

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2023



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OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

October 9

- **Canadian Thanksgiving.**
- **Columbus Day**
- **Indigenous Peoples' Day**

- **October 14**

- **Blessing of the Animals**

October 24

- **United Nations Day,.**

October 31

- **Halloween (All Hallows' Eve)**



From Pastor Peggy

During October we will remember St. Francis on two Sundays. St. Francis was a friar of the church, who lived in Assisi, in what is now Italy during the 12th and 13th centuries. Francis believed that all nature mirrored the love of God and he reportedly preached sermons to even the birds and tamed a wolf. Although born into a merchant family (middle class) Francis took a vow of poverty and gained followers during his life, continuing to today. He also felt compassion for those who were ill or wounded and is said to have been instrumental in their healing, including those suffering from leprosy. At Christmas time in 1222, Francis recreated the first Nativity scene in a cave outside Greccio, Italy and invited people to celebrate. He was canonized (declared a saint by the Roman Catholic Church) in 1228, and in 1976, Pope John Paul the 2nd further declared him the patron saint of ecology. Many Lutheran Churches honor St. Francis with a blessing of the animals on a date close to his feast day, October 4th.

We will hold a blessing of pets on Sunday, October 15th during the worship service. You are invited to bring your well-behaved pet or a photo and Pastor Manny will call you forward for the blessing. On October 22nd we will hold a service of healing within our 10:00 worship service. You will be invited to come forward for anointing and prayer.

A famous quote from St. Francis is: "Start by doing what is necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

Many of us also find comfort in the beautiful prayer that is attributed to St. Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



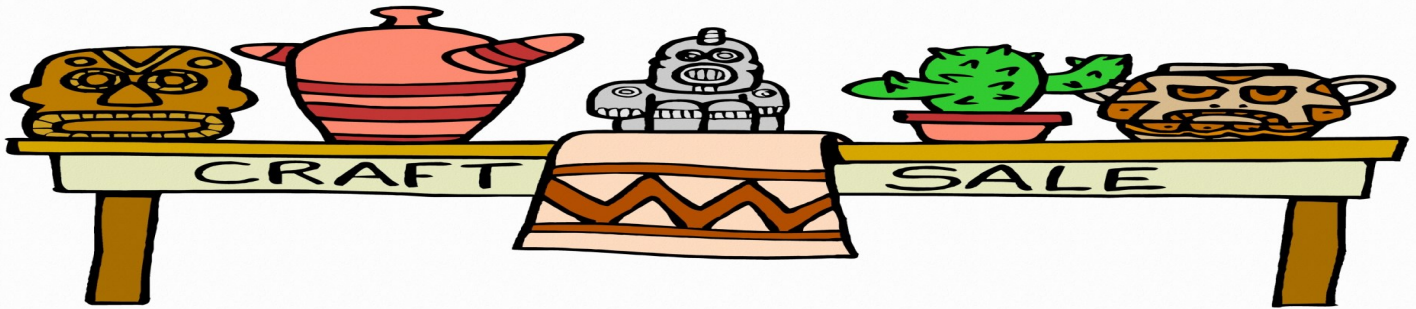
**Communion—The first Tuesday of each month,
join us for a light lunch at noon
followed by communion at 1:00.**

We hope to encourage our members who are uncomfortable driving at night, to use this time for fellowship that was enjoyed at our Wednesday night Hotdogs and Hymns. All are welcome! Bring a friend.

**Altar Communion—The first Sunday of each month
celebrate Communion around the Altar. Please join us!**

Sunday School classes for all ages at 9 a.m

- ♦ **Sunday School classes available from Bible Babies to Adult Forum.**
- ♦ **Confirmation Classes for our youth in Seventh & Eighth grades.**
This is a two-year program
- ♦ **Adult Forum classes are held in the Gathering Place**



Help Wanted: Volunteers for Annual Craft Fair!

Thank You to Charlene Frack for volunteering to shadow Tom and learn to take over Craft Fair!

Are you passionate about crafts, in love with quilting, and maybe just a little bit crazy? If so, we want YOU to join our incredible team of volunteers for our upcoming Annual Craft Fair!

Position: Craft Fair Enthusiast

Requirements:

Must Love Crafts: Whether it's knitting, painting, pottery, or any other crafty endeavor, we're seeking individuals who have a genuine love and appreciation for the world of crafts. Your creativity and enthusiasm will be a valuable asset in making this event a memorable one.

Should Love Quilts: Quilts are not just blankets; they are a work of art and a labor of love. If you have a soft spot for quilting, a keen eye for quilt designs, or simply enjoy the cozy comfort they bring, we would love to have you on board.

May be Crazy: Okay, not *literally* crazy, but a little bit of quirky fun and a willingness to think outside the box will surely make this experience even more enjoyable. We believe that a dash of craziness can lead to unique ideas and unforgettable moments!

Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with fellow craft-loving volunteers to plan and organize the Craft Fair.
- Assist in setting up booths, decorating the venue, and creating an inviting atmosphere.
- Engage with visitors and showcase your crafting expertise.
- Share your passion for quilts and crafts with attendees through interactive workshops or demonstrations.

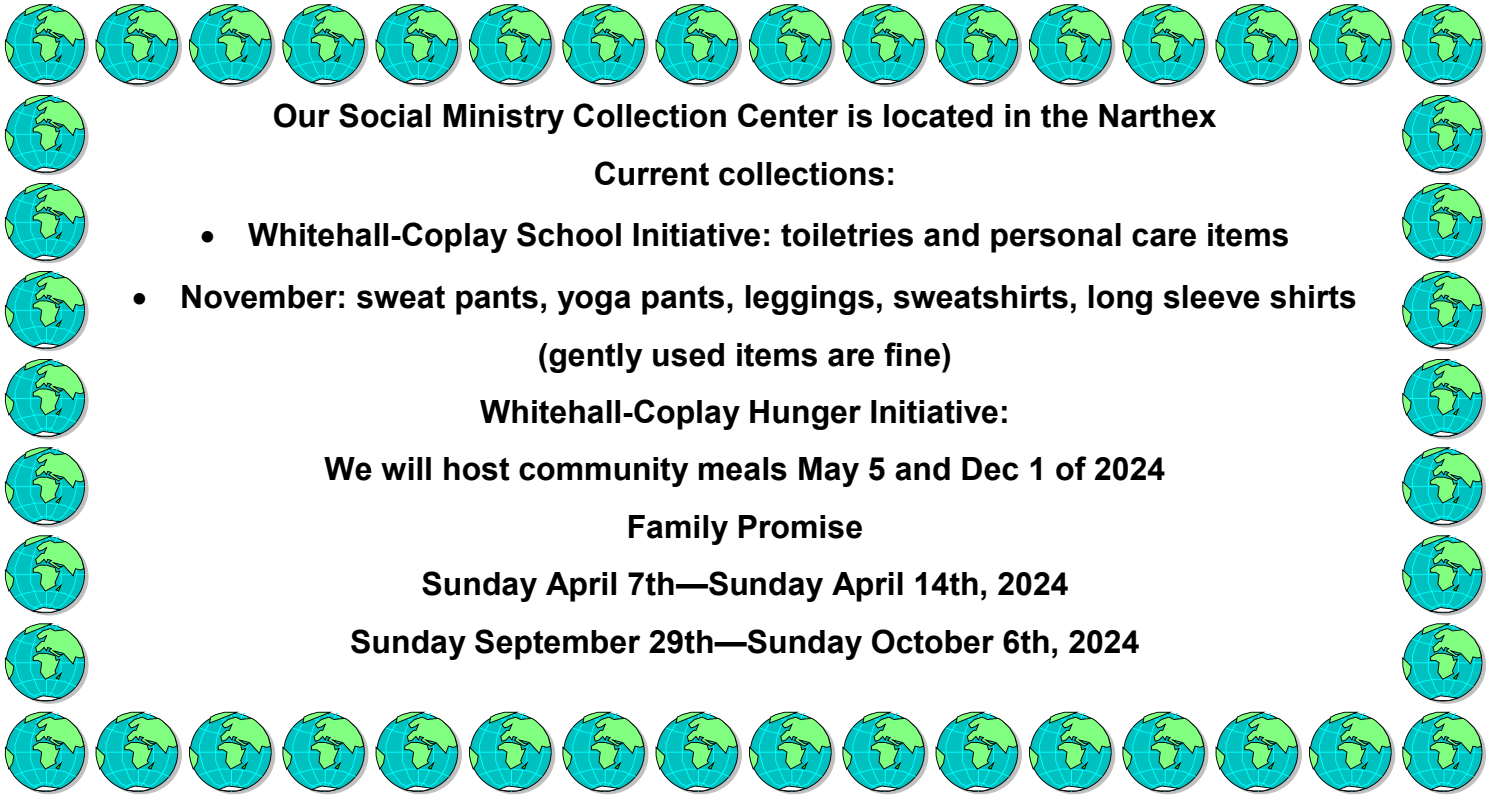
Benefits:

1. An opportunity to be a part of a vibrant and welcoming community.
2. Showcase and sell your own crafts or quilts, if you wish to do so.
3. Gain valuable event planning and organizational skills.
4. Make new friends who share your interests and enthusiasm.
5. The satisfaction of contributing to a meaningful and enjoyable event for everyone.

Join Us Today! If you're excited to be a part of our Annual Craft Fair and are ready to bring your crafting and creative energy to the table, we can't wait to meet you!

- ♦ Please reach out to claudette@faithon145.org, office: 610 435 0451 M-Th 9:00 am to 3:00 pm to sign up as a volunteer. Let's make this Craft Fair the best one yet!

HOORAY FOR OUR SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE SERVING OTHERS



Our Social Ministry Collection Center is located in the Narthex

Current collections:

- **Whitehall-Coplay School Initiative: toiletries and personal care items**
- **November: sweat pants, yoga pants, leggings, sweatshirts, long sleeve shirts
(gently used items are fine)**

Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative:

We will host community meals May 5 and Dec 1 of 2024

Family Promise

Sunday April 7th—Sunday April 14th, 2024

Sunday September 29th—Sunday October 6th, 2024



We are excited to announce that Faith has joined on in partnership with the Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley. It is a non-profit 501(c)3 affiliate of the National Family Promise Organization, which assists families and children experiencing homelessness. The national organization is made up of individual affiliates, which are regionally-based to allow for collaboration with existing services within the community.

As a partner with Family Promise, we will join other churches and service-based organizations to assist their screened participants as they are in transition for permanent housing. During the weeks of April 14 and October 6, 2024, we will share our hospitality with their program participants. As our guests, we will provide them with dinner and overnight accommodations.

I have had the opportunity to be a part of Family Promise programs through my church affiliations in both New Jersey and South Carolina. I cannot speak more highly of this organization and the services they provide. As a church, this social ministry outreach speaks to our call to help those in need. As a volunteer, it was an exceptionally rewarding experience to help do God's work in the community.

You'll be hearing more about Family Promise in the coming months. Please be sure to attend our Social Ministry Sunday on November 19 after service to get more detailed information about opportunities to serve this vital outreach ministry.

Cindy Rowan

SAVE THE DATE

Social Ministry Sunday

November 19, 2023



You are invited to attend Social Ministry Sunday on **November 19, 2023**. A social ministry fair will be held in the Gathering Place immediately following worship.

Come and learn about all of the opportunities through Faith to share your time and talents to support God's work in the community and around the world. Also, come to enjoy some light snacks and fellowship!

Our Hands, God's Work.



- **Nyonblee Cares Foundation USA** is a non-profit organization created to provide health clinics, food support for the elderly, sponsorship for education and medical help to all ages of citizens in Liberia.

Dianne Frana, a friend who works at the Whitehall Food Pantry was a founding board member for the Nyonblee Cares Foundation. She went on a mission trip to Liberia last year to see firsthand the work that their fundraising and planning has provided.

Diane was very enthused and impressed with the broad reach that has been possible with mobile clinics, surgical events as well as the educational impact. The cell phones that we have been gathering, are to be used for the citizens of Liberia as an emergency contact. God's Hands at Work are reaching the far ends of the world.

On Sunday, October 22 following the 10 a.m. service, Diane will present a 20 minute video and explanation/question/answer time for our members and guests. This will be in the Gathering Place with the Meet and Greet, so everyone can have a seat, watch the video and share your questions. Probably 45 minutes total.

We always say that we are to be God's hands in helping those less fortunate. Please join us to learn about this and see all that can be accomplished with a vision and some work.

You can find information on this facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/nyonbleecares/services/>

blessings,

Judy and Shel Ehret



Northeastern Pennsylvania Women of the ELCA
Fall Justice Event
Saturday, October 14, 2023—9:30 am to 3:30 pm
DIVERSITY
Reaching Across Barriers to Live as God's People
Albright College, Reading, PA



From the ELCA RESILIENCY: LIVING OUR BAPTISM A Lutheran Perspective”

RESILIENCY: Faith Practices in Tough Times

We are living in unprecedented times— Grief upon grief. Uncertainty upon uncertainty.

FAITH PRACTICES: During tough times, we lean on God in ways we never imagined. The ebb and flow of faith practices provides a frame-work to order our days. Throughout it all, the Holy Spirit is at work as we hear God’s Word, share in Christian community, proclaim good news, serve and strive for justice. Gradually, we realize there is a lessening of our burdens, light on our path, and hope for the journey. Thanks be to God!

RESILIENCY TIPS

- **OTHERS** Live among God’s People
- **HOPE** Hear the word Proclaim good news
- **MEANING** Serve as Jesus Strive for peace and justice

LIVE AMONG GOD’S PEOPLE

1. List three persons who point to God for getting them through tough times.
2. What do you admire about each of these individuals?
3. Who might God be sending into your life right now—to share this stretch of the journey?

PRAY

Thank you for those who have blessed my life and shared my journey. Thank you for those who have inspired me. And thank you for those yet to come into my life. Amen

REFLECT

Hope ...

in what cannot be seen in what is not yet real. Hope ... that this too shall pass, some day. BUT, until that day, I do what I can do. I act in what I know. And I trust that God’s love shown in Christ will shine on me, will shine on my path. Gracious God, I just need light for one step-- and that’s my next step.

1. How do you define hope?
2. Draw a symbol of hope.

PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS OF JESUS through WORD AND DEED

1. When you are weary, what story of Jesus gives you hope? Hope comes in many forms.
2. What are you looking forward to this week?

Mighty One, sometimes life gets overwhelming. It feels like a stone is rolling over me. Fill me with hope to trust in your promise of new life. In Christ, we pray. Amen

REFLECT

The world is turned upside down, which way to turn? I grasp for meaning How to put life back in order when today becomes yesterday?

Until the world makes sense again,

- I can be kind.
- I can serve as Jesus. I can be fair.
- I can be a voice for the voiceless

In baptism, we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. That's God's promise to us.

- How does this promise give you meaning?

Strive for peace and justice

1. How might you serve as Jesus during the coming week?
2. How might you work for peace and justice during the coming week?

Holy One, you sent the scared and amazed women from the empty tomb to tell others about the risen Christ. But this is today. I am here. What might I do? How might you use my gifts? I wait for you to give me meaning. Amen

Affirmation of Baptism

Take a moment to affirm your baptism.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and ask God to help and guide me



OCTOBER FUN FACTS

Folklore for the Season

- October is a great time for stargazing.
- October's full Moon, known as the Hunter's Moon, arrives on Saturday, October 28.
- keep an eye out for the **Draconid meteor shower** in the late evening of October 9,
- and the **Orionid meteor shower** in the predawn hours of October 21–22.

October's birth flowers are the [cosmos](#) and the [calendula or marigold](#).

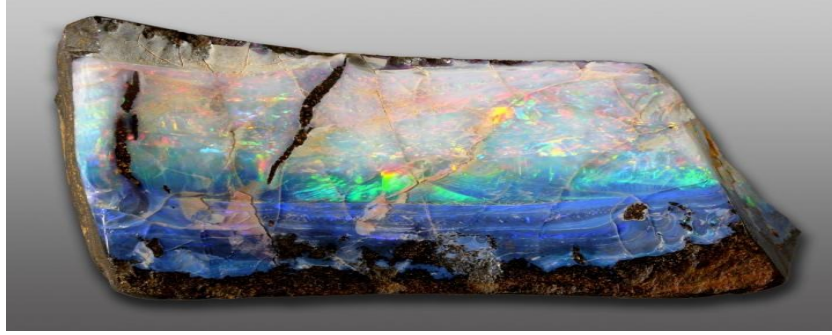
The calendula represents winning grace, grief, or chagrin



Cosmos is a symbol of joy in life and love and peace.



The October birthstone is the **opal**, which symbolizes **faithfulness and confidence**.



Folklore for the Season

- When deer are in a gray coat in October, expect a hard winter.
- Much rain in October, much wind in December.
- A warm October means a cold February.

Horoscope Signs

Libra (September 23rd to October 22nd)

Scorpio (October 23rd to November 21st)

What are the best things about the month of October?

It is officially autumn, which means cozy apparel, your favorite chilly weather recipes, and beautiful foliage.

Q. What is a pumpkin's favorite sport?

A. Squash!



OCT 1**OCT 8
Harvest
Home****OCT 15****OCT 22****OCT 29
Reformation
Sunday**

Altar Guild	Shel and Judy Ehret	Cathy Haller and Charlene Frack	Gloria Senchak and Barb Yurasits	Diane Batza And Pat Masonheimer	Rosemarie Haffner and Cathy Haller
Acolytes and Crucifers	TBA				
Lectors					
Narthex Greeters	Ben and Kyle Brandt				
Assistant Ministers	Shel Ehret	Judy Ehret	Tom Colburn	Manny Stivers	Zach Keenan
Bulletin Sponsors					Senior choir: in honor of Reformation Sunday
Flower Sponsors			Harold And Deb Whittaker Happy Birthday to my wife and son, Chris		Senior choir: in honor of Reformation Sunday

OCTOBER

SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THURS

FRI

SAT

1
Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
AA 8:00 PM (PH)

2
1:00 PM Piece-makers
6:00 PM Brownies
7:00 PM
Pioneer Band (BH)

3
10:30 AM Prayer Group (TGP)
Noon: light lunch
1:00 pm communion
6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)
7:00 PM Christmas Tea mtg (TGP)

4

5
6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH)
6:15 Bell Choir
7:30 Senior Choir

6

7

8
Service of the Word
Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
AA 8:00 PM (PH)

9
1:00 PM Piece-makers
6:00 PM Brownies
7:00 PM
Pioneer Band (BH)

10
10:30 AM Prayer Group (TGP)
6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)

11

12
6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH)
6:15 Bell Choir
7:30 Senior Choir

13

14
Pink Pumpkins
Coins for Chemo
Bags and bucks
bingo and Harvest fest
10-3
Bingo at noon

15
Blessing of the animals
Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
AA 8:00 PM (PH)

16
1:00 PM Piece-makers
6:00 PM Brownies
7:00 PM
Pioneer Band (BH)

17
10:30 AM Prayer Group (TGP)
6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)

18

19
6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH)
6:15 Bell Choir
7:30 Senior Choir

20

21

22
Healing Service
Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
AA 8:00 PM (PH)

23
1:00 PM Piece-makers
6:00 PM Brownies
7:00 PM
Pioneer Band (BH)

24
10:30 AM Prayer Group (TGP)
6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)

25

26
6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH)
6:15 Bell Choir
7:30 Senior Choir

27

28
Trunk or Treat
11-1

29
Reformation Sunday
Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
AA 8:00 PM (PH)

30
Piecworkers
1:00 PM
6:00 PM Brownies
7:00 PM
Pioneer Band

31
10:30 AM Prayer Group (TGP)
6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)



Nicole Markulics	10/1	Linda Marucci	10/2
Susan Nagle-Schwartz	10/2	Dorothy Williams	10/2
Charles Silvius	10/3	Wendy Knutsen-Hess	10/4
Lauren Weaver	10/4	Annette Armstrong	10/5
Lance Ziegenfuss	10/5	Steven Hirth	10/6
Stephen Yoo	10/6	Jeffrey Decker	10/7
Shiryl Decker	10/7	Elaine Gensits	10/7
Albert Thomas	10/7	Janet Colburn	10/11
Don Miller	10/11	Judith Paine	10/11
Valance Weidner	10/11	Donna Ziegenfuss	10/11
Anita Belles	10/12	Elaine Majercak	10/13
James Rohrbach	10/15	Christopher Whittaker	10/16
Beth Bollinger	10/20	Tammi Loch-Eberhart	10/20
Sara Laub	10/22	Jacquelyn Daniel	10/24
Linda Schadler	10/24	Terri Schmidt	10/25
Terri Schmidt	10/25	William Strobl	10/25
Betty Kern	10/26	Betty Kern	10/26
Michael Kotsch	10/26	Deborah Whittaker	10/26
Erich H Berg	10/28	Colotta Knittle	10/28
Jane Affa	10/29	Paul Eichelberger	10/29
Linda Gerhart	10/29	Ronald Gerlach	10/29
Jane Ramer	10/29	Charles Decker	10/31



Matthew and Nicole Markulics	10/2
William and Rose Strobl	10/2
Hollie Litak	10/5
Elaine Gensits	10/8
Dean and Pat Wotring	10/10
Kim Hofstetter	10/11
Brian and Cindy Holobusky	10/12
Donald and Betty Kern	10/14
Tammi Loch-Eberhart	10/14
Patricia Smith	10/14
Ernie and Kathryn Kotsch	10/17
Amanda Kutzura	10/17
Melinda Beck	10/19
Jennifer Makatura	10/23
Lauren Weslosky	10/23
Pamela Blacker	10/28