

Our Redeemer's Voice

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ENTERTAINING ANGELS UNAWARES

I had only one topic to write about this month, but after finishing my devotions this Sept. 29th morning, I figure I ought to write a paragraph about today- the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. So I guess I now have two topics but if I write it right, I think I still only have one topic. Here we go...

I love this day because I love the fact that the Lord has created angels to serve Him and to serve His people. I've written about angels probably as many times as the number of angels that could fit on the head of a pin. The Bible reveals a lot about



angels but the revelation we have is somewhat unsatisfactory. But it is the revelation we have and it is sufficient. We don't have to know everything.

Angels serve the Lord. They see the Lord face to face. And they delight to do whatever He commands them to do. One of those commands is that they serve humanity. They serve us, not so we can get whatever we want, but for the sake of helping us follow after Jesus through this life.

St. Michael might be the most well-known angel. It would either be him or the angel Gabriel. Gabriel is the messenger angel, the one who appeared to Mary with the news that she would be the mother of Jesus. Michael is the warrior angel we meet in Revelation 12, who was the commander of the heavenly host, aka the heavenly armies. In that chapter the Dragon/the Devil waged war against Almighty God and Michael led the Lord's army against the Dragon and his army. Michael won; the dragon was hurled down to earth and the dragon swept his tail and a third of the stars came down with him. The

implication is that the devil now prowls around the earth and those 'fallen stars' are the devil's army. The devil is not alone in trying to deceive us, terrorize us, or have us misbelieve that the Lord is not on our side.

Sept. 29th is the day that the Church sets aside to celebrate the angels that are around us. They are unseen. And yet sometimes they are unseen. The preacher who wrote the book of Hebrews encourages us to not stop meeting together and doing good for in so doing you may have entertained angels unawares (without being aware of it). Angels go wherever the Lord sends them and the Lord doesn't ask us our opinion. Have you ever received some good, some blessing, some relief when you were at the end of your rope, when you felt ready to give up and a friend, colleague, or stranger showed up and supplied your need? Was that an angel sent by the Lord in your moment of need? Was that a faithful Christian exercising their faith in Jesus? Picture me with a shoulder shrug but also with a word of thanks that you were helped and that your need was met. I've been in that situation. The LWML's Chesapeake District (Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and DC) met in convention in Virginia Beach Sept. 25-27. What an amazing and wonderful time it was! →



Rev. Jeremy Loesch

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For the last two years Pastor Thress has been the senior pastoral counselor for the district, and I was the junior pastoral counselor. His term is concluded and I have taken over as senior pastoral counselor. Rev. Keffie Deen from Trinity in Chestertown is the new junior counselor. So for the convention Pr. Thress handled the preaching for the services and I led the liturgy and presented the Bible studies. It was very enjoyable and the LWML conventions are a very nice blend of business and spirituality. Reports are given, elections are conducted, and we remind ourselves that in everything Christ is preeminent.



L-R Pr. Mike Thress, former senior counselor; Pr. Keffie Dean, incoming junior counselor; Pr. Loesch, senior counselor; Pr. Bill Harmon, President & Bishop of the Southeastern District

LWML is a powerful force for mission support and encouragement. In the convention workbook is a listing of all the mission grants that the LWML has funded in their history. Faith, Concordia, and Our Redeemer all received mission grants from the Mite Boxes. All of the churches my father served in our district received mission grants. The coins that were put into those little cardboard boxes helped make the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ possible. My favorite part of this convention is that mission grant recipients come back to share with the delegates what they have been doing with the mission grant. Two of the speakers gave very memorable addresses.

The first was Rev. Paul Ernewein, the director of Forged By Fire Ministries. They are a disaster response ministry. Rev. Ernewein grew up in Louisiana and is familiar with disasters- hurricanes and flooding mainly. The ministry has received grants from the Chesapeake District and from the national LWML, totaling over \$150000. With that money they have built a restaurant grade food truck that can produce 1000 meals an hour, meals that are quality, as made from scratch as possible. Their most recent grant was to build a mobile washing station. This truck has a full bathroom, Speed Queen washers and dryers, a table for folding laundry, and soaps and detergents. Both of these trucks have a pressure system that requires only a garden hose. Imagine coming through a disaster and having the ability

to take a shower, to wash whatever clothes you had with you, and get a hot meal...and to take meals back to your family. If you say you need ten meals for your spouse, children, and in laws, they give you ten. Forged By Fire gives hope as they travel across the country to respond to disasters.

The other grant recipient that I especially appreciated was Faith and Works Ministries. They are a ministry located in the Sandtown region of Baltimore city. This is a rough neighborhood that looks very Baltimore. Blocks and blocks of rowhouses. And this is what you find in Wilmington and Philly and any other urban city. There was a huge problem with drugs and violence and poverty and joblessness and education was not an emphasis. Again, the problems in this region are what we find close to home and what you find in Detroit, Memphis, Seattle, name your city. Perhaps a decade ago the local Lutheran churches wanted to do something about this. Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Catonsville spearheaded the effort and got other churches in the city and suburbs to come along with them. Emmanuel raised half of the money and the other churches and the Chesapeake District raised the other half to purchase a corner rowhouse in Sandtown. And they have transformed that rowhouse for the benefit of the people and the community. There is a food pantry and clothes closet on the first floor. On the second floor is a computer lab where clients can study toward earning their GED or keep in contact with their parole officer or with their children or apply for jobs. There is also a career counseling/training center. 75 graduates are employed by the Baltimore Orioles in gameday operations and 35 have been hired by the Baltimore Ravens! At the end of the day people can look in the mirror and tell themselves, "I earned that money and can contribute to the support of my family." On the third floor is a library and tutoring center/classroom and where Bible classes are held. Faith and Works Ministry is unequivocally and without compromise a Lutheran ministry. I hope this can be grasped from the title of the organization. It is not Faith or Works. It is Faith and Works. There is a grass field kitty corner from the organization. For the last several years the ministry has held a back to school event in the field for the community so they can provide school supplies, give free haircuts,

have a block party, and celebrate their life together. They also have a "Faith in the Field" event where Lutheran pastors come to lead worship and there is a time of singing and praise and fellowship. The director, LeChelle Redd, shared that this event has been such a wonderful thing for that area of Baltimore. And according to Baltimore city police statistics Sandtown just marked 365 consecutive days without a homicide!

Did angels contribute to the success and commitment of Forged By Fire or Faith and Works? Again, I only give you a shoulder shrug. God has certainly worked through Paul Ernewein and LeChelle Redd. They would probably tell you of strangers who have blessed them and made an impact on their work. God has certainly inspired women in the Delmarva, Baltimore, DCMarVa, Potomac, Blue Ridge, Old Dominion, and Tidewater Zones to put their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and paper money into those mite boxes because they know that money helps make ministry possible. We have mite boxes for you to pick up at church!

I have so many great stories of how I have been blessed and inspired by the work of the LWML. As I wrote earlier, they are the greatest force for mission support and encouragement that we have in our church body. My work as senior pastoral counselor will require that I travel around a little bit. Each zone has a spring rally, so much of the travel will be in the spring and getting to Williamsburg or Fredericksburg or Roanoke isn't always possible, but they do appreciate when the pastoral counselor can be in attendance to support and encourage their work.

On Tuesday Sept. 29th we give thanks and praise to the Lord for blessing us with angels and giving us knowledge that the Lord is involved in our daily activities. And we give thanks to the Lord for a mission-oriented organization like the LWML—*Blessings, Pastor*

PENTECOST—OCTOBER TO REFORMATION

THROUGH THE WORSHIP WINDOW



From October 2021 ORLC Archives By Arlen Besel, Worship Chair

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. 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 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. October ends on Reformation Day.

OUR REDEEMER NEWS& NOTES



Thanks to everyone who participated and attended our church picnic on Sunday after the service. There was a nice variety of potluck dishes, a BLT station, salads and desserts.

We had a new visitor who attended the service and joined us afterwards.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and friendly fellowship.

We thank the Lord for his blessings for sharing this time together. (Luke 9:17)

The Lord was the first in sharing the five loaves and two fishes to the crowd that followed him. What a Joyous Picnic that was! God's blessings to all!

—Lina, Congregational Life

OUR REDEEMER NEWS & NOTES *(Continued)*

BIBLE STUDY—Bring your coffee and join us each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. \

MEN'S BREAKFAST — All men, those in your household, and friends are invited to join us October 24th at 8 am. Let us talk, eat, and enjoy each other's company. Bring your own breakfast. We serve the coffee.

COUNCIL & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026—*Council meetings* are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month. (Oct. 21, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16). *Congregational Meetings will be held on Sundays*; October 4th and the Annual Meeting on Nov. 15.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY—The Little Free Library is a gift to those who continue to use it. We always appreciate the donation of children's, young adult, and appropriate adult books. Thanks to all who donate books. If you have a moment when leaving church, stop by and straighten up the books. Check to make sure there no unacceptable materials left. — *Julie*

COME RING THE HAND CHIMES WITH US — A You can learn to play the hand chimes even if you can't read music! We have a small group of players, and we're eager to expand so we can play the introit and maybe perform a song someday. We are still figuring out a rehearsal schedule, but it will most likely be a weekday morning. Contact Kathy O'Malley at omalleykathmar@gmail.com. A first private lesson at church is available in case you're shy but still want to learn. If you can count, you can play! —*Kathy*



As we enter the fall season, we once again notice the change of pace with the shorter days and changing weather. Remember, God's work continues in every season. As we enjoy cooler days and seasonal events with family and friends, we might not be in worship every

Sunday. Did you know you can give your offering online? Every gift helps our church continue serving others with Christ's love. —*Kathy*

BACK TO SCHOOL— For all the wonderful donations to our Back to School drive... —*Thank you, Rut*

COOLING PROTOCOLS — As we flip flop between cooler days mixed with Indian summer remember that the fans in the church are placed strategically for the comfort. If you find that the fan is blowing directly on you and is too much, please move to another pew. Do not turn the fan off. To continue to ensure the comfort of all, please keep the partition between the church and the overflow room closed before and after church. To help keep energy costs down, please shut all doors to rooms not being used to increase energy efficiency year round. Thank you. —*Bob*

*"I tell you the truth,
whatever you did for
one of the least of these
brothers of mine, you
did for me,"
Matthew 26:40.*

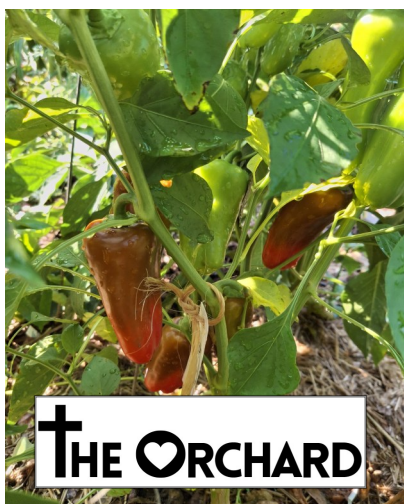
BUILD A BAG — Build-A-Bag Project - Our mission project recycles used and donated bedding materials into sleeping bags for the homeless in Newark. On September 15 at 10 a.m. we will start our fall work sessions. The finished bags will be donated to Newark Empowerment Center and Hope on Deck again this year. Everyone is invited to help. On the job training is provided. Please join Lina, Ruth, Elizabeth, Paul, and I at the church on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. I hope to see you there. Let me know if you have questions.— Marybeth

THE ORCHARD — The wonderful rains of summer has blessed our garden. regularly this summer; for that we are grateful.

The gift of regular rain nourished the plants and those who consumed them. The variety of the plants grown this year has exceed those from previous years. Tomatoes, peppers, and squash were shared with neighbors, friends and those in need.

But alas, summer has turned into early fall, the temperatures are getting lower and production is dwindling down. It is time to begin to putting our gardens in shape for the winter.

On November 7th, the gardeners will be getting together to prepare the garden for the winter. We are asking gardeners with not active plants to clean up their plots before that date. —*Robin*



THE PERFECT PLANS



IN THE WORD

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

OF THE WORD

Few things are as carefully planned as a wedding. From the bride's dress to the cake and decorations, every detail is thoughtfully selected. Sometimes, despite months of careful planning, things do not go as expected. A flat tire, a fainting bridegroom, or a

bad storm can instantly change the carefully thought-out plan. We simply are not able to predict what the day may bring!

The good news is our loving Lord knows the plans He has for us. He reveals them to us when we need to know them and not before. Sometimes we want to take control of the planning, but our plans are best left in God's loving hands.

Be at peace as you place your marriage in God's care, knowing you can trust Him. His plans are perfect. His plans are to give you a future and a hope both here on earth and for eternity in heaven through faith in Jesus Christ. When husband and wife **as one** place their marriage in God's hands, they can celebrate together the future God has planned for them.

WALKING WITH MY LORD

Lord Jesus, give me the peace of knowing my future is secure because of Your loving sacrifice. Fill me with hope as I trust Your plans. In Your name. Amen. Mustard Seed: In Times of Need. Authors: Rev. Larry Krueger, Rev. Mike Mustard Seed: Everyday Celebrations. Authors: Elaine Bickel and Jan Struck. 9/28 ©2015 Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 801 Seminary Place Ste. L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. Code: #40195

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OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT— OUR CONGREGATION

ORLC SPOTLIGHT- *When there is room, Our Redeemer's Voice will spotlight someone from our congregation, who may be celebrating a special event or has gone out of their way to make a difference here at our church or in the community. We have so many in our congregation who have let their light shine at Our Redeemer and beyond. We appreciate every one, every day! If you have a special landmark event or know of someone you would like to put in the Our Redeemer spotlight, please let the secretary know.*



This month we show our gratitude for all of the individuals that make Our Redeemer a church family each and every week.

- First and foremost, our Pastor, Jeremy.
- We are thankful for Julie, and Kathy who bring music to our congregation with both the organ and hand chimes.
- The ladies of the altar guild keep the altar coverings maintained, set up and clean up after each communion service.
- Our ushers greet and welcome members and visitors as they come into the sanctuary.

- The lectors are there to read the lessons each Sunday.
- And even more importantly we are grateful for those of you who come faithfully and connection to Our Redeemer Church Family

Congratulations to the Bob and Marybeth on the recent birth of healthy new granddaughter, Freya





LUTHERANS AROUND US

FALL BLESSINGS FROM LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY—After an amazing experience last year, with a grand total of 26 student visitors to LCM, I'm excited to see what God's Holy Spirit has planned for this fall! Warm thanks to all who took part in our LCM Thank You Party at the chapel in June, as well as those who've been keeping LCM students in your prayers in recent months. It was a good summer, though it flew by. For individual returning students, summer 2026 included: a backpacking trip to Mt. Rainier; a research project on shape-note singing; regional travels; time with family and friends; summer jobs; and growing in faith amid service, worship, and community. It's a joy to hear about students' summer experiences and adventures.

Please save the date of Saturday afternoon, October 17. St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Wilmington will be hosting LCM's fall fundraiser. We look forward to sharing tasty food, hearing presentations by gifted students, bidding in a live auction, and enjoying fellowship with our wider LCM community. If you'd like to donate a gift basket or creative item for the raffle or silent auction, or if you'd like to help with set-up or clean-up for this key event, please contact us at office@lcmde.org. Ideally, baskets will be prepared and brought to LCM by Thursday, October 8. Thank you very much!

We invite your prayers that, for new and returning students alike, LCM will continue to provide a safe, encouraging, and nurturing Christian community as they journey through their years at UD. May LCM be a place where students find welcome and fun, respectful conversations even in the face of diverse opinions, and a meaningful, supportive context for growing in faith, service, and leadership. Thank you!

If you'd like to visit LCM on a Tuesday evening at 5:30 PM, we'd love to see you. We enjoy talking with visitors and are very grateful to those who bring homemade dinners. Please watch our website (www.lcmde.org) for updates and opportunities, or contact us directly, if you'd like to sign up with a friend



(or two!) to bring a meal. We're grateful for your continued support for LCM. Your prayers and contributions make a significant difference in the lives of these gifted, faith-filled young adults.

We wish you God's abundant blessings, good health, courage, hope, and abiding peace, and we hope to see you at the fundraiser in mid-October!

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OGT NEWS & HELPING OTHERS



MARK YOUR CALENDARS — It's getting to be that time again. Before you know it our FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS fundraiser sponsored by Bosco's Department stores will be here. For a \$5 donation to Orphan Grain Train Mid-Atlantic Branch, you receive a shopping pass for 25% off of most items at any Bosco's on Wednesday, October 21, 2026. Purchases can also be made online on that day. You can get a ticket from Sharron in the office as well as Ruth.

WISH LIST —You can also contribute to OGT by purchasing selected items from any Bosco's Department store in person or on-line and have them shipped to OGT c/o Christ Memorial Church, 89 Line Rd, Malvern, PA 19355. To access the list on Bosco's Official Site: type "Registry" in the search bar. Type OGT in "Search a Name". The gift list will appear. Click "View Registry"

LECTOR SCHEDULE: OCT 4/BOB OCT12 EMILY OCT 18 KEVIN OCT 25 JULIE

USHER SCHEDULE: OCT 4/DENNY OCT12 BPB OCT 18 DENNY OCT 25 LOREN



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
SERVING Pastor Jeremy Loesch ORGANIST Julie	LECTORS 10/4 Bob 10/11 Emi;u 10/18 Kevin 10/28 Julie 11/1 Stephen	USHERS 10/4 Denny 10/11 Bob 10/18 Denny 10/28 Loren 11/1 Stephen		1 Circuit Meeting Pastor	2	3
4 Bible Study 8:45 a.m. Communion DS 1 10 a.m. Julie LWM:L Sunday 	5	6 Announcement Deadline Build A Bag	7	8 Pastor Away SE District Conference	9	10
11 Bible Study 8:45 a.m. Worship DS 1 10 a.m. Fellowship Sunday Baptism	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13 Announcement Deadline Build A Bag	14	15	16	17
18 Communion DS 1 10 a.m. Julie 	19	20 Announcement Deadline Build A Bag	21 .Council 7 p.m. Zoom	22	23	24 Men's Breakfast 8 a.m.
25 Bible Study 8:45 a.m. DS 1 10 a.m. Worship Julie Newsletter Deadline 	26	27 Announcement Deadline Build A Bag	28	29	30	31
7 NOVEMBER 1 Bible Study 8:45 a.m. Communion DS 1 10 a.m. Julie 	2	3 Announcement Deadline Build A Bag	4	6	7	

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

