



THE REPORTER

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(Acts 4:12)*

This month a daily posting of the Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism will begin on the church's Facebook page. One reason for this is the proclamation of what we believe, teach, and confess on our largest evangelism platform. Another reason is the daily reminder and review for our members of what we believe, teach, and confess.

In every Confirmation class, I try to impress upon every student that the Catechism is not just a textbook for the two-year class but a reference guide for all of life. May this be another format to bless the lives of members and non-members alike with the truth of God's Word.

The first question in the Explanation starts us off very well:

What is the Christian faith?

The Christian faith is the confession that Jesus Christ is the world's only Savior and Redeemer.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Acts 4:12 There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

1 John 5:11-12 This is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Note: Christianity was first called "the Way" (Acts 9:2; 24:14, 22). The term *Christian* was first used in Antioch (Acts 11:26). This question speaks of the content of the faith that we confess as Christians. Later, we describe the faith by which each individual Christian trusts in Jesus.

Through each of the 374 questions in the latest Catechism's Explanation, we see all our wonderful faith spread out and explained. It is a wonderful resource for our youth, but it is an even more vital resource for everyone who wants to know how to respond to all the issues in our world today.

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Minton

Men's Bible Breakfast

We will continue our study of *A Simple Way to Pray* on October 11 at 8am. Pastor will be our host. Luther wrote this little booklet for his barber. Peter simply wanted to know how to pray when he couldn't think of proper sounding words. Luther leads us through the Commandments, Creed and Lord's Prayer as tools to derive simple prayers that will help build a good prayer life.

Women's Bible Study

Our study of "Golden Fruit" will continue on Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall and we will study the Faithfulness of Deborah. "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations." (Deuteronomy 7:9)

Wednesday Fellowship Meal

We will have our Wednesday Fellowship meal Wednesday, October 1 at 6pm. We will have a Baked Potato Bar and desserts. Talk to Renee if you can bring a topping for the potatoes or a dessert. We will also have some Bible Trivia. If you haven't attended yet, plan now to join us!

Quarterly Church Council and Voters Meeting

Thursday, October 16 - Church Council meeting at 7:00pm
 Sunday, October 19 - Quarterly Meeting following service.

Women's Care Clinic Walk for Life

Join us Saturday, October 18 at 9a at Lincoln Park in Danville for a family-friendly walk to stand for life and raise critical funds for our free services. Women's Care Clinic is a Christ-centered ministry offering free medical care, parenting support, and hope to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. In 2024, an estimated 90,460 babies lost their lives to abortion in Illinois—that's nearly 250 every single day! To participate or sponsor the event, go to give.classy.org/Walkforlife24.

All Saints' Remembrance

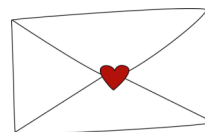
The church celebrates All Saints' Day on November 2. We will remember those that have died this past year. If you would like a friend or family member that has died between November 2024 and October 2025 included, please send their name, birth date, baptism date (if known), and death date. Please send that to the church office by October 29, 2025.

CID Fall Pastor's Conference

Pastor will be out of town October 6-8 for the Fall Pastor's Conference in Jacksonville, IL.

Remember those unable to be with us on Sunday Morning

Dianne Estes	Heritage Health, 423 N Dixie Hwy
Delmer Henrichs	IMH Residents Home, 200 E. Fairman Ave
Sara Janssen	Autumn Fields, 325 E Orange
Dorothy Knake	106 Fritz Dr
Joanne Sloan	2364 E 900 North Rd
Brenda St. Peter	Prairieview Lutheran Home, 403 N 4th St
Julie Towers	Heritage Woods, 577 Martin Ave
Joyce Williams	Autumn Fields, 325 E Orange



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 Watseka, IL 60970
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Update to Member Information

Please update your member directory with this updated information. If you need another directory, ask Renee.

Barb Teig

Autumn Fields
325 E Orange
Hoopeston, IL 60942

Sarah and Benjamin Verswijver

400 E Jones
Milford, IL 60953

Reading through the Confessions

In October, our readings from the Confessions discuss another of the most controversial topics of the Lutheran Reformation and Lutheran life today: Adiaphora, or indifferent things. These are things that are neither commanded nor forbidden in the Scriptures. Some of these things are beneficial to proclaiming the faith. Some of these things are harmful to, or even contradicting or denying, the faith. Central to this debate is the freedom of each Christian congregation so that every congregation is not exactly the same. Each congregation is free to do things their own way as long as it is done "for the sake of good order."

The language can be difficult to get through because we don't think and speak in the same way about the Christian faith as in previous generations. I encourage you to keep up with the reading. If you have stopped, give it another try again this month.

Church Yard Clean-up

We will gather Saturday, October 18 at 8:30am to clean up the church yard for fall. We will also be cleaning the outside church windows. We will be picking up sticks, trimming any branches, taking care of a fallen tree, and picking up leaves. Please bring any supplies you have - gloves, wheelbarrow, trimmers, rakes, chain saw, etc. Please mark your calendars to help keep your church yard looking nice.

Hymn Festival

Join fellow Lutherans at a hymn festival! A commemoration of Three Lutheran Hymnwriters - Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heermann, and Paul Gerhardt - will be held Saturday, October 25 at 4pm at University Lutheran Church, Campaign, IL.

Weekly Bible Verse Challenge for October**Week of October 5, 2025****1 Peter 3:15**

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

Week of October 19, 2025**1 John 4:2**

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

Week of October 26, 2025**Genesis 15:6**

And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.
righteous person has great power as it is working.



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Worship Service 9:00 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
10:30 am

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**Join Us Every Sunday Morning for Service
starting at 9:00 am**

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