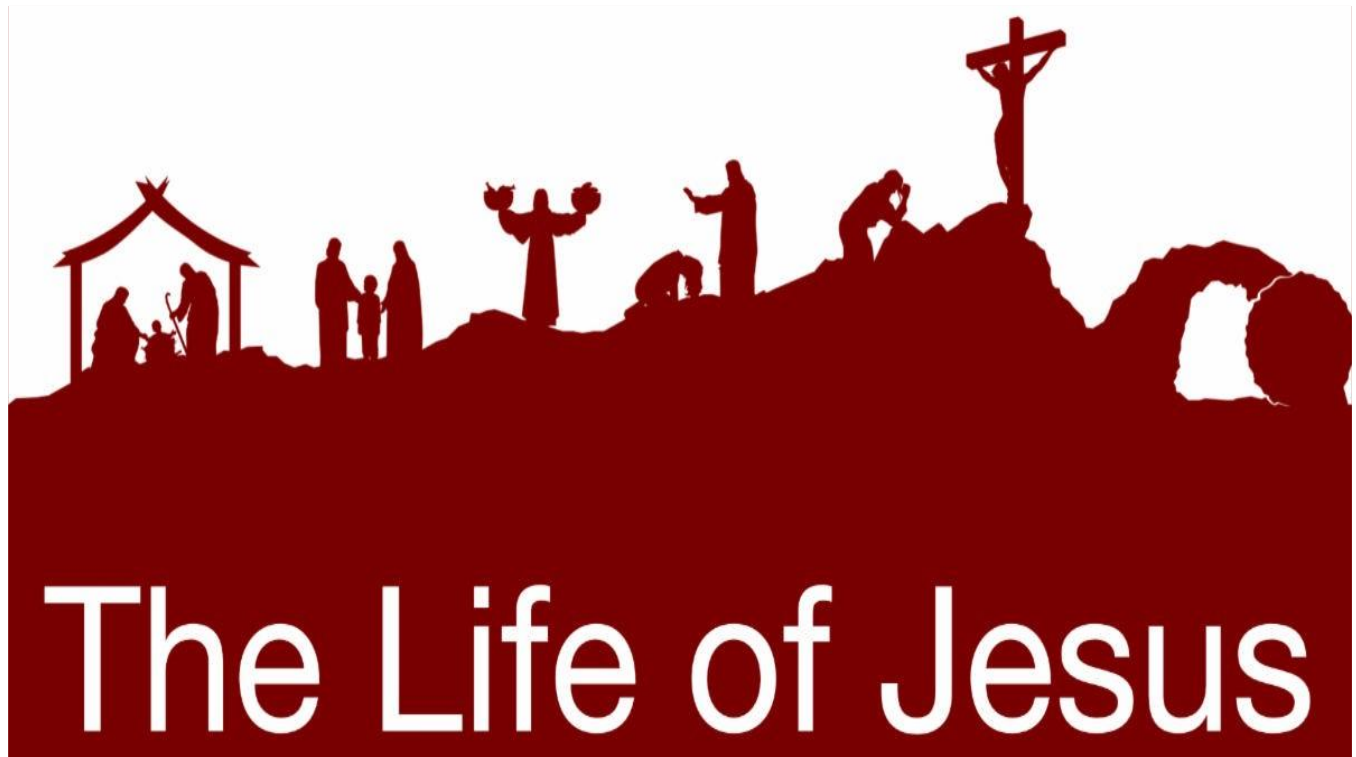


REFORMATION DAY (Observed)
The Life of Jesus Series
9 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
October 26th, 2025



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

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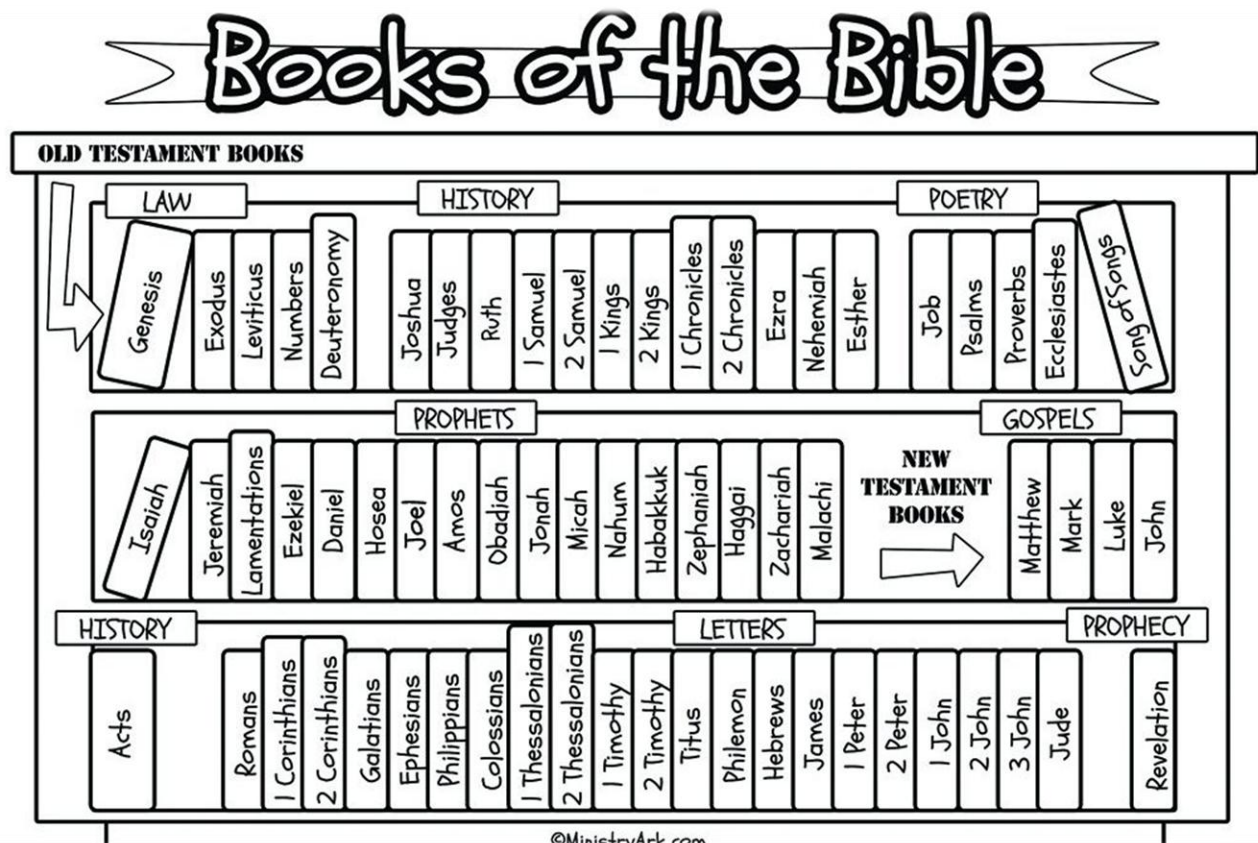
WELCOME! THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY.

To help you prepare for worship.

1. Locate today's Bible verses in your Bible.
 - Luke 2:1-20
2. Mark each verse with a bookmark so you can easily find it during worship.
3. Highlight those verses you find helpful.
4. Pray the following prayer before worship:
*Gracious Lord, As we begin this journey through the life of Your Son, open our hearts to the wonder of His birth. In a quiet manger You entered our noisy world with peace, forgiveness, and hope.
Let the joy of Bethlehem fill our worship today, that we may see again the depth of Your love and the beauty of Your plan of salvation. Be born in us anew, Lord Jesus - and let Your presence guide us as we follow You through every step of Your life and Word. In Your holy name we pray.
Amen.*

Bookmarks and Bible highlighters are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Need help finding the Bible verses? This image may help!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #656

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Jesus said, “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- P** With humble hearts, let us approach our Father's throne of grace.

Silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior

P Together, we pray:

C **Gracious Father, because our entire lives are to be ones of repentance, we bow before You and confess our sins. We have turned away from the truth of Your Word, choosing to go our own way. By what we have thought, by what we have done, and by what we have failed to do, we have broken Your commands and are deserving of Your wrath and punishment. By the mercy of Christ, Your Son, set us free from our captivity. Enable us by Your Holy Spirit to live under You in Your kingdom and to serve You in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Amen.**

P Just as Christ is risen from the dead,
He lives and reigns to all eternity! It is most certainly true
that He died and rose again for you to make you right with God,
to adopt you as children of the heavenly Father,
and to set you free from sin and death.
As a called and ordained servant of the Word,
I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed!”

HYMN #644

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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- 1 The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev’ry nation, Yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev’ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

- 4 Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE LIFE OF JESUS

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY #364

Away In A Manger
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- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
 The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
 The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
 But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
 I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
 And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
 Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
 And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

SERMON – The Life of Jesus

THE OFFERING – WAYS TO GIVE

- Sunday in the Offering Plate
- Text “Give” to 844-431-7278
- Scan the QR code.
- By mail: PO Box 126, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Thank you!



A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

✠ THE LORD’S SUPPER ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with You.

DISTRIBUTION

We believe that Christ's body and blood are present in, with and under the bread and wine.

Our Lord invites to his table those who repent of all sin, and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

*If you have never communed at Gloria Dei before or are unsure about what is taking place,
please talk to Pastor Meyer. Welcome to the Lord's Table!*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

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- 1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.
- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

INSTRUMENTAL DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – THANK THE LORD *LSB Pg.164*

- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God,
that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,
and we implore You that of Your mercy
You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You
and in fervent love toward one another;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #744 “Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound”

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- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR October 26, 2025

This week at Gloria Dei:

TODAY – October 26 – Reformation Day (Observed)

9:00 am In-Person Worship w/Holy Communion &
Facebook/YouTube/Twitch Live

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 1 – Berg, Boehler, Bowman,
Cameron

10:15 am Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Bible Study

MONDAY – October 27

11:00 am J.O.Y. Oktoberfest

TUESDAY – October 28

9:00 am to Noon – Quilters Group

WEDNESDAY – October 29

10:00 am – Bible Study – Unforgiveable – Conference Room

1:00 pm – Bible Study – Book of John, Part 1 – Betty's home

THURSDAY – October 30

6:00 pm -Thirsty Thursday – lower level

FRIDAY – October 31

11:00 am Chat N Chow – Gloria Dei Serves

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Trunk or Treat

SUNDAY – November 2 – All Saints Day (observed)

9:00 am In-Person Worship w/Holy Communion &
Facebook /YouTube/Twitch Live

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 2 – Cronquist, Cullen,
Dunlap, Eisner-Anderson

10:15 am Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Bible Study

THOSE SERVING TODAY:

Worship Assistant: Brian Krueger **Usher:** Dallas Colvin

Altar Guild: Laurie Raisbeck **Accompanist:** Karen Danielson

Technical Director: Brian Zitzow

Counters: Brian & Emie Krueger

Coffee & Refreshments – Team 1

Attendance Last Week: Sunday: 91; Chat N Chow: N/A

Online Viewership Sunday: Facebook 192; YouTube 36; Twitch 7

Contribution information is available upon request in the office.

COMMUNION WINE: If you would like a non-alcohol version of communion, the purple cups in the center of each tray are alcohol free.

WAYS TO GIVE:

Sunday in the offering plate, by text 844-431-7278 or by scanning the QR code. Offerings can also be mailed to: PO Box 126, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
Thank you!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD/SAMARITANS PURSE: Gloria Dei will be participating in packing and shipping shoe boxes with gifts, games, educational items and trinkets for boys and girls around the world. Please pick up a box in the Narthex to pack for a boy or girl. Each box contains instructions and information on what you can and cannot pack. Shipping each box costs \$10. Please include the shipping fee when returning your box. If you would like to donate toward additional boxes and shipping, please place your donation in the offering plate marked Operation Christmas Child. If you have any questions, please talk to Miriam Hanson 218-242-9181. There are many resources on the table in the Narthex as well. Please return your packed boxes as soon as you have them ready. The boxes will be blessed on November 16 and shipped later that week. Our goal is 50 boxes!

THERE IS AN APP FOR THAT! Did you know that Concordia Publishing House offers an App for The Lutheran Study Bible? They do! For \$9.99 per year, you can have the study bible at your finger tips on your phone including audio narration of the full ESV Bible. You can download it at Google Play or Apple Store.

THRIVENT MEMBERS Are you a Thrivent Member? Did you know that you have benefits that can be used to help support the community work at Gloria Dei? Each Thrivent Member has access to two Community Action grants per year. These grants are given in the form of a \$250 cash card that can be used for projects completed by the church or you independently. If you are a Thrivent Member, please notify Pastor Meyer or the church office if you are willing to share this benefit. Also, Thrivent Choice Dollars (another program through Thrivent) can be designated to Gloria Dei. Please select Gloria Dei as your designated recipient if you are willing to do so. If you have questions about how this works, please talk to Lynn in the office.
Thank you!!

J.O.Y Celebrates Oktoberfest on October 27th at 11 am. **NOTE**
DATE CHANGE – Now on Monday Join us for German Food, Trivia, Games and Music. PLUS pumpkin carving/painting!!! Sign up on the board in the Narthex.

LAKES AREA FOOD SHELF: is located at 29316 Patriot Ave, Pequot Lakes, MN. For more information about the food shelf, please contact George & Colette Miller at 218-820-2928.

LWML GUILD meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month at 1 pm. All ladies of Gloria Dei are welcome. Meetings consist of social time, devotion and business discussion.

WOMEN of ALL AGES FALL GATHERING will be held on November 8 at 9:30 am here at Gloria Dei! Planned activities include fellowship, a devotion, craft, snacks and time together women and girls from neighboring congregations including Emmanuel, Backus, Prince of Peace, Baxter and Zion, Brainerd. This is for all ages. Bring your daughters, granddaughters, grandmas and mothers. Please sign up to RSVP for attendance by October 26. Thank you!! Please talk to Miriam Hanson if you have any questions. 218-242-9181

TRUNK OR TREAT: will be held on Friday, October 31 4 pm to 6 pm. Fun size/individually wrapped candy is now being collected in the bins in the narthex. You can also sign up to decorate your trunk and hand out candy. Sign up for help serving hotdogs, popcorn, parking and general help is now available on the bulletin board. Any questions can be directed to the Discipleship Team

THIRSTY THURSDAY (a thirst for the word and fellowship) Thursdays at 6 pm. This is a group watch of the series The Chosen and discussion surrounding the people that Jesus (chose) and their decision to follow him. Light snacks and beverages provided. Lower Level.

CHAT N CHOW is a weekly (depending on school schedule) ministry shared by area churches serving lunch to Pequot Lakes High School juniors and seniors. Students will arrive at 11:00 am and return to school at 11:30 am. During lunch Pastor Meyer has an opportunity to share a brief message with students. Help is needed with preparing, serving and cleaning up. Gloria Dei serves on October 31, January 9, February 20 and April 17. Please talk to Sandie Zeidler, Liz Berg or Barb Fuller for more information and how you can help.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS: Tuesday through Friday 9 am to 2 pm. These hours are subject to change. Please call ahead if you wish to see Lynn in the office. Thank you. **Lynn will be IN the office on Monday, October 27 afternoon and OUT of the office Tuesday, October 28.**

LIFE QUOTE: “We need pro-life laws and alternative-to-abortion options to provide bridges and buy time for us to share the Gospel of salvation in Christ. Yet we cannot settle for a favorable court ruling, a strong piece of legislation, or a life-favoring politician ... Ultimately, though, changed hearts provide the alternative of eternal hope when despair and desperation tempt us to do bad things.” *Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*