



CANA CHRONICLE

OCTOBER 2024



Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone





October 23
8:30-Noon

Old Oak Park Warehouse
21800 Greenfield, Oak Park
We will be helping the
Client Choice Market

To help, contact: Dave Keener at
dakeener00@gmail.com

Or call Dave: 248-660-7897



The Presbytery of Detroit extends grateful greetings to Cana & Drayton & VBS for our continued support of the *Cereal for Summer Program*.

Collectively, we donated **100** boxes of cereal.
Kudos for all who fed and prayed for hungry children.

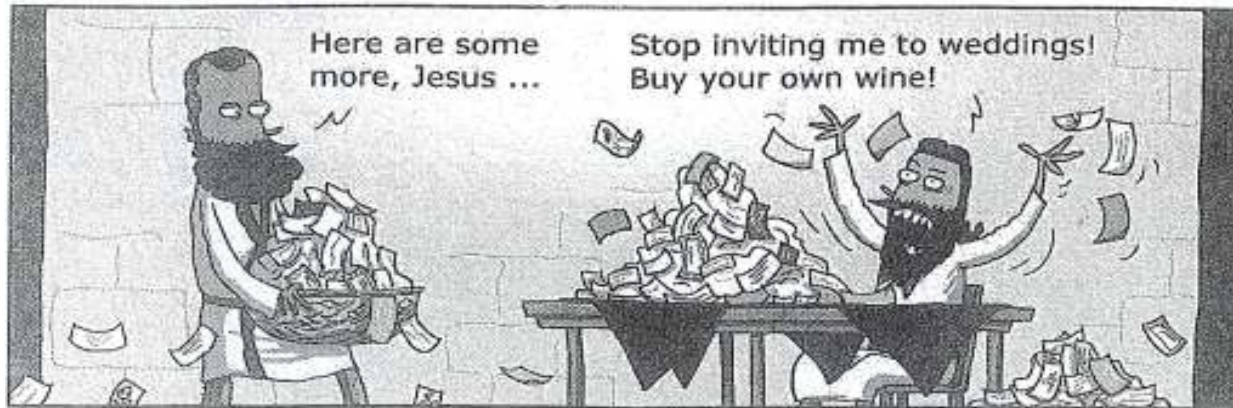
October BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Tim Hatzos
- 6 Jessica Stephenson
- 7 John Pastrick
- 9 Tom Williams
- 10 Diane Gifford
- 18 Barbara Beckwith
- 20 Jean Griffin
Gunnar Holmes
- 21 Max Lamansky
- 22 Fred Kaiser
Lara Wasner
- 23 Evelyn Walker
- 24 Ashleigh McKnight
- 27 Sheila Mayry
- 30 Penny Carlson

**Prayer
Welcoming
Worship
Learning
Serving
Relationships**



WUMMO By Wulff & Morgenthaler



For those unable to attend service in person, please log into Cana's Facebook page, YouTube page, or website (Canaelca.org) for a live feed, listen to the service in the parking lot on FM-100.7, or watch at a later time on Cana Lutheran's YouTube page.

Learning Team News



WHAT IS A GOD SIGHTING?

A God sighting is a moment when someone notices something that reminds them of God's character. These can come in many forms, such as:

- Something amazing in nature
- A miracle
- An answered prayer
- A personal encounter with God
- A God-orchestrated coincidence
- The love of a stranger
- A song or Scripture that the Spirit brings to mind

Please take a look at the VBS Bulletin Board in the hallway between Sally's office and the Chapel. **Take a moment to write a God Sighting on the sheep**, just like the VBS students did this summer. A God sighting can be anything you see or hear. If you see something special that reminds you of God's love and faithfulness, that's a





THE RCMP CONTINUES TO COLLECT FOOD

With the holidays in the near future, let's try to fill our basket with food for the hungry so they too can enjoy a holiday meal.

The RCMP continues to deliver food items to 1st Presbyterian's Food Pantry in Royal Oak. The need for non-perishable food continues to be great. Please bring items such as rice, canned fruits, vegetables, gelatins, cake mixes, pork & beans, peanut butter, jelly, pasta products, etc. on any Sunday and put them in the wicker basket on wheels which is in the hallway just outside the Chapel.

Thank you and blessings to all who give. It is a blessing to those in need.

Bring a little snack for after worship!

Sign Up Sheet for Coffee Time after Worship is on the refrigerator in the Lounge OR you may call or email the office to sign up!



Cards for College Kids



Paula Cardelli is again be collecting cash or gift cards such as Meijer/Kroger/Target for Cana's college students. She will be sending them to the young people in time for them to buy themselves and a friend Halloween treats. Donations for the students may be put in the offering or given to Paula no later than **October 20**. Thank you so very much in helping to brighten out college students lives with a gift from Cana.

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”



"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" is historically one of the best-known protestant hymns. Written by Martin Luther. The words and the hymn music were composed between 1527 and 1529. *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* has been translated into English at least 70 times and into many other languages. The words are mostly original, although the first line paraphrases that of Psalm 46.

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” is one of the famous hymns of the Lutheran tradition and among all Protestants. It has been called "Battle Hymn of the Reformation" for the effect it had in increasing the support for the Reformers' cause.

So, where did Luther get the idea to compose this hymn from? There are many theories of its origin, but several are stated commonly. Perhaps Luther used existing songs to inspire him to write a newer, stronger hymn. One theory is that it was sung by Luther and his companions as they entered Worms on April 16, 1521 for the Diet. (Assembles gathered at that time) Another thought it was a tribute to Luther's friend Leonhard Kaiser who was executed on August 16, 1527. A third theory is that it was sung by the German Lutheran Princes as they entered Augsburg for the Diet in 1530, at which the Augsburg Confession was presented. Others believe that Luther composed it in connection with the Diet of Speyer (1529) at which the German Lutheran princes lodged their protest to Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, who wanted to enforce his 1521 Edict of Worms. Yet another writes that the hymn began as a martial song to inspire soldiers against the Ottoman forces during the Ottoman wars in Europe.

The earliest hymnal in which it appears is that of Andrew Rausher in 1531. It is believed to have been included in 2 hymnals in 1528 and 1529 but both have been lost. Evidence supports that Luther wrote it between 1527 and 1529. He composed the melody named for the text's first line. Some disputed Luther's authorship of the music but it is now the consensus of musical scholars that Luther did compose the famous tune to go with the words.

The hymn was historically used as a patriotic theme and sung at nationalistic events. The patriotic undertone of the hymn comes from its importance for the Reformation in general, which was regarded by the Protestants not only as a religious but as a national movement delivering Germany from Roman oppression. The last line of the fourth stanza of the German text translation is "The Kingdom's Ours Forever" referred to the Kingdom of God, may also be interpreted as meaning the Holy Roman Empire must remain with the Germans, at time of unrest in Germany. So, it may be understood that there were many controversial interpretations of "A Mighty Fortress" going on at that time. The song is also reported to have been used as a battle anthem during the Thirty Years War by forces under King Gustavus Adolphus, Lutheran King of Sweden. Although there exists no primary source which supports this.

The first English translation was by Myles Coverdale in 1539 titled "Our God is a Defense and Tower". Another English translation is "A Mighty Fortress is Our God, a Bulwark Never Failing" Another translation by Thomas Carlyle begins with "A safe stronghold our God is still."

This hymn has been used by numerous composers, including Johann Sebastian Bach and Felix Mendelssohn. In recent times, the tune was used in the score for the film *49th Parallel*, when the German U-Boat surfaces in Hudson's Bay.

Submitted by Karen Emanuelsen
Ref. Wikipedia / A Mighty Fortress is Our God.





Sunday, November 3rd is All Saints Sunday, a day to remember the saints, including all our loved ones, who have entered the heavenly realms.

If you would like a candle lit and/or a prayer said in memory of your parent(s), spouse, child, or grandparent(s) or maybe a friend or neighbor who has passed away, please either call (248-543-0767) or email the church office (officeassistant@canaelca.org) by **October 27th**. At our worship on November 3rd your loved ones' will be remembered.



THE REFORMATION



In 1517 Luther initiated a reformation movement by publicizing his 95 theses against the indulgences. Thanks to printing, his views were widely publicized in Europe. Based on the New Testament, they aimed not only at correcting the abuses of the Catholic Church, but also its' doctrine.

Luther argued against the practice of buying or earning forgiveness, believing instead that salvation is a gift God gives to those who have faith. **Luther's objections to the indulgence system paved the way for other challenges to the Catholic doctrine throughout Europe.**



Luther's teaching, and that of the reformation, is often summarized in three "solas." Sola gratia, sola fide and sola scripture—by faith alone, by grace alone and by scripture alone.

Luther's writings were responsible for fractionalizing the Catholic Church and sparking the Protestant Reformation. His central teachings, that the Bible is the central source of religious authority and that salvation is reached through faith and not deeds, shaped the core of Protestantism.



OUR MISSION TRIPS ARE COUNTING ON YOU!

- Select an envelope from the Mission Possible board
- Put cash or a check (*written out to STAGE Youth Ministry*) for the amount listed on your envelope
- Drop your filled envelope off at your church office

Mission: Possible is one of 3 fundraisers for STAGE in the coming year. They will also have the sub sale for the Superbowl and the flower sale in the spring.

Please support our youth!

Scan to watch a video about last years mission trips!

WHAT YOU ARE SUPPORTING:

High School:

Week long Mission Trip with Appalachia Service Project

Middle School:

F.R.O.G. (Friends Reaching Out for God) Service week partnering with multiple local non-profits

OCTOBER MEETINGS
4:30 P.M.

**Sunday, October 6th
Regular Meeting**
at First Presbyterian, Birmingham

**Sunday, October 20
Regular Meeting**
at First Presbyterian, Royal Oak



TEXT REMINDERS
Never miss an update.

Send a Text to: 81010
Text This Message: @d9a498





Cana & Drayton Churches

Invite you to our
BLESSING OF THE PETS
Outdoor Worship
October 13 at 10:00 a.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bring your pets,
photos of your pets,
and/or your stuffed animals.
And, don't forget your lawn chair!

Light refreshments
after worship.

2119 Catalpa
Berkley, MI





Council Minutes

Cana Council Minutes August 18, 2024

Present: Paula Cardelli, Dan Duncan, Chris Golembiewski, Jim Knickerbocker, Fred Kaiser, Belinda Miesch, Pr. Ron Strobel, Karen Blinkilde
Absent: Terry Carlson, Sally Brock, Brian Griffin

The meeting was called to order at 11:22 a.m.

Consent Agenda: Financial Secretary’s report, Treasurer’s report were the only ones presented and reviewed. Dan moved to accept these two reports, Belinda seconded. The motion passed.

Pastoral Report: Pastor Bode from Zion Lutheran reached out to offer support and both feel Cana is doing great during this process. He continues to reach out to those not able to attend and was given names of other folks he should reach out to. Council approved the use of the parsonage address for Kayla to attend Berkley Schools. The residence is in Cana’s name and the letter is a formality for Berkley Schools.

Old Business:

- The Cross was delivered to Living Waters Ministry by Fred and Terry. Thank you to them both for doing this!
- Berkley Schools: no meetings have been set up. District Calendar reflects the scheduled date of construction for robotics and the Adult Transition program will begin in 2026.
- Merging, Nesting, Joining etc. Survey: 3 online and @34 paper surveys were received. Chris will input the information into google docs. This information will be sent to each home as well as the Chronicle.
- Warming Center: Paula will be in contact with Nate from Genesis to explore purchasing cots and a trailer for the cots etc. with Genesis. Ben Ogden is no longer the coordinator/director. We have not been advised of who is going to take over his role.

New Business:

- Cana Council agreed to personally contact all members to check in on how members are feeling about how everything is going. Fred Kaiser will create document to facilitate this.
- Budget update: Karen noted that PNC Bank will be increasing our saving account rate to 4.5%. Fred made a motion to move the majority of our non-operating funds to a higher yield investment. The motion was tabled until the budget/financial committee meeting in September. Karen also shared that the treasurer reports are different as we are switching to a calendar year so in effect we are operating on a half year budget plan.
- Donated cemetery plot: Karen has investigated this gift and to transfer the deed is \$400. It was discussed to put this in the Chronicle in case a member needs it. A second option, is to have Pastor be able to use it for someone in need.
- Parsonage: Clean up of exterior property and mulching of beds is underway. Waterproofing of the basement has been secured after warranties were provided. Home Speck provided the most complete service and best warranty (includes sump pumps and backup system). The cost is @\$19,000 previously approved by Council.

General Fund			
Treasurer Summary as of 08/31/24			
<i>(Currently Operating under a 6 Month Budget term from 7/1/24 to 12/31/24. Will convert to calendar year budget beginning in 2025)</i>			
	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>ToDate</u>	<u>6 Month</u>
Budget	15,461	30,921	92,764
			% of
	<u>Aug</u>	<u>To date</u>	<u>budget</u>
Income	10,294	25,214	82%
Expenses	20,071	38,834	126%

Notes:

- A few large, one-time expenses occur in July every year. August’s expenses also include a large deposit for waterproofing the parsonage basement. This accounts for the high % of To Date expense figure.
- Detailed Monthly Treasurer Reports are available at the church office.

Meeting closed at 12:32.
Respectfully submitted by Paula Cardelli

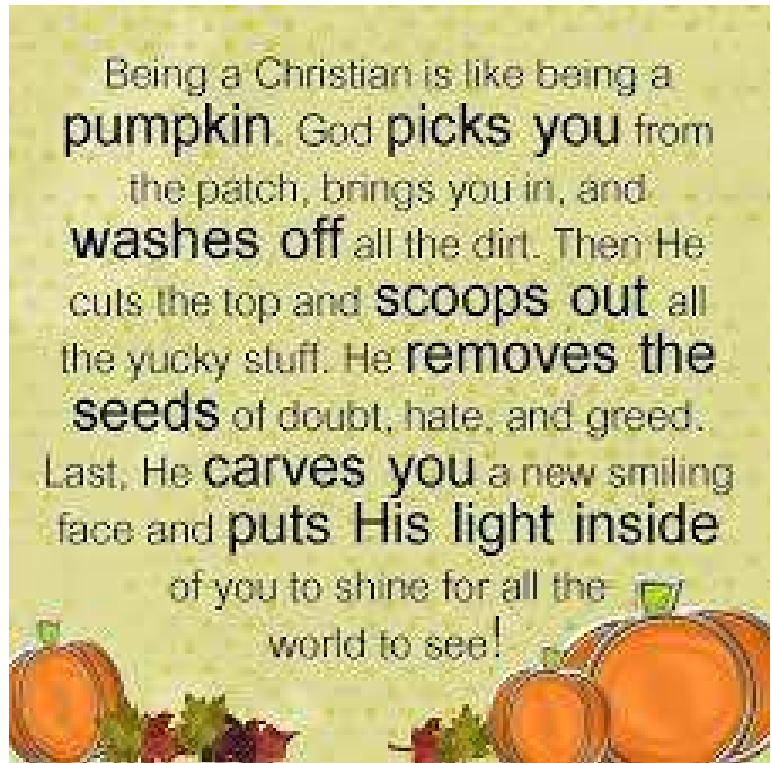
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Cana/Drayton Worship Times

**Worship Times
in Cana Chapel**

**Cana—10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Coffee Time**

**Drayton—10:30 a.m.
at 1st Pres Chapel**

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