

Our Redeemer's Voice

OCTOBER 2024



SOMETIMES IT'S BOTH



Rev. Jeremy Loesch

Our everyday lives are filled with questions and answers. They range in levels of specificity. Some questions have only one answer. Other questions have multiple answers. And we know that some questions will lead you on a rambling, fifteen minute travelogue where a roadmap and a cast of characters would be really beneficial. (Maybe that sounds like one of my sermons? LOL)

There are moments where a questioner thinks their question is pretty specific.

"Is it this or is it that?" The implication is that there are two possible answers. But

what often becomes the reality? The answer you receive is "Yes." While you were seeking some clarification, you just received some confusion. Hopefully you received more than that, like the discovery that your question was far bigger than you originally imagined.

Along with Ruth and Lina, I attended the LWML Chesapeake Zone convention near Dulles Airport in Virginia. Was it fun or was it informative? Was it uplifting or educational? Was it about Jesus or about the people gathered there? Did you hang out with people you knew or did you meet new people? Yes.

First, the theme verse was "we are the clay, He is the potter." Certainly we focused on the work of God in molding and shaping us, in the knowledge that clay can be made into one thing, then reshaped into something different. As we grow in the Lord, we find that we can help mold the people around us. We have been influenced by various people in our lives and the Lord leads us to play a role in the lives of children and grandchildren, of coworkers, friends, classmates, neighbors, strangers... The Lord will work through us to help shape those around us.

Was it uplifting or educational? Yes. I hope you know that the work of the LWML is often accomplished through those little mite boxes. Pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, Susan B. Anthony dollars, paper dollars

are placed in those boxes and the Lord's work is done. The convention workbook included the historical record of Chesapeake Zone mission grants. I saw our congregation listed there, receiving \$5000 in the 1960s. I saw that Faith, Bear and Concordia, Wilmington had received grants. I saw my father's congregation in Maryland received a grant.

It was educational to see the history and note the impact that those mites have had in the lives of people. It was also uplifting as recipients of

the grants were invited to share how the grants had played a role in their ministry. Representatives were present from: Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, CHOT (Changing Hearts One at a Time in the 7th and 8th Wards of DC. These are two wards that are close by the Anacostia River and struggle with poverty, health care crises, food deserts, violent crime, and the like.), Bethania Ministries in India, and Flahntown in Liberia. (Flahntown is named after the great grandfather of Rev. Orlando Flahn, pastor of Our Savior, Laurel MD. LWML grants have helped build two wells and a school in Flahntown. Liberia has endured multiple civil wars.)

READY TO serve

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(From Page 1) I did hang out with people I knew and I met some new people. Our Delmarva chapter had a party Friday night. There were snacks and drinks and a time to visit. It was fun being with reps from Seaford, Rehoboth, Smyrna, Bear, and our congregation.

I also met Sylvia Shives...again. Sylvia is a charter member of Concordia, Hagerstown. My father served that congregation and Sylvia was my babysitter! Her husband served in the 7th Army Signal Command and for a while was stationed in Germany. In 1984 our family took a trip to Germany and we used the Shives' apartment as our 'home base'. I never thought I'd ever see Sylvia again. I also got to see Karen Mathiesen, who was born in Wolsey SD and was baptized by my grandfather. She and my dad attended the one room schoolhouse in Wolsey. Both Sylvia and Karen are past presidents of the Chesapeake Zone.

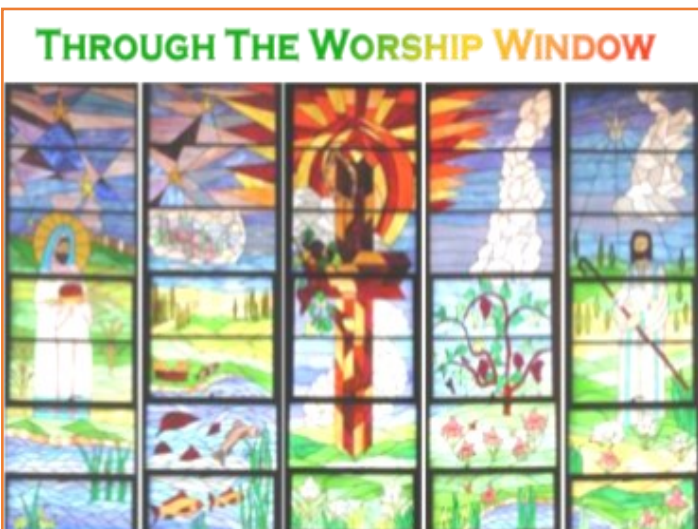
I did meet a new person and our encounter was uplifting, educational, and about Jesus. Sometime prior to 2010 Good Shepherd, Roanoke wanted to start a campus ministry at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. The LWML provided a mite box grant and our district provided some mission support too. The ministry asked for other donations as well. In our congregation we had some connection to VaTech. My wife is a graduate and the Hockersmith's and White's and Zaiser's each had children graduate from there as well. We donated some communion ware to the new ministry and they began a student group and that group continues to meet with weekly Bible studies and Sunday afternoon worship. The person I met is Con Ning Wen. She presently is a grad student. She came to Blacksburg in 2018 and came to faith in Jesus Christ through that ministry and was baptized in 2020. She is very active in the ministry there and an active member of the Blue Ridge LWML Zone. We gave a gift and the Lord has brought growth! I was moved to tears hearing Miss Wen's story as campus ministry is a challenge and how the people in Roanoke and Blacksburg trust in the Lord for His guidance. (I believe the dates are fairly accurate, but I may be off on some.)

I'm doing some work for the Chesapeake Zone now. I am serving as the junior pastoral counselor for the Zone and will have to travel to chapter and Zone rallies and meetings and retreats several times a year. Pastor Thress from Bear is the senior pastoral counselor.

I am so pleased that our congregation has an active chapter and that our work done on the Lord's behalf is having an impact on the lives of people close by and far away. So keep sticking your change in those Mite boxes! (Paper currency is fine too.)

Molded by the Potter, but not moldy, Pastor Loesch

SEPTEMBER — PENTECOST TO REFORMATION



against its accumulation. The *Teacher* counsels we should find comfort in our lives with God's love.

In this month the Psalms include blessings for the followers of the Lord. We are to heed the decrees of the Lord and meditate on the Word.

The final installment looks back to the exodus and the joy of coming into the promised land.

The Gospel includes the Pharisees testing the Lord with foolish questions to find fault. We also read Jesus response regarding children that He loves. The rich man loved wealth over faith in Jesus, so He reminded them of God's love.

Jesus heals the blind Bartimaeus, a miracle that did not result in controversy.

October ends on Reformation Day. In the Gospel of John, Jesus offers freedom to those who put faith in Jesus.

The Old Testament begins with God's plan to provide for husband and wife at creation.

Ecclesiastes includes the dangers associated with wealth and warns



Reformation

—Arlen Bessel (Archived from October 2021)

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Kari Vo

Isaiah 50:4-8a, 9a, 10 - The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning He awakens; He awakens My ear to hear as

those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened My ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave My back to those who strike, and My cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not My face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord GOD helps Me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates Me is near. Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up together Behold, the Lord GOD helps Me; who will declare Me guilty? ... Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of His servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the Name of the LORD and rely on his God.

Our passage for today is one of the Servant Songs from Isaiah. When we listen to it, we hear Jesus Himself speaking about His work as our Savior and Rescuer. It fascinates me, because how often do we get to hear Jesus' inner thoughts the way we do in this poem? Here He gives us a window into His own heart, and what it was like to live among us.

And what do we hear? Above all, Jesus is depending on His Father, every step of the way. He says, "The Lord God has given Me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary ... the Lord God has opened My ear ... The Lord God helps Me." Although Jesus is God, He is also human; and He leans on God the Father for all His needs.

It sounds odd to say it, but Jesus is setting us an example of faith; He tells us that every morning God awakens Him to hear Him. He talks about learning from God how to sustain us with His words; and this has come true, hasn't it? How many times are we troubled and tired, but when we go to the Gospels, we find that Jesus has given us just what we need to hear so we can keep going? He comforts us and strengthens us through His word.

But He does much more than that. As He says later, "I gave My back to those who strike, and My cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not My face from disgrace and spitting." This is a graphic description of what Jesus went through for our sakes when He was betrayed, arrested, and tortured before His death. And He tells us very clearly that He did this of His own free will. No one forced Him to suffer or die for us; Jesus did this because He loves God the Father, and because He loves us. And that is why He is forever the true Servant of God, now risen from the dead, who gives life to all of us who trust in Him

OUR REDEEMER NEWS & NOTES



LWML's FROZEN MEAL PROJECT— The group has announced that they will be supplying a frozen meal pantry for emergency situations where a member may have to be rushed off to a hospital and the family needs a little help, or to insure that when someone comes home from hospital there will be something easy to prepare. The ladies will be making the meals. Some will be stored in the freezer at the church.



FACTS: The Friends Helping Friends fundraising event is an opportunity for ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN to raise donations by selling shopping passes. to this event. OGT keeps 100% of the \$5 donations.

EVENT DETAILS: Buy a 25% off discount shopping pass for \$5. It is valid in-store and online during this one day event on October 22 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

PASSES AVAILABLE NOW: See Ruth to get your pass, or to help sell a few yourself.

REGISTER TO WIN: Scan for QR code on your shopping pass for a chance to win a \$100 BOSCO'S gift card. One customer from each store will have a chance to win this prize. Everyone wins..

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GARDEN SOCIAL – O.R.C.H.A.R.D. has some busy days coming up in the garden this month. On October 3 at 5:30 p.m. we will join to hear one of our gardeners, speak about preparing your garden beds for the upcoming winter. If you would like to join us, let Robing know. Bring beverage and a snack to share. Pizza for all will be provided.

GARDEN WORK PARTY – On October 5 and November 2 at 9 a.m. all gardeners are expected to help us to define perimeters, lay cardboard, mulch, turn compost and trim along fence.

LITTLE LIBRARY—Always looking for donations of children's, young adult and appropriate adult books. Thanks to all who donate books.

BUILD A BAG - We're back! All are welcome to help make sleeping bags for the homeless. But there is so much more at work in our 2–3 hour sessions, *Fellowship, Friendship, and Fun*. We offer on-the-job training if you are interested in learning how to do machine or hand sewing. The biggest reward of being part of this workshop is knowing our sleeping bags are going to provide God's love and comfort to someone that needs to know they are loved. Can't join us, keep us in mind when you are changing bedding with the seasons. Donating clean used window curtains or drapes, comforters, and blankets that you no longer need will keep someone in Newark warm this winter. For those who cannot do the physical labor, there are other jobs that you can assist with.

CHURCH YARD CLEANUP, BURN & BBQ—Join Bob and other members of the church for the fall cleanup of the church grounds on November 9th beginning at 3 p.m. We will burn branches and some leaves with a BBQ after.

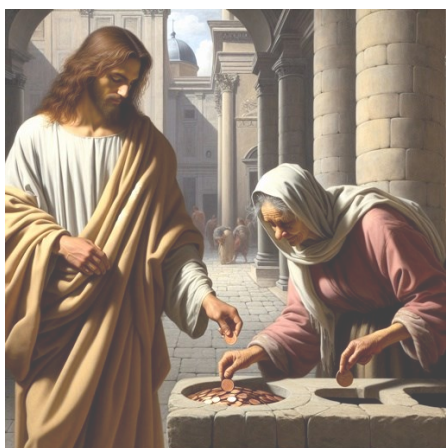
COUNCIL MEETINGS — Meetings have been moved to the third Wednesday of the month.

SUNDAY SCHOOL— Currently we have 3 volunteers to teach Robin, Emily and Marybeth. If anyone is interested in helping with Sunday School, please reach out to Robin.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP/SOCIAL HOUR CHANGED— Beginning October, fellowship hour will now be held on the 2nd Sun. of the month. We ask that 2 to 3 people bring items such as simple snacks, desserts, finger foods, etc. October fellowship Sunday is on the 13th.

BIBLE STUDY — Every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. You can also participate online.

LWML SUNDAY — The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Sunday, but it may be held at any time.



"Ready to Serve," Luke 1:38 And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

As redeemed children of God, Lutheran Women in Mission give thanks for the opportunity to serve others as we have been served, to proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and that He came for all nations, and the chance to respond with our mite offerings to support God's mission. Our example has been the widow and her mites. The offering she made was observed by our Lord leading Him to share that her copper coins, her mites, were "everything — all she had to live on" (Mark 12:43). May our mite offerings be blessed for our Lord's kingdom.

2025 CALENDARS AVAILABLE — Complimentary calendars for 2025 are now available. You can pick up one or two in the Narthex, overflow room library table, or in the church office.

HELENE RELIEF - ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN will be helping in the relief effort for those ravaged by hurricane Helene. We will match up to \$15,000 in donations. Donations will be used to make requested hygiene kits. Checks should be made out to Orphan Grain Train Mid-Atlantic Branch. Checks can be sent to Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, 89 Line Rd., Malvern PA 19355

PASTOR AWAY— Pastor will be in Missouri from October 7th though the 12th.



LUTHERANS AROUND US

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY at the University of Delaware

Another great year is underway for LCM! Students have gathered for coffee and conversation, enjoyed a retreat to Ocean City, Maryland, together with students from other campus ministries in our synod, volunteered with FISH, and continued to grow in faith, leadership, discipleship, and service.

We're excited for our next **LCM fundraiser, "Tree of Life,"** set for **Saturday afternoon, November 2,** beginning at 1:30 PM at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (1530 Foulk Road) in Wilmington. We look forward to a joyful time of fellowship, tasty hors d'œuvres and dessert, a fun auction (once again led by the bishop, the Rev. Bill Gohl!), student presenters, and the gift of gathering with our wider LCM community. Please mark your calendar and come join us!



From May's Senior Honor Night with family and friends.

You're also invited to assemble a raffle basket to donate for the event. Past basket themes have included chocolate lovers, Italian dinner, puzzles, book lovers, holiday themes, and more. We welcome new ideas and creativity. Please list the contents of the basket on a small attached tag. Ideally, we'd love to collect the baskets by Wednesday, October 23. Thank you! If you have questions, please contact the LCM office at 302-368-3078 or via office@lcmde.org.

We also welcome your ongoing prayers for LCM:

- Please pray that God's Holy Spirit will draw new students to our group and bless our gatherings.
- Please pray for wisdom in identifying new members for our Directing Committee (governing board), as we expand and strengthen our leadership team.
- Please pray for a meaningful, fun, and successful fundraiser next month, to the glory of God. Thank you!

We'd love for you to visit us at LCM's chapel, located at 247 Haines Street in Newark, on a Tuesday evening. We're so grateful for the many prayers, home-cooked meals, and contributions from supporting congregations in this area. We look forward to connecting with you on November 2nd at our "Tree of Life" fundraiser. Until then, may good health and God's peace, grace, courage, and hope be with you and your loved ones.

*In Christ, Mindy Holland, Minister of Word and Service +
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CONGRATULATIONS Rob, our newest council member elected to the position of vice president.



BIRTHDAYS	
15	Arno K
23	Laurel P.
24	Robert J.

JUST FOR FUN: OCTOBER HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES IN 2024

October 1

- International Coffee Day
- International Music Day
- Homemade Cookie Day
- Raccoon Day
- World Vegetarian Day

October 2

- International Day Peace
- National Custodian Day
- Fried Scallops Day
- Name Your Car Day
- Rosh Hashanah

October 3

- Boyfriend Day

October 4

- Improve Your Office Day
- Cinnamon Roll Day
- Golf Lovers Day
- World Habitat Day
- World Smile Day

October 5

- Frugal Fun Day
- Be Nice Day
- World Card Making Day
- World Meningitis Day
- World Teachers' Day

October 6

- Change A Light Day
- Badger Day
- Coaches Day
- Noodle Day
- World Cerebral Palsy Day

October 7

- Child Health Day
- World Architecture Day

October 8

- International Dyslexia Day
- Face Your Fears Day
- Fluffernutter Day
- Heroes' Day
- World Octopus Day

October 9

- International Beer and Pizza Day

- Leif Erikson Day
- Bring Your Teddy Bear to School Day
- Stop Bullying Day

October 10

- Angel Food Cake Day
- Cake Decorating Day
- World Homeless Day
- World Mental Health Day
- World Sight Day

October 11

- International Girl Child Day
- National Coming Out Day
- National Spread Joy Day
- World Egg Day
- Yom Kipper (sunset on Oct. 11 to nightfall on Oct. 12)

October 12

- International African Penguin Awareness Day
- National Farmers Day
- National Pulled Pork Day
- World Arthritis Day
- World Hospice and Palliative Care Day

October 13

- Breast Cancer Awareness
- M&Ms Day

October 14

- Columbus Day
- Indigenous Peoples' Day
- National Dessert Day
- National I love you Day

October 15

- Global Handwashing Day
- National Esthetician Day
- Pharmacy Technician Day
- Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance
- Sweetest Day

October 16

- National Boss's Day
- National Sports Day
- Take Your Parents To Lunch Day
- Allergy Awareness Day
- World Food Day

October 17

- Black Poetry Day
- National Pasta Day
- Wear Something Gaudy Day

October 18

- Chocolate Cupcake Day
- National Necktie Day
- Mammography Day

October 19

- International Sloth Day
- New Friends Day
- Seafood Bisque Day
- Sweetest Day
- Humanitarian Action Day

October 20

- International Chef Day
- National Day on Writing
- World Osteoporosis Day

October 21

- Back to the Future Day
- National Apple Day
- Pets for Veterans Day
- Reptile Awareness Day

October 22

- Stuttering Awareness Day
- National Nut Day

October 23

- Boston Cream Pie Day
- National Crocs Day
- National iPod Day
- Medical Assistants Day
- National Paralegal Day

October 24

- National Food Day
- Kangaroo Awareness
- United Nations Day
- World Polio Day

October 25

- International Artist Day

- Fine Art Appreciation Day
- Frankenstein Friday
- I Care About You Day
- World Opera Day

October 26

- Chicken Fried Steak Day
- Day of the Deployed
- Hug a Sheep Day
- Make a Difference Day
- National Pumpkin Day

October 27

- American Beer Day
- National Black Cat Day
- National Mentoring Day
- Navy Day
- Reformation Day

October 28

- National Chocolate Day
- First Responders Day
- Immigrants Day

October 29

- National Cat Day
- National Internet Day
- National Oatmeal Day
- World Psoriasis Day
- World Stroke Day

October 30

- Candy Corn Day
- Treat Your Pet Day
- Mischief Eve

October 31

- Diwali
- Girl Scout Founder's Day
- Halloween
- Caramel Apple Day





OCTOBER 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>SERVING — Pastor Jeremy Loesch ORGANISTS— Julie — Larry</p> <p>USHERS — Arlen — Dennis</p>	<p>STREAMING 10/06 10/13 10/20 10/27</p>	<p>LECTORS 10/06 Arlen 10/13 Emily 10/20 Kevin 10/27 Julie</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Circuit Meeting Garden Social 5:30 pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Garden Work Day 9 am</p>
<p>Bible Study 8:45 a.m. Communion DS3 10 a.m.</p> 	<p>7 Pastor Away</p>	<p>8 Announcements Due Build A Bag 10 am</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>Bible Study 8:45 a.m. Worship DS3 10 a.m.</p>	<p>14 OFFICE CLOSED FEDERAL HOLIDAY</p>	<p>15 Announcement Deadline Build A Bag 10 am</p>	<p>16 Council Meeting 7 p.m. Zoom</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>Bible Study 8:45 a.m. Worship DS3 10 a.m.</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Announcement Deadline. Build A Bag 10 am</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>Bible Study 8:45 a.m. Communion DS3 10 a.m. REFORMATION SUNDAY</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Announcement Deadline Build A Bag 10 am</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>PENTECOST </p>	

OCTOBER BIBLE READINGS

- 1** Jonah 2:2-9
Jeremiah 32-34
- 2** Psalm 114
Jeremiah 35-37
- 3** Psalm 115
Jeremiah 38-40
- 4** Psalm 116
Jeremiah 41-43
- 5** Psalm 117
Jeremiah 44-47
- 6** Psalm 118
Jeremiah 48-50
- 7** Psalm 119: 1-8
Jeremiah 51-52
- 8** Psalm 119: 9-16
Lamentations 1-2
- 9** Psalm 119: 17-24
Lamentations 3-5
- 10** Psalm 119: 25-32
Ezekiel 1-3
- 11** Psalm 119:33-40
Ezekiel 4-6
- 12** Psalm 119:41-48
Ezekiel 7-9
- 13** Psalm 119:49-56
Ezekiel 10-12
- 14** Psalm 119: 57-64
Ezekiel 13-15
- 15** Psalm 119: 65-72
Ezekiel 16-18
- 16** Psalm 119: 73-80
Ezekiel 19-21



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- 17** Psalm 119: 81-88
Ezekiel 22-24
- 18** Psalm 119: 89-96
Ezekiel 25-27
- 19** Psalm 119: 97-104
Ezekiel 28-30
- 20** Psalm 119: 105-112
Ezekiel 31-33
- 21** Psalm 119: 113-120
Ezekiel 34-36
- 22** Psalm 119: 121-128
Ezekiel 37-39
- 23** Psalm 119: 129-136
Ezekiel 40-42
- 24** Psalm 119: 137-144
Ezekiel 43-45
- 25** Psalm 119: 145-152
Ezekiel 46-48
- 26** Psalm 119: 153-160
Daniel 1-3
- 27** Psalm 119: 161-168
Daniel 4-6
- 28** Psalm 119: 169-176
Daniel 7-9
- 29** Psalm 120
Daniel 10-12
- 30** Psalm 121
Hosea 1-4
- 31** Jonah 2:2-9
Hosea 5-7 29-31

