



Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

News for Sunday, September 22

Join us for Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Click [HERE](#) for the 9:00 a.m. Worship bulletin

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This morning we extend a welcome to Pastor Mark Luepke.

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Bev Julien, Phyllis Jacobsen, Lee Eilers, JoAnn Garcia, Barb Lenn, Lori Dewey, Shirley Graftaas, Betty Steinke, Michael Harting, Larry Wahler, JoDell Cruz, Sandy Julifs, Lila Edeus, and Berta Beyer.

Placing our confidence in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of our loved ones, we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Lee Sandrock. Lee passed away on September 8. Lee is Valerie Petty's father.

May God's presence bring you comfort and peace.

During this time of transition if you have an emergency, please call Sue in the church office or one of the council members who will contact the pastor that is covering during that time.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Beginning last week the church is now open:

Monday – Thursday – 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday – 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Quilt and Kit Blessing Sunday Sept 22

We will be blessing the quilts and school kits to be sent overseas with the Lutheran World Relief organization this Sunday during worship. Thank you to all our dedicated and ambitious quilters and all those who donated personal care kit and school supplies! A total of 72 school kits, 56 personal care kits and 125 quilts will be shipped out the first part of October.

Tri-Church Confirmation Class for 6th – 8th grade students!

Sunday, September 22 – Class will meet from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at St. John's, for a Bible review and Creation.

Call Committee

St. Paul Church Council met at their regularly scheduled meeting this month. It was decided to send around a sign up list for those that would be interested on being on the call committee. This does not mean that you are on the committee, but rather gives the Council a list of members who expressed interest. Council would like to have a diverse committee, of all ages and backgrounds. Please pray over this important decision and sign up if you are interested. You can also have your name added to the list by calling Sue Dirks in the office. Please sign up by October 6th. Council will be meeting again on October 9th.

Coffee Fellowship

The Coffee Fellowship sign-up is being passed around this morning. Please check your calendars to see what Sunday you could provide treats and make coffee. During this time of transition, this time of fellowship helps keeps us all united. If you don't want to do it alone, ask a friend to help!

Deb Keaschall (who wears many hats at CGH; including supporting spiritual care of the hospitalized, clergy appreciation, etc.) is retiring. **There is a reception in her honor on Tuesday, September 24 from 1-3 pm at the CGH Ryberg Auditorium.** Please stop by and/or prepare a card as you are able. Deb's good work fosters our ability to support the people we serve. What a gift Deb is! Hope to see you there and hope your fall's are off to a good start!

The Northern Illinois Synod (NIS) welcomes Pastor Seth Sululu, a pastor, musician, and professor at Makurmira University in Arusha, Tanzania. One of the unique things about these types of visits is that it is truly about partnership, companionship, and walking together as the body of Christ as we open God's story. The NIS is excited to welcome Pastor Seth Sululu. Please visit www.nisynod.org/globalmission for more information on NIS ministry partners. You are invited to Pastor Seth Sululu's presentation on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, (3301 Corbridge Ln,) in Rockford at 2:00 p.m. Please keep Pastor Sululu and the church throughout the world in your prayers.

Watoto Children's Choir

You're invited to join the Watoto Children's Choir as they sing, dance, and share their stories of restoration and hope. Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dixon High School Auditorium. Enjoy this free concert featuring music from the new album, "Better Days – There is Hope". To learn more about the choir visit: www.watoto.com.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

There will be Bible Study at 5:30 p.m. on September 25. All are welcome! You can join us at any time.

CLEO (Church Ladies Eating Out)

CLEO meet monthly at 5:30 p.m. at a designated restaurant. The September outing on Monday, September 30 at Angelos in Sterling. If you are unable to attend because of bad weather or personal reasons, please join us the next month. If you need a ride or have any questions, please contact Judy Bartel at 815-751-6768. All are welcome!

Pet Blessing Oct 6

During outdoor worship on Sunday Oct 6, we will be worshipping with all God's creation, including our pets! You are invited to bring your dog, cat, horse, fish or any pet to receive a special blessing for the animals and attend worship with you. The pet blessing ritual has its roots in honoring St. Francis of Assisi who is the patron saint of animals. His feast day is commemorated Oct 4. If you would like to offer blessings or assist with this part of the service, please let the church office know. (In case of inclement weather, the Pet Blessing will be canceled).

50 Year Celebration

Make plans to join us for Autumn Fest and our 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, October 12. A complete schedule of festivities are in development as we prepare to celebrate LOMC's 50th Anniversary; as we **Remember, Reconnect, Renew!** The day kicks off at 10am. Throughout the day there will be opportunities to hear from past staffers and campers as they share stories. LOMC tours, hikes, games and more will be available! **Join us by signing up for lunch with the button below: [Register for Lunch Here](#) The LOMC 50th Anniversary Celebration is at 2:00 p.m. with a reception following.** We will worship God amidst creation through story, sharing and song. The LOMC Reunion Swing Choir will share special music. A variety of people will share messages, including past and current staff and bishops of the three Illinois synods. All are welcome! **Plan on joining us this fall to experience outdoor ministry at LOMC in Oregon, IL**

6th – 8th graders check your calendars:

The Fall Retreat will be at LOMC November 22-23! This overnight adventure involves digging into God's word and creation while sleeping in a cabin at LOMC! Cost is \$80 per camper. If you are interested in attending this retreat please let Gabby know by October 1. We will be attending with a few other churches in the area and sharing chaperones among our churches. St. Paul will be covering \$60 of the cost of this event for each attendee.

Children's Offering

The September Children's offering will go to World Hunger.

THIS WEEK

Monday, September 23
October Newsletter article Deadline

Tuesday, September 24
NIS Tanzania presentation in Rockford – 2:00 p.m.
Watoto Children's Choir – Dixon High School Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25
Adult Bible Study – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday & Friday, September 26-27
Church office will be closed.

Next Sunday, September 29
Worship/Communion service at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday school – 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

Next week – September 29
Presider: Pastor Frank Lay
Opener/Head Usher/Closer – David Carrillo
Acolyte – *Volunteer Needed*
Greeters – Audrey Cox, Cathy Cox
Ushers – Mel Johnson, Nancy Beck
Reader – Vicki Sauter
Sound – Braydn Arians
Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer needed*