

Lebanon Lutheran Church

November 2021 Newsletter

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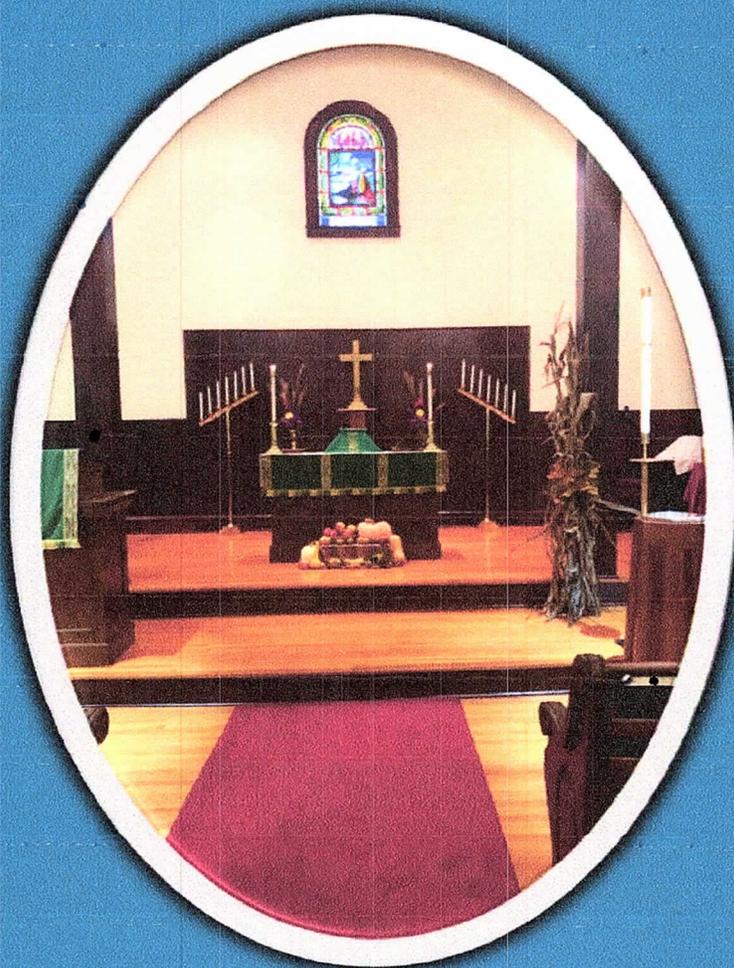
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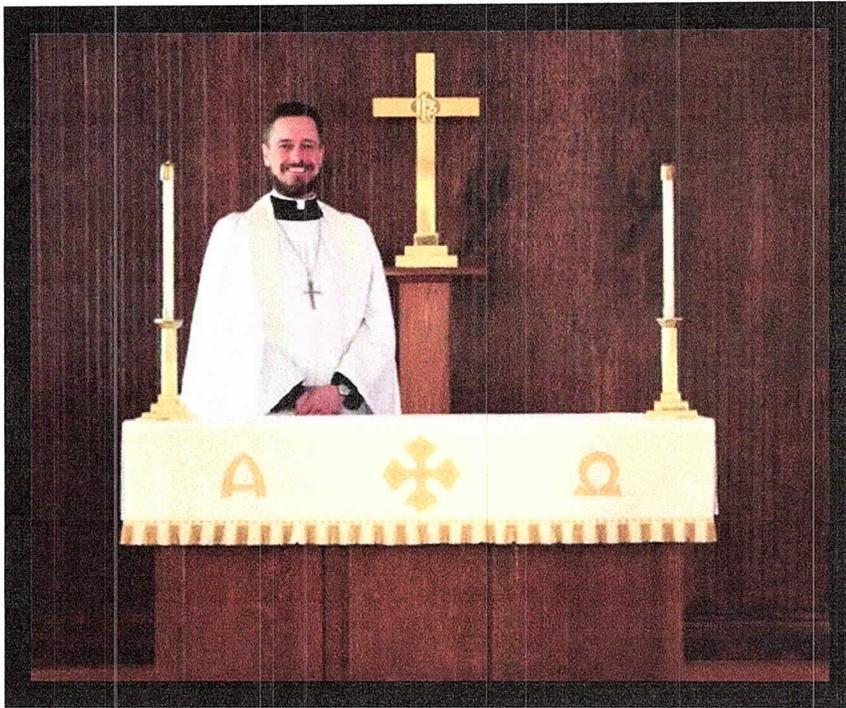
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North American Lutheran Church

A Message From The Pastor



Festival of the Reformation

Here it must suffice to discuss the benefit of this great art [of music]. But even that transcends the greatest eloquence of the most eloquent, because of the infinite variety of its forms and benefits. We can mention only one point (which experience confirms), namely, that next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. She is a mistress and governess of those human emotions—to pass over the animals—which as masters govern men or more often overwhelm them. No greater commendation than this can be found—at least not by us. For whether you wish to comfort the sad, to terrify

the happy, to encourage the despairing, to humble the proud, to calm the passionate, or to appease those full of hate—and who could number all these masters of the human heart, namely, the emotions, inclinations, and affections that impel men to evil or good?—what more effective means than music could you find? The Holy Ghost himself honors her as an instrument for his proper work when in his Holy Scriptures he asserts that through her his gifts were instilled in the prophets, namely, the inclination to all virtues, as can be seen in Elisha [2 Kings 3:15]. On the other hand, she serves to cast out Satan, the instigator of all sins, as is shown in Saul, the king of Israel [1 Sam. 16:23].

Thus it was not without reason that the fathers and prophets wanted nothing else to be associated as closely with the Word of God as music. Therefore, we have so many hymns and Psalms where message and music join to move the listener's soul, while in other living beings and [sounding] bodies music remains a language without words. After all, the gift of language combined with the gift of song was only given to man to let him know that he should praise God with both word and music, namely, by proclaiming [the Word of God] through music and by providing sweet melodies with words.

Martin Luther, *Preface to Georg Rhau's Symphoniae lucundae*, 1538

Blessed Reformation Day!

The Lutheran Church is a musical Church, and even more importantly, a singing Church. This historical truth began with Luther himself, as we can see from the quotation above. Our Church is insistent in its musical emphasis of the Word of God.

We know this; we live this out every Sunday when we assemble to *sing* the great Psalms, Canticles, and spiritual songs of the Church. Where some churches have a few hymns or praise choruses, ours sings Scripture itself, directly, as a constant element of our Service. We have the earliest hymns of the Church embedded in the orders appointed for worship, as we also have the ability to sing Scripture as introits, graduals, alleluia verses, the Lord's Prayer, and the Words of Institution [and, at least in the early rites, the Epistle and Gospel too!]. The music is provided for a definite purpose – *to highlight, carry, and inculcate* the Word of God and the Good News of Jesus Christ! There are, of course, other reasons why people like music: it buoys them, or is associated with particular feelings. These are not bad reasons to love music, but they are not the primary reasons that we sing our worship. Music in the Service is meant as a means for the Word of God. Because of this, our choice in music is not unimportant. It is certainly arguable that some varieties of music may be *less fitting* for use in our worship. Music that is not composed for the high office of the Gospel in the Church may tend toward the banal, the trite, and the ephemeral. Further, we sing our worship because it is, as Luther says above, fitting for human beings to do so! We can make joyful noises with intention and with communicative language... we don't just talk about worshiping God, we actually do so when we sing!

We know this, or we at least tacitly acknowledge it. Imagine having every text in our liturgy set to jingles and commercial compositions from the 1980's! It wouldn't fit. It might even *detract* from the reverence we owe to the Word of God.

What we may not know is that our tradition is one of great musical wealth! In our churches, we maintain the use of folk hymns, chorales, motets, ancient modal music, Gregorian, plainsong, baroque oratorios and symphonies, as well as suitably modern compositions for both hymnody and liturgical settings. We can claim Bach, Praetorius, Schutz and Buxtehude, just as we can claim the various kinds of church chant, and the simpler compositions of 19th Century hymn writers. At our best, we know how to properly discriminate between the good and the less good, and the bad. Does our music center on the Word of God, the work of Christ, and the free justification of the sinner before God by faith in His Son? Is our music for the ministry of the Gospel, or is it merely one more commodity for appealing to preferences?

I'd like to briefly examine one of the forms listed above - chant. What is it? Why do we do it? Why has pastor started chanting more things than was once done? These questions may have occurred to many of you.

"Chant" is a word derived from the Latin *canere* – "to sing" or *cantus* – "singing, sung". As such it denotes singing generally, but developed in the Church as particular kinds of singing. The chief characteristic for our manner of chant is that it is "sung speech". Chant should be sung at the speed of regular speech, utilizing the notes as means for highlighting the text, so that it may be audible throughout the nave. As a form of sung speech, one need not add much in the way of vibrato or other forms of vocal ornamentation, the only exception being a slight increase in volume at particularly important words. Most of the text of the chant is carried by a reciting tone, one note that is persists through the bulk of the text, with certain clauses and syllables varied by a flex or change in tone. There

are monotone, dual tone, or more elaborate schemes of chant for various parts of the Service. Our modern chant settings have usually been simplified for congregational singing, where more elaborate systems are reserved for a choir. Again, the point of such sung speech is twofold: making it audible, and interpreting the weight of the varied content of the text. One also hopes that chant lends beauty and dignity to the words of the Service. In chant, the church works to properly elevate the holy words of our worship.

The purest specimens of chant in our current Setting (the *Common Service*) are five in number: the collects, the introit, gradual, or psalm, the Lord's Prayer, and the Words of Institution. The Collect or Prayer of the Day is appointed to be chanted by the pastor using a fairly simple three tone chant, consisting of an address to God (with a reciting tone or *metrum*), a petition (with a *flex*, or variation in a "grave" or low tone), and a termination (returning to the reciting tone, and an accent). The Lord's Prayer is provided with a more varied medieval plainchant, and the Words of our Lord are given the Gospel Tone (the tone used for chanting, not reading, the Gospel of the Day). In this latter chant, the narrating voice, "Our Lord Jesus Christ..." etc., is given one tone with variations, and the Words of Our Lord are given a lower, graver, tone "Take, eat, this is my body...". Chanting the Words of Institution is a uniquely Lutheran feature of our worship, it was suggested by Luther himself.

So, why does your pastor make use of this type of singing in the Service? My main concerns are historical, pedagogical, and aesthetic. I want Lutherans to know the breadth and depth of their traditions. I want them to be exposed to the best examples of our historical faith that I know – globally – in terms of doctrine, theology, custom, ceremony, and the sacred arts. I think we can love our patrimony and share the Gospel by sharing our love of it with others. I think these customs and traditions teach our faith, and teach it well; they bear witness to the Gospel as we know and confess it as Lutherans. And, I also want to engender a reverence for God through reverent forms of approaching Him in worship. When we are sensitized to the beauty of these forms we are thereby sensitized to the beauty of God.

There is an old proverb, "he that sings well, prays twice". May it be so among us as we both learn and learn to proclaim the eternal Gospel of God in Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate the Lutheran reform of the Church, let's celebrate the wonder of the Word of God set to music. And let's use our particular Spirit-generated gifts, as Lutherans, (our rites, our ceremonies, and our traditions) to enliven and enrich the entire Church of Christ on earth!

VDMA - *The Word of the Lord Endures Forever*

Pastor Porter

Events at Lebanon

Do you or someone you know need a ride to Church?

Please contact Ann Deming
(540)869-5795 Leave Mssg.

*Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, November
17th @ 7:00 PM*

*Men's Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, November 13th
8:00 AM @
Queen Street Diner*

**Sunday School Class led by
Rev. J.D. is at 9:30 Sunday
mornings at Church**

**Sunday School Class led by
Lucy King is at 9:30 Sunday
mornings at Church**

**Children's & Elementary
Sunday School Classes are at
9:30 Sunday mornings
at Church**

Wednesday's

8:15 AM – Matins

*10:00 AM Individual
Confession & Absolution*

*We will be making Advent
Wreaths on Sunday,
November 21st. Please bring
greens if you have them to
share and also bring cutting
tools. The other items will be
supplied from Thrivent
Financial Grant.*

*Saturday, December 4th
Annual Ladies Potluck
Brunch @ 10:00 in the
Fellowship Hall. Bring
items on the wish list to
fill the diaper bags for the
Pregnancy Center.*

Choir Practice

*Choir will practice
Thursday, November
4th and November 18th
@ 7:00*

**See Evelyn if interested in
joining the Choir*

November Birthday's

*1st J.D. Cutlip
2nd Rose Beauchesne
8th Teresa Gochenour
13th Dorothy Heishman
16th Willard Clem
18th Reese Estep
20th Grace Lowe
22nd Sheri Hamman
30th Joe Jackson*

November Anniversaries

*10th Greg & Carolyn
Frye*

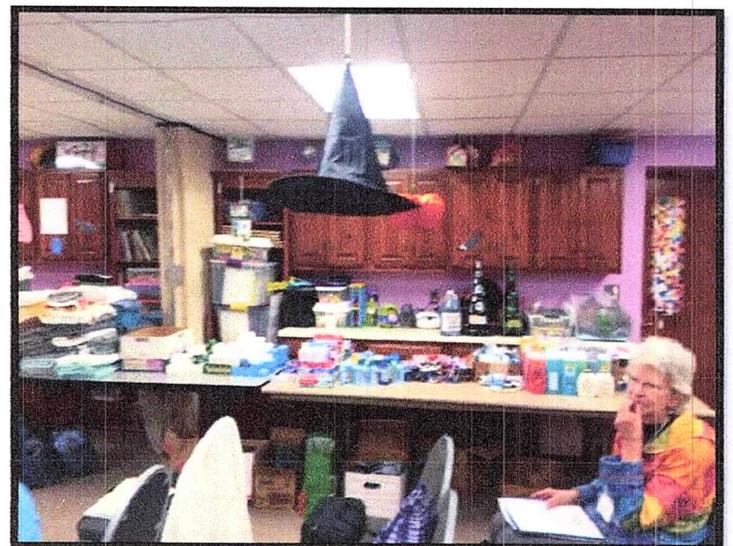
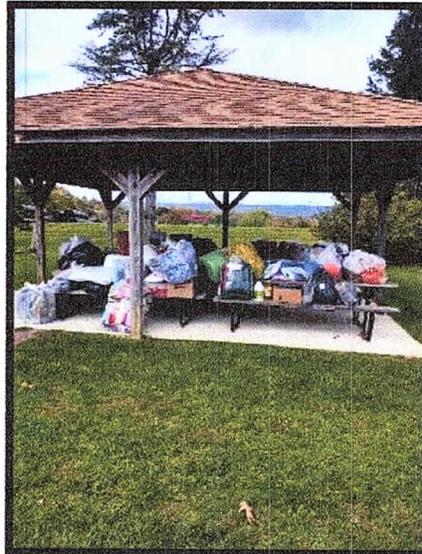
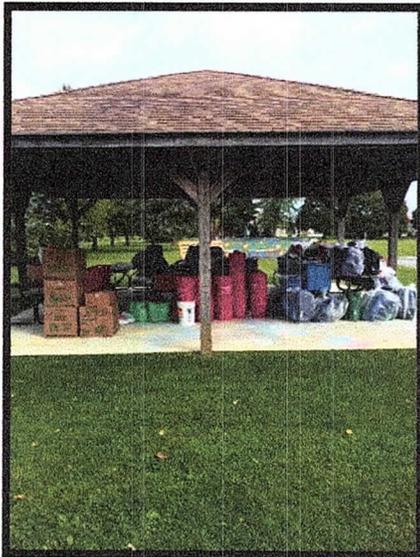
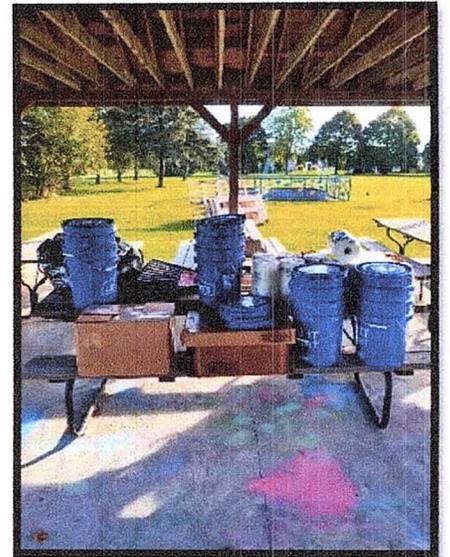
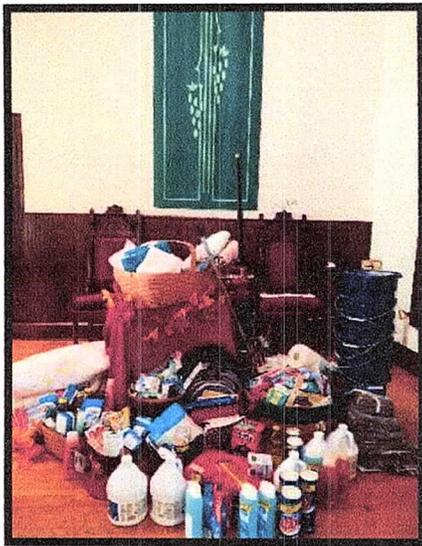
CREDO Class

*Class meets every other
Thursday @ 7 PM at
the Church*

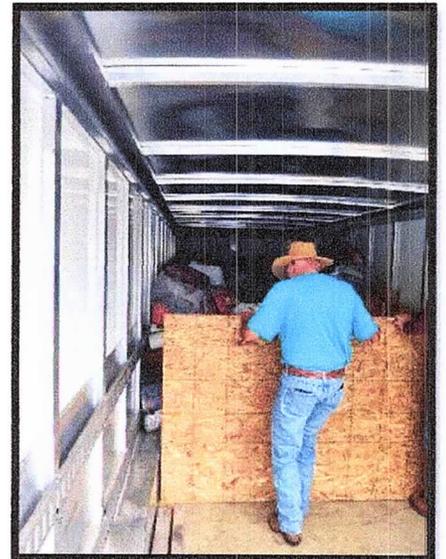
*Led by Pastor Chris. All
are invited to attend.*

**See Pastor Chris for
CREDO info*

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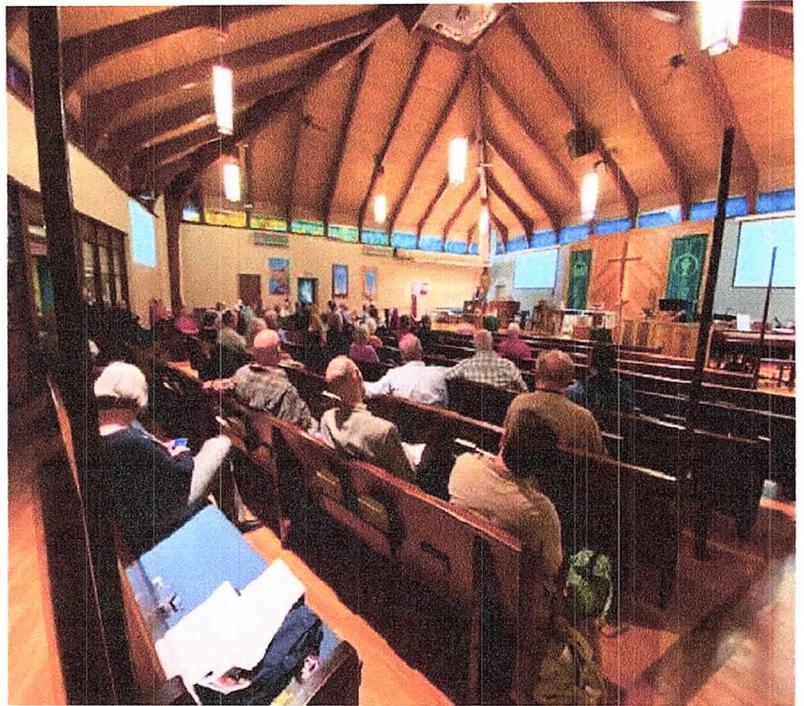
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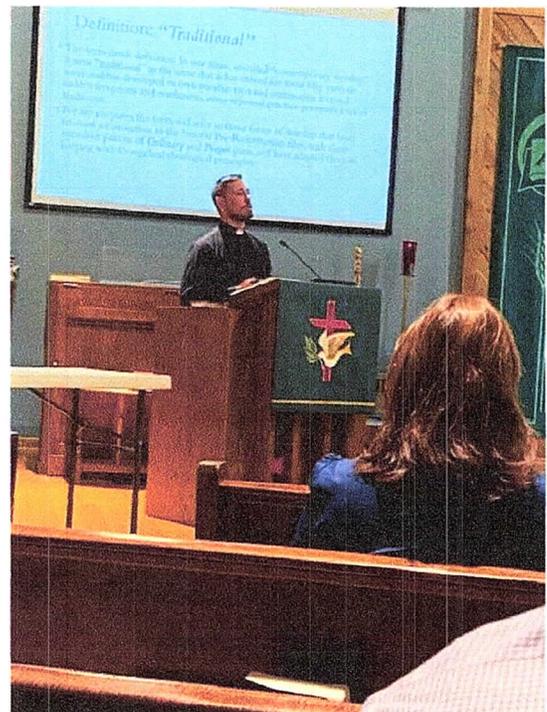
AMR Dean David McGettigan opening the 2021 Convocation



The assembly listening to the Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen

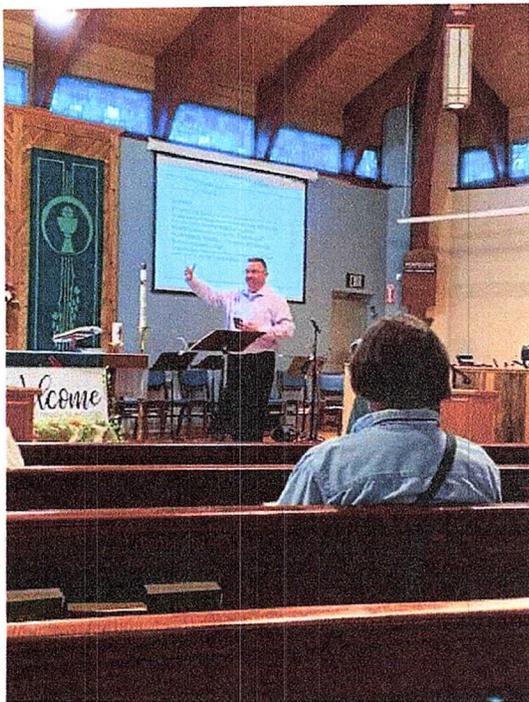


The Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen presenting on the Overall Theology of Worship



The Rev. Christopher Porter presenting on Traditional Worship

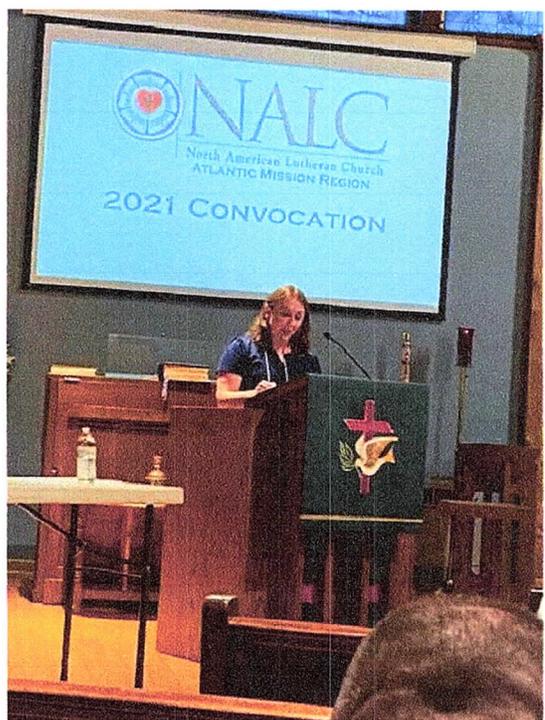
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The Rev. Jay Jackson, Jr. presenting on Contemporary Worship



Worship Leader Ryan McAllister presenting on Contemporary Worship

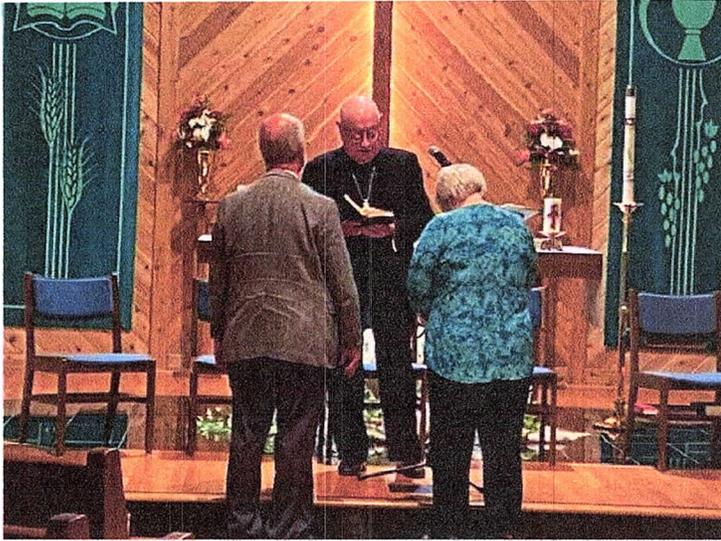


Seminararian Lara Bhasin presenting her reflections as a future worship leader

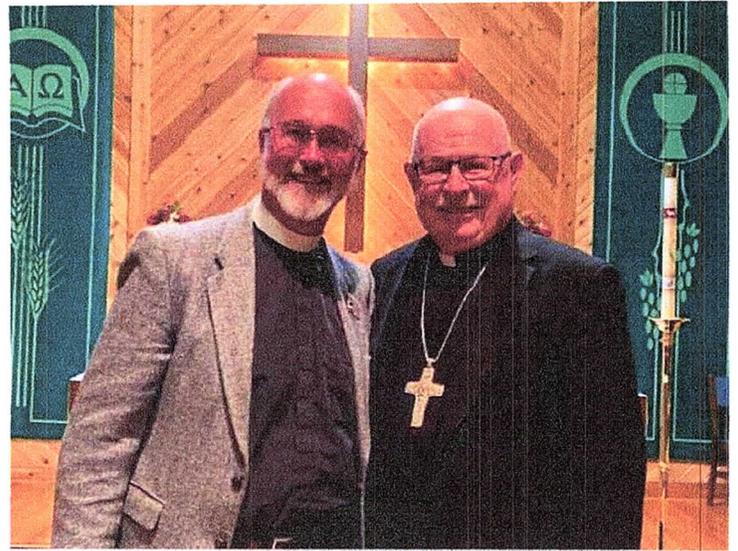


The panel at the closing discussion

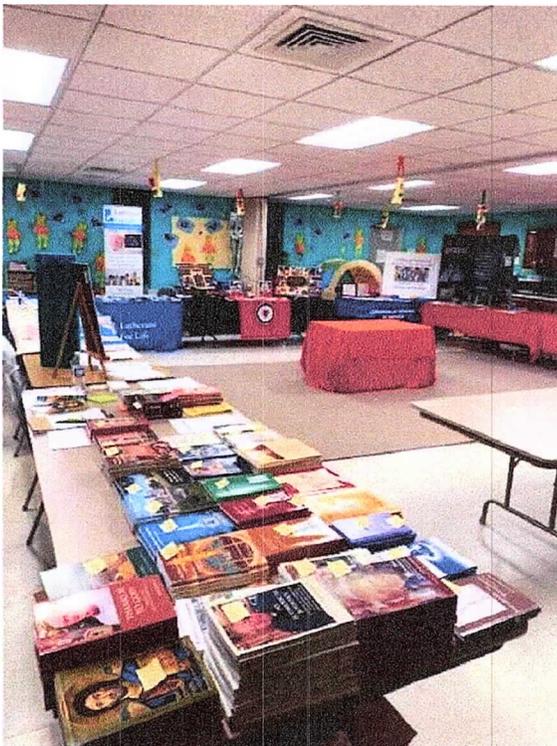
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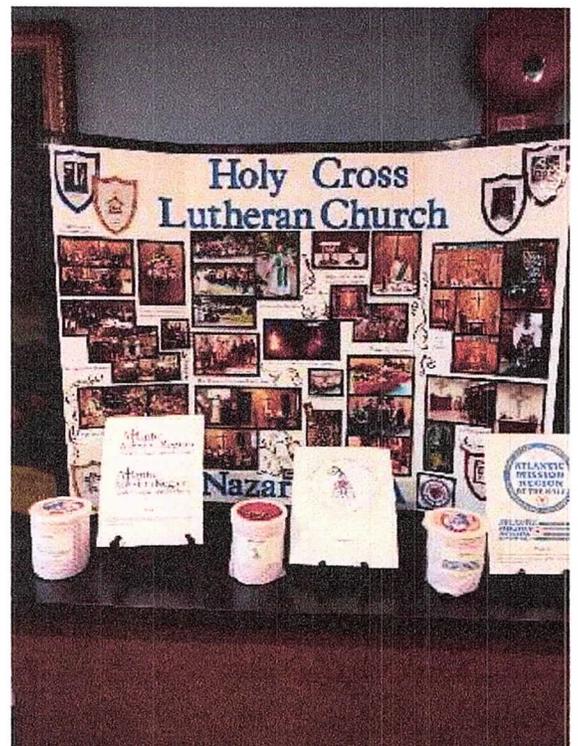
The Rev. Steve Shipman at his installation as new AMR Regional Dean



AMR Dean Steve Shipman (left) with newly retired AMR Dean David McGettigan (right)



The display room for NALC Ministry Partners and vendors



Vote for Logo for Atlantic Mission Region - Carolyn Frye from Lebanon Lutheran Church designed the logo that was chosen as the new logo for the Atlantic Mission Region (logo is on left above and on next page of the convocation recap)

Holy Cross ELG, Nazareth, PA

October 22 & 23, 2021

Seventy-seven disciples of the Atlantic Mission Region gathered over two days at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, Nazareth, PA on October 22 & 23, 2021 for the annual regional Convocation. The theme for this year was "The Fullness of God's Worship." Seventy-three gathered in person and four attended virtually.

Election of a new Regional Dean: The Rev. Steve Shipman (Dillsburg, PA) was elected by the assembly as our new Regional Dean. He is succeeding the Rev. David McGettigan who has retired.

WORSHIP was the theme of this year's Convocation. The Convocation opened with a traditional-style Eucharist featuring the Rev. David McGettigan as preacher. We closed Friday evening with a contemporary Evening Prayer service and worshiped again on Saturday with a contemporary-style Eucharist featuring the Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen as preacher.

The Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen, president of the North American Lutheran Seminary, presented at the first plenary session in which he discussed the Overall Theology of Worship. **The Rev. Christopher Porter** (pastor at Lebanon Lutheran Church, Lebanon Church, VA) presented the second plenary session on Traditional Worship. **The Rev. Jay Jackson, Jr. and Ryan McAllister** (pastor and worship leader respectively at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Joppa, MD) presented the third plenary session in which they discussed Contemporary Worship. **Seminarian Lara Bhasin** (Briarcliff, NY and student at the NALS) gave the final plenary session as a Reflection of a Future Worship Leader.

The 2022 Ministry Spending Plan was approved. The assembly approved the \$50,500 Ministry Plan as presented.

World Mission Prayer League was the spotlight Ministry Partner this year. Missionary Kathleen Lutz spoke to the assembly about her experience in Kenya and the good work that is being done there.

Retiring AMR Dean David McGettigan was honored at the business meeting with the inception of a new **Seminarian Debt Relief Fund** created in his honor. This surprise gift from donations received by congregations and individuals of the AMR totaled \$10,525.

Other **financial gifts** were given to the World Mission Prayer League (\$1,000); NALC Disaster Response (\$7,114), and the NALS (\$10,000).

We heard a presentation from the Renewal & Discipleship Ministry Team re: **Discipleship Guide training**. We also heard an update on **NALC Disaster Response** by Pr. Mark Werner.

Stuff the Truck for NALC Disaster Response! The truck was filled with health kits, school kits, flood buckets, blankets, Bibles, and gift cards. THANK YOU! All donations were taken to the warehouse in MD.

Mission District Meetings: The assembly broke into Mission Districts on Friday night and discussed a Bible study on discipleship written by the Rev. David McGettigan while enjoying fellowship with each other.

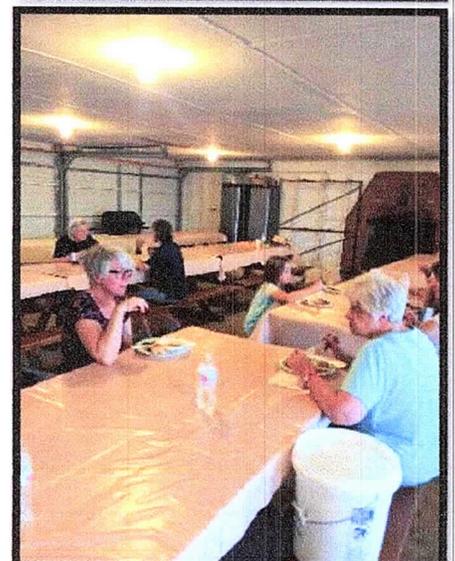
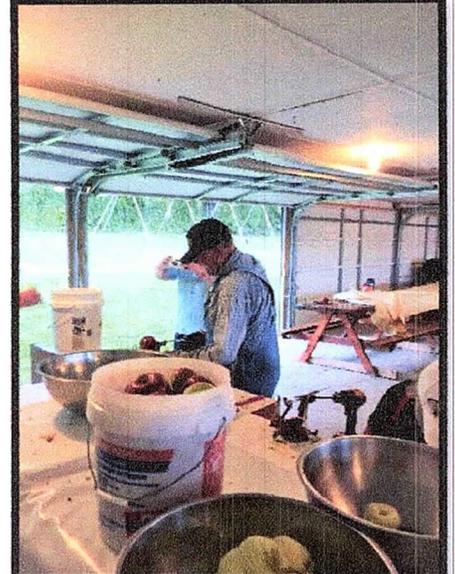
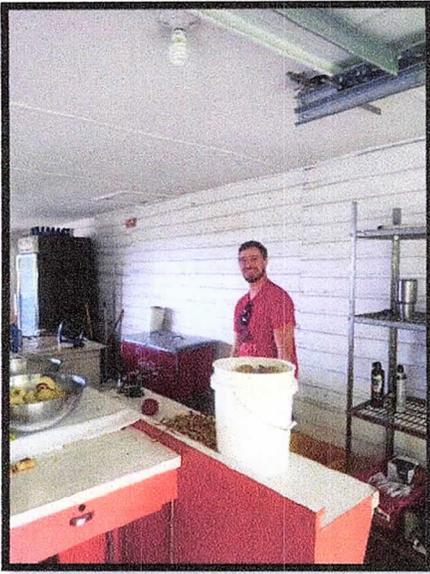
New AMR logo selected! Carolyn Frye of Lebanon Lutheran Church, Lebanon Church, VA designed the winning logo at our logo design contest (see other side). ****See Logo at top left**

Women's Conference: The Women of Atlantic Mission Region held their third Women's Conference on Friday morning in which they worked together to assemble 172 health kits and 88 school kits for NALC Disaster Response. They also enjoyed worship together, a virtual visit from NALC Disaster Response coordinator Mary Bates, and fellowship.

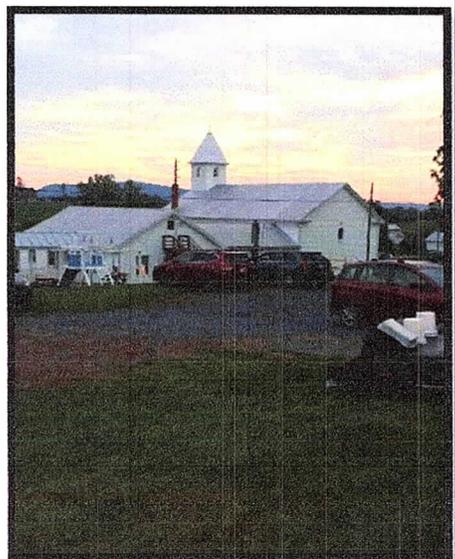
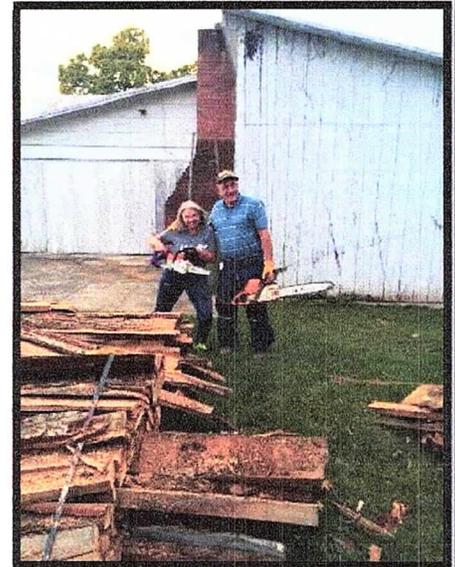
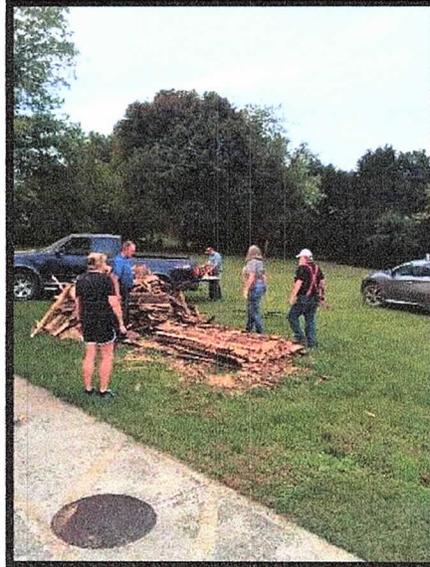
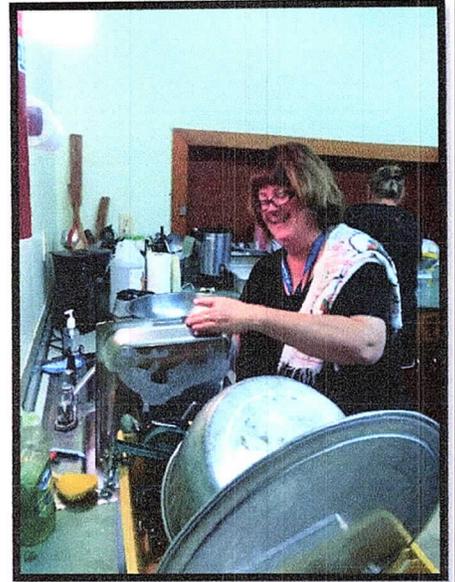
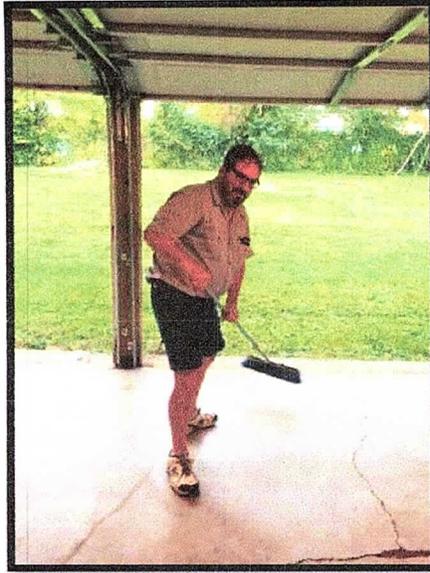
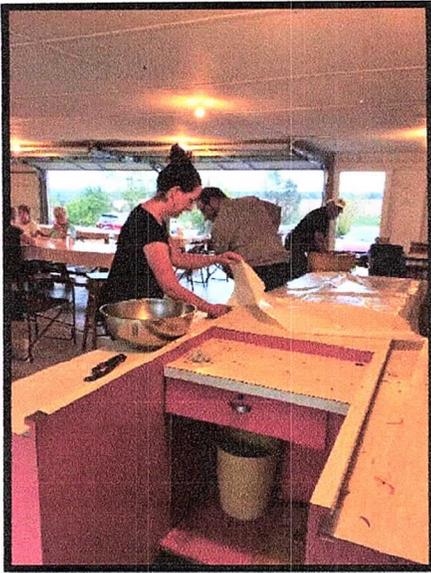
The 2022 AMR Convocation will be held on October 21-22 at Annapolis Evangelical Lutheran Church, Edgewater, MD. A **Women's Conference** is also being planned for October 21 prior to the Convocation. Mark your calendars!

[View and listen to the Convocation on the AMR website at www.atlantic-nalc.org](http://www.atlantic-nalc.org)

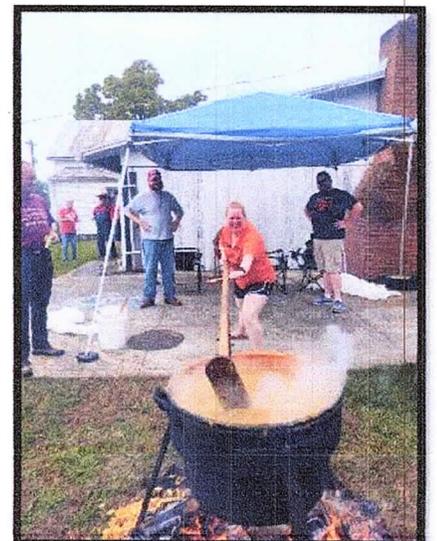
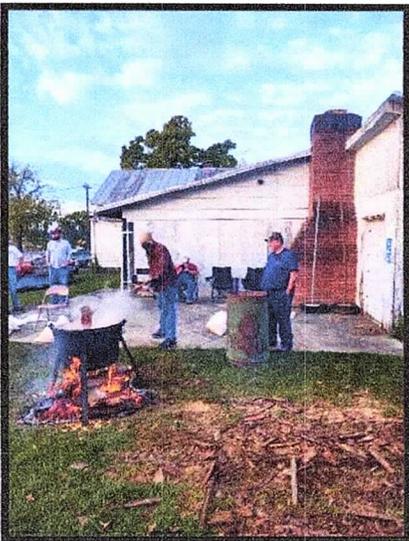
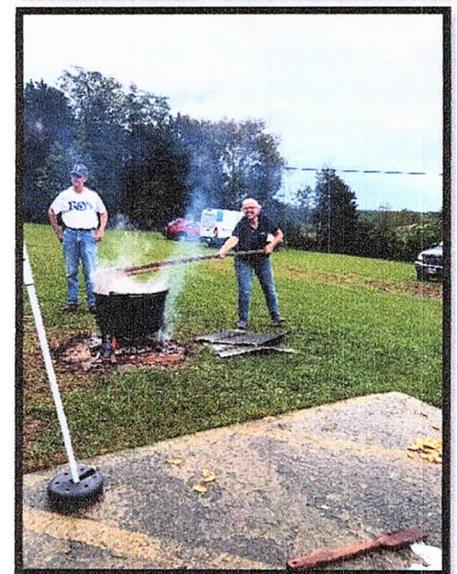
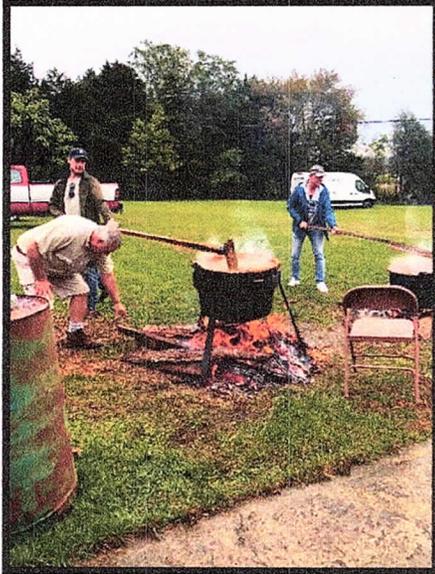
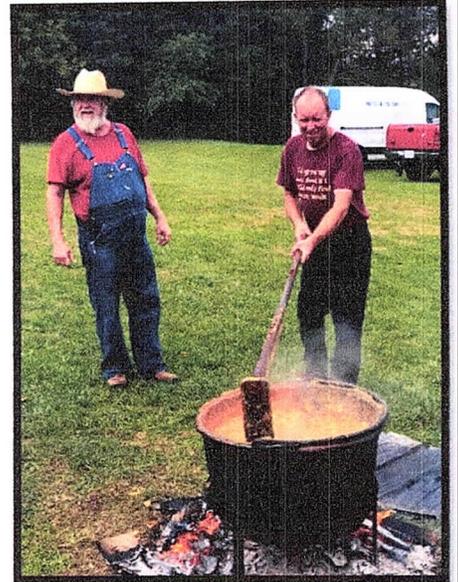
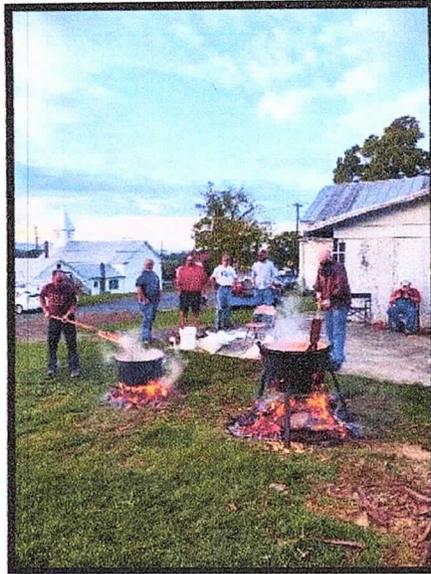
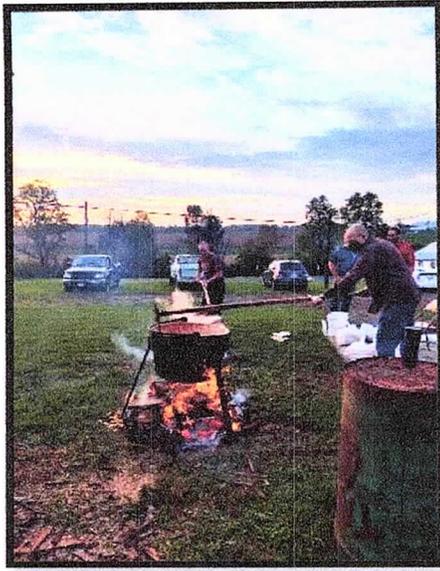
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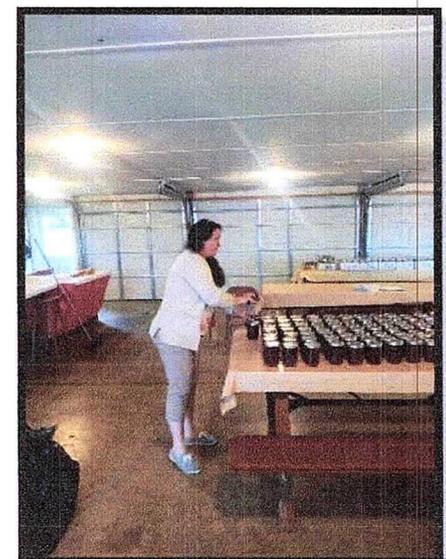
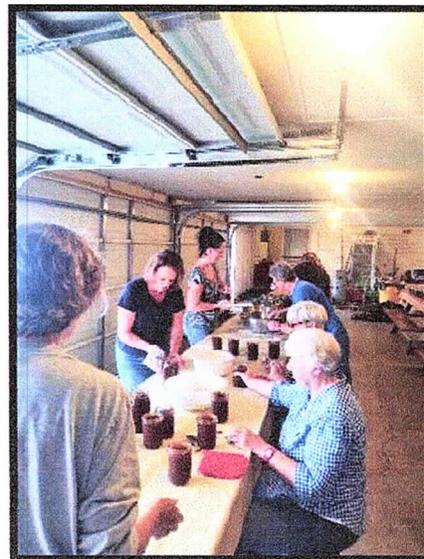
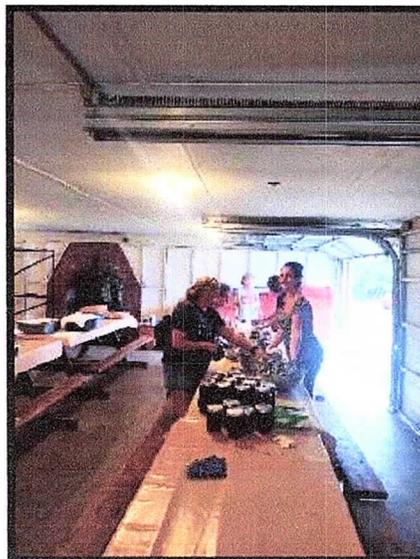
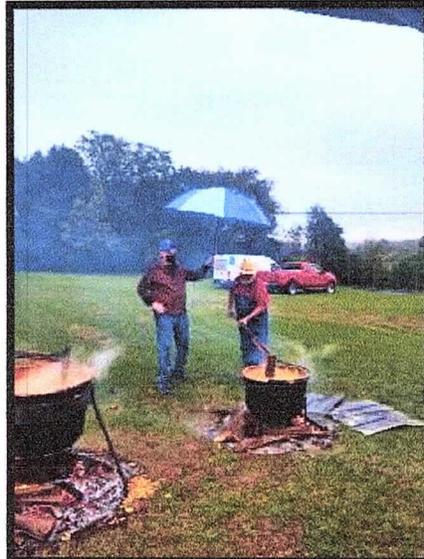
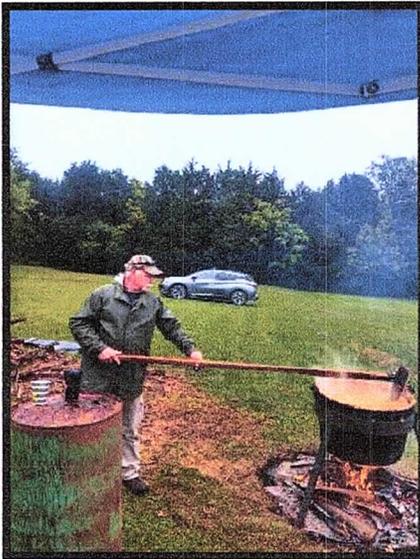
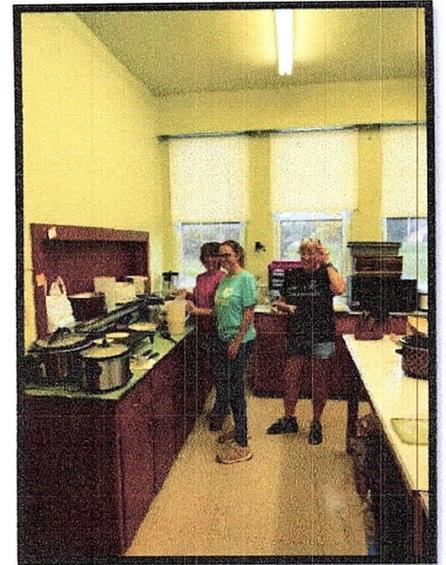
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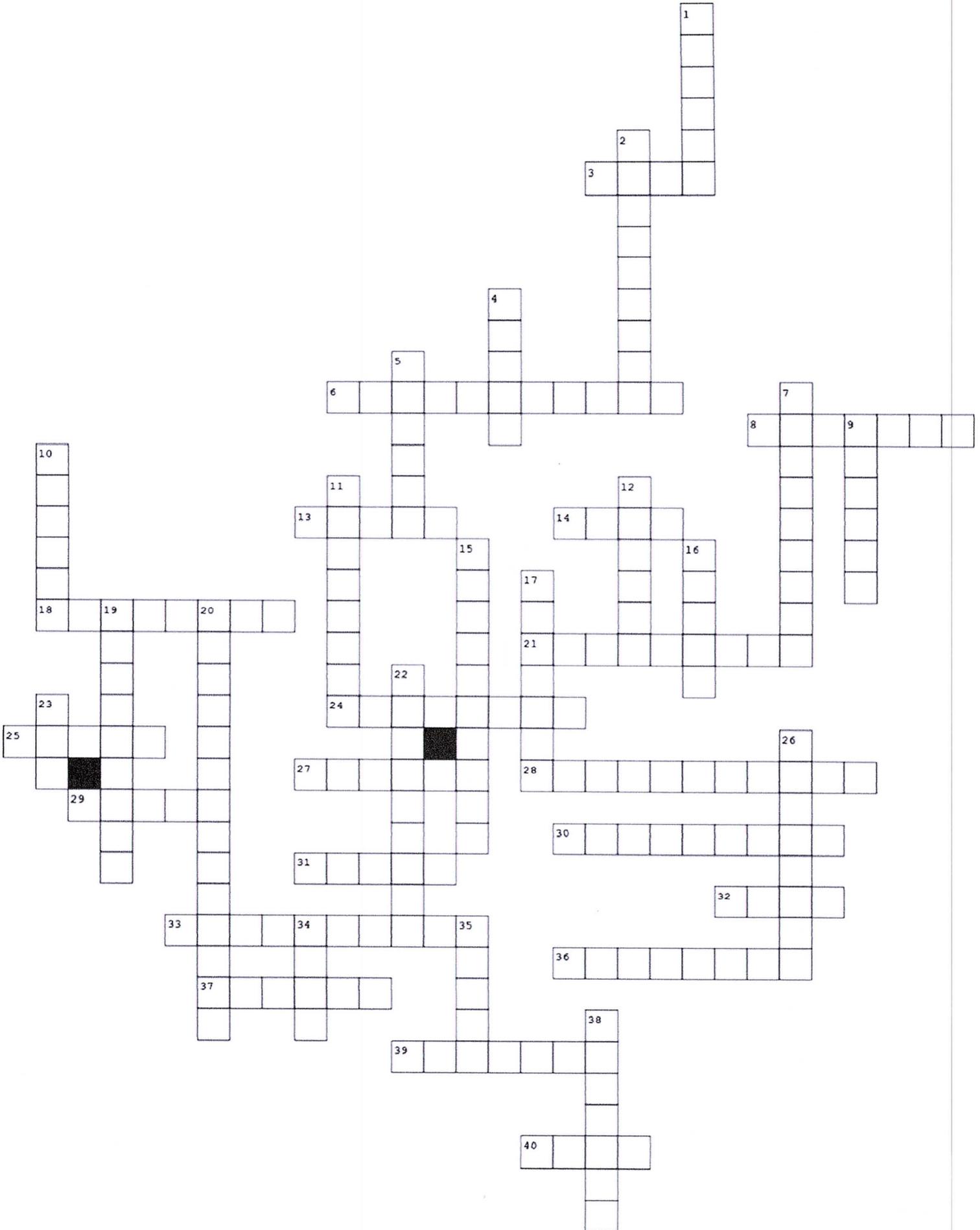
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Across

3. "but we will walk in the name of the _____ our God." (4)
6. "Arise and go, for this is no place to rest because of _____ that destroys with a grievous destruction." (2)
8. "The godly has perished from the earth, and there is no one _____ among mankind;" (7)
13. The prince and the judge ask for this? (7)
14. The law shall go forth from this place? (4)
18. What is the Lord devising against the oppressors, family? (2)
21. Where is Micah from? (1)
24. "And he shall stand and _____ his flock in the strength of the Lord," (5)
25. He is filled with the power, with the spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might. (3)
27. "You shall eat but not be satisfied, and there shall be _____ within you;" (6)
28. "Your hand shall be lifted up over your _____, and all your enemies shall be cut off." (5)
29. Is Micah a major or a minor prophet?
30. For the one who walks like this the Lord's words do good to him? (2)
31. "Jerusalem shall become a heap of _____," (3)
32. "When the morning dawns, they perform it, because it is in the power of their _____." (2)
33. "Woe to those who devise _____ and work evil on their beds." (2)
36. "But the earth will be _____ because of its inhabitants, for the fruit of their deeds." (7)
37. The Lord will make these who were cast off, a strong _____." (4)
39. "what does the Lord require of you but to do _____, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (6)
40. Balik is the king of _____." (6)

Down

1. "All her _____ images shall be beaten to pieces." (1)
2. The house of the Lord shall be on the highest of these? (4)
4. Jerusalem is the high place of what? (1)
5. "the house of _____ shall be a deceitful thing to the kings of Israel." (1)
7. They are to little to be among the clans of Judah? (5)
9. For the Lord has an indictment against the people of this nation? (6)
10. "Therefore because of you Zion shall be _____ as a field." (3)
11. "The sun shall go down on the _____," (3)
12. "your inhabitants speak lies, and their _____ is deceitful in their mouth." (6)
15. "they shall beat their swords into this? (4)
16. "He will bring me out to the _____;" (7)
17. "What is the transgression of Jacob?" (1)
19. "I will wait for the God of my _____;" (7)
20. "Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over _____ for the remnant of his inheritance?"
22. "The Lord in anger and wrath will execute _____ on the nations, that did not obey." (5)
23. "but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his _____ tree." (4)
26. "your rich men are full of _____;" (6)
34. The Lord will hide his face from them because their deeds are this? (3)
35. They shall be disgraced? (3)
38. "And the _____ of Jacob shall be among the nations." (5)

All questions are formed from the book of

Micah (ESV Bible). Chapters are in parenthesis.

Proverbs

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Proverbs

Across

3. "Before destruction a man's heart is _____, but humility comes before honor." (18)
5. "An excellent wife is the _____ of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rottenness in his bones ." (12)
9. "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be _____." (31)
10. "Whoever hates disguises himself with his lips and harbors _____ in his heart." (26)
12. "The mouth of the righteous is a _____ of life," (10)
13. "The reward for _____ and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life." (22)
15. "Give _____ to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;" (9)
16. "A _____ goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool." (17)
17. "Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with his _____." (28)
18. "Better is a _____ with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble with it." (15)
22. "The way of the Lord is a stronghold to the blameless, but _____ to evildoers." (10)
23. "One who is wise is _____ and turns away from evil but a fool is reckless and careless." (14)
24. "In all your ways _____ him, and he will make straight your paths." (3)
26. They despise wisdom and instructions? (1)
27. "For jealousy makes a man _____, and he will not spare when he takes revenge." (6)
31. "The _____ of the righteous ends only in good, the expectation of the wicked in wrath." (11)
32. Give this to your enemy when he is hungry? (25)
33. If you discipline a child with a rod his _____ will be saved from Sheol? (23)
34. They will be cut off from the land? (2)
35. Keep this with all vigilance as the springs of life flow from it? (4)
36. "For the _____ person is an abomination to the Lord," (3)

Down

1. "Whoever spares the rod _____ his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him." (13)
2. The Lord will laugh at your calamity because you have done this to his counsel? (1)
4. "The glory of young men is their strength, but the splendor of old men is their gray _____." (20)
6. "Whoever gives thought to the _____ will discover good, and blessed is he who trust in the Lord." (16)
7. "The _____ of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin." (5)
8. "For the Lord gives _____; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." (2)
9. This can bring you low? (29)
11. "Listen to advise and accept _____ that you may gain wisdom in the future." (19)
13. For this is good to eat? (24)
14. "Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find _____," (21)
16. "teach a _____ man, and he will increase in learning." (9)
19. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of _____;" (1)
20. "Every word of God proves _____:" (30)
21. "All at once he follows her as an ox goes to the _____," (7)
25. Men of this speech, forsake the paths of uprightness? (2)
28. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own _____." (3)
29. This is better than jewels? (8)
30. "Wealth gained _____ will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it." (13)
35. "As in water face reflects face, so the _____ of man reflects the man." 27

All Questions are formed from the book of Proverbs (ESV Bible) Chapters are in parenthesis.



Lebanon Lutheran Church



November 2021

◀ Oct 2021		November 2021					Dec 2021 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 7:00 Holy Communion Class	2	3 8:15 AM – Matins 10:00 Individual Confession & Absolution	4 7:00 Choir Practice	5	6	
7 All Saints' Day 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	8 7:00 Holy Communion Class	9	10 8:15 AM – Matins 10:00 Individual Confession & Absolution	11 6:00 Outreach Meeting 7:00 Church Council Meeting	12	13 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Queen Street Diner	
14 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	15 7:00 Holy Communion Class	16	17 8:15 AM – Matins 10:00 Individual Confession & Absolution 7:00 Women's Bible Study	18 7:00 Choir Practice	19	20	
21 Christ The King Sunday 9:30 Sunday School Make Advent Wreaths 11:00 Divine Service	22 7:00 Holy Communion Class	23	24 8:15 AM – Matins 10:00 Individual Confession & Absolution	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27	
28 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	29 7:00 Holy Communion Class	30	Note: Saturday, December 4th annual Ladies Potluck Brunch @ 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring items on the wish list to fill the diaper bags for the Pregnancy Center.				