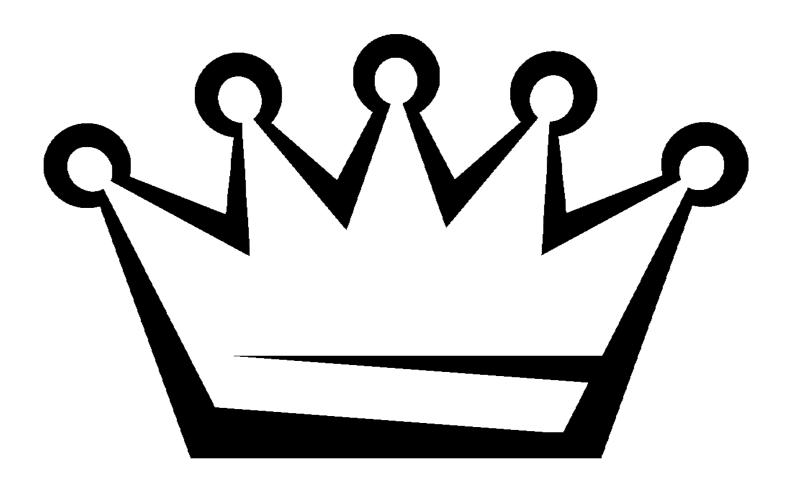
OCTOBER 23, 2022



I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 2022

Greeter This Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Greeter Next Week: Youth Group Reader This Week: Dwight Jander Reader Next Week: Johnna Picard Acolytes This Week: Volunteer needed Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel and LeAnn Jander

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel and Virginia Jank Communion Assistant This Month: Obert Sagebiel Communion Assistant Next Month: Brian Wendel

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection and Meditation

L Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

OPENING HYMN:

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

LBW #389

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, As soldiers of the cross,
 Lift high his royal banner; It must not suffer loss.
 From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army he shall lead,
 Till ev'ry foe is vanquished And Christ is Lord indeed.
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The trumpet call obey;
 Stand forth in mighty conflict In this his glorious day.
 Let all his faithful serve him Against unnumbered foes;
 Let courage rise with danger, And strength to strength oppose.
 - 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Stand in his strength alone; The arm of flesh will fail you, You dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer. Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.
 - Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The strife will not be long;
 This day the din of battle, The next the victor's song.
 The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see,
 And with the King of glory Shall reign eternally.

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks,

We praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world'

Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord, You alone are the

Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray;

Forgive the faults of your people, O Lord, that our slavery to sin, into which we fell in our weakness, may be overcome by your liberating work; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Genesis 4:1-15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it." ⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold,

you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Responsive Psalm Reading Psalm 5

¹Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my meditation.

²Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I make my prayer to you.

³In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

⁴For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, and evil cannot dwell with you.

⁵Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; you hate all those who work wickedness.

⁶You destroy those who speak lies; the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O LORD, you abhor.

⁷But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I will go into your house; I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

⁸Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness, because of those who lie in wait for me; make your way straight before me.

⁹For there is no truth in their mouth; there is destruction in their heart:

¹⁰Their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

¹¹Declare them guilty, O God; let them fall, because of their schemes.

¹²Because of their many transgressions, cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.

¹³But all who take refuge in you will be glad; they will sing out their joy forever.

¹⁴You will shelter them, so that those who love your Name may exult in you.

¹⁵For you, O LORD, will bless the righteous; you will defend them with your favor as with a shield.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Please stand

GOSPEL VERSE

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:9-17

L The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

Gospel: Luke 18:9-17

⁹{Jesus} also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

I Just as I am, without one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me, And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- ² Just as I am, and waiting not, To rid my soul of one dark blot, To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 - ³ Just as I am, though tossed about, With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 - ⁴ Just as I am, poor, wretched blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 - 5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 - ⁶ Just as I am; thy love unknown, Has broken ev'ry barrier down; Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always, **And also with you.**

Please be seated

Offering OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a
Right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your
Presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from' me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit.

QUILT LITANY

- Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many gifts a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stiches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the quilts and kits we have made, to you.
- We dedicate these quilts to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each quilt is sent, making it more than just a piece of material, a collection of items--making each piece we have created an expression of love.

 There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life how you can use something as small as a quilt, a layette, or a school kit to radiate your lover from us out into the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.
- L Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being; draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people.

C Amen.

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!

(after each petition "Lord in your mercy," RESPONSE "HEAR OUR PRAYER")

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Please stand

Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

L The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen

HYMN:

"Be Thou My Vision"

WOV #776

- ¹ Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- ² Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower, raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 - 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou, and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

⁴ Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY: LBW #565

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

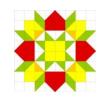
POSTLUDE















THIS WE	EK AT ST. JOHN	
Today 10/23	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	** Shepherd Groups mee	ets after service**
	$1:00 \ p.m 5:00 \ p.m.$	Office Hours
Mon 10/24	5:30 pm. – 7:30 p.m.	Office Hours
Tues 10/25	9:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wed 10/26	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
Thurs 10/27	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 10/28	8:00 a.m 2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Sat 10/29	8:00 a.m 10:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Sun 10/30	Reformation Sunday~Mission Feast~Fill the Church	
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m. Worship – Guest The Rev.Dr. Gemechis Buba	

Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking DurChurch for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.

Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

October 16, 2022 General \$3,261.85, Building \$210.00, Sunday School \$20.01, OSC \$50.00, MOM-NALC Seminary \$580.00

Total: \$4,121.86

Attendance: Worship - 65 Sunday School - 8 Children, -14 Adults

Thank You!

Thank you to Johnny Jank for being here today and leading us in worship. St. John is very blessed to have you!



St. John would like to give a warm welcome to our new Church Secretary, Patricia (Trish) Hood. Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins.



Acolytes

Volunteer are needed! A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you to those who have previously signed up. We still need a lot of dates to fill. Thank you.

Shepherd Groups

There will be a short meeting **TODAY** after church of the leaders of the Shepherd Groups: Laurie Pokluda, Candy and Mike Cowley, Linda and Glen Ruschaupt, Cheryl Bramlette, Kathy Dunn, Dee and Gary Moeller, Margie and John Swanack, Karen and Lloyd Copeland, Pam and Terry Haun, Cathie and Dickie Bettge, Leann and Dwight Jander, and Virginia and Archie Abrameit.

Planning for the **2023 Budget** starts now! Team Leaders please have your budget requests in to the Finance Team no later than November 1, 2022. All requests will be considered.

Thank you,

St. John Finance Team

Mission of the Month of October

NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH SEMINARY Shaping leaders and pastors to grow our church

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we are forming pastors and church leaders for the North American Lutheran Church who will faithfully preach, teach, and live God's eternal truth, through Word and Sacrament, proclaiming Christ's cross and resurrection, making disciples who will renew and grow the church in Christ's name.

As students, faculty, and staff we seek to live out the reign of God together, proclaiming his lordship and his desire for all people to know his eternal love for them.

NALC Warehouse

We will be collecting for the warehouse all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting bath towels and washcloths for the month of October. Thank you.



+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole

Hello everyone! Hope you are all enjoying this cooler weather! Cole not so much. He hates the winter time daily because he burns all over when he gets cold. He loves to be outside so this makes it miserable for him when it's cooler. He pushes through it like he does everything else but maybe pray this burning will stay away. Cole has reached a cool milestone recently. He has officially walked over 100,000 steps on his Lokomat machine! He faithfully goes twice a week to work an hour on the Armeo are machined then walks on the Lokomat even though he really doesn't feel like it some days. That on top of all the therapy he does at home. He's hard-headed and sometimes that serves us well! Cole has been staying healthy otherwise so we are always Thankful for that. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

Also, please pray for another boy, Holden, who sustained some very serious injuries in an ATV accident recently. In addition, please pray for his parents and doctors as they move forward in the care and needs of Holden. Thank you and God Bless.



+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+
At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:

Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)

Fill the Warehouse!

(The cheapest place to shop for supplies!) NALC Disaster Response What's in a Flood Bucket?

1 bucket (5 gallon) with a lid – Firehouse Subs \$3.00 ea.

(Check other restaurants, donut shops, school kitchens, etc.!)

1 roll paper towels – Walmart 44 cents a roll

1 powder cleanser - Walmart 88 cents ea.

1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso) – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.

1 bottle bleach – small! – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.

1 pair rubber gloves – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.

1 scrub brush - Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.

1 pair leather gloves – Home Depot 3 pk under \$6.00

1 pair cotton gloves - Walmart 6 pk under \$5.00/Home Depot or Lowe's \$1.00 ea.

2 contractor trash bags (3 mil) – shop around......

2 rags – Don't buy! Cut up old bath & beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths......

What's in a Health Kit?

Soap: 1 regular size bar or 2-3 travel size*

Shampoo: 2 or 3 travel size* (or 1 small size)

Lotion: 1 or 2 travel size*

*Ask for donations from people you know that stay in hotels!

1 deoderant - Walmart 88 cents ea.

1 toothbrush - Dollar Tree 4 for \$1.25

1 toothpaste (travel size) - Walmart (or for a bigger tube) 77-90 cents ea.

1 comb – Dollar Tree 12 pk for \$1.25

1 bath towel – Walmart \$1.97 ea.

1 drawstring bag – available to be filled in narthex or you may sew your own from an old pillow case.



Our Military and their families:

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army, Louisiana

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves

Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Hood

Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Hawaii

Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, 2-4 CaB, Charlie Company, Black Hawk Medevac Pilot, Fort

Carson, Colorado

Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force

Michael Petrash II - 1st LT, United States Army

Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL

Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA

Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina

Zach McBrayer - U.S. Air Force, San Antonio

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain, please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500 or Pastor John (361)243-0373. We ask that you would update the prayer request regularly. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please Pray for: Hunter Jacob

Cole Ohrt Marie Liner Bea Fagg Mrs. Stiles Ryon Preslar Lisa Phillips Joy Meadows Billie Egg



Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



Join us as we Celebrate Next Sunday: October 30, 2022 at St. John ~ Reformation Sunday-Mission Feast. Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Church at 10:15 a.m. with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buda. Luncheon to follow in the Parish Hall. All are invited!





SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

If you want to abolish sin, you not only wrong sin, but you also want to trespass on the office of Christ and say: I want to be Christ. ... This is the sin supreme! Let Christ be Christ; let Him keep His office. We have enough other sins to answer for.

- Martin Luther – Easter Sermon, April 17, 1530

We would like to introduce you to our guest speaker for next Sunday!

The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Desta Buba currently serves as Assistant to the Bishop for International Mission in the North American Lutheran Church. He leads efforts on behalf of the NALC in coordinating international mission activity within the church and support for other related activities.

He is originally from Ethiopia and now lives in Atlanta, GA, with his wife and three children. Dr. Buba received a Bachelor of Theology with high distinction from Mekane Yesus Theological Seminary, where he served as a professor for two years. After working on a Masters of Theology in Church History in the Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology, he moved to the United States for further studies. In 2003 he received his Masters of Divinity and Masters of Arts in Christian Education from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA. In May, 2006, Dr. Buba earned a Doctorate Degree from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, specializing in missional leadership. Dr. Buba was ordained in 2001. He has served as a seminary professor, mission developer, senior pastor, vice president of the Southeastern Black Lutheran Pastors' Conference, assistant to the bishop of Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (ELCA), director of African National Ministries (ELCA), and president of the worldwide Union of Oromo Evangelical Churches. He was pastor of St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church and the African/Oromo Lutheran Church in Atlanta, GA. He is also the founder and president of LeadStar Theological College. In addition to academic study and ordained ministry, Dr. Buba participates in multiple international ministries through speaking, leading revivals, leadership development conventions, and evangelical mission events.



Community Events

There are several events going on this month as listed in the October Newsletter. Keep watching the bulletin board in the narthex for any additions.



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