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Mission Statement  
Gathered. Renewed. Sent

We are:  
Gathered by the Spirit.  
Renewed by the Word.  
Sent to Serve

## September, 2025 Newsletter for Wilson Lutheran Church



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## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

September 2025 – Season of Pentecost

The autumn season continues “ordinary” time in the cycle of the church year. Lectionary gospel texts from Luke narrate the ministry of Jesus as he teaches and tells parables. Readings from Philmon and Paul’s letters to Timothy encourage faithful living in Jesus Christ. Autumn also brings a renewal within the congregation. Often faith formation activities resume after summer break and busy-ness returns to the parish. As the years turns, we have a rush of energy and excitement for all the possibilities. (*Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, Year C 2025*)

### **Sunday, September 7 – Pentecost 13 (God’s Word Our Hands Sunday)**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33: Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

### **Sunday, September 14 – Pentecost 14 (Rally Sunday – Sunday School Begins)**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Readings: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-10: Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

### **Sunday, September 21 – Pentecost 15**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-13: Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

### **Sunday, September 28– Pentecost 16**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Readings: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31: Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

## MISSION STATEMENT

GATHERED – RENEWED – SENT

Gathered by the Spirit. Renewed by the Word. Sent to Serve.

**Pastor's Office Hours:** Pastor Bob may be reached at the church office, 715-772-3150, Wednesday through Friday, and Saturday morning. In the event of an emergency or hospitalization, he can be reached at 612-270-3838 (cell), or by email at PastorBob@wwt.net.

**W/ELCA Bible Study:** The next bible study will be held at 9:30 Thursday morning, September 11. All women and men of the congregation, and their guests, are welcome to attend.

**W/ELCA Meetings:** The next regular WELCA meetings will be held Thursday, September 11. Monthly WELCA meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, immediately following the bible study. All women of the church are invited to attend.

### **W/ELCA Meeting Minutes – August 14**

President Tracy Davis called the meeting to order at 1047.

6 members present: Tracy Davis, Sharon Bowell, Peggy Schramm, Louann Anderson, Linda Rambo, Karen Esanbock

Secretary's report read, motion by Louann, second by Sharon to approve. Approved

Treasurer's report read with Beginning balance of \$2130.55. Ending balance of \$1813.36

- Final Pancake Supper/Bake Sale totals: Gross \$1224. Net \$1027.
- Susan's Mission update:
  - \$200 gift from Susan's brother
  - \$125 green jug donations
  - #325 purchase of towels and soap
  - Balance of \$7.03
  - Motion by Linda, second by Louann to approve. Approved.

### **Old Business:**

- Susan's Mission: Will continue with goal of 300 kits. Need mostly towels, soap and toothbrushes. Linda has been keeping a tally of items. Will present an update of the mission at Sunday worship. Plan to begin assembling kits on August 28 at 9:00 a.m. Sharon will order more towels.
- Rally Sunday/Farmers Market. September 14 after worship. Will serve Ice Cream Sundaes and have a Farmers Market/Bake Sale. Motion by Louann to designate funds raised for Susan's Mission, second by Tracy. Approved. Ice cream- will check with Janet. Toppings- Strawberry- Karen. Chocolate- Karen. Caramel- check with Ginny. Pineapple/ cherries- Louann. Nuts- Sharron. Sprinkles/ sausage- Linda. Cheese/crackers- Tracy. Karen will check on bowls and spoons.

New Business- none

Round Table- none

Motion by Louann, second by Sharon to adjourn. Adjourned at 1138

Closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Esanbock, Secretary

## Wilson Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights – August 14

- Lindus Company expects the new door for the basement to be delivered to them on August 25. (UPDATE: INSTALLATION SCDEUDED FOR THE MORNING OF THE 26<sup>TH</sup>.)
- The front steps to the church need to be replaced.
- God's Work Our Hands is September 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be volunteering at Feed my Starving Children in Eau Claire on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 PM -2:00 PM. Pastor Bob will have a volunteer sign- up sheet made and posted.
- Rally Sunday is September 14. Sunday School will begin on Rally Sunday. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade bibles will also be presented to our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students that day. WELCA will have a Farmer's Market, an ice cream social, games and a craft show after worship.
- We will be looking for members to take the place of Barb Lamb and Louanne Anderson on the church council with the term beginning in 2026. If interested, please contact Kathy Borton or Ginnie Overland.
- If anyone wants to have coffee after worship, feel free to do so during the school year.

**Food Pantry Support:** Thank you for your continuing support of our hunger ministry. Your contributions are making a difference. June contributions went to the Woodville Food Pantry. The July contributions will go to the Glenwood City pantry. August contributions went to the Elmwood Glenwood City pantry. September contributions will go to Sprin Valley.

We continue to hear about the increase in the number of families using food shelf programs. Plus the elimination of federal food share programs has impacted our senior citizens and those with disabilities, which means local food shelves are in even greater need of our support. Please remember our neighbors in need. Your contributions to the food pantry box in the narthex are making a real-world difference in the lives of others.

**Tuesday Community Supper:** St. Mary's Church will be serving the Tuesday Community Supper from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane. The menu is Mediterranean/Chicken, Pasta Salad, Fruit, Bread, and an Apple Dessert Bar. The Tuesday Community Supper is served the first Tuesday of the month at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1350 Florence Street, Baldwin, Wisconsin. This is a free meal open to anyone in the community. Area churches, businesses and organizations take turns preparing and serving good nutritious food. Please join us!

## Feed My Starving Children Event

We will again be participating in a Feed my Starving Children food packing event, this time at Peace Lutheran Church, 501 East Fillmore Avenue, Eau Claire, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 25. This has been our part of the ELCA's God's Work Our Hands program for the last several years. This year we've reserved 12 slots for our members. If you're interested in helping pack food for children in the U.S. and around the world, please contact Pastor Bob to have your name added to the list. This is a wonderfully fulfilling Christian activity that makes a huge difference in the lives of people. Please join us.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
Sep 1	Jordan Gedatus	Sep 20	Dean Timm	Sep 2	Leroy & Karen Esanbock
Sep 4	Ben Pomasl	Sep 21	Adam Wyss	Sep 9	Dwight & Karen Johnson
Sep 5	Steve Howell	Sep 25	Tessa Olson	Sep 13	Barry & Lisa Brandvold
Sep 7	Andy Lamb	Sep 30	Lydia Wittmer		
Sep 10	Brianna Wyss	Sep. 30	Lindsey Asher		
Sep 11	Dakota Langer	Sep 30	Stephanie Butler		
Sep 15	Duane Butler				

### ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
September	Karen Esanbock	Help Needed	Help Needed	4 Sundays
October	Tracy Davis	Rex Brandt	Vicki and Jerry Glampe	4 Sundays

**Please check the clipboards on the table in the narthex for months still needing your help.** If you're unable to serve the entire month, perhaps you could share the Sundays with another person? Please let Pastor Bob know if you are able to help, or sign up on the sheets in the narthex.

### ACOLYTE and READER SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Acolyte	Lector
<b>September</b>			
	7	Aran	Sherry Ellefson
	14		Kathy Borton
	21	Maggie	Dean Rambo
	28		Doug Faber
<b>October</b>			
	5	Maggie	Tracy Davis
	12		Linda Powers
<i>Confirmation Sunday</i>	19	Maggie	Ryan Peterson
<i>Reformation Sunday</i>	25	Maggie	Ginny Overland

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has reached out with kind words, prayers, and encouragement as I prepare to leave for Air Force Basic Training. Your support means so much to me and has truly reminded me of the strength and love of our church family. I'm grateful for each of you! Charlie Lamb

### Astonishing

*(Thanks to Dean Rambo for forwarding this Facebook article.)*

"My name's Dorothy. I'm 78. The house felt too big, too quiet. One Tuesday, staring at the dust on Jack's empty armchair, I drove myself to St. Mary's Hospital. Not as a patient. As a volunteer. Just to be there. They gave me a faded blue vest and said, "Sit in Waiting Room B. Offer coffee. Be kind."

Waiting Room B is where the hard news lands. The place with the stiff beige chairs, the coffee that tastes like old pennies, and the families who sit very still, staring at the floor. I didn't know what to do. I'm no good with words, never was. So I just.... sat. Quietly. Next to people who looked like their world had just cracked open. One rainy Thursday, a boy sat alone. Couldn't have been more than 16. Skinny kid, hoodie pulled low, eyes red but dry. His mom rushed off somewhere, maybe to call relatives. He just sat, hands shoved deep in pockets, shoulders hunched like he was trying to disappear into the chair. Everyone else gave him space. Too much space.

My Jack used to say, "Dorothy, sometimes the best thing you can give someone is just not making noise." So I didn't. I pulled my chair over, just a little closer, not crowding and sat down. Didn't say "How are you?" Didn't ask about the doctors. Just sat with him in the quiet hum of the waiting room. After maybe ten minutes, I

quietly pushed the little cart of stale cookies toward him. He didn't take one. But he didn't move his chair away.

I started going every Thursday. Sometimes he was there. Sometimes other people were. An older man waiting for test results, just staring at his worn shoes. A young woman holding a single flower, looking lost. I'd sit. Quietly. Offer the cookies. Sometimes they'd take one. Sometimes they'd just sigh. Sometimes, after a while, they'd say one word "Thanks." That was enough.

Then, one day, the boy, his name was Ben, I finally learned – was there again. His mom was getting more scans. He looked exhausted. I sat down. He didn't look at me, but he didn't pull away. After a long while, he whispered, "It's my dad. Cancer." Just that. No tears. Just the words hanging in the quiet air between us. I didn't pat his shoulder or say "He'll be okay." I just nodded slowly. "That's heavy," I said. Simple. True. He looked at me then, really looked, and something in his eyes softened, just a little. Like he hadn't been seen in a long time.

Weeks passed. Ben started coming just to sit with me, even when his dad wasn't having appointments. We'd share the stale cookies. He'd tell me about failing math, or how his friends didn't get it. I'd tell him about Jack forgetting where he put his keys, or the stubborn rosebush in my garden. No grand advice. Just... talking. Like two people sharing a bench on a long walk. He called it "the quiet chair time."

Then Ben stopped coming. I worried. A month later, a nurse handed me a folded note. It was from Ben. "Dorothy, Dad's home. Getting better. You taught me something. Silence isn't empty. It's where you hear people. I started a club at school. We call it 'Silent Sitting.' We just sit with anyone who looks lonely at lunch. No talking. Just cookies (bought, not stale!). It's spreading. Thanks for the quiet."

I cried right there in Waiting Room B. Not sad tears. Tears that felt like warm rain after a drought. Now? Ben visits me. Brings real cookies. And guess what? "Silent Sitting" isn't just at his school anymore. Kids in Australia, Canada, even the UK they found Ben's little post online. They're doing it. Sitting quietly with lonely classmates, hospital visitors, even at bus stops. No fancy signs. No donated things. Just showing up. Being present. Filling the silence with the sound of not being alone.

They say the world needs fixing. Maybe it does. But sometimes, the most powerful thing isn't fixing for someone. It's just sitting with them. In the quiet. Holding space for the heavy things they carry. You don't need a fridge, a toolbox, or a coat on a fence. You just need a chair. And the courage to sit down.

My Jack's armchair at home? It's still there. But the quiet isn't scary anymore. Because I know now: the deepest kindness often speaks the least. It just is. And that's enough to change the world, one quiet chair at a time. Go find yours. Someone's waiting."

**Windmill Piecemakers Quilt Guild  
2025 Quilt Show  
Celebrate with Quilts**

September 26 – 27  
Friday 9:00 – 4:00  
Saturday 9:00 - 2:00

Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
Vendor Booths, Challenge Quilts, Scrap Boutique, Mystery Quilts  
Free Will Offering



We welcomed Ruby and Rocky Clements to the Lord's table for their First Communion on Sunday, August 17. Ruby and Rocky are pictured with their mother and father Crystal and Stony, and their sister Jade.



**U.S. AIR FORCE**

***Here is Charlie's address.  
Please do not send packages with food of any  
kind. Best to just send letters.***

**AB Lamb, Charles, S  
321 TRS/FLT 663  
1320 Truemper St.  
JB SA Lackland, TX 78236-6407**





The congregation celebrated a special blessing for Charlie Lamb as he departed for his basic training with the U.S. Air Force. Charlie will complete that training at the end of September, when his family will join him for his graduation. He looks forward to letters from his family and friends at home to keep him connected with what's going on here, so feel free to share your news with him.



#### **New Presiding Bishop Elected**

Yehiel Curry was elected July 30 to serve a six-year term as presiding bishop of the ELCA. The election took place during the 2025 [ELCA Churchwide Assembly](#) being held July 28–Aug. 2 at the Phoenix Convention Center.



Curry was elected on the fifth ballot. There were 799 votes cast, with 400 votes needed for an election. Curry received 562 votes, and Kevin Strickland, bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Synod, received 237 votes. Curry will be the first Black presiding bishop of the ELCA.

Speaking to the assembly after his election, Curry reflected on his membership at [Shekinah Chapel](#) in Riverdale, Ill., where he eventually became a lay mission developer. During that time he participated in the [Theological Education for Emerging Ministries](#) program, which prepares individuals for ordained ministry in the ELCA, with a focus on emerging ministry contexts like ethnic-specific, multicultural, and both rural and urban settings.

He spoke to the assembly about his initial hesitation in accepting that first ministry role.

“I’m what a return on your investment looks like,” he said. “Perhaps I’m out there in one of you. I never saw myself as good enough, so for two years, I said no. I finally said yes. When I said yes, your support, this church’s support, of that ministry meant everything. So if you want to know what your benevolence dollars look like, it looks like me. And I want to say thank you. Thank you for your investment.”

Curry has [served as bishop](#) of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod since 2019. He previously served as mission developer (2009-2012) and pastor (2012-2019) of Shekinah.

He received a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., in 1995 and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) in 2013. LSTC is one of seven ELCA seminaries.

## **September Happenings**

### **God’s Work Our Hands Sunday – September 7**

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Each year we engage in a service activity, offering an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

This year will again participate in a Feed my Starving Children food packing event on Saturday, October, 25. See the notice earlier in this newsletter for information on how to join.

### **Rally Sunday / Third Grade Bible Sunday – September 14**

We’ll welcome our young people back to Sunday School on September 14 with Ice Cream Sundays and a host of toppings: strawberries, chocolate, caramel, pineapple, cherries, nuts and sprinkles. Plus there will be other treats. So come, sign up the kiddos and enjoy the fun.

There will also be a farmer’s market and bake sale for the older kiddos, with proceeds going to Susan’s Mission.

### **Third Grade Bible Sunday – September 14**

Our third graders — Brantley Bonte, Kamdyn Stahl, and Trigg Timm — will receive their bibles, presented by their parents as gifts of the congregation, during worship on Rally Sunday September 14. This will be an important day for these three young people as God’s word is placed in their hands.

**Revised Common Lectionary**  
**Daily Readings – Year C**  
**September 2025**

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Monday	Psalm 119:65-72	2 Chronicles 12:1-12	Hebrews 13:7-21	
2	Tuesday	Psalm 119:65-72	Isaiah 2:12-17	Titus 1:1-9	
3	Wednesday	Psalm 119:65-72	Isaiah 57:14-21		Luke 14:15-24
4	Thursday	Psalm 1	Genesis 39:1-23	Philippians 2:25-30	
5	Friday	Psalm 1	Deuteronomy 7:12-26	Colossians 4:7-17	
6	Saturday	Psalm 1	Deuteronomy 29:2-20		Matthew 10:34-42
7	Sunday	Psalm 1	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
8	Monday	Psalm 101	2 Kings 17:24-41	1 Timothy 3:14-4:5	
9	Tuesday	Psalm 101	2 Kings 18:9-18	1 Timothy 4:6-16	
10	Wednesday	Psalm 101	2 Kings 18:19-25; 19:1-7		Luke 18:18-30
11	Thursday	Psalm 51:1-10	Genesis 6:1-6	1 Timothy 1:1-11	
12	Friday	Psalm 51:1-10	Genesis 7:6-10; 8:1-5	2 Peter 2:1-10a	
13	Saturday	Psalm 51:1-10	Genesis 8:20-9:7		John 10:11-21
14	Sunday	Psalm 51:1-10	Exodus 32:7-14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
15	Monday	Psalm 73	Amos 7:1-6	1 Timothy 1:18-20	
16	Tuesday	Psalm 73	Jonah 3:1-10	2 Peter 3:8-13	
17	Wednesday	Psalm 73	Job 40:6-14; 42:1-6		Luke 22:31-33, 54-62
18	Thursday	Psalm 113	Exodus 23:1-9	Romans 3:1-8	
19	Friday	Psalm 113	Ezekiel 22:17-31	Romans 8:31-39	
20	Saturday	Psalm 113	Isaiah 5:8-23		Mark 12:41-44
21	Sunday	Psalm 113	Amos 8:4-7	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
22	Monday	Psalm 12	Proverbs 14:21-31	Acts 4:1-12	
23	Tuesday	Psalm 12	Proverbs 17:1-5	1 Corinthians 9:19-23	
24	Wednesday	Psalm 12	Proverbs 21:10-16		Luke 20:45-21:4
25	Thursday	Psalm 146	Proverbs 22:2-16	2 Corinthians 8:8-15	
26	Friday	Psalm 146	Proverbs 28:3-10	Ephesians 2:1-10	
27	Saturday	Psalm 146	Proverbs 28:11-28	Luke 9:43b-48	
28	Sunday	Psalm 146	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31
29	Monday	Psalm 62	Amos 6:8-14	Revelation 3:14-22	
30	Tuesday	Psalm 62	Hosea 10:9-15	James 5:1-6	

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
**Prayer Ventures**  
**September 2025**

**1 *Labor Day*** Praise the work people do to sustain their families and benefit their communities and society. Pray that all will receive fair wages, work in safe environments, receive encouragement, be renewed through times of sabbath, and experience joy and fulfillment in their labor. Pray for those who seek employment and for the care, support and well-being of people unable to work.

**2** “Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it” (Hebrews 13:1-2). Pray that our fears, prejudices and ideologies will not prevent us from showing love, respect and hospitality to one another — friends, family and strangers alike.

**3 *Suicide Prevention Month*** Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who feel lonely, depressed and hopeless, that they will find compassion, support and spiritual renewal in times of darkness and suffering. Ask the Spirit to inspire and guide our care, support and counsel for those who are contemplating suicide, and for those who grieve the loss of someone to suicide.

**4** Give thanks for the faithful service and leadership of Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Pray that her faith, gifts and commitment will continue to inspire us to work for justice and peace, to love and serve our neighbors, and to share the good news of Jesus Christ in a world yearning for hope and renewal.

**5** “Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments” (Psalm 112:1). Pray that we will find joy and guidance in the ways and commandments of God and be inspired by God’s wisdom, love for humanity and concern for those who suffer.

**6** The 2025 Churchwide Assembly has elected the Rev. Yehiel Curry to serve as the next presiding bishop of the ELCA. Pray that the Spirit will strengthen his faith, gifts and wisdom as he leads our church in its mission to share the good news of Jesus Christ, reflect God’s abundant love and mercy for the world, and serve our neighbors in need.

**7** “*God’s work. Our hands.*” *Sunday* ELCA congregations join together today for our annual day

of service, celebrating that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Pray for service activities around the country that unite people, ecumenical partners and community agencies as we serve our neighbors in need, strengthen our communities and demonstrate God’s love.

**8** Pray for the resolution of international conflicts that cause suffering, violence, mistrust, injustice, economic crises and political instability. Ask God to forgive us for sometimes playing a role in these conflicts, intentional or not.

**9** Pray for our missionaries in Latin America and the Caribbean and for the Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers serving in Mexico, Argentina and Uruguay, that the Spirit will nurture their faith as they accompany global companions in ministries that include education, immigration and pastoral leadership.

**10** Pray for faith in the ways and thoughts of God, which stretch beyond our comprehension and imagination yet stir awe and devotion.

**11** Give thanks for deacons in congregations and faith-based organizations. Praise God for their gifts and service in a variety of ministries, including camps, nursing, music, education, administration, social service, and youth and family ministries.

**12** Pray for the Spirit to strengthen our discipline so that we might better study and reflect on the Word of God and its significance in our daily lives.

**13** Give thanks and pray for volunteers of all ages and abilities who serve in congregations, outdoor ministries, Lutheran social ministry organizations, ELCA Global Mission, Lutheran Disaster Response, Mission Builders and community social services.

**14** Pray that we will consider thoughtfully the wide-ranging impact of proclaiming that “all are welcome” in our congregations and the church.

**15 *First Day of National Hispanic Heritage Month*** Give thanks to God for the gifts, contributions, traditions and rich cultural diversity of our Latiné neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask God to bless the ELCA’s 147 Latiné ministries, which share the gospel, serve their neighbors, promote inclusivity and support rostered and lay leaders. Pray for the Spirit to guide and further the work of the ELCA Latino Ministries Association.

**16** Take time to pray for the people and situations that first came to mind when you awoke this morning.

**17** Give thanks and praise to God, who shows us mercy and patience, knows our gifts and stirs within us meaning and purpose for our baptismal journey.

**18** Pray for ELCA World Hunger leaders, congregations and ministry partners participating in the ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering in Columbus, Ohio, that their sharing, planning and networking will enrich their work to address hunger and its root causes in our communities and the world.

**19** “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises” (Psalm 98:4). Join your siblings in Christ in prayers of praise and thanksgiving for our amazing God!

**20** Pray for Palestinians in Gaza, its surrounding areas and wherever they have fled in search of shelter and relief from war. Pray that the devastation and suffering will end and that leaders will commit to peaceful solutions, reconciliation, mutual respect and the rebuilding of communities that can thrive.

**21** Remember in prayer those recovering from devastating floods and grieving the loss of loved ones and neighbors. Give thanks for the work we do through Lutheran Disaster Response to respond to urgent needs, give emotional and spiritual care, support long-term recovery and restore the vitality of communities. Ask God to strengthen and bless our partnerships with synods, congregations, local relief agencies and ecumenical relief programs.

**22** *First day of fall* “In this great and strange creation, with a breath God gives us birth: born of soil to live as stewards, called to love and serve the earth” (“Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom,” *ACS* 1064). Sing praise to God for creating and entrusting to our care the earth, its natural resources and the inspiring beauty of all living things, including humankind.

**23** Pray for church leaders as they gather for the Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference in New Orleans to study and reflect on stewardship and to equip themselves for cultivating generosity in congregations. Give thanks for how God works through this partnership with the Presbyterian

Foundation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the ELCA’s stewardship and generosity team.

**24** Praise God that our church gathers and nurtures the gifts of so many through congregations, synods and special ministries to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, care for neighbors in need, equip and encourage one another, and invite all to experience the blessings of being valued members of faith communities.

**25** Remember in prayer those who are fighting cancer or experiencing a wide range of emotions upon receiving a cancer diagnosis. Pray that we and our faith communities will offer steadfast support, care and encouragement to them and their families.

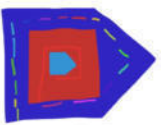
**26** Pray that all people will know the love, peace and wisdom that comes from God, made real to us through the birth, life, suffering, death and resurrection of our true savior, Jesus Christ.

**27** “Take your Bible and take your newspaper, and read both,” wrote Lutheran theologian Karl Barth (1886-1968). “But interpret newspapers from your Bible.” Ask God to help us attend to our communities, nation and world, and remember that our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to foster peace, justice, love, forgiveness and healing among all people.

**28** The story of Lazarus and the rich man in the gospels of Luke and John reminds us of God’s love and concern for those who suffer poverty, illness and neglect. Pray that we will embrace all people as neighbors who deserve respect, compassion, love and inclusion.

**29** *Michael and All Angels* Ask the Spirit to help us be aware of God’s activity in the world and to strengthen our faith when we are perplexed by the mysteries of God’s ways and the presence of angels and spiritual beings who serve as God’s messengers.

**30** Ask God to bless and guide the work of the ELCA Gender Justice and Women’s Empowerment program, informed by the unique voices and experiences of people across race, ethnicity, ability, class, sexuality and age. Pray for the advancement of gender justice in the church and society — justice grounded in Scripture, Lutheran theology and people of all gender identities working together.



**Staying Put, Inc.**  
*Caring – Connecting – Contributing*

# SEPTEMBER 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
01 <b>Office Closed Mondays</b>	02 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b> 10AM 🍷 <b>Cribbage</b>	03	04 9:30AM <b>Foot Care Clinic</b> 1:30PM <b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>	05 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b>
08 <b>Office Closed Mondays</b>	09 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b> 10AM <b>SV Memory Cafe</b> 1:15PM <b>Music at SV Health Care Campus</b>	10 10AM 🍷 <b>Birthday Celebration + National Hot Dog Day</b>	11	12 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b>
15 <b>Office Closed Mondays</b>	16 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b> 12:30PM <b>Music at Valley Villas</b>	17 10AM 🍷 <b>Apple Dessert Day</b>	18 9:30AM <b>Foot Care Clinic</b>	19 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b> 10AM 🍷 <b>Fun Fact Friday</b>
22 <b>Office Closed Mondays</b>	23 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b> 10AM <b>SV Memory Cafe</b>	24 10AM 🍷 <b>Euchre</b>	25	26 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b>
29 <b>Office Closed Mondays</b>	30 9:30AM <b>Strong Bodies</b>			

**Weekend Events:**

- Saturday 9/20: 10AM **Dam Days Booth**
- Sunday 9/21: 2PM **Dam Days Parade**

**For more information, to schedule services or to RSVP, call 715-778-5800!**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 9:00 Worship	<b>Sept 1</b> 	2  Pastor's Day Off	3	4	5	6
7 9:00 Worship Holy Communion <b>Gods Work Our Hands Sunday</b>	8  Pastor's Sabath	9  Pastor's Day Off	10	11 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 WELCA Meeting 12:30 Council Meeting	12	13
14 9:00 Worship <b>Rally Sunday</b> <b>Third Grade Bible Sunday</b>	15  Pastor's Sabath	16  Pastor's Day Off	17	18	19	20
21 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	22  Pastor's Sabath	23  Pastor's Day Off	24 6:00 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	25	26	27
28 9:00 Worship	29  Pastor's Sabath	30  Pastor's Day Off	30 6:00 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	Oct 1	2	3