

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 Larry and Sharon Ripka.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Larry and Sharon Ripka.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *Luke 19:46 – "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers."* The Lord's House is not a house of merchandise or profit — it is a House of Prayer where people freely offer up their petitions to the Lord and their produce for His purposes. Generosity and joy characterize the House of the Lord, not compulsion or sharp dealing. “Freely you have received; freely give” (Matt. 10:8). That's pretty much the opposite of the world's marketplace!

NEW DIRECTORIES Annie will be printing new member directories soon. Please let the office know of any changes to your household information. This includes your address, phone numbers, emails, kids that moved out, babies that were born, divorces, etc...

HOSPITALIZATIONS Please call the church office if you or a family member is hospitalized so we can add you to the prayers, or fill out a prayer request on a yellow attendance card. Pastor Hagen will be visiting members in the hospital– but you have to let Annie know!

MAKING ANNOUNCEMENTS It has been requested that if you are making an announcement before worship– PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE use a microphone! Those with difficulty hearing or watching at home are missing out on what is being said. The microphone is located under the pulpit.

CHERUB CHIMERS The youth handbells are looking for fresh faces. Anyone aged 3rd grade and older is encouraged to try! If you are a little younger but showing an interest in music, please see Christine as well. Rehearsals are Mondays at 6:00pm, beginning September 8th.

FUNDRAISER- TIM MCGRAW TICKETS Concordia Lutheran Academy in Geneseo is auctioning off 4 tickets to see Tim McGraw at the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, IA on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Opening acts begin at 1pm, with the main event at 9pm. The email auction begins at 8am on Monday, Aug. 25th; bids will be accepted until Tuesday, Aug 26th at 2:00pm. Bidding begins at \$200. Email your bids to: office@concordiageneseo.com

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Trauma, emotional distress, or mental illness negatively impact many people, including those within our church fellowship today. When it does, we are often left searching for answers without knowing where to find help, especially help that will share and incorporate the important tenants of our Lutheran Christian faith. Lutheran Family Service offers professional mental health counseling with master's prepared and licensed therapists who share your faith and world view, now available to all regardless of location through telehealth. Call us...it's why we're here! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

CPR CLASS A CPR class is being offered to the congregation free of charge by our kind and generous Parish Nurse, Judy Dugan. The class is scheduled on Sept. 6th in the Janssen Room from 10:00am to approximately 12:30pm; completion time is dependent on the number of participants. A sign-up sheet for the class is located at the Sign-Up Station. If you have any questions please contact Judy or a member of the Board of Human Care.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY AUGUST 24TH All youth in the congregation are invited to join us during the Sunday school hour on August 24th to play games and have donut holes and Gatorade as we kick off another year of Sunday school!

ADULT CHOIR Mark your calendars– rehearsals will begin on Saturday, September 6th at 9:30am. We are always happy to see both new and familiar faces. Join us and lend your voice to the Lord!

MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY, SEPT. 20TH AT 6:30PM Reserve your tickets in advance (just kidding, its FREE) and join us for a movie night in the cozy 2nd room of the Ed Wing (formerly the green room). Concessions will include: walking tacos, nachos, popcorn, pizza rolls, and cookies. Bring your own beverages... We will set up some chairs, but you are welcome to bring a lawn chair or blanket. There is a sign-up sheet at the sign-up station; we are also polling what movie you would like to see so make sure you vote for your favorite!

August 23rd and 24th, 2025
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
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The Lord's Week

Sunday, August 24th

9:00am– Worship
10:30am– Bible study
10:30am– Sunday School Rally Day

Monday, August 25th

6:30pm– Pre-confirmation meeting

Tuesday, August 26th

10:00am– Food Pantry
6:30pm– Guitar Jam

Wednesday, August 27th

9:00am– TOPS
1:30pm– Activities Room

Saturday, August 30th

5:00pm– Worship w/Communion
(Pastor Hagen)

Sunday, August 31st

9:00am– Worship w/Communion
10:30am– Bible study/ Sunday school

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*All Youths
Welcome!*



Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Mornings:

Join Pastor Anderson in the Janssen rooms following worship- we will begin with a few weeks in the first chapters of Genesis, looking at creation and how the world in which we live came to be. Then we will move on to the Acts of the Apostles, looking at the beginnings of the Christian Church, and how the Church two millennia later still bears the imprint of that first Church.

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: Jean Grewe

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

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

(Sun.) Glen McMillin

Acolyte: *(Sun.)* Joel Duffy

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:

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.



“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able..” Luke 12:24



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Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the sixty-sixth chapter.

“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. “For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.” (*Isaiah 66:18-23*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from Hebrews, the twelfth chapter.

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sex-

ually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. (*Heb. 12:4-24*)

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” (*Luke 13:22-30*)

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ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD
August 23rd and 24th, 2025
Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Anniversaries
Larry & Pam Sims (51)
Clinton & Martha Merritt (20)
Richard & Jessica Dobbeleare (21)
Alan & Barbara Buck (39)

Sister Congregation
Rev. Robert Frank
Trinity Lutheran
Urbana, IL

Members
Nick, Rachel, John, & Eloise Kjera
Murphy Klavon
Russell & Diana Kosche

Missionaries Serving
James & Christel Neuendorf–
Puerto Rico

Military Chaplains
LT Kenneth Bomberger
LT Danie Maske

Ill & Hospitalized
Joan Britton
Dale Bundy (friend of Ken
Weidenbach, bladder cancer)
Tim Freitag (friend of Ken
Weidenbach, bladder cancer)
Carole Hodshire
Kay Iwen
Judy Kirklin
Rick Mayerhofer
RC Rogers

Prolonged Illness & Special Needs:
Bev Brokaw
Chuck Brokaw
Kodie Esparza
Nic Fellows
Steve Fors
Duane Gosa
Nancy Gosa
Cindy Hart
Kathy Herron
Jerry Hill
Jane Hipple
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
Karen Schmidt
David Sountris
Alivia Voelkers
Ken Weidenbach

Homebound:
Nancy Bonow
Ann Bowman
Don, Wanda, and Jason Cass
Darlene Dopson
Mary Ann Eckert
Rick & Sylvia Fauser
Angie Fischer
Ron & Peg Heitzman
Christopher Higgins
Barbara Honert
Ingrid Hodshire
Lori Hopkins
Judy Kirklin
Mary McGee
Nancy Smart
Terry Tipsword
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