

New Life News



My favorite color
is October.

NLLC COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Bruce Brenden, President
- Mike Heidecker, Vice President
- Kristi Pfingsten, Secretary
- Joyce Peterson, Evangelism, Family Life and Social Concerns Committee
- Diane Kunze, Worship Committee
- Stephanie Curtis, Education Committee
- Jessica Nelson, Youth Committee
- John Reber, Stewardship Committee
- Lorin Hansen, Property Committee

FIRST COMMUNION

10:00 am Sunday, October 7th

LITTLE BETHANY WELCA

2:00 pm Tuesday, October 9th

NEW LIFE CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

1:30 pm Tuesday, October 9th

NLLC COUNCIL

7:30 pm Wednesday, October 10th

3RD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

10:00 am Sunday, October 28th

NEW LIFE & LITTLE BETHANY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SERVICE GROUP LEADERS

- October** John & Heather Reber
- November** Chad & Heather Nelson
Marcus & Brianna Erickson

Sunday Worship Times

Little Bethany - 8:45 a.m.
New Life Lutheran 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion:

Little Bethany ~ First Sunday
each month
New Life ~ First and Third
Sunday each month

Coffee Fellowship:

9:00 a.m. at NLLC

Sunday School

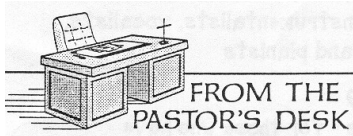
Kids Power in Christ at NLLC
9:00 a.m. Sept-May

Youth Group at NLLC

Check the Youth Page

WELCA/Bible Studies:

2nd Tuesday of the Month
1:30 NLLC
2:00 Little Bethany



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A man who had been traveling in France a few years back, shared his tale of a unique experience he had while there. He had entered a small village in the Doubs region when he heard the bell of a protestant church ringing. The church was dark, but the people of the community were hastening through the narrow streets toward it. Each individual was carrying with him or her a small bronze oil lamp of ancient design.

The curious traveler fell in with a group making their way toward the church and asked them why everyone was carrying a lamp. One villager replied, "We have no other way of lighting our church. In 1550, when the church was built, the lord of the village decided that each person should bring a small lamp and together the small lamps would light the sanctuary. The church owns the lamps and lends one out to each member. We take them home, fill them with oil, and light them at the torch at the entrance as we go in."

Doesn't that keep people away from the evening services?" asked the traveler.

"On the contrary, sir; our church is called "the church of the lighted lamps." Everyone comes to most every service, to make it brighter; for each knows that if he or she stays home, the church will be darker and the service sadder. If we see that there is a dark place, we know someone is away from the village, or there is an illness or a death."

When the traveler went into the church, he saw a stand in front of each seat on which to place a lighted lamp. Under each stand was a card with the name of the present holder of the lamp which belonged on that stand. Thus, for more than 450 years the lamps have passed from hand to hand and their innumerable soft little lights have symbolized the union of the whole village in the presence of God.

What an incredible illustration of not just worship, but Christian unity and purpose. All the lamps come from the same giver and all are lit from the same source, but each has its own place and its own individual task to perform. In a similar way, we are each a lamp given to one another and the world. Your light and my light both come from the same loving God--who is the Light of the World. We each have our place and our purpose. However, if I stay home or keep my light to myself, our world will be a little bit darker and sadder; and, we all suffer because of it. If you stay home or keep your light to yourself, the same will be true.

Jesus, speaking not just to his disciples of long ago, but to us, today, says, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." [Matthew 5:16]

Anything less is simply a tragedy for each of us and for the world.

Take care and God bless!

Yours in Christ,

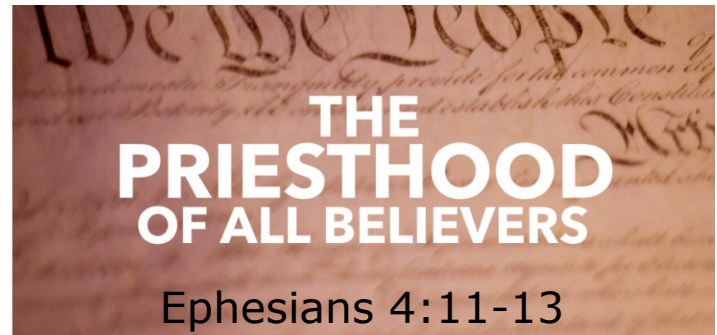
Pastor Randy



Pastor Randy's Top Seven Toes Wish List

1. We need 6-8 young (age 21 to 75) men and women to work with our youth director, Jess, providing adult leadership for the youth group. **Qualifications:** love God/love kids; willingness to commit 2 hours on a Wednesday evening, or possibly another day, 2 or 3 times a year.
2. We need 20 or so adults (age 21 to 101) to each mentor a confirmation student. **Qualifications:** love God/love kids; willingness to commit to a total of at least 4 hours to a youth in the next 7-8 months.
3. We need 4-6 parents of elementary youth to serve on a new Elementary Youth Experience (EYE) Contact Team. Duties: help plan and lead once-a-month activities for Elementary youth and their families. [i.e.: swimming party, hay ride, campfire, etc.] **Qualifications:** be a parent, love God/love kids; willingness to commit to 4-10 hrs./year
4. We need 4-6 people (20 to 40 something) to help develop and lead a Koinonia Group (fellowship activities for 20 to 40 something year-olds). Duties: help plan and lead an activity each month. **Qualifications:** love God/love others; willingness to commit 1-6 hours a month.
5. We need 6-12 people (14 to 104 years old) to help plan, prepare, and craft, build, or bake 12 projects (such as a Christmas Ornament, a simple wooden Christmas gift, or a baked Christmas item) for the New Life *Parish's* Advent Workshop (for kids of the area) which will be happening in early to mid December. **Qualifications:** love God/love others; a spark of creativity, a willingness to commit 2-8 hours over the next 3 ½ months.
6. We would love to put together a crew of 6-12 people [for an adult mission trip] to head south (possibly to Louisiana) this coming January or February to spend a week working on a Habitat for Humanity house build. **Qualifications:** love God/love others; ability to do physical labor (swing a hammer, paint walls, may be sheetrock or mudding walls, etc.), willingness to commit 7-9 days (2-4 days for travel, 5 days of labor).
7. We would love to have 4-6 people (adults) to organize a Salt Shakers Ministry. What is a Salt Shakers Ministry? It is where an individual or couple invites over 4-8 people (some familiar to them, some not so

much) for a meal and fellowship. The guests are invited to host a meal sometime later. It is that simple. **Qualifications:** love God/love others; a home and willingness to host others.



¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.



Which toe can you help
with so that we may build
up the body of Christ?

**New Life Lutheran Church
Unapproved Minutes
September 12, 2018**

New Life Lutheran Church Council met at 7:30 p.m. on August, 2018 at NLLC in Rothsay, MN. Present were: Bruce Brenden, Kristi Pflingsten, Jessica Nelson, Lorin Hansen, Steph Curtis, Joyce Peterson, Char Boe, Randy Whitehead, and Renae Froslic.

The meeting opened with devotions from Renae Froslic.

- 1.0 Joyce made a motion to approve the agenda, Lorin seconded it, motion carried.
- 2.0 Steph made a motion to approve the minutes from August 2018, Joyce seconded it, motion carried.
- 3.0 Char made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Steph seconded it, motion carried.
- 4.0 Ongoing Business
 - 4.1 Bells & Signage

There were two proposals from Indigo sign. The committee decided they wanted the digital sign. They are going to talk to local masons about the brick work. They decided to do the sign first and then the bells. Are looking at next spring to begin the work.
 - 4.2 Membership Information letter

A few letters have come back. Will be sending out a reminder postcard in January.
 - 4.3 Budget

Would like to start working on a new budget for next year between October and December .
 - 4.4 Meatball Supper

The date for the meatball supper is September 29. Everything seems to be falling into place.
- 5.0 New Business
 - 5.1 Correspondence

NA
 - 5.2 Upcoming events

September 29th Meatball supper
November 11th Harvest Festival with Potluck

6.0 Pastor's Report–

Visitation has increased from 1 day a month to 3-4 days a month. This is due to the list expanding and with getting to know people better and visiting longer. Past few weeks a fair amount of time has been focused on the confirmation curriculum. Calendar for confirmation was adjusted slightly. We cancelled one Wednesday night class to allow the school to go ahead with an event they have scheduled for Halloween. Running up to Fargo a little more than usual as we have had some folks in the hospital. Tries to go up 2-3 times a week with extended care due to the seriousness of the care. Do we have a wish list for memorial money? Can it be provided to the office and Pastor Randy? There will be a first communion class in September and first communion on Oct. 6th. Randy will be having a bible class for third graders who will be receiving their bibles on October 28th. We will be having a mission trip next summer. Looking for something close by (within a day's drive.)

7.0 Youth Director's Report –

First WOW of the year was September 12th. Changing up the format a little and having dinner between confirmation classes. We will be having a living sermon. Started with Gratitude tonight and will spend about 6-8 weeks on prayer. First youth group will be on Sunday the 16th. September's service project will be the meatball supper. October 6th we will have a lock-in. And on Sunday we will do a turkey trot to collect canned goods for the Harvest Festival. Sunday School –we are working on where God shows up in our lives.

8.0 Office Manager's Report–

Fire systems were checked on Wednesday Sept. 12. Pest control came in that day and sprayed for flies. While he was spraying he noticed bat droppings. Lorin will be checking into this and will take care of the situation. The cree LED light-bulbs we have been buying not available at the present time. Kristi will check with the Lighthouse in Fargo and with Electrical Wholesale. If they can not be found she will order the cree 100 watt bulb.

9.0 WELCA - Hot water spigot on the coffee pot still has not been fixed. Bruce will look into this a little further. Money for the chairs has not been transferred to the WELCA account yet. WELCA would like to thank Randy for setting up the tables, chairs, preparing pitchers of water and making lemonade for Avis Zimmerman's funeral.

10. NLLC Foundation Report–No report

13. Committee Reports

Worship and Music: The old banners were pulled from the closet and placed in boxes. New banners were taken out of boxes and hung in the closet. The council decided that the committee will be given the authority to determine what will happen with the old banners.

Education: Rally Sunday went very well.

A motion was made by Joyce Peterson that Hillary Langfeld, Stephanie Olson, and Amy Meyer are authorized signers on the NLLC Sunday School Fund at Farmer's State Bank of Rothsay and that Steph Curtis and Lexi Jensen will be taken off the account. Seconded by Lorin Hansen. Motion Carried.

Evangelism and Mission/Family Life and Social Concerns:

The would like to try the service day again next year. Notes were made from this year and they will begin planning a little earlier. Council agreed that it was an excellent idea and that they should try it again. The committee is also planning something special for Lent.

Church Property: The propane tank was topped off in preparation for winter.

Stewardship: No report.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristi Pflingsten



Circle Meetings

Little Bethany WELCA
2:00 pm Tuesday, October 9th

NLLC WELCA MEETING
1:30 pm Tuesday, October 9th

As I faced my Maker at the last judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with all the other souls.

Before each of us, our lives were laid out, like the cloth squares of a quilt, in many piles. An angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that represented our entire life.

As my angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares looked. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult; the challenges and temptations I had faced in life every day. The hardships I had endured were the largest holes of all.

I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color, the bright hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened.

Like binding air, my angel sewed together the ragged pieces of cloth that seemed threadbare and empty.

The time came when each life had to be displayed and held up to the light--the scrutiny of truth. The others rose, each person holding up their own tapestries; so filled their lives had been. My angel looked up and nodded for me to rise.

My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I hadn't possessed all the earthly fortunes. I had possessed love and laughter in my life, but there had also been trials of illness, wealth, and false accusations that took from me my world. I had needed to start over many times. I had often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to muster the strength to pick up and begin again. I had also spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often endured ridicule. But each time I had offered my pain up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt beneath the judgmental gaze of other people.

But now I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it was.

I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light.

An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with wide eyes.

Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded the many holes, creating an image: the face of Christ.

Then the Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, "Every time you gave over your life to Me, it became My life, My hardships, and My struggles. Each point of light in your life represents each time you stepped aside and let Me shine through until there was more of Me than there was of you."

May all our quilts be threadbare and worn, allowing Christ to shine through!



WELCA Love Days

October 1st and 3rd.

9 am –3 pm

Monday: Bring a Sack Lunch

Wednesday: Hostess Barb Watterud



You shall give due honor and respect to the elderly, in the fear of God. I am Jehovah.
Leviticus 19:32

The following is a list of our members who are either in a nursing home or are homebound. If you are nearby and have a few minutes to spare, most of them would love to have you stop by and say Hello. You can always call ahead and see if a visit would be welcomed.

- Berdella Sogn ~ 394 Woodland Dr. #109,
Fergus Falls. (Phone 998-7262)
 - Alvin Johnson ~ 394 Woodland Dr. #110,
Fergus Falls. (Phone 998-7262)
 - Jorolf Ronnevik ~ 394 Woodland Dr. #103,
Fergus Falls. (Phone 998-7262)
Mail: 13855 28th St Fergus Falls, MN 56537
 - Debbie Faulkner ~ 1131 Mabelle Ave. Room B-209
Fergus Falls (Pioneer Care)
 - Cynthia, (Pioneer Care) Coordinator (218-739-7700)
 - Arvella Peterson ~ 222 N Whitford St. Apt. 315
Fergus Falls (218-998-0119)
 - Johnny Peterson ~ 500 Willow Creek Drive Apt. 110
Henning, MN 56551
 - Lonny Western ~ 117 E Hilltop Dr. Fergus Falls
(218-739-5613)
 - Nellie Lightowler ~ 1501 Belsly Blvd Apt. 205
Moorhead (218-287-2811)
 - Delores Lerbakken ~ Rosewood on Broadway,
1351 N. Broadway, Fargo, (701-277-7999)
 - Ida Aaberg ~ 119 N Broadway Apt. #107
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572
- If you know of someone who should be on this list, please call Kristi at the church office.

New Website/New App/New Mobile Directory

New ways to connect during the hectic school year.

Website: www.newlifeparish.net

Devotions, song videos, parenting videos, inspirational videos for all ages, kid's Bible games, kid's song videos (actions included) newsletter, church calendar, event pictures, online giving

App: Download **sharefaith** app from google play or the app store.



Open sharefaith app
Church is
NLLC Rothsay



Mobile Directory: <https://mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/177579/new-life-lutheran-church>
Access Code: 92017



Recently, a member gave the church stock shares as a donation. In order to sell these shares, the church opened a brokerage account. We now have one more venue for you to utilize as you prayerfully consider your giving in the next year.

Celebrating Baby Girl On-the Way
with Melissa M Honrud

Sat., October 6th,
12 noon to 2 pm
New Life Lutheran Church,
Rothsay, MN

Shower hosted by
Darcie, Lutia and Bev Honrud

Everyone, guys and gals invited! Come join us for lunch.
Melissa is registered at Target and Walmart.

Or, mail a card to great-gramma:

B. Honrud
922 S Whitford
Fergus Falls, MN 56537



Baby Shower for
Lori (Watterud)
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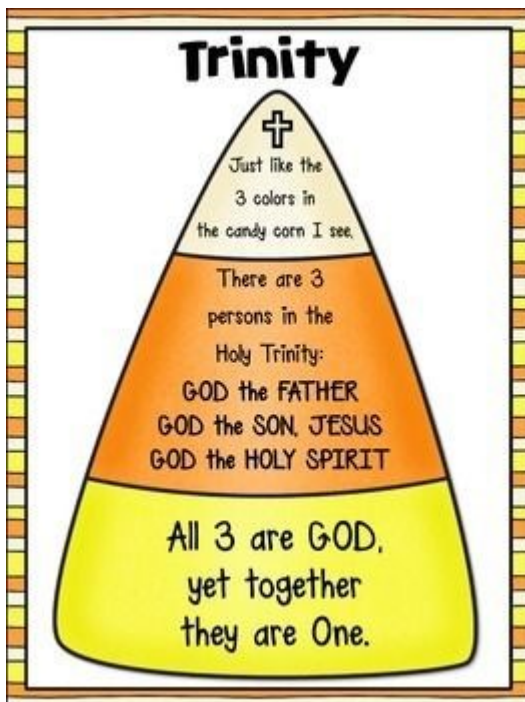
Saturday,
October 27

7:00 pm

New Life
Fellowship Hall



Kid's Page



A 10 year old little girl was asked by another classmate, "what is it like to be a Christian?". The girl replied, "it's like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then he cuts open the top and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."



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A Pumpkin Prayer



We will open our minds so we can receive God's message.
(carve the top opening of the pumpkin)



We will clear our thoughts of any mean thoughts and prejudices.
(clean out the innards)



We will open our eyes so we can see all the good in God's world.
(carve the eyes)



We will awaken ALL of our senses so we can be aware of all the goodness around us.
(carve a nose)



We will share God's message with our friends and family.
(carve a mouth)

We will let our light shine for all to see.
(put a light inside the pumpkin)

Sing "This Little Light of Mine."





Lock In
Saturday
October 6
8:00 pm -
October 7
12:00 pm

Sunday October 7
11:00 am -
12:00 pm

We will be collecting
canned goods throughout
Rothsay.

TURKEY TROT





*New Life Lutheran Church
Little Bethany Lutheran Church*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9 am- 3 pm WELCA Love Days	2	3 9 am- 3 pm WELCA Love Days 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm WOW 7pm Confirmation	4	5	6 12 pm-2 pm Baby Shower Melissa Honrud 8 pm Youth Look-in
7 8:45am Worship at LB 9am Sunday School NL 9am Coffee Hour NL 10am Worship at NL First communion 11am Youth Turkey Trot	8	9 1:30pm NLLC Ladies Bible Study 2pm LB Ladies Bible Study	10 3:45 pm 3 rd Grade Bible Instruction 6:30 pm WOW 7:30 pm Church Council	11	12	13
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21 8:45am Worship at LB 9am Sunday School NL 9am Coffee Hour NL 10am Worship at NL 6:30 Lion's Club Meeting	22	23	24 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm WOW 7pm Confirmation	25	26	27 7 pm Baby Shower Lori (Watterud) Messall
28 8:45am Worship at LB 9am Sunday School NL 9am Coffee Hour NL 10am Worship at NL Third Graders receive Bibles	29	30	31 No WOW or Confirmation			



READERS FOR OCTOBER
 October 7 John Reber
 October 14
 October 21 Jessica Nelson
 October 28



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

The following is a list of the October birthdays as listed in our church records. If your name should be on the list and isn't (or is on the list and shouldn't be), please call the church office.

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| 10/01 ~ Ericka Balken | 10/12 ~ Llyal Braton |
| 10/01 ~ Roger Bilden | 10/13 ~ Derek Froslic |
| 10/01 ~ Carol Dupree | 10/15 ~ Kayla Froslic |
| 10/02 ~ Briggs Brandt | 10/15 ~ Orrin Sorum |
| 10/02 ~ Skylar Buckingham | 10/16 ~ Inez Larson |
| 10/02 ~ Cade Sogge | 10/16 ~ Jacob Watterud |
| 10/03 ~ John Reber | 10/17 ~ Joshua Honer |
| 10/04 ~ Asher Dupree | 10/19 ~ Emma Buckingham |
| 10/04 ~ Barbara Nitz | 10/19 ~ Reed Haugrud |
| 10/05 ~ Katelyn Reber | 10/20 ~ Brenda Balken |
| 10/05 ~ Eli Schleeter | 10/20 ~ Vaeda Rian |
| 10/06 ~ Joyce Aaberg | 10/27 ~ Isabelle Larson |
| 10/06 ~ Abigail Erickson | 10/28 ~ Aaron Brenden |
| 10/07 ~ Crystal Helgeson | 10/28 ~ Kari Carlsrud |
| 10/07 ~ Anita Lindberg | 10/28 ~ Debra Jorgenson |
| 10/09 ~ Ethan Curtis | 10/28 ~ Evelyn Rhodes |
| 10/09 ~ John Kunze | 10/29 ~ Marlowe Rasmusson |



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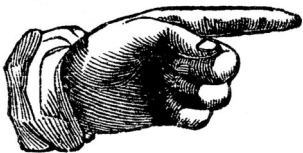
- 10/02 ~ Joel and Amy Meyer
- 10/03 ~ Kevin and Sandy Watterud
- 10/05 ~ Cale and Jessica Brandt
- 10/07 ~ Ron and Marj Amundson
- 10/13 ~ John and Heather Reber
- 10/14 ~ Corey and Carla Moen
- 10/17 ~ George and Cheryl Ericson
- 10/27 ~ Gilman & Helen Nord

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR OCTOBER



- October 7
- October 14
- October 21
- October 28

Please Notice This



Office Manager New Hours

- Monday 7am-11am
- Tuesday 10 am-4pm
- Wednesday 7am-11am
- Friday 7am-11am



Food Shelf



FOOD SHELF SUNDAY:

Remember to bring a food donation or a monetary donation the first Sunday of each month. There are many that need assistance, with children being the most vulnerable in many families. They should not be hungry if we can help.

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October Bible Reading Schedule:

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<p>Oct 1: Luke 1; John 1:1-14 Oct 2: Matt 1; Luke 2:1-38 Oct 3: Matt 2; Luke 2:39-52 Oct 4: Matt 3; Mark 1; Luke 3 Oct 5: Matt 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51 Oct 6: John 2-4 Oct 7: Mark 2 Oct 8: John 5 Oct 9: Matt 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6 Oct 10: Matt 5-7 Oct 11: Matt 8:1-13; Luke 7 Oct 12: Matt 11 Oct 13: Matt 12:22-50; Luke 11 Oct 14: Matt 13; Luke 8 Oct 15: Matt 8:14-34; Mark 4-5</p>	<p>Oct 16: Matt 9-10 Oct 17: Matt 14; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17 Oct 18: John 6 Oct 19: Matt 15; Mark 7 Oct 20: Matt 16; Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27 Oct 21: Matt 17; Mark 9; Luke 9:28-62 Oct 22: Matt 18 Oct 23: John 7-8 Oct 24: John 9:1-10:21 Oct 25: Luke 10-11; John 10:22-42 Oct 26: Luke 12-13 Oct 27: Luke 14-15 Oct 28: Luke 16-17:10 Oct 29: John 11 Oct 30: Luke 17:11-18:14 Oct 31: Matt 19; Mark 10</p>
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