

# The Celebration *Connection!*

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## From the Pastor

The fashion industry is one of the largest money makers in the world. From jeans to diamonds and pearls, your fashion is your statement. Your dress is your address. Style is a statement about who you are and what you stand for, a form of visual and tangible identity that flags the viewer to a specific image you want to create, the way you want to be “viewed” and seen in the world.

Your clothing is your credo.

What you wear on the outside is an indicator of the identity you claim on the inside. As actions reveal motives, so too does your fashion reveal your feelings, your motif, your intentions, your personality, your affiliations, your deeply seeded values and even your faith.

Wearing clothing is an art, and art is a window into the soul. Your clothing can be the cross you wear, or a tattoo you bear, the jewelry and accessories you choose, the hairstyle you comb, the glasses you see through. Even the absence of clothing or accessories makes a statement about who you are and what means something ... (or not)...to you.

Your outward appearance, the “art” of imagining through clothing, is a direct reflection of your inner spirit. Your clothes you could say is the “image” of your spirit, the “fruit” of your roots.

When you make a “fashion” statement, you also make a “spirit statement.” Your spirit statement is your true “statement of faith” --in what or whom you put your faith. Your clothing reveals how you live out your faith in the world “for real.”

Jesus once told his newly formed apostles that they should “stay in the city until they have been clothed with power from on high.”

The clothing we choose reveals the person we are. The clothing we allow God to choose for us, reveals the faith we have and our ability to submit our hearts to “fit” God’s mission and ministry.

When we allow God to clothe us with grace and wisdom and love, we become truly immersed within God’s Spirit of love and mercy, healing and goodness. We not only change internally, we also change externally, for when people look at us, they see the presence of God all around us and within us! Our actions, the way we behave, will spring from the way we are “clothed.”

When you go on a hike or climbing up and down the hills and valleys, you don’t go barefoot and in speedos and bikinis. You put on protective clothing: hiking boots, hat, warm vest.

When you work on a building or construction site, you wear steel-tipped shoes, protective eye mask, hard hat, and gloves.

You don’t run naked into a fire. But if there are people to be saved, you put on a protective suit, you take a risk, and you run straight head-on into that fire, knowing that your clothing will protect you, so that you can save others.

We are God’s fire fighters and lifeguards. We are people on a saving mission that sometimes means that we have to take some risks, walking into the fire, water, wind and waves.

My family in the faith, we need to give God our hands and feet, our mouths and voices, our bodies... our very spirits, and God will clothe us in ways that will change the way people see us and change the way we do ministry.

See you in church!

***Pastor Fogle***

P.S. Later in this month’s newsletter is an article about the winter clothing giveaway we will be doing again with a local Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) congregation. Last year we assisted over 150 families and this year we are expecting to assist **well over double that**. Please read the enclosed article on page 5 **and consider helping out with this ministry**. I realize that this involves some “grunt work” opening the bales of clothing, shoes and coats, separating and folding the clothes in a way that would make it easier for these deserving people to find the clothes they need to get through the winter, as well as helping these families navigate throughout the building.

Please help! We can’t do this ministry without you!



## Reformation Sunday Is October 29 Please Wear Red!

Reformation Sunday is coming up on October 29th so don’t forget to wear red. It’s a special day for us as Lutherans to celebrate our faith and the ways God continues to work in and through our church. Wearing red reminds us of the Holy Spirit’s power and the boldness we’re called to live out every day. It’s a time to come together, be proud of our roots, and look forward with hope and purpose.

## OCTOBER IS LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH

As we at Celebration begin our journey toward investigating whether or not we wish to go forward with the process of becoming an official Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, we thought it might be appropriate during this LGBTQ+ history month, to lift up a trailblazer in this community, especially someone whose orientation you may not have been aware of.

Sally Ride was the first American woman in space, making history on June 18, 1983, and she remains an inspiring figure in science and education.

Sally Kristen Ride was born on May 26, 1951, in Encino, California. She showed an early interest in science and sports, particularly tennis, where she excelled and earned a scholarship to the Westlake School for Girls. After high school, she attended Swarthmore College but later transferred to Stanford University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Physics and a Bachelor of Arts in English in 1973. Ride continued her studies at Stanford, obtaining a Master's degree in 1975 and a Ph.D. in Physics in 1978, focusing on the interaction of X-rays with the interstellar medium.

In 1978, Ride was selected as one of the first female astronauts by NASA, joining a group that included only five other women. After completing her training, she became the first American woman to travel to space on June 18, 1983, aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger during the STS-7 mission. This mission involved deploying satellites and conducting scientific experiments, marking a significant milestone for women in science and technology.

Ride flew on a second mission, STS-41G, in 1984, where she again operated the shuttle's robotic arm and contributed to various scientific tasks. Over her career, she spent more than 343 hours in space. After leaving NASA in 1987, she worked at Stanford's Center for International Security and Arms Control and later at the University of California, San Diego, focusing on research and education.

Sally Ride's contributions extended beyond her space missions; she was a passionate advocate for science education, particularly for girls and women. She founded Sally Ride Science, an organization aimed at inspiring young people to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Ride also authored several books on science for children, further promoting interest in the field.

Sally Ride died on July 23, 2012, but her legacy as a pioneer for women in space and her commitment to education continue to inspire future generations. Her achievements have reshaped public perceptions of women's roles in science and technology, making her a significant figure in both aerospace history and the fight for gender equality in STEM fields.

In life, Sally Ride became famous as America's first woman in space — and in death, she's now added to her fame as the first acknowledged gay astronaut.

The revelation came in a low-key way: in the obituary from Sally Ride Science, the educational venture she founded. There was a reference to Tam O'Shaughnessy, her partner of 27 years.

Sally Ride's sister, Bear Ride, explained why the former astronaut kept quiet about her sexual orientation.

"In her inherent Norwegian reticence — in this and so many aspects of her personal life (wrestling with pancreatic cancer, for example) — she just didn't talk much (see Norwegian comment, and add to that the typical tight-lipped scientist thing)," Bear wrote. "If you read interviews from years and years back, you'll see that there was always a major frustration that she didn't comment much on 'how it feels to be the first American woman in space' — she just didn't think that way. She wanted to get the job done. Her personal feelings were just that: personal. Not right or wrong — simply Sally. Everyone who knows her well really got that about her."

## Samaritas Gift Cards for Christmas!

As we have done for a number of years now, we are asking the congregation to provide gift cards for the refugee children being fostered through Samaritas.

Why now, instead of during the month of December? For the simple reason that in December there will be multiple support opportunities for you, and, hopefully, by making this ask of you now, it will be a bit less stressful on your pocketbooks!

So, while you're shopping at your local Meijer's, Target, or Walmart, would you please pick up a \$25 gift card for this young people so that they can receive a Christmas toy or two that they may not normally be able to get?

Your donations can be placed in the box located between the chairs in the welcome area through Sunday, October 12th. Or, if you prefer, you could just slip \$25 cash into the box, and Pastor will purchase the gift cards for you.



Gifts for  
teens in need

## Financial Advice to be Available

On Oct. 21st we are honored to welcome a financial advisor from Thrivent who will be introducing herself during our worship service. Following the service, during our Fellowship Time, she will be available for you to connect with. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the services Thrivent offers, discuss your personal financial goals. It's a great opportunity to get some expert advice and get any questions you may have answered in a relaxed setting.

We encourage you to take advantage of this valuable resource!

## Sunday School October Theme: Ruth

This October, our Sunday School lessons will focus on the story of Ruth, a beautiful example of loyalty, faith, and God's provision. Each week, we'll explore Ruth's journey and the powerful lessons it offers for both kids and adults.

Join us as we dive into this inspiring story and discover how Ruth's faithfulness can encourage our own walk with God

## Adult Bible Study Has Started!

The Adult Bible Study group had its first meeting on **Wednesday, September 17** over Zoom. Led by George Evalt and Jane Alder, the group is currently choosing their first study. The group meets **every Wednesday at 7 PM on Zoom**. Members commit to purchasing a study book, attending weekly sessions.

 **Watch the weekly newsletters for updates on what they're learning throughout the month.**

## Clothing Distribution Volunteers Needed! October 8th-11th

We're once again partnering up with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to host a **clothing distribution event** for people in need. Last year we helped over 150 families and this year we expect to be helping more than double that number. Every room in the church (with the exception of the worship space) is going to be full and will need to be prepped for the big day!

So, even though we will not be accepting clothing **donations**, we **do need volunteers** from **October 8th through the 11th** to help sort, organize, and assist during the event.

If you're available to lend a hand, please reach out and let us know. Your support can make a real difference! 734-582-4112



## Remembering Amber

A few months ago, our congregation lost a beautiful young member, Amber Evancho, to suicide, leaving her family, her church family, and her friends heartbroken.

As a follow-up to this sad event, her family, church family and many friends have participated in a walk for suicide prevention on Sunday, September 21. This walk was sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention which is composed of more than 400 communities nationwide to raise awareness and much-needed funds, strongly sending the message that suicide can be prevented, and that no one is alone. *Amber's Army raised \$5,641 and had 120+ walkers.*



## Crafty Connections

Join us for Crafty Connections-a time of fellowship and creativity! We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month **October 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm and again Wednesday, **October 29<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am. Bring along whatever craft project you're currently working on-we'd love to see your creations, share ideas, and enjoy one another's company.



### Help Feed the Hungry

As part of our ongoing commitment to caring for neighbors in need, we continue to collect non-perishable food for the First United Methodist Food Pantry. We are asking everyone to bring in at least one non-perishable food item to donate. Think of items like canned vegetables and fruit, pasta, rice, peanut butter, cereal, soups, canned proteins like tuna and chicken, and other self-stable goods. Every can, box, and jar add up to a powerful expression of love and compassion. You can drop off your donations in the designated bins across from the office anytime.

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** is the next Bring One Sunday. Let's come together as a congregation to bless others with the gift of food. Your small act of generosity can make a big difference in someone's life.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your checks out to "First United Methodist food pantry." If you have questions, contact Greg or Gloria Tapper 734-427-1142.



**Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**| 5:00–8:00 PM**

### MENU:

Bratwurst and Knockwurst  
Roasted Chicken  
Sauerkraut  
German Potato Salad  
German Chocolate Cake  
Beverages (including beer)

### TICKETS:

Adults: \$15.00  
Children 6 and over \$6.00  
Children 5 and under – free

**Tickets are available after worship  
services in September.**

## An Opportunity to Serve Palestine

As we have done for a number of years, we are asking the congregation to provide financial support for the schools of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land aka the ELCJHL. That's the same church we pray for each week during worship. Special envelopes will be available starting in October. As in past years George Evalt will match the fund total that is donated..

The location of the collection box has not been determined yet, so watch the weekly newsletter for that information.

Thank You/ Shuckran, George

## *Money, Stewardship and Generosity*

...From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required, and from the one to whom much as been entrusted, even more will be demanded...`Luke 12:48b

Work-world practices and faith practices are fundamentally opposed to each other. Hours of church volunteer work are more valuable to God than hours of a paid job. In church, stewardship refers to giving the first 10 percent of your income to God. A dollar in the offering plate is worth \$10 given to family or friends.

I hope each of the above statements gives you pause. Are these claims true or false? What does the Bible teach about stewardship of time, talent and material resources.

In the second part of this Bible study series, we will tr to demystify the “churchy” concept of stewardship and recover it as a helpful spiritual and real-world practice.

We’ll begin with the way the dictionary defines stewardship, as *“the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to our care.”*

The Bible study is available from the mailbox of Lauren Preston.

The women’s Bible study group will meet on Wednesday, October 15 at 1:00

## **Days for Girls**

Day for Girls has partnered with **Detroit Period Project** and **Anchored Hope**. These organizations provide disposable menstrual products to girls in school and homeless women on the street.



Please continue to support Days for Girls by donating the following items for the kits:

100% cotton flannel and quilting fabric

Girls underwear, brief style only,

100% cotton (Sizes 8, 10, 12 or 14)

Travel size bars of soap (like motels use)

Dark colored washcloths

Donations are *especially* needed of Sanitary napkins and tampons

Please place donated items in the basket under the mailboxes.

## Live Streaming Worship Services.

You can sponsor a Sunday livestream service in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special occasion, or simply to support the ministry, for only \$15. Your sponsorship helps us reach shut-ins, those who are ill, traveling, or anyone who cannot attend in person. Each sponsorship will be acknowledged in the bulletin and the newsletters. Sign up on the church Communication Board or contact the office.

**August live streaming has been sponsored by:**

**October 5:** Steve and Andrea Kolhoff

**October 12:** Marge Ross

**October 19:** Lair Family

**October 26:** Hardy Family

### Altar Flowers

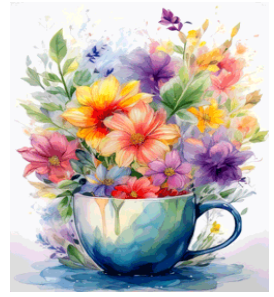
Would you like to sponsor a vase on the altar? For \$25 you can dedicate a vase in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special occasion, or simply to honor someone meaningful in your life. Your sponsorship helps beautify our worship space and adds a personal touch to our services. Sign up on the Communication Board or call the office.

Vase 1 and 2 : Available for Sponsorship

**October 5**

**October 12**

**October 19**



### October 26

Vase 1: Rick and Jodi Reed in celebration of their anniversary

Vase 2: Debby Hoepner's Birthday!

## Prayers for our Community

If you would like someone on the prayer list, please fill out the yellow card and place their name on prayer sheets located in the Welcoming Area. After two weeks, names are either removed or put onto the continuous prayer list, but not read aloud in church. Members will have a written reminder of whom to pray for in the weekly newsletter. A reminder that we begin again with this list starting on the first Sunday in Advent (November 30).

**Prayers for the ill/homebound within our community:** Grace Bryngelson; Jon and Karen Call; Janet Clisch, Julia Gardner; Marge Gask; Kathy Groff; Laurel Fick; Carole Knapp; Eva Miner; Carol Noonan; Elizabeth Reed, Mark Roffi; Gladys Seeger; Kathy Tyler, Lois Zilka

**Prayers for the ill/homebound (friends and family of our members):** Bill Yagerlener, Susan Bramigk, Bill and Sarah Butcher, Paul Reed, Crystal Tillman, Tom Rossi, Pat Jolly, Crystal Tillman, Jose Romerp, Judy Bantau, Marie, Arnold, Norm Kugler, Marcy Hakala, Rudy Piro, Delores Gaylord, Nancy Young, Jeff Viola, Tom Payne, Barbara Harvey, Susan Campbell, Tom Noonan, Jose Romero, Jim K, Michele A, Renee K, Zach Prinz

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Amanda Smith, Michele and Andrew Bearman, Ashley Frey, Tom Prinz, Kay Prinz, Wilma Wondolkowski, Curt Thompson, Claire Thompson, Minnie and Don Kensreg, Rev. Tom Schurger, Ingrid Pratt, Katie Watson, Mary Woodring, Marilyn Briegel, Tommy and Emily Connelly Linda and Ken Schroder, Cam Minnis, Robert Belzer, Frances Browne, Joe Kelley, Mary Rayes, Dawn Hernandez, Dillon, Beth Weertz

**Those who are serving our country:** Ian Bramigk (Army), Calvin Heim (Air Force), Ryan Loyd (Air Force), Tyler Miller (Army)

This month's Rotating Member Prayers:

**October 5**

Pastor Jim and Heather Fogle  
Katie Frank  
John Gamboto  
Julia Gardner

**October 12**

Marjorie Gask  
Brian and Kathy Goodykoontz  
Carol Gregg

**October 19**

Kathy Groff  
Carole Hakala  
Jim, Susan, Jenna, Rowan, and Reece Hardy  
Laura Harrison

**October 26**

Larry and Georgia Hartsell  
Steve Hartsell  
Barbara Heidmann  
Anne Heikkinen



6 Gregg Droste  
8 Leo Albert  
9 Mike Sweier  
10 Marge Gask  
12 Esther Bowers  
Ericka Williamson  
13 Catherine Holt  
14 Marian Pye  
16 Oliver Hoste  
17 Michael LePine  
20 Benjamin Holt  
21 Julie Livingston  
22 Kristina Wommer  
25 John Gambotto  
27 Jodi Reed  
28 Debby Hoepner  
31 Katie Reid  
Dennis Bramigk



4 Julie and Jeremiah Livingston  
9 Terry and Glenda Tarr  
Dave and Deanna Holt  
11 Chris and Kristina Wommer  
13 Tom and Beth Codd

Wednesday, October 1  
Psalm 62  
Hosea 12:2-14  
Matthew 19:16-22

Thursday, October 2  
Psalm 37:1-9  
2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36  
Revelation 2:8-11

Friday, October 3  
Psalm 37:1-9  
2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37  
Revelation 2:12-29

Saturday, October 4  
Psalm 37:1-9  
Isaiah 7:1-9  
Matthew 20:29-34

**Sunday, October 5**  
**Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**  
**Psalm 37:1-9**  
**2 Timothy 1:1-14**  
**Luke 17:5-10**

Monday, October 6  
Psalm 3  
Habakkuk 1:5-17  
James 1:2-11

Tuesday, October 7  
Psalm 3  
Habakkuk 2:5-1  
1 John 5:1-5, 13-21

Wednesday, October 8  
Psalm 3  
Habakkuk 2:12-20  
Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

Thursday, October 9  
Psalm 111  
Leviticus 14:33-53  
2 Timothy 1:13-18

Friday, October 10  
Psalm 111  
Numbers 4:34—5:4  
2 Timothy 2:1-7

Saturday, October 11  
Psalm 111  
Numbers 12:1-15  
Luke 5:12-16

**Sunday, October 12**  
**2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c**  
**Psalm 111**  
**2 Timothy 2:8-15**  
**Luke 17:11-19**

## Daily Devotions

Monday, October 13  
Psalm 61  
2 Kings 5:15-19a  
Acts 26:24-29

Tuesday, October 14  
Psalm 61  
2 Kings 5:19b-27  
Ephesians 6:10-20

Wednesday, October 15  
Psalm 61  
2 Kings 15:1-7  
Matthew 10:5-15

Thursday, October 16  
Psalm 121  
Isaiah 54:11-17  
Acts 17:22-34

Friday, October 17  
Psalm 121  
Genesis 31:43—32:2  
2 Timothy 2:14-26

Saturday, October 18  
Psalm 121  
Genesis 32:3-21  
Mark 10:46-52

**Sunday, October 19**  
**Genesis 32:22-31**  
**Psalm 121**  
**2 Timothy 3:14—4:5**  
**Luke 18:1-8**

Monday, October 20  
Psalm 57  
1 Samuel 25:2-22  
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Tuesday, October 21  
Psalm 57  
1 Samuel 25:23-35  
James 5:7-12  
Wednesday, October 22

Wednesday, October 22  
Psalm 57  
1 Samuel 25:36-42  
Luke 22:39-46

Monday, October 20  
Psalm 57  
1 Samuel 25:2-22  
1 Corinthians 6:11

Tuesday, October 21  
Psalm 57  
1 Samuel 25:23-35  
James 5:7-12

Wednesday, October 22  
Psalm 57  
1 Samuel 25:36-42  
Luke 22:39-46

Thursday, October 23  
Psalm 84:1-7  
Jeremiah 9:1-16  
2 Timothy 3:1-9

Friday, October 24  
Psalm 84:1-7  
Jeremiah 9:17-26  
2 Timothy 3:10-15

Saturday, October 25  
Psalm 84:1-7  
Jeremiah 14:1-6  
Luke 1:46-55

**Sunday, October 26**  
**Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22**  
**or Sirach 35:12-17**  
**Psalm 84:1-7**  
**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**  
**Luke 18:9-14**

Monday, October 27  
Psalm 84:8-12  
1 Samuel 2:1-10  
1 Peter 4:12-19

Tuesday, October 28  
Psalm 84:8-12  
Daniel 5:1-12  
1 Peter 5:1-11

Wednesday, October 29  
Psalm 84:8-12  
Daniel 5:13-31  
Matthew 21:28-32

Thursday, October 30  
Psalm 32:1-7  
Proverbs 15:8-11, 24-33  
2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Friday, October 31  
Psalm 32:1-7  
Job 22:21—23:17  
2 Peter 1:1-11



