



October 18, 2026

October Mission of the Month Tanzania Ministries

Bega Kwa Bega is the phrase we use to describe our companion synod relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. In English, the phrase means 'shoulder to shoulder' and describes the way in which we accompany one another in a spirit of mutuality, inclusivity, and vulnerability. Through the work of this partnership and the leading of God's Holy Spirit, we envision deeper faith and fuller life, accompanying one another as participants in God's ongoing mission in both America and Tanzania.

Our partnership supports the Illula congregation, secondary school students, medical school scholarship, Dignity for Daughters, and Iringa Hope micro financing.

Weekly Education Opportunities Continue for the 2026 - 2027 Year!

Adult Education Hour

Adult Education is running Listening Sessions for the next few weeks. Join Pastor Brent in the conference room to imagine our future and share your thoughts on how we should shape FOC in the future.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study continues to meet on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 AM. You can come in person or via an on-line link. Contact Pastor Brent for more information.

FOC Kids & Youth

Sunday School is every Sunday at 10:35 unless noted.

Confirmation & Youth Group meets every Wednesday beginning at 6 PM

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study continues on the first Monday of the month at 10 AM. Next session is 11/2. Study will be on Hagar, Ruth, and Mary Magdalene. Contact Linda Bartz with any questions.

Together Night: Food, Fellowship, & Community

This Wednesday, October 21, 6:00 - 7:30 pm: A warm evening of food, friendship, and faith. Bring a dish to share and stay for relaxed community time as we reconnect, laugh, and support one another. Everyone is welcome - come be part of the joy of growing together. All members are invited. Bring a friend, neighbor or co-worker! If you are able, sign up to bring an item to the potluck! Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CAFAD2EA3F58-65991489-community#/>



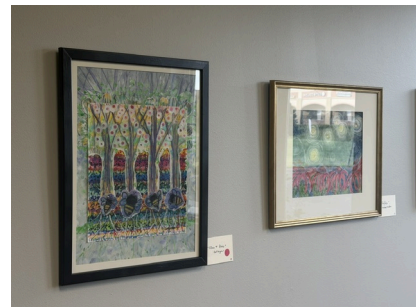


Listening Sessions continue

Join us Sundays after worship from 10:45-11:30 for some listening sessions as we vision for the future. We ask that you join us for one of these sessions and share feedback as to how we can better serve God and one another in our Christian journey. No prep necessary, but we'd like everyone's thoughts.

Art Show in the Fellowship Area

Local Artist Kitty Soderberg has put several pieces of her art in her Fellowship Area. Come and see her art now thru Oct 25th. All pieces have been donated to our Tanzania Student Scholarships and can be purchased for a suggested donation of \$100. Contact Kitty if you are interested in purchasing.



****Anyone who has purchased an art piece can take them home after worship on October 25th.****

FOC Kids



Reminder - there is no Sunday School this week.

Next Singing Time: Sunday, November 8th - "Down in my Heart"

Sunday School resumes next Sunday, after worship on 10/25.

FOC Youth

Youth Programming this week will be to join in for the Community/Together Night. Potluck, Worship, and a Kindness Rocks activity for everyone.

Next Youth Sunday: November 8th, are you signed up to volunteer?
Confirmation Sunday is October 25th.



Dates to Remember

Wednesday, October 21: Community/Together Night 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Sunday, October 25: Confirmation Sunday (also Reformation - wear RED)

& Trunk-or-Treat at St Johns - drop off winter gear 3-5 pm

Sunday, November 1: All Saint's Sunday



God Is Here #526

1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

Praise to the Lord #858

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King
of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health
and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw
near,
joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is
wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting,
sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has
been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your
work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily
attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in
me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with
praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #484

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat.

Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*

2 With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*

3 Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*

4 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*

5 You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. *Refrain*

I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me #860

1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted
me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted
me.