



Just as Christians lead the way in abolishing the Atlantic slave trade and slavery, so Christians lead the way in caring for animals, based on Biblical principles. (In fact, noted British abolitionist William Wilberforce was also a force in advocating an end to the cruelty of animals). Arthur Broome, an English clergyman, was an ardent campaigner for animal welfare and was one of a group of creators of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) in 1824. Broome often referred to Biblical principles and Christian mercy in his advocacy. Proverbs 12:10 reminds us “*a righteous man has regard for the life of his beast, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel,*” and God opens the mouth of Balaam’s donkey so that she can protest the beatings she has received (Numbers 22: 21-34).

Of course, Jews and Christians had been advocating for animal welfare in Western culture for centuries. One notable example was Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), who had a special love for animals. One popular story about Francis concerns a wolf.

A wolf terrorized the inhabitants of the small Italian town. Not only did the wolf kill and devour livestock but it began to attack and devour humans. All attempts to kill the wolf failed and the people of the town would literally shut the town down in fear whenever the wolf would appear. Francis heard of this and decided to go and meet the wolf. The huge wolf rushed toward Francis as soon as he saw the saint approaching his lair. Francis made the sign of the cross and commanded the wolf in the name of God to stop his terrorizing of the town. Immediately, the wolf became docile before the saint. Francis went on to condemn the wolf for his attacks not just on animals but upon men and women who are made in the image of God. Francis told the wolf that if he ended his attacks, he would see to it that the inhabitants of Gubbio would provide him with the food he needed. The story goes that the wolf placed his paw in Francis’ hand in agreement. Francis then walked the docile wolf back into the main square of Gubbio to the astonishment of the inhabitants and there reiterated the promise. Again, the wolf placed his paw in the saint’s hand in agreement. The saint had tamed the wolf.

The story is legend but shares the truth of Francis’ love for animals. With many other Christians, we bless animals on the Sunday nearest St. Francis Day (October 4th) which is October 6th this year. You are welcome to bring your animals to church, and we will bless them after worship under the trees outdoors. It’s a tangible way of showing our love and concern for all of God’s creation.

Pastor Jon Christenson



Applying Bible Principles

If you read annual reports from publicly held companies or banks, you will frequently see the word "fiduciary." Fiduciary is used as an adjective to describe something which is held in trust. It is also used as a noun to describe the one who is a trustee who must account for that which is held in trust.

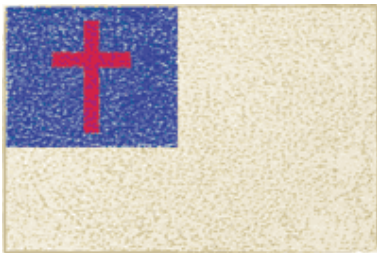
For example, a bank president has a fiduciary responsibility to stockholders in the bank and to depositors who place their money in the bank. A company treasurer has a fiduciary responsibility to the owners of the company. A payroll clerk has a fiduciary responsibility to pay people what they have earned.

You may never have considered yourself a fiduciary, and you may never have acted officially in a fiduciary capacity, but in reality, you are a fiduciary. All of us are. That applies both to Christians and to those who are not part of God's family through faith in the

Lord Jesus Christ. We who are Christians will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ. There, we will not be judged for salvation, since the penalty and judgment for sin was settled once and for all on the cross of Calvary when the Lord Jesus paid the price for our sin. Instead, when we stand before Christ, we will give an account of how we have used what God has entrusted to us.

Just as a bank president must account to stockholders and depositors on how their funds are used, we must account to Christ for how we have used what God has entrusted to us. Since everything we have rightfully belongs to Him, we will need to report on how we have managed His assets!

As you consider how you have used what God has entrusted to your care and keeping during the past few months, what kind of job have you done? And more importantly, as a "fiduciary" of what God has placed in your hands, will you stand before Him with joy, eager to report on your giving and management of His assets?



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL —THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

Dating to the early 20th century, the Christian flag represents all of Christianity, though it's been used primarily in the Americas and Africa. The red Latin cross symbolizes Jesus' blood shed on Calvary to grant us eternal life. The blue background represents

Christ's faithfulness even unto death, as well as our baptism into Christ. The white field signifies Jesus' purity, nonviolence and surrender to God's will, plus the peace we gain by surrendering ourselves to Christ.

VOICES OF THE REFORMATION



"There is not — nor can there be! — any reason for tearing oneself away from the church in schism. Rather, the worse things become, the more one should help her and stand by her, for by schism and contempt nothing can be mended."

—Martin Luther, German pastor whose "95 Theses" sparked the Protestant Reformation

RALLY DAY
Piñata fun!



Maia takes a turn...



Nate helps the kids scoop up the goodies.



Go, Leath



Good swing, Leo



Darynne , readies her bag for the candy pick-up.

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There was so much candy , and because some of the kids were absent, these generous kids decided to save some for the ones missing.

Way to go!
Our thanks to Linda and Dakota for making Rally Day special for all!





OCTOBER ACTIVITIES



LUNCH BUNCH: Wednesday 10/2/24 - 11am, at Farmer Boys, 4920 Gosford Road. Please make reservations with Judy Olson-Peterson.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY & QUILTING will meet on Wednesday, 10/9/24; 9 am— 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us for knitting/crocheting prayer shawls, blankets or quilts. Karen and her daughter Aimee teach knitting machine use after lunch. Phyllis will provide snacks. Please bring your own sack lunch.

AFTERNOON CIRCLE will be on Wed., October 16@ 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We are starting a new Bible Study - Receiving Grace: a Study of Ephesians from *Gather* magazine. Carlotta Quashnick will provide refreshments. All ladies are invited!



SENIOR GAME DAY will be on Wednesday, Oct. 23 in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00—if you bring your own lunch, 12:30 if you come to play games. Bring your friends....the more the merrier.



WINE & DINE: is Thursday 10/24/24— 6pm. at La Costa Mariscos at the Ice House, 3401 Chester Ave.



“WHEN DAVID FACED GOLIATH HE DIDN'T TALK ABOUT HOW DANGEROUS GOLIATH WAS, HE TALKED ABOUT HOW GREAT GOD IS. DON'T TALK FEAR. TALK FAITH.”



Sat. October 12
9 am



Thursday, October 10
@ 10 am
Everyone is Welcome



October 20 11am



- Pastor Jon** 03
- Rhett Spillers** 06
- Annalisa Lipes** 08
- Margaret Niebel** 08
- Tammy Smith** 08
- Julio Gallegos** 15
- Darynne Musgrove-Coomer** 15
- Sarah Elrod** 17
- Colby Christenson** 23
- Silesia Johnson** 23
- Debby Liezeit** 24
- David Peterson** 24
- Sherry Clayton** 25
- Audrey Albritre** 27



- Jerry & Kathy McKnight** 14
- Rodney & Gladys Johnson** 15



HAPPY
HALLOWEEN



BRING YOUR PETS
TO CHURCH
OCTOBER 6th
BLESSINGS OF THE
ANIMALS FOLLOWING
WORSHIP.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
2024 Financial Report

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Total
Receipts	21,416.00	13,162.00	25,963.05	13,619.00	20,898.05	20,465.00	12,980.90	12,681.92	141,185.92
Budget	16,750.83	16,750.84	16,750.84	16,750.84	16,750.84	16,750.84	16,750.84	16,750.84	134,006.71
Difference	4,665.17	(3,588.84)	9,212.21	(3,131.84)	4,147.21	3,714.16	(3,769.94)	(4,068.92)	7,179.21
Expenses	11,832.90	12,631.49	13,829.76	13,354.43	17,436.20	21,502.85	14,836.74	18,459.65	123,884.02
Budget	16,750.83	16,750.84	16,750.84	16,750.84	16,750.84	16,750.84	16,750.84	16,750.84	134,006.71
Difference	(4,917.93)	(4,119.35)	(2,921.08)	(3,396.41)	685.36	4,752.01	(1,914.10)	1,708.81	(10,122.69)
Loan Receipts	1,250.00	950.00	1,725.00	900.00	2,800.00	925.00	1,325.00	775.00	10,650.00
Loan Payments	1,085.00	1,085.00	1,085.00	1,085.00	1,085.00	1,085.00	1,085.00	1,085.00	8,680.00
Difference	165.00	(135.00)	640.00	(185.00)	1,715.00	(160.00)	240.00	(310.00)	1,970.00



It's Apple Season . . . Join us

for a trip to Tehachapi to pick (or buy) apples and have lunch.

Friday, October 11th

Meet in the parking lot at 9:30 am

Please RSVP to Linda Cohen, 661-599-0799.

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IN HIS SERVICE

Area of Service	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Altar Guild	—————→			
Acolyte	Maia	Emily	Darynne	Leo
Assistant to Pastor	—————→			
Flowers	Linda Cohen	Lemley family	Phyllis	Haywood family
Reader	Louise	Judy	Karen	Nate
Greeter	Karen			
Coffee Hour	Nate	Linda	Phyllis	Griffin family
Counters	Sue	Sue	Sue	Sue

NOTE: THIS SCHEDULE DOES NOT REFLECT CHANGES MADE AFTER SEPT. 26

Aug.25, 2024 ✨



Sept. 26, 2024

Following is a list of our friends who have been lifted up in prayer by our faithful Prayer Warriors.

Jody
Tom Lynch
Phyllis
Zimmerman family

Caylin
Sharon
Rolly
Pam

Pastor Jon
The family of Jamie Schartmann
The family of Shirley Rice

Please know that your prayers are so very much appreciated. Thanks and Blessings to all!

In Memoriam

Shirley Huber Rice
October 24, 1932-August 27, 2024

Jamie Spillers-Schartmann
June 17, 1986—August 27, 2027



October 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Blessing of <i>Pets</i></p> <p>October 6th - 10:30</p>		1	2 Lunch Bunch 11 am	3	4	5 A.A.5:30 pm
<p>6 Worship 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Sunday School 11:00</p>  <p>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</p>	7	8 Al-Anon 6:30	9 Prayer Shawl & Quilting 9-2	10 Worship & Music 10 am	11 Apple Picking Tehachapi 9am parking lot	12 Columbus Day  9 am—? A.A.5:30 pm
<p>13 Worship 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Sunday School 11</p>  <p>Pastor Appreciation</p>	14  COLUMBUS DAY Observed	15 Al-Anon 6:30	16 Pacifica 10-11 Afternoon Circle 1:30	17 Council 6 pm	18	19 Garden Club 9– noon A.A.5:30 pm
<p>20 Worship 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Sunday School 11:00</p>	21	22 Al-Anon 6:30	23 Senior Game Day 5:30	24 Wine & Dine 6 pm	25	26 A.A.5:30 pm
<p>27 Worship 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Sunday School 11:00</p>  <p>REFORMATION <i>Sunday</i></p>	28	29 Al-Anon 6:30	30	31 Reformation Day 		 HAPPY HALLOWEEN OCTOBER 31