



# THE JOURNAL

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### PARKING LOT REPAVING NEWS!

In the Bible, Revelation says that the streets of heaven are made of Gold. Yet here on Earth our streets, driveways, and parking lots are usually paved in asphalt. And while asphalt is certainly much cheaper than gold, it is still pretty expensive!

Your board of trustees has been thinking about paving for quite some time because of the poor condition of our parking lots. In an ideal world we would remove all the old asphalt from all the parking lots and driveways at the same time, repair the gravel base, and then apply a heavy top layer of asphalt.

To repave everything would cost more money than we have right now. The trustees investigated patching and sealcoating. Four vendors told us that this would be cost prohibitive; it would cost more to patch everything and sealcoat than to repave everything. However, we do have enough money from the first payment of the former Wesley Church sale to begin repaving. Trustees decided that we should give top priority to the worst paving, even if it was not the most visible paving to the general public.

The area we will repave this fall is

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“Therefore, be intimidators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

*(Ephesians 5:1-2, ESV)*

### FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PASTOR

There are times when I am glad that I don't live in San Diego, California. While 70 degrees and sunny almost 365 days a year sounds inviting, I think it would only hold for a little while. I don't know about you, but I love the changing of the seasons. Sure, winter can be a bit harsh at times, and so can the dreadful heat and humidity of summer, but that fact that things change here in the Midwest, is wonderful. We hear passages like the one in Ecclesiastes about there being a time and season for everything, and I am thankful that I can experience the many changes around me.

“THERE ARE TIMES EXPRESSED IN SCRIPTURE WHERE PEOPLE ARE WORSHIPPING GOD AND OFFERING SACRIFICES WITH PLEASANT AROMAS RISING TO THE HEAVENS.”

What is your favorite time of the year? What is your favorite season? I'll pause while you reflect...

Mine happens to be this time, and this season. Fall is a wonderful time as leaves change colors, the temperature begins to fall, and it is comfortable to put on a comfortable hoodie and sit outside by a fire. However, there is one thing that I'm

not quite sure of, and it has to do with a fragrance that appears this time of year. It is a particular season, and I don't mean fall or autumn, whatever you want to call it.

'Tis the season, the pumpkin spice season to be exact. It seems as though every store, whether it's retail, grocery, or restaurant, has this fragrance of pumpkin spice floating around. I love a good apple spice, cinnamon, or campfire smell, maybe even a little pumpkin spice alternating, but everywhere? Why does it have to be everywhere? But then again, scripture tells us about fragrances as well.

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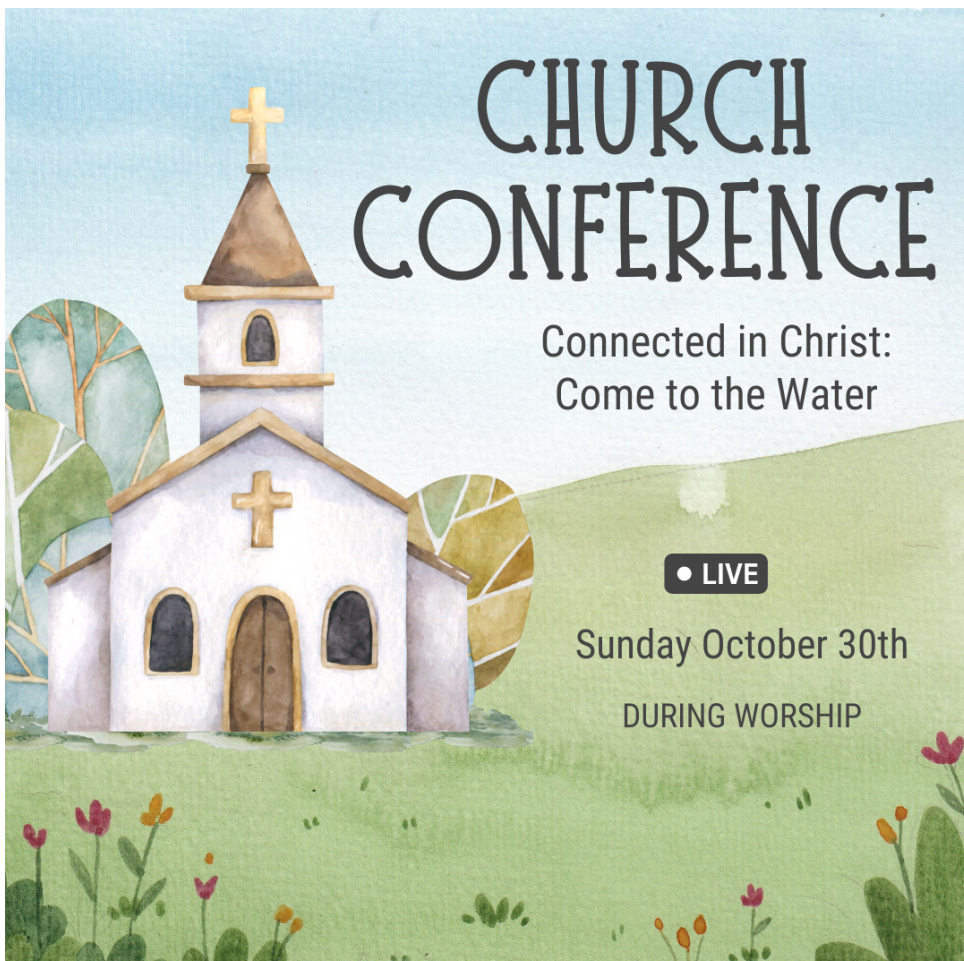
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the south/upper lot, closest to Highland Avenue. This lot wasn't made to bear the weight of garbage and recycling trucks every week. Its original asphalt layer is only as thick as residential driveways and is in very poor shape. The new paving will be much thicker than the original layer and include a large cement pad in front of the dumpsters.

The work will be done this fall by the same company that repaved the parking lot at our neighbor, Christ The Lord Lutheran Church. They highly recommend Champion Paving, which came in with the lowest bid of \$91,400.

After the financial transfers in the sale of the old Wesley Church are completed in two years, the trustees will undertake to repave the remainder of our asphalt surfaces.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me! Thank you, Chuck Keysor

**Breaking Bread Group**

Would you enjoy sharing a meal together in a home with friends and new friends? A new opportunity is being explored.

1. Decide you'd like to participate for going to a home or providing your home for a group of 6-7 to have dinner together.
2. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the office with your interest.
3. Those who have signed up will be put into groups.
4. Those opening up their home to a group of 6-7 will be given the names to contact for choosing a date and arranging food assignments.



# October

**Sunday**  
**Worship**  
 S & FB Live @ 9:15am  
**Fellowship Time**  
 CR @ 10:15am  
**Group Studies**  
 M3, M5, U1, U5 @ 10:30am  
**Confirmation**  
 10:30am

**Monday**  
**Walking Bible Study**  
 Parsonage @ 6:30am  
 10/3 10/10  
 Indoors starting 10/17  
*\*\*if rain, meet in SR*

**Wednesday**  
**Panera Bible Study**  
 SE Panera @ 6am  
**Pathways Worship**  
 S & FB Live @ 6pm  
**Choir Practice**  
 S @ 7pm

**Thursday**  
**Prayer Service**  
 SR & FB Live @ 7am  
**Coffee w/ the Pastor**  
 SR @ 7:30am  
**Stitches of Hope**  
 M5 @ 1pm  
**Disciple Bible Study**  
 U1 @ 7-9pm

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

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<b>2</b> MANNA Orders PADS, 5pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Care Team, 1pm Trustee Mtg, 7pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Shoebox Final Pack, 9am
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> SPRC, 7pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Vintage 325, 10 am Soup Kettle, 5pm	<b>14</b> Gingerbread Setup all day	<b>15</b> Gingerbread Bazaar, 9am
<b>16</b> MANNA Orders Mission Team, 8am	<b>17</b> Food for Greater Elgin, 5pm	<b>18</b> Soup Kettle, 4:30pm Finance, 7pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> UWF, 1pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Crisis Center Meal, 5pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> SPRC, 8:15am Church Conference, 10:30am	<b>31</b>					

# SMALL GROUPS / BIBLE STUDIES

## SUNDAY

- "We'll Accept You," M3 @ 10:30am
- "Beyond the Broken Heart," U5 @ 10:30am
- "Revival," U1 @ 10:30am
- "Current Events", M5 @ 10:30am

## MONDAY

Walking Bible Study, Parsonage @ 6:30am

## WEDNESDAY

Morning Bible Study, S. Elgin Panera Bread @ 6am

## THURSDAY

- Stitches of Hope, M5 @ 1pm
- Disciple Bible Study, U1 @ 7pm



### **Kids Above All**

The October Mission Link is Kids Above All. KidsAboveAll.org

What smell would emit from those acts of selfishness, hatred, anger, or bitterness? How horrible could the aroma of divisive conversations be to our loving God? Maybe the lack of fragrance is a good thing, because we might not like what we are experiencing within the church in general.

We are surrounded by a divided society, both politically and theologically. We can't seem to agree on much of anything. But we are the church, it is not supposed to be that way with us. I want to encourage you to pray for Journey of Hope in the months ahead as we continue to discern God's will for us? Seasons change, and so do we. I'm just glad the pumpkin spice 'everything' doesn't last for more than this one season. Unlike pumpkin spice, God's love for us is eternal.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Jarrod

*Elgin*

### **CROP HUNGER WALK**

Sunday, October 16th, Civic Center Plaza

**Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty**

Crop Hunger Walks are community events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by area churches, schools, and/or businesses. Of the funds raised by the Elgin walk, 25% will go to Elgin food pantries and soup kettles. The rest will be used by Church World Service for disaster relief, refugee assistance, and sustainable economic development in the U.S. and around the world. You can participate or sponsor a donor by going to: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/elginil> You may also see Steve Mink after worship or contact him at [startmink@hotmail.com](mailto:startmink@hotmail.com) or 847.426.3802

Last year the Journey of Hope team of 10 walkers raised over \$2500! Thank you for your generosity!

### **OCTOBER UWF MEETING**

UWF will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 20th at 1pm in M5. We will be revisiting the renewal of our pledges to UWF. Stitches of Hope, our knit/crochet group, also meets at the same time so if you want to knit, crochet, or just want to socialize please join us.

### **GINGERBREAD BAZAAR**

Come on out to the Gingerbread Bazaar Saturday, October 15th! Enjoy a slice of gingerbread and a cup of cider, then check out the wonderful baked goods and handmade crafts for sale! Lunch is available from 11-1. Proceeds from the bake sale and lunch go to missions.

### **WALKING BIBLE STUDY**

October 10th will be our last Monday to walk outside, then we will move indoors. You are always welcome to join us! See Carole Burris or call 847.436.3246 for information or questions. We'd love to see you on the trail!

### **From the Desk of Your Pastor**

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There are times expressed in scripture where people are worshiping God and offering sacrifices with pleasant aromas rising to the heavens. People were asking if the fragrances were pleasing to God. Maybe you've noticed, but in today's worship, there isn't much aroma found in the church. Some still have incense burning or scented candles, certainly we find this in the Catholic church as well as Episcopal churches, but where has this tradition gone in some of the more mainline protestant denominations?

But then I wonder if this is really about our sense of smell, or could it be something a little more spiritual? What if the things that we say or do give off a certain aroma? I wonder what that would smell like to God. Would those wonderful acts of kindness smell like a bed of Easter lilies? Would our acts of justice and compassion smell like a hearty meal with all the fixings? Maybe an act of love would have an aroma of jasmine, rose, or the sweet smell of the ocean surf?

## SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP TIME

It is wonderful to see so many enjoying this time following worship on Sunday mornings to gather with a beverage and a snack. It would be greatly appreciated if folks could take the opportunity to assist with bringing of snacks or cleaning up.

Since groups begin at 10:30, cleanup can begin after that. If you participate in a group and want to clean up following class, that works too! Place your name on the sign-up sheet on the food table any Sunday morning. Pick a Sunday or a month of Sundays!

## ESL Instructor Needed

The YWCA Elgin has an opening for an adult ESL Instructor for the Tuesday and Thursday evening program. The hours are 5:30-6:00 office hours and 6:00 - 8:30pm class hours. Curriculum is available, as well as many other teaching aids. If you enjoy meeting and talking with people, this is the opportunity to help others who want to learn and speak English. Please contact Felicia King, YWCA Elgin COO & Adult Education and Family Literacy Director at 847.341.9490 (cell). Thank you!

## Books for Spirit Lake

I was able to buy 7 boxes of books at the library book sale. This is approximately 300 books. Some will go into the shoe boxes, and some will go to the library at Spirit Lake, I was able to get some fun books as well as some sports type books.

Andy says that kids can come each Sunday and trade a book for a new one.

Thank you to all who helped pay to buy these books.

Mary Van Slyck

## SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

### PADS MEAL

Sunday, October 2 @ 5pm

Contact Janina Hoffman at 847.717.4318

### SOUP KETTLE

Thursday, October 13 @ 5pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

Tuesday, October 18 @ 4:30pm at

Zion Lutheran Church

### FOOD FOR GREATER ELGIN

Monday, October 17 @ 5:30pm

### CRISIS CENTER MEAL

Sunday, October 23 @ 5pm

Contact Janina Hoffman at 847.717.4318

## MISSION NEWS



### CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX NEEDS

Items needed to fill boxes are tooth paste, tooth brushes, and baby/toddler items.

COME PACK SHOE BOXES ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th

We will be packing from 9am to 3pm. Our goal is 500 boxes!

### MISSION JOURNAL

Blessing of the Shoeboxes is Sunday, October 9th, during service.

Packing the truck is Thursday, October, 13th after 7am prayer service.

Jenny & Andy Lindstrom, and the shoeboxes, head to Spirit Lake, ND early Friday, October 14th.

Jenny & Andy return Sunday, October 16th.

Prayers for safe travels and spreading God's love to the children receiving these gifts.



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