

# Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

## Moments from the Mount



Fall has officially arrived. The cooler temperatures, the crispness in the morning air, the leaves beginning to change colors all signal the change in season. This time of year has always been my favorite because it has always signaled new beginnings. A new school year would begin, a new year in scouts or dance would start, Sunday school was back in session after the summer hiatus, and fun new activities would kick off. This year is no different. New things this fall include: A Blessing of the Animals (4pm this Sunday), Church in the Park (next Sunday at Frank Liske Park), a new liturgy for our 9am service, and several new faces around the building.

We've also had time to talk about generosity...both in terms of God's generosity towards us and our generosity back to God and others around us. We can acknowledge that God has been generous in our lives with the people he surrounds us with and the church we have a privilege to be a part of. Then we can look around us and find ways we too can be generous to those God puts in our path.

Our faith is lived out through our community. As Paul wrote: "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." (1 Cor. 12:27). When we hear Paul say 'you' it isn't the individual you...it's all of us 'you'. We are all the body of Christ! We all bring our personal faith with us into this community of ours that we then share together with those in need. Our generosity is lived out this same way. Each of us brings what we have to the table and then we share with those around us. Some of us bring our talents, some of us bring our treasures, and some of us bring our time. Some of us bring more than others, but when we come together, it's all shared.

Continue to come together...come together Sunday morning for worship, come together Monday for Bible study, come together throughout the week serving this community...just continue to come together. God has brought us ALL together for this time in this place.

In Christ,

Pastor Emily

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## NOVEMBER 6TH – VETERANS BREAKFAST

**ALL VETERANS WELCOME!!** We will gather in the Coffee House at 10am. Invite a Veteran that you would like honored. Please send Veteran's Name, Rank, and Branch of Service to Laurie Gleason so they can be honored that morning. This event is being sponsored by the Social Ministry Team and WELCA.

### Sunday, Oct. 2nd at 4 p.m.

We will gather in the courtyard for our “Blessing of the Animals” event. Please bring a bag of pet food for a donation to the Cabarrus County Humane Society.



### 16 Attend September KAIROS Reunion

Jay Perkins reports that the Foothills Correctional Institute Kairos held a reunion on September 6th. Sixteen graduates were in attendance.

In all, there were 20 volunteers, including the field ministers. Participants sang songs and shared scripture, followed by a discussion. Everyone also enjoyed refreshments, a small drink bottle and bag of cookies, and then closed with prayer. The next reunion is tentatively set for October 4th.



# A.T. Allen School Supply Drive Successful



Thanks to everyone who donated to the A.T. Allen School Supply Drive!  
 We really appreciate EVERYONE'S generosity!  
 Here is a breakdown of the items we were able to help with:

6 marble notebooks	13 packages yellow highlighters
48 boxes crayons	22 packages colored pencils
4 tubs sanitizing wipes	24 packages notebook paper
11 packages sanitizing wipes	321 pairs of earbud/headphones
4 packs colored markers	38 pairs of kid's underwear (girls and boys)
14 boxes tissues	Miscellaneous items :
15 book bags	3 pack dividers
36 pencil boxes	10 folders
2 (34 oz) hand sanitizer jugs	1 (1 inch) binder
5 (12 oz) bottles of hand sanitizer	20 spiral composition books
16 packages of pencils	2 packs erasers
13 fiskar scissors	3 packs-post it notes
132 individual glue sticks	2 packages of narrow elastic
5 boxes gallon storage bags	1 pack index cards
4 boxes of quart storage bags	2 packages dry erase marker magnetic clips
23 dry erase markers	3 rulers

**The students and staff at A.T. Allen  
 REALLY appreciate the members of Mt. Hermon  
 for supporting their school!**



# Mt. Hermon Members Lend Their Hands

For God's Work Our Hands Sunday on September 11, Mt. Hermon created 15 Birthday Boxes to be given to My Father's House (for kids experiencing homelessness to be able to celebrate their birthday) and 10 Military care packages to send to our troops serving overseas. Thank you to all of you who helped out by packing and by supplying all the materials. It was a group effort!



**God's work.  
Our hands.**



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.





## Mission Team Travels To Kentucky

“Four members of the Mount Hermon Mission team (Ron Smith, Eileen Sousley, Keith Opel, and Tim Kirk) traveled almost 600 miles to Mayfield, Kentucky to work with Samaritan's Purse in a rebuilding effort. On December 10, 2021 a series of tornadoes ripped through Mayfield as well as several surrounding states leaving a total of 88 dead and massive devastation. Joining volunteers from many states our group spent a week helping rebuild. We all pitched in, some using the skills and experience they had with others learning new tasks. Everyone worked hard and performed the following tasks: landscaping, hanging insulation, building a porch and steps, mixing concrete, cutting rebar, building a retaining wall, delivering truckloads of furniture. It was a great effort by this team that was met with heartwarming thanks and appreciation. Thanks to all here at Mount Hermon who have supported the Mission Team!”

– Ron Smith





## True Focus On Community

“The mission trip was an amazing experience. My favorite part was the true focus on the community. We were encouraged to drop everything and listen to the people who came by, and hear their stories.”

— Eileen Sousley

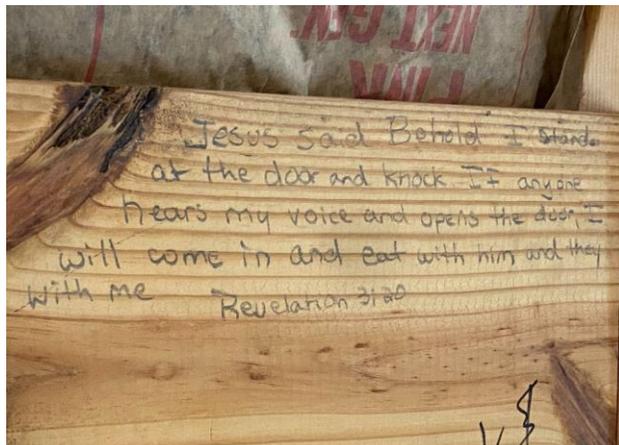




## Such A Moving Experience

When going to Mayfield, I thought I would be helping others and filling their cup; which we did through the work we accomplished. Everyone was so appreciative and thankful that we were there and they prayed with us and for us. In turn, I found myself being blessed just as much as the blessings I was trying to bring to them. It was such a moving experience!

– Keith Opel



## More Mission Trip Photos



**'Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.'** (Psalm 46:10)



## Children's Ministry Prays “By His Hands!”

This month the children have focused on prayer. With the model prayer Jesus taught us 'The Lord's Prayer', we have made Prayer journals to be used daily. Each page has space for: 'People who are close to you', 'People who point us in the right direction', 'People who lead us', 'People who are in need', and 'Prayers for ourselves'. They can write down people or events that they may want to especially pray about that night. They can go back and pray for those they have special thoughts/concerns for. We also made Prayers books to help us get started with our daily prayer routine. We played Biblical games in the Computer Lab, and we saw the movie “The Good Samaritan”.

In October, BY HIS HANDS - WE ARE FED will be the theme for our stories and activities. We will be concentrating on 'The Big Dinner" (Matt 22, Luke 14) and 'The Rich Man and Lazarus' (Luke 16). Although these stories have a food theme, both stories are really about how we treat others - more about spiritual food!

We invite all the children Nursery through 5th grade to join us each week. Come and be a part of God's Goodness!

BY HIS HANDS,

– Barbara Linker and Nancy Jones

(PS - No Sunday School on October 9th. See you at the park!)

# Children Make Their Prayer Journals

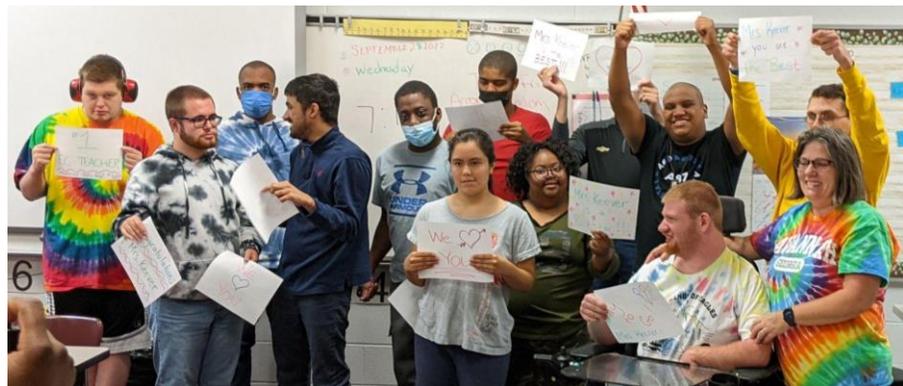




## Susan Keever Named Teacher of Excellence

Congratulations to Susan Keever, Cabarrus County Schools' Exceptional Children's Teacher of Excellence. Susan was selected from all EC teachers nominated by their principals for Teacher of Excellence consideration. Susan has a huge heart for children with disabilities. She started out working as a case manager and teacher in group homes. She then joined Cabarrus County Schools where she has worked with students with identified cognitive impairments. Susan recently implemented an inspirational class for students who have completed requirements for their diploma but may continue in public school until they reach the age of 22. This program, which she helped to design, is a transition program. The curriculum helps students learn more life skills in order to become more independent adults.

Susan was honored by her class and the Exceptional Children's department with a basket of her favorite goodies. She will also attend the NC Exceptional Children's Conference in Greensboro where they will also honor all Teachers of Excellence with a reception.



**Congratulations Susan! You are truly making a difference!**



## A Banner Day For Mt. Hermon

Thank you to Barbara, Nancy, Danielle, and Laurie for creating our new banners for worship. They were blessed Sunday, Sept. 25th during worship. Aren't they wonderful?



# Go And Tell' Others About Our New Banners!



See more photos on our Facebook Page!

## October WELCA News



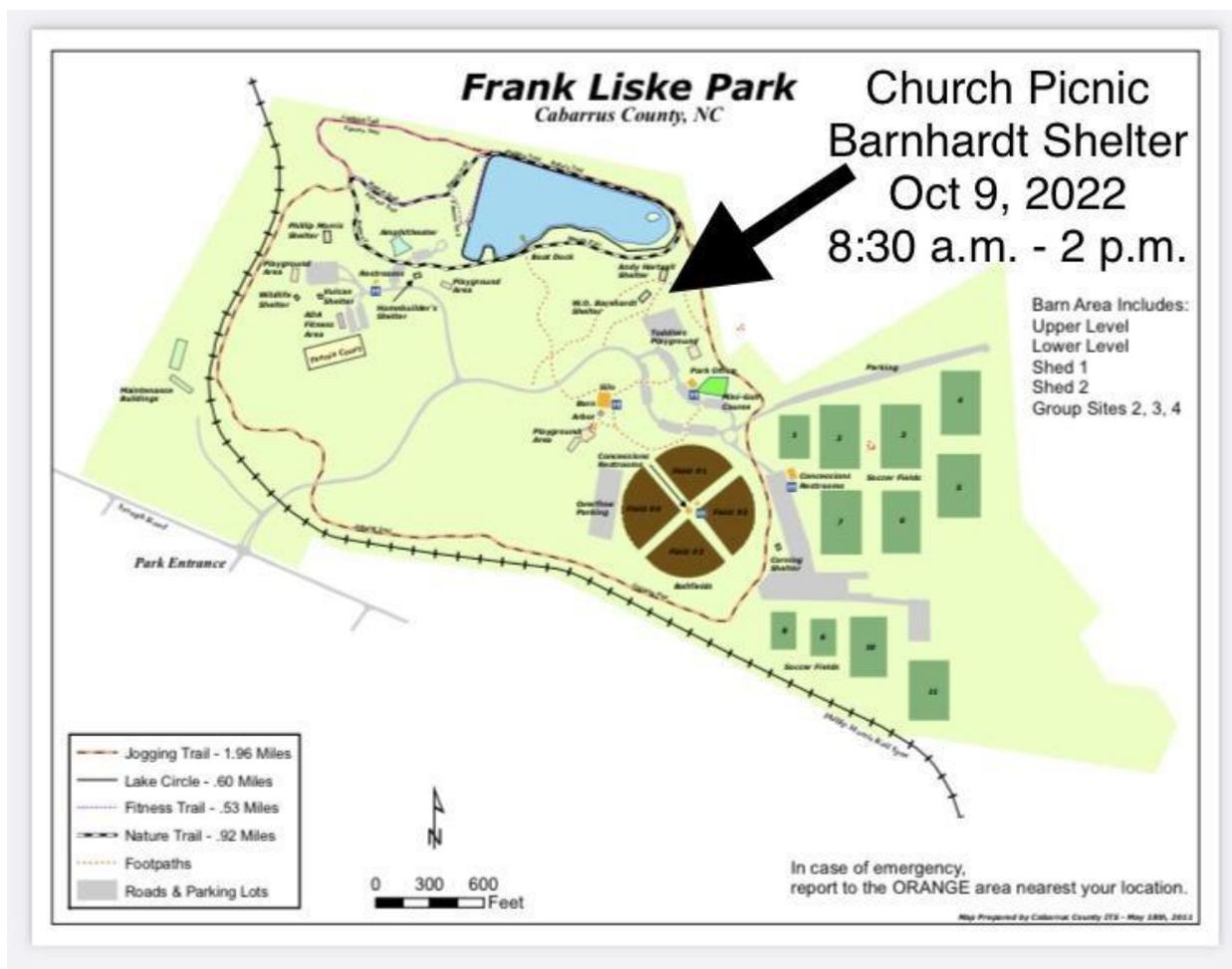
Fall is in the air. We had our quarterly meeting in September. I want to thank all who attended. We had our business meeting and held elections. Officers stayed the same—President-Laurie Gleason, Vice President- Danielle Labinski, Treasurer/Secretary-Barbara Linker. Fellowship and food were awesome as always. We also made Banners on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who attended and helped us.

October Activities include our monthly meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10am in the coffee house. All are welcome. We will be sponsoring a Birthday Party for Trinity Place in Albemarle, NC on October 21st. We will be furnishing cupcakes, chips, soda, and gifts. Our last Family Fun Night this year is October 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the Coffee House, from 5:30-7:30pm. Bring a dish to pass and your favorite game. Have a safe and fun-filled fall.  
~Laurie Gleason



### Karyn Dalton Delivers Council Report

The Mt. Hermon Congregation Council started the monthly meeting at 6:35 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15th. Pastor Emily opened the meeting with an invocation and prayer. Council members listened to the committee reports and then discussed interesting and fun ways to present them for Mt. Hermon's Annual Report. The council also reviewed the church's Personnel Policy and made some minor changes. Council also reviewed the job description, hours and pay for the new administrative assistant opening. Pastor Emily has posted this job with the Synod, and we are accepting applications, in case you or anyone you know is interested. We also discussed the Altar Flower Fund. It is very low. Some people have donated to the fund directly. If you are interested, please include it on the memo line of your check. We also talked about how we need people to please pay for flowers at least 30 days in advance of the sign-up date. The Property Team has installed a security camera on campus. The Spiritual Gifts Surveys are still available in the Narthex. The council closed by praying for each member of Mt. Hemon by name and agreed to meet next on Thursday, Oct. 20th.



## Join Us For Church In The Park

We will gather at 8:30 a.m. for setup on Sunday, October 9th at the Barnhardt Shelter in Frank Liske Park. Worship begins at 10 a.m., followed by a meal together and games. Bring your whole family and invite a friend. Come experience a different kind of worship and fun with your church family. Use this link to sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca9a92da6fb6-mthermon>

## Check Out Monday Night Bible Study

Join us at 7 p.m. in the Coffee House or on Zoom as we continue an adult catechism study of the Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments, and the Apostles' Creed. Use this link to log in with Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/99695059962?pwd=a0FNQndMTkh1ZUFxbXZlc0pNYkhtZz09>

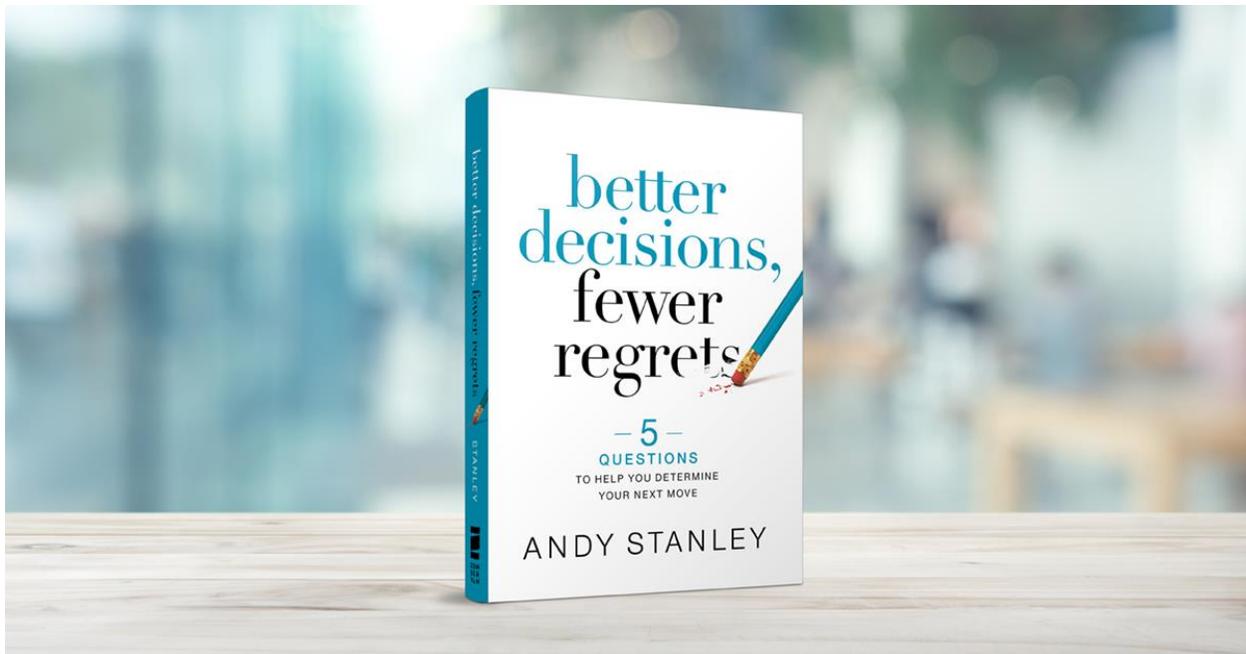




## Volunteers Clean Up Campus

Daniel Garmon wants to thank everyone who came out on Sept. 10th for our Mt. Hermon Church Work Day! Our dedicated volunteers got a lot done. Of course, there's always something to do around our campus. If anyone - or your group - would like to help with something that's still on our "to-do" list, just let Danny know. Thanks!





## Adult Sunday School: Make 'Better Decisions'

Ron Smith and the Adult Sunday School Class are covering a video series called "Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets," by Andy Stanley. Some of the things the class has discussed have been how people might do a bad thing trying to do a good thing. Maybe an employee trying to fill an order on time will skip the quality check process to get that product out the door faster. However, that could result in flaws that will make things worse. Also, we might get good information but discount it because of the source.



## Worship Leaders Serving In October

	10/2/22	10/9/22	10/16/22	10/23/22	10/30/22
<b>Reader</b>	Chris Beaver	Cyrus Sousley	Mike Linker	Dan Gleason	Nancy Jones
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Sam Lemoine Marie Grochoske	Ann & Tim Bolick	Barbara & Mike Linker	Sousley Family	Joann Stowe Laurie Gleason
<b>Usher</b>	Jim & Ranee Doorley	Jim & Ranee Doorley	Jim & Ranee Doorley	Jim & Ranee Doorley	Jim & Ranee Doorley
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gary Frank	Gary Frank	Gary Frank	Gary Frank	Gary Frank
<b>Counters</b>	Kitty & Mike	Steve & Marie	Jo-Ann & Valerie	Danny & Rachael	Kitty & Ross
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Mark & Nancy Jones/Ross Gosse	None-Church in the Park	Zach & Melissa Fox (2 vases)	Rod & Patti Stuver and Joann Stowe	Mike & Barbara Linker/Rachael Kennedy



### October Birthdays

**10/2:** Diane Frank

**10/4:** Mary Fudge

**10/7:** Susan Pittman

**10/14:** Winston Faggart-Cope

**10/15:** Alice Faggart-Cope

**10/17:** Darrell McKinnon,  
Beth Austin

**10/18:** Julia Cox

**10/23:** Garek Bumgarner

**10/25:** Jason Bumgarner

**10/26:** Joann Stowe

**10/29:** David Bowles

**10/30:** Brenda McCarn



### October

#### Anniversaries

**10/9:** Kenny

& Barry Mizelle

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**10/12:** Zach

& Melissa Fox

**“Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of you.”**

(Psalm 71:6 )

**In Special Facilities:** Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living)

**Continued Prayers for:** Annie Stancil, Junior Barringer, Nancy Wilcox, Dan Gleason, Julia Cox, Pr. Larry Yoder, John Hahn, Barry Granda, Tom and Kathy Kennedy, Tim and Jeannie Burns, Kathy Benson, Tony Stancil, Martha Summers, Jim Bottoms, Anna Hitch, Tommy and Becky Klinger, Butch Stowe, Todd Stuver, Kitty Smith, Elsa Linker, Bonnie Walsh, Joann Foster, Bert Smith, Kathy Goforth, Roxanne Fox, Luke Fox, Dewayne Jenkins



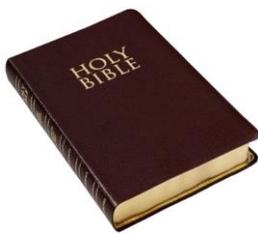
*\*If anyone can come off the prayer list, please let Pastor Emily know.*

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## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are purchased each week from Flowers by Orleans. Each vase is now \$35. We have a signup sheet in the narthex for each Sunday of the year so that members can purchase a vase in memory of someone or in honor of someone. You may take them with you or leave them at the church. Someone will deliver them to cheer up a homebound member. Please sign up for the flowers on the sheets in the Narthex. When writing your check, ***please indicate "Altar Flowers" and the date you gave the flowers.*** Thanks!



## October Readings

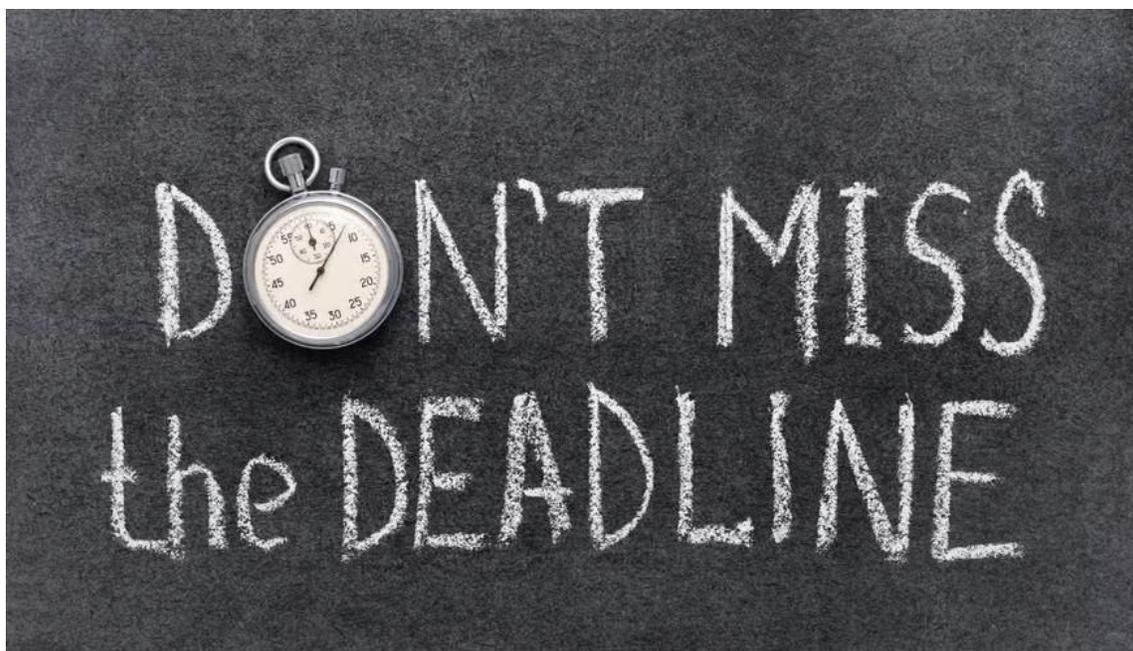
**October 2:** Matthew 22:15-22; (Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-13, 1 Thess. 1:1-10)

**October 9:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; (Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100, Matthew 25:31-40)

**October 16:** Luke 18:1-8; (Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5)

**October 23:** Luke 18:9-14; (Joel 2:23-43, Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18)

**October 30:** Luke 19:1-10; (Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, Psalm 119:137-144, 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12)



**Please give us your submissions for our November  
Newsletter by Thursday, October 27th. Thanks!**

### Mt. Hermon Meeting Times ... Come Join One Of Our Teams!

<b>Social Ministry</b> - Third Tuesday @ 6 pm in the Coffee House	<b>Property/Safety Team Meeting</b> - First Thursday @ 7 pm
<b>Lutheran Men in Mission</b> - Second Tuesday @ 7 pm at Parkway House	<b>Congregation Council Meetings</b> - Third Thursday @ 6:30 pm –Conference Room/Zoom
<b>Fellowship Quilters</b> - Fourth Tuesday @ 10 am in the Coffee House	<b>Adult Bible Sunday School</b> – 10 am in the Coffee House
<b>Evangelism Team</b> – First Wednesday @ 2 pm via Google Meet	<b>Children’s Sunday School</b> - 10 am in the Children’s Building
<b>WELCA Meetings</b> - First Thursday @ 10 am in the Coffee House	<b>Youth (Middle &amp; High School) Sunday School</b> – 10 am in the Conference Room
<b>Visitation Team</b> - First Thursday @ 2 pm in the Pastor’s Office	Check us out! We’ll be glad to have you! Everyone is welcome!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 4pm Blessing of the Animals	3 7pm Bible Study	4	5 2pm Evangelism Mtg 6:30pm Worship Mtg	6 10am WELCA 2pm Visitation 7pm Property Mtg	7	8
9 8:30am Setup 10am Church in the Park & Picnic	10 Pastor Emily at Convo	11 7pm Men in Mission Pastor Emily at Convo	12 Pastor Emily at Convo	13	14	15
16	17 7pm Bible Study	18 6pm Social Ministry	19	20 6:30pm Congregation Council	21	22 5:30pm Family Game Night
23 2:30pm Confirmation at Calvary	24 7pm Bible Study	25 10am Quilters	26	27 Kairos weekend	28 Kairos weekend	29 Kairos weekend
30 Reformation- Wear Red	31 7pm Bible Study					