

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 the Belan family, in memory of Ed.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Tim and Tamee Stone.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *Luke 10:25 – “And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’”* Talk about the wrong question! You can’t do anything to inherit something. It’s either yours by birth, or you are not in the family and there’s nothing you can do to inherit it. We are part of the family through Baptism. We don’t have to buy our way into the kingdom. We are brought in by the precious Blood of Christ. Our good works are not the purchase price of the kingdom. They are simply what the children of the Father want to do in thanksgiving to Him.

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....

BOARD OF YOUTH Members needed! If you have any interest in planning fun activities for our youth group, please consider joining the Board of Youth! See Kris McAnally, Holly Belan, or Rebecca Hinman with any questions.

CHERUB CHIMERS The youth handbells are looking for fresh faces. Kids aged 3rd grade and older are 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.

FOOD PANTRY For the month of September, we are collecting canned fruits and vegetables. There is a table set up in the hallway by the gym. Please prayerfully consider helping us provide food to those in need.

BLOOD DRIVE Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 11th! We will be taking appointments for our annual blood drive from 8am-11:30am. If you have any questions or to book an appointment, please contact Jill Schofield at 309-721-1646

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!

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: So often we slip into the habit of living for the approval of others, which leads to frustration, disillusionment, and disappointment in life and relationships. Jesus was aware of this risk and reminds us In Matthew 6 not to do things for the approval of men. He assures us that our Father who sees and knows us inside out is the One who can and will meet all our needs, including our need to be seen, recognized, valued and loved. Whew! What a relief! Life begins to look different (and oh so much better) when we look through eyes of faith to our loving, gracious, living and forgiving God. Fix your eyes on Jesus - not your boss, co-worker, spouse, child or neighbor - and live in the light of His great love this week! **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

THANK YOU Joyce Hoffman would like to thank everyone that sent her a birthday card. What a thoughtful and caring congregation we have!

THE PUZZLE EXCHANGE Take one. Leave one. As the weather starts to turn, head down to the Activities Room and pick out a new puzzle to take home to work on. Do you have a puzzle you don't want to do for the 3rd or 4th time? Share it with others by dropping it off on the shelves. Please make sure all the pieces are in the box before donating. Sort your donations by the number of pieces the puzzle has. If the tall shelves get full, we can fill up the small cubbies.

SAVE THE DATE FOR AN EMBROIDERY CRAFT ACTIVITY IN OCTOBER Monday, October 20th and 27th, 1:30-3:30pm. You can choose between a pumpkin or a daisy. More info to come as the date draws nearer.

MENS BIBLE STUDY All men in the congregation are invited to Bible study on Saturday mornings at 8am. We will be continuing our study of the Gospels.

COFFEE WITH CHRIST BIBLE STUDY Stop down in the yellow room in the education wing for– you guessed it– coffee and Bible study! We will begin after worship on Sunday, September 21st. All are welcome.

LADIES LUNCHEON All ladies in the congregation are invited to lunch at the Deerfield Restaurant in Silvis on September 18th. We meet at 11:30 on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Hope to see you there!

CHOIR REHEARSALS WILL BEGIN SEPT. 27TH, AS WE WAIT FOR OUR LEADER TO HEAL FROM HER NECK INJURY.

*Sunday, September 14th, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Matins*

Prelude– flute duet– Allsion Antolik
and Christine Engebrecht
“Allegretto con brio”
By: *Geminiai*

“O Day of Rest...” 906

Opening Versicles 219
Psalmody 220-221
Additional Psalm (*See Cream Insert*)

“Father Most Holy” 504

Readings (*See Cream Insert*)

Responsory 221

**“Great the Joy in Heaven”
(see grey insert)**

Sermon
(Sat.) Pastor Nerud
(Sun.) Pastor Anderson
“Three Lost Things”

Canticle (*We Praise You...*) 941

Prayer

Kyrie and Lord’s Prayer 227
Collects 227-228

Benedicamus and Benediction 228

“Savior, Like a Shepherd...” 711

Postlude-flute solo– Allison Antolik
“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
Arr. by: *Stan Pethel*

Saturday, September 13th, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Vespers

Prelude	
“O Day of Rest...”	906
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The Lord's Week

Sunday, September 14th

9:00am– Worship
10:30am– Voter's Meeting/ Sunday school
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction

Monday, September 15th

1:30pm– Activities room
6:00pm– Cherub Chimers rehearsal
6:30pm– Heavenly Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, September 16th

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

Wednesday, September 17th

9:00am– TOPS
10:00am– Women's Bible study
1:30pm– Activities Room

Thursday, September 18th

11:30am– Ladies Luncheon at Deerfield
1:00pm– LWML

Saturday, September 20th

8am– Men's Bible study
5:00pm– Worship w/Communion
(Pastor Astrowski)

Sunday, September 21st

9:00am– Worship w/Communion
10:30am– Bible/ Sunday school
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction
1:00pm– private party in Janssen rooms

SAVE THE DATE:

Karen Schmidt is turning 88! You are invited to celebrate with her at lunch at St. Giuseppes pizza in East Moline on Saturday, September 20th, from 1-3pm. Please RSVP so she knows how much pizza to order. (309) 798-9436

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Mornings, following worship:

Join Pastor Anderson in the Janssen rooms following worship- we will begin studying 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

Join Clark Stojan in the Keyl room, as he leads us to explore the world of the Bible along with select events recorded in Scripture.

Coffee with Christ– Myth or Faith? To begin Sept. 21st

Wednesdays, 10am

Great Women of the Bible

In this Bible study series, we will look at the lives of only the most familiar women in God's Word. From Eve, the first woman, to those women who helped Jesus' apostles, participants will see God's grace in action as He calls and leads these women in their daily lives. Through their God-given faith and their faith-filled deeds, you will be inspired by these great women of the Bible.

Saturdays, 8am

Men's Bible study We will be continuing the chronological study of the Gospel.

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Christine Engebrecht

Greeters: ***(Sat.)*** Chuck Brokaw, Steve & Rose Sullivan
(Sun.) George Aukee and Penny Schreck

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

(Sun.) Rod Hopkins, George Aukee, and Penny Schreck

Altar Guild: Cory Rossmiller, Wendy Rossmiller, and Brandi Erickson

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:

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.



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Psalm 119: 169-176

P Let my cry come before you, O Lord;
give me understanding according to your word!

C **Let my plea come before you;
deliver me according to your word.**

My lips will pour forth praise,
for you teach me your statutes.

**My tongue will sing of your word,
for all your commandments are right.**

Let your hand be ready to help me,
for I have chosen your precepts.

**I long for your salvation, O Lord,
and your law is my delight.**

Let my soul live and praise you,
and let your just decrees help me.

**I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant,
for I do not forget your commandments.**

**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 Ezekiel, the thirty-fourth chapter.

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. “As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak

with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.” (*Ezekiel 34:11-24*)

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from 1 Timothy, the first chapter.

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (*1 Tim. 1:12-17*)

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

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (*Luke 15:1-10*)

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ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD

September 13th and 14th, 2025
Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Anniversaries

Tom & Loretta Nielsen(57)

Sister Congregation

Rev. Robert Goodwin
St. Paul's Lutheran
Decatur, IL

Members

Duane & Rhonda Little
Merle & Melinda Loete
Ben Martinez
Terry & Gail Massey

Missionaries Serving

The Mroczenski Family– Puerto Rico

Military Chaplains

CDR Benjamin Schroeder
MAJ Graham Glover
CPT Brad Boyer

Ill & Hospitalized

Dale Bundy (friend of Ken Weidenbach, bladder cancer)
Tim Freitag (nephew of Ken Weidenbach, bladder cancer)
Cindy Hart
Kay Iwen (broken neck)
Jackson Merritt (appendix burst)

Deepest Sympathies

To the family of Ron Heitzman at his passing.

Prolonged Illness &

Special Needs:

Joan Britton
Bev Brokaw
Chuck Brokaw
Kodie Esparza
Nic Fellows
Steve Fors
Duane Gosa
Nancy Gosa
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
Peg Heitzman
Christopher Higgins
Carole Hodshire
Ingrid Hodshire
Barbara Honert
Lori Hopkins
Judy Kirklin
Mary McGee
Nancy Smart
Terry Tipsword
Barbara Veskauf
Cora Whipple