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# Sanctuary

You are God's Temple

...God's Spirit Lives in You. 1 Cor. 3:15

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## Upcoming Events August/September 2022

**Sunday, Aug 21**

Worship 930

**Mon. Aug. 22, 29**

Support Group 7

**Tues. Aug. 23**

Stewardship 6 pm

**Sun. Aug. 28**

Worship in the Park 10 am

Rally Day

Confirmation parent mtg

Church picnic

Pool Party

**Sunday, Sept. 4**

Worship 930

**Mon. Sept. 5**

Basement reserved

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**Mon. Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26**

Support Group 7 pm

**Tues. Sept. 6**

Quilting 930-1230

Elders Mtg. 7 pm

**Sat. Sept. 10**

Basket Weaving 1 pm

**Wed. Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28**

Ladies Bible Study 10 am

**Sun. Sept. 11, 18,, 25**

Worship 930

Sunday School Adult

Bible Study 1045

**Tues. Sept. 13**

Church Council 7pm

**Thurs. Sept. 15**

Fellowship 430



## Sunday, August 28 Worship at the City Park

**10:00 a.m.**

Followed by Rally Day  
& Church Picnic

## Sunday School Rally Day

**Sunday, August 28**

City Park following Worship

Approximately 11:00 a.m.

Come for fun, games and sign up for  
Sunday School



## Annual Church Picnic Following Worship and Rally Day

**Sunday, August 28**

Approximately noon

Sign up in the Narthex to attend and bring  
items to share to picnic

Reservations need to be made by

Thursday, August 25

Free Will offering will be gathered.

## Pool Party!!

**Sunday, August 28**

Casa Monaco

11190 Hagemann Rd

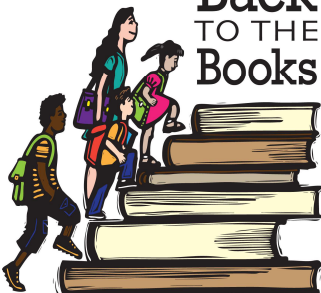
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4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Come and bring your friends!



## Back TO THE Books



Beginning Sunday, September 11—Worship—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study -10:45 a.m.



One of the things that always comes to my mind at this time of year is the need to pray for our kids in school. The beginning of the school year can be an anxious time for both kids, parents and teachers, even in “normal” times (whatever that is).

Parents often worry about how kids will do academically and socially, hoping for good teachers, stimulating classes, and a friendly atmosphere where their kids learn how to navigate through their personal relationships.

More so today, parents want to engage their kids in sports to learn what participation on a team is like, if not also a possible scholarship for their college education.

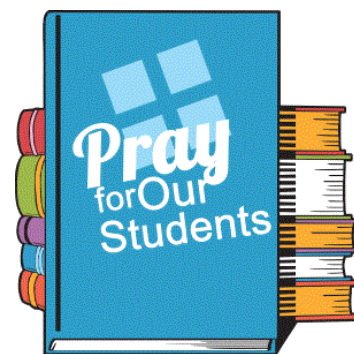
The worry for most parents today is the threat of violence, like what we saw at Robb Elementary in Uvaldi, Texas, and as we have also seen on many school campuses at every level from elementary schools through college. Mental health is also a concern as we were forced to shift from in person attendance in class to Zoom lectures because of the coronavirus. Another concern is the threat to Christian values coming from the powerful secular educators. We need to remember that the home and church are the places where we are taught to live according to the values established in Scripture, not in ivory towers of higher education.

Our kids also want to have a good experience at school. All the threats mentioned above cause anxiety and stress in the kids as well, so we also need to pray for their receptivity to learning. That is an acquired skill as kids learn in many different ways today. “Train up a child in the way he should go and he will not depart from it,” that doesn’t mean, for example, that we train our kids to be lawyers or doctors because we think that’s the best career choice for them. It means that we need to understand and be sensitive to our child’s abilities and strengths (and weaknesses) so that we can encourage them in growing in the vocation God is calling them toward.

While a Lutheran Parochial School education is profitable to be sure, I believe in public education so long as we parents take seriously our obligation to raise our children in the way of the Lord. Jesus taught us that we are all in the world, but NOT to be of the world. There’s no greater place to be tested than in the public school with all of its diversity of faith and culture. We must teach our children to distinguish between Christian and secular values and why we follow the way of Christ. We cannot neglect our duty to teach our children how to live victoriously in this world. God is calling us and our children to cling to our faith in Christ so that we might learn to love the unlovable as Christ has loved us. Love is the operative word for teaching about God’s amazing grace! And with God’s grace comes God’s favor. Who doesn’t need that!

St Paul encourages us to pray for all people. So let’s remember the kids going back to school, the parents who nurture and encourage their young, and the teachers who bring knowledge of so many good things. God said to the children of Israel, “If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14).

In Christ, Pastor Vern



P.S. Here are some Selected Prayers from various sources (some altered), to help you focus your prayers on behalf of kids, parents and teachers. You don’t have to use them, but they may help you to focus on the things that God has put on your heart for those entering or returning to school. If you’ve had the time to read through this lengthy article, maybe you can stop right here and take a moment to pray... would you please?

## PRAYERS

**Almighty God**, heavenly Father, You have blessed us with the joy and care of children. Give to us calm strength and patient wisdom that, as they grow in years, we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior, Jesus.

## ADULT CHOIR RETURNS

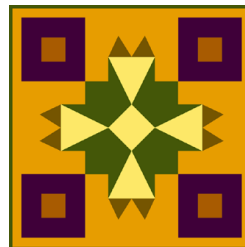


**Make a Joyful Noise! Fun and Fellowship!**

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 @7pm!!

Adult Choir will resume Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 7pm. We will practice at 7pm the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month during October and November. During Advent we will practice immediately following Advent worship until 8:30pm.

Hope to see you at Choir!



Join the Lutheran World Relief QUILT-ERS on **Tuesday, Sept. 6, Tuesday, Oct. 4 and Tuesday Nov. 1**, from 9:30 - 12:30 to tie

quilts. (We don't actually quilt by hand. Instead we secure the layers by hand tying them.) Stay the entire time or as long as your schedule permits. Hope to see you there! Mark your calendar for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. If you have any fabric pieces, thin blankets, curtains, drapes, sheets, etc you no longer need, the quilters would love to recycle them into quilts.

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The Fellowship Committee provides Fellowship among our congregation and through our community interactions. We also provide Sunday Morning Treats for the Bible Study Class. Anyone in the congregation wishing to provide Sunday Morning treats for the Bible Class, please let the Fellowship Committee know and we can set you up for a date.

With the Summer Behind us, we will be going into Fall with some fun. The Ladies Bunco Night will begin again on Sept 15, 2022 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have an activity you would like for us to provide or see the church do as a whole, Please contact one of the Fellowship Committee members.

Blessings,  
The Fellowship Committee



## BUNCO RETURNS!!



Ladies! Sign up in the Narthex to attend Bunco on Thursday, September 15. Don't miss out! It's fun! No experience necessary!





## Labor of Love

During Labor Day weekend worship, many congregations bless members of various occupations. From painting to parenting, from truck driving to teaching, from farming to pharmaceutical research, work is honored as holy.

Some might believe that certain jobs — pastor, missionary, bishop — are holier than others. But in his classic book *The Practice of the Presence of God*, Brother Lawrence, a 17th-century Carmelite monk, tells of performing even the most common, tedious tasks as holy service to God: "I turn the cake that is frying on the pan for love of [God]," he wrote. "It is enough for me to pick up but a straw from the ground for the love of God."

No matter your field of work, remember that any task done in God's name and to his glory is holy.



## A Thought for Labor Day

Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long, and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.

## Labor Day Laughs

Take a break and enjoy this work-related humor!

- My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.
  - When I couldn't hack it as a lumberjack, I got the ax.
  - I wasn't suited to being a tailor.
  - Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting.
  - I was a banker ... until I lost interest.
  - I realized there was no future in being a historian.
  - Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli.
  - I studied to become a doctor but had no patients.
- My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind.
- When I worked as a plumber, the tasks were too draining.
  - I was hired at a gym but wasn't fit for the job.
- Finally, I got a job at a bakery; I kneaded dough!

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**Heavenly Father**, You promise in Your Word, "The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore"(Psalm 121:7-8). I pray that each child knows their full worth and identity in You. I pray they truly know that they are fearfully and wonderfully made in your image and that nothing of this world can ever make them feel less than who You say they are. And when they begin feeling like they are less, may they always remember that they are perfect in your eyes!

**Gracious Lord**, please prepare Your children to be strong and confident against the bullies they may face at school. Help them to understand that the person bullying them is lost and hurting and needs forgiveness and prayer. I pray they will be able to avoid these situations, but if they do encounter them, I pray that you are right there with them to guide them in handling the situation.

**Warrior God**, I pray that every child is surrounded by the full armor of God as they walk through the doors of school each day. I pray that they are able to avoid danger in any form. Bring Your Holy Spirit into the hearts of all those who would bring violence into the classroom that they may find peace in their hearts and the power to resist the temptation to resort to aggression. Please keep our children safe from harm and always bring them home at the end of each day.

**Father**, thank you for our amazing teachers and educators! They've devoted their lives to help bring up our next generation and I pray that they seek you out in everything they do or say. Though they will be teaching from a secular perspective, help them to teach those things that build up and encourage and to avoid those things that would be harmful, spiritually, mentally and emotionally to the young. Grant them knowledge to teach those things that draw attention to Your great design of the world in all its complexity that all that is taught may bring glory to Your name.

I pray these things in the mighty name of Jesus, to whom be all glory and honor, now and always. Amen.

# Stewardship CORNER

## The Ceremony of the Offertory

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony involved in receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? After all the offerings have been collected, they are brought forward and given to the pastor or one of his assistants. The pastor then turns toward the altar, and as he slightly bows his head, the collection plates with the offerings in them are raised slightly to

the Lord and then placed either on the altar or a table for the offerings. Why do we do have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does; it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us, what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1–3).

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion—the bread and the wine—were brought forward along with the offering plates. As the offering plates and the elements were lifted toward the Lord, and placed upon the altar, the elements would be put in the center and the altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

These gifts brought to the altar came from the sweat of the people's brow. It is the bread and wine, the fruits of the peoples' labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people would bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. It was set upon the altar and offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into His service for His gracious work in and among them.

For what they offered to the Lord from the sweat of their brow, the bread of anxious toil, came back to them as the bread of life, the bread come down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup would receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household.

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows, and He receives this from us in the first fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise. He receives and turns it into spiritual bread, heavenly bread, the bread of eternal life and gives it back to us so that we might have joy. So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder, that the Lord gives back to us, what we have given to Him so that we may rejoice in the salvation He has won upon the cross and gives to us in His supper. – LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)



## Have you purchased your Blessed Savior T or polo shirt?

The t's are \$20.00 each and available in 4 colors and various sizes.

Polos are also available for \$30. Other sizes may be ordered as well. See Dale Schutte or Keith Szolga to purchase or for more information.

The church picnic is coming up on the 28th of August. Support BSLC and wear your shirt!

## It Only Takes a Spark

Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion. Compassion is the fire that flames the candle of service. Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope. Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God. God is the power that creates the miracle of love. —William Arthur Ward



2— Anne Siron  
 6- Glenn Dalton, William Boswell  
 7- Wayne Husemann  
 7—Bryan Conrad, 8—Brooks Dalton  
 9—Haley Bartimus, Gavin Hill, Kelly Siron  
 14—George Kruse 16—Emily Sanchez, Diane Schefelker  
 17 – Janet Satrom, Patty Gruhn  
 18 – John Lundeby, Jared Brockmeyer  
 23 – Linda Williams, Sue Rogers, Donna Brockmeyer  
 24 Marvin Ganger  
 26 Claire Morton, Jackson Morton  
 29 –Greg Kieffer, Hannah Grant  
 30 – Kim Kesting  
 31 – Marty Lintvedt, Katherine Bowman



1—Peter & Sunnie Hollenbeck  
 4—Tom & Gwen Borsch  
 7 – Wayne & Kathy Husemann  
 12—Phil & Brittany Sterling  
 14—Dan & Rachel Schmidt  
 20 – Eric & Mary Stake  
 22 – Billy & Buffi Gass  
 22—Harry & Peggy Russell  
 22—Don & Mary Geis

1 – Amy Calzada  
 3 – Dave Couture  
 5 – Angie Conrad, Cora Hill  
 8 – Mark Poteet, Kara Hubecky, Paul Kjosa  
 9 – Cornelia Paulsen, Nathan Nelson, Wren Grant  
 10 – Laura Drouin  
 11– Nic Kjosa  
 12 – Kirk Satrom  
 13—Brittni Gass  
 16 – Emilie Wickline  
 18 – Bob Morton, Miranda Brockmeyer  
 19– Olivia Siron  
 20 – Julianne Reynolds, Robert Bruns  
 21– Marsha Strohm  
 22 – Dave Longhorn 23 Mackenna Leech  
 25 – Ken Vohlken, Hanna Schmidt, Jean Miller  
 26—AJ Monaco  
 28 – Phyllis Miesner



2—John & Ann Lundeby  
 2—Chris & Lindsey Sherman  
 6- John & Joan Gefferth  
 10—Mark & Lauren Morton  
 11 – David & Polly Ziegler  
 24—Mitch & Jackie Davis  
 28—Dave & Chris Couture  
 30 – Kale & Donna Jackson



We are sorry if your birthday or anniversary has been overlooked. Please call the church office, 632-0126 or email Nancy at [nancy@mybslc.org](mailto:nancy@mybslc.org) so we may add your name to our list. Thanks for your help.

## LCMS Gift Planning

Randy and Rachel recently purchased some furniture. The trouble is it had to be assembled. Randy dug right in, but he was having trouble figuring out how to get it together. Rachel confronted him saying, "Did you look at the instructions? It frustrates me that you can't ever ask for help." Hopefully God's grace removed the offenses of that moment, but this story illustrates the fact that in life, we need help with things we can't do ourselves.

If your air conditioner breaks, you hire someone to fix it because you must be trained and licensed to work with the coolant. If you have a tooth ache, you don't use a pair of pliers to fix it yourself; You go to a dentist. One apprehension for people completing their estate plans is that they don't want to be required to schedule appointments with attorneys, financial advisors, or tax planners, nor pay the costs. But trying to put together estate plans without help is like Randy trying to build his furniture without instructions. The investment of time and dollars in estate work is worth it, making sure things are completed correctly.

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist your interaction with these professionals. Your Gift Planning Counselor will never bill you for the time they work with you. You can work through the tough questions and highlight the work that needs to be done, so that when you appear in your professional's office, you are prepared and ready to be efficient and able to make decisions to move forward. To begin this preparation process with your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor, contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org).



### New Seat, New Perspective

In older sitcoms, family members, especially parents, each had their own chair in the living room. No one else sat there. If its "owner" wasn't present, the on-set chair remained empty. Church can be like that too, with people claiming the same seat week after week. Our view of the service and of fellow worshippers is familiar and comfortable.

Recently, our family was "bumped" back a bit, which felt surprisingly different at first. But we interacted just the same with the service. As a bonus, I talked with different people. And after church we stayed to visit a bit longer.

I'm glad church seats don't have nameplates. And I'm thankful that God nudges me out of my comfort zone from time to time, giving me a new perspective.—Janna Firestone

## THE WATER OF LIFE

Christ is like a river that is continually flowing. There are always fresh supplies of water coming from the fountainhead, so that a man may live by it and be supplied with water all his life. So Christ is an ever-flowing fountain; he is continually supplying his people, and the fountain is not spent. They who live upon Christ may have fresh supplies from him for all eternity; they may have an increase of blessedness that is new [and] never will come to an end.—Jonathan Edwards



### God Among the Rubble

The nonprofit World Central Kitchen provides fresh meals for communities in need following natural disasters or during humanitarian crises. After Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, WCK fed millions of people in the country and refugees at border crossings.

When I feel discouraged by tragic news and ask where God is, I'm reminded that God shows up precisely in people such as the WCK teams. They are God's hands serving healthy food to people fleeing home. They are God's heart and arms welcoming those in need to be nourished.

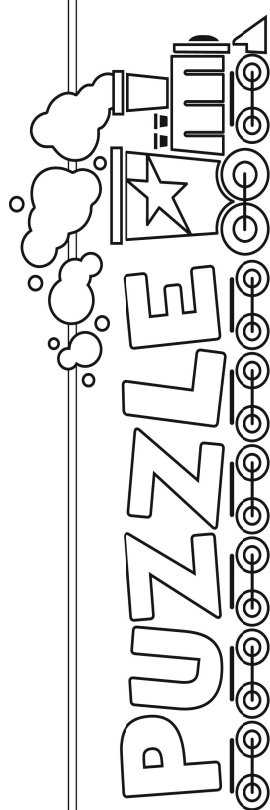
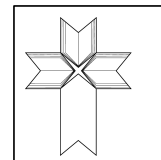
Often in the Bible God shows up around meals: Sarah and Abraham host the Lord in the form of three visitors; God rains manna from heaven for the Israelites; an angel provides food for exhausted Elijah; Jesus eats with "tax collectors and sinners" and feeds crowds with a few loaves and fish. Supremely, Jesus gives to all the meal of Holy Communion, the bread and wine that are his very body and blood.

In our broken world, God is among the rubble, among the helpers, among us.—Heidi Hyland Mann





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# Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



**Directions:** Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.



Fruit		Vegetable	
Apple	V	Pepper	O
Carrot	E	Spinach	R
Tomato	Y	Watermelon	H
Grape	C	Broccoli	G
Eggplant	T	Pumpkin	T
Celery	I	Pear	F
Banana	K	Asparagus	L
Cucumber	N		R

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo\_e, j\_\_\_, pea\_e,

pa\_ie\_\_ce, \_\_ind\_\_ess, go\_\_dne\_\_s,

fait\_\_ful\_\_ess, gen\_\_leness, sel\_\_-cont\_\_ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control