



# The Messenger

Ordinary people, Extraordinary God.....

## Halloween and Spiritual Warfare'

From Pastor Bruce Grentz



### Calendar Hi-lights

10/02 12:30 PM WMS MINISTRY MONTHLY LUNCH

10/03 9:AM WELCOME REACH MEETING

10/09 WMS. MIN MORNING YOGA

10/09 WMS. MIN AFTERNOON CRAFTING

10/10 2ND SUN. OFFERING-HELPS LANTERN HSE

10/14 9-4 QUILTING

6:30 CHURCH COUNCIL MTG. TBD

10/20 7:00P STAR CUTTING

10/31 5TH SUNDAY OFFERING FOR LCMC DISTRICT

**October  
Hospitality  
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Well, it's October and most people think about Halloween or All Hallows Eve rather than Pumpkin Spice Lattes or Reformation Sunday. Allegedly, Halloween ranks right behind Christmas as the biggest commercial day of the year. Granted seeing all the kids dressed up in different costumes is a fun event. Last year, our kids went with the Kaiser kids all over the Kaiser's neighborhood. Due to needing both knees replaced, I sat in the car driving along the street while Dwayne walked with all our kids. Our kids had a blast as we saw it as just plain fun minus all the religious significance that others ascribe to it.

But its origins are spiritually suspect for sure. Through the years I had to deal with very conservative people who said we should have nothing to do with Halloween. They asserted that back in the day people believed this was the night that the spirits of the dead were let loose to roam the earth. If you didn't leave a treat out for them on your front stoop, then they (the spirits) would play a trick on you. And if you didn't want to give the spirits a treat, you could scare them away with a carved-out turnip with a very scary face. Now,

we use pumpkins. Afterall, when was the last time you ate a turnip or even saw one for that matter? But what should our perspective be about the second biggest commercial day of the year?

We can get crazy and not allow our kids or anyone to have some good fun wearing a costume while amassing a year's supply of candy. Or we can be too lax by not seeing any spiritual significance to this day. Now, the church attempted to sanctify Halloween by declaring the day after Halloween, All Saints Day. In fact, in the Roman Catholic Church (RCC), All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation. You must attend Mass that day or you commit a mortal sin. And according to their doctrine, unless it's changed since I left the RCC in 1973, a mortal sin unconfessed and unabsolved sends one directly to hell. So, the RCC took Halloween very seriously as they tried to sanctify the next day by making attending Mass mandatory.

But we, Lutherans, know that we are not saved by what we do for God but by what the Lord Jesus Christ did for us on the cross and our faith in Him alone for our salvation. Consequently, we are free to celebrate Halloween. As Paul said in I Corinthians 10:23, "All things are lawful," but not all things are

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helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up." For our kids, Halloween is simply about getting candy and a costume. They don't really know its history, nor do they ascribe spiritual significance to it. But we as adults need to determine whether going trick or treating is helpful, builds up our kiddos somehow or tears down their faith?

As I've said, for most kiddos it's all about the candy and not about the spirit world. They are simply having fun in a costume. But if our kids or we, adults, are invited to Halloween parties with Tarot Cards, Ouija Boards and various types of spiritism, then stay away for sure. Even though they just seem like party games, they are not. The spirit world is something we don't understand very well so other than looking to the Holy Spirit through God's Word and sacrament, we need to stay away from anything that purports to give us spiritual guidance.

Remember 2 Corinthians 11:14 tells us, "Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light." He will do his very best to convince us that playing with a Ouija board can't hurt us. But it can. It can create an unhealthy interest in the spirit world and for those who need answers, it just might be where they turn. But we want them and us to always turn to the Lord and the power of his might not the power of darkness.

May we use this Halloween to remind ourselves that there is spiritual warfare going on around us all the time. After all, the devil never sleeps. This October and especially, around Halloween, may we put on our spiritual armor as mentioned in Ephesians 6:10-17 and pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people (Ephesians 6:18).

Happy Halloween! Wait should I say that? If it's simply putting on a costume and getting some candy maybe it is a happy time but if it represents to you the power of darkness and death, and spirits roaming the earth that you have to scare away, then it might be best to have nothing to do with it.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Bruce

## \*\* FROM THE DESK OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT \*\*

*I cannot believe I am writing the newsletter for October! I know the summer was HOT but where does the time go? Here we go into another Season. Fall is coming, ready or not! Couple of things I know hopefully for sure is there will be a Trunk or Treat and there will not be an Octoberfest. We can hope and Pray that it will be a much more adventurous October let alone YEAR for 2022.*

*I am looking forward to a few things to come; I get my first Caretaker trip of the year this month! Well, two in one! Lucky for me I get to go to San Antonio again to see my Grandbabies... What can be more fun than that for someone like me! God truly has blessed me, and our Church Family with the love I (we) have and get from the children in all of our lives. (We may move the council meeting, but I will let all know if that happens.)*

*Please take some time if you have not yet looked at our new windows in the Fellowship Hall. As a reminder please Take the Time to thank John for all the work he did on these. We all need to remember that things do not happen within our little church by themselves. It takes many to*

keep our Church standing and looking nice. Thanks to Pat for always making our entrance and flower beds look beautiful! Jim Campbell works hard to keep the edging done around the entire church and outside perimeter of our property. They have all said (without complaining) some help would be nice. We do need to remember all those that help with the upkeep.

As I am writing this, I am also worried about the Financial Secretary Position. This is something that we all need to be praying about. This has been open for over 5 months by the time you read this. Bobbi is not just going to continue to do it. She is retiring from it after doing it for so long. **WE NEED A REPLACEMENT. We NEED PEOPLE to STEP Up** and help our Church. Coming on Sundays is Awesome, but there is more to church then helping with contact tracing, ushering, and sitting in the pew. Doing God's work is not always easy, but it can be very fulfilling.

Russ Smith our Media Team Rep. did inform us that Diane would only be playing the first week of the month for our Early Services. Council decided to add her to the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month when we have one. Please make sure to come and support her when you can!

Mom is healthy and well; thank you all for your prayers for her. I do not expect her memories to come back; although it is fun hearing about old ones that I have never heard before. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as I keep all of you in mine.

Till Next month...

Annie Coyle 801-808-1999



### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ~ Dan Kartak Lead**

The "Sylvia Jones" Golf 4 the Son tournament total profit after expenses were \$1,198.58. Thank you again to everyone who helped.

We still need to get the last puzzle pieces sold so we can have a construction party to put it together.

We look forward to announcing the next Fundraiser Drive for more needed improvements.



### **FELLOWSHIP ~ Renae Schmid - Russ Smith Council Rep**



### **GROW-BIBLE HOUR ~ Justine Ashcraft - Josh Ascraft Council Rep**

Thank you to those who came to our Sunday school planning meeting and for your willingness to help! I appreciate it very much. I'm excited to get this Sunday school year started. Sunday school starts at 9:00am and will end at 9:45. I pray that your children are eager to come each week! We are excited to have Renae do music time with the kids and are discussing having them perform the songs they learn for the congregation a few times throughout the year! Weekly involvement will make a huge difference in their confidence to perform!

**"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." Colossians 3:16**

October 10th will be our first Sunday to perform for the congregation. Please have your children to church by 8:45 so they can sing at the end of 1st service then attend Sunday school, then we will perform again at the beginning of 2nd service! We want to give all parishioners a chance to see our children sing! Thanks!



## **MEN'S MINISTRY ~ Elton Sutherland - *Dave Engen Council Rep.***

### **Bible Study**

We are finished with our study of Acts. We were moved in dramatic ways by the early church in how they bonded and formed to spread the Gospel in exciting ways. The Spirit's power was displayed through healing and preaching and is present today to help us apply the riches of Scripture in our own lives. We will take a fall break from our studies and will resume in January 2022 when we will study "The Augsburg Confession and It's Apology." Alan Huss, Don and Barb McFarland are still willing to meet for breakfast and Christian fellowship; just give them a call or text to let them know.

### **Christian Men's Network**

For over 40 years the Christian Men's Network has been a highly effective global movement of pastors and leaders dedicated to training men toward their roles as servant-leaders in their families, church, and culture.

The goal of CMN is to Build Men, Build Churches, and Transform Culture. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, God does it...one man at a time.

You can find the "ChristianMensNetwork" channel on YouTube or on the web at [cmn.men](http://cmn.men).

Bill Lange of OSLC has recommended CMN for men who are struggling in this time of need. Please reach out to Bill if you need encouragement or have questions. (801)510-3994

### **Living on the Edge**

Living on the Edge exists to help Christians live like Christians. Established in 1995 as the radio ministry of pastor and author Chip Ingram, God has since grown it into an international discipleship ministry. Living on the Edge provides Biblical teaching and discipleship resources that challenge and equip spiritually hungry Christians all over the world to become mature disciples of Jesus.

The ultimate vision of Living on the Edge is to be a catalytic movement of Christians living out their faith in ways that transform families, churches, and communities for the common good and the glory of God. Learn more by visiting [LivingontheEdge.org](http://LivingontheEdge.org). If you have any questions please contact Elton Sutherland, 385-244-5499.

### **Prayer Time**

We encourage everyone to tune in to the pastor's Facebook page Live at 7PM on Wednesday nights to take part in prayers for who ever needs them as led by our pastor. This is an awesome time and he will pray any request sent to him. Thank you, Pastor, for leading our church in a way that honors God.

### **Security Team**

We are people of the congregation who have taken an interest in the safety and well being of the church. We will be providing security for the LCMC District gathering Oct 22-23. If you would like to participate or have any specialized training you would like to share, please contact Alan Huss. (801) 725-1373

### **Building and Grounds**

It is our wish that you noticed the building has been repainted and looks good going into winter this year.

The new windows on the south side of the fellowship hall are being installed. We always have tasks that need doing and John would love to hear from you. We have painting in the fellowship hall scheduled for the spring. Please donate to the enhancement fund to help finance these projects. Contact John Crossfield or the church office if you are willing to help tackle a project.



## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast is scheduled for October 2nd, 2021. The breakfasts will be held on the first Saturdays of the month through May. The breakfasts are open to all men, young and old, there are wonderful discussions, devotions, and insights to what we as men of the church can be doing as leaders of the church our homes and communities to better serve. The breakfast will start at 8:00 AM in the fellowship hall and last an hour to hour and half. Come out for wonderful food and fellowship. At this time no one is signed up to host the October meeting. If you have any questions, contact Dan Kartak.



## **MISSION & SERVICE** ~ *Kathy Sutherland - Elton Sutherland Council Rep.*

In spite of Covid 19 Our Savior's Lutheran Church is still moving forward in generous giving to our community partners. In October, **Lantern House is the designated recipient for our 2nd Sunday offering.** The Lantern House exists to aid the poor, needy, and homeless by providing them food, shelter, and critical emergency services. They provide a hand up rather than a hand out. The goal is to transition residents from shelter to housing; encouraging their sense of independence, self-sufficiency, and self-confidence. They are committed to carrying out this mission while treating those who come to them with compassion, dignity, and respect.

While Lantern House focuses on individuals, Family Promise is a ministry dedicated to helping children out of homelessness. Watch for more details about how you can play an active part in this much needed ministry.

### **What are 5th Sunday Offerings?**

As members of the LCMC we do not pay dues toward the operation, LCMC is completely funded by donations from the congregations they represent. We will have a 5th Sunday offering for LCMC district support on October 31st.



We would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who befriended Bernice Duran during her time of worship at Our Saviors.

Thank you for all your support through prayer, cards or phone calls through Mom's illness and death. Your support made a difference to our family.

JoAn and Larry Underwood and family

Kris and Dan Gibson



## **MUSIC AND WORSHIP ~ Wendy Nelson ~ Trent Schmid Council Rep.**



### **WELCOME/REACH MINISTRY ~ Mary Kartak - Terry Schmid Council**

A meeting of the Reach and Welcome Ministry will be held on Sunday October 3, at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall classroom next to the nursery. All are welcome. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the Veterans Program anticipated for November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all who participated in Rally Day. My apologies to the kids who missed out on the FROG distribution. I find it refreshing when the number involved in an event exceeds our anticipation. "**Fully Relying On God**" is the meaning behind the FROG and that determination should never run out.

Thank you to the September Hospitality team for the beautiful response to the need created by yet another death within our congregation. It is with much joy that members of the congregation contributed time and food items to serve, this time to the family of Helen Cooper. If you see a t-shirt with the phrase, "That's just stupid," know that you have met someone who held Helen dear.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged. For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9 Mary



### **Are you a Piece of the Puzzle?**

#### **Will your name forever be placed in a OSL time capsule of sorts?**

It has been suggested that we include those who have passed on before us. You may purchase pieces and sign that persons name in **PURPLE**.

It will be nostalgic in the future to look back on this history puzzle and remember members who have had a huge part of building this church. Those who have worked hard to keep it alive in good and hard times.



### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ Andrea Graves - Jeff Graves Council Rep**

Happy Fall OSLC Women.

I read a verse that brought a smile to my face. "We are like common clay jars that carry this glorious treasure within so that the extraordinary overflow of power will be seen as God's, not our" 2 Corinthians 4:7 I forget how strong and valuable we are with the treasures that Jesus Christ have given us. With all the glorious treasure that we've been given from Hlm we can do amazing things. The beginning of our October month has some fun activities planned. On October 2nd at 12:30 p.m. we will be meeting at Ramblin' "Roads for our monthly meeting. That following Saturday, October 9th we'll be getting our yoga on, or attempting to do yoga. Later that afternoon there will be some Halloween crafting with chalk art. I will need a total of those coming to the lunch and craft to make sure we have everything we need. Let me know if you'd like to come. I'm excited to continue sharing the glorious treasure that has been given to us with everyone.

In Him, Andrea



## **LCMC INTERMOUNTAIN WEST DISTRICT NEWS**

### **LCMC = Lutherans in Mission for Christ**

#### **INTERMOUNTAIN WEST DISTRICT GATHERING 10/22-23/2021.**

These Gatherings are held to inform you of what the LCMC is doing on the District and National levels. We know most of you are not able to attend the National convention. Please attend this gathering so you understand what the LCMC's beliefs are and why we chose to follow the LCMC.

There are still areas that could use some hands step up and take part. We can all help out once in 3 yrs to show visiting churches OSL is an vibrant active serving church.  
**DAN KARTAK**

Coordinator (Dan Kartak) **PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF DAN HAS IS STILL IN NEED OF HELP.**

Pastor Bruce and Dan Kartak are members of the LCMC District board, Mark Nourse is a delegate from OSLC to the District. We need one more delegate to represent OSLC at the convention.

The national Convention had to cancel because of COVID for the second year-  
MAKING THIS GATHERING EVEN MORE IMPORTANT.



**Did you miss the last star cutting event?**

**Here's your 2nd chance.....**

**Join in October 20th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. It was a very enjoyable evening.**

♥♥NEEDED—Financial Secretary on or before October 31st.♥♥

PLEASE STEP UP ~ ASAP ~TIME IS SHORT

2 Leader - Mission and Service Ministry - Kathy Sutherland retired

## ***Time Sensitive Material***

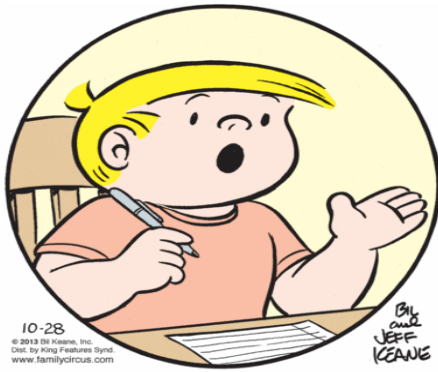
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"Daddy, which comes first,  
autumn or fall?"

***November Newsletter Articles  
Due by Monday, October 18, 2021***

## **October Lectionary**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Newsletter

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
10/03	Genesis 2:18-25	Psalm 128	Hebrews 2:1-18	Mark 10:2-16
10/10	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 3:12-19	Mark 10:17-22
10/17	Ecclesiastes 5:10-20	Psalm 119:9-16	Hebrews 4:1-16	Mark 10:23-31
10/24	Jeremiah 31:7-9	Psalm 126	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
10/31	Revelation 14:6-7	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36





# Worship Assistants



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8AM	Oct 03	NA	Lexi Grentz	Sande Isaacson		Russ Smith			
10AM	Oct 03	NA		Sande Isaacson	Diane Nath	Sabrina Wolfe	Jack Baldor		
8AM	Oct 10	NA	Lexi Grentz	Mary Leschke	The Kartaks	Russ Smith			
10AM	Oct 10	NA		Mary Leschke	Gail Campbell	Jim Campbell	Dave Engen		Pat & Kathy
8AM	Oct 17	NA	Lexi Grentz	Sande Isaacson	Bobbi Spring	Russ Smith			
10AM	Oct 17	NA		Sande Isaacson	Pat Simonson	Diane Nath	Dave Engen		
8AM	Oct 24	NA	Lexi Grentz	Kim Fasig		Don McFarland			
10AM	Oct 24	NA		Kim Fasig	Nancy Gerry	Mary Leschke			
8AM	Oct 31	NA	Lexi Grentz	Mary Kartak	Russ Smith	Bill Lange			
10AM	Oct 31	NA		Mary Kartak		Stacy Ames			Mary L & Diane



10/4 Ava Aguilar  
 10/4 Elly Lund  
 10/4 Cherish McClellan  
 10/8 Drake Griffith

10/9 Karen Seeber  
 10/9 Kimberly Schad  
 10/11 Lucie Smith  
 10/11 Carol Williams

10/13 Stephanie Atkinson  
 10/15 Mary Daugaard  
 10/15 Tedi Morlan  
 10/18 Conor McCloy  
 10/20 Boston Barrett  
 10/20 Allan Daugaard  
 10/22 JD Clanton  
 10/24 Nate Farris  
 10/29 Marty Simonson



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 8:00a Traditional Service 9:00 a Sunday School 10:00a Contemporary Svs	<b>27</b> Office Closed	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>01</b> Office Closed	<b>02</b> 8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast 12:30 Wms Ministry Meeting Ramblin Roads in Ogden
<b>03</b> 8:00a Traditional Service 9:00a Sunday School 9:00 a Welcome / Reach Mtg 10:00a Contemporary Svs	<b>04</b> Office Closed	<b>05</b> 6:00p Boy Scouts Troop #17 6:00p Girl Scouts #578	<b>06</b> 6:00p Girl Scouts #970	<b>07</b> 6:00p Girl Scouts #807	<b>08</b> Office Closed	<b>09</b> 9:00a Open Hand Food Pantry Help AM Wms Ministry Yoga  Aftersnoon Wms Ministry Halloween Crafts
<b>10</b> 8:00a Traditional Service 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Contemporary Svs 2nd Sunday Offering Helps Lantern House	<b>11</b> Office Closed	<b>12</b> 6:00p Boy Scouts Troop #17 6:00p Girl Scouts #111	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9-4 Charity Quilting 6:30p Church Council TBD	<b>15</b> Office Closed	<b>16</b> 6:00p Girl Scouts #1710
<b>17</b> 8:00a Traditional Service 9:00 a Sunday School 10:00a Contemporary Svs  <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>	<b>18</b> Office Closed	<b>19</b> 6:00p Boy Scouts Troop #17 6:00p Girl Scouts #578	<b>20</b> 6:00p Girl Scouts #970 7:00p Star Cutting	<b>21</b> 6:00p Girl Scouts #807	<b>22</b> Office Closed	<b>23</b> 9:00a Open Hand Food Pantry Help
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<b>31</b> 8:00a Traditional Service 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Contemporary Svs 5th Sunday LCMC District Offering						

