

THE CHIMES



Message from the Pastor

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” – Ecclesiastes 3:1

“The only constant in life is change.”- Heraclitus

While it is paradoxical, the quote from the ancient Greek philosopher is true. Whether we like it or not, change is truly the only thing that is guaranteed in this life. Nothing ever stays the same.

Change can be unnerving or pleasant and can be viewed negatively or positively. Regardless of the change itself, one thing it always affords us is an opportunity to learn and grow.

On Sunday, October 29, we will commemorate Martin Luther and the Reformation of the church, the single largest shift in Christianity since the founding of the church.

It was not out of spite that Luther sparked this movement, nor was it his intent to cause a schism in the church. Instead, he wanted to see wrongs that he had observed made right again.

In the Lutheran tradition, we recognize the need to be “Always Reforming.” We understand that we are never really done growing into Christ. As we live and learn new lessons, we strive to model Jesus more and more in our daily lives.

As the summer turns to autumn and the leaves once again change color and begin to fall, we should be reminded that we, too, need to change and grow—to be “Always Reforming” as individuals, as a community here at LMC, and as Christ’s church. May we recognize where we fall short and work to change.

Pastor Brett

Joel's Food Pantry



*Once an Eagle,
Always an Eagle*

Joel Nelson finished his Eagle Scout project and is one step closer to becoming an Eagle Scout.

He raised funds to cover the cost of building a mini food pantry and an extra \$530 for the LMC food pantry to purchase additional food and hygiene items for his project.

A special thanks to Troop 22 Scouts who helped with the work, those who donated money, Richard Tournear who donated an EPDM roof with adhesive, Mike Schrage for help with securing the posts, and Rich Demien who was the perfect project coach.





The mini food pantry is located in the parking lot of Luther Memorial Church at 12th and Jersey. It is behind QJHS and between the entrance doors of the food pantry and the door used for groups.

Over the course of June, July, and August, the LMC food pantry welcomed 225 different households on Tuesday mornings.

Joel's project will benefit those who are hungry and thirsty 24/7.



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LMC Youth Group

GAMES

All Junior High and High School aged youth are invited to stay after faith formation on Sunday October 22nd for pizza and games! Invite your friends! We will wrap at 2:00pm.



SYNOD YOUTH RETREAT

Save the Dates: November 17-19

This year's synod retreat for youth ages sixth grade through high school will be held November 17-19 at Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville. The out of pocket cost is the registration fee of \$189/participant. If you are interested in attending or have questions, contact Kari Gosteli at 309-657-5175 or kari@gosteli.org.

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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Young Adult Gathering

There will be a parent meeting for all those interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering July 16-20 in New Orleans.

The meeting will take place in LMC's Great Room on Sunday **October 8th at 11:30am**. Youth participants must be in 8th to 12th grade at the time of registration (October 31st).



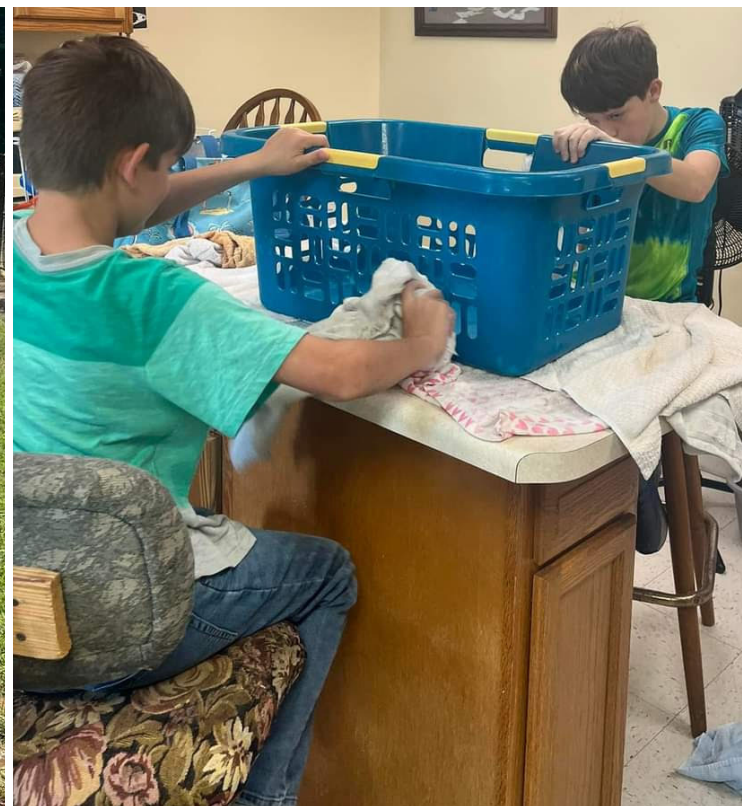
LMC is hosting a Trunk or Treat on **Sunday, October 29 from 3:00pm-4:30pm.**

Bring your children, grandkids, friends, and neighbors for an afternoon of Halloween fun!

Please sign up to decorate your car and pass out candy on either Sign-up Genius or on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. There will be a prize given for the best decorated vehicle.

God's work. Our hands.

Sunday, September 10, 2023 was the 10th annual ELCA church-wide God's Work Our Hands service initiative. Check out how LMC served others.



Homeward Bound Waggin'

Disciples at LMC have a heart for God's furry friends, too! Disciples joined others at Homeward Bound Waggin' to help organize and clean facilities there.



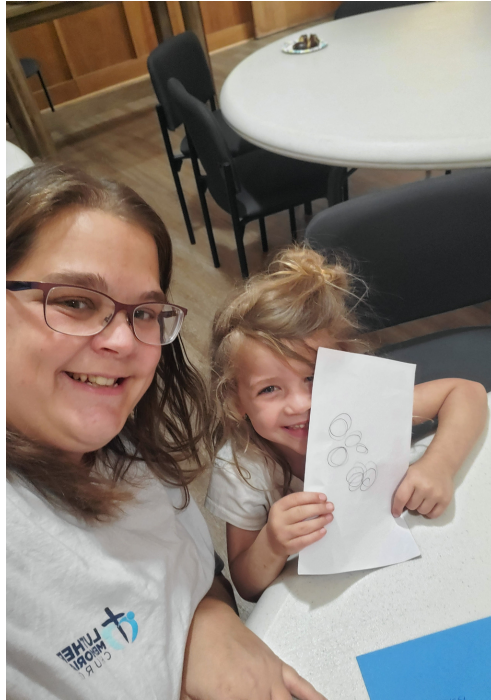
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Filling Mini Pantries

There are numerous little free food pantries in and around Quincy. Volunteers from LMC took food and hygiene items that were donated by the congregation and distributed them throughout the area.



God's work. Our hands.



Care Cards & Crafts

Our third project included making care cards for our homebound disciples and thank-you cards for Quincy-area public servants such as firefighters, police, teachers and more! We also made some crafty potholders to be given away.

Date Night Challenge!

Fall in Love All Over Again: Join Our Date Night Challenge this October!

Autumn is here! The leaves are changing color and the sweaters are coming out of the closets. The change in seasons brings a change in routine--the kids are back in school, Fall sports are in full swing, and the demands of daily life can be as endless as ever. The change of season can serve as a reminder that all marriages have seasons. Some seasons are more challenging than others, but seasons are normal, and change calls for rebalancing, because life comes at us fast. This October, take the time to go on a date with the most important person in your life--your spouse!

From October to December, we'll give you a couple of date ideas. Use them (or your own ideas) and spend some quality time with your partner. Post a photo of the two of you on your date to the LMC Members Facebook page with the hashtag #DateNightChallenge to be entered into a prize drawing!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/luthermemorialquincy>



Late September through October is always the best time for picking fresh apples and pumpkins, and it makes for a beautiful way to enjoy the Fall weather. Many patches and orchards have corn mazes, hayrides, and other festive activities to take advantage of. You can bake apple or pumpkin pie or make caramel apples together afterward.

Questions

1. Remember back to your first date and share your memory of it. (Add some fun! Write it down and see how you remember it differently).
2. If you could plan the perfect date with me, what would that include?
3. What are you most excited about at this point in our lives?





WHAT'S BETTER THAN COFFEE? HEAD TO YOUR FAVORITE COFFEE SHOP OR A PLACE YOU HAVE NOT BEEN TO YET AND HAVE A DATE OVER A CUP OF JOE.

QUESTIONS

1. DO YOU LOVE COFFEE? WHAT ROLE HAS COFFEE PLAYED IN YOUR LIFE? WHEN DID YOU START DRINKING IT?
2. WHAT ARE SOME OTHER SIMPLE THINGS IN LIFE THAT YOU FIND DELIGHT IN?
3. HOW WOULD YOU RATE ME AS A LISTENER? IS THERE ANY WAY I CAN BE A BETTER LISTENER TO YOU?

Food Pantry

Donations

The food pantry was blessed in September with a donation of ground pork from the Adams County Farm Bureau.

Disciples of Jesus demonstrate their love of the Gospel and their commitment to Him through the actions of their lives.



ITEM OF THE MONTH

Beginning **October 1**, an item of the month will be the donation focus. Remember, monetary gifts are always appreciated.



October - Canned Meat/Tuna

November - Canned Beans, Fruit or Veggies (not corn or green beans)

December - Peanut Butter (16 oz.) & Jelly

January - Toiletries (Small Shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush)

February - Paper Towels/Toilet Paper

March - Boxed Pasta (Not Mac & Cheese) & Spices

April - Canned Soup/Ramen

May - Dish Soap (small) Laundry Detergent (Sheets or Small Bottles)

June - Energy Drinks, Gatorade, Water

July - Cereal & Microwave Popcorn

Volunteers

Midwest Food Bank Distribution will be received on Monday, **October 23**, around 8:30 a.m. ***Volunteers Needed to help put products on the shelves!!***

October Food Pantry 9-11 am Volunteers:

October 10 - Sharon Kendall, Lorraine Wickman, Rich Demien, and Stephanie Demien

October 10 - Jody Figge, July Pope, Jennifer Bock-Nelson, Rich Demien and Tanna Barry

October 17 - Jody Figge, Cole Miller, Kathy Dieker, Rich Demien, Stephanie Demien

October 24 - July Poppe, Kathy Dieker, Rich Demien, and Stephanie Demien

October 31 - Jennifer Bock-Nelson, Kathy Dieker, Sharon Kendall, Lorraine Wickman

HY-Vee Bakery Pick Up 2023

August - Rich Demien/John Kendall

September- Andy Fries

October - Rich Demien

November - John Kendall

December - Rich Demien

Thank you

Upcoming Youth Events

2023 Youth Events

November 17-19

Carlinsville Youth Retreat
at Lake Williamson
Christian Center

2024 Youth Events

June 10-14

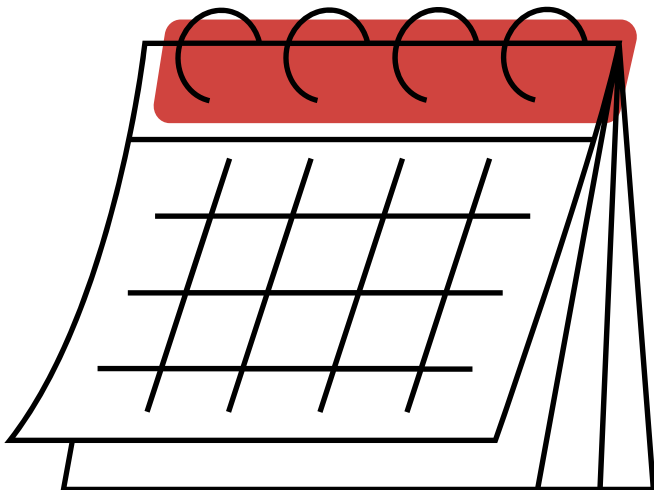
Crossways Confirmation Camp
at Augustana College

June 24-29

Leadership Lab
at Augustana College

July 16-20

ELCA Youth Gathering
in New Orleans
(only occurs every 3 years)



Upcoming Events

EVERY SUNDAY

- 9:30 am - Worship Service of Word and Sacrament
- 10:30 am - Fellowship in the Great Room
- 10:45 am - Faith Formation
(Adults, Children, and Youth)

EVERY THURSDAY

- 10:00 am - Bible Study @ Calftown Coffee House

Oct 02 - Worship Arts Meeting - 7:00 pm

Oct 05 - Table Talk - 7:00 pm @ Ratskeller

Oct 10 - Finance Team Meeting - 4:00 pm

Oct 10 - Church Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

Oct 12 - Youth Ministry Meeting - 7:00 pm

Oct 16 - Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting - 7:00 pm

Oct 17 - Executive Meeting - 7:00 pm

Oct 19 - Table Talk - 7:00 pm @ Ratskeller

Oct 23 - Midwest Food Bank Delivery Day - 8:30 am

Food Pantry Schedule

- Every Monday - Stock Day - 8:00 am
- Every Tuesday - Open to Patrons - 9:00 - 11:00 am

Recovery Group Meeting - Church Basement -
Wayne Crabtree Facilitator

- Every Sunday at 6 pm
- Every Tuesday at 7 pm
- Every Friday at 6 pm

Women's Support Group Meeting - Great Room -
Kala Breder Facilitator

- 2nd Wednesday each month at 7:00 pm

AA Support Group Meeting - Church Basement -
Steve Allen & Rick Irvine Facilitator

- Monday - Saturday 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 6:00 pm
- Wednesday - 7:30 pm
- Friday - 7:00 pm
- Sunday 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Happy Birthday

Jamie Hamby – 03
Timothy Dieker – 06
Alice Becker – 27



None

Did we miss someone's birthday or anniversary?

If so, please contact the Church Office, 217-222-5085, so we can make it right!

Don't Miss Church!

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" John 20:19 (NIV)

Based on John 20:19-31



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Church Council Meeting – Luther Memorial Church

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

In Attendance: Mark Snider, Pastor Brett Gosteli, Rich Demien, Stephanie Demien, Amber Casley, Brandon Dieker, Kara Breder.

Not in Attendance: Lorraine Wickman, Tom Oliver, Addison Gosteli, Kara Moon.

President Mark Snider called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Pastor Brett led the group in prayer and Dwelling in the Word.

Rich made a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting. Kala seconded. Motion carried.

1. Pastor's Report

- a. Prepping for fall with Faith Formations and Sunday School.
- b. Table Talks will also be held the 2nd & 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 at the Rathskeller.

2. New Business

- a. Council Vision was tabled until next month.
- b. Child and Youth Protection Policy was presented. Rich moved to adopt the policy and Amber seconded. Motion carried. Everyone working with children and youth in the church is to fill out forms found at <http://safechurch.lmcquincy.org> by October 10th. Discussed having a volunteer in nursery with the attendant. _____
- c. Increased compensation for Custodian's. Discussion was held on the duties of the custodians and the amount they are currently being paid. Discussed was held. Rich moved that we increase the compensation to \$600 per month effective September 1. Kala seconded. Motion carried.
- d. Thinking ahead about council membership was tabled until next month.

3. Old Business

- a. Council Greater Sign-ups
 - i. Sunday, September 17th – Amber
 - ii. Sunday, September 24th – Mark
 - iii. Sunday, October 1st – Addison
 - iv. Sunday, October 8th – Rich
- b. Stewardship Team
 - i. Pastor gave an update on the Stewardship Team
- c. God's Work, Our Hands Update
 - i. A big Thank You to Amber Casley for the work she did organizing this event. Homeward Bound Waggin was glad to have the help. Three teams went out to the mini pantries to restock them from Congregational Donations. Thank you to all who donated to make this event a success.
- d. Membership Roster
 - i. Discussion was held about how we update our Membership Roster; what are we using for criteria to define a 'member in good standing'; at what point do we roll a person off the Membership Roster?

e. Robocall – Worship in the Park on September 17, 2023. Faith Formation starts in Sept.

f. Next delivery for the food pantry is September 25.

4. Ministry Teams Report

a. Finance Team – Donations are under budget for the month of August; continuing to make changes to the format to make it easier to read.

b. Property Team – Still working on the lights in the sanctuary. Security cameras will be installed around the building.

c. Memorial Team – Tanna Barry is working to get costs for new paraments.

d. Food Pantry – Received a donation of group port from Adams County Farm Bureau. We continue to see new people every week.

e. Worship Arts – Summer attendance was steady. Worship in the Park is scheduled for September 17th. There will be no communion. October 22, Pastor will be out, but will do a musical service, November 12. Pastor will be gone, Rich Demien will be lay leader.

f. Youth Ministry – Rally Sunday was September 10th. Faith Formation (Pre-K, 1 – 5 and Junior High & High School) will begin September 24th. Prayer Partners were assigned. The next WOW Sunday will be October 29th. VBS was successful, averaging 24 kids each night.

5. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10th at 7 pm.

6. Announcements

a. Worship in the Park, September 17th at 10 am at the Wavering Large Shelter House

b. Executive Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00 pm.

Stephanie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kala Seconded. Motion carried.

We ended with the Lord's Prayer

Respectively Submitted,

Stephanie Demien, Substitute Council Secretary



Stay Up to Date!
Imcquincy.org/calendar
 Have an event to promote?
 Contact the church office
 at 217-222-5085 or
[office@Imcquincy.org!](mailto:office@Imcquincy.org)



Hospitalized & Homebound Disciples

If you or someone you know is hospitalized or stuck at home, please let the church office know so Pastor Brett can make a visit.

Call 217-222-5085.

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October 2023

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