

Seasons of Life...

Summer is now officially over with the autumn equinox occurring on September 23 @ 2:50 am, Eastern Standard Time. Even though we may still be enjoying pleasant temperatures and see the colors of creation in some late blooming perennials, there is no doubt that signs of autumn are becoming more evident. The days are getting shorter with darkness coming earlier each day, and the sun seems to be lower in the sky casting a more subtle hue of light. Whether we bemoan the end of summer, are looking forward to autumn, hate (or love winter), or can't wait till spring, God has ordained the seasons and there is nothing we can do to change them. So, we will do well to embrace each season, and take from them whatever we can enjoy and know that God has a purpose for us through them.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 clearly identifies the nature of the seasons in life:

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.”

Each of us experiences the change of seasons in our lives. We move through happy seasons of contentment and blessings, and never expect the sun to stop shining, but it does. Misfortune strikes, losses happen, loneliness endures, and the rain floods our spirit with sadness. It feels like the sun won't ever shine again, but it will. The seasons of our lives come and go, sometimes seeming like they will never end, but they do, according to God's plan and provision. We can't even begin to understand why we go through difficult seasons or look at another's life and wonder why they seem to have smooth sailing. But rest assured, all of our lives on this earth are invariably composed of good and bad, blessings and curses. Such is the nature of this fallen world; everyone at one time or another endures a difficult season, a winter in their life. But the sunshine of God's love can break through the darkest of days, and warm the coldest, loneliest seasons of our lives.

Thank and praise God as you enjoy the sunny, happy days in the summers of your life, and hold onto Him tightly in love and strong faith during the rainy, dark days of your winters. The sun WILL shine again, and you might even see a rainbow.

Serving with you,

Barb Talmadge.

HEBRON'S 2023 FINANCE REPORT

MONTH	CURRENT GIVING	INCOME	NEEDED GIVING	OVER/(SHORT) MONTH TO DATE	OVER/(SHORT) YEAR TO DATE	ATTENDANCE
JANUARY	\$4,021.00	\$5,663.58	\$9,185.58	\$499.00	\$499.00	109
FEBUARY	\$1,984.00	\$512.71	\$9,185.58	\$(6,688.87)	\$(6,189.87)	55
MARCH	\$3,211.00	\$1,499.27	\$9,185.58	\$(4,475.31)	\$(10,665.18)	77
APRIL	\$5,695.25	\$1,513.65	\$9,185.58	\$(1,976.68)	\$(12,641.86)	151
MAY	\$1,843.00	\$168.00	\$9,185.58	\$(7,174.58)	\$(19,816.44)	67
JUNE	\$1,158.00	\$113.75	\$9,185.58	\$(7,913.83)	\$(27,730.27)	80
JULY	\$6,288.00	\$122.05	\$9,185.58	\$(2,775.53)	\$(30,505.80)	62
AUGUST	\$1,935.00	\$122.21	\$9,185.58	\$(7,128.37)	\$(37,634.17)	60

It is noted that the income column includes monies the church receives from endowments, gas well royalties, etc. If you have any questions, please see any member of the finance team. A complete financial report was included in the 2022 Annual Report. Copies of the Annual Report are available upon request.



OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER: October 8, 22 & 29; November 5, 12 & 19

If you would like to sponsor the Altar flowers for one of these dates, please call the church office or email: luther201@windstream.net. If you send an email, please include the desired date and the description you would like included in the bulletin.

THANK YOU to the congregation members who have sponsored bulletins for the 2023 year! All Sundays have been covered until the end of the year.



THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING will be held on *Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6PM* in the Berean Room. There are seats available if you are interested in serving on council. If you have any questions, please contact a member of council!



PASTOR ERIC DAMON IS THE LOCAL INTERIM PASTOR FOR HEBRON AT THIS TIME. He will be available for pastoral care emergencies. If you would like to contact Pastor Eric, his phone number is **724-708-4142**.

If you or a loved one is sick and/or in the hospital and would like Pastor Damon to know, please call the church office: 724-842-0801.

As the process to find a new Pastor continues, please pray for Hebron's council, future call committee, and the congregation during this time of change and transition. The power of prayer is strong.

A PRAYER FOR HEBRON –

Let us pray,

Lord, we know that change is a part of life, and the only constant is you. We pray that you will be with us through this change and transition. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to strengthen and guide our church council and members as we discern the future of our church. Provide effective, thoughtful members for our call committee, and send us a pastor you have chosen who will lead us to grow and further the ministry of Hebron Lutheran Church.

This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



Celebrating Birthdays in October!

1	Franklin 'Butch' Roofner
3	Jamie Hill
4	Emilia Simon
6	Emilio Perez
8	Pamela Nuttall
8	Lois Jane Walker
14	Paula Moore
16	Susan Hilty
16	Gabrielle Roofner
17	Sam Grantz
18	Kenley Rogers
20	Ashley Rogers
21	Lyda Jane Shuster
24	Laura Ludwigsen
29	Penny Klingensmith
30	Danny Hill



Celebrating Anniversaries in October!

3	Dawn & Janet Ashbaugh	25 th
8	Terry & Shelley Leech	29 th
14	Sam & Sandy Grantz	6 th
16	Ralph & Barbara Guyer	25 th
16	Jeffrey & Gwen Toy	19 th
25	Morey & Molly Scitticatt	20 th

**THE OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER
IS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MY
LOVING WIFE, MARY GENE
SHANER.**

By: Her Husband, Paul Shaner



HARVEST HOME WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15! To prepare for our celebration we are asking for donations of any fall decor to place in front of the church. Please no 'real' fruits or vegetables; potted chrysanthemums will be accepted. If you mark your donations with your name, we will make sure they are returned to you! Please have your donations to the church by Friday, October 13, 2023. In further celebration of our bounty, we will be collecting non-perishable foods for the Food Bank. Monetary donations can also be made. Please place in a separate envelope labeled "FOOD BANK" and place it in the weekly offering, send it in to the church office or mail directly to the Leechburg Foodbank—251 Main Street, Leechburg 15656.

Following worship on October 15, coffee, cider, and pastries will be served in the Berean Room. Please join us for this time of fellowship as we prepare for the end of the church year.



Remember in your prayers: Nancy Erwin, Denise Fulton, Rhiley Gasper, Lori Hileman, Shawn and Robert Jewett, Larry Jordan, Meghan Key, Ted Klingensmith, Sarah Krouse, Brandi McCracken and family, Dave McCracken, Walter McGuire, Lisa Sanchez, Anna Shaffer, Ken Smail, Allison Smith & Lindsey Vettorel

Homebound/Personal Care: Marjorie Henry, Laura Ludwigsen, Emilio & Judy Perez, Helen Shaffer, Virginia Shaner, Lyda Jane Shuster & Sandy Silliman

First Responders and those serving in the Military: Grant Imbarlina, Audra Sensor & Jeff Toy

If you would like a loved one added to the prayer list, please contact the church office.



IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING THE P.A.T.H. PROGRAM!!!

At this time, the Food Bank is requesting monetary donations **ONLY**. They would like to keep all weekend bags standardized. With the donations, they will purchase all goods so that each child receives the same, exact thing. If you are able to donate, checks can be made payable to: Leechburg Food Bank. **PLEASE** include "Community PATH" on the memo line. If you include your donation in the weekly offering, please write "Community PATH" on the envelope. If you would like to mail your donation directly to the food bank: The Leechburg Foodbank – 251 Main Street, Leechburg 15656. These weekend bags are essential to the children of our community!

REFORMATION SUNDAY marks the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his theses on the church door. Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. On *Sunday, October 29, 2023*, remember to wear your red as it represents the Holy Spirit and reminds us of those who have been martyred for their faith.

PLEASE NOTE the church office will be **closed** on **Friday, October 20, 2023**, and **Monday, October 30, 2023**.

HEBRON EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S STAFF:

Chelsae A. Hickman, Church Secretary
Office Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday 9A – 1P
Kasey Boarts, Church Sexton
Jean Stull, Treasurer

Church Phone #: 724-842-0801
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PASTOR PETER ASPLIN, ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP, will be leading worship at Hebron on **Sunday, October 1, 2023**. Service will begin at 10:30AM and will include communion. Immediately following worship, pastries and coffee will be served in the Berean room. Please join us for fellowship as we welcome Pastor Asplin to Hebron!




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL BE HOSTING GriefShare, a weekly seminar and support group for persons needing help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. **The group will meet on Mondays from 6PM-8PM**. All meetings are held in the downstairs fellowship hall – 358 Main Street, Leechburg. There will also be a special seminar for all who struggle with grief during the holiday season. **Surviving the Holidays will be hosted on Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 2PM**.



WE WILL BE CELEBRATING ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY on November 5, 2023. The memorial book will be placed at the back of the church on: *October 1, October 8, October 15* and *October 22* so that names of loved ones can be added. Please turn all memorials in to the church office by **Friday, October 27, 2023**. We will have a slide show that will include photos of loved ones we wish to remember this Sunday. Please email the photos you wish to include to luther201@windstream.net, along with their name, date of birth, and date of death. Photos will not be accepted after **October 30, 2023**. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 WORSHIP 10:30AM *Pastor Peter Asplin	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 WORSHIP 10:30AM	9	10 COUNCIL MEETING 6PM	11	12	13 HARVEST HOME DONATIONS DUE	14
15 WORSHIP 10:30AM *HARVEST HOME*	16	17	18	19	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21 LACA FALL FESTIVAL 12PM-5PM
22 WORSHIP 10:30AM	23	24	25	26 LEECHBURG HALLOWEEN PARADE 7PM	27 ALL SAINTS MEMORIALS DUE TO CHURCH OFFICE	28 THE PUMPKIN TRAIL 11AM-1PM
29 WORSHIP 10:30AM	30 ALL SAINTS PHOTOS DUE TO CHURCH OFFICE	31 				

HEBRON'S MINISTRY COMMITTEES:

Outreach: Barb Talmadge & Chelsae Hickman

Finance/Stewardship: Carolyn Smith-Hickman, Barb Talmadge & Jean Stull

Worship & Music: Carolyn Smith-Hickman & Chelsae Hickman

Property: Barb Talmadge, Lloyd Hickman, Velma Knell & Sean McCracken

HEBRON'S 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS:

President: Carolyn Smith-Hickman
 Vice President: Barb Talmadge
 Treasurer: Jean Stull
 Financial Secretary: Lori Hileman

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Barb Talmadge Carolyn Smith-Hickman
 Charles Klingensmith
 Velma Knell



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DATE/DAY/COLOR	USHERS	ALTAR FLOWERS	BULLETINS
<p>October 1 The 18th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>Carolyn Smith- Hickman and Lloyd Hickman</p> <p><i>Worship led by: Pastor Peter Asplin</i></p> <p><i>Pianist: Sandy Baudino</i></p>	<p><i>Donated by Barb Talmadge</i></p>	<p>In honor of HEBRON LUTHERAN CHURCH. By: Charles Klingensmith</p>
<p>October 8 The 19th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>Charles Klingensmith and Jean Stull</p> <p><i>Pianist: Sandy Baudino</i></p>	<p>OPEN</p>	<p><i>Sponsored by Barb Talmadge</i></p>
<p>October 15 The 20th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>Barb Talmadge and Chelsae Hickman</p> <p><i>Pianist: Sandy Baudino</i></p>	<p>In memory of grandmother, great-grandmother and great- great-grandmother, STELLA A. SMELTZER, and mother, grandmother, and great- grandmother, LOIS I SMITH. By: Lloyd, Carolyn & Chelsae Hickman and Charlie, Ashley, Kenley & Karsyn Rogers</p> <p><i>PIANO FLOWERS:</i> In honor of the September, October and November birthdays of their daughters and granddaughters, ASHLEY DAYLE, CHELSAE AMELIA, KENLEY IONA & KARSYN AMELIA. By: Lloyd and Carolyn Hickman</p>	<p>In memory of the October 15th birthday of grandmother, great-grandmother, and great- great-grandmother, STELLA A. SMELTZER. By: Lloyd, Carolyn & Chelsae Hickman and Charlie, Ashley, Kenley & Karsyn Rogers</p>

<p>October 22 The 21st Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>Velma Knell and Lloyd Hickman</p> <p><i>Pianist: Sandy Baudino</i></p>	<p>OPEN</p>	<p><i>Sponsored by Barb Talmadge</i></p>
<p>October 29 Reformation Sunday</p> <p>Red</p>	<p>Carolyn Smith- Hickman and Lloyd Hickman</p> <p><i>Pianist: Sandy Baudino</i></p>	<p>OPEN</p>	<p><i>Sponsored by Barb Talmadge</i></p>

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS TO KEVIN AND TIFFANY (SMIETANA) LYSELL who became parents to a beautiful baby girl! **ROSEMARY LEE LYSELL** was born on Sunday, September 17, 2023, weighing 6lbs. 12oz., and 19.25in. Rosemary (Rosie) is the first child of Kevin and Tiffany and the first grandchild of Andy and Cindy Smietana. Many blessings to the Lysell and Smietana families!



GILPIN TOWNSHIP TRUNK-OR-TREAT will be held on **Saturday, October 28, 2023** from 12PM – 3PM. Cars and vendors will be set up at the Gilpin/Leechburg Park. All residents and local businesses are encouraged to participate! Decorate your trunk or come as is, all are welcome! Also present will be the SARPD K-9 Unit. They will be hosting food trucks and a food table. Stop by and support your local law enforcement!

THE PUMPKIN TRAIL will be held **Saturday, October 28, 2023**, from 11AM – 1PM. Participants will start at the Leechburg Public Library, where you will receive your pumpkin card that shows where you can go to get goodies. The trail will end at the LVFC. The Fire Company will provide a free hot dog and drink when you present your card! Remember to wear your ghoulish or prettiest costume!



THE LEECHBURG HALLOWEEN PARADE will be held on **Thursday, October 26, 2023**, and will start at **7PM**. Line up and registration will take place in the LVFC parking lot – 268 Canal Street. Prizes will be given for individual and group costumes, and floats! The parade would like to include more floats this year. The rules and regulations for having a float: Float must be built on a trailer at least 12 feet in length; The Float must have some design and group must actually build a structure on the trailer; The float needs to have more than just words on skirting and people standing on a trailer; Skirting is NOT required by highly suggested; Moving parts, sound, smoke, etc. are all encouraged; Encourage your group to dress in theme and walk in front or behind your float; Float can NOT be taller than 16 feet. **PRIZE MONEY!** First place: \$100; Second place: \$50; Third place: \$25. Copies of the rules will be available at the public library.

HEBRON WILL BE SELLING FOOD at the Halloween Parade. Come and support the community, and get some good food! If you are able to volunteer to assist with set-up, selling food and/or clean up, please contact Barb Talmadge.

LEECHBURG TRICK-OR-TREAT will be held on **Tuesday, October 31, 2023** from 6PM -8PM.

THE 2ND ANNUAL LACA FALL FESTIVAL will be held on **Saturday, October 21, 2023**, from 12PM -5PM at the Riverfront Park.

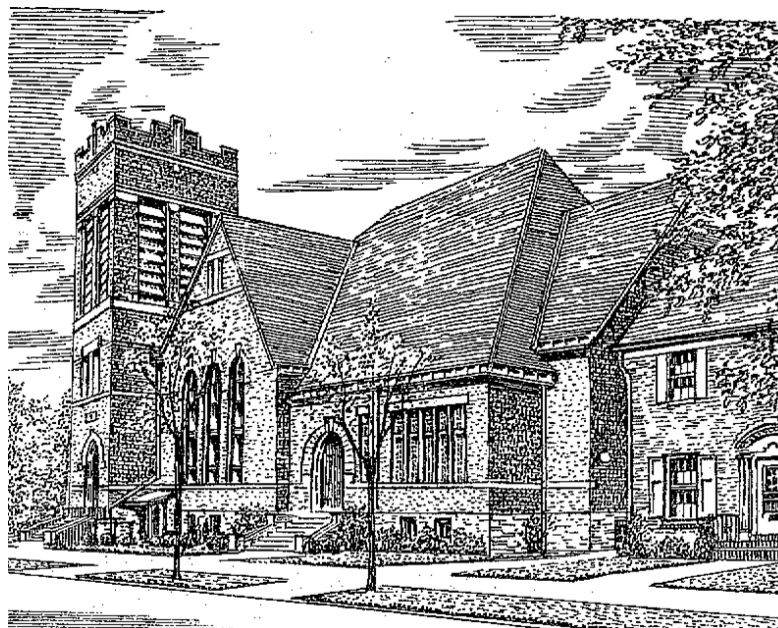
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mailing list, please call or email the church
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

