



October 2025

The Oakleaves

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Note from the Board of Christian Education Director

Grace and peace to you, brothers and sisters in Christ!

Recently, I've been contemplating how Jesus "recharged" during his earthly ministry. I'm reminded that Jesus regularly spent time in prayer with his Father, he listened to scripture (and preached) at the temple, and he broke bread with his people. He took time to connect with the Father and the Holy Spirit through prayer and the Word (and even food!) in times of peace and in times of struggle.

Our church, our community, and the world are dealing with a lot of heavy matters, but Christ reminds us in Matthew 11:28-29 that we are not alone. We do not have to carry these burdens, these struggles, ourselves. Instead, Jesus tells us, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

I encourage you to seek the Lord in prayer and through his Word. Open up your Bible and start reading. If you're not sure where to start, I highly recommend the Holy Bible app from YouVersion (you can download for both iPhone and Android phones) where you have easy access to multiple translations of the Bible and helpful reading guides and devotions. We also will continue holding Bible Studies on Sundays and Saturdays, as well as Wednesday nights at 7 pm. Please come and join us.

Abigail

Save the Date: Street Fair
October 19, 2025



Lutheran Women *in Mission*

The LWML Fall Celebration will be on October 4, 2025 at our church. We will be responsible for making the luncheon and serving our Zone 3 and 4 ladies. The speaker is Angela Kargbo representing The Dakota Boys/Ranch in Minot, North Dakota. More information can be found on the bulletin board.

REGION 1 YOUTH EVENT **RESCUE25**

REACH EVERY STUDENT & CHILD UNDER 18

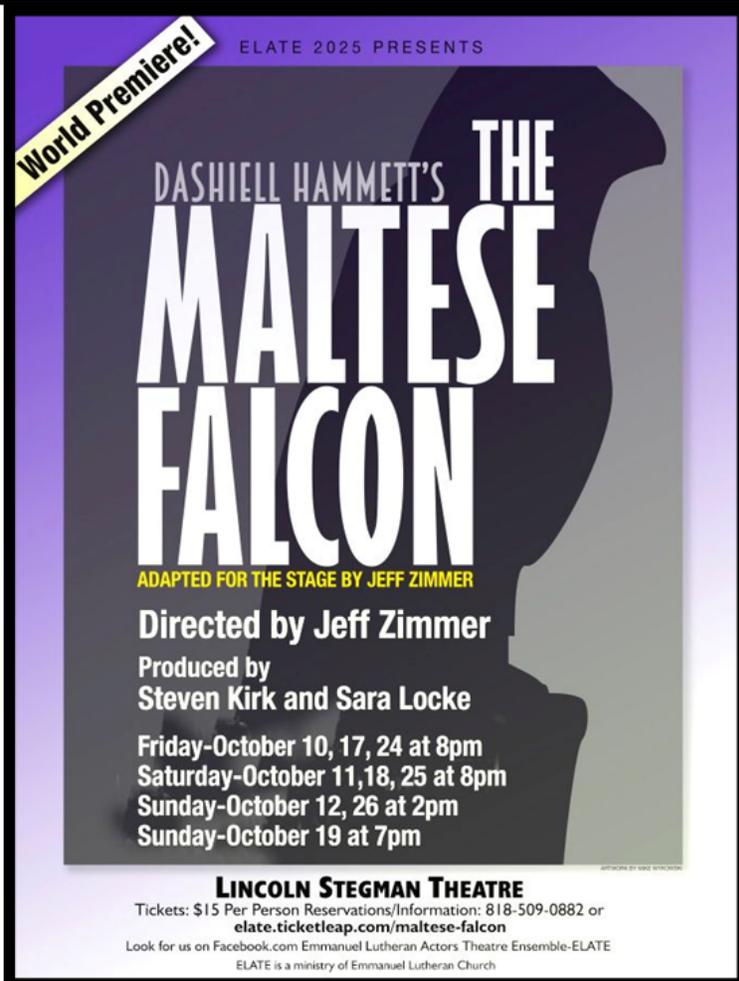
6TH THRU 12TH GRADE

11/16 1:00-6:30

\$25/ TICKET | INCLUDES DINNER & SHIRT

On November 16, Trinity Lutheran Church in Simi Valley is hosting **RESCUE 25**, where middle and high school students from across Southern California are invited for an afternoon filled with fun, service, worship, and community.

If you would like to attend, email the church office or speak with Abigail Connick before October 31.



The Emmanuel Lutheran Actors Theatre Ensemble (ELATE) will be holding auditions for the sketch comedy musical "The Bethlehem Project" Tuesday Oct 14th from 7:30-9 pm and Saturday, October 18th from 10 am-noon at the Lincoln Stegman Theatre, 6020 Radford Avenue

in North Hollywood. The story is about the events surrounding Christ's birth in Bethlehem and has lots of small parts for anyone interesting in doing a fun show. Book is by Jeff Zimmer (who also directs), songs and music by our own Mike Renneker. The show will play at SOLC Nov.30th and at the Stegman Theatre Dec 5-7th. Come and join the fun and tell a friend!

FEET — Families Encouraging + Equipping Together *October 19th*

Immediately following service, we will gather for a quick check in and prayer before serving at the Bounce House and enjoying the annual Street Fair.

Please see the sign up time slots available on our What's App thread to volunteer!

Zoo News from the Children's Center

by Director,
Arusyak Dzheyranyan



Dear Families and Friends,

What a wonderful month September has been for all of us at Sherman Oaks Lutheran Children's Center! It was such a joy to see our enthusiastic parents at Back-to-School Night. We truly enjoyed spending time with our families, catching up, and sharing important information about our upcoming school events.

Our students and teachers have now settled beautifully into their daily routines, fully engaged in the learning that our curriculum supports. Speaking of teachers—please join me in giving our amazing preschool teachers a huge shout-out! They have been working tirelessly to ensure that every child has the best possible experience this school year. I feel truly humbled and blessed to work alongside such phenomenal educators.

The children have also been busy enjoying exciting activities. On Mondays, they participate in dance class, which is full of stretching, movement, and fun! It's a wonderful way to start the week with energy and joy.

Looking ahead to **October**, we have many exciting fall-themed activities planned, including:

Fall Leaves

Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Pumpkins and Apples

Halloween & Harvest Celebrations

At the end of the month, our students will come to school in their costumes and trick-or-treat around the church. This is always such a special day at SOLC! The children look absolutely adorable in their costumes, and they have the opportunity to learn about the difference between "real" and "make-believe." They'll also carve pumpkins (a fun way to explore science!), enjoy festive classroom snacks, and celebrate together. Without a doubt, it is one of the favorite days of the year!

To make this celebration possible, we are seeking donations from local businesses, church members, preschool families, and our community. Your support helps us create a safe, joyful, and memorable experience for the children. Thank you in advance for your generosity—it means so much to our students and staff.

We are grateful for your continued prayers, encouragement, and partnership as we guide our little ones through another wonderful school year.

With love and blessings through Christ,
Miss Arus
Director, Sherman Oaks Lutheran Children's Center

October 2025 Events

All dates and times are subject to change

Wed, Nov 24—Tues, Oct 7: Church Office Closed

Wed, Oct 1	Evening Bible Study, 7 pm	
Sat, Oct 4	LWML Zone Meeting, 9 am	Contemp. Worship, 5 pm
	Bible Study, 6:30 pm	
Sun, Oct 5	Bible Study, 9 am	Worship, 10 am
	Healthy Life, 12 pm	
Wed, Oct 8	Evening Bible Study, 7 pm	
Sat, Oct 11	LWML, 9 am	Contemp. Worship, 5 pm
	Bible Study, 6:30 pm	
Sun, Oct 12	Bible Study, 9 am	Worship, 10 am
	Healthy Life, 12 pm	
Tues, Oct 14	Zoom Bible Study, 11 am	
Wed, Oct 15	Evening Bible Study, 7 pm	
Sat, Oct 18	Contemp. Worship, 5 pm	Bible Study, 6:30 pm
Sun, Oct 19	Bible Study, 9 am	Worship, 10 am
	FEET, 11:45 am	Healthy Life, 12 pm
	Sherman Oaks Street Fair	
Tues, Oct 21	Council Meeting, 7 pm	
Wed, Oct 22	Evening Bible Study, 7 pm	
Thurs, Oct 23	Oakleaves Contributions Due	
Sat, Oct 25	Contemp. Worship, 5 pm	Bible Study, 6:30 pm
	Young Adult Bible Study, 6:30 pm	
Sun, Oct 26	Bible Study, 9 am	Worship, 10 am
	Healthy Life, 12 pm	
Wed, Oct 29	Evening Bible Study, 7 pm	
Sat, Nov 1	Contemp. Worship, 5 pm	Bible Study, 6:30 pm
Sun, Nov 2	Bible Study, 9 am	Worship, 10 am
	Healthy Life, 12 pm	
Wed, Nov 5	Evening Bible Study, 7 pm	
Sat, Nov 8	LWML, 9 am	Men's Group, 10 am
	Contemp. Worship, 5 pm	Bible Study, 6:30 pm
Sun, Nov 9	Bible Study, 9 am	Worship, 10 am
	Healthy Life, 12 pm	
Wed, Nov 12	Evening Bible Study, 7 pm	
Sat, Nov 15	Contemp. Worship, 5 pm	Bible Study, 6:30 pm
Sun, Nov 16	Bible Study, 9 am	Worship, 10 am
	FEET, 11:45 am	Healthy Life, 12 pm

Scan for full calendar



Thank you, Ushers

October—December 2025

10/5 Bryant Small; Dennis Werner

10/12 Chuck Spitler; Chansom Zayabouth

10/19 Charlene Irwin; Inga Windsor

10/26 Eric Anderson, Frank Perez

Reformation

11/2 Lorraine Salcedo; Dick Robertson

All Saints'

11/9 Jason Plattner; Bryant Small

11/16 Frank Perez; Eric Anderson

11/23 Dennis Werner; Charlene Irwin

11/26 Eric Anderson **Thanksgiving Eve**

11/30 Inga Windsor; Chuck Spitler **Advent**

12/7 Chansom Zayabouth; Lorraine Salcedo

12/14 Dick Robertson; Jason Plattner

12/21 Bryant Small; Frank Perez

12/24 Eric Anderson, Dennis Werner

Christmas Eve

12/25 TBD **Christmas Day**

12/28 Robert True; Dennis Werner



Join us in wishing God's blessings on those celebrating their birthday this month:



Birthdays:

George Bain	10/4
Jeannie Young	10/4
Mike Renneker	10/5
Zephyra Utecht	10/6
Philip Muze	10/7
Joan Mann	10/10
Vanh Zayabouth	10/12

Catrina Lee	10/13
Marilyn Omann	10/14
Tiffany Hegg	10/16
Jamie Cleary	10/20
Sonia Uwanawich	10/26
Noah Muze	10/31



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Baptismal Birthdays: members of Jesus' family

The Church Office records show the following members as having a baptismal birthday this month.

(Please contact the office if your baptism date is incorrect.)



Daphne	Stegman	10/1
Ann	McClung	10/2
Drew	Murcott	10/12
Eric	Anderson	10/13
Vanh	Zayabouth	10/16
Zephyra	Utecht	10/18
James	Cleary	10/20
Jessica	Hanna	10/22
Hope	Gordon	10/26

A Message from the Pastor's Wife

by Rianne Utecht

To the Beloved Church,

Thank you so much for your love, prayers, support, encouragement, and care during this time - and always - for our family and especially your pastor. We are so grateful for the heartfelt (so very felt from your heart!) response to this challenging time. Know that we are also praying for you, that your faith may be strengthened and that you may rely solely upon the Rock, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Please take comfort in knowing that we are so thankful to God for His blessing of being called here, at Sherman Oaks Lutheran Church, with you. We realize we are so very blessed by Him and you, His church, while here. We have an amazing community and family, willing to pray for us, support us, encourage us... watch our kids, feed us meals, love on us, invest in our children, bless our marriage, inspire us as individuals, etc... We have a wonderful home,

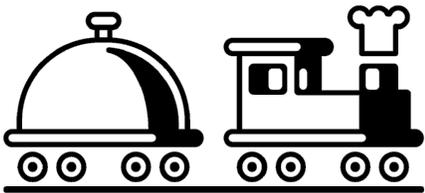
yard, living, etc. made even more wonderful by the people who poured so much into

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in Him, so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope!
- Romans 15:13

getting it ready for us and are helping to maintain it, as well. We realize we are so loved and blessed here, and we thank you, and we thank God, because we know it is His rich blessings that He pours out on us, through you, His church. Thank you. Thank you for your prayers, love, and support. We love you, too. May God continue to richly bless you, as you trust in His goodness. We

know that we can trust His ways, His timing, His purpose, and His faithfulness to us. Please continue to pray His will be done, His kingdom come, His purposes fulfilled, His church united, His people steadfast, and His mercy unending.

Sending our love, prayers, hugs, and thankfulness to you all.



Meals for the Utechts

While we are all praying up the Utechts during this journey, let's also support them with a few meals.

Meal Train link: <https://tinyurl.com/utechtmealtrain>