

# Redeemer's Reflections

Discovering Christ's community through building relationships

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***You are receiving just the basics for our October "Newsletter". We will be combining November and December so that you can have all the facts for the upcoming holiday season.***

## Falling Leaves and Faith

There's something special about fall. The air gets cooler, the leaves turn beautiful shades of red, orange, and gold, and suddenly everyone is searching for pumpkin-flavored everything!

Fall also means one thing around our house: **leaves—lots and lots of leaves.**

One Saturday morning, we decided it was time to clean up the yard.

"We'll be finished in no time," Dad confidently announced.

The rest of us should have known better.

The raking began. Soon there was a beautiful mountain of leaves sitting in the yard. The kids jumped in. The dog jumped in. Dad tried to use the leaf blower to make things easier.

Instead, he blew the leaves right back across the yard.

Everyone laughed.

After an hour of hard work, we stood back and looked at the yard.

It looked almost exactly the same as when we started.

We laughed again and realized something important: sometimes life is like a pile of leaves. We make our plans, work hard, and try our best to keep everything under control. Yet things don't always turn out the way we expect.

But God is faithful through every season.

Just as the trees let go of their leaves, we can learn to let go of the things that worry us and place them in God's hands. We may not know what the next season will bring, but we can trust the One who does.

*Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."*



The sign up sheet for goodies for our "Faith & Life" forum is now available out in the narthex.



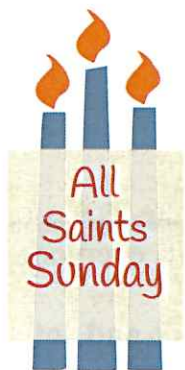
Reformation Sunday is October 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Please **wear red** if you have it,  
as part of this festival Sunday.



Fern Schara, Pat Kropack, Winnie French, Lottie White, Debbie Animagi, Mike & Traci Stephens, Ryder Conrad, Noah Coyle, Chris McAuliff, Gary Miller; John Tondini, Marie Burge, Tim Anthony, Gary Cummins, The Kuzmanich family, Jim Thrun, Marilyn Sineni, Connie Martin, Kevin McGuire

**OCTOBER BOOK CLUB-** will be at the home of Jan Strojny on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

The book is **"WARD D"** by **Freida McFadden**



**Sunday, November 2 is All Saints Sunday.** Please call the church office or place in the offering plate, with names of those who have passed away that you want remembered on this day.



#### **BIRTHDAYS**

6, Judy Carver  
7, Alec Ogarek  
9, Tom DeLeeuw  
Natalie Caswick  
17, Deb Frawley  
26, Deb Animagi

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

11, Wayne & Bonnie Trella  
14, Mick & Jan Strojny



#### **OCTOBER READERS**

4 Steve Nowlan  
11 Alec Ogarek  
18 Traci Stephens  
25 Erica Strojny



*Our hearts and prayers go out to:*

Family and friends of Pete Animagi, especially Debbie, Peter and Kristen, on the death of their husband and father and the Ogarek family on the death of Tony's brother, Robert.

*May they all be comforted by the resurrection and the life yet to come.*

**Winnie French is now living at 1806 N. 79<sup>th</sup> Av. Elmwood Pk 60707 c/o Natalie Connolly**