

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 6 PM worship service	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship Potluck	9	10				11	14
15 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship	16	17				21	
22 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship	23	24				28	
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship	30	31					

Altar Guild- Chris Peetz
 Cleaning- Chris Peetz
 Potluck- Chris Peetz, Pat Meyer, Peggy Skille

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Up Coming Events

1st Sunday of the month
Worship with Communion at 6 PM

Other Sunday's
Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Services at 10:30 AM

October 1
Worship with Communion at 6 PM

October 8
Worship at 10:30am
Sunday School 9:30am
Potluck

October 15
Sunday School at 9:30am
Worship at 10:30am

October 22
Sunday School at 9:30am
Worship at 10:30am

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Worship at 10:30am

Shut In's

Please remember our shut-in's n prayer with a note or visit. Days are long for them, they love to hear from you. Those that are shut-ins: Tom Lechleitner, Laura Weber-Meyers (Howard & Bonnie's daughter), Gary Weber (Howard & Bonnie's Son), Pete Skille, Jacob Skille, Carol Bolstad, Al Meyer. If I have forgotten or missed someone please let me know.

Finances

In order to keep the congregation better informed the council decided to publish the finances each month. We need \$300 per Sunday to meet our budget. This Figure is arrived at by dividing the budget by 52 Sundays.

Income for June (Last Month Available to be Published)

June 4 \$245.00	June 18 \$210.00
June 11 \$97.50	June 25 \$80.00

Communion

We will have communion on the Sunday's/Other Services when we have an ordained minster with us. On other Sunday's Jason Meyer or Richard Pulcher will be serving us, no communion on these Sunday's. Those serving us and communion dates are subject to change.

Visitation

At this time we do not have a full time pastor. If you would like a visit from a pastor or are in need of other services, Jason Meyer has agreed to be the primary contact at this time. His home phone is 715-644-0382, cell 715-703-9071. He will make arrangements for you.

The Historical Context of Martin Luther

Martin Luther, a German monk, brought about great religious and societal change in his time. His courage to challenge the **Catholic Church's** teachings led to the **Reformation** and the formation of **Protestantism**. His impact on faith, theology, and the Church still resonates today.

Luther's **95 Theses**, written in 1517, questioned indulgences and traditional Catholic practices. He believed in *justification by grace through faith alone*. This challenged the Catholic doctrine of works-based salvation and sparked a theological revolution.

Luther's commitment to translating the **Bible into German** allowed ordinary people to read and interpret it for themselves. This emphasis on individual interpretation contributed to the rise of Protestantism. His teachings focused on *personal connection with God* and encouraged believers to develop their relationship with Him. One fascinating aspect of Luther's life is his famous seal: The **Luther Rose**. This symbol holds great significance for Lutherans worldwide. The **black cross** reminds believers that Jesus Christ was crucified for their sins. The **red heart** symbolizes **God's love for humanity**. The **white rose** represents heavenly joy and peace. The **blue background** denotes baptismal waters and points towards eternal life.

Martin Luther's legacy continues to shape our world today. Unlock the secrets of the **Lutheran Rose** and let its symbolism bloom in your mind.

Unveiling the Symbolism of the Lutheran Rose

The Lutheran Rose: A symbol deeply rooted in the faith of Martin Luther and the Lutheran Church. Its rich symbolism encompasses themes of grace, faith, and the cross of Jesus Christ.

Let us explore its captivating meaning:

- **White Rose:** Represents heavenly joy and the grace of God.
- **Blue Field:** Signifies hope, faith, and the comfort of believers.
- **Black Cross:** Symbolizes our crucified Lord.
- **Golden Ring:** Reflects eternal blessings and future joy.
- **Red Heart:** Embraces love for Jesus Christ.

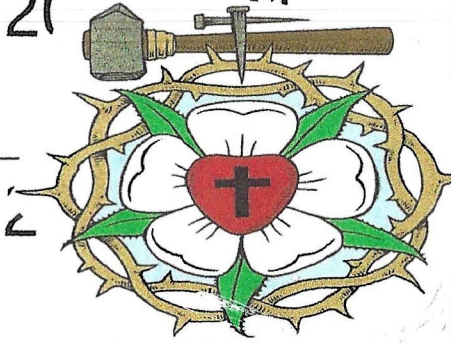
A distinctive mix of colors and symbols, that encapsulate essential Lutheran beliefs. White is purity, blue for joy and peace. The black cross reminds us of Christ's sacrifice, the golden ring of heavenly blessings, and the red heart of our love for Jesus.

The Lutheran Rose has historical significance too. It was created by Luther's friend Lazarus Spengler as his seal. Luther approved this design, as it symbolized his theological teachings.

Its power and impact are shown through one particular story. During a time when indulgences were sold by the Catholic Church, Luther challenged this practice. His courage sparked the Protestant Reformation and the Lutheran Rose became a representation of this movement, and a desire to find salvation through faith alone.

A floral emblem of faith that blooms in the garden of my theological musings.

Anniversary's, Birthday's, Baptism's, Confirmation's October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Birthday Bernie Lodahl	2 Birthday Benjamin Bolstad	3 Birthday Austin Lee Wik	4 Anniversary Heather & David Andrysczyk	5	6 Baptism David Thompson	7
8 Birthday LaVonne Thompson	9	10 Birthday David Ehlert	11 Baptism Kris Fredrickson	12	13 Birthday David Thompson	14 Baptism Laken Lodahl Blake Lodahl
15	16	17 Anniversary Brian & Cheryl Bolstad	18 Birthday Blake Wisocky Confirmation Chris Peetz	19	20	21
22	23	24 Baptism Shandyll Fredrickson	25	26 Confirmation Kris Fredrickson		
29	30 Baptism Bernie Lodahl	31				