



# News From the Pews

The Newsletter of  
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**“We Serve Because Jesus Loves You”**

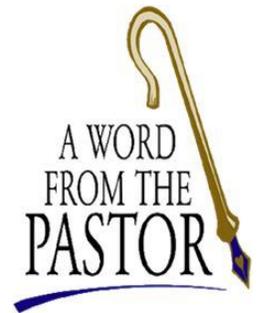
## Fall 2021

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Autumn already!! I think I'm missing Summer. I like Summer. But I suppose you have to Fall in New England—the colors, the pumpkins, the apples, the cider donuts!

Fall also brings us to the conclusion of another Church Year. We are rapidly clicking off “Sundays after Pentecost” as we head toward the Last Sunday of the Church Year on November 21. As the weeks go by, we begin thinking more intentionally about the joyful hope of the second coming of Jesus for the resurrection of the dead and the last judgment. The end-times focus of the final Sundays in the Church Year carries us into the Season of Advent with its similar themes of hope and preparation.



This is good for us “now and not yet” people. We live in that tension. “Now” we are children of God but “what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2 ESV). We have eternal life now by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Savior, but we are not yet in our glorified bodies as we will be on the Last Day and forevermore. “For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known” (1 Cor. 13:12 ESV).

As we live in the “now and not yet” we continue to participate in the mission our Lord and Master gave to His Church on earth. We proclaim the Gospel of the death and resurrection of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins. We love others with the love Christ demonstrated for us and the love with which the Holy Spirit empowers us to help, serve, and show mercy to all in any need. By the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, working through God’s Word and Sacraments, we will remain steadfast and unswerving in this mission until the Day of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Continue, then, in this “now” to come and hear the Word, receive Christ’s Absolution, eat and drink His Body and Blood with the bread and wine for your forgiveness, life, salvation, and the strengthening of your most holy faith. Be empowered by the Spirit in the Gospel to love and to serve and to “do the mission” until that day when we are in glory with our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Serving HIM with you,

Pastor Coons

## Trunk or Treat

October 30 (Rain date: October 31), 1-3 p.m. Buy some candy, decorate your trunk, hand out candy to the neighborhood children! It's that easy and it's fun! Sign-up on the church bulletin board.



Special Guests: *Integrity Martial Arts Demo Team* will be here with a performance at 1:30 p.m. and some goodies to hand out too!

## Fall Workdays at LCOR

October 2, October 16, and November 6. Start time: 8:00 a.m. See list in the hallway display on what needs to be accomplished.

**Cleaning Volunteers** are always needed. Please sign up to clean on Saturdays. Refresh your memories by taking a look at the cleaning routine posted. Thank you for serving.



Please follow the schedule listed here for the rest of the year. A new schedule will begin for January 2022. If you are unable to serve, please contact Tom Savage, Worship Chair.

October: Gayle Pueschel  
November: Darlene Johnson  
December: Linda Stevens

## Sunday Readers

If you would like to volunteer, please see Tom Savage or Pastor

### 8:00 a.m.

**Oct 3** Gayle Pueschel  
**Oct 10** Olivia Suter  
**Oct 17** Marcos Iglesias  
**Oct 24** Ron Smith

**Oct 31** Tom Savage  
**Nov 7** Rich Suter  
**Nov 14** George Arendt  
**Nov 21** Gayle Pueschel  
**Nov 28** Olivia Suter

### 10:30 a.m.

**Oct 3** Darlene Johnson  
**Oct 10** Linda Stevens  
**Oct 17** Tina Currier  
**Oct 24** Margaret Scully  
**Oct 31** Darlene Johnson  
**Nov 7** Linda Stevens  
**Nov 14** Tina Currier  
**Nov 21** Margaret Scully  
**Nov 28** Darlene Johnson

## Ushers' Schedule

**Oct.:** 8:00 a.m. Michael Stimpson / Mark Parlapano  
10:30 a.m. *Need Volunteers*

**Nov.:** 8:00 a.m. Tom Savage / Ron Smith  
10:30 a.m. Dave Herzig / Aaron Coons



## What Luther Says: April 18, 1521, Worms, Germany

"When I had finished, the speaker for the emperor said, as if in reproach, that I had not answered the question, that I ought not call into question those things which had been condemned and defined in councils; therefore what was sought from me was not a horned response, but a simple one, whether or not I wished to retract. Here I answered: 'Since then your serene majesty and your lordships seek a simple answer, I will give it in this manner, neither horned nor toothed: Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen.'"

Martin Luther, *Luther's Works, Vol. 32: Career of the Reformer II*, ed. Jaroslav Jan Pelikan, Hilton C. Oswald, and Helmut T. Lehmann, vol. 32 (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1999), 112-113.