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# DISCIPLEGRAM

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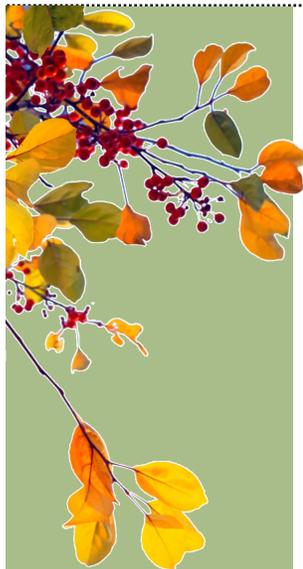
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## CHANGE ABOUNDS...

Just a few days ago it was the autumnal equinox (that is equal night: 12 hours of day and 12 hours of night) – that's a fancy way of saying that Fall has arrived! Temperatures are changing. Leaves are beginning to take on a different color and the sky and clouds have that fall look to them. Changing seasons for sure.

Our church has experienced changes recently. We think of the vacancy made when Pastor Eden accepted the call to serve at St. Lorenz. A little over a month ago now was his last service with us. We were certainly blessed by his eight years of service and by his dear family. We pray God's blessings on his ministry now among the people in Frankenmuth. Also, we recognize the change of Arlo Wiltenburg, our Church Council Chairman, stepping down from that responsibility for health reasons. Erik Kuszynski has assumed the position of Chairman and Randy List will be taking over as Vice Chairman.

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Changes abound in our families, in our work situation, in our Country, schools, with our health...Changes abound for sure! One thing that has remained constant for me is all of your support for me, my family and for the ministry that continues here at COS. I was reminded of that as many of you have stepped up and assumed duties and positions knowing that if things were going to continue someone needed help out – thank you! Your continued assurance that you will be praying for me and my family and for our congregation as we venture out into the call process for a pastor and a Director of Christian Family Life Formation is a blessing to me.

The most important thing for me in these changing times, and I pray for you too, is the promise that God made to His people – “I will be with you always even until the end of the age!” (Matthew 28:20). That means that we lack

nothing as we rely on Him and His plan for our lives. That translates to the life of our congregation as it does to your own address and families. God is faithful and His promises are true and can be trusted – unlike the promises of man. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths” (Proverbs 3:5,6).

Together let’s trust in the Lord, acknowledging Him as Lord, and be confident that He will lead us in these “change filled” times. I know that I am trusting in Him!

God bless you all. Amy and I pray for you as you pray for us. What a joy it is to be serving as your pastor!

In closing, God promises these things to you and me, from His Word:

*I have shown my love for you. I have given you the only cure for the disease of sin through my Son Jesus – He is the only way for you receive the blessings of eternal life with Me in heaven. Trust in My free gift to you. I have given you all that you need so that we can see each other face to face.*

Romans 5:8  
2 Corinthians 5:21  
1 Peter 3:18  
Ephesians 2:8-9

Pastor Dean M. Davenport

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# Our Library

*A Place to Research, Reflect and Relax*



Welcome to our church library! This past summer, it has had new carpeting, a fresh coat of paint, and two new shelving units installed, all thanks to the retiree volunteers.

Christ Our Savior has had a library since its beginning in 1978. Pastor Bronsted, the pastor at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Detroit before it closed, asked me to start a collection of books that he could take to shut-ins when he visited them. This was the start of a book collection at Gethsemane, and then when Gethsemane closed, I brought all of their books with me to COS. Since then, the library has been in three different locations. First, the books were housed on a wall in the original church office, then they were moved to a small closet currently used by the daycare, and in 1991 it was given its own room in the location it is in today, right across from the church office.

At the very beginning guidelines were set up as to what books that library should contain. Following these guidelines, one will find several versions of the Bible, reference books on Bible history, Bible dictionaries, biographies of people in the Bible, commentaries on every book of the Bible, books on angels, death, grief, prayer, suffering and Christian living by such well-known authors as Max Lucado, Randy Alcorn, John

Ortberg and others. There are also books on marriage, church history, Lutherans, biographies of people like Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, fiction arranged by author and some DVDs. In addition there are several bookcases of children's books just waiting for someone to come and check them out.

All of the books are easily found in the card catalog which is arranged by author, title and subject. Each card will tell you the number of the book you're looking for, which you can then easily locate on the shelves. The library is open whenever the church office is open and on Sunday mornings. Steve Parrish is available to help between services. Check out is easy—remove the card in the back of the book, sign your name and put it in the box on the desk.

If you have not had the opportunity to take advantage of this treasure of the church consider this as open invitation. See you there soon!

Susan Thomson

*If you have any questions about the library, feel free to contact the church office at any time. Or just browse through the shelves next time you're here!*

# “911 call me”



Tuesday July 26, 9:12 pm: “911 call me”

No one ever wants to get that text. I was on my way home when my phone lit up from one of our elders. John lives about a mile from Family of God and has family in the Detroit Police Department, an invaluable asset for an inner-city congregation. So, I called him immediately.

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“Hello.”

“What’s up John?”

“Larry ah...his son, little Joey, ah...shot and killed this evening.”

“...”

“Pastor?”

“Um, yeah, I’m here. Are you sure?”

“Well, I heard ‘pop, pop, pop’ from over that direction this evening. And then (name withheld) called me and said Joe had just been shot and killed.”

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Silence and the still night consumed me the rest of the drive home. Family of God was certainly not immune to tragedy, but there was no way that this could have been true. Rumors fly around all the time. After all, it hadn’t been that long ago when we had multiple people tell us that another member had died, only for that member to walk through the doors a week later as if nothing had happened. If Joey was dead, I needed to see it for myself.

Sitting in the driveway, I began searching the internet. It didn’t take me long until I found the headline from the Detroit News: “Teen shot

and killed in southwest Detroit; suspects held.” My heart sank, but I held on to one fact: the boy killed had not been named in the article. Perhaps Joey was still alive. Maybe the rumor just got misconstrued. It’s going to be okay.

But it wasn’t. Almost immediately after walking into my house, a Facebook screenshot was sent to me by one of the most reliable Southwest Detroit moms I know: “My brother, they killed my baby brother.”

Blackness, numbness, muffled noises. Everything seems to be in slow motion as you sink deeper and deeper into the abyss. You probably know that feeling. Some more than others. It’s that feeling of being stuck and not being able, nor wanting, to move forward. Nothing makes sense. Nothing can fix the situation. Nothing matters.

The next few days were spent connecting with Joey’s family and talking, praying, and gathering details for services. We broke the news to our volunteers, our staff, people who knew him, worked with him, spent hours and hours with him. In all of this, I kept asking questions. Through tears and anger I kept yelling at God. “Why, Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?” the Psalmist writes in Psalm 10. Where were you, God? Why did you let this happen? Lord, if you had been here my brother, my son, my friend would not have died! (John 11:21).

This is what we do when tragedy strikes. We deflect. We blame. We find something or someone to make the scapegoat because it makes us feel better, even if just for a second. I found myself doing this a lot in the following days. I was desperate for something (or



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Follow him at [tylercronkright.com](http://tylercronkright.com) for more personal stories about the work that is happening at Family of God.

someone) to hate. If I could locate that person or that thing, I could unleash the monster inside me and allow it to feast so that I could remain focused on what I had to do as a pastor for the family.

But this is exactly what Satan wants. He wants to you blame God. He laughs at you when you direct attention from the true suspect in tragedy. Casting blame onto someone(thing) else may be your natural instinct but it is actually quite satanic. It's not the gun. It's not the broken family. And it's not God.

Tragedy, suffering, death. They all begin with sin. Death of all kinds happens because sin has infiltrated every ounce of our being. It has completely destroyed and disrupted our lives and the lives of those around us. When another person overdoses on heroin? Sin. Dad abandons his family? Sin. 14-year old shot and killed outside his home? Sin.

So, ask questions. But ask the right questions. Don't ask, 'Why didn't God prevent this from happening?' Ask, rather, "What has God done to redeem this?" What has God done, not to prevent death and tragedy, but to ensure that death is not the end?

On the night that shook our neighborhood, I rushed to my computer and sat down with my wife. I began frantically searching through my Google Photos, desperate to find an ounce of tangible memory of Joey. Together we found quite a few photographs from Joey's time at Family of God. One of him at Camp Arcadia with the group of other young kids. A couple of him at the Detroit Zoo on a Family of God summer field trip; one on the tortoise statue outside the reptile house with his friends and one at the penguin exhibit with his brother. Another of him playing basketball in the alley at church, one of his favorite things to do. Even another of him enjoying a picnic lunch across the street from church in the empty lot. One of my favorites was one that I tried to capture for our tutoring page and Joey was doing everything he could not to do his homework. I chuckled at this one.

And then I found it; the one I had been hoping I still had somewhere in the archives.

On a sunny afternoon, with light pouring in through our sanctuary, Joseph, along with his brother Justin, were baptized into Jesus Christ. Through simple water and the powerful Word of God, both Justin and Joey received promises from God.

The promise of forgiveness. The promise of the

Holy Spirit now dwelling in his heart. The promise of redemption. On this day the Lord spoke. The same voice who spoke the earth in existence, spoke to Abraham, Jacob, Moses and Joshua, spoke to Joe. It was the same voice who commanded the waves to cease, who prayed the Psalms, and who instituted Holy Communion. That same voice who spoke from the cross beautiful words of forgiveness and hope, saying, "It is finished."

Jesus spoke to Joseph and said, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine (Isaiah 43:1)." Joseph was claimed by Jesus on that day. He received forgiveness for his sin, life eternal, and adoption into the family of God. Something that no one, not even his murderer, could ever take away from him.

And it's the same voice of the Savior that commanded Lazarus to rise from the grave that will call Joey and all others to come out of the grave into the new heaven and new earth which God has promised to those who believe. The redeemed world that we are all heirs of in Holy Baptism. On the last day, we will rise and be in a new creation with no sin, no death, no suffering. All this old mess will certainly pass away (Revelation 21). Death does not get the final say. There is infinitely more!

So, what has God done to redeem this? He has done all that was necessary for you. He has given his one and only son Jesus Christ to die for you. So that you would be forgiven. So that you would have eternal life. So that you would have victory over death. So that you, with Joseph, will rise again on the last day.

This was the message Pastor Hill and I shared with hundreds of neighborhood people of all ages at the funeral and the committal. In a moment where death surrounded everyone, quite literally at the cemetery, we blessed the body and grave of our brother Joseph. And then I shared the Easter promise that Jesus is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25). With all of my strength and tears flowing from my eyes, I said these words: "Christ is risen!"

These wonderful words were met with a shout of acclamation so loud, the gravestones shook as the sound reverberated through the cemetery.

Thursday August 4, 1:15pm. "HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!"



Joseph  
Nankervis  
baptized into  
Christ

# Proposal 3: Fight for Life

## Constitutional Amendment Summary

The Reproductive Freedom for All constitutional amendment is not about protecting existing rights, but smuggling a radical proposal into the constitution that would repeal or drastically alter dozens of state laws. The amendment would fundamentally change the relationships between parents and children, as well as women and their doctors.

Below is the summary of the amendment that will appear on your election ballot:

### *Proposal 22-3*

*A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make all decisions about pregnancy and abortion; allow state to regulate abortion in some cases; and forbid prosecution of individuals exercising established right.*

*This proposed constitutional amendment would:*

*Establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and infertility;*

*Allow state to regulate abortion after fetal viability, but not prohibit if medically needed to protect a patient's life or physical or mental health;*

*Forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right; prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment;*

*Invalidate state laws conflicting with this amendment.*

## Laws that could be affected by the anything-goes abortion amendment:

- The 1931 law that protects unborn life
- Increased penalty for later term abortions, when babies are fully formed
- Requiring abortion centers to satisfy the same minimum health standards as other surgical centers
- Abortion procedures can only be performed by doctors, not nurses or non-medical professionals
- Babies that are born alive during an abortion procedure are protected and cared for
- Parental consent for minors considering whether to take the life of their child
- Fetal trafficking ban
- The Partial Birth Abortion Ban, which prevents the partial delivery of a baby before taking its life
- Taxpayer-funded Medicaid dollars cannot be used to pay for abortions
- The law that stops school employees from helping a minor take the life of their child
- Informed Consent for abortion:
  - \* 24 hour waiting period
  - \* Information on fetal development and abortion procedure
  - \* Ultrasound viewing
- The prohibition on chemical poisons that take unborn life
- Allocation of funds for family planning or reproductive services
- Advertising restrictions on centers that perform abortions
- Statutory rape laws
- Prohibition on human cloning
- Elliot-Larsen law that prevents discrimination of employees for pregnancy
- The Prenatal Protection Act
- Prohibition on experimentation on living embryo, fetus, or neonate for non-therapeutic reasons
- And more!

Proposal 3 will appear on your ballot this November. It proposes an amendment to the Michigan Constitution.

We encourage you to learn more about this amendment and understand the repercussions before voting on November 8!

This information was taken from Michigan Right to Life; learn more at [rtl.org](http://rtl.org).



# Memorials and Gifts

In memory of:	Intended for:	Given by:
Ruth Germeroth's sister Connie	Music Ministry	Elizabeth Williams
Will Foulkrod	Music Ministry	Betty Foulkrod
Lora Clemons	Forever Young Ministry	Barb Karowich
Lora Clemons	General Fund	Darryl Gage
Your Loved One	General Fund	The Wildmer Family
Lora Clemons	Funeral Luncheons	Ronald & Lynda McCaulley

## Annual Food Drive

Each Sunday from October 23 to November 20 we will be collecting assorted food items that will be used to support the COS pantry. We have had an increase in the amount of people coming for assistance and appreciate your donations to help them!

Here is the schedule of suggested items for each week, but any of the items can be donated at any time. When you are gathering your donations, please be sure to check the dates on the food items.

Thanks again for your continued support of this ministry!

### Schedule

- **Oct. 23**—boxed stuffing, canned yams, canned vegetables
- **Oct. 30**—pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned fruit
- **Nov. 6**—boxed “Saltine” crackers, plastic jars or bottles of peanut butter and jelly
- **Nov. 13**—bags of egg noodles, canned cream of mushroom soup, canned tuna, canned soup/stew
- **Nov. 20**—boxed spaghetti noodles, canned spaghetti sauce

## Faith Friends Program



Fall signals the beginning of confirmation and with it, the ninth year of the Faith Friend program.

This year we will be looking for Faith Friends to support our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class and our incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade class. The Faith Friends will remain with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders through Confirmation in May, and with the 7<sup>th</sup> graders for their 2 year program. This is an anonymous program until a “reveal” luncheon in the spring before Confirmation. The role is to support the confirmand in prayer and by sharing their faith with them—being done through cards in their church mailbox, small gifts at various times of the year, and messages of encouragement. Faith Friends are encouraged to stay in touch even after Confirmation.

Please contact Sandy Keil at 248-345-5914 or [gскеil24@gmail.com](mailto:gскеil24@gmail.com) if you would like to support our youth in this way. Thank you!



And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

*Mark 12:41-44*

### What Are Mites?

The mite the King James Bible refers to is the *lepton*, which was a very small coin and the lowest in value. Most today would prefer the term *cent*. We are reminded of the Bible story of the widow's mite. We ask the congregation to remember our Mite Box and contribute as they are led. The locked wooden "Mites for Missions" is located on the shelving in the narthex between the doors leading out to the parking lot. The funds that are collected there are sent to our Michigan District LWML (Lutheran

## How Our "Mites" Make a Difference *Mites for Missions*

Women's Missionary League) to support the mission grants for 2022-2024 approved at the 2022 LWML Michigan District convention in Frankenmuth.

Cardboard mite boxes are available for you to take home to fill with that loose change we all seem to collect. When they are full, you can place them on the wooden Mite Box on the first Sunday of the month to be sent to District. You can also put your coins directly into the wooden box and take the smaller cardboard box home to refill again. These contributions can be made by any member of the congregation, not only women! We encourage all members of Christ Our Savior to participate in giving.

### Mission Grants for 2022-2024

Delegates at the 2022 LWML Michigan District convention chose the following grants to support missions in the next two years:

- "I Was Naked and You Clothed Me" (Orphan Grain Train - Michigan): \$18,000.00
- Enriching Lives of Children and Families in Michigan's Urban Communities (Acts 2 Enterprise, Michigan District, LCMS): \$25,000.00
- Scholarships for Deaf Students (St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf): \$25,000.00
- Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana,

Food and Clothing Co-op to Purchase Food: \$10,000.00

- God's Word for Teenagers Around the World (Lutheran Heritage Foundation): \$16,500.00
- Clark Park Street Ministry (Family of God Lutheran Church, Detroit): \$5,000.00
- Scholarships for Female Students Studying to be a Deaconess or Professional Church Worker (Michigan women in Concordia university system): \$20,000.00
- A Rising Need, a Spiritual Opportunity (Lutheran Special Education Ministries in Michigan): \$20,000.00
- Sharing the Light of Christ's Love (Lutheran Braille Workers): \$25,000.00
- "Shepherding the Sheep" - Congregational Grant (MOST Ministries): \$25,000.00
- Gifts for All God's Children Year-Round Program Replication to Additional Churches (Detroit LCMS area): \$25,000.00

- Expanding Christ's Love with the Aging and Unchurched in Michigan through Weekly Television on Worship Anew: \$25,000.00
- "Multi-Ethnic and Multi-Generational Church," Cross Point Church, LCMS, Ministry and Missions Cost (POBLO International – Macomb County): \$25,000.00
- 15 Passenger Van Outreach for St. Paul Community Lutheran Church (St. Paul Community – Pontiac): \$25,000.00

More details about the work of our women's ministry and their mission projects will be made available in the weekly COS Update. Stay tuned! You can talk to Dianne Sherman (734-812-5172), Patsy Domingo (248-924-0108) or Lindsay Pennington (248-982-8376) anytime about events and projects of WOW (Women of the Word) and LWML in our congregation.

Visit [lwmlmichigan.org](http://lwmlmichigan.org) for more information about the work of the LWML in the Michigan District.



## Women's Fellowship Luncheon

Around forty ladies gathered in our gym on September 25 for a luncheon to kickoff Women's ministry for the fall of 2022.

The attendees enjoyed a delicious catered meal and got to know each other better as they talked at their tables. Everyone present also introduced themselves to the group, sharing how long they had been members of Christ Our Savior and their involvement in our women's ministry events and projects.

Linda Hollman gave an overview of the Women's Ministry currently going on at our church and Lindsay Pennington spoke about the Mite Program, and how these contributions go towards the Mission Projects



of the LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) in the Michigan District.

We look forward to seeing how God will use the women in our congregation in the following year!



# Mark Your Calendars!

## *Forever Young Fellowship Activities*



The vision of the Forever Young group is simple: to foster Christian fellowship. Being part of a church family is more than sitting in the same sanctuary each Sunday—it means getting to know each other, building memories together and sharing experiences. Someone has to organize opportunities to spend time together, and Forever Young organizers Linda Waara and Barb Karowich do just that. They work hard to plan, organize and host a variety of events—from lectures to concerts, dinners to bus tours.

Forever Young provides get-togethers for seniors (or those not so senior!) every month. They gather for a meal and an activity or outing usually on a Thursday, with some exceptions. In addition to inviting the members of Christ Our Savior, they reach out to sister Lutheran congregations of the area. Members also invite their friends, relatives and neighbors to events. As the circle grows larger,

they're able to make new friends or re-cross paths with old ones.

They have wonderful experiences and, most importantly, deepen friendships and grow in a faith-rooted social circle!

Some of their past outings have been to museums, concerts, lectures, Detroit riverboat tours and bus tours, and plays.

Most recently, Forever Young organized a bus tour of downtown Detroit. On September 15, the Detroit History Tours company picked up the group (pictured above) from the church parking lot and took them all around downtown Detroit. They traveled around Belle Isle, Hamtramck and the heart of downtown Detroit. In addition to seeing the sights of the city and learning a little bit of the history, they enjoyed lunch at Buddy's pizza. The group returned with rave reviews of their experience! COS member Sue Mitchell shared that the tour guide "seemed very well informed" and overall the tour was "very awesome," a sentiment seconded by Blair Brisson, who was "impressed by every bit of it."

## Upcoming Events

Events are already planned for the remaining months of the year:

- On **October 26**, the group will gather at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary for a lecture by Pastor Hill and Pastor Cronkright on the life and work of C.S. Lewis. Following their talk, a German dinner will be served in rooms 1 through 3.
- We remember Veteran's Day in November, and the Forever Young group has reserved seats for a concert of the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and Sinfonia on **November 11** at 7:30 p.m. The concert, held at Saint Kenneth Church in Plymouth, will feature American composers and honor our nation's heroes.

- It seems like the whole month of December is dedicated to Christmas, and the Forever Young will get in the mood by gathering for a Christmas dinner on **December 1** at Mamma Mias on Plymouth Rd at 12 p.m. Songs and games will be part of the program in addition to fellowship with friends, old and new!

Come and join us for our next adventure! We'd love to have you!

More details for each event will be in your weekly COS Update. You can also chat with Linda (734-245-5733) or Barb (734-480-1644) anytime to learn more about the group or events.



The Community Connections Team invites you to a Photo Road Rally on **October 1!**

Calling all adventurous COS friends and members! Do you like intrigue, mystery, problem solving and trivia? Judy Mayle is organizing an afternoon of fun from 2-5 p.m. Invite a friend and grab your digital device (phone or tablet), an NIV Bible, a church directory and your sense of adventure for an afternoon of good old fashioned Christian fellowship. We'll start together in the gym at Christ Our Savior for instructions, then head out in teams to the Livonia area as we solve clues and take pictures. When the time is up, we'll head back to the gym to vote on the best

pictures and share our experiences. There will be prizes!

Reservations are required so we know how many people to prepare for. You may come with your own team--each team must provide their own vehicle, and all team members must fit in one vehicle. You are also welcome to come by yourself, we'd be happy to put you on a team when you get here. Register by visiting [christoursavior.org](http://christoursavior.org) and scrolling down to events or by scanning the QR code.

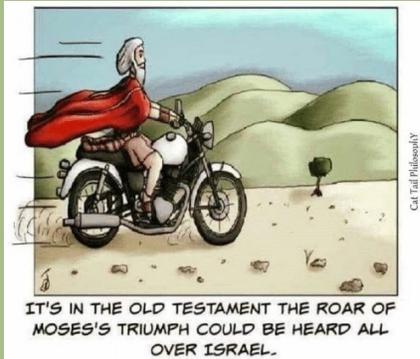
All attendees must be older than 14 years of age. Please note, there will be a lot of climbing in and out of cars.



## The Lighter Side

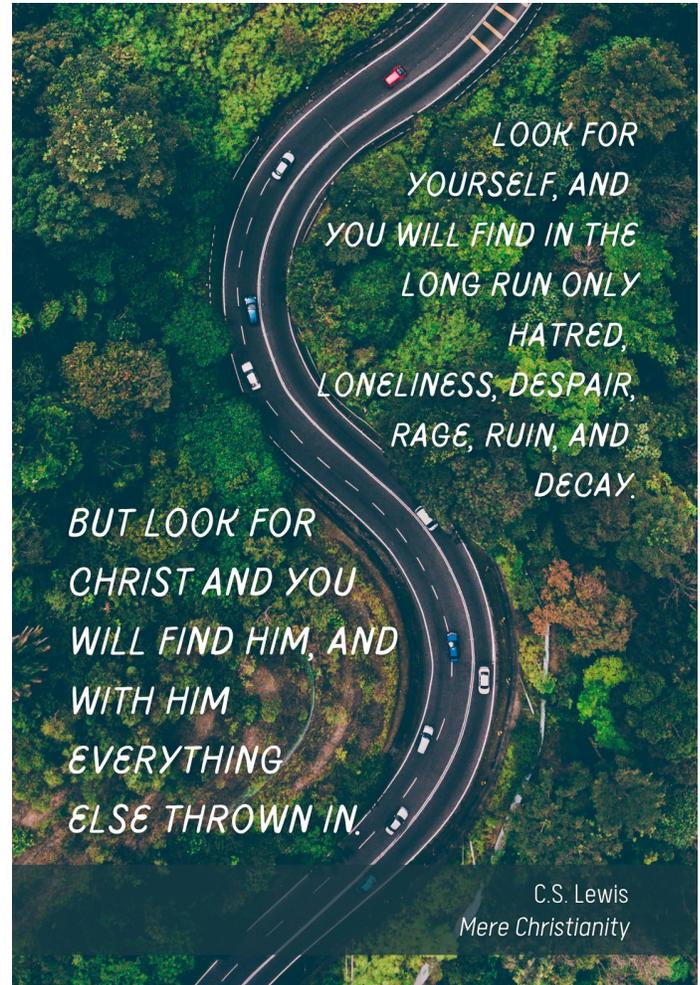
*Living in the Detroit area, we know a lot about cars and motor vehicles. But did you know that they show up in the Bible?*

- There is suspicion that our original ancestors toiled around in an old Plymouth, after all, God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden in a Fury.
- Did you know that Moses was the first person to ride a motorcycle?



- Some scholars insist that Jesus drove a Honda but didn't like to talk about it. As proof, they cite a verse in St. John's gospel where Christ tells the crowd, "For I did not speak of my own Accord..."
- Following the Master's lead, the Apostles car-pooled in a Honda, for the Bible says the Apostles were all in one Accord.

## Food For Thought



## Call Committee Update

Our call committee is working to fill two called positions on staff: Associate Pastor and Direction of Christian Family Life Formation (DCFLF).

The committee members are: Mark Anders (Elder Representative), Tom Brunner, Ken Cison, Gillian Drake, Roger Heath, Linda Hollman, Valerie Kearns, Sandy Keil, Erik Kuszynski (Council Representative), Steve Reschke (Chairman), Dianne Sherman (Secretary), Brian Smith, Dan Young and Pastor Davenport.

Follow their progress in the weekly COS Update and keep them in your prayers as they seek the Holy Spirit's guidance. If you have any questions, talk to Pastor Davenport (PastorD@christoursavior.org) or committee Chairman Steve Reschke (CouncilStevenReschke@christoursavior.org).

## Reformation Celebration

Tune up your voices for "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"—Reformation Sunday is coming up! Reformation is a festival occasion to mark the event of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, sparking the birth of the Protestant Reformation throughout Europe. On this day we remember our history and the reforms that Martin Luther began.

On **October 30** our service schedule will change:

- 10 a.m.—communion service to remember All Saints' Day
- 3 p.m.—festival service to honor Reformation Day
- 4:30 p.m.—a meal and time for fellowship in the gym. All are welcome to join. There is no cost and no need to pre-register, just come with an appetite!

We look forward to seeing you there! There will be no Sunday School, Adult Bible classes or Family Night on this day.