

October/November 2022 - Council Report

October was a very special month here at Mount Cross. One day to point out specifically was October 23rd when we hosted our first ever Serving Sunday - Family Edition. This was when our youth and families volunteered to fill all the worship assistant positions. We had members of 9 different families participate in worship that day and even had some of our younger kids read! After worship, 35 people joined us at the pumpkin patch for our Play Date Sunday. The following week we hosted our second annual Trunk or Treat with over 200 people making their way through. We are so thankful for our partnership with the Mount Cross Child Development Center to put this event on where collectively we had 20 cars handing out candy from both the preschool and church. On Sunday October 30th, Martin Luther made a guest appearance for Reformation Sunday! Later that day our high school youth had a halloween party at the Saner's house

November has been a very busy month as well. Starting with our high school youth group fundraiser at Pizza Man Dan's raising over \$100 towards our summer youth trip. This year, we will be attending the Western States Youth Gathering at California Lutheran University with over 500+ youth from ELCA Regions 1-4. The theme is Revive, Reunite, Rejoice, grounded in Acts 2:1. On November 6th, we baptized 4 new members to the church while also remembering all the saints who have gone before us. During children's church, we even practiced baptizing toy babies so the kids could understand what they were about to see.

As we finish up the month of November, we begin our practice for the Advent/Christmas Program on December 11th. We have many kids of all ages ready to participate this year and I know they will do an amazing job. We thank you all for your continuous support for our youth here at Mount Cross.



