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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

The Communicator

Pastor Wilck is normally in his church study Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. He is available to meet you at church or at other mutually arranged times. You may also contact him or leave a message on 269-9086. On Friday Pastor's day off, he is available for pastoral emergencies. When calling the church after hours, and wishing to leave a message for Pastor when prompted dial Extension 311 for his personal voicemail.

Please inform Pastor whenever there is an illness or hospitalization in your family. He appreciates your help. When you are admitted to a hospital, please list your religious preference as "Lutheran Church of Our Saviour" and contact Pastor or the church office.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, as baptized followers of Jesus Christ, will foster a living, expressive relationship with our Lord and our neighbors.

We will do this in a way that seeks to serve all segments of our congregation and community by:

- ◆ Providing a welcoming environment for youth and young adults.
- ◆ Strengthening the family unit.
- ◆ Involving the elderly and recognizing their special needs.
- ◆ Making Christ visible through worship.

Recommended by the Long Range Planning committee on October 27, 2010.

Pastor's Page

October marks the earnest celebration of our 75th anniversary as a church. Bishop Macholz will join us on **October 27** (Reformation Sunday) at one service at 10:00 a.m. Our choirs have been preparing, the Sunday School and youth have been preparing, and the anniversary committee has been preparing. The celebration luncheon is the same day at Sweet Briar Lodge on Ridgeway Avenue from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. **Tickets for the luncheon are available until the cutoff date October 13.**

On **November 3**, Pastor Arden C. Strasser will preach at the one service at 10:00 a.m. It is also All Saints' Sunday and we will remember those who have been laid to rest since last All Saints' Day. Arden is a son of the congregation and serving at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Manhattan.

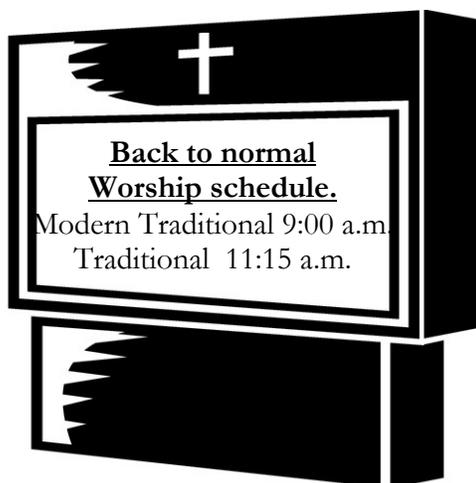
It is fitting that our anniversary falls in November near All Saints' Day. As we remember the past, we remember those who have been a part of the ministry of Our Saviour. We give thanks for their work in the gospel, for establishing the congregation and supporting this ministry through their care and hard work.

We are also mindful that we are living in the present, with all its challenges and hopes. We celebrate the mission we share. Yes, there are things we need to improve and outreach to be made, but that is our calling in this present moment. As we seek to fulfill the gospel mission in the present, we can enhance our growing the future. It is our anniversary prayer and hope.

A Stewardship thought – Last month we heard the parable of the dishonest manager (Luke 16:1-8). It is a puzzling parable. The manager is said to have dealt dishonestly with his master's possessions. Once again Jesus used an unlikely figure as the central character of a parable. When the manager's dishonesty was discovered, he acted shrewdly to protect himself from dismissal. His actions to reduce the debtor's bills were not necessarily dishonest, but they were a clever way of retrieving the master's money. He was commended for that prudent course of action.

Surely, we cannot use these words as permission to steal or to cheat. Rather, we must keep these words in their context. It's as if our Lord said, "If only you would devote to God's business the same resourcefulness that the business leaders of this world devote to theirs!" Christ calls us to take risks, to look at God's business with a sense of adventure—to be faithful in the little things, and to serve God with the same enthusiasm that we serve our own adventures. It is a call to serve God with passion and to march to the Lord's drumbeat with zeal and vigor.

God has asked us to manage the kingdom and we are to get on with the high business of eternity with the same effort and enthusiasm as we would in our worldly business. As entrepreneurs of the gospel of Christ, we accept the risks of loving and we plunge into the arena of human need with all of the resourcefulness that we apply to our own ventures. With one eye on eternity and the other on the needs of the neighbor, we run the race with perseverance and with a sense of joy and enthusiasm.



BIBLE STUDIES BACK TO NORMAL SCHEDULE

(Sunday) Adult Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.

(Tuesday) Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

Note that the 2nd Tuesday study is actually held on Wednesday.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 20 DESSERT 5:00 P.M., MEETING 6:00 P.M.

During the October Congregational Meeting, the Treasurer will present the Budget for 2020. It is important for the Congregation to understand "how a church continues to run." We encourage you to attend this important meeting to review and vote on the budget. This will help you plan your giving for 2020 and help us achieve our church goals.

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

75th Anniversary

Celebration

❖ *The October 27th 10:00 a.m. service includes Bishop John Macholz and musical performances by the Bell Choir, Vocal Choir, and Sunday School children. Following the service is a Celebration Buffet Luncheon Noon - 4:00 p.m., at Sweet Briar Lodge, 2888 Ridgeway Ave.*

❖ *Tickets on sale starting September 8th (Adult \$20, Child 5-12 \$10, under 5 free). Tickets must be purchased by October 13 at the latest. Contact the office with questions (585-247-7824).*

❖ *Our Saviour's official anniversary is November 3rd. Pastor C. Arden is preaching this service at 10:00 a.m. and a special coffee and breakfast hour is planned.*



75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE—OTHER UPDATES

- ♥ We would like to put together a time capsule. You may bring items that have a connection/memory to our church. Please bring it to the office by **October 6**.
- ♥ Lifting up other ministries during our service—on **October 20** Pastor Wilck will speak about the ELCA.
- ♥ Bishop Macholz will preach on Reformation Sunday, **October 27**, at 10:00 a.m.
- ♥ A presentation from our Bell and Vocal Choirs, as well as our children singing, at the **October 27** service.
- ♥ Comedian Dan Kulp will be the entertainment at the Celebration Buffet Luncheon on **October 27**.
- ♥ A baby picture contest will be held at the Celebration Luncheon.
- ♥ We will have a presentation of our church history at the Celebration Luncheon.
- ♥ We will have a new 75th Anniversary Booklet for you to purchase (\$5.00).
- ♥ Pastor Arden C. Strasser will preach on All Saints' Day, **November 3**, at 10:00 a.m.
- ♥ The Youth will have a presentation of the weaving at the **November 3** service.

Please join the committee meeting on **October 9** at 1:00 p.m.

REFORMATION SUNDAY—One service **October 27** at 10:00 a.m. with Bishop Macholz

Our Saviour celebrates the Festival of the Reformation Sunday on **October 27**. It will be a traditional service with a musical presentation by our Bell and Vocal Choirs, as well as the children singing. On this day we remember the faithful efforts of Martin Luther and other reformers of the 16th century. We give thanks to God for their ministry and calling the church back to a Biblical faith in God's loving and free gift of grace given in Jesus' death and resurrection. On this day we also pray for the ongoing reformation of the church.

Red is the color for this festival day. We invite you to wear red to worship on Reformation Sunday as part of this celebration.

FROM THE TRUSTEES

⇒ Attention to anybody who would like to sponsor a veteran's brick for our Mitchell Memorial Flag brick foundation. Request for a brick must be received by **October 1** for the dedication at our Veterans' Day Service, November 10. Contact the church office or Ed Jarvis at 233-7867 for more information.

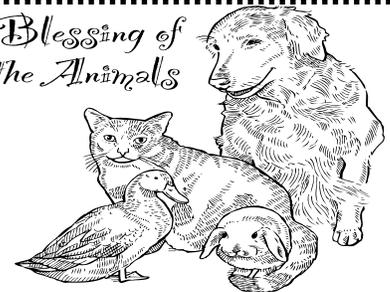
⇒ On **October 13** Thrivent Financial will be hosting an evening at the Strong National Museum of Play. There will be a meal session for Thrivent members and their guests from 4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. A meal will be served and Thrivent will give a short update of what they have to offer (no products will be sold). Then from 5:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m. the museum will be open for all to enjoy. You can register online or leave your name on the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table. Please indicate if you are going to the meal session.

⇒ The new Carillon Bell System donated by the Curry Family in memory of their mother Betty Curry is in the process of being installed in our church. Although there are a few obstacles to overcome, we are very hopeful to have the system ready to play bells and hymns for our 75th Anniversary Celebration on October 27.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCTOBER 6

At both services, bring a picture of your pet and a stuffed animal to share with the children at Tom Golisano Children's Hospital.

*Blessing of
the Animals*



ALTAR GUILD

All members, men and women, are invited to serve on the Altar Guild. Help is always needed and appreciated. Your service would involve one month of the year; during that month, the time involved is routinely 30 minutes to 1 hour a week. We also meet in the fall to set up a schedule (we will meet on a Sunday between services), December to prepare for the Christmas service, and again during Lent to prepare psalm crosses.

Please join us. It is an opportunity to meet others and become more involved in our faith and serve our church.

An Altar Guild meeting is scheduled for **October 6** between services at 10:30 a.m.

BOARD FOR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

The Fall Adopt-A-Highway has been rescheduled for **October 12** at 9:30 a.m.

Please help clean up the 2.6 mile section of Chili Avenue from Route 204 to Chili Center. Children 12 to 18 years-old must have parent permission. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

We will meet at Dell Hall that Saturday and start the highway pickup at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Jerry Stich.

The Jubilees senior group will be going on their Fall cruise on **October 16** on the Canandaigua Lady. This cruise will leave at 2:30 p.m. returning at 4:00 p.m. Car pooling from church is being arranged (we will need to leave by 1:30 p.m.) A sign-up sheet is on the Narthex table with additional information. Ed Jarvis 233-7867 is the contact person.

LYO/YOUTH

Hello all! The youth will be heading out to Long Acre Farms on **October 19** for their annual moonlight corn maze. We will meet at the church parking lot at 6:00 p.m. to leave for the farm. Cost for youth is \$8. Friends and family are welcome to attend. Cost for adults is \$15. Please dress according to the weather and bring flashlights. The sign-up sheet is on the Narthex table. If we have a group of 20 or more, we may be eligible for a group rate.

Halloween Hall set up will begin on Monday through Friday,

October 21—25, We will meet from 6:00—8 p.m. each night to prepare the hall for Trunk-or-Treat on **October 26**. More details to come.

Grace and peace,
Janeen

Picture of Halloween Hall 2018



EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

We are very excited to announce Sheila Foltz has joined the Evangelism Committee. We will be looking at ways to reach out to the community to let people know we are here and encourage them to join us on Sundays and our other activities.

CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB will be at church on **October 3** at 6:30 p.m. We are going to read Klem Watercrest, *The Lighthouse Keeper* and *Seaside Journeys of Faith*, both by Jay Diedreck, a former member of our church.

The Lighthouse Keeper—Much of Port James has been untouched somehow from many of the hassles of our times. Klem Watercrest, the delightful yet aging lighthouse keeper and main character, brings insight to his wife, friends, and family, many times while tending to the community lighthouse. Be prepared to enjoy a delightful, religious, yet an adventuresome story of a Maine seaside village and its unforgettable residents.

Seaside Journeys of Faith—This is a charming story about that fictitious and wonderful seaside community of Port James, Maine and her unforgettable characters. Commencing in 1880, author Jay Diedreck quickly transcends the reader to 1950, a mystical and enchanting time of triumphs and achievements as well as struggles for its residents of faith. Jay has brought to life much of that unique and wonderful 1950s flavor that some readers may personally recall from their childhood and younger book lovers will learn and discover.

Looking ahead: We will meet again during Sunday School hour in January 2020. Evangelism would like to recommend we read "Overcomer."

The next Christian Movie Matinee is "God Bless the Broken Road." It tells the inspirational story of a young mother who loses her husband in Afghanistan and struggles to raise their young daughter in his absence. The film focuses on the importance of faith, family, and friends, while paying tribute to those who serve in the U.S. Military. The movie will be in October (date and time to be determined).

The Evangelism Committee is planning a "Trunk-or-Treat" event on **October 26** from 2:00—4:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. The children in Halloween costumes will travel from trunk to trunk collecting treats and then proceed to the Narthex for doughnuts and cider. Don't forget to go see Halloween Hall downstairs! We are looking for members to provide their vehicle "trunks" and/or treats. We would like to have approximately 30 vehicles. This event will be open to the public so generous donations of candy would be greatly appreciated.

Please sign up on the tear-off sheet on the bottom of this page or contact Pam Spencer (967-4775) if you would like to participate with your vehicle or candy donations. Place the tear-off sheet in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Donate candy _____

Donate car _____

Candy needs to be at church by **October 20**. Thank you!

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

At our September meeting, we began this year's program with our annual potluck dinner. A fun time was had by all. The food was delicious, as well as the company and we enjoyed catching up with each other about all our "summer" fun activities.

*Cheryl Stone, Debi Macksamie and Ann Marie MacBride will provide refreshments for fellowship on Sunday, **October 13.***

The Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project kick-off was held on Sunday, September 8. The shoe boxes are located in the Narthex. If anyone is interested in filling a shoebox, feel free to take one and please make sure that you sign out the box. If you are unable to fill a shoebox, we are accepting cash donations and donations of items to fill the boxes. We are holding a workshop for the children of our church on **November 6** at 6:30 p.m. At this workshop, the children will work together to fill shoe boxes. Pizza will be served.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COST OF THE POSTAGE FOR EACH SHOEBOX IS \$9.00 AND WE ARE ONLY ACCEPTING CASH, NO CHECKS. JUST PUT THE CASH IN THE ENVELOPE THAT IS IN THE SHOEBOX.

Our next regular meeting will be held on **October 8** at 6:30 p.m. Our guest speakers will be Ron and Dona Hebblethwaite, authors of the "Miracle and Healing Book". All women, as well as men are invited to attend. Simone Harter will serve as hostess for this meeting. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. A special thank you to Ann Marie MacBride for arranging for our guest speaker.

On **October 29**, our meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. Please bring your lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided. At this meeting, we will be discussing and making final plans for the upcoming Annual Election Day Soup and Bake Sale on **November 5**. We are in need of soup and baked goods as well as volunteers to work the day of the sale. A special "Thank You" to Thrivent for sponsoring this sale.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Sharon Yackel will serve as hostess and also provide devotions at this meeting.

Our attendance continues to grow and we continue to look for new members and new ideas for our meetings.

Reminder: Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, with the exception of our November meeting.

Please look for information as it becomes available and come join us. All women are members of the Women of the ELCA.

Dear Christian Family,

We've kicked off for the **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES!** We are going to try something different this year. We are collecting a list of items per month starting in April. The box along with a list of items for that month will be on the table in the Narthex. Each month there will be a different list of items. This will give the Youth plenty of items to pack boxes in November. In addition to the monthly list, we have also placed several boxes in the Narthex if you wish to donate individual boxes.

For the month of October: Barrettes, hats, socks, soap/washcloths, small stuffed animals, unopened 'Happy Meal' items or personal letter/photo.

A few notes of what cannot be in the boxes: Fighting toys like knives, guns
No liquids (paint, nail polish, bubbles)
No candy or toothpaste

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to me or call me at 426-0382.

~~Debbie Frey



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

BINGO PRIZES FOR CREEKVIEW NURSING HOME

The Women of the ELCA here at Our Saviour continue to collect items for bingo prizes at Creekview Nursing Home. Members of the congregation are invited (and encouraged) to participate in this activity. Please put the items in bags and place at the WELCA table in the Narthex.

The suggestions that follow were provided by the Recreation Leader at Creekview Nursing Home:

Women

Stuffed animals
Jewelry*
Lotion (small bottles)
Cards
Non-slip stocking slippers
Large print Word Search books
Nail polish (bright or sparkles)
Polish remover

Men

Stuffed animals
Shaving cream
Large print playing
Non-slip stocking slippers

*clip-on earrings only, necklaces long enough to fit over the head, and bracelets large enough to fit over the hand. Jewelry with clasps are difficult to handle.

The nursing home is in need of a VCR player. If you have one to donate, please contact the church office.

Thank you for your support of this activity and to Donna Evenson who delivers our donations.

OUR THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

- ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur, Ann and Gordon Seppa, Debbie Frey, Daryl Jarvis, Madison Johnson and Connor Large for collating, stapling, addressing and mailing the September newsletter.*
- ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur, Sharon and Richard Yackel assembling the bulletins each week.*
- ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur for continuing to change the message on the sign and doing other various tasks in the office.*
- ♥ *To all the Sunday Modern Traditional Power Point volunteers.*
- ♥ *Linda Loughlin for maintaining the oil candles in preparation for Sunday services.*
- ♥ *Margie Kowalski for continuing to care for the plants in the Narthex and replacing the flowers in the planters and vases.*
- ♥ *Cindy Borzilleri and Carol Werth maintaining the Time and Talent and Worship documentation, as well as the volunteers.*
- ♥ *Ed Jarvis, Larry Hopkins, Mary Ellen Saur, Brian and Pam Spencer, Rick Chapin, Deb Ciccone, Frank Johnson and Charles Borzilleri for the lawn work.*
- ♥ *Lucy Lance and Tammy Cuyler for joining the Sunday School Staff.*
- ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur and Pam Spencer representing our church at the Roberts Wesleyan Church Connection Fair.*
- ♥ *Brian Spencer for hosting the Rally Day breakfast in September. Thank you to Mary Ellen Saur and Pam Spencer for helping as well.*
- ♥ *The Evangelism Committee, plus Daryl and Ed Jarvis, and Patti and Elton Schulz providing dinner at 'The Table at RIT'.*

The commitment and dedication of all members of Our Saviour are important to the congregation's mission and ministry. We want to recognize the tasks done by members. Committee/Board Chairs and others are asked to share these names with the Office Manager, Simone Harter, for inclusion in future issues of the Communicator.

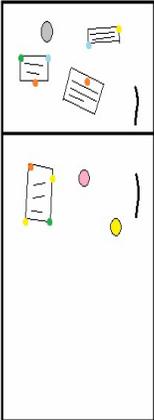


Congratulations to the following couple who united in marriage during the month of September.

Camaryn Jayne Browning and Edward John Housel united in marriage on Saturday, September 28th, at 3:00 p.m.

Please include Camaryn and Edward in your prayers during the coming month.

REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER USE—A notice to anyone who stores food and drinks in the church's refrigerator and freezer. You must date and identify everything that goes into the refrigerator and freezer especially if you want to stay the owner of such items. Periodically we will check and purge any unmarked items if they look bad or spoiled. Also, it is very important that we keep the top three shelves cleared for supporting events that may occur periodically like funerals and special church celebrations.



Thank you for your cooperation.

CARING AND SHARING

We all have loving hearts but busy lives. To make life easier for you to show others you care, we are providing a CARD BOX.

Help yourself to cards and envelopes. Our LCOS Directory is there to help you find addresses. You can write your notes and address the envelopes now while you are thinking of it. Just add a stamp and drop it in the mail.

The card box is located on the small round table next to the lift/elevator.

Do you receive free cards in the mail? Bring them in and add to the box.



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

One Service on November 3 at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Arden C. Strasser



All Saints' Day

On Sunday, November 3, we celebrate All Saints' Sunday. During the Festival of All Saints, we give thanks to God for the life and work of members of our family members and congregation who have died and now rest in the church triumphant.

The Worship Committee developed a special bulletin for use on All Saints' Sunday. This bulletin, begun twenty years ago, contains the names of all members of Our Saviour who died since the founding of the congregation.

On All Saints' Sunday, the Prayer of the Church includes the names of the members and friends of Our Saviour who died during the past twelve months. A letter will be sent this month to families in our congregation and in our community for whom the pastor and congregation provided care at the time of a loved one's death. They are invited to join in the All Saints' Service of Remembrance.

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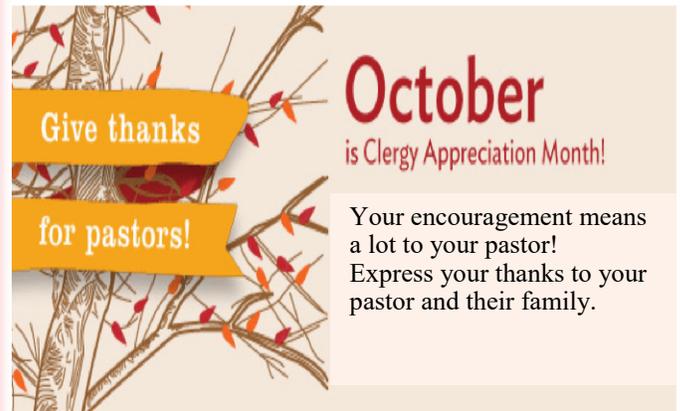
- † Request for Veteran's Brick Ends, 10/1
- † Christian Book Club, 10/3, 6:30 p.m.
- † Blessing of the Animals at Both Services, 10/6
- † Altar Guild Meeting, 10/6, 10:30 a.m.
- † Time Capsule Submission Ends, 10/6
- † WELCA Meeting with Guest Speaker 10/8, 6:30 p.m.
- † 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting, 10/9, 1:00 p.m.
- † Adopt-A-Highway, 10/12, 9:30 a.m.
- † Thrivent Museum of Play, 10/13, 4:00 p.m.
- † 75th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon Ticket Sale Ends, 10/13
- † Church Council Meeting, 10/14, 6:30 p.m.
- † Jubilees Fall Cruise, 10/16, 1:30 p.m.
- † Stewart and Walton Wedding, 10/19, 2:00 p.m.
- † Youth at Corn Maze, 10/19, 6:00 p.m.
- † ELCA Ministry at Both Services, 10/20
- † Congregational Meeting, 10/20, dessert at 5:00 p.m., meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- † Youth Decorate Halloween Hall, 10/21-25, 6:00 p.m.
- † Trunk-Or-Treat & Halloween Hall, 10/26, 2:00 p.m.
- † Reformation Sunday with Bishop Macholz, Musical Presentation & children singing, 10/27, 10:00 a.m.
- † 75th Anniversary Buffet Luncheon, 10/27, 12:00—4:00 p.m.
- † WELCA Meeting, 10/29, 12:00 p.m.

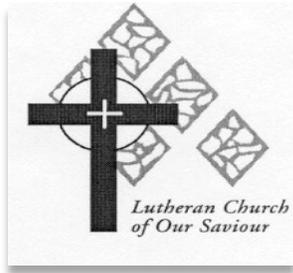
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- † Official Anniversary, All Saints' Day, Pastor Arden C. Strasser preaching, Sunday School Presentation, 11/3, 10:00 a.m.
- † WELCA Soup and Bake Sale, 11/5, 7:30 a.m.
- † WELCA Operation Christmas Child, 11/6, 6:30 p.m.
- † Recognition of Veterans at Both Services, 11/10
- † LYO at Bowling, 11/10, after 11:15 a.m. Service
- † LYO Serve Thanksgiving at Community Lutheran Ministry (Maggie's House), 11/16 (tentatively, may be 11/23)
- † Thanksgiving Eve Service, 11/27, 7:00 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- † WELCA Upstate NY Synod Convention, 10/4 - 6





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