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# 2026

## ***SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

***September 6 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***September 13 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***September 20 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***September 27 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***



Dear God, as I observe Labor Day, guide me in balancing my work and personal life. I seek Your wisdom in my work decisions. Guide me with Your insight and help me to make choices that honor You. Grant me the energy and motivation to fulfill my responsibilities diligently. May Your strength support me through every challenge, and may my efforts reflect Your grace and guidance.

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." — Colossians 3:23*

# LCMS Stewardship Ministry

## The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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

Newsletter Article – Originally published in 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 this 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.



You shall have  
no other gods  
before Me.

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

## *Lessons on Stewardship and the Good Samaritan*

In life, we think of owning many different things: our money, our car, our home, etc. As we find out through experience, though, these things can actually come to own us – but that's another story for another day. When we look at what God's Word has to say, we find that it takes us in a different direction than what we may have first thought about owning things. We read this: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it" ([Psalm 24:1](#)). The deeper truth here is that we really own nothing. We merely manage what belongs our Creator God who has entrusted the precious gift of life into our hands for a time. The question becomes how we will manage this gift.

In the Bible, one of Jesus' well-known parables is that of the Good Samaritan ([Luke 10:25-37](#), <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=luke+10%3A25-37&version=ESV>). Take a moment and read through this passage of Scripture. Of the four Gospel writers, Luke alone records this parable of the man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, who was attacked by robbers who took everything he had, and left him for dead by the side of the road. The telling of this parable was occasioned by a lawyer who asked Jesus two very telling questions: 1) "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" and 2) "And who is my neighbor?" Those two questions are connected, as we shall see. We can look at the parable, and come to an understanding of ownership of things, from three different perspectives: 1) the robbers; 2) the priest and Levite; and 3) the Good Samaritan.

First, the robbers, who in robbing and beating the man, embody an understanding of ownership that is, "What's yours is mine and I'll take it." We see this often in life. People, who by force or contrived legal means, take from others what is not theirs to take. It goes by many names: robbery, theft, larceny, etc. People may have worked hard to have these things, and they can be taken away in a moment. Of course, things can be replaced; people cannot. Respecting others and what is theirs is what the Seventh Commandment tells us: "You shall not steal."

Second, the priest and Levite who did not render aid to the injured man lying by the side of the road, but passed by on the other side, embody an understanding of ownership that is, "What's mine is mine, and I'll keep it." Their fear and suspicion held them back from giving help when and where it was needed. We can hold the things of this world too closely and miss the greater good that might be done through them for the sake of others who are around us.

Third, the Good Samaritan who stopped and help the injured man, who took him to an inn and cared for him, embodies an understanding of ownership that is, "What's mine is yours, and I'll share it." The Good Samaritan, we are told, "had compassion," and went to considerable trouble and expense to give assistance. He interrupted what he was doing and where he was going. He paid for the innkeeper's services out of his own pocket. In other words, this cost him time, money, and personal involvement. The Good Samaritan points us to what God has done for us: rescuing us when we were dead in our sins and trespasses ([Colossians 2:13](#)); binding up our wounds not with oil and wine, but with the precious blood of Jesus; and in sending Jesus to be the One who rescued and redeemed us, had great compassion upon us all.

The attorney who asked Jesus those questions was then called by Jesus to go and do as the Good Samaritan had done. Jesus calls us to do the same; to see our neighbor as anyone who needs our help. As we think about what it means to have ownership of things in life, that understanding of "What's mine is yours, and I'll share it," is what God would have us do. This is what will prove to be a blessing to others. May our use of the many things that our Creator God has placed into our hands be used not just for our own benefit and pleasure, but to render help to our neighbor, who is Christ in our midst.

## 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 6 "Come and See" John 1:46

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

The Book of Nature can open your mind to the possibility that God is real. The Book of Scripture, the Bible, goes further, like a friend who's been there.

September 13 "Forgiveness Is a Non-Negotiable" Matthew 6:12

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

In God's family, forgiveness is non-negotiable. It's not up for debate because forgiveness is what makes us who we are.

September 20 "High Bar to Clay Jar" Matthew 6:12

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

In Jesus, we don't need to compare ourselves to anyone else. Instead, we are free to better appreciate them.

September 27 "Teachable" Matthew 21:31

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

To be a disciple is to be a learner. Jesus loves you enough to make you teachable.

**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

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## 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)

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### **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!)





### **BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!**

Gloria Dei is excited to announce Wednesday mid-day bible study will return September 16 at 11 am. We will be wrapping up the book of Ephesians. Getting into Chapters 5, which deals with walking in love and in the light of Christ and Chapter 6, a call to spiritual battle using the Armor of God.

See you there!

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



### **Fill Our Grocery Cart!**

Donated food items are put to immediate use, helping to feed the hungry in our neighborhood. High demand items include 100% juice, healthy cereal, canned chicken, salmon and pork, and culturally specific items like coconut milk, bamboo shoots, jasmine rice and fish sauce. Personal hygiene items such as toilet paper and toothpaste are also highly requested items.

Your efforts to help in the fight against hunger are appreciated!



## **Kindness is Free!**



**It's happening Again!!** 😊

### **Fall Garage Sale!**

Gloria Dei is planning a fall garage sale, with all proceeds benefitting Gloria Dei. Sale dates are scheduled to be Thursday, September 17, Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19. Sale organizers can use your help! Mary Piper will be collecting gently used, sellable items for the garage sale prior to the sale. Please bring your items to Mary's house no later than Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> (leave them at the side garage door). Volunteers are also needed to help with sale setup, to work the sale and packing up the "left-overs." Items not sold will be donated to local thrift stores.

Speak with Mary or Shirley if you have an interest.

*Many hands make light work.* 😊

# What's Happening?

## Aging as An Art Form - September 3 @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

### *Aging as An Art Form:*

Notes from the Far Side of Youth Reading & Reception at Open Book Literary Commons Gallery, second floor, 1011 Washington Avenue S, **Thursday, September 3, 6 pm**. Art to Change the World presents nine artists who met and wrote from January-June 2026. The essays are meant to honor and celebrate the comedy of the human condition by drawing on the participants' experiences with the elderly – themselves or others. The reception includes a short presentation, book signings, snacks, community and artists discussing their work. Books will be distributed to at least 15 facilities which would benefit from owning this artwork. Books will also be available to buy at cost, with no profits sought. The exhibit will be on display through Thursday, October 1.

## **FREE Community Dinner at St. Timothy's**

Join St. Timothy's and the local community on **Tuesday, September 8, from 5 pm to 6 pm** (or until the food is gone) for their drive thru community dinner. All are welcome so spread the word! St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Avenue NE, Columbia Heights.

## **Free Community Meal, September 10 from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE, holds a free Community dinner every second Thursday of the month from 5-6 pm. Everyone is welcome. Future upcoming dates are October 8, November 12 and December 10.

## **Northeast Polish Fest**

**Friday, September 11, 5-10 pm; Saturday, September 12, noon-10 pm**, Holy Cross Church, University Avenue & 16th Avenue NE. Live music: Friday - Backman-Carson Overdrive – Jack Brass Band; Saturday – Cynor Classic Polka Band, Dolina Polish Folk Dancers, Popbang ('80s & '90s) with Edison Alumni Band. Authentic Polish food (pierogi, kielbasa, gołąbki, bigos (hunter's stew), potato pancakes, Polish desserts. Other activities: cash bingo (Saturday, 1-3 pm), crafts, raffles, pulltabs, gift baskets, rabbit booth, mystery gifts and kids' games Saturday afternoon, family-friendly snack bar, plus beer and wine.

## **Columbia Heights High Centennial**

Columbia Heights High School, 1400 49th Avenue NE, will celebrate its 100th year on Saturday, **September 12, 8:30 am-12:30 pm**. Events include a community breakfast (free while supplies last), self-guided tours of CHHS, a walkable museum of school memorabilia, class decade meet-ups, Hylander merchandise for sale, photo opportunities, art activities and more. Alumni and community members interested in getting involved with the event can contact [news@colheights.k12.mn.us](mailto:news@colheights.k12.mn.us).

## **Fix-it Clinic - September 12 @ 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Saturday, September 12** at St. Anthony Community Center, 3300 Silver Lake Road., **noon to 4 pm**, with the last items accepted at 3:30 p.m. First come, first served. No pre-registration required. Free, guided assistance from volunteers with repair skills to disassemble, troubleshoot, and (hopefully) fix small household appliances, clothing, electronics, mobile devices and more.

### Waite Park Fall Festival, Saturday, September 12 @ 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Saturday, September 12, 3-7 pm** at Waite Park, 1810 34th Avenue NE. Local arts and craft vendors, civic group and nonprofit tables, live music, kids games, face painting, food trucks and free hot dogs and veggie burgers while supplies last. TapMPLS will provide a drinking water station. (Bring a water bottle to help reduce waste.) Music by Rumblestrip, 120 Minutes and beefCAKE.

### Art on the Edge

Enjoy a full day of art, creativity, and soulful connection at the Fifth Annual Art on the Edge Festival, at Father Hennepin Bluff Park, 420 Main Street, **Saturday, September 19, 10 am–5 pm**. Artisans, makers, holistic healers and readers, live music, family-friendly. Free.

### Edison Class of 1976 reunion - September 19 @ 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Reunion will be held at the Mermaid Entertainment Center, 2200 Mounds View Blvd, Mounds View. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, please see the facebook page at Minneapolis Edison High School Class of 1976 or send inquiries to our email at [edisonclassof76@gmail.com](mailto:edisonclassof76@gmail.com).

### Historic Riverfront 5K Run/Walk

All runners and walkers are invited to sign up for the Historic Riverfront 5K Run/Walk put on by Saint Anthony West and Sheridan Neighborhoods. \$40 before race day, and \$45 on race day. Run starts at Boom Island Park in Minneapolis on **Saturday, September 26 at 9 am**. Food from Kramarczuck's and prizes by Mill City Running. Register at [active.com](http://active.com).

### Taste of Northeast Festival

St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, 1701 5th Street NE will host their annual Taste of Northeast Festival on **Saturday, September 26, 12-9 pm and Sunday, September 27, 12-6 pm**. Enjoy local ethnic foods including perohi, holubki, ustipci, as well as corn, fries, and more. Live entertainment, bingo and raffles, silent auction, kids' activities, beer/wine and marketplace. Rock 'n' roll cover band American Bootleg Saturday night. This event is cashless with the exception of bingo, cash raffle and marketplace (by vendor discretion).

### Cribbage Tournaments

Test your cribbage skills at free weekly tournaments held at Insight Brewing, 2821 E. Hennepin Avenue, **every Thursday, 6-8 pm**. See the full calendar at <http://bit.ly/CribbageTwinCities>.

### Audubon Farmers Market

Every Thursday, rain or shine, from **4 – 7 PM** in the lot at 2800 Johnson Street.  
**Season runs through September 24<sup>th</sup>.**

### Produce Distribution at East Side

**Free & Available to the Public, 4th Thursday of the Month (July-October) | 3:00-5:00 PM**  
**Next Upcoming Date: September 24th**

Produce distributions will be held indoors at ESNS in the Gym. They are located at 1700 Second Street NE Minneapolis. The Food Programs at East Side Neighborhood Services secure food support for those who may have difficulty accessing traditional food shelves or grocery stores. These programs serve over 7,000 Hennepin County households, providing fresh, nutritious food as well as referrals to other resources. For more information about the Food Program including the different Food Shelves, you can visit the [Food Programs Page](#) on our website.

## ***SACA's produce distribution model changes!***

With the move into their new building, SACA launched a new food market concept, allowing them to serve more neighbors and distribute more fresh food.

Through SACA's food rescue partnerships, they receive a large amount of fresh produce that needs to move quickly so it reaches families while it is still fresh. This led to the new Community Market concept. SACA's Community Market is designed to make the food shelf easier to use and more responsive to how families like to shop. The Community Market is a fresh-focused food market that requires no appointments and allows neighbors to shop whenever they need food. Instead of being limited to one visit per month, neighbors can stop by when they need to restock their refrigerator. There will be a smaller offering of dry goods than a traditional food shelf, but there are no limits on how many times neighbors can stop by and shop.

The new market offerings will focus on providing access to fresh, nutritious foods, such as:

- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Dairy products
- Meat or other protein options
- Pantry staples

This market model allows SACA to serve many more people, move through food rescue faster, and distribute a lot more fresh food to the community.

### **Community Market Hours**

Mondays: 2 - 6 pm

Tuesdays: 12 - 4 pm

Wednesdays: 12 - 4 pm

Thursdays: 2 - 6 pm

Friday Morning Markets: 10 am - 1 pm (by appointment only)

### **Additional Ways to Access Food**

SACA will continue offering multiple ways for neighbors to receive food including: **Morning Markets**.

#### **How it works**

Neighbors can shop the Morning Markets by booking an appointment online or over the phone once a month. All neighbors are welcome regardless of where they live. Neighbors will fill out a short intake form when booking their appointment.

Monthly morning market appointments can be made in addition to the Community Market visits. The Morning Market is designed to provide a balanced selection of nutritious foods and household essentials to support families throughout the month. Morning Market appointments are available Fridays between 10 am - 1 pm.

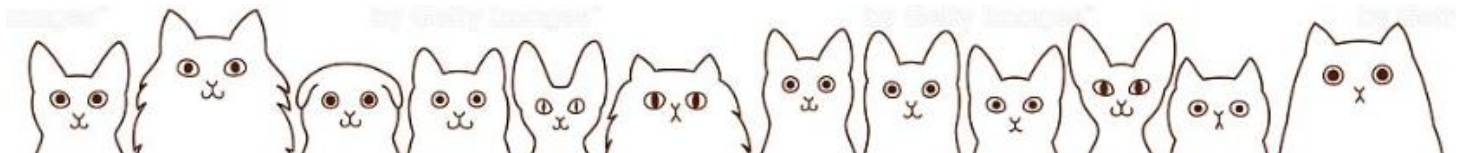
**SACA is located at 3905 California Street NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421.**

### **Vital Fitness**

All-abilities fitness class weekly on **Thursdays from 10:30-11:30am**. All abilities are encouraged to come. A wide variety of balance, strength, and flexibility movements will be incorporated into this fun and social group class. Movements can be done seated or standing. Class takes place in the Community Room at East Side Neighborhood Services. 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)**

East Side Neighborhood Services is located at 1700 Second Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413



# SEPTEMBER 2026

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

# Special Occasions for Special People!

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| 17 <sup>th</sup> Aaron Morelli<br>19 <sup>th</sup> Layne Betterman<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> Patty Lyrenmann | 10 <sup>th</sup> Karmon & Meridel Christopherson<br>21 <sup>st</sup> Kevin & Kim Morelli |

## SEPTEMBER SERVANTS

**Elder: Daniel Carlson and Jason Matasovsky**

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

### Counters

6<sup>th</sup> Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer  
13<sup>th</sup> Sandy Westling and Tom Harris  
20<sup>th</sup> Al, Pam and Arron Morelli  
27<sup>th</sup> Tom and Patty Lyrenmann

### Candles

6<sup>th</sup>  
13<sup>th</sup> **Sandy Westling** – Birthdays: Tricia, daughter-in-law & Grace, granddaughter  
20<sup>th</sup> **Shirley Holzinger** – In Memory of Mom, Arlene's Birthday (9/25) & Nephew Shane's Birthday (9/25)  
27<sup>th</sup> **Sandy Westling** – Birthdays: Tricia, daughter-in-law & Grace, granddaughter

### Flowers

6<sup>th</sup>  
13<sup>th</sup>  
20<sup>th</sup>  
27<sup>th</sup>

**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





SEPTEMBER

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.*

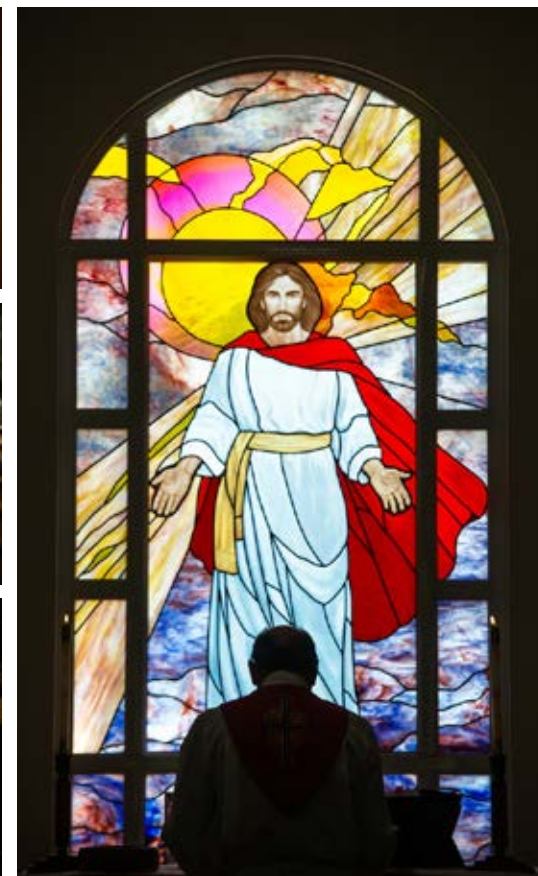
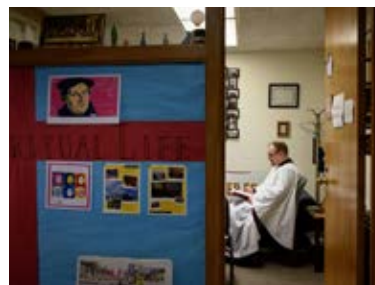
**24.** *Pray for the Spirit to empower you to amend your sinful life, that all you think, say and do would please God.*

**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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