

God's Work Our Hands

TRI COUNTY LUTHERAN PARISH OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

"I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest."

Genesis 28:15 (KJV)



Greetings and blessings to you all!

Autumn is here, and with it comes cooler weather, the beautiful fall colors and yet another busy time of year. It seems that the older I get the more things there are to do and not enough time to do them. It's been very busy around our place. We've moved on from all the irrigating, haying and wheat harvest, to completing the wheat planting and now are getting ready to combine the dryland corn. In between all of that, we've pulled the bulls from our cow herd, hauled them to a temporary pasture, preconditioned the calves, and poured the cows with more insecticide. It seems that the flies have just been thicker this year than I remember in the past. In just a few weeks, we will be picking out replacement heifers, which will be kept in my corrals until time for summer pasture next May, and hauling the rest to the sale barn. I always get pretty excited about picking out heifers to keep...but that excitement soon wears off when I find myself having to do chores twice a day...especially when the weather changes to below zero and snow!

At the end of October, on Halloween, we will be celebrating Reformation Sunday. On October 31, 1517, 504 years ago, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. It is said that Martin Luther chose this day to get the attention of the common people, but that has never been proven. At any rate, the Protestant Reformation started at this time and Martin Luther's 95 Theses was written to protest against the sale of indulgences. It certainly changed the church forever. No longer would people be "buying" their forgiveness and their way into salvation. It is tradition to wear red on Reformation Sunday and the paraments are changed from green to red. If you've ever wondered why red, it is to represent the Holy Spirit and the martyrs. Another tradition is to sing Luther's hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God".

A Few Exciting Things Going on:

RE:Formation 2021 – Formerly known as "Fall Theological", the annual gathering will take place October 18th to October 20th. The event will be in person at the Kearney Holiday Inn, as well as available online.

Old Settlers' Day – The turnout for this year's celebration was phenomenal. Congratulations to Wayne Fraass for placing 3rd and to Gloria Dei for placing 1st in the parade.

God's Work Our Hands & Rally Sunday –

The joint worship service at Gloria Dei on September 12th was followed by our service project of putting together school kits for Lutheran World Relief. This year beat last year's record by ten...we put together an amazing 60 school kits! Thank you to all who helped!

Confirmation Classes -- Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, October 10th following the service at Gloria Dei. The curriculum is called "Colaborate" from Spark House. We will have 2 students again this year, and they are in their second and final year. It is a 2 year program that covers the Old & New Testaments, Lutheran Living and Lutheran History and Catechism. Anyone grade 6 or older is invited to join us for classes.





On Sunday, September 12th, Grace and Gloria Dei joined together for worship in Lodgepole to celebrate God's Work Our Hands and Rally Sunday. After worship, we started our God's Work Our Hands project putting together school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Misty applied for a grant, which helped purchase the items needed and we put together an amazing 60 school kits this year! A potluck lunch with fried chicken from Sonny's and numerous delicious side dishes that everyone brought finished off our day. God is good! All the time!

OLD SETTLERS' DAY 2021 "GO BIG BLUE"



Gloria Dei won 1st Place
in the parade with their
float!

Congratulations!!



COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE IN THE PARK

Misty and the kids of Gloria Dei performed a skit at the Community Church Service on Sunday, September 5. The service was led by Rev. Ceciliah Keega of the Chappell and Lodgepole United Methodist Churches.

DEVOTIONAL, PRAYER LIST AND BIRTHDAYS

Calm and Quiet

Scripture Reading — [Psalm 131:1-3](#)

I have calmed and quieted myself. — [Psalm 131:2](#)

Stress levels keep rising. At work, at school, even at home, the pressure is on. Productivity targets climb. Housing bubbles burst. Viruses run out of control. Who can calm down? Who can relax?

Well, maybe I can take a cue from Psalm 131 and not concern myself with things above my pay grade. Maybe I can imagine myself as a toddler snuggling against my mother's warmth, the gentle rhythm of her breathing soothing me. Ahhh. Can I just stay here?

When Jesus was a toddler, he and his family were refugees in Egypt. What a lot they had experienced! Visits by smelly shepherds and stargazing foreigners. A close escape from Herod's hit squad. And then months turning into years while they lived as strangers in a strange land.

Yet we can imagine Mary picking up Jesus and wrapping him in her arms. And we can imagine Jesus finding comfort from her warmth and her steady breathing. Out of place in Egypt, threatened back home—none of that was a concern for little Jesus, who rested quietly in his mother's embrace.

The psalm and Jesus himself invite us to snuggle against the warmth of God's presence, to rest in God's embrace, to trust God when the pressure is on, to trust God like Jesus trusted his mother's arms.

Prayer:

It can be hard to calm down, Jesus. Too much is too scary and too far beyond me. With hope in God, help me to share a quiet rest with you. Amen

Daily Devotional for September 23, 2021 written by Bob Arbogast and posted at:
<https://todaydevotional.com/devotions/calm-and-quiet>

PRAYER LIST

Grace: Neva Schmid

Gloria Dei: Lloyd Frerichs, Holly Jones, Marge Jones, DeAnn Larson, Ernie Kahrs, Barb Namuth, Pat Rufenacht, Richard Bruns, Kimberly Valla Martinez, Dan Dickinson, Lezlee Anderson, Kathy Buttle, Gina Maytorena, Anita Watkins, Denny Franklin

OCTOBER LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR GD

Oct 3rd – Ruth Fraass

Oct 10th – April Misegadis

Oct 17th – Julie Bond

Oct 24th – Catie Bondegard

Oct 31st – Reformation Sunday

NOTE: If you cannot read on your Sunday, please switch with someone if you can or contact Bonita @ (308) 254-3095 and she will find someone to switch with you.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct 1st —Lyn Wilds

Oct 11th – Glenn Fraass

Oct 18th – Darrell Dykman

Oct 20th – Linda Walmsley

Oct 28th – Bonita Dickinson

Oct 30th – Hope Michelman

Oct 31st – Julie Bond

NOTE: If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please provide those dates to PMA Brenda so we can celebrate everyone's special days!

GD Cleaning Schedule/Altar Care

October – Misty/Girls; Julie/Tim; Catie/Kids

The Church Council and I thank each and every one of you for all that you do to keep our church beautiful!

A special THANK YOU to LLOYD FRERICHS, GLENN FRAASS and DALE DICKINSON for ushering and lighting the candles every Sunday for so many years.

**MISSION STATEMENT OF THE
TRI-COUNTY LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Gloria Dei Lutheran Churches**
*“Tri County Lutheran Parish and the church exist
so that all people may:*

*KNOW the love of God in Jesus Christ
GROW as disciples of Jesus Christ
GO share the love of God in Jesus Christ.”*

**TRI COUNTY LUTHERAN PARISH
GRACE AND GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCHES
~ October 2021 ~**

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | PASTOR | APPRECIATION | MONTH | 30 Panhandle Cluster Meeting 10 a.m. at the Lakota Lutheran Center Scottsbluff | 1 | 2  |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 GD Council Meeting following worship Confirmation Class at GD following worship | 11 Columbus Day | 12 Helping Hands on a Mission Quilting GD 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Thanksgiving for Baptism | 18 RE:Formation @ the Holiday Inn Kearney & online →→→→→→→→→→ →→ | 19 Chappell/Lodgepole Ministerial Meeting 2:00 p.m. AOG Chappell →→→→→→→→→→ →→ | 20 →→→→→→→→→→ 18 th thru 20 th | 21 | 22 George/Kromarek Wedding Rehearsal 4:30 p.m. Gloria Dei | 23 Brandon George & Sara Kromarek Wedding 4:00 p.m. Gloria Dei |
| 24 | 25 | 26 Helping Hands on a Mission Quilting GD 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 Reformation Sunday Halloween  | | | | | | |

Next Month:
 November 1 – All Saints’ Day (Celebrated on Sunday, November 7)
 November 1-5 – LWR Ingathering
 November 2 – Christ the King Sunday
 November 11 – Veteran’s Day
 November 25 – Thanksgiving
 November 28 – First Sunday of Advent