

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 an 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 Karen Schmidt.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Karen Schmidt, for family.

EMAIL SPOOF There is an email going around, claiming to be from Pastor Anderson, asking members to purchase gift cards to give out. Please be advised, WE WOULD NEVER DO THIS. DELETE THE EMAIL WITHOUT RESPONDING!

FOOD PANTRY As the weather finally (hopefully!) begins to turn colder, we prayerfully ask for donations of canned soups. There is a table set up in the hallway by the gym for your blessings.

VENDOR FAIR AND CHILI COOKOFF Save the date and start planning for our yearly vendor fair and chili cookoff brought to you by the Board of Human Care. Join the fun on Saturday, November 15th from 11am-4pm in the gym and Janssen rooms. We are looking for vendors to sell crafts or products; cost is \$20 if you provide your own table, and \$25 if you need to rent one. For the chili cookoff, we are looking for chefs and judges both. Please contact Jill Schofield at 309-721-1646 if interested!

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER AT LOS AGAVES Everyone is welcome for delicious food and fellowship with your church friends on Friday, October 24th at 6:00pm. Please sign up by the 19th so we can make reservations.

TRUNK OR TREAT Start planning your trunk themes for our annual Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot. Join us on Sunday, October 19th from 1-3pm as we pass out candy to treaters. If you would like to help but not do a trunk, candy donations are gratefully accepted. Just leave your donations in the office.

EMBROIDERY CRAFT ACTIVITY IN OCTOBER We will welcome Susan Arrasmith on Mondays, October 20th and 27th to teach us how to embroider. We will learn the basics on beginning your project and how to do three basic stitches (back stitch, lazy daisy, and cross stitch - not counted). You will walk away with an embroidered piece (pumpkin or daisy) you can hang on your wall. All you need is a 6” wooden embroidery hoop. \$3 each. If you have one already, please indicate, otherwise we will order them for the group. Sign up by Sunday, October 12.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant, I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years. (Mark Twain) Truth be told, parents and their children get along much better when the adolescent years are over. Dr. James Dobson once said that the goal of parenting teenagers is simply to survive and live to tell about it. If you and your family are navigating the turbulent waters of adolescence, don’t give up. It will get better! *Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6* **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

LMCS FOUNDATION We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. To work on your Christian Estate Plan today, you must decide if you are more controlled by past goals or future desires. During working years, financial plans are often focused on wealth accumulation. Sometimes estate plans are focused on wealth preservation. However, might it be wise, as Christian stewards of God’s gifts, to shift that focus to blessing family and ministry with God’s things? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you consider making this shift. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org

LWML We will hold our monthly meeting on Thursday, October 16th at 1:00pm in the Janssen rooms. All ladies are welcome. Please join us to make Thanksgiving cards for our shut-ins. **Also, stop by our table in the concourse** to see some of the things LMWL is involved with; maybe come to your first meeting!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS Luke 17:19 – “And he said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’” Only one of the 10 lepers who were cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God’s work in the church is likewise our faith in action.

*Saturday, October 11th, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Vespers*

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Postlude

The Lord's Week

Sunday, October 12th

9:00am– Worship
10:30am– Bible/ Sunday school
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction

Monday, October 13th

1:30pm– Activities room
6:30pm– Heavenly Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, October 14th

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

Wednesday, October 15th

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

Thursday, October 16th

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

Saturday, October 18th

8:00am– Men's Bible study
9:30am– Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm– Worship w/Communion
(Pastor Astrowski)

Sunday, October 19th

9:00am– Worship w/Communion
10:30am– Bible/ Sunday school
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction
1-3pm– Trunk or Treat

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?

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
(Sun.) Lucille Perley

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

Altar Guild: The Schmidt ladies

Acolyte: Nolan Johnson

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:

Exodus 31:13

You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, "Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you."



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Psalm

P Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

C **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever! 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 Ruth, the first chapter.

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is

exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me.” Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. *(Ruth 1:1-19a)*

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from 2 Timothy, the second chapter.

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself. *(2 Tim. 2:1-13)*

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

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.” *(Luke 17:11-19)*

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ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD

October 11th and 12th, 2025

Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Anniversaries

Craig & Annie Churchill(18)
Rick & Janet Newlon(37)
Charlie & Joan Britton(56)
Keith & Lisa Foehrkolb(39)
Keith & Darla Schnabel(45)

Sister Congregation

Rev. Jeffrey Harter (Chaplain)
Concordia Lutheran Village
Springfield, IL

Members

Kimberly, Jaydin & Elijah Medina
Todd & Jeri Miller
Robert & Patsy Mills
James & Donna Moews

Missionaries Serving

The Maita Family– Puerto Rico

Military Chaplains

LCDR Brian Hamer
Capt. Benjamin Riley
MAJ Vincent Bain

Ill & Hospitalized

Jacob McMillin (son of Adam and
Amanda, grandson of Greg and
Cindy Hart) –needs surgery for
scoliosis
Tom McMillin– (brother of Glen)
complications from back surgery
and meningitis– in ICU
Tom Nielsen
Lynn Swanson– Carrie’s uncle
Karen Schmidt– broken collarbone
Great-grandson of Kathy Herron–
born with heart defect and
needs open heart surgery

Deepest Sympathies

To the family of Chrisina Fiechtl,
(aunt of Esther Cashion), at her
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)
Kay Iwen (broken neck)
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:

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