



### **Purpose Statement**

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

### **News for Sunday, September 13, 2026**

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

#### **RALLY DAY**

Following worship will be Sunday School and Rally Day Activities  
A light lunch will be available.

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

Click [HERE](#) to watch the Livestream

**We Remember in Prayer;** those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Craig Green, Tricia M., Ken & Stephanie, Richard J., Callahan McCallister, Brock Woessner, Lori Dewey, Michelle Klinger, Matt Friel, Sandy Julifs, Mike, and Phyllis Jacobson.

**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.

#### **Thank you!**

A big thank you to Marilyn Geiger for decorating the sanctuary and church with fall decorations! It looks great!

#### **September Tri Church Activities & Meetings**

- 14 – Menz Group @ St. John's, 6 pm
- 15 – WELCA Morning Gather Bible Study @ Immanuel, 9 am
- 16 - WELCA Quilting for Lutheran World Relief @ St. Paul, 9 am
- 16 - WELCA Family Group Meeting @ St. Paul, 5:30-7 pm
- 20 – Confirmation @ St. John's, 11 am – 2 pm
- 27 – Birthday Buddies Cookout @ LSSI Group Home, 4 pm
- 28 – WELCA CLEO (Church Ladies Eating Out), 5:30 pm  
(RSVP to Judy Bartel at 815-751-6768)

NOTE: No Tri Church Leadership Team meeting in September

#### **LSSI Trunk or Treat**

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, LSSI is hosting a trunk or treat for their youth and families served by their foster care program at Nachusa. They are looking for donations of candy, individual snack packs, and juice boxes. Please bring any donations by October 4<sup>th</sup>. There is a basket at the back of the sanctuary.

**The Loaves and Fishes Breakfast Program** at First United Methodist Church, Sterling, serves hundreds of meals each week day! Plastic grocery sacks are needed. Please place your plastic grocery bags donations in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

#### **Children's Offering**

The September Children's offering will go to towards The Buddy Bag program. Be assured that every penny donated goes only to the cost of purchasing the food. All administrative costs are covered separately.

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| <b>THIS WEEK</b> |
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#### **Monday, September 14**

Menz Group at St. John's – 6:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, September 15**

Pastor Mark will be in the office

WELCA Tri Church Bible Study at Immanuel – 9:00 a.m.

#### **Wednesday, September 16**

LWR WELCA Tri Church Quilting – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WELCA Tri Church Family Group – 5:30 p.m.

#### **Friday, September 18**

October Newsletter Deadline

**Next Sunday, September 20**

Worship service at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

Tri-Church Confirmation Class at St. John's – 11:00 a.m.

**Next Week – September 20**

**Worship Assistants**

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Dawn Waite

Acolytes – Gale family

Greeters – Janie Billings, Susan Kuehl

Ushers – John Renner, Mel Johnson

Reader – Marilyn Geiger

Sound – David Carrillo

Communion Assistant – John Renner

Altar Guild – Ann Beswick, JoAnn Garcia

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*