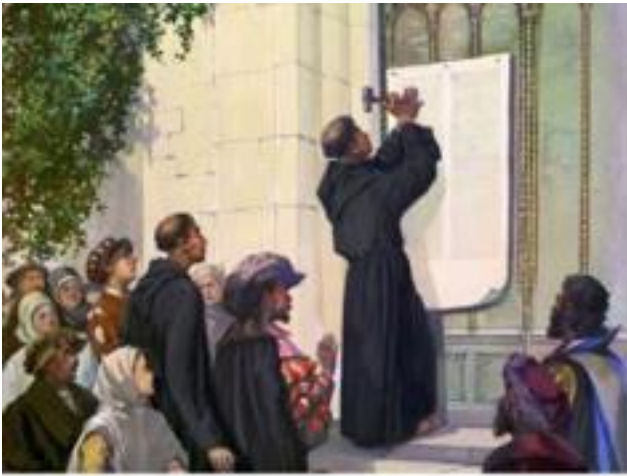




St. Matthew Lutheran Church Newsletter

OCTOBER 2022

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[Letter from the Pastor](#)

Greetings to you in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord

On October 4th every year the Church commemorates the life of St. Francis of Assisi. This son of an aristocrat turned devout follower of Christ is accredited with caring for the animals everywhere he went. In the spirit of St. Francis's life we will be hosting a pet blessing at the 10 am service on October 23. Following this service a potluck will be held. We invite you to bring a dish to pass and table settings. In the spirit of St. Francis's care for animals and God's creation the less waste we can produce the better.

This is just one small example of how this community of faith is showing up for our community. The Galena Gazette ran a story on the pet blessing and I am hopeful that many people take us up on the offer of a free meal. Other than the pet blessing later on this month we are celebrating the confirmation of Mazin Plumb. Mazin has worked hard over the past two years to learn of the Christian faith in the Lutheran tradition and I am excited to see how God will continue to work through him in the years to come.

Other than the two special services coming up September and the beginning of October have been full of wonderful ministry. I am visiting with many in the community and am always on the lookout to how best the church might serve the greater good of the city of Galena. To that effect I am happy to tell you about a new restricted fund the congregation has set up. After a generous donation from a member we are honored and privileged to announce that a fund specifically for community outreach is now set up. There will be more on this at a later date as council and I still have to work some details out, but this fund will be used to help get boots on the ground to those in need in this city wherever they may be and whatever they may need.

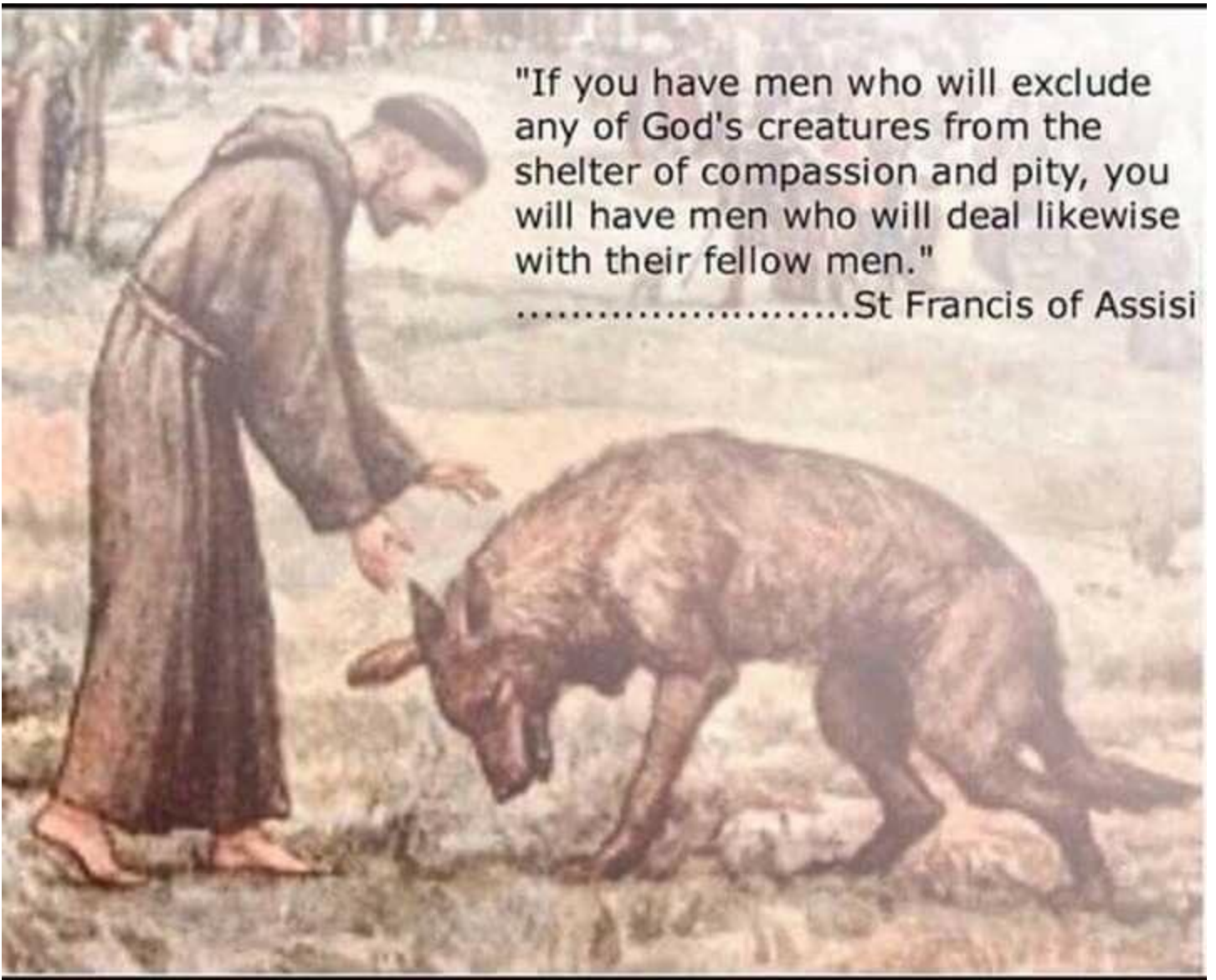
Though days are getting shorter and colder the light of God is illuminating all we do and preach here at St. Matthew Lutheran. As always I humbly ask for your prayers for the season of ministry to come.

Respectfully yours in Christ

Reverend Blake W. Shipman

"If you have men who will exclude
any of God's creatures from the
shelter of compassion and pity, you
will have men who will deal likewise
with their fellow men."

.....St Francis of Assisi



PET BLESSING SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
10 AM

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

BRING YOUR PET TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL BLESSING

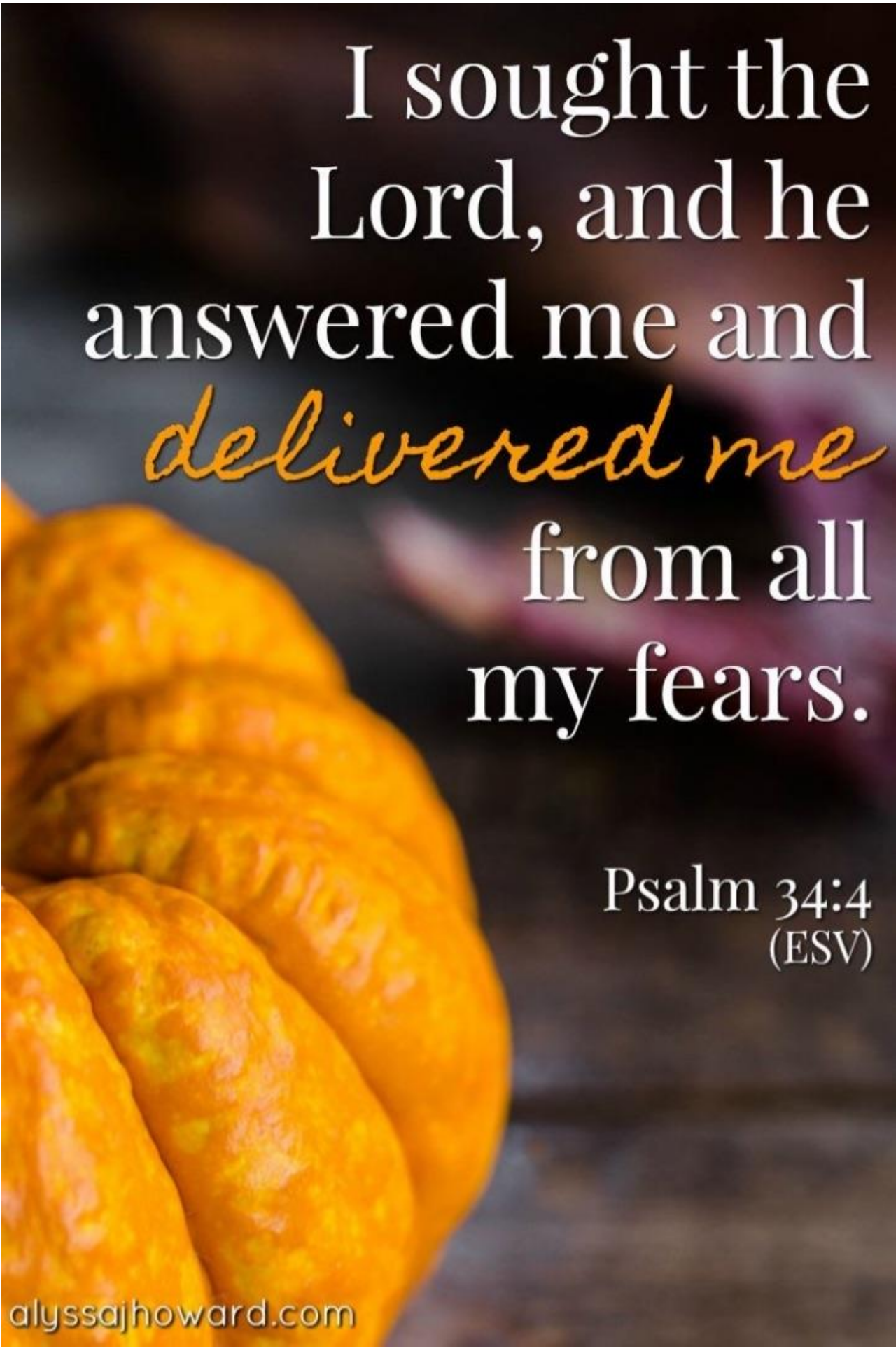
POTLUCK FOLLOWING SERVICE.

BRING A DISH TO PASS AND A PLACE SETTING,

AND OF COURSE YOUR FURRY COMPANIONS!!

LUTHERANISM 101
With Pastor Blake
Wednesdays at 2 pm
ALL WELCOME!





I sought the
Lord, and he
answered me and
delivered me
from all
my fears.

Psalm 34:4
(ESV)

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH

UNITED CHURCHES OF GALENA EMERGENCY FUND

If you would like to give to our mission of the month, please put your donation in an envelope marked MONTHLY MISSION and place in the basket in the welcome center.

“When God Blesses You Financially,
Don’t Raise Your Standard Of Living. Raise Your
Standard of GIVING”



Jan Etzel
Izabella Farrey
Edie Jones
Andrew Plumb



Pam and Roger Johnson
Rebecca and Wayne McIntyre
Kathleen and Jim Stuart

October Financial Information



Income

\$5,427.

Expense

\$13,281



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Service Times:

Saturday at 5:30 pm

Sunday at 10 am

Recorded Service Available On Our Website After 12:30 pm

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