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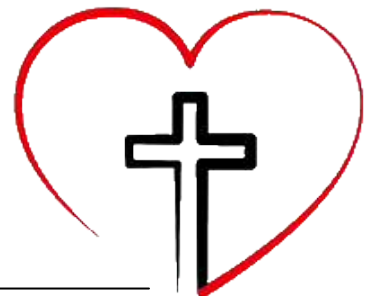
A few weeks ago, Sherice and I drove up to Lubbock to see Rodney Crowell. Singer. Songwriter. Country, of course. Began his career back in the 70s. Hit his stride in the late 80s. Number one hits! Critical acclaim! And there he was! Up close and personal! One night only! A little grayer! But, hey, aren't we all!

As I watched that almost-seventy-something, I got to thinking, "Why?" He didn't have anything to prove. Nothing to gain. Over the years, he'd accumulated more-than-enough for several lifetimes. But there he was, up on stage, doing his thing! And I couldn't figure out why. So, I watched. And listened. And about intermission, I realized ... It was, simply, because he loved singing! He did it out of a sheer joy for the music! And by the looks of it, he'd do it if he didn't get a dime!

And, you know, I think the same's true for us! For the church! We have nothing to prove. We don't have anything to gain. It's not for the crowds. It's not for the money. Not for the acclaim. Now, it's not, even, for the building! We do what we do because we love doing it! Telling the story! Sunday after Sunday! Over and over! Again and again! We do it for the absolute joy of speaking good news! And you know, maybe that's enough! Maybe that's more than enough!

i Crossing over ... TOGETHER !

Bob



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THE pmSTUDY is back at it! Wednesday evening, October 02nd!



We'll meet in the patio Room, from 7-8:00! We don't have a topic, yet. Choosing one will be the first order of business! Any questions, give the pastor a call or text - 432.349-7407! See you, there!

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THE designTEAM meets on Thursday evening, October 03rd. This time, on the patio at the churchBuilding, from 7:00 till 8:00.



The focus of their efforts continues to be the visionStatement. Any suggestions, questions, or concerns, feel free to talk with pastorBob: (office) 432.694-1373 + (cell) 432.349-7407 + (home) 432.689-9274 + (email) bbarndt@juno.com. Or any member of the team: from MidlandLutheranChurch - Sherice Barndt, Fred Behnken, Bob Boomer, Gretchen Shults, Ken Spencer, & Jonathan Yee; from Christ'sLutheran Church/Odessa - Mark & Ramona Russell and Bob & Delores Schuler; or rector at Iglesia Episcopal San Miguel Arcangel/Odessa - Father Rick Lopez.

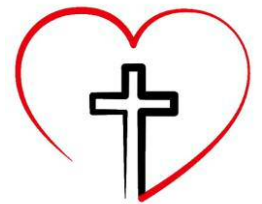
The second meeting of the month will be Thursday evening, October 17th. Same time. Place TBA. We'll continue working on the vision Statement.

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THIS MONTH'S "3rd SUNDAY" SERMON - based on our journey - will

focus on the kind of church the world needs (and the kind of church we believe god is calling us to become/be. One in which "the gospel is preached - and heard - in radical fashion" - a la late rev dr Gerhard Forde.

You might want to take a look at his article online: [Radical Lutheranism](#) It's an older article, written a generation ago, just before the formation of the ELCA. But it, still, has a lot of grist for the mill. If you aren't online, talk with pastorBob and he'll get a hardcopy for you. And then afterward, maybe we can get together, sometime, over coffee and talk!



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THE SUNDAYam adultCLASS

continues! 9:15-10:15, every Sunday



morning in the "old" PatioRoom! But to be honest, it's more a conversation, than

a class! The topic is ... "reshapingChurch." We're trying to figure out the Whos, Whats, Whens, Wheres, Whys, and - eventually - the Hows of being god's people for a new century! Again, any questions, talk with pastorBob - office - 432.694-1373 + cell - 432.349-7407 + home - 432.689-9274 + or email - bbarndt@juno.com!

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BTW! Lael Pitts is continuing the catechism Class for jr & sr High kids! If you'd like to join the conversation, come on down! Sunday Mornings, 9:15-10:15! And then, stay for worship! No reservations needed! Any questions, give/send Lael a call/text @ 432.296-2684! See y'all Sunday!



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THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA meet, this month, from 9:30-11:00 (+/-), Wednesday morning, October 09th, in the "old" patio Room, off the north hallway! Haven't been? Come on down and have a seat! Any questions, talk with study leader Gretchen Shults. Call or text – 432.413-4354



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THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP that'd been meeting in "our" lobby, each month, is now getting together over @ St Luke's UMC, 3011 W Kansas Ave. It's still the second Thursday afternoon of each month – this month, October 10th – from 2-3:30 (+/-)! Susan Frederickson, Caregiver Program Specialist for the Area Agency on Aging for the Permian Basin, continues as facilitator for the discussion. No need to call ahead. But if you'd like to talk



with Susan ahead of time, her number – at the agency – is 432.563-1061!

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ANOTHER ROUND OF FAITH TALKS



starts, Saturday morning, October 19th. For the past half-dozen-or-so years, we've been getting together with Christ's Lutheran Church/Odessa to talk about – as we've put it – things that matter ... Worship! Sin! Bible! Lutheranism! Salvation! Marks of the Church! To name a few! Now, it's time for "What's Next?" Taking what we've discussed and putting it all together to figure out where god might be leading! Midland Lutheran Church! Christ's Lutheran Church! Midland! Odessa! The Oil Patch! We'll be meeting at Christ's Lutheran, 2002 N Lincoln Ave, Odessa, from 10:00am until 2:00pm! Lunch's included! No need to let us know ahead of time if you'll be there. If you wake up, that morning, and decide, at the last minute, to join us ... come on over! There's always a seat! Always enough food! And always, **always**, more than enough coffee! Any questions – or if you need a ride – talk with pastor Bob!

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THE REGULAR MEETING

of the congregation Council is right after worship, the third Sunday of each month. That means on the 20th, this month! If you're not on council, but would like to



drop by to see what's happening, no worries! The door's always open! The agenda is the usual overview of ministry! But this time, we'll be looking forward to Advent and Christmas activities, in particular. Again, anyone and everyone is welcome! Questions? Talk with pastorBob: call 432.694-1373, or call/text 432.349-7407, or drop a line to bbarndt@juno.com! Or get in touch with any councilMember listed on the leadership page of this newsletter!

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evening PRAYER @ THE PARK! Everything went well, last time. So well, in fact, we're gonna do it, one more time ... before it gets too cold! Thursday evening, October 24th! Sunset's at 7:06, so we'll begin @ 6:30! We'll return to the xeriscape demonstration area, [WindlandsPark](#), 1001 W Dengar Ave. It's comfortable, convenient, and accessible! Get in touch if you have any questions ... or if you'd like to go but need a way to get there! (office) 432.694-1373 + (cell) 432.349-7407 + (home) 432.689-9274 + (email) bbarndt@juno.com

Oh, and last month, there was talk about staying afterward and spending some time together! So, this is your invite for that, as well! And feel free to bring along a friend! Or two! Or three! P.S., they don't have to be Lutherans!

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FOR A COUPLE MONTHS, NOW,



we've been trying out FacebookLIVE. It's a service for Facebook-users that allows them to share live video with their followers and friends! Facebook, then, publishes the video to their page so that those who weren't able to watch at the time can see it whenever they're able ... for as often they'd like!

Anyway, pastorBob's, also, had requests for videos on other things he's doing –



i.e., the college classic he's been teaching at MidlandCollege, FAITH TALKS, etc. But rather than livestreaming, we're in the process of setting up a YouTube account and making links available! It's not a reality ... yet! But we're working on it! So keep your eyes and ears open and we'll let you know as soon as things are ready!

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SNACK BAR SIGNUP!

Next time you're at worship, take a moment or two and look for the signup sheet for the snack bar! It doesn't have to be anything extraordinary. Just a little something to tempt people to stay a while after worship and talk to each other! Then, just pick a day and add your name to the list!



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OVER THE PAST MONTHS ... the family and friends of people we've

known who've died have been added to the prayer list. Since last newsletter ...

Anne [Severson] Carter died Saturday, September 07th. A memorial service will be held, 10:00, Tuesday morning, Sep. 17, @ Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 5110 N Garfield St, here in Midland.

Angie Clowers and her family – husband Jim and children Letha, Karen, and Dale – became a part of this congregation, shortly after we were organized. Bill died, here, in 1984. Angie, later, moved away. She died in Austin, October, 2018. We, recently, had a graveside service and laid her to rest next to Jim.

Loren Kim Cordes, of McQueeney, Texas, Lael Cordes-Pitts' brother, died Saturday, August 17th.

Rest eternal grant them all, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

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NO SHAVE NOVEMBER begins at the end of the month. "No-Shave November is a web-based, non-profit organization devoted to growing cancer awareness and raising funds to support cancer prevention, research, and education." The goal of No-Shave November is to grow awareness by embracing – both males and females – our hair, which many cancer patients lose, and letting it grow wild and free.



Donate the money you typically spend on shaving and grooming to educate about cancer prevention, save lives, and aid those fighting the battle. Just click the **NO SHAVE NOVEMBER** for more information!

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

TIME officially ends, 2:00,

Sunday morning, November 03rd! So be sure to "fall back" an hour – if you're old school

– or you might find yourself an hour early for worship! If you do, don't worry! You can join us for Sunday School!



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For day-to-day, week-to-week details, be sure to keep an eye on social ministry. . .

www.MidlandLutheranChurch.org

– our webpage –

& our Facebook pages

[@GospelCrossWords](https://www.facebook.com/GospelCrossWords)

– devotion posts –

[@MidlandLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/MidlandLutheranChurch)

– us & our ministry –

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE in your thoughts, words, & DEEDS. . .

Kaylee Academia; Adrian; Susan & Lee Anderson; Aunt Betty; Mike Bovington; **family & friends of Anne Severson Carter; family & friends of Angie Clowers; family & friends of Loren Cordes;** Corbin; Heather Dellinger; Donovan; Marilyn Douglas; Shirley Dye; Emily; Forest; Jay Howell;

Wanda Howell; Anneliese Hyde; Linda Jamison; Wayne Johnson; Marti Jones; Karen; Diane Keys; Kim & Sunny; Kirstie; Kristi & new daughter; Kurt; Toni Jean Lanier; Leanne; Lisa; Liz, Kurt, & Brian; Louie; Cassie Martin; Ruth Mendenhall; Doris Muehlbrad; Cindy Nelson; Shirley Nelson; Jennifer & Kyle Norman; Penny; Lael & Larry Pitts; Ray; Reagan; Geneva Russell; Ruth; Dean Saenger; Paul & Angelina Sicilly; Jody Smith; Johnnie Snider; Doug Speer; Erma Starling; Luther Steele; Judy Swenson; Teresa; Tim; Tricia; Betty Tuminaro; Bill Weber; Lonnie Yee; Theresa & Tim York

For telephone prayer chain requests - or if you'd like to be a link on the chain -

please call Barbara Porsch -

683-4474 * bporsch@sbcglobal.net
or Ginny Behnken -

262-3374 *

fred_behnken@suddenlink.net

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the **BIRTHDAYS**

jerry hayes	10/03	kristie keys	10/10
blakeston stroud	10/03	ryann stroud	10/10
christopher keys	10/05	amanda schaffrina	10/19
isaac schaffrina	10/05	franklin nelson	10/25
marylin boomer	10/07		

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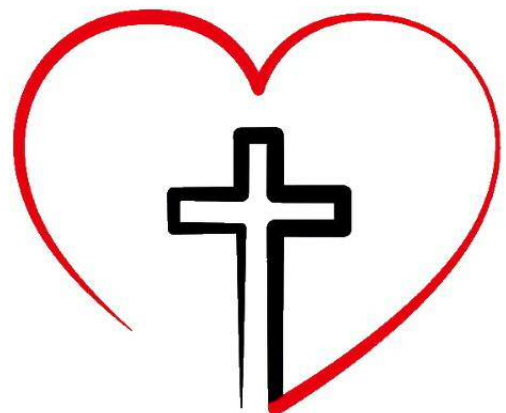
the **ANNIVERSARIES**

dave & judy swenson	10/04
steve & mary douglas	10/13

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if we've - unintentionally - omitted a birthday or anniversary, please let us know we'll be sure to get you **NEXT YEAR**

O GOD, YOU HAVE CALLED YOUR SERVANTS
TO VENTURES OF WHICH WE CANNOT SEE THE ENDING,
BY PATHS AS YET UNTRODDEN,
THROUGH PERILS UNKNOWN.
GIVE US FAITH TO GO OUT WITH GOOD COURAGE,
NOT KNOWING WHERE WE GO,
BUT ONLY THAT YOUR HAND IS LEADING US
AND YOUR LOVE SUPPORTING US;
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.
AMEN! AMEN! THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE!



the LEADERSHIP of the CONGREGATION

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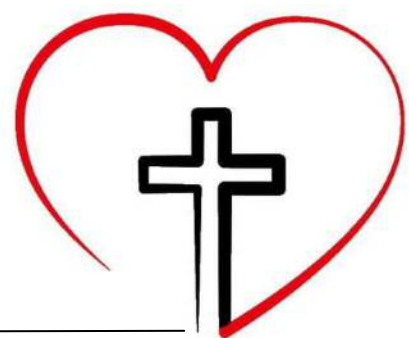
nominating team	sherice barndt	delegate(s)
organist	chad hauris	bob barndt
		pastor

the WORSHIP MINISTERS

	reader	assisting minister	tellers
oct 06 th	ruth orson	gretchen shults	del bowie & lonnie yee
oct 13 th	wanda ahyes	jonathan yee	lonnie yee &
oct 20 th	bob boomer	kay sewell	alan sewell &
oct 27 th	erika weber	bob boomer	fred behnken &
altar guild	norma saenger	bob boomer	cantor

“O Christ,
create new hearts in us
that beat in time
with yours ...”

herman g stuempfle, jr, 1923-2007, elw # 722





the PROPERs for october

the SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST, october 06

the PRAYER of the DAY: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the READINGS: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 + Psalm 37:1-9 + 2nd Timothy 1:1-14 + Luke 17:5-10

the EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST, october 13

the PRAYER of the DAY: Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the READINGS: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c + Psalm 111 + 2nd Timothy 2:8-15 + Luke 17:11-19

the NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST, october 20

the PRAYER of the DAY: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.















the READINGS: Genesis 32:22-31 + Psalm 121 + 2nd Timothy 3:14--4:5 + Luke 18:1-8

REFORMATION SUNDAY, october 27

the PRAYER of the DAY: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

the READINGS: Jeremiah 31:31-34 + Psalm 46 + Romans 3:19-28 + John 8:31-36

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domingo	lunes	martes	miercoles	jueves	viernes	sabado		
		1	2	3	4	5		
<p>lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone herman g stuempfle jr, elw # 722</p>			 7:00pm – pmStudy	 7:00pm – designTeam				
 9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship 4:00pm - bsa 270	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
			 9:30am – women of the elca 7:00pm – pmStudy					
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			 7:00pm – pmStudy	 7:00pm – designTeam		 10:00am – faithTalks		
 9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship 12:00pm - council 4:00pm - bsa 270	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
			 7:00pm – pmStudy	 6:30pm – eveningPrayer @ thePark				
 9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship 4:00pm - bsa 270	27	28	29	30	31	<p><i>Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum</i> the word of the lord endures forever</p>		
			 7:00pm – pmStudy <i>misd holiday</i>					



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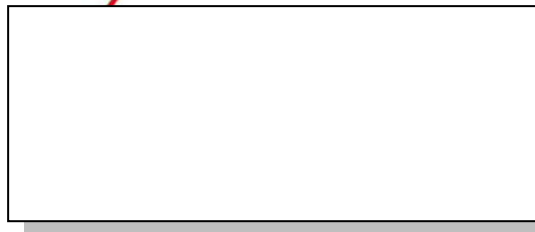
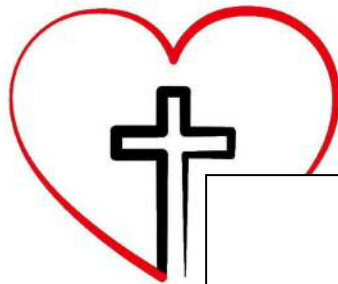
sunday morning schedule: **learning hour @ 9:15 *worship @ 10:30**

office hours: monday-thursday, 9am-noon & by appointment

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