



THE BELL TOWER September 2026



Our mission is to:

Teach and share God's Word with those around us

Live in fellowship with one another and foster Christ-centered relationships

Care and grow in faith by serving God and His People

Letting God In

This past month has been an emotional rollercoaster for sure. This month after our vacation, Megan, Josiah and Saige packed up and moved back to River Falls for the start of another school year. The house is certainly a little quieter but difficult to have them not around. Then tennis season and sports season started for the girls, so family time is harder to come by for sure. Then a close friend of the family's dad, who we got to know very well over the years, passed away suddenly after a brief battle with cancer. It is through these moments that I have had to rely on God and His presence, and we begin a new year. It was during this time that I read a devotion that really struck me and put into words what I have been feeling this past month. I pray that these words can remind you of God's never changing presence in your life and that you continue to let Him into your life, through the ups and downs of it. Have a blessed month.

"We all have experienced times in our lives when we are caught off guard by emotional moments neither planned nor easy at the time to understand. While visiting Rouen in France I was suddenly in such a place. We were inside the Church of St. Joan of Arc, built on the exact site where she had been burned at the stake in 1431. The modern building is simple, bright, small, and beautiful. Its sweeping curves are meant to depict the flames of her death or an upturned Viking long-ship (as a ship is often the symbol of the church.) It was only built 50 years ago and very unique in appearance and feel. It was impossible to ignore the feelings that space evoked in me or how important that chance encounter was.

I entered that space as a typical tourist taking pictures of the artwork and architecture, but quickly was overwhelmed with a sense of awe at the beauty of the design and the tragic history of the location. I was drawn into more than I was expecting to see or feel. After a few moments of sitting on a wooden bench and quietly taking everything in, I was overwhelmed with a feeling of God's presence. Timing is everything, and part of a vacation is to catch one's breath and be inspired by something different. This was a surprise moment of contemplation as I overwhelmed with a feeling of awe and emotion. Was it the design of the building, a sense of the history of that location, or simply my own need to let God into some of my own feelings and experience? Was it the incomprehensibility of a time in history when a nineteen-year-old young woman was burned to death by political and religious leaders? Could it have been the reality that Rouen was site of terrible bombing during the war? Was it turmoil closer to home? Maybe all of the above and maybe more! What I know for sure is that for the first time in many months I felt an overwhelming sense of God's powerful presence and calm peace in the quiet space of this place of worship.

We take for granted what is familiar. When we are in unfamiliar times and places, we are often at a loss, but also just as often more attentive and open to God's healing touch. This was such a time. I felt an overwhelming urge to cry, but didn't know why. But even more, as I allowed the quiet of that space, the vivid colors of stained glass, and the peace of an almost empty sanctuary to be my guide, I felt most of all the blanket of God's presence and peace. I learned later that the stained-glass windows of this modern space had once been in an old cathedral that as destroyed by bombs in the war. Ahead of time, as with many churches in Germany, the windows had been taken down and buried in safe places. Their original home was destroyed but they were incorporated into this modern building after the war. (What a take on the Gospel message of death and resurrection!) And so, the old and the new created a place for a different type of healing which is what the message of the Gospel has always been about. How often it is silence and not noise we need the most!

In Him,
Pastor Brett

September's Memory Verse

*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.:
Ephesians 6:10*

Worship Schedule for September

Wednesday, September 2nd – 7pm Worship with Communion
Sunday, September 6th- 9am Worship with Communion
Sunday, September 13th - 9am Worship
Sunday, September 20th- 9am Worship with Communion
Wednesday, September 23rd – 7pm Worship with Communion
Sunday, September 27th– 9am Worship

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Church Happenings

ESPN Fantasy Football and CBS Pick'em - will be starting soon with the first NFL game slated for Wednesday, September 9th. If you would like to join either league, please send an email to brucehansonbrsfd@gmail.com. If you have participated in the past, you have or will receive an invitation to rejoin soon.

Wednesday Evening Services - We are continuing our Wednesday Midweek service. Starting this month and continuing until December when Advent starts, we will be having two Wednesday Evening services each month, it will be the first and third Wednesday of each month- due to the Tanner Olsen Event this month on the third Wednesday, we will have it on the fourth Wednesday. Our services for September will be Wednesday, September 2nd and September 23rd at 7pm. We will continue offering communion. Join us as we continue to grow in His Word and worship Him for who He is.

Adult Bible Study - Adult Bible Study will be starting up again on Sunday, September 20th. The topic is still being planned out. All are welcome to join us during the Sunday School hour- 10:15-11:15am.

Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study - All are welcome to attend the women's Bible study every other Tuesday. The study will start again in October. Stay tuned for a date. The study will still be at 6:30 and the topic will be discussed when they meet up again. Emma Hansen will be leading the study.

Meatball Dinner - We will have our Meatball dinner on Saturday, October 24th from 4:30 to 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. We will be looking for people to help serve, set up, clean up, and make the meatballs. We are also looking for items for our craft sale and silent auction. If you would like to donate anything towards that or know of anyone who would be willing to donate, please reach out to Paige at tlcsabin@gmail.com or you may place anything you would like to donate in the office on her desk. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Brett or a Stewardship Committee member. Please help spread the word about the dinner!



The flyer is a vertical poster with a warm, rustic aesthetic. At the top, it features a small icon of a church steeple and bell, followed by the text "Trinity Lutheran CHURCH • SABIN". Below this, the words "MEATBALL Dinner" are prominently displayed in a large, bold, serif font, with "Dinner" in a script font. To the right of the text is a photograph of a plate of meatballs in a rich sauce, served over mashed potatoes with a side of bread. Below the main title, a red banner reads "SATURDAY", followed by "OCTOBER 24TH" in large, bold letters. Below that, another banner indicates the time "4:30-7PM". The flyer is divided into several sections by decorative borders. On the left, a red circular badge says "Free Will DONATION" with a heart icon. To the right, a section titled "Take Out MEALS AVAILABLE!" features a shopping bag icon. Below these, two sections are separated by a vertical line: "CRAFT SALE Handcrafted with Love!" with a heart icon and a small basket of lavender, and "SILENT AUCTION Bid on Something Special!" with a heart icon and a small basket. At the bottom, the church's name "TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH SABIN" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by the address "100 2nd Avenue West Sabin, MN 56580" and a heart icon.

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MEATBALL Dinner

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Tanner Olsen Event- September 16th at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church - This event is for all ages. There will be two events that evening- the first is a kid's concert at 5:30 for kids' preschool to 5th grade. The main event is for 7th grade to adults. There will be a meal at 6:15. Any questions, see Pastor Brett

THE SLOW DOWN

**WEDNESDAY
SEPT. 16**





**KID'S CONCERT 5:30 PM
MEAL 6:15 PM
MAIN EVENT 7 PM**

**a night of music, poetry, and hope with
Tanner Olson & Matt Doering**

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH / 1000 14TH ST S / MOORHEAD



Youth Happenings

Sunday School - Sunday School Registration is open! Please use the QR code to register.



Rally Sunday - Join us for Rally Sunday after service on Sunday, September 13th to kick off the Sunday School year!

Confirmation- Confirmation will be starting soon. Both 9th graders and 7th-8th grade will have a short meeting following service on September 13th. Confirmation will then start on September 20th following Sunday School.

September Celebrations

Birthdays

1st Brielle Wohlwend, Brinley Wohlwend

3rd Jenna Christianson

6th Barbara Mikkelsen, Ella Sedlacek

7th Jolene Kellerman

8th Cheryl Hoeck, Tasha Krull, Patrick Lass, Clarice Schmidt, Evan Sedlacek

10th Lance Kistner

11th David Altenbernd, Lisa Johnk

12th Christian Byram

13th Thomas Moe

14th Lois Arntson

15th Zach Odden-Lemar

16th Herman Weiss

17th Riley Heim, Hermie Weiss

19th Van Lass, Zack McFarland

22nd Kathy Klug, James Krabbenhoft, Anne Morris, Nathan Wasvick

23rd Jim Ingebretsen, Peyton Schmidt

24th William Brandt, Ronald Hoeck, Amanda Nelson

25th Andrew Christianson, Steve Rinkenberger

26th Leena Hartwig

28th Vern Arntson

29th Sarah Hartwig, Adam Schellack



Happy Anniversary



Anniversaries

1st Bruce and Maggie Hanson 42 years

1st Cody and Amanda Nelson 14 years

2nd Darrell and Karen Byram 48 years

6th Michael and Stacie Sedlacek 18 years

9th Roland and Linda Crawford 59 years

9th Joe and Laurie Moore 48 years

10th Ryan and Haleigh Krieger 10 years

15th Alex and Angie Hansen 20 years

16th Larry and Lavonne Leach 65 years

17th Dennis and Jayne Johnk 43 years

19th Chris and Amy Rasmussen 34 years

22nd Art and Erika Escobar 19 years

24th Michael and Nicole Bednar 21 years

25th Steven & Taylor Adams 5 years

25th Steve & Melanie Rinkenberger 16 years

29th Keith and Stacey Zbasnik 36 years

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7pm – Worship with Communion	3	4	5
6 9am – Worship with Communion	7	8	9 6:30pm – Elders Meeting 7:30pm – Council Meeting	10	11	12
13 9am – Worship 10:15am – Rally Sunday, Confirmation Meeting	14	15	16 5:30pm - Tanner Olsen Event-Prek-5 th Grade 6:15pm – Tenner Olsen Event- meal 7pm – Tanner Olsen Event- 7 th Grade-Adult	17	18	19
20 9am – Worship with Communion 10:15am - Adult Bible Study, Sunday School 11:15am - Confirmation	21	22	23 7pm – Worship with Communion	24	25	26
27 9am – Worship 10:15am –Adult Bible Study, Sunday School 11:15am - Confirmation	28	29	30			

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