





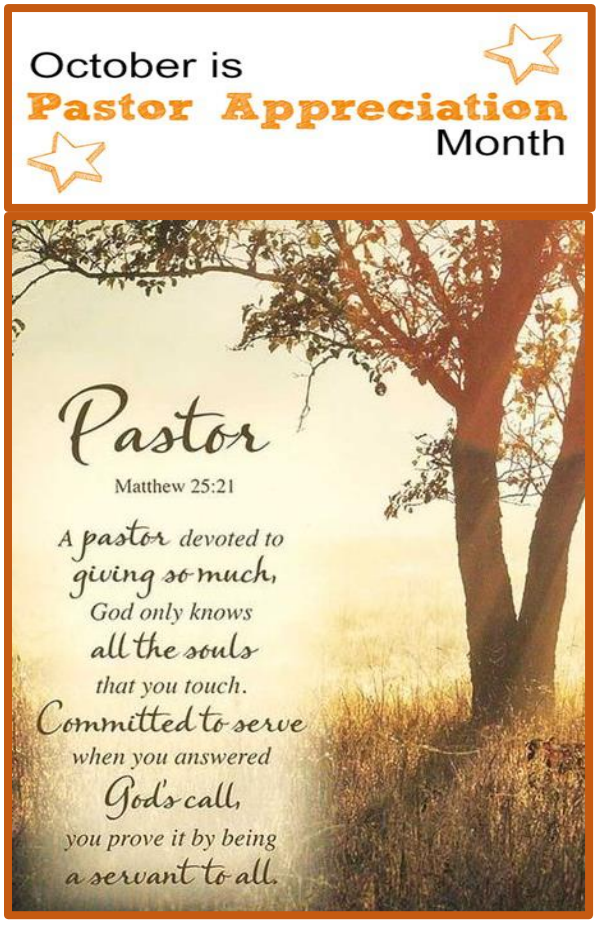
Margaret Karst	October 6
Trace Dean Naatz	October 12
Pastor Scott Fiege	October 18
Bruce Arett	October 20
Lauraine Yennie	October 25
Randy Leonhardt	October 26
Lois Walbruch	October 28



No October Anniversaries!

A ***Celebration of Life*** is planned for **Michele Barnes,** here at **Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church** (923 2nd Ave N.W. Byron) on Saturday, October 10th from 1-3 PM.









It has been decided that **Trunk and Treat** will go forward on **Saturday, October 31**, from 5:30 to 7:00. We are in need of candy donations and also your participation with decorated car trunks and treats.

Thank you for your help!
Please contact **LWML** with any questions.







There are plans to have a potluck lunch immediately after worship service on Sun., October 25 to honor Pastor Fiege on his last day at Mt. Moriah. LWML is going to provide pulled pork and buns.

There is a sign-up sheet posted for side dishes, desserts, salads, veggies, and paper products. Please sign up and join your church family for this celebration of our appreciation!



Worship Assistant Schedule for October 2026	**Altar Guild for Month of October – Judy Coleman**
10/4/2026 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost Worship w/Communion – 10:00 a.m. **Pastor Fiege**	**Elder** – Brant Klepel **Reader –** Aleesa Kobi **Music** – Jeff Rehwaldt
10/11/2026 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost Worship – 10:00 a.m. **Pastor Fiege**	**Elder** – Don Vosberg **Reader –** Kristie Hahn **Music –** Justin Hahn
10/18/2026 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost Worship w/Communion – 10:00 a.m. **Pastor Fiege**	**Elder** – Brant Klepel **Reader –** Dave Welsh **Music** – Ruth Benning
10/25/2026 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost/ Reformation Day (observed) Worship – 10:00 a.m. **Pastor Fiege**	**Elder** – Shane Amundson **Reader** – Verona Kruse **Music** – Dave Welsh



AUTUMN
WORD SEARCH



WORD LIST

ACORN
AUTUMN
BONFIRE
BRISK
CIDER
CORN
CRISP
EQUINOX
FALL
FESTIVAL
FOLIAGE
FOOTBALL
GOURD
HALLOWEEN
HARVEST
HAYSTACK
JACKET
LEAVES
NOVEMBER
OCTOBER
PINE CONE
PUMPKIN
SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER
SQUASH
SWEATER
THANKSGIVING
TREES

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Word Scramble

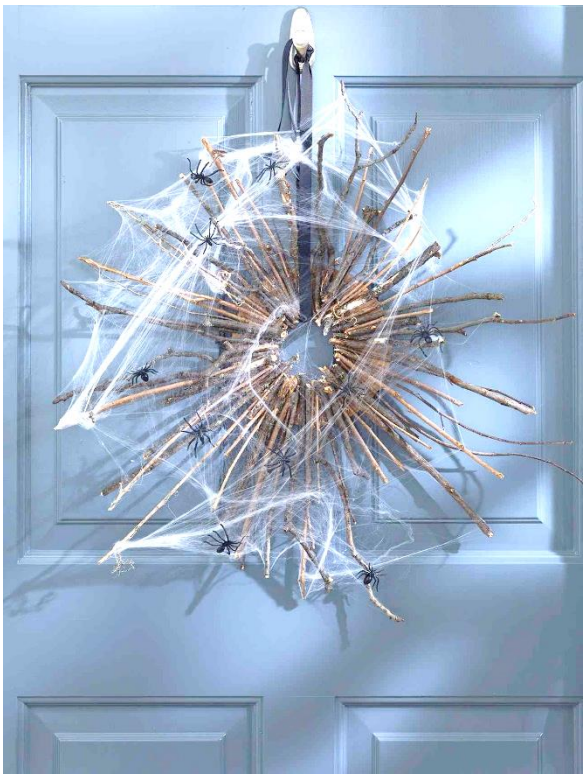
The crisp October breeze has jumbled up a list of words. Can you help set things right by unscrambling the letters to reveal the hidden autumn-themed words? Write your answers in the blanks on the right.

unpmpik	_____	mmmuy	_____
ghtso	_____	arett	_____
ycdan	_____	noblgi	_____
etscoum	_____	datuneh	_____
derpsi	_____	ehtavrs	_____
wceobb	_____	esppla	_____
ihtwc	_____	kcrti	_____
eknsotle	_____	obo	_____
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sbat	_____	dygarvear	_____
unorlcad	_____	oiezbm	_____
tboeorc	_____	alfl	_____

An Easy Halloween Craft

Craft a simple and speedy Halloween wreath using natural elements from your yard. Collect assorted narrow, lightweight stick lengths and affix them onto a cardboard wreath form with glue. This could be purchased at a craft store or simply cut out a wreath shape from cardboard. Enhance the spooky theme by adding some faux webbing ---stretched-out cotton balls. After you have placed the cotton, use a can of aerosol hairspray to affix the spider webs in place. The larger the cotton balls, the easier the task will be. If placed outside, always monitor for flying birds and large insects so they do not get caught in the web! Then add some plastic spiders and find a suitable place to put your invitingly eerie display!

(Better Homes and Gardens; Credit: Marty Baldwin)





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