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**Caring Sharing Serving Reaching**



# 2023

## ***SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

***September 3 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***September 10 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***September 17 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***September 24 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***



**Dear Lord,**

You are the Creator of this universe, and we thank you for offering us the precious gift of work and stewardship. Bless us so that we can do our work with utmost sincerity and love.

God, you are the epitome of justice, and we pray today that all workers get fair remuneration for their labor. Employ all who seek work – immigrants and citizens both.

Please offer sustenance to all those who are unable to work now, and make global leaders show reverence towards all laborers. Bless us so that we can lead pure lives and be of service to our neighbors who need our help. We pray for your glory and our good. Amen.

# LCMS Stewardship Ministry

## The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)

Newsletter Article – September 2023

### Stewardship in the First Commandment

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word “enchiridion” is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for “handbook.” The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment:

This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect our belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

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# ***From Pastor Matthew's Desk. . .***

## **SEPTEMBER (FALL SEASON)**

Years ago, I attended a commencement ceremony at which the speaker said words that I will always remember: “To leave this place is sad. To remain in this place would be tragic.” So true! Those pivotal moments in life like graduations (or weddings, or the birth of a child, etc.) make us realize how quickly time passes. As much as we may want to hold on to that moment and not let it go, life calls us to move forward into what is next. Obviously, if you’re reading a book and you want to see what happens next, you have to turn the page. More pages and chapters will follow what you’ve already read, but you do have to turn the page.

That becomes a metaphor for life: we have to turn the page and move forward. The fall season is about turning the page as school starts up and people return from summer travels. For some people, turning the page means adjusting to life after a loved one has passed. For others, it means facing a move from a beloved home of many years to a smaller, more manageable place that is part of the aging process. For others, it’s navigating what it means to be an empty nester now that the children have grown and moved away from home. At such times, we may ask ourselves: “What do I do now? This is all unfamiliar territory to me!”

In times of great disruption and transition in life, the temptation is to follow Peter’s example on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13). Peter saw Jesus in his transfigured glory there on the mountain top. He heard the Father’s voice declaring Jesus to be His own beloved Son. He saw Moses and Elijah there with Jesus. And because all of this was so amazing and wonderful, Peter said to Jesus: “Lord, it is good to be here. Let us make three booths: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” Peter wanted to hold on to that moment and not let it go. He wasn’t willing to turn the page to see what was next, and sometimes neither are we. Truth be told, there’s more than a little Peter in all of us!

If that page hadn’t been turned there at the Mount of Transfiguration, then Jesus would never have come down to face what was next: his steady movement toward Jerusalem and his own suffering, death, and resurrection. Scripture doesn’t record whether Jesus was tempted to take Peter’s advice and just hang out on the mountain top, avoiding all the pain and ugliness of what was to come. But Jesus did turn the page! He did go down the mountain and on to what was next in his earthly life and ministry—all to fulfill the Father’s will and purpose for him. He came down one mountain only to climb another: down the Mount of Transfiguration and up Mount Calvary, where he would give his life on the tree of the cross for us and for our salvation.

Knowing and trusting that Jesus did all this for us means that He will be there with us every step of the way ahead. As we turn the page from one chapter to another in life, Jesus promises that He will be with us always, even to the end of the world. Even when we are feeling anxious and uncertain about that new chapter in life, we don’t walk alone. The Lord Jesus himself, together with fellow believers, are our traveling companions along the road of life.

Fall is a great time to start a new chapter in our faith life. New Bible studies are starting up and there is no time like the present to come together and be blessed through Bible studies and other small groups. Consider this your personal invitation to turn that page and begin a new chapter in life!

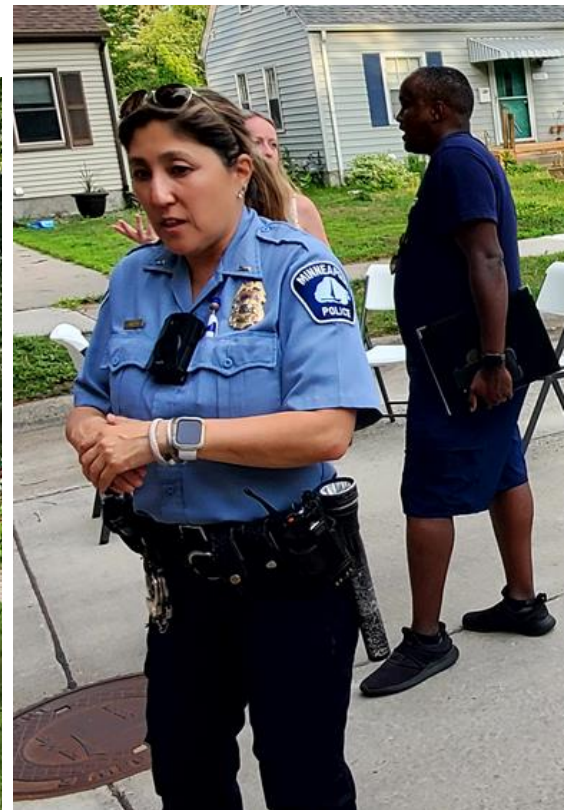
*Pastor Matthew Cephus*

National Night Out on August 1, provided a great opportunity for Gloria Dei and Royal Family to get to know our surrounding neighbors and meet a few new friends!





Good food,  
good eating  
and good  
weather!



# THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 am

Hosted by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
(unless otherwise noted)

**September 3 "Entryway" (Psalm 26:8)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Psalms are God's words, given to us as an entryway into His presence.

**September 10 "Not Just a Formality" (Psalm 32)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

After trust has been broken, forgiveness is more than a mere formality.

**September 17**

**"Pure Michigan and the Problem of Praise" (Psalm 103)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

People praise that which they find laudable, valuable, beautiful. But when does praise become a problem?

**September 24 "High Ground" (Psalm 27)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When the waters rise and enemies attack, the high ground is the place of safety and security. But who will take us there?

**DIAL A DEVOTION 651-429-0078**

There is a new devotion and prayer each day

## Daily Devotions from The Lutheran Hour Ministries

With several ways to read and listen, you can get your daily does of Scripture when you need it. Visit [lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://lhm.org/dailydevotions) to subscribe for email delivery to your inbox, sign up for the podcasts, or download the app for your mobile device – all for **FREE!**



## AUGUST OFFICIAL ACTS

None

## Time of Grace

Each episode is a 30-minute study of God's Word with Pastor Mike Novotny. Pastor Mike Novotny has served God's people in full-time ministry since 2007. He also serves as the lead speaker for the Time of Grace television program and contributes to the written resources of Time of Grace Ministry. Time of Grace tv program airs globally via various outlets, but you can also search topics and watch the program at [timeofgrace.org/tv-program](http://timeofgrace.org/tv-program). View locally:

**Sundays KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 am**  
**[www.timeofgrace.org](http://www.timeofgrace.org)**

### Subscribe to Time of Grace

To help you stay rooted in Jesus by taking time out for God's Word every day. Subscribe to Time of Grace resources to be delivered to your email inbox daily. It's easy to subscribe to resources that'll keep you rooted in Jesus. Just select which types of resources you would like to receive, and they will be sent right to your inbox!  
<https://timeofgrace.org/subscribe/>

### **Main Street Living | Sunday 9 a.m.**

The first half hour is a reproduction of *This is the Life*, a Lutheran Hour Ministries program made popular in the 60s, 70s, and 80s. The second half hour is a modified Lutheran worship service, which is produced locally.

For more information: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab or to watch the program, go to [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com).

### **WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS**

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. produces a weekly, 30-minute Lutheran broadcast, **Worship for Shut-Ins**. Each service includes music, scripture readings, prayers, and a Lutheran pastor delivering a message that is designed to feel one-on-one to the viewer. Each program is closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

**Weekly programs** are broadcast on Total Christian Television (TCT) network -- **DIRECTV channel 377 at 10:30 am on Sundays OR** watch online in the "**Online Viewing**" portion of the website **[www.worshipforshutins.org!](http://www.worshipforshutins.org!)**

"Use what talents you possess, the woods will be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best."

Henry van Dyke

**CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS  
AS OF July 31, 2023**

July Total Income	\$9,018.01
July Total Expense	\$4,913.66
July Net Gain	\$4,104.35

**YEAR TO DATE**

1st Quarter Net Gain	\$3,127.55
2nd Quarter Net Gain	\$6,886.07
3rd Quarter Net Gain	\$4,104.35
YTD Net again	\$14,117.97

*A detailed report is available by calling the office.*

**Mid-Week Service  
& Bible Study to Resume!**

Gloria Dei will be restarting the weekly mid-week service and bible study. However, they are moving to **WEDNESDAY at 11 am** – beginning Wednesday, September 13. We are honored to have Pastor Matthew Cephus lead the services and bible studies and look forward to interesting topics and lively discussions. ☺

The service will include Holy Communion and will be followed by fellowship.

Mark your calendars and join us as we discover the good news of the Gospel!

**THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

Gloria Dei is excited to announce the addition of a Thursday evening bible study led by Katie Beth and Daniel Carlson **beginning September 14 at 5:30 pm.** This 12 week study will go through "Knowing the Bible" (the book of Romans). IF you have an interest in attending the Thursday evening sessions, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Lobby bulletin board OR speak with Daniel and/or Katie Beth directly – Daniel can also be reached on his cell at 906-361-9211. Materials will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Outreach Team Members Needed!**

Are you interested in joining the newly created *Outreach Team* here at church? Daniel and Katie Beth Carlson will head up the team and are looking for members to join them. If you have an interest, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the entryway bulletin board.

Once members are established, an initial meeting will be scheduled. More to come on the projects the team will tackle.

**Are you interested in reading the scriptures at Sunday services?  
No training needed!  
Call the church office at 612-781-1989 OR  
talk with Pastor Matthew.**

**CONGRATULATIONS PASTOR MARTIN!**



**August 13, 2023 Installation of Rev. Martin Cornes as Pastor of The Alley Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove.**

*Thank you to everyone who makes Gloria Dei Lutheran Church a great place to worship!*





## Ushers are Always Needed!

### Can You Help?

The sign-up sheet for Ushers is on the bulletin board in the front lobby of the Church. If you are available to usher during any of the Sunday services, please mark yourself down for the Sunday that works best with your schedule. It's an easy way to welcome and meet new members.

THANK YOU

If your schedule permits, please sign up for **Altar Care**. Altar Care is still open for most Sundays and you don't have to commit to the entire month, just the Sunday that works best for your schedule.

Also if you would like to help **Beautify Gloria Dei**, flowers can be purchased for \$28/bouquet + \$12 delivery fee (OR you can pick them up). You can also bring in your own – think your backyard garden or the neighborhood farmer's markets – both are great resources for bouquets.

Candles are \$6 per Sunday.

All sign-up sheets are always located on the entryway bulletin board.



## Fill Our Grocery Cart!

Our "grocery cart" is always located in the lobby awaiting your donations. Hygiene items are also welcomed! **NON-PERISHABLE FOODS ONLY.**

### **Did you know our local Salvation Army also provides the following programs & services?**

When hard times hit, people can make the Salvation Army their first call. No matter what the need – physical, emotional or spiritual — they are there to help. Call 612-789-2858 to learn more or request help.

From meeting the most basic needs to outlining the path to long-term solutions, they can help overcome the obstacles faced today and provide hope for tomorrow. Local programs and services include:

- Food shelf including Hmong and Laotian foods
- Rent and Utility assistance
- Transportation assistance for medical appointments and new jobs
- Referrals for furniture assistance
- Emergency financial assistance (as funding is available)
- Referrals for budget counseling
- Teen center
- Men, women, children and teen ministries
- Food support applications
- After-school program
- Job postings and resume assistance
- Hygiene supplies, formula, diapers
- Long distance transportation to funerals
- Summer day camp for youth (June – August)
- Seasonal services
- Community Center

## SAVE YOUR CANS!

With summer coming to an end, save those cans from the Labor Day BBQs and Picnics. Bring in your aluminum cans to support the mission of the Church Council's choosing.

Thank you for your help in collecting cans.



# What's Happening?

## **SummerFest Holy Cross Catholic Church Northeast – September 8-10**

LIVE MUSIC ALL THREE DAYS | **Free Admission**

Featured Games & Activities include:

Live Music • Big Wheel • Pizza Food Truck • Theme Baskets • Fish Fry • Cold Beer and Wine • Mystery Gifts • Pop Toss • Craft Booth • Pull Tabs • Roast Beef Sandwiches • Fun Zone • Raffle • Polish Food • Silent Auction

Holy Cross is located at 17th Ave & 4th Street, NE Minneapolis

## **SACA Community Picnic -- September 8 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Community members are invited to attend a Community Picnic at the new home of Southern Anoka Community Assistance (SACA Food Shelf), hosted in partnership with Northeast Bank. SACA Food Shelf has served the communities of Columbia Heights, Hilltop, Fridley, Spring Lake Park, and Northeast Minneapolis for almost 50 years, distributing an average of 58,000 lbs. of food per month. The picnic is Friday, Sept. 8, 11 am-1 pm, 3905 California Street NE. This event is open to the public, and there is no need to sign up. Attendees will enjoy a picnic lunch, live music, and tours of the new building (before remodeling begins). Learn more at [nebankmn.com/picnic](http://nebankmn.com/picnic).

## **Waite Park Fall Festival - September 9 @ 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

The Waite Park Fall Festival is Saturday, Sept. 9, from 3-7 pm at Waite Park, 1810 34th Ave. NE. The **free event** will feature local vendors and artisans, a fire truck, free food options from the grill (while supplies last), and kids' games. Live music: 3 pm: Dan Turpening (accordion); 4 pm: Skunk Hollow; 5:30 pm: 120 Minutes.

## **St. Maron Lebanese Festival - September 16 - 17**

St. Maron Catholic Church's annual Lebanese Festival will take place Saturday, Sept. 16, 12–7 pm, and Sunday, Sept. 17, 11 am–6 pm. 602 University Ave NE, Minneapolis. Authentic Lebanese cuisine, beer and wine, live music, Cedars Dabke dance group, silent auction, gift shop, and children's games and activities. [www.stmaron.com](http://www.stmaron.com), 612-379-2758.

## **Northeast Senior Services Housing Fair**

### **September 20 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

On Wednesday, September 20 from 11 am-2 pm attend the Northeast Senior Services Housing Fair at the Ukrainian American Center, 301 Main Street NE. Three highly regarded senior advocates are speakers for this event. Keynote speaker is Margaret "Pook" Grathwol, elder law attorney – focusing on Elder & CADI waivers and Trust or Will — which to choose. Nancy Haugen – president of Elder Voice Advocates and Elder IQ, a statewide organization that ranks housing providers from 1 to 5 stars. Finally, Deb Schmit – supervisor of Hennepin County Adult Protection — How to spot elder abuse and report it.

Many housing providers and senior service providers will have tables at the fair. **Free and open to the public.** Coffee and a light lunch will be provided for all attendees.

## **Audubon Farmers Market**

Every Thursday, rain or shine, from **4 – 7 PM** in the lot at 2800 Johnson Street.

**Season runs through September 28**

## Accessible Transportation

East Side Neighborhood Services provides transportation for people 60+ living in North, Northeast, and Southeast Minneapolis and St. Anthony Village.

Transportation is available for vaccine, medical, social need, and shopping trips. They are also available for small group outings.

Not sure if you qualify or if your destination is part of their service area? Please call and check. You may be pleasantly surprised.

- Cost: Suggested donation based on income
- Available: Monday through Friday, 8am - 4pm
- Call: Reservation line 612-787-4012

## Vital Fitness In-Person

### Weekly Thursdays | 10:30-11:30 AM

All abilities are encouraged to come. Movements can be done seated or standing.

A wide variety of balance, strength, and flexibility movements will be incorporated into this fun and social group class. Masks and physical distancing will be strongly encouraged. No cost. Pre-registration is helpful for planning purposes but not required.

**Questions?** Contact 612-787-4086 or [VitalLiving@esns.org](mailto:VitalLiving@esns.org).

## Vital Fitness Home Edition

### Recordings Via YouTube

Improve balance, strength, and coordination with this online all-abilities exercise class. To see previous class recordings, please visit the East Side Neighborhood Services [YouTube](#) page.

## Fighting Fraud

As we summer comes to a close, we may notice our phones ringing more often than we like or we keep getting the same spam computer message. While most people have had this happen at some point, it is true that scammers specifically target older adults. Any scam that targets and exploits older adults for monetary gain through financial fraud, identity theft, or any number of tactics is elder fraud-whether it's a stranger or someone close to you.

Among older adults in the US, the yearly cost of financial fraud is estimated to be about \$3 billion, although the number is based on reported events, and not all occurrences are formally documented according to 2020 study from the AARP Public Policy Institute average loss per incident is \$120,000.

The good news is while scammers may be smart, with a few tips and tricks at the ready you can outsmart them!

- If it seems too good to be true, it probably is-trust your gut!
- Never allow someone to rush you into making a decision
- Ask a friend or family for their opinion-sometimes others see what we cannot
- Don't send money orders, prepaid cards, or gift cards to people you don't know
- Don't give your personal information (e.g. social security, credit card, or bank account number) to people you don't know who contact you
- If your bank or credit card company calls you and asks you to provide personal information, hang up and call back at a phone number you have obtained from a reputable source

For more tips visit:

- [Tips and Tricks for Fighting Fraud](#)
- [National Elder Fraud Hotline](#)

# SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Gloria Dei Lutheran Church</b> 3014 McKinley Street NE, Minneapolis 612-781-1989 <a href="http://www.gloriadeilcms.org">www.gloriadeilcms.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@gloriadeilcms.org">info@gloriadeilcms.org</a>					<b>1</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>  5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 10 am – 12 pm Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8:30 pm Living Word Prayer Night
<b>3</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship Service w/HC 10:30 am Royal Family Sunday School 11:45 am Royal Family Worship  6 pm NA	<b>4</b> Labor Day  7 pm AIAnon	<b>5</b> 5 – 8:30 pm Living Word Bible Study Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>  5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 10 am – 12 pm Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8:30 pm Living Word Prayer Night
<b>10</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship Service w/HC 10:30 am Royal Family Sunday School 11:45 am Royal Family Worship  6 pm NA	<b>11</b>  7 pm AIAnon	<b>12</b> 5 – 8:30 pm Living Word Bible Study Group	<b>13</b> 11 am GDLC Service and Bible Study (w/HC & Fellowship)  6 – 7:30 pm Royal Family Bible Study	<b>14</b> 5:30 pm GDLC (Knowing the Bible) Bible Study	<b>15</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>  5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 10 am – 12 pm Living Word Worship & Fellowship 4 – 5 pm Living Word Board Mtg 6 – 8:30 pm Living Word Prayer Night
<b>17</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship Service w/HC 10:30 am Royal Family Sunday School 11:45 am Royal Family Worship  6 pm NA	<b>18</b> 5 pm GDLC Council Meeting  7 pm AIAnon	<b>19</b> 5 – 8:30 pm Living Word Bible Study Group	<b>20</b> 11 am GDLC Service and Bible Study (w/HC & Fellowship)  6 – 7:30 pm Royal Family Bible Study	<b>21</b> 5:30 pm GDLC (Knowing the Bible) Bible Study	<b>22</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>  5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 10 am – 12 pm Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8:30 pm Living Word Prayer Night
<b>24</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship Service w/HC 10:30 am Royal Family Sunday School 11:45 am Royal Family Worship  6 pm NA	<b>25</b>  7 pm AIAnon	<b>26</b> 5 – 8:30 pm Living Word Bible Study Group	<b>27</b> 11 am GDLC Service and Bible Study (w/HC & Fellowship)  6 – 7:30 pm Royal Family Bible Study	<b>28</b> 9 am – 5 pm GDLC Fall Garage Sale  5:30 pm GDLC (Knowing the Bible) Bible Study	<b>29</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b> 9 am – 5 pm GDLC Fall Garage Sale  5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 9 am – 5 pm GDLC Fall Garage Sale 10 am – 12 pm Living Word Worship & Fellowship  6 – 8:30 pm Living Word Prayer Night

# Special Occasions for Special People!



9<sup>th</sup> Beverly Svac  
 17<sup>th</sup> Aaron Morelli  
 19<sup>th</sup> Layne Betterman  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Patty Lyrenmann

10<sup>th</sup> Karmon & Meridel Christopherson  
 21<sup>st</sup> Kevin & Kim Morelli

## SEPTEMBER SERVANTS

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

*Altar Care sign-up is located on the lobby bulletin board*

### Ushers

3<sup>rd</sup> OPEN  
 10<sup>th</sup> Julie Cross  
 17<sup>th</sup> OPEN  
 24<sup>th</sup> OPEN

### Counters

3<sup>rd</sup> Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather  
 10<sup>th</sup> Pat Scott and Shirley Slagle  
 17<sup>th</sup> Tom & Patty Lyrenmann  
 24<sup>th</sup> Al, Pam & Aaron Morelli

### Candles

3<sup>rd</sup> OPEN  
 10<sup>th</sup> Shirley Holzinger – In Memory of Mom, Arlene  
 17<sup>th</sup> Shirley Holzinger – Nephew, Shane’s Birthday and in Memory of Mother, Arlene’s Birthday – both 9/25  
 24<sup>th</sup> Sandy Westling –Tricia (daughter in law) and Grace (granddaughter) Birthdays

### Flowers

3<sup>rd</sup> OPEN  
 10<sup>th</sup> OPEN  
 17<sup>th</sup> OPEN  
 24<sup>th</sup> OPEN

**If you sign up for flowers or candles after the newsletter is published, be sure to let the office know. We want to make sure flowers are ordered and you are properly acknowledged in the bulletin notes.**  
**Thanks!**

**“Don’t let yesterday take up too much of today.”**

— Will Rogers





THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

# Pray For Us Calendar

## THE CREED — SEPTEMBER 1-15

We confess the three ecumenical Creeds, the Apostles', Nicene and Athanasian. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, three persons. Luther's explanation of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism teaches important truths about God as our creator, redeemer and sanctifier.

*Rejoice in God's goodness in Christ as you pray:*

1. Thank God that He is our loving heavenly Father.
2. Thank God for His creation.
3. Thank God for daily bread. Pray that all would be fed and clothed this day.
4. Thank God for family. Pray that God would guide all families love each other with the love of God in Christ Jesus.
5. Thank God for shelter. Pray for those who are without homes this day.
6. Thank God for reason. Pray that learning and intellect

are always in service of God's Kingdom.

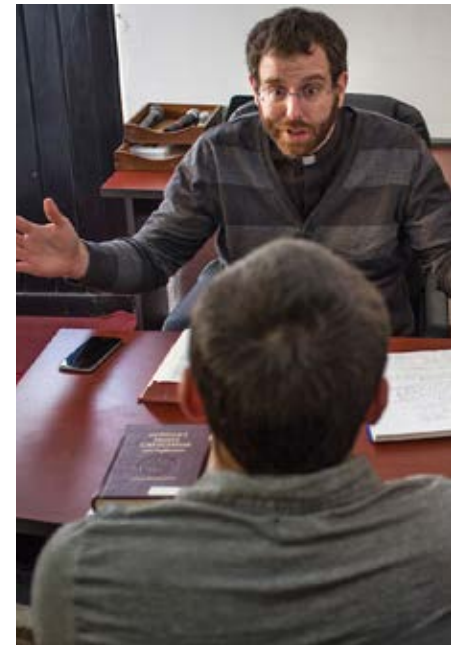
7. Thank God for Jesus. He is our only Savior from sin, death and the power of the devil.
8. Rejoice that Jesus is true man, that He can sympathize with our weaknesses.
9. Rejoice that Jesus is true God, that our Savior is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
10. Repent of all your sins and trust that God forgives your sins through the blood of Jesus.
11. Pray that God would empower you, by His Spirit, to live in righteousness, innocence and blessedness.

12. Thank God that He freely gives faith and salvation through His Spirit. Pray that all would hear the Word and be Baptized according to His will.

13. Thank God for the Holy Spirit. Pray that He would keep all in the true faith.

14. Thank God for the Church. Pray that she would remain faithful to her Savior.

15. Rejoice that God gives and sustains faith in the Holy Trinity. Rejoice that God is love.



## OFFICE OF THE KEYS/CONFESSION — SEPTEMBER 16-30

Jesus gave the office of the keys to the Church through His Apostles. Confession has two parts. First that we confess our sins, and second that we receive the forgiveness of our sins.

*Rejoice in the gifts of Confession and Absolution as you pray:*

**16.** *That God would lead all sinners to repentance.*

**17.** *Confess your sins before God. Trust that God forgives your sins through Christ Jesus.*

**18.** *Thank God for your pastor and all pastors. Pray that God would grant them faith and strength in their Word and Sacrament ministry.*

**19.** *Thank God for corporate confession and absolution each Sunday.*

**20.** *Thank God for the opportunity for individual confession and absolution with your pastor.*

**21.** *Thank God for the vocations He has given to you. Pray that you serve Him and your neighbor faithfully each day.*

**22.** *Pray for all unbelievers, that they would repent and trust in Christ.*

**23.** *Pray for all who are caught in unrepentant sin, that they would humbly confess their sins and receive holy Absolution.*

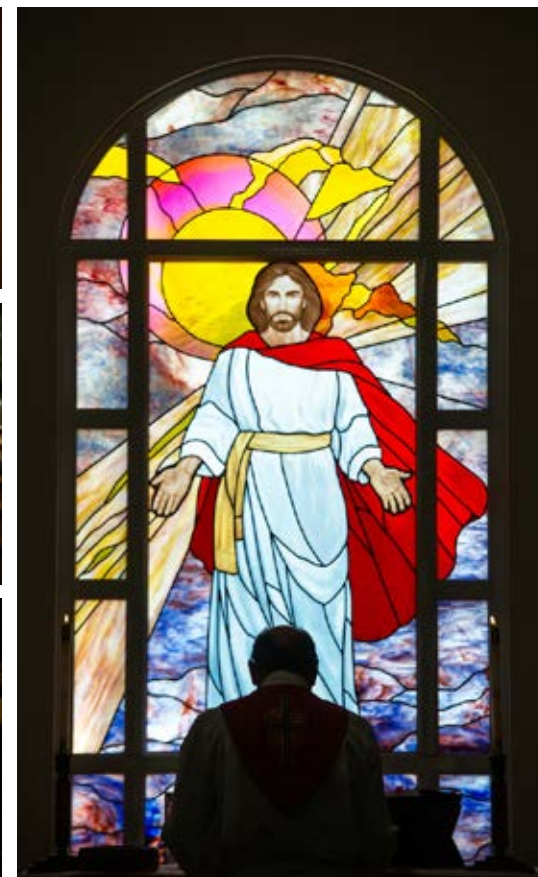
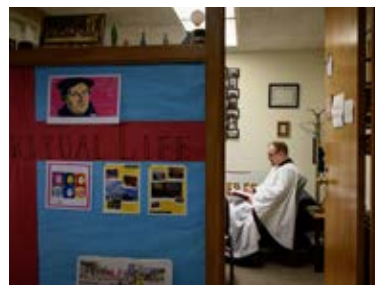
**24.** *Pray for the Spirit to empower you to amend your sinful life, that all you think, say and do would please God.*

**25.** *Thank God for the Church. Pray that the Church remain faithful to the preaching and teaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments according to God's will.*

**26.** *Pray for those who have stopped attending church. Ask God to provide someone to share Christ with them and bring them back.*

**27.** *Pray for Christian parents, that they would model forgiveness and raise their children in the Christian faith.*

**28.** *Pray for the strength to forgive people in your life. Ask God to give the faith necessary to forgive as He forgives.*



**29.** *Thank God that He always answers our confession with words of forgiveness and life.*

**30.** *Pray that Jesus would return quickly, that sin and death will soon be finally defeated, and God's people will dwell with Him forever.*

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