

RLC Genesis

October Newsletter



Just a Note...

Fall is officially upon us! Leaves are changing, and some are starting to fall. Pumpkins have already found their way out onto front steps, and Halloween blow-up characters have made an appearance in yards. With harvest festivals, pumpkin patches, and corn mazes cropping up all around us, it's a festive and fun time of year!

When my sister and I were kids, our grandpa would dress up each year for Halloween and would show up at our house to trick-or-treat. One year, he carved a huge pumpkin into a jack-o-lantern and proudly wore it on his head.

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Just a Note...Continued

That's a picture we still put out each year as we decorate for fall, and it's made quite the lasting impression...so much so that last year, my daughter decided to recreate the moment by carving a huge pumpkin herself and proudly wearing it on her head in memory of her great grandpa.

We all have traditions that we pass down from generation to generation, traditions that sometimes involve holidays and other times involve vacation destinations or other celebrations. We keep traditions alive for the sake of carrying on a legacy or of re-creating a feeling of warmth and joy. Traditions help us connect our past with our future.

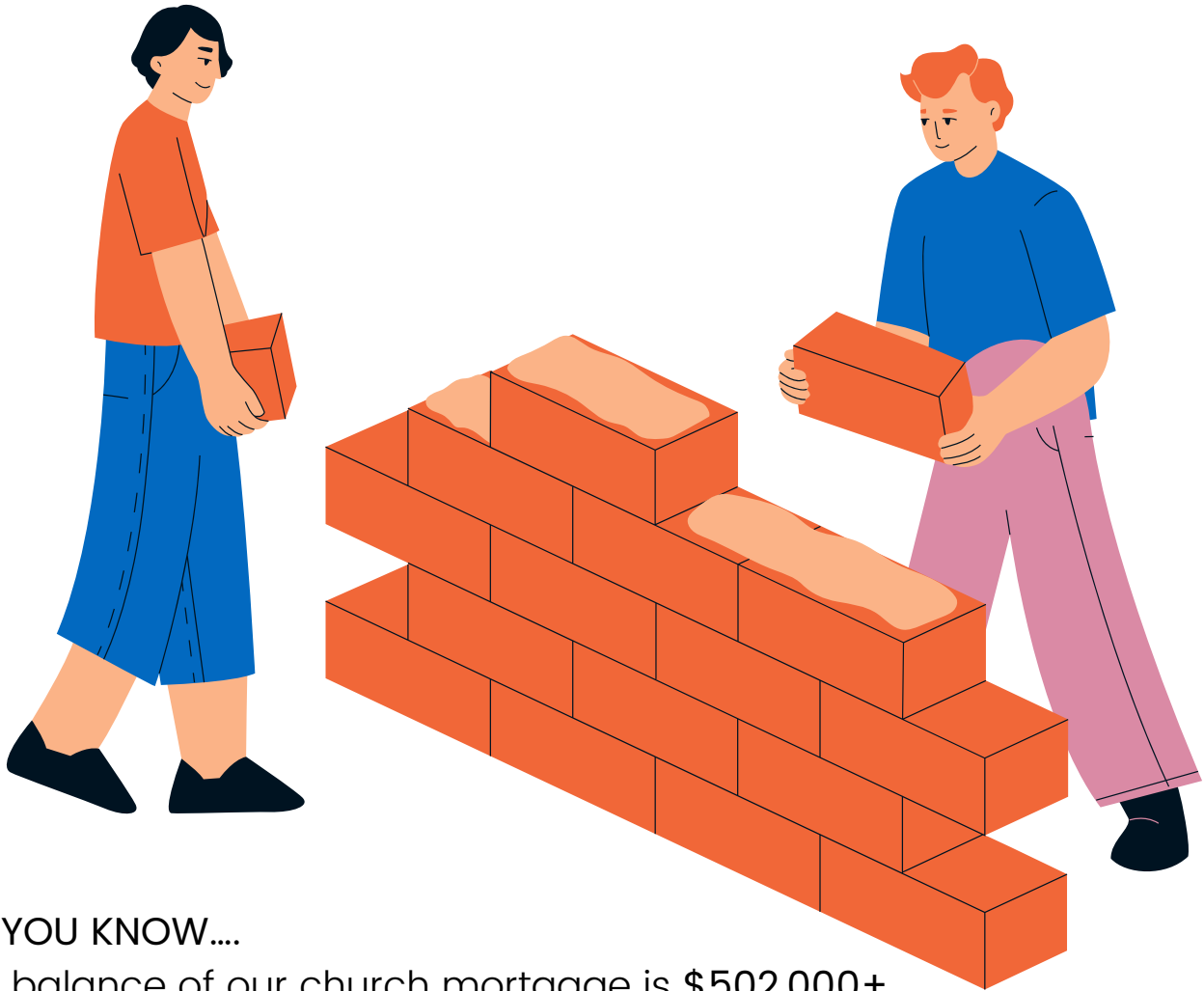
As we continue reading through the Gospel of Matthew for the remainder of our church year, Jesus will continue sharing parable after parable that describes what the kingdom of heaven is like, in effect connecting the past with the future. All throughout his ministry, he taught and guided his disciples, preparing them to carry on a legacy...to keep sharing and proclaiming the Gospel message...to keep the love of God alive and known in the world. What a lasting impression that has had!

As we gather each week for worship to read and hear his teachings and to share in Holy Communion with one another, let us remember that we too are carrying on that legacy of love as together we are fed and nourished and then sent to proclaim the good news of God's love for God's people...a love which encompasses past, present, and future. See you in church!

Blessings,
Pastor Sarah



Church Mortgage



DO YOU KNOW....

The balance of our church mortgage is \$502,000+

DO YOU KNOW....

Our monthly mortgage payment is \$3,566.00

DO YOU KNOW....

Our Building Fund is set aside only for mortgage payments.

DO YOU KNOW....

We only have 2 months-worth of funds in our Building Fund to cover our monthly payment.

WHAT WE NEED NOW IS.....your help!

Please take a brick & donate to keep our church foundation strong! Take a brick and send it back with your donation in the self-addressed return envelope with 'building fund' in the memo line (from the display in the narthex), OR donate online directly to the building fund category on our website or using the QR code. Thank you in advance for your support!



God's Work Our Hands

Thank you to everyone who participated in "God's Work. Our Hands!" Sunday and to all who stayed for Rally Sunday festivities! It was a Sunday filled with worship, service opportunities, and fun!

"God's Work. Our Hands" t-shirts are still available for purchase in a variety of sizes and cost \$12 each. Please reach out to the church office if interested.



New Member Sunday!

Help us spread the word! If you or someone who know is thinking about becoming a member of RLC, we are planning to welcome new members during our worship service on Sunday, October 8. Please give the office a call at (320)363-4232 or send an email to Pastor Sarah (pastorsarah@rlcstjoe.com).

New Members Sunday
October 8, 2023



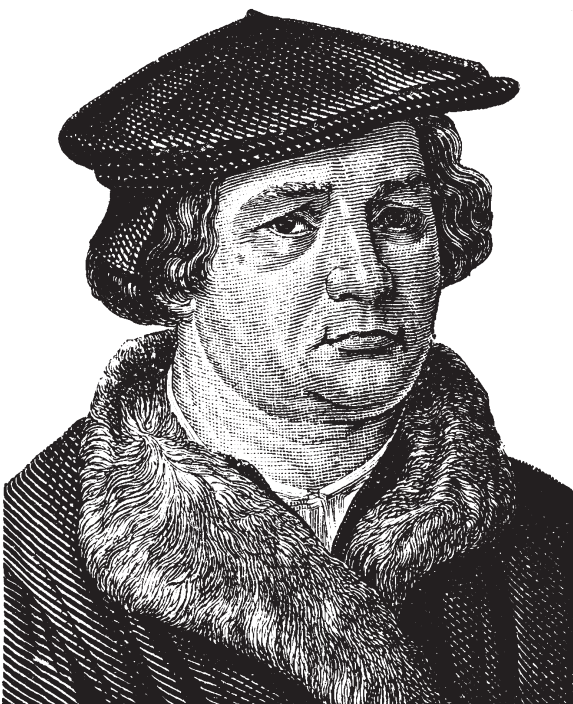
Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023

On Reformation Sunday, October 29, the following 10th graders will affirm their faith in the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism, held during our morning worship service: Malea Beeler and Nate Lyon. Throughout their three years of confirmation, these students have studied the Old Testament, New Testament, and the Lutheran Catechism. They are now ready to stand before God and their RLC family to claim the promises made at their baptism as their own. They will promise to:

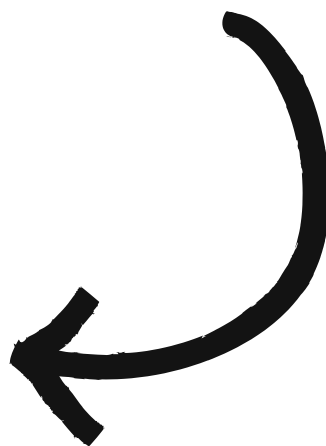
- live among God's faithful people;
- continue to hear God's word and share in the Lord's Supper;
- proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;
- serve all people, following the example of Jesus;
- strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they take this next step in their faith journey!

Fun Fact: First Reformation Sunday was 31 October 1517
Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg.



Martin Luther



Trunk or Treat – Sunday October 29th



The Outreach Committee is in the process of planning the annual Trunk or Treat to be held at Resurrection and is looking for volunteers. There are many options open from hosting a decorated trunk, donating candy to pass out, or helping with food, games or music. If you are interested, please see the sign-up sheets on the interest table in the Narthex.

Warm Winter Wear Donation

The Outreach Committee is now collecting new and gently used warm winter wear to distribute locally and to Peoples Church in Bemidji. Donations can be placed in the collection area in the Narthex.



Worship Without Walls Team – Thank you!

A huge thank you to all the musicians and vocalists who came together and assisted with planning, music, and setup for our Worship Without Walls Sundays of the summer. (And a special thank you to David Krzenski for his early morning work with the sound system!) We're blessed to have so much talent and dedication among our volunteers! We'll regroup and hopefully have another round of outdoor worship next summer. Until then, stay tuned...



Youth Events – 10/15 @ 11:00am Pumpkin Carving



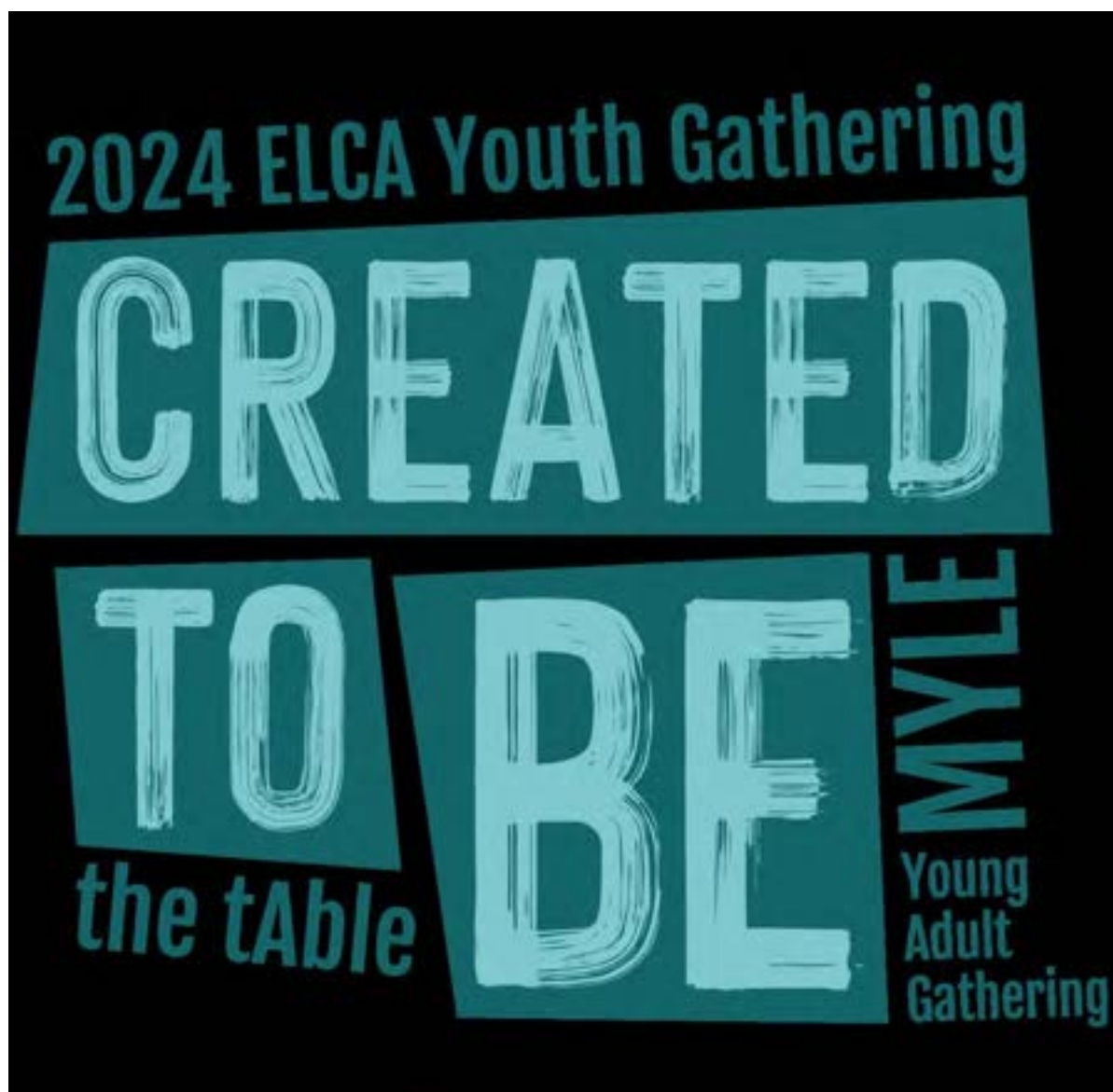
PUMPKIN CARVING OCT 15 11:00AM

Get into the Halloween fever with some Pumpkin Carving whilst watching It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown.

National Youth Gathering – Zoom Meeting on Oct. 17!

“Created to be!” is the theme of the 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, which will be held July 16–20. Youth participants must be in 8th – 12th grade at the time of registration (this fall). Participating in this event provides your child with opportunities to worship, serve, and grow their faith with other youth from across the country. It’s an amazing and unforgettable experience!

If your child is interested, if you would like to be an adult leader/chaperone, or if you would like to learn more about this event, we invite you to join a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30pm. Please reach out to Pastor Sarah (pastorsarah@rlcstjoe.com) or the church office (rlc@rlcstjoe.com) for a copy of the Zoom link. Hope to see you then!



Grief Group – October 10, 2023 @ 10:00am



Grief Group will be meeting in the Fireside Room, and we will continue working through the book *Good Grief* by Granger Westberg. While we all walk our own path through grief and journey at our own pace, having conversations can help you know you're not alone. Come and share, or simply come to listen and support.

Bible Study in-person or Zoom!

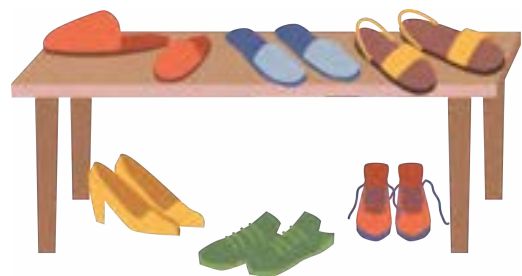
Join us for morning Bible study either in-person (Fireside Room at the church) or via Zoom on Thursdays at 9am! Together we look at and discuss the lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. It's a great group with good conversation, and there's no participation pressure. Come and share, or just come and listen. We'd love to have you join!



Fare for All & Shoe Bus | October 16 @ 3:30pm – 5:30pm



Fare For All offers savings that are much less than retail prices. The program has no income requirements and is open to everyone who is looking to save money on their grocery dollar. There are no forms to complete, and cash, credit, debit and EBT cards are all accepted.



Adult Shoes: \$5.00
Children Shoes: \$2.00

***Gently used donations are accepted!**

A banner with the words "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" in colorful, blocky letters.

Oct. Birthdays

Schmotzer, Diane 10/01
Baggenstoss, Emmy 10/01
Anderson, Jason 10/02
Jagielski, Matthew 10/02
Olsen, Elliot 10/08
Pogatchnik, Calvin 10/08
Ahrndt, Megan 10/09
Tesch, Jack 10/09
Kabe, Galen 10/10
Haus, Wendy 10/10
Boulton, Judi 10/10
Grise, Ashley 10/10
Schmidt, Brady 10/10
Carlson, John 10/11
Anderson, Gina 10/11
Patnoe, Gene 10/12
Curtis, Susan 10/12
Henkelman, Hunter 10/15
Siegel, Max 10/15
Revier, Brekin 10/15
Boysen, Gene 10/19
Jagielski, Lou 10/20
Novacinski, Grant 10/20
Goebel, Mary 10/21
Kompelien, Bradley 10/21
White, Dale 10/22
Schmotzer, Reid 10/23
Kompelien, Avery 10/24
Grise, Holly 10/25
Siegel, Macie 10/26
Sabrowsky, Larry 10/27
Petron, Isabella 10/27
Huls, Walker 10/27
Schiltz, Zachary 10/30
Bernstetter, Joseph 10/31

*For corrections or additions,
please reach out to the church office
so our records can be updated. Thank you!*

Council Highlights – Sept.

- Carolyn Finley has resigned her Worship and Music Council Representation. Jane Ford will be the new Worship and Music Rep on council. Thank you to both Carolyn and Jane for serving RLC in this capacity.
- The Worship & Music Committee will share a Temple Talk during worship in October to share information on the great work they do and the many ways to be involved.
- Confirmation is off to a good start with 24 students meeting Wednesday nights.
- New Member Sunday will be October 8. Anyone interested in joining RLC is encouraged to contact Pastor Sarah or the church office.