

October



2026

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New
Pastor
Alert!



PASTOR KAYE INSTALLED AT SOLC



AUGUST 29, 2026

FEET

FAMILIES ENCOURAGING + EQUIPPING TOGETHER



It was so good to gather in-house again after all of our summer fun! We started a new curriculum called, Team Family by Group Publishing (our VBS/VBC favorite). The theme for Fall is TAKE COURAGE! from the bible verse, Joshua 1:9

"Be strong and Courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

We explored Joshua's story in the bible and compared it to beginning a new school year. All had fun working in teams to play a football challenge and then we designed our own Team Jesus jerseys to wear at Feet and October events! Our families are looking forward to COURAGEOUSLY serving together at our October events: SO Street Fair on the 18th and Pumpkin Carving Festival on the 25th. Friends are ALWAYS welcome!



FEET FAMILIES ENCOURAGING + EQUIPPING TOGETHER



Save the dates for our annual October events!

Both are amazing opportunities to serve as a church family and reach out with the love of Jesus to our community! These are TOTALLY FREE events and a great way to begin a conversation about the "FREE" gift of salvation through grace.

The Street Fair is Sunday, October 18th from 12-6PM

There are several ways to pitch in:

- *Make baked goods
 - *Take a shift at the Bake Sale table or for supervising at the Bounce House
 - *Pass out FREE water bottles to those passing by
 - *Offer prayer at our Prayer Table
 - *Earmark a donation toward the pony rentals for promoting our Preschool
 - *Distribute fliers to invite families to our FREE Pumpkin Festival the following week
- LOOK for clipboards in the Narthex to sign up!

The Annual Pumpkin Carving & Painting Festival is Sunday, October 25th from 12-2PM

There are soooo many ways to help!

We start by collecting large pumpkins for carving and small pie pumpkins for painting.

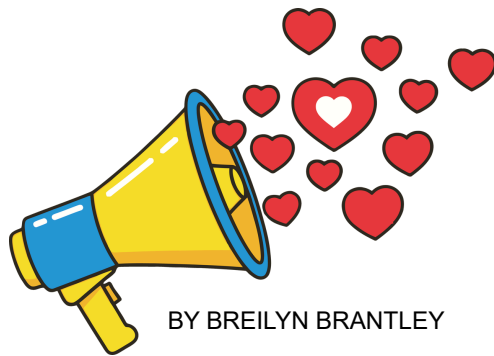
Bring in your donations ANYTIME and leave them in the shade of the Prayer Garden.

We also need bags of candy donated and they can be put in the Sunday School closet.

There will be sign up lists in the Narthex as well.

Come join the Fall Fun!





BY BREILYN BRANTLEY

"AND LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST RULE IN YOUR HEARTS, TO WHICH INDEED YOU WERE CALLED IN ONE BODY. AND BE THANKFUL." COLOSSIANS 3:15

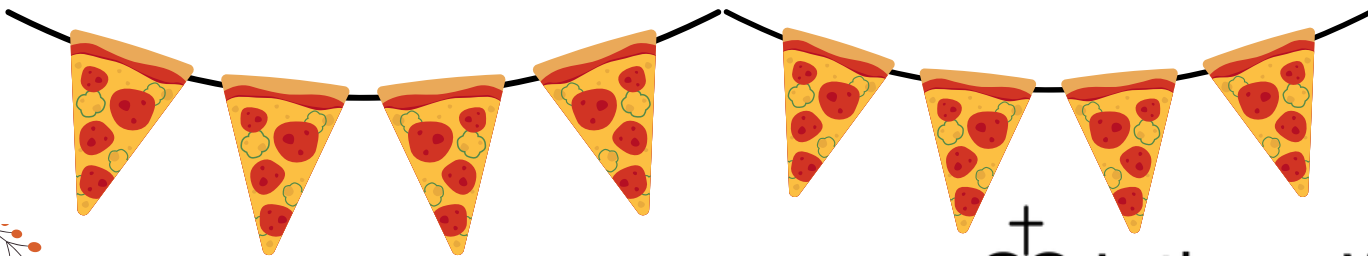
Here are some thanks to a few people that helped at the church in the month of September:

Thanks to all Altar Guild, Greeters and Ushers.

Thanks to all the great Sunday School Teachers.

Thanks to those who volunteer their time to help with all the goings on at the church.

If there are anyone out there you feel deserves thanks for giving their time and talents to the church, please email me at brei04@hotmail.com.



Lutheran Women
in Mission

Our next meeting is October 10, 2026 at 9AM.

Our Bible study is on Esther, another daring woman
of the Bible.

Please plan to attend and support our LWML
fundraising event at Antonio's Pizza on October
22nd at 13619 Ventura Blvd, Sherman Oaks. LWML
will receive 20% of dine in and take out orders if you
mention Sherman Oaks Lutheran Church. We would
love to see a large group attend!





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.

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

- Pumpkins and Apples
- Community Helpers
- Safety
- Halloween & Harvest Celebrations

The Halloween Parade will be on October 30th, our students will come to school in their costumes and trick-or-treat around the church. This is always such a special day at SOLCC! 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



ZOO NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

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OCTOBER 2026 EVENTS



Sat Oct 3	Sunday School Education Meeting	4 PM	Scan For Church Calendar	
Sat Oct 3	Contemporary Worship	5 PM	Bible Study	6:30 PM
Sun Oct 4	Bible Study	8:45 AM	Sunday Worhip	10 AM
Wed Oct 7	Evening Bible Study	7 PM		
Sat Oct 10	Walk for Life & Silent Auction	8:30 AM		
Sat Oct 10	Contemporary Worship	5 PM	Bible Study	6:30 PM
Sun Oct 11	Bible Study	8:45 AM	Sunday Worhip	10 AM
Wed Oct 14	Evening Bible Study	7 PM		
Sat Oct 17	Contemporary Worship	5 PM	Bible Study	6:30 PM
Sun Oct 18	Bible Study	8:45 AM	Sunday Worhip	10 AM
Sun Oct 18	Sherman Oaks Street Fair Outreach w/FEET	12 PM		
Wed Oct 21	Evening Bible Study	7 PM		
Sat Oct 24	Contemporary Worship	5 PM		
Sun Oct 25	Bible Study	8:45 AM	Sunday Worhip	10 AM
Sun Oct 25	FEET Pumpkin Carving Fest	12 PM		



Pumpkin Carving & Painting Event



Free - pumpkin carving & painting,
facepainting, donuts on a string, games
& treats!

Sunday, Oct 25th, 12-2PM

14847 Dickens St, Sherman Oaks
(corner of Kester and Dickens)
This event is primarily for children 5 and under.
Siblings are always welcome!



SIGN UP TO DONATE OR VOLUNTEER IN THE NARTHEX





WALK FOR LIFE & SILENT AUCTION

October 10, 2026

@ West Valley Christian Church
22450 Sherman Way, West Hills, CA 91307

SCAN TO REGISTER



OpenArms
PREGNANCY CLINIC



BIRTHDAYS

JOIN US IN WISHING GOD'S BLESSINGS ON THOSE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH

JEANNIE YOUNG	10/04
MIKE RENNEKER	10/05
PHILIP MUZE	10/07
JOAN MANN	10/10
GRACE KAYE	10/13
CATRINA LEE	10/13
MARILYN OMANN	10/14
ALEXANDRA	10/14
PETERSON	10/16
TIFFANY HEGG	10/20
JAMIE CLEARY	10/22
ALIK LUKATA	10/26
JANE GREEN	10/26
SONIA UWANAWICH	10/26



MAY GOD
GUIDE
your steps



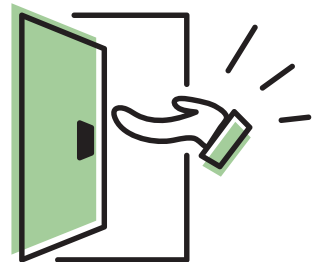
THANK YOU,
NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2026

10/4 MARLENE NICHOLAS, SAMMY KHALILI
10/11 SAANA CAMPANA, LILY GRACE
10/18 SONIA UWANAWICH, TONIKA FARMER
10/25 TAHIRIH PETRYA, JORDAN BUENAFE
11/1 LAURA REDMOND, SAANA CAMPANA
11/8 MARLENE NICHOLAS, LILY GRACE
11/15 SONIA UWANAWICH, TONIKA FARMER
11/22 LILY GRACE, CINDY HANNA
11/29 KAYLA HANNA, TAHIRIH PETRYA

THANK YOU,
USHERS
OCTOBER 2026

10/4 CHUCK SPITLER, CHARLENE IRWIN
10/11 LORRAINE SALCEDO, FRANK PEREZ
10/18 DON BOSTROM, DAVID SEAVER
10/25 JIM WINDSOR, INGA WINDSOR

PLEASE SEE ERIC LEE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
SERVE AS AN USHER OR GREETER



Baptismal Birthdays

DAPHNE STEGMAN	10/01
ANN MCCLUNG	10/02
ERIC ANDERSON	10/13
DREW MURCOTT	10/12
JAMIE CLEARY	10/20
JESSICA HANNA	10/22
HOPE GORDON	10/26



A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

BY REV. CARL KAYE

Rooted in the Changing Seasons

Texts: Ecclesiastes 3:1–8; Matthew 11:28–30; Psalm 46:10

Theme: Disciples navigate changing seasons by resting in Christ's unchanging grace.

The Rhythm of the Transformed Life

Every year, the transition from late September into autumn carries a distinct shift in energy. The unhurried pace of summer—the long evenings, the rhythms of travel, and the relative pause from intense schedules—gradually gives way. The calendar fills up. School routines resume, fall ministries launch, and the collective pace of life accelerates.

It is easy to meet this shift with a sense of anxiety or reluctance. We often treat transitions as disruptions to our comfort rather than parts of God's design. Our human nature craves a permanent summer of comfort, or conversely, a perpetual autumn of driven, self-sufficient productivity. We struggle to move gracefully from one to the other, fearing that a change in pace means a loss of control.

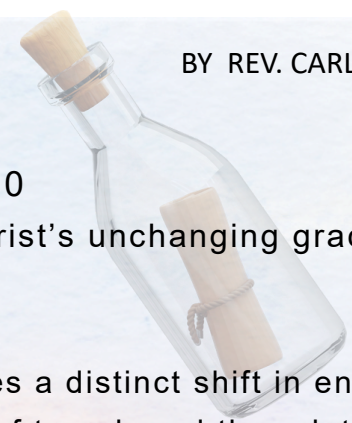
Yet the Scriptures remind us that the changing of seasons is not an accident of the calendar; it is a reflection of the Creator's design. **Ecclesiastes 3:1** declares, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." God has woven a rhythm into creation—a time to plant and a time to pluck up, a time to keep silence and a time to speak. True discipleship does not mean resisting these shifts or becoming consumed by their busy demands. Instead, it means recognizing that God remains constant even when our schedules do not. The transition into a new season is an invitation to receive His gifts exactly where we are, trusting that He rules over both our rest and our labor.

The Burden of Self-Sufficient Routines (The Malady)

The real danger in these seasonal transitions is not a full calendar, but an anxious heart. As the demands of school, work, and church life ramp up, we instinctively default to self-reliance. We begin to look at the upcoming months and think, It all depends on me. I have to manage the schedule, secure the outcomes, and sustain my own strength.

This is the subtle trap of the law of performance. When we approach our daily routines this way, we view our work and our schedules as our ultimate identity. If we succeed in staying organized, we fall into pride. If we fall behind or become overwhelmed, we plunge into despair and exhaustion. We turn our daily responsibilities into heavy burdens, forgetting that our labor apart from faith merits nothing before God.

Left to ourselves, the shift from summer rest to autumn routine becomes a transition from passive comfort into frantic legalism. We burn ourselves out trying to be our own providers, ignoring the clear warning of Scripture that our thoughts are not God's thoughts, and our self-directed ways are empty. We find ourselves carrying a heavy yoke of our own making, drowned in the depths of our daily anxieties.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR CONTINUED . . .

The Unchanging Yoke of Grace

But our Lord Jesus breaks into our frantic transitions with a completely different word. He does not demand that you master your calendar or prove your worth through relentless productivity. Instead, He looks at your heavy heart and says, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (**Matthew 11:28–29**).

Here is the beautiful reality of the Gospel: the ultimate rest your soul needs was never dependent on a summer vacation, and it cannot be stolen by a busy fall schedule. True rest is a person. It is found exclusively in Christ Jesus, who bore the ultimate burden of the day and the scorching heat of the cross on our behalf. On the cross, He was stripped of all comfort and took our sins upon Himself to make us equal to Himself, granting us the kingdom of heaven as a completely free gift.

Because Christ has already accomplished everything for your salvation, you are set free from the status game of productivity. Your identity is secured by His blood, not your output. Therefore, as **Psalms 46:10** commands, we can "Be still, and know that I am God." This stillness is not a call to laziness; it is a confession of faith. It means halting our anxious self-preservation and resting in the finished work of Jesus.

As you transition into the routines of this new season, you do not go alone, and you do not go to earn God's favor. You go as a baptized child of God, carrying a light yoke. Christ has already gone before you. He is near in the busy mornings, near in the changing schedules, and abundant in His pardon when you stumble. Step into your fall responsibilities with joy, knowing that your works are made worthy simply by faith in His forgiveness, and that His steadfast faithfulness endures through every season of life.

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Find these words:

- rhythm
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- kingdom
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- endure
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