



The Leavenworth Christian

October 2025

Roger's Random Ramblings

There are times when we have our plans, and God has a different idea. This is the case when it comes to our ministry among children. For various unanticipated reasons, in a matter of two months our ministry to children has moved from one child to eleven children. This is a good challenge thrust upon us. We have responded well by having more adults volunteering to lead the Tree House Treasures, and the Lake Side Learners children's church groups. We do not know where this may develop, all we know is that our ministry among children is changing before us.

We think we can plan ahead. Often, we anticipate what our needs will be, and how we will respond to address them. In Isaiah 55: 8-9 we read, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Realizing God may have plans and ways that will supersede ours should not prevent us from planning. Planning allows us to be open and adaptive to what may come our way. Planning challenges, us to focus forward rather than seek the comfort which can cause us to become stuck looking back.

As a congregation our focus should be planning in manner that brings more people on board. There are a multitude of ministry and mission projects we engage in. However, it is difficult to name one or two things we do well. Projects that distinguish the type of ministry and witness that define us. We are a church that fosters people to serve in various ministries, we are not a church known to have a distinct ministry.

To become a church attracting people, we have to consider what defines our church. People need to know and sense what binds us together and desire to become a part of that effort.

In Christ, Rev. Roger Bray

Praises!

Praise for a wonderful retreat and safety for those returning home. Ruth

Praise, Dana's husband Max is home from the hospital and doing better.

Praise, Diane is back in the office. Ms Em and Fran

Ms Em's niece is on her way here.

Praise, Gerald was in worship Sunday! Ruth

Prayer Ministry

Ron Swartz fighting cancer, now in hospice. Cheryl M & Linda S.

Continued prayers for healing for Alice Bushman and guidance when it comes to treatments.

Healing for Julius M who is in rehab at Twin Oaks and strength for Cheryl.

Our nation as we deal with government shutdown.

Healing for Gerald, Larry E, Kathy R.

Healing after surgery for Dennis, my sister-in-law's brother. Ruth

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## **Ongoing Cares & Concerns**

Alice Bushman, Noah Kincaid, Kim Kincaid, Bill Wilson,  
Kathy Ramirez, Rose Marie Theel, Linda Bohnsack's daughter Amanda, Marji  
Dickson, Larry & Cheryl Elliott, Luke Euler, Ann Crum, Rev Bill Worcester,  
Little Merritt, Mary Sue Winneke, Buck Winneke

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Pray for our out-of-town Active-Duty Personnel

Hannah Bond, Jim & Rachel Sullivan, Nelson Hanson,
Cameron Brown, Christin Collins, Nickalas Derringer,
Tyler Kowalewski, Edison Urquiza, Brandon Williams,
Kyler McKeel, Derrek McGowen



Stewardship Campaign

It is always good to get away to gain perspective. Several times in the Bible Jesus sought to get away to meditate and renew himself. Our renewals can come anytime we find ourselves removed from the constant range of responsibilities we normally address. Some of us take vacations to the mountains, others to the beaches, there are those that gravitate to the cities and plays, and some who find renewal at a sporting event. No matter what draws us, time away functions to help us focus better on the daily issues that confront us when we return.

Over the last few years this congregation has not had a robust challenge placed before it in the form of a stewardship emphasis. Because we have allowed our focus on stewardship to become distracted, the giving to this congregation has faltered. Beginning on October 26 we will renew our attention to how generosity is the DNA of a Christian life. When we look at the basis of our faith, we know that we are to be generous because Jesus was more than generous toward us. Our efforts will be focused on Dreaming God's Dream for this Congregation.

We are aware of the multiple requests that come to generous people. It appears that more and more of entities function on the resources they gain from people who want them to succeed. The church is no different. Our ability to function effectively as a source of Christian ministry and witness depends on the generosity extended to us.

We are making you aware of what we will soon be addressing because we know that good stewards are people who take time praying and considering what their response will be. There are those that need time to make the arrangements necessary for their giving to have the impact on their lives they intend for it to have. As a result, there will be those who will need to consult their accountant, to structure their investments and help them achieve the maximum tax benefit possible. Others can or will take a functional approach, they know what their income will be in 2026 and will plan to apply the biblical teaching of tithing ten percent of that amount. Some who are struggling will choose to contribute what they can afford. Some are at a stage of life where demands have decreased, they will find the capacity to share their blessings in a manner that exceeds tithing.

We look forward to journeying with you as together we endeavor to Dream God's Dream for this congregation!

Craft Fest

Mark your calendar for the Craft Fest on Saturday, November 8th in the Fellowship Hall. It will start at 3pm with Pizza served at 5pm. Help to set up will be needed at 1 pm on the 8th. For questions, contact Chelsea.

THANK YOU!

Dear Friends, Thank you for your gift of \$520 for Leavenworth Backpack Buddies. Your generosity continues to provide much needed food for students in the Leavenworth school system who are food insecure.

Sincerely, Ruth Kenton

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*Thanks so much to all who provided hygiene items for the KDW Retreat service project. We delivered eight bags due to your generosity! Ruth Kenton*

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95th Birthday Celebration!!

*Come Celebrate with Vera Dickson on
Saturday, November 1st
2-4pm at the Heritage Center !*

NO Gifts please



SERVERS

October 19th

Elder: Dea

Lay Leader:
Ruth K

Diaconate:
Margaret & Deedie

October 26th

Elder: Chelsea

Lay Leader:
Gary P.

Diaconate:
Bonnie & April

November 2nd

Elder: Richard

Lay Leader:
Fran

Diaconate:
Bill & Gracie

November 9th

Elder: Diane Euler

Lay Leader:
Linda B

Diaconate:
Syd & Janet

November 16th

Elder: Steve

Lay Leader:
Diane E

Diaconate:
Evalyn & Jim

November 23rd

Elder: Don H

Lay Leader:
Chelsea

Diaconate:
Sandy & Margaret

November 30th

Elder: Fran

Lay Leader:
Anna

Diaconate:
Deedie & Bonnie

November Homebound

Linda B & Bill

*Plan to be at the Annual Congregational
Meeting and Thanksgiving Dinner*

November 16th - Following Worship

(More info to come)

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# October Calendar

## Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

*Light a Candle for Children*

9:30am Worship *In-Person/Zoom/FB*

10:45am Seekers SS *In-Person*

## Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Columbus Day (*office closed*)

9:30am Prayer Breakfast *Pullman's*

## Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

8am Leavened Bread *Pullman's*

## Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Prayer Group *Kitterman*

## Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

*Children's Sabbath*

9:30am Worship *In-Person/Zoom/FB*

10:45am Seekers SS *In-Person*

## Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Prayer Breakfast *Pullman's*

6:30pm GriefShare *Kitterman*

## Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30am Prayer Group *Kitterman*

7:00pm Elders Meeting *Kitterman*

## Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Worship *In-Person/Zoom/FB*

10:45am Seekers SS *In-Person*

## Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Prayer Breakfast *Pullman's*

6:30pm GriefShare *Kitterman*

## Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Prayer Group *Kitterman*

## Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Saint's Day

Daylight Saving Ends (*fall back 1 hr*)

9:30am Worship *In-Person/Zoom/FB*

10:45am Seekers SS *In-Person*

## Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:30am Prayer Breakfast *Pullman's*

6:30pm GriefShare *Kitterman*

## Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Prayer Group *Kitterman*

5:00pm Mary/Martha *Kitterman*

## Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm Carillons

7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

3-5pm Craft Fest *Fellowship*

## Coming Soon!

*Congregational Meeting &  
Thanksgiving Dinner*

**November 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Following Worship**

# October & November Birthdays

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October 11th
Kendrik McKeel

October 12th
Jamie Wilson

October 15th
Gary Kenton

October 18th
Athena Ausi
Pat Barnhardt
Sheri Schmidling

October 20th
Ginger Young

October 21st
Lynn Dickson

October 22nd
Bill McKeel

October 24th
Graham Porter

October 25th
Richard Sack
Billy Wilson
Hannah Garzo

October 26th
BJ Ausi



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October 27<sup>th</sup>  
*Cynthia Henry*

October 28<sup>th</sup>  
*April Whitmore*

October 30<sup>th</sup>  
*Ron Filley*

November 1<sup>st</sup>  
*April DeMoss*  
*Garry Siebenmorgen*

November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
*Sandy Phelps*

November 4<sup>th</sup>  
*Jenny Moore-Collins*

November 6<sup>th</sup>  
*Kyler McKeel*  
*Haley Unruh*

November 7<sup>th</sup>  
*TJ McClain*

November 8<sup>th</sup>  
*Jim Bliss*

November 9<sup>th</sup>  
*Mason Mattingly*

November 11<sup>th</sup>  
*Joyce Gregg*  
*John Groves*  
*Bob Hanson*

November 14<sup>th</sup>  
*Randy Henry*

November 17<sup>th</sup>  
*Fran Gast*  
*Kossee Miller*  
*Liam Wilson*

November 25<sup>th</sup>  
*Diane Hall*  
*Wyatt Moore*

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