

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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 September 8, 2024

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH.** We wish you God's richest blessings during your time with us. **Green prayer cards in the pews if you have prayer requests. Please give to an usher to give to pastor.**

**OUR VISION STATEMENT** *Our vision is to be a people transformed by the Gospel to live out and pass on the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ in our homes, community and world. We will empower and equip people to mentor following generations so that the legacy of faith continues.*

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT** *Our mission is to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ in order to share that faith with others.*

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHLESWIG INVITES YOU TO THEIR ANNUAL CALF SHOW DAYS DINNER on Saturday, September 14,** after the parade until 1:30PM at the Schleswig Community Bldg. Serving Staley's broasted chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, veg, cole slaw, etc.

Poster with more details on glass in Narthex.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH is hosting a community service under the big tent, on Sunday, September 15 at 9:00AM. All welcome**

*What a glorious day as we return to a full program schedule!  
 Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship today!*

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>9/8/24</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE – Live Streamed</b> <b>Its RALLY DAY !! Welcome Back !!</b> Fellowship Sunday School & High School Youth Bible Class <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>  <b>10:15AM</b> <b>10:15-11:15AM</b> <b>10:30-11:15AM</b> <b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Church Council</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bible Study at Jimmy's</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>Cross Explorations – grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Catechism (Confirmation) grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00AM</b> <b>9:30AM</b> <b>4:00-5:00PM</b> <b>4:00-5:15PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Golden Horizons</b>	<b>2:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9/15/24</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion – Live Streamed</b> <b>Bible Class, Sunday School, High School Youth</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE w/Communion</b>	<b>9:00AM</b> <b>10:15AM</b> <b>5:00PM</b>

Offering this week:\$                      Attendance Sunday Morning: 107                      Sunday Evening: 32

**OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**      **SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM**  
**USHERS: Rob Uhl family**                      **USHERS: Ron & Zanet Thies**  
**ACOLYTE: Sun 9 AM: Sophia**                      **ACOLYTE: Sunday 5 PM: Aiden**

**JOIN US FOR RALLY DAY on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will receive their Bibles that day during the Worship Service  
 Sunday School will start for grades preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grades

**CROSS EXPLORATIONS (MIDWEEK) for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will begin on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE – A snack will be available at 4:00 with class from 4:00-5:00PM. Kids can walk up after school and we will have supervision / games / activity available until snack time.**

**7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CATECHISM/CONFIRMATION, WEDNESDAY EVENINGS-- which includes 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, 4:00PM for snacks and class will be from 4:15-5:15PM**

**MIDWEEK SNACKS NEEDED –** we are looking for some prepackaged snacks for the kids to have before class. Also would like string cheese, apples or cutie oranges. A sign up sheet is available if you would like to provide homemade snacks on a particular week, or special for a birthday.

**MIDWEEK SUPERINTENDENT and a SNACK TIME SERVER NEEDED please sign up on sign up sheet on Welcome Center**

**LWML MAPLETON ZONE** is in need of a Vice President and a Treasurer, please prayerfully considering these positions, if you have any questions or interest, please contact Shar Osborn or Nancy Schoen.

**LWML ZONE FALL RALLY on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at St. John Lutheran Church, Charter Oak. 9:00AM Brunch, registration, fellowship and Rally begins at 10:00AM. Speaker will be Rhonda Mohr, District IDW Education, Youth and Family Life.**

**Donations of school supplies are welcome ( a container for donations will be available by the LWML box in the narthex)**

**IWD LWML FALL RETREAT at Mission Central on September 28. Registration 8:30AM and program 9:00-1:30PM.** See registrations on the table in Narthex. Lunch provided and the registration fee is \$15.00. In-gathering for IOWAY, IDW Disaster Relief, Orphan Grain Train, Camp Okoboji and Mission Central (see containers or baskets for you to donate the items listed on sheet on registration and lists will be available on the table)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*1 Kings 17:8–16*

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup>And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

## EPISTLE

*Galatians 5:25—6:10*

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. <sup>1</sup>Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load. <sup>6</sup>One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 6:24–34*

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. <sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>34</sup>“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”



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## In Our Thoughts Prayers

Victor Zobel - Horn

Delores Borchers - Willowdale for Rehab

Erin Nielsen

Cecile Bargar -(healing from back surgery)

Students, teachers , paraeducators and parents as a new school year begins

Sunday School & Wednesday Students & Teachers

Family of Marian (Neumann) Stevenson, of Spirit Lake  
Who passed away this past week, she was preceeded in death by her parents Carl & Elvira Neumann, brother Leonard Neumann & son Keith Luft

*Continued prayers and/or healing for:*

Jeff Nollen Lois Jensen George Weir Victor Zobel Shirley Havener

Jo Palmer Jolene Ladwig Makayla Bell Stella Turnbull

Austin Mollhoff Ron Kraphl Jeff Pierce Rose Schuldt Jim Wilcox

Seth Hamann Mark Queen Dan Grell Kenton Petersen Lody Smith

Erin DeBoer Diane Olsen Sue Bubb Kayla Baker Tiffany Lindberg

Greg Lewiston Ashley Collins Trisha McCormick

**September Birthdays this week:**

Sept. 4 Corlys Boysen Leila Prell

Sept. 7 Chloe Jamison

Sept. 8 Ember Arbegast Clayton Ernst Nancy Hasbrouck

Sept. 9 Amy Godbersen

Sept. 10 Rod Jensen Karen Lichtenberg Dale Ullrich

Gailen Wessel

Sept. 11 Darrell Bennigsdorf John Brookbank

Sept. 12 Haley Johnson Avery Schable

Sept. 14 Kristy Gilbert Connie Jordan

**September Anniversaries this week:**

Sept. 4 Ed & Janice Nelson

Sept. 6 Dr. Carl & Janet Toben

Sept. 9 David & Karen Petersen

Sept. 12 Kendall & Nancy Schoen

Sept. 15 Stan & Denise Chisholm

**HYMN SING SUNDAYS, has started and it will be on "Every second Sunday of the month, we will sing some of your favorite hymns. Put your choices for hymns to sing in white the box in the Narthex, and they will be used as part of the worship services during the second Sunday of the month."**

**ASK THE PASTOR - LAST SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH**

"Have questions to ask Pastor Wehmas? He will attempt answer a few questions as part of the services, **during the last Sunday of the month. Submit your questions in the white box in the Narthex.**"

**COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for September: Laundry/Kitchen items: laundry detergent, bleach, dryer sheets, fabric softener, dish soap, Clorox or Lysol wipes/spray cleaner, place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex or hallway. All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations. The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. Mobile Food Pantry: Battle Creek Fire Station on Thursday, September 19 from 4:30-5:30PM**

**THANK YOU FROM THE QUILTERS** to those who have given material, sheets and other bedding to us to use for our quilting. Remember to keep us in mind if you are "summer cleaning" or downsizing and would like to donate your items to us. **ALSO** if you would like a lap robe for someone or for yourself please let us know or stop by to pick out one. They make great blankets as well for the end of your bed, to cover up cold feet or legs during the night!

**HOSPITALIZATION REMINDER :** if you are admitted to ANY hospital, please let us know or have a family member or a friend let Pastor Neil or the church office know, so we know you are there to visit, or would just want prayers from Pastor.

**Worship Service for Sun., September 8, 2024  
Rally Day and Praise Band**

**Song** **Who Am I**

**Invocation**

**Exhortation**

**Confession and Absolution**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**Reading**

1 Kings 17:8-16

**Gradual**

*Psalm 118:8-9*

**It is better to take refuge | in the LORD\*  
than to | trust in man.**

**It is better to take refuge | in the LORD\*  
than to trust in | princes.**

**Reading**

Matthew 6:24-34

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grader receive their Bibles**

**Children's Message**

**Song** **Build My Life (w/ Apostles Creed )**

**Psalm 146 (spoken by Pastor)**

**Song** **Death Was Arrested**

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Offering ( During the Closing song)**

**Song** **The Lion and The Lamb**

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Hymn Praise the Almighty LSB 797

Invocation p. 151

**Psalm - responsively spoken** *Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 9a*

<sup>1</sup>Praise | the LORD!\*

**Praise the LORD, | O my soul!**

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;\*

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in | princes,\*

**in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.**

<sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;\*

**on that very day his plans | perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,\*

**whose hope is in the | LORD his God,**

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is | in them,\*

**who keeps faith for- | ever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for | the oppressed,\*

**who gives food to the | hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.\*

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**the LORD loves the | righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,\*

**but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.**

<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign for- | ever,\*

**your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the LORD!**

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Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 17:8-16

**Gradual – responsively spoken** *Psalm 118:8–9*

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Epistle Reading Galatians 5:25-6:10

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Holy Gospel Matthew 6:24-34

Hymn I Leave All Things To God's Direction LSB 719

Sermon

Apostles Creed p. 159

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: let us pray to the Lord,

Cong: Lord, have mercy

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Lord's Prayer

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Announcements

Hymn Have No Fear, Little Flock LSB 735

