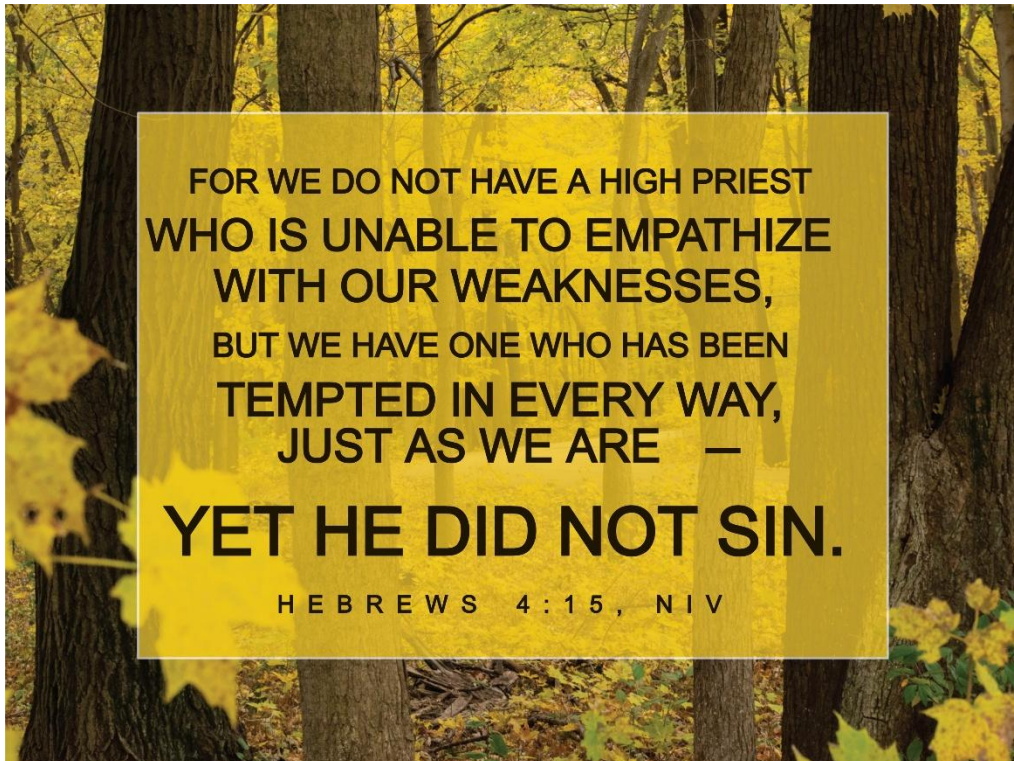


# FOCUS ON FAITH

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Luther, began his teaching career in the Psalms and eventually moved on to teach Romans. When he came to this quote above in Habakkuk, the light bulb went on! Luther began to see that his salvation was based on a faith in what God did for him in Christ. Salvation was certain because of what Jesus did for us that brought about his salvation through faith alone.

This month on the last Sunday in October, we have two themes that happen on the last weekend because of the calendar dates. There is the Reformation celebration on Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup>. Here we highlight the central message that the *Just shall live by faith*. It is a mark of our church that we understand that because of what God did in Christ out of love to save us, we receive through faith/trust in Him. Because of this we are saved and have a place in our Lord's heavenly kingdom.

The second church holy day on that weekend, November 1<sup>st</sup>, is All Saints Day. Here we remember those in Christ who have gone on to be with Him forevermore in heaven. What Jesus gives us in faith is celebrated as we take comfort in knowing where the saints who have been before us have gone. Yet, we need to remember this: this living by faith is not just a future thing, it is a now thing.

When Habakkuk first received the response from God, it was when he was seeing a foreign army from Babylon coming to conquer Judah and take the people into exile. He raised the issue that while the Jews were sinful, these Babylonians were worse. The comforting message is as we make our way through this world with its joys and its pains, we live by a faith or trust in God Who is taking care of us.

The result, whether it be living in this world or in heaven, we live by faith in a loving God Who sees us through all things by His grace until we arrive in His heavenly kingdom. Let us ponder on this great hope and comfort this month.

~ Pastor Bob

## **MIDWEEK ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

This month I am beginning a class on Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, to study a book about a part of the Luther Confessions, *The Smalcald Articles*. While the class is set for at 6:30 pm, if there is enough interest, we could also begin a morning class. The book is \$12. Other materials will be provided in paper form or can be found online. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.





## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

1 Robert Garcia  
2 Tammy Honn  
3 Carmen Onken  
7 Britton Voss  
8 Tom Nearhood  
9 Kimberley Davis  
9 Kaytelynn Ward  
9 Hannah Vincent  
11 Owen Bruner  
12 Jeremiah Davis  
15 Chase Rowland  
15 Owen Voss  
16 Cameron Gibson  
16 Reise Holt  
16 Jason Williams

17 Gunner Gifford  
18 Debbie Brown  
19 Grace Adkins  
19 Stella Dickens  
20 Kathy Fischer  
21 Kerry Lehman  
23 Haither Zaragoza  
24 Jan Garcia  
27 Richard Schott  
28 Debbie McVey  
28 Lily Vincent  
29 Dane Helzer  
30 Fred Bohm  
30 Julie Green  
31 Barbara Woodworth

### Anniversaries

1 Justin & Amber  
Morrow  
3 Keaton & Taylor  
Arnold  
8 Curtis & Suzanne  
Campbell  
25 Lars & Kathy Fischer  
26 Frank & Sandy Fogle  
26 Rev. Thomas &  
Sandy Johnson  
26 Colton & Lauren  
Schoonover  
28 Rodney & Phyllis  
Clark



The fall academic semester is now underway. Dan is teaching Biblical Greek and Hebrew to seven seminarians. The learning of the Biblical languages is very challenging. We give thanks to God that the seminarians are putting forth a great effort and are progressing well.

Please keep Kathy in prayer as she begins therapy to treat excessive knee pain. We thank you for supporting the Latin America mission.

~ The Conrads [lcms.org/Conrad](http://lcms.org/Conrad)



### Missions

### Chicken Noodle Dinner at Faith Lutheran Church

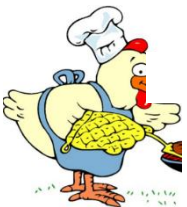
Tuesday, October 13, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Dine In & Carry Out

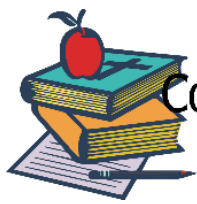
Adults: \$12.00      Ages 5-9: \$5.00

Ages 4 and under - no charge

Quart Chicken & Noodles: \$12.00



Fall back Saturday night, October 31,  
so you'll be to church on time Sunday, Nov. 1!



## From the Concordia Academy Headmaster

Have you noticed a lot of well-dressed kids at the school? If you have, this is because we now have a pretty uniform approach to the dress code! One might view this as repressive or focused on rules, but it is actually a very freeing thing for students.

In the most practical sense, wearing a uniform takes the worrisome decision of what to wear off your hands when preparing to follow the vocation of being a student. From the view of cost, it reduces the overall clothing costs for the student. Many schools develop clothes banks of school uniforms handed in by students who graduated or out-grew their clothes. This results in a ready supply of inexpensive uniforms. However, there are a couple of more important factors. Uniforms signify that a student has shown up to be part of the school and is ready to study, to submit to the school environment, and understand each student belongs to a cohort of fellow students and teachers. Additionally, we practice a very important principle: giving and serving. We realize we do not dress for ourselves, but for others. We dress appropriately for the situation in order to make others comfortable, to let others know we value them enough to please them by good manners. Ultimately, God adorns us with his Grace, making us secure in who we are, not needing to strive for recognition or individuality. These things come to us much more when we display a servant's heart, in the process of being molded to the likeness of the Son of God by the Holy Spirit. Man will look on the outward appearance, we are aware of God's indwelling, and His will for all of mankind. Let us know what you think of the new school uniforms!

In the Bonds of Christ's Love,  
Dan Snyder, Headmaster Concordia Academy.



**OCTOBER COLLECTION FOR CARE & SHARE:** Requested items are deodorant, canned soups, canned vegetables, canned meats, sugar and flour. Please place in the grocery cart in the breezeway.



**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Sat., Oct. 31, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Free Hot Dogs & Bouncy house fun!



## OCTOBER IS NATIONAL "CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH"

This is a great opportunity to demonstrate love, appreciation, and encouragement for Pastor Bob as well as other pastors. Consider the instruction of the Apostle Paul as he writes: "We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work..." 1 Thess. 5:12-13 Diligently pray God blesses and guides Pastor Johnson and all other pastors and seminary students.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PROVIDE 30 TRUNKS FOR TRUNK OR TREAT:**



There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for providing a trunk with candy as well as donations of candy, hot dogs, & buns. The event will start at 5:30 pm and have a big bouncy house for the children. We've been advertising on the church's Facebook page and hope to have a good crowd.



**OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE**

**ALTAR GUILD:** Pam Green & Karen Harland

**1st Service – 8:15AM**

**USHERS:** Melvin Hollenbeck

**October 4**

Elder Max Ayers  
Acolyte Devyn Reed  
Crucifer Kevin Forward

**October 11**

Elder Duane Way  
Acolyte None

**October 18**

Elder Kevin Forward  
Acolyte Xavier Schoonover  
Crucifer Alivia White

**October 25**

Elder Steve Davis  
Acolyte None

**2nd Service – 10:45AM**

**USHERS:** Gerry Faley

**October 4**

Elder Lyle Blue  
Acolyte None

**October 11**

Elder Steve Bartlett  
Acolyte Nikki Ramsomugh-Platz  
Crucifer Lora Davis

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