

**October 30, 2022**

# **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

4515 Dobie Road  
Okemos, MI 48864  
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## **Reformation Sunday**

To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .

. . .we **Gather** in faith for worship, prayer,  
study and fellowship

. . .we **Equip** the people of God with a faith  
that works in real life

. . .we **Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ

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## **Introduction to the day**

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

## PRELUDE

“Old Hundredth”

arr. Michael Burkhardt (Hymn 883)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**  
**We have harmed your good creation.**  
**We have failed to do justice,**  
**love kindness,**  
**and walk humbly with you.**  
**Turn us in a new direction.**  
**Show us the path that leads to life.**  
**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved of God:

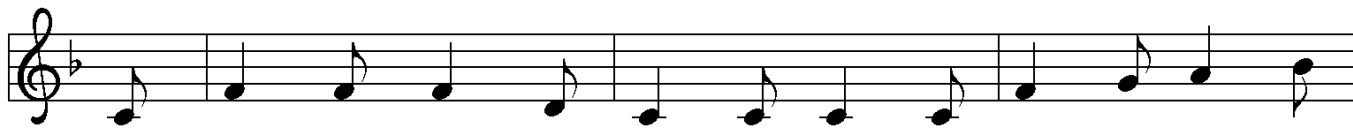
your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God’s abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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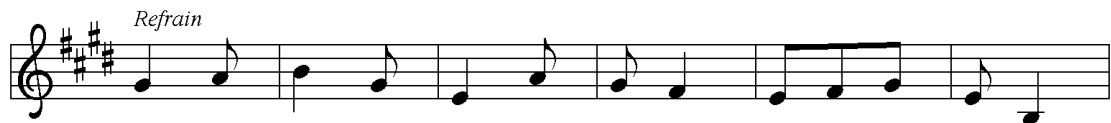
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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

## Now the Feast and Celebration



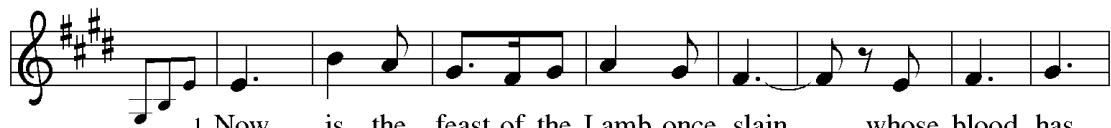
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 46**

*Psalm is read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields  
with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

*Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

A reading from Romans.

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

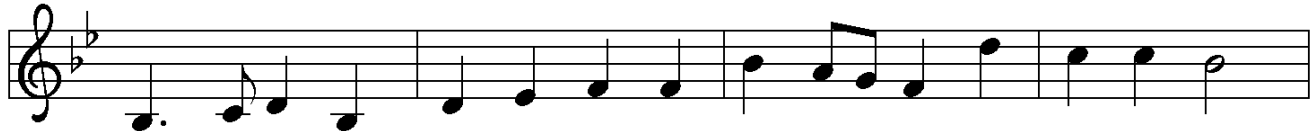
<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Rich Weingartner**



# HYMN OF THE DAY

## By Grace We Have Been Saved



1 By grace we have been saved through faith and  
2 For all have sinned and fall - en short. God's  
3 God gave to earth a per - fect love through  
4 We know the wage of sin is death; thank  
5 Set free, we now have peace with God. Sal -



not by keep - ing law. God's saints be - lieved by  
plan, not one o - beyed. Christ has for all ful -  
Je - sus on the cross. While we were foes, Christ  
God, we shall re - vive. For just as Je - sus  
va - tion is se - cured. How beau - ti - ful the



what they heard and not by what they saw.  
filled the law. Be - lieve, con - fess, be saved.  
died for us. We gained by God's own loss.  
rose a - gain, we too are made a - live.  
feet of those who share this gos - pel word.

### *Refrain*



Oh, how I love Je - sus! Oh, how I love Je - sus!



Oh, how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

Text: Rusty Edwards, stanzas; Frederick Whitfield, refrain  
Music: OH, HOW I LOVE JESUS. North American traditional

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## CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*Prayers of intercession are prayed. To each petition, the assembly responds: Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.***

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers, and the assembly responds:*

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

“Find Us Faithful”

(Jon Mohr)

Chancel Choir

*Please stand if you are able.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**Amen.**

## **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.

## COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

“Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

arr. Johann Pachelbel  
(Hymn 517, text Martin Luther)

*Please stand if you are able.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

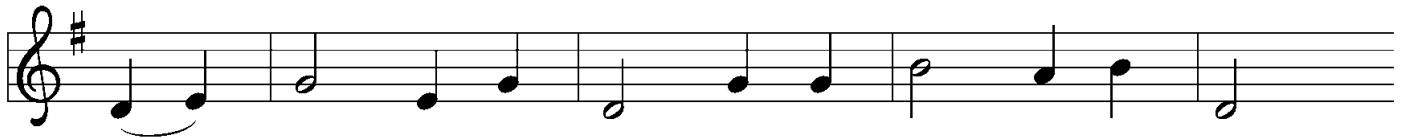
Let us pray. God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen**

# SENDING SONG

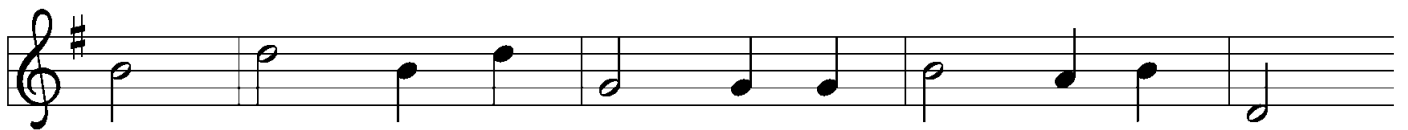
## How Firm a Foundation



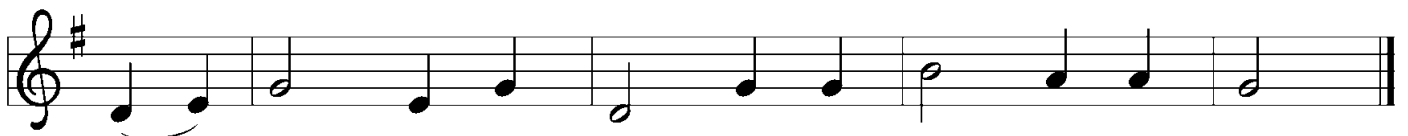
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand?"  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.**

# POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress”

arr. Wilbur Held

(Hymn 503, text and tune, Martin Luther)

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Altar Care: Brenda Kopf  
Lay Assistant: Harold Sollenberger  
Nursery: Jennifer Coe  
Coffee Hour: Soup/Bread Potluck

Reader: Megan Nyquist  
Ushers: Jon & Elaine Harrison  
Greeter: Ken & Ellen Milne  
Acolyte: Maddie Webb

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## 10/16/2022

Loose Cash	\$ 10.00
Loose Checks	\$ 50.00
General Fund	\$ 1,030.00
Pantry Fund	\$ 50.00
Parish House	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 1,190.00
Vanco	
General Operating	\$ 435.50
Pantry Fund	\$ 25.25
Parish House	<u>\$ 25.25</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,676.00</b>

## 10/23/2022

General Fund	\$ 5,155.00
Rosie’s Heart Walk	\$ 25.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$ 50.00
Pantry Fund	\$ 331.00
Parish House Reimburs.	\$ 393.73
Youth	<u>\$ 88.50</u>
Subtotal	\$ 6,043.23
Vanco	
General Operating	\$ 3,567.00
Building	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,635.23</b>

## Year to Date

## January 1- September 30, 2020

Income	\$207,320.00
Expenses	<u>\$215,821.00</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (8,501.00)

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**The Quarterly Meeting will be held following worship today.**



## Upcoming Events:

Sunday, October 30	11:00 A.M.	Quarterly Meeting
Sunday, October 30	11:30 A.M.	Soup/Bread Luncheon/Activity Time
November 4-6 <sup>th</sup>		Middle School Charge Retreat
Sunday, November 6	11:00 A.M.	Fall Property Clean Up
Tuesday, November 8	all day	Voting Precinct at Faith
Sunday, November 13	10:00 A.M.	Pledge Sunday Festivities
Monday, November 21	7:00 P.M.	Church Council Meeting
Saturday, November 26		Decorating Church for Christmas
Wednesday, December 7	6:00 P.M.	Middle School Youth Activity Night
Sunday, December 11	10:00 A.M.	Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 18		Stuff the Stocking Food Delivery
Monday, December 19	7:00 P.M.	Church Council Meeting
Saturday, December 24	Time TBD	Christmas Eve Services
Sunday, December 25		No In-Person Worship

## Recurring Events

Children's Sunday School	Each Sunday at 9:00 A.M.
Adult Sunday School	Each Sunday at 9:00 A.M.
Worship	Each Sunday at 10:00 A.M.
Noon Bible Study	Each Tuesday at Noon
LWR ACTION and Quilters	Each Wednesday 9:30-11:30 A.M.
Confirmation Class	Each Wednesday at 6:00 P.M.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Each Wednesday at 7:30 P.M.
Bell Choir Rehearsal	Each Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. (check with Deb for dates bells are not meeting)

**TODAY**



## **Intergenerational Halloween Activity/Luncheon**

**When:** Sunday, Oct 30, 2022, following the Quarterly Meeting

**Where:** In the Fellowship Hall at Faith

**What:** Potluck Soup/Bread Lunch, pumpkin carving (bring your own pumpkins), pumpkin painting (provided), Halloween cooking decorating, craft projects and games.

**To Bring:** Please bring your own pumpkins if you want to carve them and Soup or Bread to share.

**This is for ALL ages and COSTUMES are welcome!!**

**A signup sheet will be available in the Narthex so that we know approximately how many people to expect!**

**Hope to see you there.**



# Stewardship Sunday

**Join us on Sunday, November 13, for Stewardship Sunday festivities!**

Stewardship Sunday is the day we turn in our Pledge Cards. We drop them in the offering plate during morning worship. As we mark this day, we will also:

1. Hear a five-minute sermon in worship
2. Be gifted with a delightful presentation following worship, given by Rich & Linda Triemer
3. Enjoy a potluck dinner following this presentation, in which you will have time to view the **Ministry Fair Displays** that will be set up in the Fellowship Hall

Plan to be present and join us for this special day!



## Ministry Fair