



# THE PARISH NEWS



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**Our Mission. . . "Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service."**

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## What's Next?

*"What's next?"* Those words ring out loud and strong this time of year. Summer baseball is done. *"What's next?"* Swimming lessons are over. *"What's next?"* The water is turned off in the cabin; the boat is put away. *"What's next?"* We are a people who are always looking to the next thing. When one event draws to a close, or one season runs its course, with eager anticipation we ask, *"What's next?"*

The same is true here with our church family. We've begun a season of *"What's next?"* As September unfolds, the church calendar is filled with so many things that help us grow and follow Jesus ever more faithfully. Sunday School begins. Confirmation Classes begin. Choirs begin, handbells, Bible Studies, youth ministry, women's ministry, and so much more! I'd encourage you to look through the pages of this newsletter and let the *"What's next?"* begin to unfold for you! In so many ways we are deeply blessed here at First Lutheran Church. We are a close-knit family with many opportunities to serve, connect and grow. I'm proud to be a part of this congregation with you.

At the same time, we are beginning a new season of Pastoral change at First Lutheran. As Pastor Mann has moved on, the question looms big for our church family, *"What's next?"* The good news for us is that all of our *"What's Next's"* are in the hands of a mighty Savior. The same Lord who walked on the water, gave sight to the blind, healed the sick, comforted the broken hearted, rose from the dead, is the same Lord who promises to carry us now. As a church family, a Call Committee has now been selected and the first steps are beginning to unfold as we begin the process to find our next pastor. Confident in our Lord's guidance, now is the time for us to courageously step forth and ask our Lord Jesus to show us the Pastor that He is preparing to serve our church family.

In the meantime, it continues to be my joy to serve the wonderful people here at First Lutheran. As a representative of the North American Lutheran Church, but even more so as a member of First Lutheran, it's an honor for me to have the privilege of helping the congregation walk through the call process. Not only that, but it's my joy to be with you for Sunday worship. It's my joy to visit the sick and be with those who are hospitalized. It's my joy to work with congregational leaders, to teach confirmation classes, to celebrate baptisms, family events and so much more.

Yes, we're in a season of change. And yes, we wonder about the *"What's Next"* here at First Lutheran. But for us, the *"What's next"* is never a fearful thing, rather its filled with optimism and hope, because all of our *"What's Next's"* are in the hands of our mighty Savior, and what better place could there be? It's like the Proverbs say, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths."* – Proverbs 3:6

God bless and be with you all,  
Pastor Krueger



# August 15, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

(Please note that minutes are not approved until voted on by the council at the next meeting.)



The Church Council met on August 15, 2023, at 6:45 PM. Present were Mac Beaudry, Aaron Solomonson, Julie Bentz, Kacy Hardt, Chris Albers, Joe Sheldon (via phone) and Janet Hanson. Absent were Sarah Kadrmaz, Jeff Schmidt, and Pastor Krueger. Also present was Jeannette Rost.

The meeting was called to order by President Mac Beaudry. Hanson/Hardt to approve the agenda. Carried.

Beaudry led devotions based on Isaiah 56:1, 6-8.

Melissa Rothe reported to the Council on the refurbishing of the Youth Room. They have repainted it and cleaned it out. They are looking at getting new furniture there. Rothe presented some options she had come up with. Discussion was held on where in the budget it would come out of. Since it isn't only the youth that uses that room, it was decided it should be a church expense and the youth shouldn't have to pay for it. Hanson/Bentz to allow Rothe to spend up to \$1,700.00 on chairs and tables for the Youth room and take the cost out of the facility management maintenance and repairs account. Carried.

Hardt/Albers to approve the minutes from June 8, 28, July 12 and to approve the minutes of the Congregational meeting held on Aug. 13. Carried.

Solomonson gave the treasurer's report. The following balances are on hand: CD's: \$150,000.00; Checking: \$118,775.19; Building: \$202,289.43; Cemetery: \$617.40; FLY: \$12,627.37; Interest: \$12,285.57; Music: \$1,314.54; Parking Lot: \$1,520.00; Super Sunday Supper: \$4,152.43; Worship: \$2,508.44; Ameriprise Financial: \$39,995.60; Morgan Stanley: \$11,992.40. Total Assets: \$558,078.37. Hardt/Bentz to approve the report for future audit and to pay all non-budgeted bills. Carried.

Pastor's report (Pastor Krueger): He has met with staff and various leaders of the Church. He has arranged with Rev. Dick Smith to provide shut-in and hospital visitations for the members in the Bismarck area. Pastor Krueger has/will schedule leaders to cover for him on the days he has other commitments. If there is an emergency, he has

arranged with Rev. Dennis Ristvedt to handle things until he can get here. He will be at confirmation as much as possible and has several leaders lined up to help out. He has met with the endowment fund committee and will work with the call committee. He attended the NALC Convocation in Oklahoma City with Mac and Judy Beaudry and Dean and Sonja Bergstedt.

Committee reports:

Stewardship-No report.

Worship-No report.

Education-No report.

Evangelism-Hardt reported that they are getting new bags for the young children to use during church, and they are planning a Halloween meal with the FLY group.

Property-Before the meeting all council members who could, went to the parsonage to see if any work needs to be done. Albers said that the carpets need a deep clean and the duct work should be cleaned while there isn't anyone in there. Jeannette will line up the parsonage carpet and duct work cleaning along with the Church carpet cleaning. Albers is looking at new flooring in the kitchen area in the parsonage along with the room with the fireplace.

Executive-No report.

Mutual Ministry-No report.

Old Business:

We have \$657.92 in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

There is nothing new with the Lavern Johnson Trust money and the decorating update.

We still need one more delegate for the LCMC Convention in October.

Discussion on what to do with the profit from the carnival is carried to next month.

New Business:

Pastor Krueger was wondering if we are planning on a Thanksgiving Eve service. It was decided that if he is available, we will have it, but if Pastor Krueger would need to find someone to cover the service, we won't have one.

Hardt/Sheldon to approve the following request: transfer in for Jacob and Rani Knecht from Peace Lutheran Church in Hazen, ND.

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The next meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 1:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 after praying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Janet Hanson  
Church Council Secretary

## **First Lutheran Church Special Congregational Meeting August 13, 2023**

A special congregational meeting was held on Sunday, August 13, 2023, at 10:30 am. The matter of the meeting was to elect members of the congregation to be on the Pastoral call committee.

Vice President Joe Sheldon called the meeting to order and explained the only business was to elect a call committee. A quorum was met with 73 people present.

The congregation was given a ballot with names of council members and congregational members who had agreed to be on the ballot. Each member was to pick two council members and 10 congregational members. The ballots were turned in. The ones chosen will meet and choose a Chair and will also vote on the voting and non-voting members of the committee. (There will be 6 voting and 6 non-voting members on this committee.) The ballots were counted after the meeting.

The following members were voted to the call committee: Julie Bentz, Joe Sheldon, Caden Albers, Randy Hall, Randy Hanson, Chad Hardt, Emily Retterath, Melissa Rothe, Wes Sauer, Cathy Sheldon, Alexis Solomonson, and Donna Sommer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Hanson  
Church Council Secretary



Meeting 6-20-2023.

Call committee members: Church council: Julie Bentz and Joe Sheldon. Congregational Members: Caden Albers, Randy Hall, Randy Hanson, Emily Retterath, Melissa Rothe, Wes Sauer, Alexis Solomonson and Donna Sommer. Absent was Chad Hardt and Cathy Sheldon. Also present was Mac Beaudry and Pastor Paul Krueger

This meeting was to determine a chairperson for the committee, find 6 voting members and schedule a first meeting.

Emily nominated Randy Hanson to be chairperson. All were in favor. Randy Hanson is chairperson.

Pastor Paul asked for anyone who would like to be a voting member and 6 people graciously raised their hands. They are Emily Retterath, Donna Sommer, Lexi Solomonson, Randy Hall, Caden Albers, and Randy Hanson.

Emily Retterath nominated Julie Bentz to be Secretary. No one objected.

Next meeting will be Sunday September 17th at 3 pm.

Pastor Paul closed in prayer.

Submitted  
Julie Bentz  
Call committee Secretary



Our sympathy goes out to:

- ⇒ Dale & Ann Kadrmas and family on the death of Ann's father, Merton Kirkeide
- ⇒ Brian & Janet Lazier and family on the death of Brian's mother, Arlene Shipman

May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.



## Bishop Selbo is reelected

The Rev. Dr. Dan Selbo was reelected as bishop of the North American Lutheran Church by delegates to the 2023 NALC Mission Convocation Aug. 9-11 in Oklahoma City.

More than 600 delegates and visitors gathered for the convocation around the theme, "Missio Dei: The Work and Mission of God." The convocation and the events preceding it comprise the NALC's biennial Lutheran Week.



Bishop Selbo received 77 percent of the votes for bishop. The Rev. Dr. David Wendel, assistant to the bishop for ministry and ecumenism, was the other nominee for bishop.

**Other Elections:** Julia Hartfelder of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Westerville, Ohio, and the Rev. Dr. Scott Ness, pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Fayetteville, Georgia, were elected to four-year terms on the Executive Council. The Rev. Leslie Haines, executive director of Lutheran Military Veterans and Family Ministries in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the Rev. Ryan Henkel, pastor of Emmons Lutheran Church in Emmons, Minnesota, were elected to the Court of Adjudication.

**"On Fire for Mission"** sessions made the convocation a Mission-Driven gathering. Two-hour blocks of time each day focused on domestic mission, international mission and mission related to congregational life. Dr. David Luy of the North American Lutheran Seminary opened the sessions with a reflection on Scripture, and NALC staff members provided presentations on each day's theme. Delegates then talked about the presentations and discussed ways to "take it home" to their congregations.

**Six new NALC Global Workers** were commissioned: Randy Stubbs in Tanzania; the Rev. Sam Chim in Cambodia; the Rev. Dr. Thomas Thorstad in Laos; the Rev. Dr. Slavomir Slávik in Slovakia; the Rev. Aleksandr Gröss in Ukraine; and Dagaga Gamechu in Kenya.

**The ministry of the Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba**, assistant to the bishop for international mission, was celebrated. He will now be serving the NALC part time from Ethiopia and will expand his teaching and leadership ministries around the world.

**Randy Stubbs, a new NALC global worker in Tanzania**, and his daughters delighted delegates with their music throughout the convocation. His ministry training church musicians and pastors in Tanzania was highlighted at the convocation banquet.

**The Rev. Dr. Yonas Yigezu Dibisa**, president of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, was the preacher for the closing service of Holy Communion.

**A large increase in the number of candidates for ministry** preparing to become NALC pastors was celebrated by the convocation.

**A \$3.8 million budget was approved for the NALC for 2024.** The budget anticipates spending some of the church's reserve funds. Congregations are encouraged to support the NALC with at least 5-8 percent of their regular offerings.

**Today, Tomorrow & Forever 2020 Vision appeal** has received \$2 million in pledges toward its \$5 million goal.

**The Braaten-Benne Lectures in Theology** preceded the convocation. The theme for this year's lectures was "God the Father Creates ... in His Image (Genesis 1:27)."

**Other Lutheran Week events** included a Faith Formation Festival, the Women of the NALC Gathering, the Lutheran Theologians for the Church Conference, the Global Confessional and Missional Forum, and a gathering of Latino church leaders from across the NALC. A variety of workshops were also offered for delegates.

**Documents and videos from the convocation** and other events of Lutheran Week are available online at [lutheranweek.com](http://lutheranweek.com).

## NALC (North American Lutheran Church) CONVOCATION REPORTS FROM FIRST LUTHERAN'S DELEGATES

We attended the NALC Convention in Oklahoma City August 9-10-11 with Mac and Judy Beaudry. We traveled on August 8 and arrived at the Omni Hotel in time to take in a wine and cheese tasting social that evening, which gave us the opportunity to meet and visit with members of other NALC congregations. No scheduled events until 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday August 9, so the four of us visited the Oklahoma Bombing Museum. Hard to believe it happened in 1995. We had attended a LCMC Convention about 5 years ago, so it was interesting to compare convention activities. The NALC is more business centered, concentrating on financials and elections. However, the theme "Missio Dei – The Work and Mission of God" completed a six year focus on the Holy Trinity. The 2023 Convocation focused on the calling and commission we have been given in the church to share in the work and mission of God. The NALC Convocation meets every two years, so the next one will be held in 2025.

There were 467 voting delegates comprised of 222 Lay members and 245 clergy. The NALC currently has 490 congregations with 46 churches transferring in the last two years. The NALC was formed in Columbus, Ohio in 2010. They have their own seminary which currently has 47 students. They also have 130 people interested in attending the seminary.

The Rev. Danial W. Selbo from California was re-elected as Bishop.

Pastor Paul Kruger also attended the convention so we were able to spend some time with him, and get to know him.

"Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord." Ephesians 2:20-21

Dean and Sonja Bergstedt



*Missio Dei* -- The Work and Mission of God.

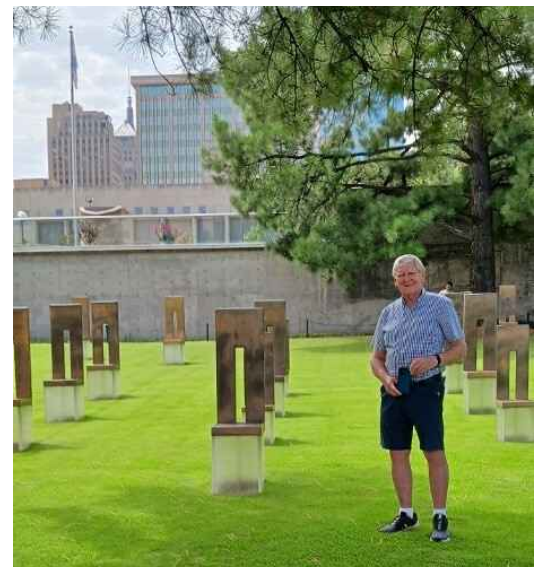
The Convocation held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma was an exciting Church event. Over 600 gathered at the Omni Hotel to learn and listen. It was a formally formatted conference beginning with The Service of the Word. They then began with rules of procedure as with any organization. This was a very Ministry Driven meeting. While it was strongly Clergy centered, it had some interesting elements.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Bible Study lectures. I was pleasantly surprised by the three non-Lutheran Bishops who addressed the group about their divisions inside their churches. Each was concerned about the drop in membership primarily due to conflicts concerning sex identities inside their church. It appears we made the right decision in leaving the ELCA Church when we did. We had a wonderful meal on Thursday night at the Conference and enjoyed seeing other parts of the City on other nights. Pastor Paul introduced us to many of his colleges and they were great to dine with. They were fun and interesting. We also got to spend some time with Pastor Chuck.

The Hotel was very nice with lovely accommodations, however the entire Consortium was quite expensive.

With that we do thank you for sending us to the NALC get together. We enjoyed the breakout sessions though they were rushed. Time ran into each session. We also enjoyed the Bergstedt's and Oklahoma City.

Mac and Judy Beaudry





## EVANGELISM REPORT

Kacy Hardt - Evangelism Deacon

September is here! As school starts back up, so does Sunday School and all of the families and friends joining back together for bible studies and worship! Our evangelism team is gearing up some new goodie bags for the kiddos in church and hopefully some new Welcome Bags for new members!

The Church Carnival we held on August 6th was a HUGE success! It was so much fun and we served food to around 200 people in the community, plus many more that just came for the games and live music outside! I want to send out a huge thank you to everyone that helped make it possi-

ble! We couldn't have done it without all of your help! After our August Church Council meeting, it was decided that this is going to be a yearly event! Yahoo! Hopefully we can make it bigger and better every year!

Our grand prize winners for the day were Ivadell Larson and Lexi Rosenquist! Both seemed to be very excited to have their prize!

***For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.***  
*Ephesians 2:10*





LOOK FOR MORE CARNIVAL PICTURES IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND ON FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCHES FACEBOOK PAGE







## YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS



**Youth group:** We will be meeting each Wednesday in September. We will start sometime between 7:45 and 8 pm and will finish around 9 pm. We will be starting after confirmation

finishes. **I would like to invite any incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders to join us during this time as well!** Besides these newsletter articles, all other important information is sent through REMIND. Please sign up with the code @rothefly. If you have any questions about REMIND, please let me know!

**Redecorating:** The space is almost complete! We got the painting done, tables and chairs are here. The youth are excited to use this redesigned space!

**Confirmation:** Confirmation starts on Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation meal will be served from 5:30-6:15 and confirmation will run from 6:15-7:45.

**Pizza Day:** The first Wednesday of each month the JH and HS students are welcome to come to the church for pizza day during lunch. Thank you

for all of the volunteers who help make pizza day possible!

### **Dates to Note:**

*All other dates will be posted on Remind.*

### **September 6**

#### Pizza Day

First day of confirmation  
Youth Group

### **Every Wednesday night**

5:30-6:15 Meal  
6:15-7:45 Confirmation  
7:45-9:00 Youth Group

### **Question to ask the youth and kids in your**

**life:** Who is someone you think needs some help this week? How can you help this person out?

**Pray for the Youth:** Dear Lord, help our young people to find faith in the midst of the chaos. Give them the desire and ability to see you, hear you, talk to you, and give thanks to you. We pray that they will draw nearer and nearer to you all their lives. Amen.

**Sunday,  
September 10  
10:30 am**

**RALLY  
SUNDAY  
BREAKFAST**

**Pancakes and  
Sausage**

**SERVED BY FLY**

**FREEWILL DONATION**

The graphic features a stack of pancakes with syrup, a pat of butter, and a strawberry on top. It is surrounded by blueberries and strawberries. Below the pancakes is a smiling sausage on a fork. The text is arranged in a clean, modern font, with the date and time in blue. The entire graphic is framed by a thin black border.



## Education Report

Sarah Kadrmaz



“Welcome ONE AND ALL”

What does it mean to welcome someone? The term can take on multiple meanings when we think about it. “Welcome” can be a casual hello, a verb used to bring people in, or an adjective that refers to appreciation for someone’s presence. In modern culture, we can often encounter debate over the idea of welcoming people or things. In fact, when we discuss welcome with relation to issues such as immigration, acceptance, or diversity, it can become something of a controversial topic. Who should really be considered “welcome”? In terms of Christianity, we are all welcome to be part of God’s family.

Jesus demonstrated love and care for all people, from young children to sinners and society outcasts. He invited us to be ambassadors of His love. We are called to embrace others with hospitality and genuine care. What does this look like when we seek to educate children? Most importantly, we remind them that God cares for kids and for all people. Because of that, we want to welcome others and let them know they are loved. This might be in church, in school, or even in our homes. We welcome others because Christ welcomes us.

Check out Matthew 10:40-42 with your children to dive deeper into scripture. What does it mean to receive Jesus? How can we welcome our neighbors and friends to our church family? How do you feel if you are feeling “welcome”? - taken partly from <https://ministry-to-children.com>

Welcome back to Sunday School on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be registering all new and returning students this year, so be on the lookout for a paper copy sent home with the kids! Return to church office or send back with your children. We will also use the Remind app again for announcements. Sunday school follows worship service each Sunday from 10:45-11:45.

Please sign up for at least one spot on the volunteer board located downstairs on the bulletin board.

With gratitude and many blessings to your family this season.



## Confirmation Volunteers: Are you willing to --help with confirmation?

### Reasons why you should:

- \* Youth that kept their faith in college could identify 5+ adults in their life who impacted their spiritual journey in a positive way.
- \* Our youth need significant role models and you could be one of them.... Especially male role models
- \* Grow in your faith as you help the students grow in theirs

### Ways to help:

- \* Small group leader: Lead discussions with a small group of students each week.
- \* Café crew: Claudette will be contacting previous café servers to serve a meal on Wednesday nights.
- \* Prayer partners: Lift the confirmation students in prayer.
- \* \_\_Fill in the blank\_\_: Do you have a way you could help that I haven’t thought of? Please let me know!

Confirmation will start on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The meal will be from 5:30-6:15 and confirmation will follow on Wednesday nights. Final details are being finalized at the printing of the newsletter.

Contact Melissa Rothe ([fly@westriv.com](mailto:fly@westriv.com)) if you are interested in helping in any way!



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

General Meeting / Picnic - July 26, 2023

Present: 20 FLCW members

The meeting was opened with each member present telling several facts about themselves in a get to know one another activity as several new members were present.

With new members present, this general meeting focused on answering questions including who makes up the Executive Board, providing information on what FLCW does and explanation of the FLCW booklet.

Secretary's Report: The secretarial minutes are printed in the church newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$6,296.46. Questions were asked and answered as to where FLCW gets their monies.

Reports:

- ~ Growth Committee: An explanation of the committee and events that are done was given.
- ~ Action Committee: An explanation of the two branches (quilts and three kits) of the committee were given. Demonstration of items repurposed for the baby or layette kits was done. Additional items discussed where: (1) stringing of school bags on July 31<sup>st</sup>; (2) September 28<sup>th</sup> will be FLCW night with the

quilters to put together all kits; (3) quilters are responsible for all LWR, senior and baby quilts and all kits; (4) discussion of additional school bag items needed.

- ~ Community: N/A. Meals on Wheels in September.
- ~ Camp of the Cross: Online auction for quilts was done with 30-35 items up for auction. An explanation of the camp and fees was provided. The camp has a new director.
- ~ Kitchen Committee: N/A.
- ~ Library Committee: N/A. Several questions were asked by the new members about library use.

Old Business: N/A.

New Business:

- ~ Outing: Sleepy Hollow on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.
- ~ Meals on Wheels will be done in September. If you would like to help, contact Kathy.
- ~ September 28<sup>th</sup> will be the FLCW in-service or night with the quilters assembling all kits.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted  
Marlys Knell  
FLCW Secretary



# FLCW NEWS

September, 2023

**Executive Board:**

Leilani Olafson  
Donna Gunderson

**Secretary:**

Marlys Knell

**Treasurer:**

LeAnn Richard

**Action (Quilts, LWR Kits):**

Marlys Knell  
LeAnn Richard  
Gwen DeMontigny

**Altar Guild:**

Theresa Petersen

**Audit:**

Mary Ann Beeks

**Camp of the Cross:**

Peggy Moran

**Community:**

Kathy Keller  
Meals on Wheels  
Lions Bake Sale  
Alli Sheldon  
Goodies From the Heart

**Good Cheer:**

Mary Ann Beeks

**Growth (Confirmation & Graduation Tea and 3rd Grade Bibles):**

Janet Hanson

**Kitchen:**

Arlene Schwarz  
Kathy Keller  
Linda Zeller

**Lefse, Cards, etc.:**

Donna Kroll  
Marlys Knell

**Library:**

Sharon Chrest  
Sande Wagner  
Norma Petersen  
Arlene Schwarz

**Prayer Chain Chairmen:**

First Lutheran Church  
Jeannette Rost

**Receptions/Bulletin Board**

**Decorating:**  
Donna Gunderson

**Service Secretary:**

Sharon Chrest  
Donna Gunderson

Summer fun has been going on with the FLCW women's group! The picnic was held at Fahlgren park, although it was a bit warm that day, the general meeting was held, and we enjoyed spending time together.

In August the ladies attended Matilda and what great talent and musical voices did we get to enjoy! If you haven't experienced Sleepy Hollow, it is a great time for you and your kids! They sure put in a lot of work getting ready for their performances!

The first annual FLC carnival was a great success from the dunk tank to music, tattoos and so much more. We had the sweet treat table and Judy Beaudry and Claudette did a superb job serving 190 people with hotdogs, brats and pulled pork. Great job Ladies. Kacy Hardt worked hard and had great volunteers to make this year an extraordinary success!! Looking forward to next year!

FLCW upcoming events:

**September:**

Meals on Wheels - Contact Kathy Keller if you can help deliver  
10 Bibles for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders – During the worship service - Growth Committee  
28 Quilting – 9:00 am  
28 Service project - A night with FLCW Quilters at 6:30 pm  
Work group 5 serves

**October:**

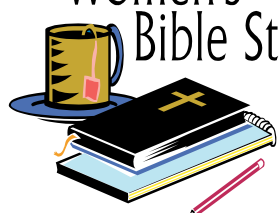
3 Executive Board Meeting - 10:00 am - 2024 Planning  
7 Women's Retreat - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Lunch at noon  
Donna Gunderson & Leilani Olafson, Chair  
26 Quilting - 9:00 am

Leilani Olafson and Donna Gunderson, Co-Chairs



**QUILTING GROUP**

September 28  
9:00 AM



**Women's Bible Study**

**Deborah Bible Study**  
September 21  
9:30 AM  
at the church  
Carla Bickert &  
Sylvia Thompson Host

Please let your hostess know whether or not you will be attending each month.

Study is Lesson 7



## 90th BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE

Family and friends are invited to a 90th birthday celebration for Orlin Larson on Sunday, September 3rd from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at First Lutheran Church.

Orlin and his band and possibly others may be performing at 2:00 pm.

## STRINGING SCHOOL BAGS FOR LWR July 31



THANK YOU everyone that came to help cut and burn the ends of the strings and string the 203 school bags for LWR.

Sylvia Thompson  
Claudette Ness



FLCW PICNIC AND GENERAL MEETING AT FALHGREN PARK - July 26





Bell choir resumes on  
 Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00 pm.  
 (Please note change in time .)



Please join us in ringing music for our ears.

Questions, talk to Gwen Hall.



Join the choir!  
 Everyone is welcome!

Choir resumes on  
 Wednesday, September 6th  
 at 7:45 pm.  
 (Please note change in time .)

Questions, talk to Randy Hall.



## Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join us for Bible Study on  
 Sunday mornings:

8:30 AM  
 Led by Cathy Sheldon  
 beginning  
 September 10th.

10:45 AM  
 Fireside Bible Reading led  
 by Alexis Solomonson  
 Beginning  
 September 17th.

## RAISING HOPE MINISTRY

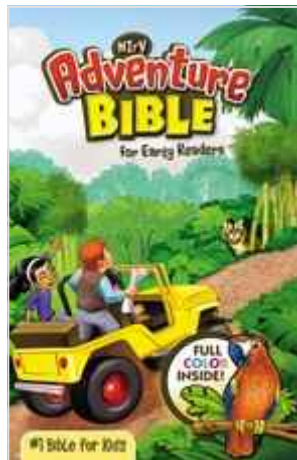
Kellie Sheldon

Raising Hope Ministry will be meeting on Saturday, September 23rd at 3:00 PM for bracelet making.



Questions, talk to Kellie Sheldon.

FOR Bibles  
 3rd Graders



The following third graders will receive their Bibles from the FLCW on Sunday, September 10, during the worship service.

If a name is missed or there is one on this list that should not be here, please notify the church office immediately.

Sarah Anderson, Payson Carlson,  
 Wyatt Hanson, Jaemeson Havig,  
 Porter Kadrmas, Paisley Lorentzen,  
 Adley Sheldon, Taylor Sheldon

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

### SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

3 - Randy & Janet Hanson  
10 - Wade, Stacy & Kesia Boeshans  
17 - Jordan Swanson & Tom Merkel  
24 - Ken & Maybell Job

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

3 - Jeff Schmidt  
10 - Haley Anderson  
17 - Peggy Moran  
24 - Sunday School

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

17 - Peggy Moran, Jordan Swanson  
Kathy Keller

### ALTAR CARE

Sonja Bergstedt & Peggy Moran

### VIRTUAL SERVICE TECHS

3 - Dwight Rasmussen  
10 - Nate Fiedler  
17 - Melissa Rothe  
24 - Kyle Albers

### COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

3 - Gary & Cindy Thiel  
10 - FLY - Rally Sunday Breakfast  
17 - Randy & Janet Hanson  
24 - Peggy Moran & Linda Wohlk

### SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Rick & LeAnn Richard  
Randy & Janet Hanson

### CONFIRMATION CAFÉ SERVERS

6 - Claudette Ness & Jolene Scholl  
13 - Gwen DeMontigny & Elaine Carr  
20 - Glenda Scholl & Sara Scholl  
27 - Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen

## WORSHIP REPORT

Jeff Schmidt - 701-202-1211

When a scheduled swap is made and it is one or more months out, contact Jeff or Jeannette to insure the newsletter and bulletin are accurate. **DO NOT** call about swap until the month prior to service date. I am always willing to fill in when in a difficult position, as are a host of others.

If you alone are positioned on a first or third Sunday, both duties are assigned to you.

R = Reader; C = Communion Assistant

### October

1 Alexis Solomonson (R & C)  
Aaron Solomonson & Jeff Schmidt (C)  
8 Jeff Schmidt (R)  
15 \_\_\_\_\_ (R & C)  
Mike & Sharon Nelson (C)  
22 Jeff Schmidt (R)  
29 Sunday School (R)

### November

5 Emily Retterath (R & C)  
Suzy Jacobson & Sue Winter (C)  
12 FLCW (R)  
19 Suzanne Swanson (R & C)  
Emily Retterath & Suzy Jacobson (C)  
22 Jeff Schmidt (R & C)  
Brent Petersen & Dwight Rasmussen (C)  
26 Sunday School (R)

### December

3 Peggy Wollmuth (R & C)  
Randy & Gwen Hall (C)  
10 Cantata?  
17 Jeff Schmidt (R & C)  
Brent Petersen & Drew Petersen (C)  
Sunda School Program?  
24 4:30 PM  
Brad Sheldon (R & C)  
Cathy Sheldon & Joe Sheldon (C)  
9:00 PM  
Jeff Schmidt (R & C)  
31 Sue Winter (R)



As of July 20, 2023:

Our envelope giving is \$164,067.52 with a yearly budget of \$215,000.00.  
\$27,091.77 ahead of budget.

The plate giving is \$6,271.35 with a yearly budget of \$8,500.00.  
\$856.05 ahead of budget.

Thank you for your giving.



# EVANGELISM



**Evangelism**  
OPPORTUNITIES

**The lists for ushers has been updated.** There were nine groups and now there are six, so each group will be responsible for two months out of the year with the months rotating each year. The reason for the change was to provide more choices for the coordinators when looking for ushers. There are also two coordinators for each group. My goal was to have all our local members in a group. If you have been missed, I sincerely apologize. Please let the office know, and you will be assigned to

a group. Also, if you have an updated phone number, please let the office know so our records can be updated. Thank you all for your willingness to say yes when called by the coordinators to assist with the church service. ***Also, please call the coordinator ahead of time and volunteer for a Sunday that works for you.***

GROUPS	Year 2023	Year 2024	Year 2025	Year 2026
1	Jan./July	Feb./Aug.	March/Sept.	April/Oct.
2	Feb./Aug.	March/Sept.	April/Oct.	May/Nov.
3	March/Sept.	April/Oct.	May/Nov.	June/Dec.
4	April/Oct.	May/Nov.	June/Dec.	Jan./July
5	May/Nov.	June/Dec.	Jan./July	Feb./Aug.
6	June/Dec.	Jan./July	Feb./Aug.	March/Sept.

## GROUP 4 - October

Coordinators:

Randy & Gwen Hall  
Melanie Beckman

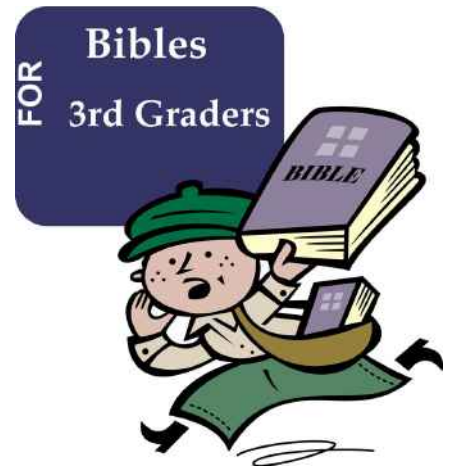
Chris & Nicole Albers  
Darwin & Pat Anderson  
Melanie Beckman  
Taiton & Kaitlynn Carlson  
Jane Gutknecht  
Cameron Hall  
Randy & Gwen Hall  
Doug & Mary Haugtvedt  
Dallas & Chance Havig  
Kristi Jaeger  
Dale & Ann Kadrmas  
Jim & Kathy Kaiser  
Josh & Sarah Kraft  
Alton & Brenda Krebsbach  
Ardee Kurl  
Mike & Sharon Nelson  
Claudette Ness  
Hunter Oberlander  
Jan Olson  
Darrell & Stacey Scheresky  
Jeff & Amanda Schmidt  
Joe & Aimee Schmit  
Tyge & Alli Sheldon  
Wes & Pat Sick  
Brenda Suckow  
Kollin & Char Syverson  
Kitty Tweeten  
Amanda Vetter  
Kirk & Shanna Vollmuth  
Paula Vollmuth

## GROUP 5 - November

Coordinators:

Eric & Sarah Rosenquist  
Larry & Kathy Keller

Mac & Judy Beaudry  
Dean & Sonja Bergstedt  
Staci Berube  
Ryan & Tammy Dockter  
Jason & Jaclyn Dahl  
Jennifer Dutoit  
Rebecca Duvall  
Brad Hanson & Tonya Gieser  
Dwight & Joy Hanson  
Chad & Kacy Hardt  
David & Sharon Hoff  
Brittany Hoffert  
Dennis & Gayle Johnson  
Larry & Kathy Keller  
Darrell & Sherry Kinnischtzke  
Carissa Klabunde  
Dennis & Donna Kroll  
Jeff Leidholm  
Cody & Robin Lorentzen  
Mike & Jamie Nelson  
Brent & Theresa Petersen  
Drew & Katelyn Petersen  
Terry & Norma Petersen  
Eric & Sarah Rosenquist  
Dean & Sandy Schell  
Jolene Scholl  
Sylvia Thompson  
Grant Tweeten  
Rick & Laura Tweeten  
Lee & Annette Weisgarber  
Bob & Sandy Weisgarber



**Come kick off a new year of  
Sunday School**

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

**Church begins at 9:30 am with:  
3rd Graders Receiving a  
Bible from FLCW,  
Sunday School Teachers  
& Subs Installation**

**Sunday School begins at 10:45 am**



# **SUPER SUNDAY SUPPER**

**Sunday, September 24  
4:00 pm-6:00 pm**

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**First Lutheran Church  
Washburn**

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**Questions or Meal Delivery call:**

**Judy 220-4410 or Rhonda 315-0656**

**All are welcome to attend.**

**Free-will Offering**

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROJECTS ITEMS NEEDED

When you purchase the following items, please bring them to the quilting closet by September 15th. Thank you for helping out with this much needed project.

### SCHOOL KITS:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener – large w/catcher
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five **unsharpened** #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One **2 1/2" eraser**
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

### BABY CARE KITS:

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies)
- Two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, *or include a baby cap*
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 or 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars.
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins

### PERSONAL CARE KITS:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27"), dark color recommended – need lots
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging – Big tooth or detangling combs
- One metal nail clippers, remove packaging

## CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

September 6-10      Crafting Retreat  
September 22-24    Fall Women's Retreat

October 18-22      Crafting Retreat  
October 27-29      Youth Mega Bash  
                                 Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

November 8-12      Crafting Retreat  
November 24-26    Dickens Guest House

December 1-3        Dickens Guest House  
December 8-10      Dickens Guest House

- **CRAFTING RETREATS** – Join scrapbookers, stampers, quilters, card makers, etc. for this fun event! Share projects, ideas, devotions, and lots of FUN! The food is homemade and delicious, and great memories are created each day!
- **FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT** – Chris Aman from Inspired Life Wellness Clinic, along with Nicole Fehr from Good Shepherd, will be leading the Bible journaling, and Holly Uhlman will be leading worship and bible study. Check the website for more details.
- **YOUTH MEGA BASH** – Come join in the great opportunity for youth to come together in fellowship, grow together in lives of faith, and have a good ol' time in between. Join in a day of activities, games, bible study, worship and more! God continually shows vibrant colors through all of creation through His love poured out for all of us.

Thank you to EVERYONE for continuing to support OUR camp of the Cross, whether it be through a special appeal or on a regular basis!

Call 701-337-2246, Camp of the Cross office, for questions. To register or for more information go to the updated [www.campofthecross.com](http://www.campofthecross.com).

Thank You  
Peggy Moran



# THANK YOU

- ☺ Thank you Sharon Nelson & LaVonne Stroup for helping tape the August newsletter for mailing.
- ☺ Thank you Wade & Stacy Boeshans, Kyle Albers, Dwight Rasmussen and DJ Winter for taking on the responsibility of making sure we had YouTube Live this past month.
- ☺ Thank you all for the cards, kind words and memorials given in memory of my brother Don Grubb.

Wesley Sauer

☺ To the faithful people of First Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your loving and caring support for our global neighbor. Your compassionate kindness is a reflection of God's love for all people.

In Christ,  
 Jamie Lennon  
 Lutheran World Relief

## First Lutheran September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in September. We are sorry if we missed anyone this month. If your name has been missed, kindly report it to the church office so we can get your birth date for our records. Likewise, if we have printed your birthday and you do not wish to have it published in the newsletter, please let Jeannette know in the church office. We will remove it for next year. Thank you!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b> Lesli Fiedler Jerry Richards	<b>2</b> Ruth Borlaug Arlene Hoff Annie Johansen Dominique Pickell Deb Wisdom
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Keith Jacobson Orlin Larson	<b>5</b> Aryonna Bauer Carla Bickert	<b>6</b> Candace Ankenbauer Byron Hansen Eric Schmitz	<b>7</b> Quincey Duvall Brandi Holznagel Casen Maier Faith Wasson	<b>8</b> David Borlaug Andrew Fee Remi Solomonson Jack Zimmerman	<b>9</b> Eleanor Philbrick
<b>10</b> Becky Duvall Aubrey Gardner Kasi Hammling Oliva Retterath	<b>11</b> Kollins Albers Jon Chrest Christopher Malsam	<b>12</b> Christian Gardner	<b>13</b> Ward DeMontigny Dale Klosterman Tee'onna Rhoades Amanda Schmidt	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Adam Flegel Nolan Teigen Amanda Vetter	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Monte Carvell Kylee Fiedler Helen Samuelson Adelynn Schmidt	<b>18</b> Staci Berube Jed Hardt	<b>19</b> John Samuelson Grant Tweeten	<b>20</b> Tonya Gieser Carl Heger	<b>21</b> Alton Krebsbach	<b>22</b> Keaton Kadrmas	<b>23</b> Angel Golob Brad Hanson Doddie Kuntz Shauna Schauer
<b>24</b> Geniel Schell	<b>25</b> Don Brewster Brittany Kroll Dylan Schauer Ellie Schmidt	<b>26</b> Cadence Charging Jim Kaiser	<b>27</b> John Wasson	<b>28</b> Rachel Pfeiger Mandy Schell	<b>29</b> Madilyn Knox Keith Loutzenhiser Strausser Malsam Lynn Sommer	<b>30</b> Mark Loutzenhiser Heidi Marshall Dane Petersen Lowell Rothmann Dean Schell



## Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, July 30 to Sunday, August 20)



<u>Fund given to &amp; by whom</u> .....	<u>In Memory of</u>
<b>Building Fund</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Camp of the Cross</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Decorating (Church)</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>General Fund</b> .....	<b>\$145.00</b>
Sharon Chrest .....	Don Grubb
Sharon Chrest .....	Jack Wiese
Elaine Carr .....	Cody Thompson
Elaine Carr .....	Jack Wiese
Wes Sauer .....	Jack Wiese
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth.....	Merton Kirkeide
Alton & Brenda Krebsbach .....	Jack Wiese
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth.....	Arlene Shipman
<b>Global Missions</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>LWR</b> .....	<b>\$20.00</b>
Peggy Moran .....	Don Grubb

<u>Fund given to &amp; by whom</u> .....	<u>In Memory of</u>
<b>Music</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Parking Lot Fund</b> .....	<b>\$30.00</b>
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz (2 times) .....	Keith Kuntz
<b>Pizza Day</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Relief Missions</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Sunday School</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Super Sunday Supper</b> .....	<b>\$30.00</b>
Peggy Moran .....	Mira Petersen
<b>US/Local Missions</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>VBS</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>World Hunger</b> .....	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Worship</b> .....	<b>\$0.00</b>



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from Sunday, July 30 - Sunday, August 20. If we missed you or your loved ones, or your prayer requests, please accept our apologies.

**Please let the church office know before you enter the hospital for planned surgeries, during any hospitalization, or about your illnesses and any special needs that we may pray for you.**

- ◆ Sarah Kadrmas
- ◆ Families & children tackling God's tasks
- ◆ Family of Arlene Shipman on her death
- ◆ Family of Merton Kirkeide on his death
- ◆ Kathy Landgren
- ◆ Mike Kunz - Father to Julie Bentz
- ◆ Jim Odegaard - Terry & Donna Gunderson's nieces husband
- ◆ Alton Krebsbach
- ◆ Melissa Chrest
- ◆ Bob Frank
- ◆ Howard Johnson
- ◆ Karen Goehring
- ◆ Mac Beaudry

- ◆ Weldon Wagner - Brother to Arden Wagner
- ◆ George Helm - Brother to Hank Helm
- ◆ Ryan Johnson

### **Military Prayer and Card List**

We pray for the Men & Women in our Military who protect our country, especially those assigned to serve overseas or away from home.

### **Members of First Lutheran on Active Duty in The Military and the National Guard:**

- ◆ SGT Bryce Rost – Army National Guard
- ◆ SPC Olivia Retterath - National Guard
- ◆ SPC Christian Gardner - Army National Guard
- ◆ SPC Cassidy Sommer - National Guard
- ◆ SPC Jonathan Melvard - Army National Guard - Deployed

### **Friends and Family on Active Duty in the Military and in the National Guard:**

- ◆ SGT Dustin Enockson – National Guard
- ◆ Emily Johnson - Air Force
- ◆ Bryar Anderson - Marines
- ◆ 1SG Jordan Ternes - Army National Guard
- ◆ TECH SGT Andre Austin
- ◆ Hunter Feigum - National Guard
- ◆ Morris Duffy - Medical Air Guard
- ◆ Brandon Searcy - Navy - Deployed

# SEPTEMBER

# 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<b>3</b> <b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 2:00 - 4:00 PM Orlin Larson 90th Birthday Open House 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	<b>6</b> Noon - Pizza Day 5:30 - 6:15 PM Confirmation Meal 6:15 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:45 PM Choir 7:45 PM FLY	7	8	9
<b>10</b> <b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Grandparents Day</b> 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 3rd Graders Receive Bibles Installation of S.S. Teachers & Helpers 10:30 AM Rally Sunday Breakfast 10:45 AM Rally Sunday 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM Chat & Sew Quilting 	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	<b>13</b> 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 5:30 - 6:15 PM Confirmation Meal 6:15 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:45 PM Choir 7:45 PM FLY	14	15	16
<b>17</b> <b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Fireside Bible Reading 1:00 PM Council Meeting 3:00 PM Call Committee Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	<b>18</b> Noon Newsletter Deadline	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	<b>20</b> 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 5:30 - 6:15 PM Confirmation Meal 6:15 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:45 PM Choir 7:45 PM FLY	<b>21</b> 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study	22	<b>23</b> 3:00 PM Raising Hope Ministry
<b>24</b> <b>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Fireside Bible Reading 4:00 - 6:00 PM Super Sunday Supper 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	25	<b>26</b> 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	<b>27</b> 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 5:30 - 6:15 PM Confirmation Meal 6:15 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:45 PM Choir 7:45 PM FLY	<b>28</b> 9:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM FLCW Night w/Quilters	29	30

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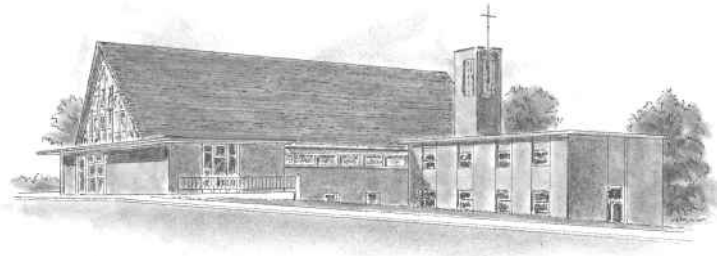
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*“Working hand in hand to  
know Christ and make  
Christ known through  
Worship, Christian  
Education, Evangelism,  
Caring Ministries, and  
Service.”*

Happy Fall to:

September 2023 Newsletter



## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**Bible Study - Beginning September 10th  
(Led by Cathy Sheldon) - 8:30 AM**

**Worship Service - 9:30 AM**

**Coffee/Fellowship Hour - 10:30 AM**

**Sunday School - Beginning September 10th - 10:45 AM**

**Fireside Bible Reading - Beginning September 17th  
(Led by Alexis Solomonson) - 10:45 AM**

**AA Meeting - 7:00 PM**

**Al-Anon Meeting - 7:00 PM**