

General Announcements

Welcome to our guests. We are glad you have joined us in worshipping our Lord and Savior. We trust you will draw strength, peace, and hope as together we hear God's Word spoken here today. So that we may serve you better, we ask that you fill out a yellow attendance card located on the back of the pew, including your address and noting that you are a visitor.

ETERNAL CANDLE The eternal candle glows to the glory of God from Mary Whipple in celebration of her birthday.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from George and Marlene Fellows, in celebration of their anniversary.

DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS The current Dollar for Missions project is replacement of insulation in the chancel ceiling at Wittenberg Lutheran Center, Normal. 45-year-old insulation has fallen from its original place under the roof. It needs to be replaced, in what figures to be an expensive job calling for ingenious work involving a high ceiling. This DFM project is for \$10,000. For more, see <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-current-project.html>

ACTIVITIES ROOM ANNOUNCING...PUZZLE EXCHANGE
Take a puzzle...Leave a puzzle. Do you need a new puzzle to work on in these hot days? Head down to the Activities Room to pick out a new puzzle. Do you have a puzzle you don't want to put together for the 4th time? Share it with others by dropping it off on the shelves. Please make sure all of the pieces are in the box before donating. Sort your donations by the number of pieces the puzzle has.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Maybe you are experiencing some of the greatest joys of your life right now, or perhaps you feel you are in the lowest of valleys. God knows what you're experiencing. In fact, He has known of your highs and lows all along. Take a moment to recall one of the best times in your life and one of the most difficult. God was there. Both times. He promises to always be with you, and He keeps every one of His promises. Your circumstances will change, as will your emotional responses. But the one constant in your life on which you can depend? His faithfulness. "I will never leave you nor forsake you...Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:5,8 **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS Romans 8:18 - "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel. If we keep our focus on "the glory to be revealed," we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT) we're beginning a summer study through several of the Psalms! This week, we'll take a look at Psalms 3, 4, 11, 15, and 20. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our study of Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians! On Concord Matters this Saturday (7/19 at 10 a.m. CT), Pastor Finnern will lead us through "Part 2" of our study on the 2nd Commandment in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE NEEDED Greg is picking up donations from Target on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. If anyone is willing and able to assist him, it would be greatly appreciated. All you have to do is meet at church at 8:45am, ride to Target, load his truck, come back to church and unload and inventory the donations. This takes about 90 minutes total. Any help you could offer would greatly appreciated. Please call Debbie at 309-235-8822. Also, we are getting low on plastic grocery bags if you would like to donate.

THANK YOU Jane Hipple would like to say "Thank you" for all of the well wishes, cards, visits, and prayers.

LADIES LUNCHEON All the ladies of St. John's are invited to lunch on Thursday, July 17th at 11:00am. We meet at the Deerfield Restaurant in Silvis for food and fellowship. All are welcome!

BAPTISM Through the washing of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Madison Sihrer, daughter of Christina Sihrer, enters God's Kingdom of Grace! "I have called you by name, you are Mine!"

Saturday, July 12th, 2025
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Vespers

Prelude- "Take My Life and Let It Be"
Arr. by: George Kingsley
Saxophone solo, by Brian Engebrecht

"Son of God..." 842

Opening Versicles 229
Psalm (See Cream Insert)

"Where Charity and..." 845

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Sermon- Pastor Umbarger
"The Key to Becoming a Good Samaritan" (Lk. 10:25-37)

Canticle
"Tell Out, My Soul..." 935

Prayer
Kyrie, Lord's Prayer, Collects 233

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"Lord of Glory..." 851

Postlude

The Lord's Week

Sunday, July 13th

9:00am- Worship

10:15am- Bible study/ Sunday school

Monday, July 14th

Tuesday, July 15th

10:00am- Food Pantry

6:30pm- Guitar Jam

Wednesday, July 16th

9:00am- TOPS

9:00am- Staff meeting

1:30pm- Activities Room

3:30pm- Fellowship Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 17th

11:00am- Ladies Luncheon @ Deerfield

Saturday, July 19th

5:00pm- Worship w/Communion

Sunday, July 20th

9:00am- Worship w/Communion

10:15am- Bible study/ Sunday school

Please Note:

During the summer, the office is only open
Monday-Thursday 8:30am-noon.

Pastor is sometimes in the office in the afternoon, but is
often out on visits.

If you took home any of the free plants that came out of
the courtyard, could you please return the buckets and
containers they were in? The Trustees would like them
back. Thank you!

Bible Study Opportunities

Pastors And Bishops: Divine Authority or Satanic Power As our congregation prepares for the Holy Spirit to send us a new undershepherd it may be helpful for us to review the theology of the pastoral ministry. A biblical understanding will help us determine whether our pastors and bishops exercise divine authority or wield satanic power. Our primary text will be the Holy Scriptures, but we will also take a peek at our Lutheran Confessions to see how that Word is properly understood and applied.

Holy Land Geography, Customs & History

In this class Clark Stojan, who has engaged in extensive study and made many trips to the Holy Land, leads us to explore the world of the Bible along with select events recorded in Scripture.

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Christine Engebrecht

Greeters: (Sat.) Chuck Brokaw
(Sun.)

Ushers: (Sat.) Greg Burke, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon,
& Larry Ripka

(Sun.) Rod Hopkins

Acolyte: Briella Churchill

The church confesses to Christ, "You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). The church is encouraged to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ..." (Col. 3:16). Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God's Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it. The LCMS invites everyone to memorize a verse together each week.

Memory Verse Challenge:

Psalm 119:11

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not
sin against you.



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Psalm

[P] Blessèd is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
[C] the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessèd in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.
**As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!”**
My enemies say of me in malice, “When will he die and his name perish?”
And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.
**They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies.”**
Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
But you, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!
By this I know that you delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
**But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.**
Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Readings

[P] The Old Testament reading is from Leviticus, the eighteenth and nineteenth chapters.
The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. . . . “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take

vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.” **[P]**
O Lord, have mercy on us.
[C] Thanks be to God.
[P] The Epistle reading is from Colossians, the first chapter.
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
[P] O Lord, have mercy on us.
[C] Thanks be to God.
[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.
Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”
[P] O Lord, have mercy on us.
[C] Thanks be to God.

ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD
July 12th and 13th, 2025
Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Anniversaries
Michael & Jill Ryan(18)

Sister Congregation
Rev. Karl Eckhoff
Christ Lutheran
Peoria, IL

Members
Joyce Hoffman
Jim, Carrie, and Aaron Homann
Adam Homann
Barbara Honert

Missionaries Serving
The Payne Family-Tanzania

Military Chaplains
CPT Kyle Mietzner

Ill & Hospitalized
Joan Britton
Angie Fischer
Cindy Hart
Kathy Herron
Judy Kirklin
Maria Sager
Karen Schmidt

Prolonged Illness & Special Needs:
Bev Brokaw
Chuck Brokaw
Diana Castro
Kodie Esparza
Nic Fellows
Steve Fors
Duane Gosa
Nancy Gosa
Jerry Hill
Jane Hipple
Carole Hodshire
Chris Hoehn (Janet Newlon’s nephew, aplastic anemia)
Dale Johnson
Merle Loete
Reid McDonald
Jean Morrical
RaeJean Murphy
Tom Nielsen
Robin Passman
Brenda Roggendorf
Kathleen Schmidt
David Sountris
Alivia Voelkers
Ken Weidenbach

Homebound:
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Ann Bowman
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Darlene Dopson
Mary Ann Eckert
Rick & Sylvia Fauser
Angie Fischer
Ron & Peg Heitzman
Christopher Higgins
Barbara Honert
Ingrid Hodshire
Lori Hopkins
Mary McGee
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Barbara Veskauf
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