

LAKESIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER, 2024

**SERVICES ARE
ONSITE AND ONLINE**

Sunday Worship Service
9:00 a.m. Contemporary

Sunday Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Traditional

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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MESSENGER

*Joyfully inspiring more
and stronger disciples.*



Here's a little story from history.

Back in 1517, the second largest collection of religious relics belonged to Fredrick the Wise of Wittenberg (the largest was in the Vatican). The inventory listed 17,443 items, including a thumb from St. Anne, a twig from Moses' burning bush, hay of the holy manger, and milk from the Virgin Mary. Money was paid by the people in those days in order to adore these relics and thus escape years in purgatory. A diligent and pious person who rendered appropriate devotion to each of these relics could merit 1,902,202 years worth of penance.

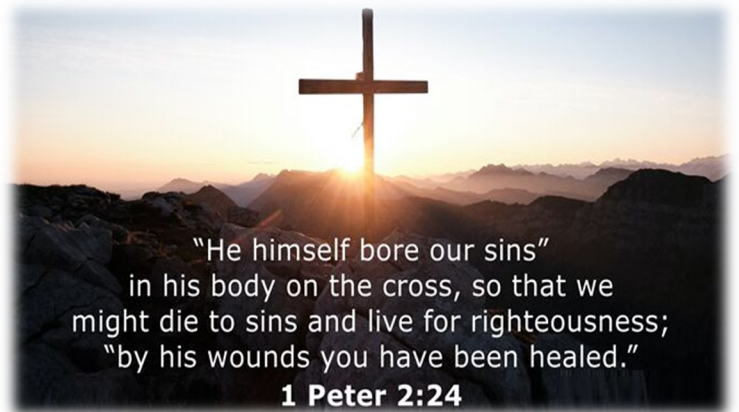
Once a year on All Saints' Day (Nov. 1) Fredrick would display these relics in the Castle Church. Thousands of pilgrims flooded to visit the relics and receive the spiritual graces the relics offered.



Now imagine the night before this grand opening of the relic display, October 31, Martin Luther, a 34-year-old monk and professor, pressing through this crowd of pilgrims to post his *Ninety-Five Theses* on the doors of the same Castle Church filled with relics.

Many people thought they could attain salvation only through a life of good works. But Luther, in his Theses, says the opposite. "If you can purchase forgiveness, then why did Jesus need to suffer and die?" The Theses by Luther changed the theological conversation of the church, and brought forward the importance of repentance, that is, the certainty that (1) we are sinners (2) forgiven and rescued by Jesus.

This is what we remember and celebrate on Reformation Day: the clarity of Christ dying for sinners!



"He himself bore our sins"
in his body on the cross, so that we
might die to sins and live for righteousness;
"by his wounds you have been healed."

1 Peter 2:24

Above Excerpts were taken from
Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller
<https://whatnot.substack.com/p/a-little-reformation-encouragement>

Follow up from Page 1: **What Happened to all the Relics**



A question comes up every time someone visits the famous Castle Church in Wittenberg, (where Luther posted the 95 Theses). What happened to all the relics? The church, in its present form, dates to 1885 when it was rebuilt after a fire. The interior was completely gutted. Previous to that, the church had been rebuilt after the terrible destruction of the Saxon war with the Prussians in 1760. In fact, one third of the city of Wittenberg had been destroyed at that time. Thus the interior of the church is far removed from the days of Luther.

Built around 1499 by Fredrich the Wise, it served as the university chapel and church. It functioned much like our seminary chapels do today. Before the Reformation the church boasted some 17 altars, and a foundation funded priests saying the private mass for deceased souls - probably round the clock.

In 1507 there were 82 shrines for relics. Two years later there were 104, with some 5005 bits of this or that sacred relic or saint. By 1520 there were 117 shrines and 19,013 relics.

By visiting and venerating a person could lesson his or her time in purgatory by over a million years. The iconoclast controversy which destroyed so much statuary etc., in Wittenberg in 1521, did not touch the Castle church collection (the church is part of a fortress, after all). After Fredrich the Wise died in 1525 the collection began to be removed. As late as 1546/1547 the reliquaries were sent to the electoral mint and melted down for the gold and silver to fund the Schmalcald war.



In this connection so many manifest lies and so much nonsense has been invented about the bones of dogs and horses that even the devil has laughed at such knavery. Even if there were some good in them, relics should long since have been condemned. They are neither commanded nor commended. They are utterly unnecessary and useless. Worst of all, however, is the claim that relics effect indulgences and the forgiveness of sin and that, like the Mass, etc., their use is a good work and a service to God.



Posted 18th November 2008 by Rev. Matt Harrison
Luther, Schmalcald Articles,
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From the Pastor

“Luke the beloved physician greets you,” writes St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians. Each year on October 18, the Church takes note of and gratefully remembers Luke the Evangelist. His Gospel account of the life of Jesus and the history of the Early Christian Church, which he shares through the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, are as beloved as is their writer. Luke brings what he calls an “orderly account” of the life, death, resurrection, and ministry of Jesus and its urgent importance. Luke then follows it up with his singular account that profiles the work of Peter, John, Paul, and other apostles. In his carefully crafted manuscripts, we find faith-supporting history and are given an eyewitness account of God at

work for us. We thank God that by the working of the Holy Spirit, the message of St. Luke has reached us today!

As we give thanks to God for St. Luke, apostle and evangelist, we are reminded of the special blessing that the Gospel bears in his name is for us. There are many Scripture accounts of the words and works of Jesus (which are singular to Luke’s Gospel, the longest of the four accounts) that tell of the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the first two chapters, we have the most complete account of the birth of Jesus, as well as the accounts of the birth of John the Baptist, the Annunciation to Mary by the angel Gabriel, and the one precious insight we have into the youth of Jesus - the story of the boy Jesus in the temple at Jerusalem.

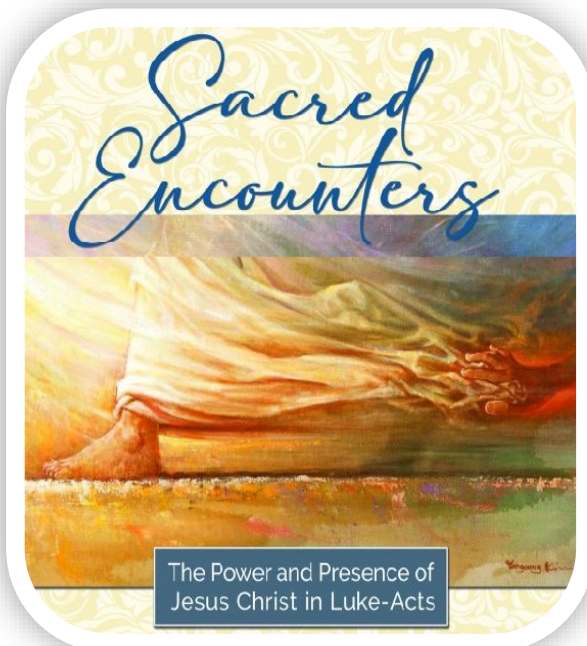
Luke fills his orderly account with parables of Jesus. Eighteen of these earthly stories with heavenly meanings are found in Luke’s Gospel alone, including the parable of the lost sheep, the account of the Good Samaritan, and the parable of the prodigal son, which has been called “the Gospel within the Gospel.” Luke underscores the importance of persistence in prayer and accentuates the importance of humility and service to others as part of the call to following Jesus.

Luke’s Gospel is filled with special people, including women and children. And there are songs in his Gospel alone that have been sung in the Church in every century since Luke included them in his inspired writing. Because of Luke, we can echo the Magnificat, the Song of Mary, and sing the Nunc Dimittis, the song of blessing first spoken by the aged Simeon in the temple when he saw the baby Jesus and understood that Jesus was indeed the Savior of the world. And Luke records the Benedictus, the words of prophecy first spoken by Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, words of blessing and gratefulness to God, which we now sing together.

The Bible book we know as the Acts of the Apostles (which we shall follow next year, also authored by St. Luke) serves as a companion book to his Gospel. These two volumes account for about 25 percent of the New Testament, which is more text than from any other writer. The Book of Acts continues Luke’s orderly account of God’s work, which begins with the announcement of the birth of Jesus, the Savior, and concludes with the announcement of that completed work of salvation by Paul in Rome about six decades later.

Through the written word from Luke, we hear our Lord calling us to be joyfully aware that the kingdom of God is at hand as we hear the good news proclaimed among us. Luke reports that “the Word of God increased and multiplied” (Acts 12:24). As a firsthand witness of that initial growth and writer whose words instruct and inspire us, Luke has brought a special blessing to the Church and to each of us.

Rev. David Dahlke





Anniversaries and Birthdays

Anniversaries

- Sam and Leslie Bowers October 14
- Dennis and Gale Bakalik October 24
- Joseph and Sue St. Pierre October 24
- Lloyd and Connie Foster October 27
- Robert and Lorraine Brock October 29

Birthdays

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| Stanley Gabriel Oct 1 | Karen Phillips Oct 13 | Richard Galloway Oct 23 |
| Andy Jacobs Oct 1 | Janet Gardner Oct 14 | Michael Williams Oct 23 |
| Keith Kremkow Oct 4 | Janet Jawor Oct 14 | Robert Adams Oct 24 |
| Jorge Groves Oct 5 | Bob Koelper Oct 14 | RuthAnn Eesley Oct 27 |
| Carole Schroeder Oct 5 | Amelia Freeman Oct 15 | Jane Harring Oct 27 |
| Cheryl Brown Oct 6 | Albert Harring Oct 15 | Dan Ladigoski Oct 27 |
| Ronald Dehardt Oct 6 | George Shepard Oct 15 | Terry Warner Oct 27 |
| Ida Kiss Oct 7 | Gage Tippman Oct 18 | Jean Thieroff Oct 28 |
| Rudolph Dornemann Oct 9 | Herm Bokelman Oct 19 | Linda MacDonald Oct 31 |
| Patty Thompson Oct 10 | Robert Heckler Oct 20 | Martha Schipul Oct 31 |
| John Bolger Oct 12 | Barbara Shepler Oct 20 | Kim Payne October |
| Jean Finkenstadt Oct 13 | Pam Torkelson Oct 20 | |

WARNING!

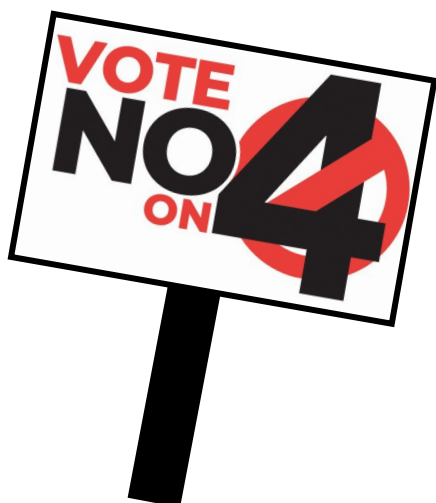
Beware of the extreme, deceptive, and dangerous abortion until birth Amendment 4 on the November ballot!



AMENDMENT 4 IS DELIBERATELY DECEPTIVE! It is not what it seems! It will allow abortion until birth as a right in Florida's constitution for virtually any reason. The misleading language hides this reality. This would eliminate laws regulating clinic safety and cleanliness, ultrasound requirements, informed consent, and the 24-hour waiting period. There are DELIBERATE UNDEFINED terms such as viability, health, and healthcare provider. This will create massive legal confusion leaving FL Representatives powerless. It allows abortions until birth for any "health" reason at the discretion of an undefined "healthcare provider." The word "health" is not defined, which could justify late-term abortions to include headaches, nausea, cramping, discomfort and emotional like stress or anxiety. The term "healthcare provider" includes a host of non-medical people such as acupuncturists, nurses, pharmacists and physical therapists. This means non medical doctor employees of abortion clinics could prescribe and perform late-term abortions. Finally, the amendment fails to mention parental consent laws would be gutted, allowing minor girls to obtain even late-term abortions, without their parents' consent!

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." Jeremiah 1:5

Please let us know if you would like a **VOTE NO** yard sign.



- ❓ Buying a gift card to pay someone?
- ❗ **STOP. It's a scam!**
- ❗ Gift cards are for gifts.

HANG UP ON Gift Card Scams

ReportFraud.ftc.gov

Do NOT use a gift card to pay: the IRS or Social Security, tech support, a family member in trouble, ransom or to avoid arrest or deportation, a member of the military, or to keep your utilities on.

Report gift card scams at: **ReportFraud.ftc.gov**

TREEHOUSE PRESCHOOL



The little ones enjoy Children's Chapel every Wednesday morning. Recently they heard the stories about Abraham and Sarah having a baby, Jesus feeding 5000 with five loaves and two fish, and Joshua leading Israel with the laws and his sword. The stories are followed with a short video of the same story. Please join us any Wednesday morning at 9:45. You will enjoy watching the children sing, dance a little and pray together.



Thanks to our helpers:

Terry, Nancy, Colleen, Jameson, Dan, Sharon and back soon, Diane E - always looking for a few more hands. For more information contact Sharon Ladigoski

LAKESIDE BAND-OF-BROTHERS

Any men, Lakeside members, visitors, and friends, are invited to join us in a lively round-table discussion of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians salted with the humor and comradery of good friends. We meet Saturday mornings at 8:30 in Meyer Hall, EXCEPT for the first Saturday of the month. On the first Saturday we enjoy breakfast together at Skillet's Restaurant at 8:00.

If you would like a ride, contact Dan Ladigoski, (631) 484-4954 or dladd1027@gmail.com). Dan will set you up with a brother near you.



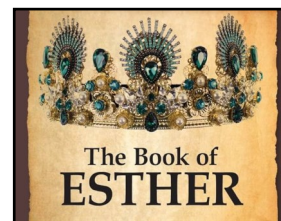
- OCTOBER CLASSES -

Monday Evening - Women's Study (On Site)

Led by Amy Dahlke

The Study of Esther

6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary) *(Cancelled 9/2/24)*

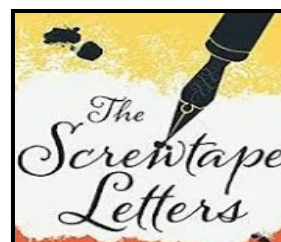


Tuesday - Living Water In - Home Study Group

Led by Mike Lange

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

(Off Campus)

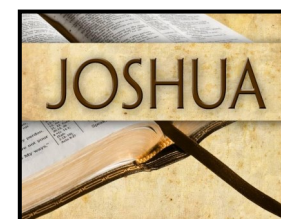


Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

Join Pastor Dahlke

The Study of Joshua

9:00 a.m. Wednesday's (Online - Zoom)

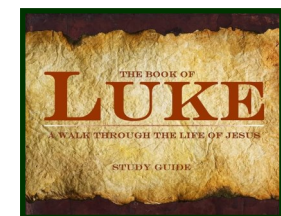


Wednesday Morning - Adult Bible Study (On Site)

Join Pastor Dahlke

The Study of Luke

10:30 a.m. Wednesday's (Meyer Hall)

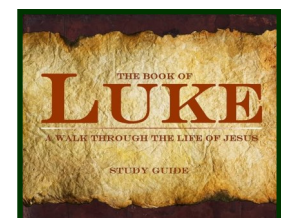


Wednesday Evening - Adult Bible Study (Online Zoom)

Join Pastor Dahlke

The Study of Luke

7:00 p.m. Wednesday's (Online - Zoom)



Saturday Morning - Men's Group Study (On Site)

Join the men

Study: I Corinthians, One in Christ

8:30 a.m. Saturday (Meyer Hall)

(Note: the 1st Saturday of the month is at 8:00 at Skillet's Restaurant)

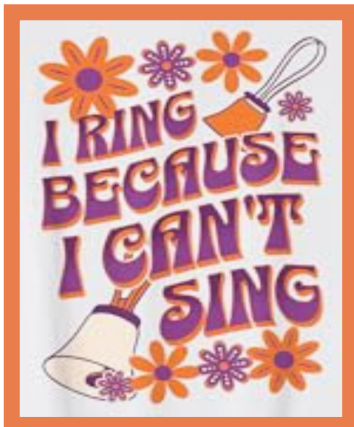


Contact Pastor (PastorDavid@LakesideLutheran.Net) or the church office (LLC@LakesideLutheran.Net) to sign-up for a class.

HANDBELL PRACTICE - BEGINS IN NOVEMBER

The Handbell Group is a fun small group to join to make joyful music.

Starting in November, the Lakeside Handbell Choir will begin practicing for Advent and Epiphany Services. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Kathryn Gerken at gerkentk@hotmail.com



There is no experience necessary (however it is prefer if you can read music). This is a short-term commitment. We will practice once per week for approximately one hour. The day of the practice will be determined by the group.



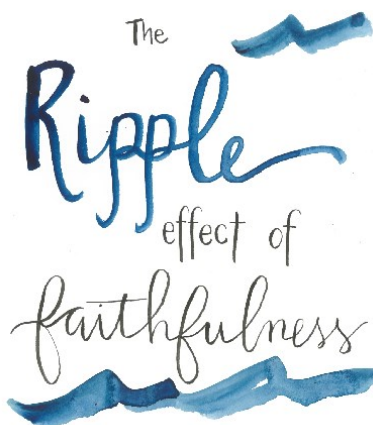
Come and try it out!

If you'd like to try the handbells prior to November, please let me know and we can discuss a beginner's session.

THE FACE OF DISCIPLESHIP

This is Judy. She is a resident at the South Port Square nursing facility in Port Charlotte. Each month, on the 4th Sunday, at 2:00 PM, a group of Lakeside members travel to South Port to hold a service for Judy and the other residents.

A month ago, Judy told us that she was in a Bible Study that had only two participants and asked if we could make an announcement stating that the Bible study was being held to



see if any more residents would be interested in attending. The report this month was the Bible Study is up to 9 members and going strong. Discipleship doesn't always look the same. Even with a walker or wheelchair we can share Jesus with our friends and neighbors.



If you are interested in helping with the service at South Port, please see Pete Gardner. It could be a step in your journey toward making more and better disciples



JOIN US for LWML Brunch

Ladies - You are cordially invited to our kick-off Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) brunch and meeting on October 3rd, at 11:30 a.m.

Come and be our guest, have a lovely tropical brunch and socialize. We will also be holding a Purple Silent auction! Please sign-up in the Narthex. Hope to see you there!

LWML Fall Rally: Jesus Loves You Ministry Collections as part of the Fall Rally, LWML. We are collecting items for the Jesus Loves You Ministry - a mobile outreach program to the homeless in Charlotte and South Sarasota Counties.



Collected Items Include:

Plastic grocery bags (like Publix or Walmart bags - to make sleeping mats)

One Gallon size Zip-Loc bags	Washcloths	Hand towels	Disposable razors
Toothbrushes	Small toothpastes	Combs	Small shampoos

Please place the items in the Narthex in the purple collection box. Thank you for your generosity - and for being Jesus' hands and feet!

LWML Mite Sunday

The 1st Sunday of each month is LWML Mite Sunday. Lakeside LWML supports the Florida-Georgia LWML with our mites. Your mites support Dominican Republic Disability Ministry for Good Shepherd Lutheran Home to care and provide advocacy for children with disabilities. Please bring your mite box on the 1st Sunday and put it on the purple table in the narthex - and take a new box! Also, EVERYONE is welcome to add their spare change to the Mighty Mites Bucket! Thank you for your generosity and support.



Prayer Chain

Please feel free to make a prayer request. You can fill out a request card at church, or call the office, or send an email. When making a prayer request, please include a brief description of what we are praying for.

Please include your name, address, and phone number if you would like to be contacted or desire a visit.



Helping Hands

We have a group of people who are ready and willing help with small tasks! If you need help please contact the church office and we will try to find someone who can assist you.

We are always looking for members who are willing to assist. Please let the office know if you can be a helper.

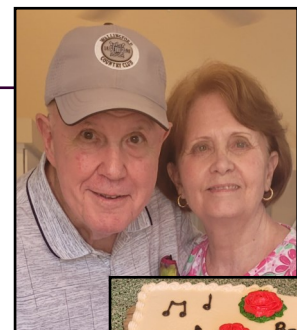
Altar Flowers

Flowers make excellent gifts for any occasion. For just \$35 you can purchase a bouquet of flowers for the Altar. Your flowers can be picked up after the 10:30 service. Call or email the church office to place your order for flowers. Flowers that are not picked up will be used to brighten someone else's day.



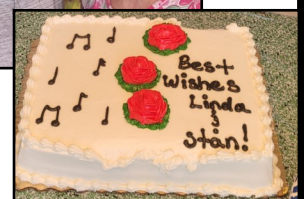
Hospitality Committee

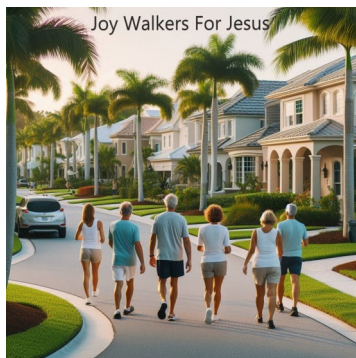
COFFEE - COOKIES - CONVERSATION What a great way to start the morning - grab a cup and say hi to old and new friends in the Narthex. We'll look for you on October 6th and LWML will host on October 20th. Your generosity to our mission basket is greatly appreciated! Thank you.



Happy Trails to You!

The choir hosted a farewell gathering for Stan and Linda Gabriel. After 25 years at Lakeside they will be moving on. Linda has been in the choir as well as the "secretary" for the choir. She kept the members in touch and in the loop, and Stan was right by her side. They were sent off with many blessings on their last day here at Lakeside, September 22. They will be sorely missed!





JOY WALKERS FOR JESUS

We hope you've picked up your Joy Walkers for Jesus packet and have begun to pray for your neighbors! Jesus calls us to love our neighbors. We often get so caught up in the busyness of our days that it can be easy to forget to pray for our neighbors and the neighborhood in which we live. It can be a rewarding experience to pray for others we may not even know.

Feel free to share how God has impacted your prayer experience with the church office.

If you haven't picked up your packet yet, it is available in the narthex. Remember to look for your name on the packet to find the one that was customized just for you!

BULL BY THE HORN

Not long ago we saw the article heading (*above*) as a shout-out to the people that took initiative and went above and beyond for our church (small "c"). Most often these people didn't want to be spot-lighted because they are often selfless and know it is not about them.

This article now reaches out to those who would like to be more involved in their faith. They think about it, but come up with reasons why to not get involved. People are invited to the banquet table but often feel inadequate, or too busy, or..! Too often they suggest that "someone should do it this way or that way". To those people, a suggestion: get involved instead of just talking about it. Take a small step. Sometimes you can simply talk to friends or acquaintances (because Jesus asks us to)! We are all part of the one body - though we have different spiritual gifts and abilities.

Now, a better idea: Take the Bull by the Horn (even though it may feel uncomfortable) for the Church (big "C") and faith which is all Christians and potential Christians. In this way we may face Christ on the final day and hear: **"Well done my good and faithful servant – come into my kingdom!"**

- Anonyms -



A PLACE WILL BE SET FOR YOU!

FALL POTLUCK DINNER - Oct 10th

SUNFLOWERS, FELLOWSHIP and FOOD - Come join the table fellowship at our next potluck dinner, Thursday, October 10th. The doors open at 5:30 for a time to set your dish down and say hi. Dinner will start at 6:00. There is always plenty of food and fun (and a little trivia sprinkled on top!)

The sign up sheet is in the Narthex (mainly for a head count) please come, even if it's a last minute decision.

See Sharon Ladigoski for any questions.



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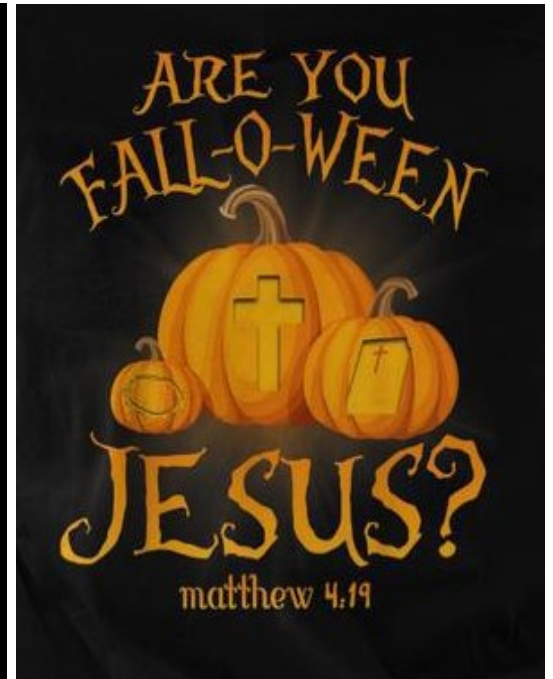
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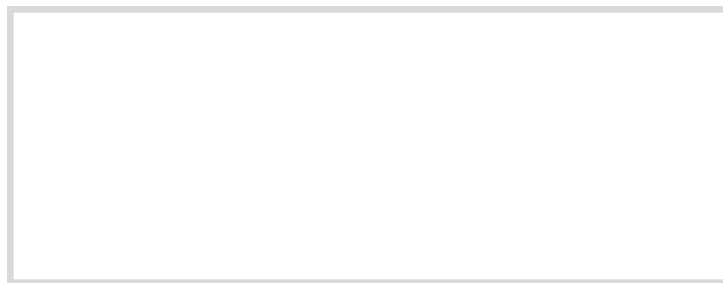
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