FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Dan & Robin Wise in honor of their wedding anniversary (10/18).

OKTOBERFEST: Thrivent's annual Oktoberfest luncheon is today immediately following Bible Class and Sunday School. All are welcome. The free-will collection will help members of our youth group attend next summer's Higher Things youth conference.

NEWSLETTER: November newsletter articles are due Monday, October 24.

LUTHER FEST: We are kicking off the year that leads up to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with a Luther Fest this Saturday, October 29 (9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) for children age 3 to 8th grade. This half day VBS-style fest will teach children about Martin Luther, the Reformation, and their Lutheran heritage. It will feature learning, crafts, games, music, and snacks. Please pre-register today for planning purposes, though walk-ins are still welcome. Invite some friends too.

RE-DEDICATION: Join us immediately after the Divine Service next Sunday, October 30 as we thank the Lord of the Church for graciously distributing His good gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation here at Divine Shepherd and for the re-dedication of our porte cochère.

HONORING GEORGE: All are invited to a special event on Sunday, November 6 as we thank God and honor George Rousar for his 30+ years as our Organist and Music Director. The festivities will include special music, a presentation, and a cake and punch reception in Luther Hall. Come and join us as we make a joyful noise to the Lord and honor our brother in Christ.

LADIES AID FUNDRAISER: Ladies Aid is selling Fannie May candy bars for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Look for their table in Luther Hall today.

MANNA: Next Manna order turn-in dates are October 30, November 6, 13, & 20, and December 4, 11, & 18. Pre-purchased Home Run Inn, Darden Restaurants, Subway, Walmart, Starbucks, and Target cards are available to purchase after church.

YARD WORK: With autumn again here, our youth group is willing to assist you with any yard work (rake leaves, clean gutters, etc.) you may need done. Contact Lori or Nadine to set this up.

INSERT: You are encouraged to use the *Committing Scripture to Heart* handout, located on the shelves near the entrance door in Luther Hall. Rejoice in God's words and promises for you.

LUTHERAN TALK RADIO: This week's *Issues, Etc.* theme is Luther's "inner circle." Listen to expert guests tell the stories of Luther's father confessor Johannes Von Staupitz; Luther's fellow reformer Philip Melanchthon; Luther's pastor Johannes Bugenhagen; Luther's princes Frederick the Wise, John the Steadfast, and John Frederick; and Luther's wife Katharina von Bora. Listen on demand at <u>www.issuesetc.org</u> or via the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.