

# October, 2025

**October Worship Assistants**  
**Ushers: Dial Families**  
**Altar Guild: Traci Miller**  
**Acolytes: Chloe Larson, Addison White**  
**Tech Assistant: Amree Hilfiker**

***October is Pastor Appreciation Month!***  
*This October - and every month - encourage your pastor by offering your prayers, support, and kind words. Ministry can be demanding, but knowing the church is lifting them up makes all the difference.*

**October 4 is the Installation of the Presiding Bishop.** Bishop-elect Yehiel Curry will be installed during worship, beginning at 2:00 pm, Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN. A live video stream of the installation will be available for those unable to attend. The Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected as the next presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, AZ, on July 30<sup>th</sup>. He will begin this role on October 1, 2025.

**Wed, Oct. 1**  
 3:30-5:00 Wednesday Kids  
 4:00-4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 4:30-5:00 pm Tone Chimes  
 5:30-7:15 Confirmation meal and class  
 7:30-8:30 HS Youth Group

**Thu, Oct. 2**

**Fri, Oct. 3**

**Sat, Oct. 4**  
 Installation of Bishop-elect Yehiel Curry. (information is to the left)

**Sun, Oct. 5**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion  
 10:00 Fellowship  
 10:15 Sunday School  
 10:15 Bible and Brew

**Sun, Oct. 5**

Scripture: John Schlafke  
 Greeter: Gomez/Palomo Family  
 Treats: Barquist, Grove

**Mon, Oct. 6**

10-am Coffee in the Chapel  
 1-2 pm Lord's Cupboard is open  
 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open

**Tue, Oct. 7**

12:00 Tuesday Together Time – for the community  
 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study

**Wed, Oct. 8:**

3:30-5:00 Wednesday Kids  
 4:00-4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 4:30-5:00 pm Tone Chimes  
 5:30-7:15 Confirmation meal and class  
 7:30-8:30 HS Youth Group

**Thu, Oct. 9**

**Fri, Oct. 10**

**Sat, Sept 11**

**Sun, Oct. 12**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion  
 10:00 Special Congregation Meeting  
 10:00 Fellowship  
 10:15 Sunday School  
 10:15 Bible and Brew  
**11 AM – 2 PM: Community Potluck**

**Sun, Oct. 12**

Scripture: Sherri Hove  
 Greeter: Lynn Beyer  
 Treats: Thelen

?’s Talk with Traci Miller.

**Mon, Oct. 13**

10-am Coffee in the Chapel  
 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open  
**7:00 pm Church Council**

**Tue, Oct. 14**

12:00 Tuesday Together Time – for the community  
 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study  
**2:00 pm Worship at Timberland – all are welcome!**  
**MOBILE FOOD TRUCK FROM IOWA FOOD BANK**

**Wed, Oct. 15**

3:30-5:00 Wednesday Kids  
 4:00-4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 4:30-5:00 pm Tone Chimes  
 5:30-7:15 Confirmation meal and class  
 7:30-8:30 HS Youth Group

**Thu, Oct. 16**



**Fri, Oct. 17**

**Sat, Sept 18**  
 Mary and Martha Travel  
 WELCA Fall Fun Field trip through beautiful Clayton County  
 RSVP by 10/13

**Sun, Oct. 19**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Mission Sunday: Iowa Food Bank**  
 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion  
 10-am Fellowship  
 10:15 Sunday School  
 10:15 Bible and Brew

**Sun, Oct. 19**

Scripture: Roma Miller  
 Greeter: Dick & Sylvia Steffen  
 Treats: Nibe

**Mon, Oct. 20**

10-am Coffee in the Chapel  
 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open

**Tues, Oct. 21**

12:00 Tuesday Together Time – for the community  
 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study

**Wed, Oct. 22**

3:30-5:00 Wednesday Kids  
 4:00-4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 4:30-5:00 pm Tone Chimes  
 5:30-7:15 Confirmation meal and class  
 7:30-8:30 pm HS Youth Group

**Thu, Oct. 23**

**Fri, Oct. 24**

**Sat, Sept 25**

**Sun, Oct. 26**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**REFORMATION SUNDAY**  
 9:00 Worship with Kid's Church  
 10-am Fellowship  
 10:15 Sunday School  
**10:15 Pumpkin Auction**

**Sun, Oct. 26**

Scripture: Traci Miller  
 Greeter: Nick Consier family  
 Treats: Dial

**Wear Red!**

**Mon, Oct. 27**

10-am Coffee in the Chapel  
 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open

**Tue, Oct. 28**

12:00 Tuesday Together Time – for the community  
 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study

**Wed, Oct 29**

3:30-5:00 Wednesday Kids  
 4:00-4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 4:30-5:00 pm Tone Chimes  
 5:30-7:15 Confirmation meal and class  
 7:30-8:30 pm HS Youth Group

**Thu, Oct. 30**

**Fri, Oct 31**



### October Birthdays

- 2 Jodi McGonigle  
Garrett Hanson  
Tammy Schafer-Schwerin
- 3 Jeff Scott
- 4 Lori Thompson  
Larry Sharer  
Cade Flaugh
- 5 Skylar Hildebrand '13
- 9 Easton Consier '12
- 10 Henry Arnold '12  
Melanie Thelen '18
- 11 Trevor Swenson  
Lori Vincent  
Amree Hilfiker
- 13 Zach Thompson  
Mike Hill
- 17 Tate Erickson '19
- 18 Sergio Gomez Roaro
- 20 Kate Barkema
- 21 Danny Waugh
- 22 Mark Henderson  
Avery Ehlert
- 23 Sam Koehnke
- 24 Mischelle Hardy
- 26 Henry Nibe
- 27 Ethan Young  
Clark Streight
- 29 McKenna Jewell  
Donna Sharer



### October Anniversaries

- 1 Larry & Jill Tjernagel
- 8 Troy and Jessica Knutson
- 10 Nick & Leah Consier
- 11 Dennis & Jodi Barkema  
Ralph & Mischelle Hardy
- 12 Mike & Julie Grove
- 14 Austin & Kay Lynn Hildebrand  
Zach & Deb Thompson
- 29 Jerry & Stacy Alsager

## From LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA: Your Support makes this Testimony possible...

### Meet Aurora – A Story of Perseverance, Purpose, and new Beginnings

Aurora is a mom to three little ones; ages 1, 4, and 5. For the last three years, she's devoted herself fully to her family as a stay-at-home mom, pouring her energy into caring for her children and keeping her household running, often singlehandedly while her husband worked away from home most of the week.

*One day, Aurora felt a stirring in her spirit, a desire to take a bold step toward something new. She began to ask herself a powerful question: "What's next for me?"*

*With courage and careful planning, Aurora decided to enroll in a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) course. It wasn't an easy decision. Balancing young kids, household responsibilities, and a demanding course load would be a challenge for anyone, but Aurora was determined. She mapped out a way to make it possible: she enrolled in a class held in the town where her parents live so they could help with childcare, and committed to a grueling commute 45-minute drive each way, every day with three young kids in tow.*

Some days, the kids had to be up before sunrise. Some weeks, Aurora spent the night at her parents' home to make things a little easier for everyone. She studied after bedtime and fit in coursework between diaper changes, mealtimes, and playground runs. And through it all, she kept going with little sleep, deep determination, and a whole lot of love.

Even with her husband gone most weekdays for work, Aurora never gave up. She showed up for her kids and for her future. This summer, she achieved her goal of completing the CNA program!

**NOW, AURORA IS ON THE JOB HUNT, STEPPING CONFIDENTLY INTO A NEW CHAPTER. SHE'S BUILDING A CAREER THAT WILL HELP SUPPORT HER FAMILY, GIVE HER A RENEWED SENSE OF PURPOSE, AND SHOW HER CHILDREN WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO CHASE A DREAM AND FINISH STRONG.**

*Aurora's story is one of strength, resilience, and transformation and it's just one of many made possible through the support and services of LSI.*



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