



October 2026 Newsletter



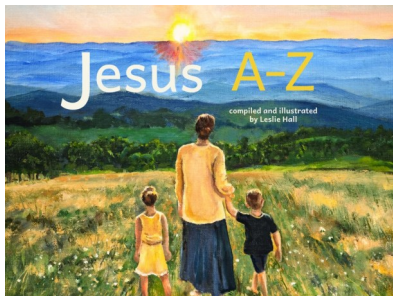
The Adult Painting Class is back!

Pam White has had some requests to offer a class featuring a flag painting that she taught a few years ago (It was one of our most popular paintings). She is going to hold that class again, so for those who missed it or would simply like to do it again, here's your chance! Come and paint this awesome picture in honor of our nation, our troops, our God and country, and our freedom. Let us paint our pride for America's 250th Birthday Celebration!

This class is for all of you adults out there. No prior experience needed! Pam will provide easy step-by-step instructions on how to paint this project. The class is scheduled for Sunday, October

25, at 2:00p.m. in the PCC behind the church building. The cost per person is \$15.00 (all materials will be provided), and payment will be accepted before the class begins. Checks are to be made out to "Peace Free Lutheran Church" with a notation in the memo for "Painting Class".

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church. Feel free to bring a guest but make sure you sign them up too, so we have plenty of supplies for everyone. The deadline for signup is Sunday October 18th. Also, feel free to bring a snack and/or a drink if you wish. If you have any questions, please contact Pam White at 614-596-1580



Kid's Bible/Craft class resumes Friday

Our Jesus A-Z Bible lesson and craft class is starting again in October! We will begin an 8-week session running from October 2nd through November 20th. Following this session, we will take a break for the remainder of November and December and will resume with another session after the new year. Here are the key details: When: Fridays from 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM in the large room on the lower level of the church, Who: kids ages 3 through 6th grade (Note: Parents must accompany 3-year-olds to provide extra assistance), and What: Lessons featuring Bible characters—starting with Adam—while focusing on what we learn about Jesus throughout the Scriptures. Each lesson includes a fun craft! If your child would like to attend, please contact Leslie Hall (lesliehall55@gmail.com) with the following information: child's name and age, parent's name, and your email address and phone number. Please join us!



As the holidays approach, Cuthbert Greenhouse would like to get an early start on bulk orders of Christmas poinsettias. They are asking that orders be placed by November 2nd, but will accept a limited number of additional plant orders after that date if needed. The cost of each red 6.5" poinsettia plant is \$6.60. You will be able to take your poinsettias with you following the Christmas Eve Candlelight service. There will be a sign up sheet on the tables in the back of the Sanctuary.

Please indicate the number of plants you would like by Sunday November 1st so the order can be placed.



Pastor Steven Carlson

“Purposeful Ponderings”

This month, I want to briefly reflect on several items with you.

Labor Day Hot Dog Stand: I was again so delighted to see our congregation working together in harmony as we grilled hot dogs, put 300 lunches together and handed them out along with bottles of water for FREE to our community, all in the Name of Jesus! Many spiritual conversations were had as well. It was a great opportunity to point people to the ONE who is The True Bread and The Living Water. Good News, Jesus has come to feed hungry souls and to give water to those who thirst for spiritual drink!

Islam: I have been teaching a series on “Understanding Islam” in Sunday School. It certainly has some dark and discouraging points. Be encouraged by this: There have been more converts in Iran from Islam to Christ, in the past 20 years, than in the previous 1,300 years! Jesus has been appearing to Muslims in dreams and visions, and they have encountered His love and truth and have turned to Him as their Lord and Savior. Some place the estimates at up to 3 million! Continue to pray.

Living Nativity: We are planning and preparing for our Living Nativity during Canal Winchester’s “*Christmas in the Village*” this year on Dec. 4 & 5 (Friday & Saturday)! We need everyone’s participation, from being characters to making cookies, from praying to building props, from inviting people to talking with them, from making costumes to wearing them, and from narrating the Nativity Story to helping people navigate the experience! Yes! We need you! There are sign up sheets on the information table at the back of the church, you can contact Shane Clark, or call the church office. **Spread the word! Pray that people experience Christ this Christmas!**

William Tyndale: This year (2026) marks the 500th anniversary of William Tyndale’s translation of the New Testament into English. Tyndale was an Oxford scholar in England and was ordained in 1515. He was immensely influenced by Martin Luther, the German reformer who translated the Bible into German in 1523. Tyndale decided to do that for the English-speaking people as well. To avoid capture and execution, he moved to Germany to do his translation work. He then printed the New Testament and had copies smuggled into England. He also translated much of the Old Testament. Unfortunately, he was caught and arrested in Europe, and several years later, on October 6th, 1536, he was tied to a stake, strangled, and burned to death. He gave his life so people could read the Bible in English, and **every** English translation over the past 500 years has been profoundly influenced by Tyndale’s foundational translation work, and theological vocabulary. As you read your Bible, thank God for William Tyndale.

Reformation: October is “Reformation Month” as we celebrate Martin Luther’s nailing his “Ninety-Five Theses” to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany, which called for reform of the Roman Catholic Church. This occurred on October 31, 1517 on “All Hallows’ (holy) Eve.” It was strategically the day before “All Saints’ Day” (Nov. 1st) because one of the issues that had lit the fuse of Luther’s passion was the Roman Catholic practice of selling indulgences as a way for people to gain entrance into heaven. The promise was that “*When a coin in the coffer rings, a soul from purgatory springs.*” Luther called the church back to Scripture, declaring that we are “saved by grace alone, through faith alone!” We are made to be the “holy saints” of God, not because of how much we paid to the church, but because of how much Jesus paid on the cross! Jesus paid our debt in full. We are saved by grace alone! Praise God for the Reformation! We will be celebrating it on Sunday, October 25th. Wear your RED, the color of Reformation.

All Saints’ Sunday is November 1st. On this Sunday we will be celebrating how we are made the holy saints of God by the shed blood of Christ. We stand in His holiness! We also remember those who have passed on from this life during the past year, and will light a candle on the altar in their remembrance. And finally on this Sunday, we especially remember and lift up in prayer our brothers and sisters in Christ Who are suffering all around the world. It is the Day of Prayer for the Suffering Church. Please plan for this special Sunday.

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“Purposeful Ponderings” continued

Pastor Randy Nelson, AFLC Director of Evangelism & Discipleship was with us last weekend. It was wonderful to have him share with our Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast, our Evangelism Committee, and to preach at our Worship Services and teach Adult Sunday School! He was greatly encouraged by our congregation’s heart and action in sharing the Gospel as we reach out to those we know personally, as well as to our community at large. See page 4 for some pictures from his visit.

PDHC: Again, a wonderful LIFE Gala was held by Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC) this month! It was so good to see members of our congregation there at the Gala! It was an honor to lead the assembly in the closing prayers. The following morning, we hosted the Pastors’ Breakfast with the speaker, Mike Spencer of “Project Life Voice.” Below are some pictures from those events. Columbus has become a national destination point for abortions. PDHC has an effective ministry for LIFE! I’m glad that we can partner together.

God bless you as we grow in our Christian faith together, and go forth together with the Gospel of Christ to the world!

Pastor Carlson



Pastor Randy Nelson, the AFLC National Evangelism and Discipleship Director, was here with us to share more about this ministry and what it does.



Fall Bites

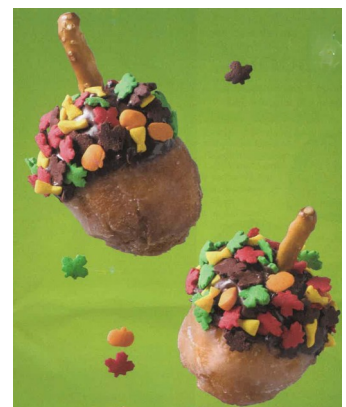
Ingredients

- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 2 Tbsp. Fall sprinkles
- 10 donut holes
- 5 pretzel sticks, broken in half
- Wax paper

Directions:

1. Pour chocolate chips in a microwave-safe bowl and melt in the microwave using 30-second intervals. Stir until smooth.
2. Pour the sprinkles in a separate bowl and place next to the bowl of melted chocolate for easy dipping.
3. Dip half of each donut hole in the chocolate, then dip it in the sprinkles and place it on wax paper.
4. Insert a pretzel stick half into the chocolate dipped top of each donut hole. Allow the chocolate to set before serving.
5. You can double the recipe if needed (or more).
6. Store leftovers in an airtight container (if you have any!).

Enjoy!



FROM THE COUNCIL



1. Pastor reported that we continue to have visitors so it is important that we all try to connect with them. Our updated website is now available so check it out! The adult Sunday School class is focusing on “Understanding Islam”. Several people have asked about membership classes, so Pastor is working on when best to do this in the Fall. Richard and DiAnn Cole have offered to teach a Constitution class here at Peace. The PDHC Gala is in Lancaster on 9-17. Pastor will be giving the closing prayer. We will then host a Life Breakfast for pastors and church leaders on 9-18. LifeWise Ministries is starting up in Canal. They have asked Pastor to be a board member. We have one more from Peace that may be accepted to a board position. Reformation Sunday is 10-25. The NALC is holding a Reformation service at Zion Lutheran in Groveport that day at 4pm. Peace is invited.

2. The Parish Life chairperson reported that the Hotdog Giveaway went well. We gave away 300 hotdogs and many more chips and bottled water. They are making plans for a chili/cornbread cookoff on 10-11.

3. The Property chairperson reported that the church basement flooded again, so 2 sump pumps were replaced, and the drain on the other side was checked. There was a lot of mud in it. The carpet in the sanctuary was cleaned. New bedroom furniture was donated for the parsonage. The carpet in the master bedroom of the parsonage was replaced. The maple tree in front of the parsonage is scheduled for removal later this year. We are getting a deck box for outside in case there are deliveries of larger parcels when no one is in the office.

4. The Social Concerns chairperson reported that the new website has been completed and review requested. We would like to go live with this one asap. We will be getting started with the Shoebox drive next month.

5. The Stewardship chairperson reported that there was no August meeting due to illness. The next meeting is on 9-28.

6. The Worship chairperson reported that at their last meeting, they had discussed use of real candles for the Christmas Eve service and bringing back parts of the liturgy. Results of different carpet cleaning methods were presented and new ideas for candle drip cups were shared. Council decided to continue with the battery candles. In regard to the liturgy, it was decided to add some parts back beginning with communion services. This will be brought to Council for approval.

7. The Evangelism chairperson reported that the Living Nativity Committee met with the church during the Sunday School hour on Sunday 9/13 to give an update. We will be hosting Pastor Randy Nelson from Thursday, 9/24-Sunday 9/27. He is the AFLC's Evangelism & Discipleship Director. He will lead the Men's Bible Study on Saturday at 8:00am, then meet with the Evangelism Committee at 10:30am. He will teach the Adult Sunday School class on Sunday and preach at both services. The committee may also be asking for more funds for the Living Nativity if needed.

October lectors

October 4

8:00am—Amy Murray
10:30am—Stephanie Fox

October 11

8:00am—Tim Haverfield
10:30am—Diana Cary

October 18

8:00am—Micah Haverfield
10:30am—Stephanie Fox

October 25

8:00am—Karen Dombrowski
10:30am—Debbie Williams

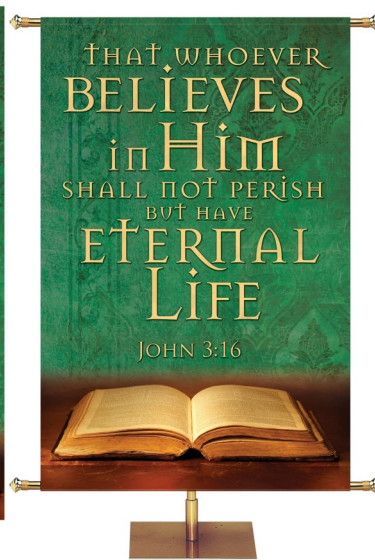
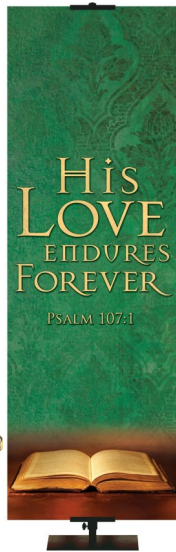
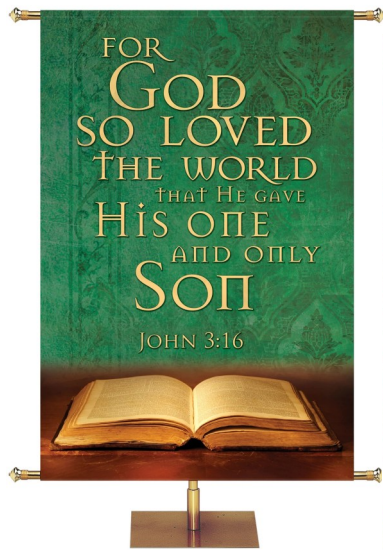


Peace Free Lutheran Church Financials Through August 2026

General Fund Income: \$181,202
General Fund Expenditures:
\$189,952.23

Members may request a copy of the Council Minutes and Financial reports from the church office.

Our New Banners



Pictured here is a new set of banners that will hang above the altar and beside the organ at designated times during the church year. In addition, there is a new baptism banner that will be hung on that occasion. These banners were gifted in memory of Mary Phyllis Bethel by her children.

Mary Phyllis took care of the altar faithfully for many years and we are blessed by this gift.



We are having a chili and cornbread cook-off on Sunday October 11th, at 12 p.m. Cooks, bring in your favorite chili and/or cornbread for the ultimate taste test. The judges will decide on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the categories of chili and cornbread. The winners will receive bragging rights (and maybe a ribbon too)! Not a fan of cooking, but like to eat? Then please come and enjoy fun, fellowship, and a bowl of your favorite chili with a slice of your favorite cornbread.



** Donations of desserts would be most welcome, but will not be judged, just enjoyed!



There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, October 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Council will be presenting the 2027 budget for approval. We will have adult Sunday school in the sanctuary immediately following the meeting. Please join us for this important meeting!



A big thank you to everyone who donated towards the Labor Day Hot Dog giveaway. It was a huge success, with 300 people being served a free lunch of hotdogs, chips, and water. Thank you also to everyone who pitched in during the day to help make this event a success. It's a wonderful thing to see so many people working hard together and having fun doing it. Blessings to all, the Parish Life team.



We are considering having another New Members Class this fall. The class is primarily for people who are new to Peace Free Lutheran Church but is also open to all members and visitors. This class typically covers topics such as: What is a Christian?, The Reliability of the Bible, Overview of the Bible, Core teachings of the Christian Faith such as:

Justification/ Sanctification/ Glorification, Distinctions of the Lutheran Denomination, History of Peace Free Lutheran Church, Opportunities for Involvement at Peace, and Biblical Positions on Contemporary Issues. Please contact Pastor Carlson or the church office if you, or someone you know, might be interested.



Yes, it's almost Operation Christmas Child shoebox season again! The Samaritan's Purse project provides a way for us to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. Samaritan's Purse collects and distributes the

shoeboxes to these children in the name of Jesus Christ, showing God's love in a hands-on way while sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, labels, and packing instructions will be available by mid-October, and will be located under the table in the back of the sanctuary for you to take home and fill. Please bring your packed shoeboxes back and put them under the table no later than Sunday, November 8th. You can go to <https://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/> for more information and ideas on what to pack in your shoebox.

Meet Our Newest Council Member



Many thanks to Debbie Williams for stepping into the important role of Evangelism Committee chairperson on Church Council. Welcome!

First Service (8:00 a.m.)

September 6 N/A

September 13 Fred Voigt

September 20 Makenna Cassidy

September 27 Micah Haverfield

October Acolyte Schedule

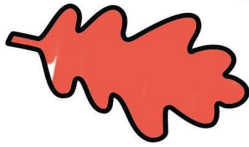
Second service (10:30 a.m.)

Eli Hess and Becky Mosher-Wheeler will alternate

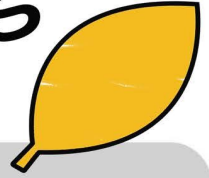


October "Bible In One Year" Reading Schedule

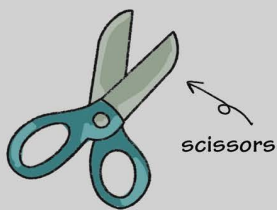
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10/03/26	Ezekiel 33-34	John 16	10/19/26	1 Sam. 17-18	2 Peter 2
10/04/26	Ezekiel 35-36	John 17	10/20/26	1 Sam. 19-21	2 Peter 3
10/05/26	Ezekiel 37-39		10/21/26	1 Sam. 22-24	1 Timothy 1
10/06/26	Ezekiel 40-41	John 18	10/22/26	1 Sam. 25-26	1 Timothy 2
10/07/26	Ezekiel 42-44		10/23/26	1 Sam. 27-29	1 Timothy 3
10/08/26	Ezekiel 45-46	John 19	10/24/26	1 Sam. 30-31	1 Timothy 4
10/09/26	Ezekiel 47-48	John 20	10/25/26	2 Sam. 1-2	1 Timothy 5
10/10/26	Song of Songs 1-3	John 21	10/26/26	2 Sam. 3-5	1 Timothy 6
10/11/26	Song of Songs 4-5	Eph. 1	10/27/26	2 Sam. 6-8	1 John 1
10/12/26	Song of Songs 6-8	Eph. 2	10/28/26	2 Sam. 9-11	1 John 2
10/13/26	1 Sam. 1-3	Eph. 3	10/29/26	2 Sam. 12-13	1 John 3
10/14/26	1 Sam. 4-6	Eph. 4	10/30/26	2 Sam. 14-15	1 John 4
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10/16/26	1 Sam. 10-12				



Thankful Tree Leaves



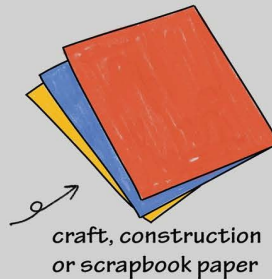
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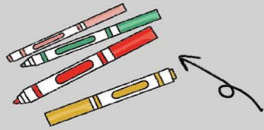
glue
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craft, construction
or scrapbook paper



leaf template



pens or markers



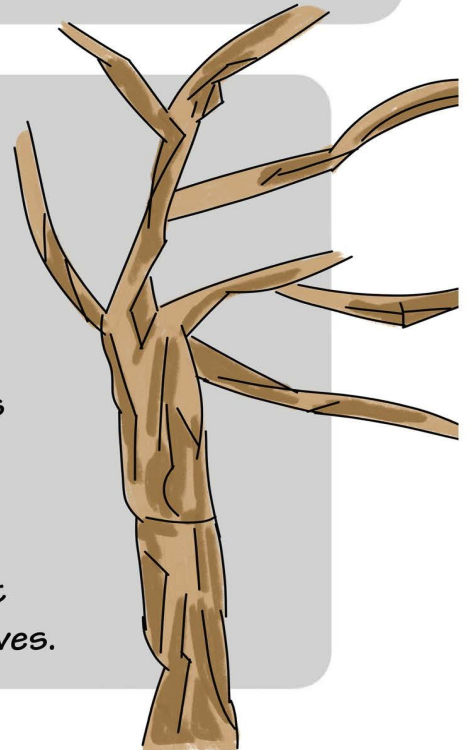
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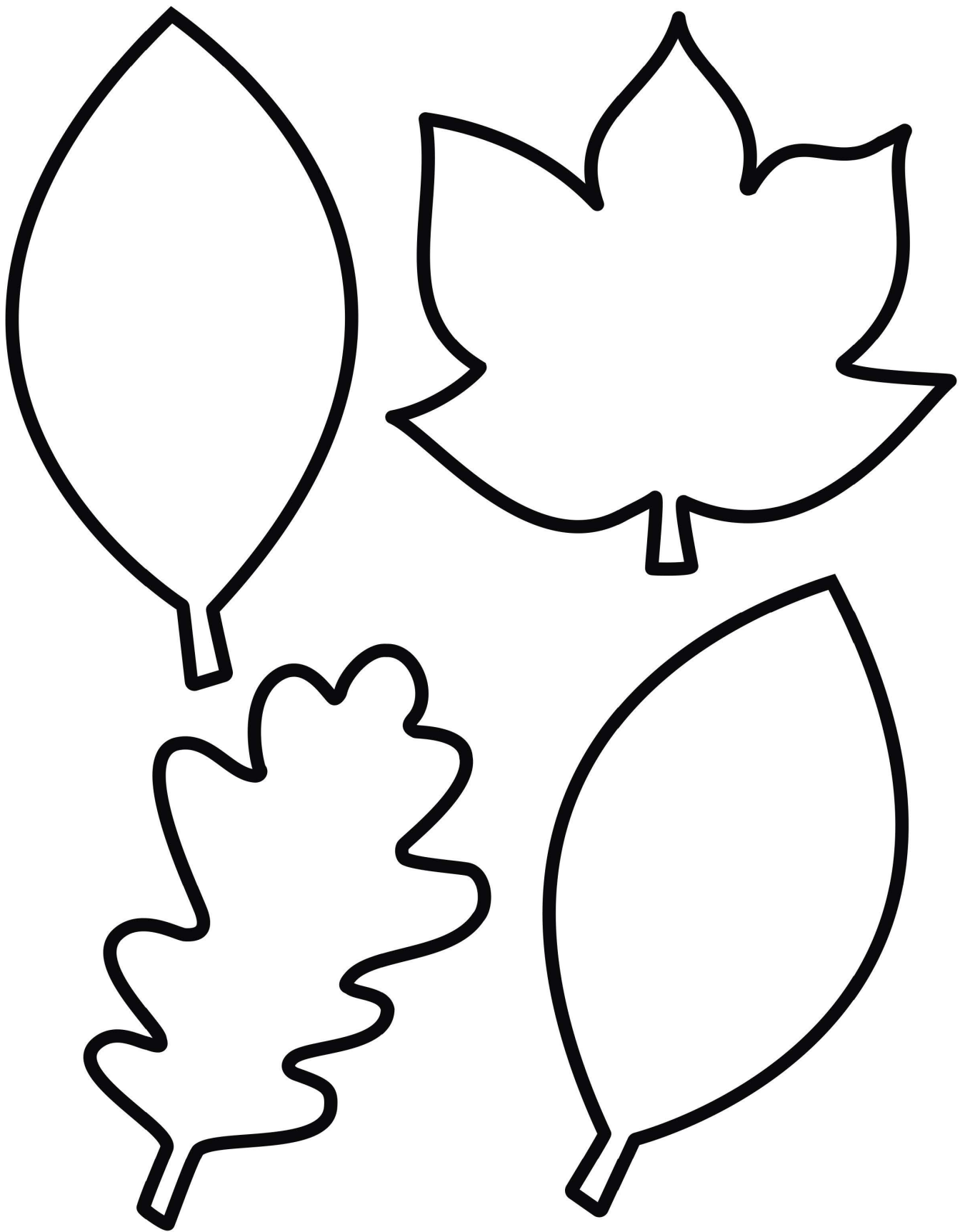


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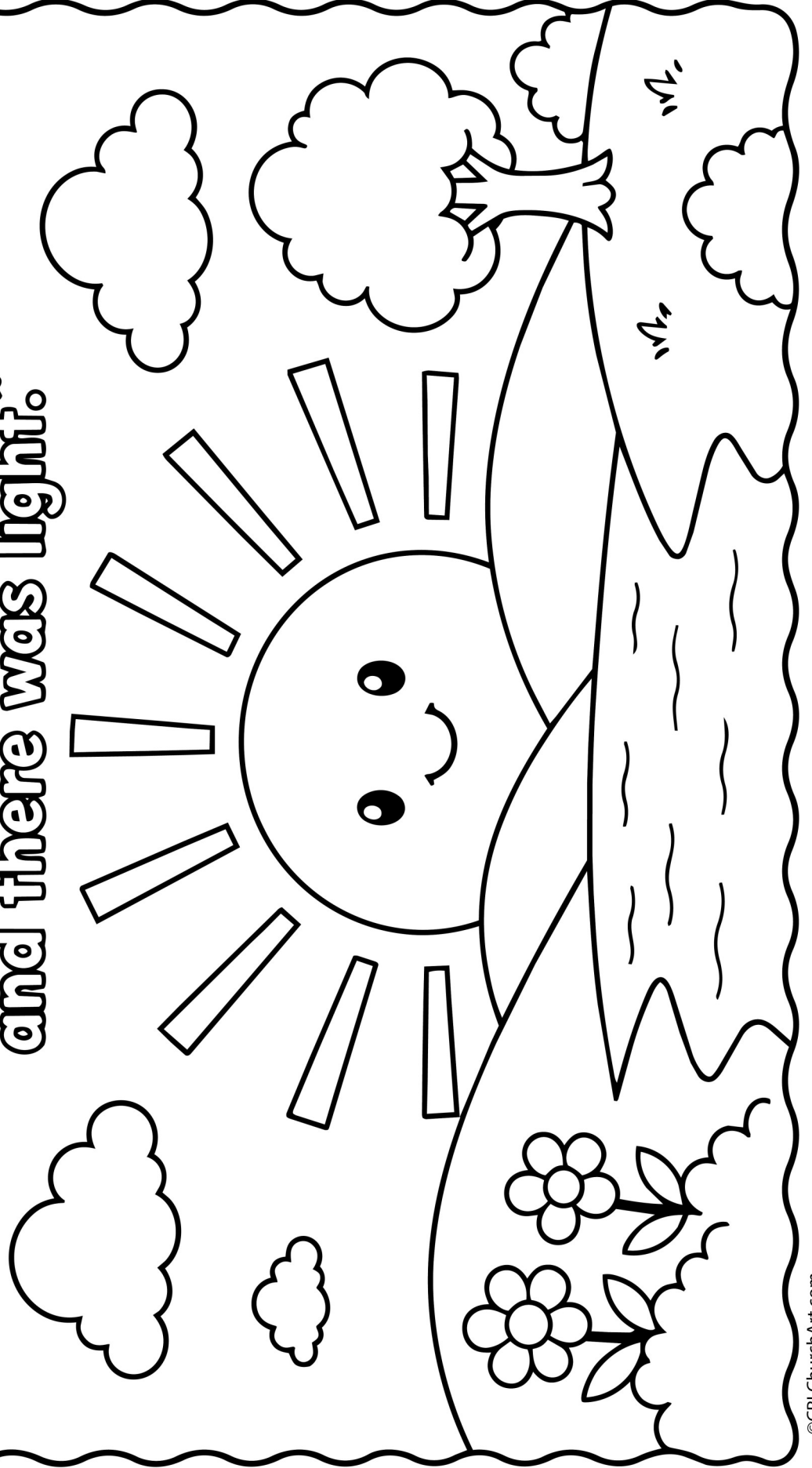
- 1) Create the tree trunk using packaging material, cardboard or construction paper.
- 2) Adjust the size of the tree as desired, from tabletop to larger displays.
- 3) Print and cut out leaves using the Thankful Tree Leaves template on construction or scrapbooking paper.
- 4) Set out a basket of leaves and markers for people to write what they're thankful for.
- 5) Encourage children to participate by asking them what they're thankful for. Kids can write or draw on their leaves.





Genesis 1:3

“And God said, ‘Let there be light,’
and there was light.”



October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Worship services 8:00am & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am	5 Leitch Home Bible Study 7:00pm	6 Women's Day- time Bible Stdy - Lunch at Senior Center- 11:30am Bible Study in PCC- 1:00pm	7 Prayer Meeting 7:00pm	8	9 Kids Bible/Craft Class 4:30pm	10 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 8:00am Deacons Mtg 10am
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18 Worship Svcs 8am&10:30am ; Sunday School 9:15am Parish Life 11:45am	19	20 Women's Daytime Bible Stdy - Lunch at Senior Center- 11:30am Bible Study in PCC- 1:00pm Council Meeting 7pm	21 Prayer Meeting 7:00pm	22 Newsletter Submissions Due	23 Kids Bible/Craft Class 4:30pm	24 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 8:00am
25 Worship Svcs 8am&10:30am ; Sunday School 9:15am Adult Painting Class 2:00pm	26	27 Women's Daytime Bible Stdy - Lunch at Senior Center- 11:30am Bible Study in PCC- 1:00pm Women's Evening Bible Stdy 6:30pm	28 Prayer Meeting 7:00pm	29 Stewardship Meeting 2pm	30 Kids Bible/Craft Class 4:30pm	31



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1st Michelle Staffan
1st Marsha Grey
3rd Debbie Chotkevys
3rd Beth Dishong
3rd Gabriel Kaiser
4th Carolyn Johnston
5th Brian Fox
6th Richard Cole
8th Don Rawlings
9th Jim Haynes
10th Jaclyn Cassidy
13th Derrick Grey
13th Tyler Richardson
14th Karen Dombrowski

23rd Ally Staffan
23rd Matthew Morris
24th Mike Coleman
26th John Frank
27th Sofia Gugliemotto
27th Debra Baker

30th Lilly Haverfield
30th Chelle Coleman
31st David Schacht
31st Alice Hess
31st Louisa Patenaude



1st Earl and Michelle Staffan
3rd Emily and Tim Haverfield
5th Brian and Lilane Fox
17th Larry and Jan Dowler
20th Jeff and Linda Kaiser
30th Gary and Janna Gugliemotto