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A Reflection from your Priest-in-Charge

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Beloved Siblings in Christ,

The weather this past week, (first week of October) has been absolutely stunning. Crisp blue skies, abundant sunshine, a gentle breeze and mild temperatures have all made for a beautiful week. One of the things that I have especially tuned into this week, has been the sudden pop of colors, as the leaves turn to shades of red, orange, and yellow. They are certainly hard to miss! Driving around town has felt a little brighter because of it. Even as we begin to move towards winter, we continue to encounter the beauty of God's creation in the here and now.

One of the questions for our time and our place then, is how are we caring for God's creation, creation that has been entrusted to us. We are reminded that when God saw what he had created, earth and sea, sun and moon, animals and plants, the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, and of course humans' beings and all the identities we carry, God called it good, God called us good.

It is a good reminder that the creation we are a part of, this earth that we call home, is all interconnected. We belong to each other. We also own that we have at times fallen short of caring for this place that has been entrusted to us. Climate change is the challenge for our time, rising sea levels are imminent, environment standards are being cut back, we find ourselves in wars and conflicts that lead to deaths of God's beloveds, God's created.

God created and saw that it was good, I pray that we can do the same as we give our attention to this place, we call home and those who live on this planet, that treat this place and one another with all the care and love that it, and God's beloveds deserve.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Dan



October Birthdays

4 - Will Pieczynski
7 - Chris Briere
9 - Connie Thompson
14 - Leenah Gossman
18 - Anita Bullard
18 - Eric Bullard
19 - Jean Frost
23 - Pastor Dan
30 - Lorraine Brumskine
31 - Joseph Ballou

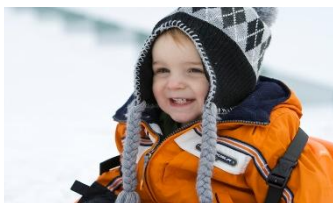


Food Pantry Donations Needed

Our donations in October will go to The Wales Community Pantry is a nonprofit organization located at 172 Palmer Road (Route 20) Brimfield, Massachusetts. We serve the towns of Brimfield, Holland, Wales, and surrounding communities. Our once-a-month food supplement program services low-income families, senior citizens, the disabled, and veterans. We deliver food to those who are homebound. Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 AM-1:00 PM and Thursdays 4:00-7:00 PM Please check out the Wales Community Pantry Facebook site for any changes in hours due to inclement weather.



An invitation from Bethlehem Lutheran Church to sing in the Joint Worship Service choir at BLC on Sunday, October 25th. Bethlehem Lutheran Church and their music minister, Ken, invite anyone who would like to sing for the Joint Worship Service to attend the practices on Wednesday, October 14th and 21st from 7-8pm. All are welcome!



Winter Coat Closet

**will be opening for the season on
October 31st
9:30—11:30 AM**

Open every Saturday thru December

**Please donate gently used, clean, winter-weight coats, scarves, gloves and mittens.
Winter's coming!**



The Chosen -Season 5

***“Father, save me from this hour! No, it was for this very reason
I came to this hour. Father, glorify you name!” John 12:27-28***

Come and join us for a new Season of “The Chosen!

“Triumphal Entry!”

Come and join us as Jesus rides on the back of a donkey.

As His people waved palm branches and cried;

“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.”

Blessed is the King of Israel.” John 12:12-13

Come and see as Jesus continues His journey to The Cross!

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Bethlehem Lutheran Church 5:30-8:00 PM

Potluck Supper at 5:30 -Bring a dish to share with others.



Women’s Bible Study

Tuesday’s 1:00 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Contact Debbie Gaston @ dgaston@worchester.edu
for more information.

Sunday Shared Worship Service at Bethlehem Lutheran
Sunday, October 25th, 2026 10:00 am



Shared Faith Formation

Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Children ages 4-12 (Pre-K-6th graders) will meet at 9am in the parish hall for shared faith formation at our remaining 2026 shared services which are:

October 25th @BLC

November 29th @ HTEC (Bishop's visit)

December 27th @ BLC (Lessons and Carols)

Mission Plate for October:

St. Luke's Guesthouse

"For I was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me"



St. Luke's Guesthouse provides Christian hospitality to those in need of temporary, non-emergency shelter, serving, single men, women, and families. St. Luke's provides a quiet place to stay while guests work on their problems, providing an opportunity to achieve self-sufficiency, securing long-term sustainable housing, and breaking the cycle of homelessness. Guests meet weekly with the guest advocate to help them work on their issues and get into permanent housing.

During its first three years of operation, the Guest house was privately run and supported. St. Lukes is now established as a non-profit, public charitable institution (501c3) that we hope will serve the community for many years to come. This effort to serve the homeless is much needed but to succeed St Luke's will need your help and the help of many in our community.

Finding Hope/Preventing Eviction Program is an outreach of Friends of St. Luke's inc. The program provides housing stabilization services necessary to prevent an individual from moving into an emergency shelter, the streets, or a place not meant for human habilitation Finding HOPE involves case management, guidance, and resources to help participants achieve self-sufficiency. New Hope provides training in money management skills, housing/eviction law, addressing needs and connections to community resources.

Let us all remember that we are not alone. That there are many in our community in need of our help. St. Luke's is an incredible example of "Love" towards our neighbor in need. Please help us to continue to help this mission as it moves forward daily remembering;

"For I was A Stranger and You Welcomed Me."

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Sunday Holy Eucharist

11:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. 4th Sunday of the month

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