

Sunday, September 27th

9:00am– Worship
 10:15am– Blessing of the Courtyard
 10:30am- Bible study/Sunday School/ 5th &
 6th grade confirmation class
 2:00pm- Pastoral Call Voter’s meeting

Monday, September 28th

1:30pm– Activities Room– dominoes
 6:00pm- Cherub Chimers rehearsal
 6:30pm- Heavenly Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, September 29th

10:00am- Food Pantry
 6:30pm– Guitar Jam

Wednesday, September 30th

10:00am- Women’s Bible study
 1:30pm– Activities room-dominoes

Thursday, October 1st

6:30pm- Board Meetings

Saturday, October 3rd

8:00am- Men’s Bible study
 9:30am- Choir Rehearsal
 3:00pm- Catechism Instruction
 5:00pm– Worship w/Communion
 6:00pm- Evening in the Courtyard

Sunday, October 4th

9:00am– Worship w/Communion
 10:15am– Bible study/Sunday School/
 5/6th grade Confirmation class

Serving the Lord this Week:

Organist: Tyler Belan

Ushers: (Sat.) Greg Burke, Bill Johnson, Todd
 Miller & Larry Ripka
(Sun.) Glen McMillin

Sundays, 10:15am

The Lutheran Confessions: Pope vs. Pastor. Paul Timothy McCain the editor of Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions introduces the “Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope” with these words: How do Christians receive pastors? How is the Church organized, structured, and governed? The Roman Catholic answer is that everything depends on the pope, the “vicar of Christ,” the one who is said to be the immediate successor to the Apostle Peter. Through the pope, so it is thought, flows Christ’s authority to His Church on earth. This is not the Bible’s answer. In this document Philip Melanchthon provides the Lutheran view of authority in the Church and the basis on which the Church is founded and continued. In this class, we will learn how the sixteenth century reformation returned the office of the pastor back to its Biblical roots using the “Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope.”

Holy Land Geography, Customs & History

Join Clark Stojan in the Keyl room, as he leads us to explore the world of the Bible along with select events recorded in Scripture.

Coffee with Christ– Myth or Faith?

Meet in the Yellow room in the Education wing; each week we will discuss 3 common misconceptions about Christianity in today's society. From false rumors to biblical teachings that are heavily distorted from their subject matter, there's no lack of myths to find. Do you know how to respond to them? More importantly, do you know the truth backed up by God's Word and teachings?

Wednesdays, 10am- Women’s Bible study

We are studying the book of Romans.

Saturdays, 8am- Men’s Bible study.

We are studying 1 Corinthians.



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Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Ezekiel, the eighteenth chapter.

The word of the Lord came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. 'Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . . 'Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live." (*Ez. 18:1-4, 25-32*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from Philippians, the second chapter.

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every

tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me. (*Phil. 2:1-18*)

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him." (*Matt. 21:23-32*)

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ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CARD

September 26th and 27th, 2026

Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Members

Ken & Janet Hill

Louis Hill

James & Lilith Hinman

Rebecca Hinman &
Demetrius Williams

Anniversaries

Michael & Gabrielle
May(11)

Robert & Patsy Mills(47)

Military Deployment

Elijah Medina- Iran

Ill and Hospitalized

Marsha Boarts- sepsis
infection

Bev Brokaw- hospice

Cindy Hart

Lilly Peterson (ongoing
health struggles)

Missionaries Serving

Cody & Aurelie Mock

Chaplain Birthdays

MAJ Winston Griesser

Col Timothy Steele

CPT Cody Norton

Sister Congregation

Rev. Steven Sommerer

Mt. Calvary Lutheran
Church
Galesburg, IL

**Prolonged Illness &
Special Needs**

Joan Britton

Chuck Brokaw

Steve Fors

Duane Gosa

Nancy Gosa

Bill Green

Jerry Hill

Dale Johnson

Melinda Loete

Merle Loete

Reid McDonald

RaeJean Murphy

Tom Nielsen

Robin Passman

Brenda Roggendorf

Earl Schaefer

Karen Schmidt

Kathleen Schmidt

David Sountris

Ken Weidenbach

Cora Whipple

Homebound Members

Nancy Bonow

Ann Bowman

Don, Wanda, & Jason
Cass

Darlene Dopson

MaryAnn Eckert

Rick & Sylvia Fauser

Angie, Hailey, & Jordan
Fischer

Peg Heitzman

Chris Higgins

Ingrid Hodshire

Lori Hopkins

Mary McGee

Terry Tipsword

Barbara Veskauf

General Announcements:

Welcome to our guests. We are glad you have joined us in worshipping our Lord and Savior. We trust you will draw strength, peace, and hope as together we hear God's Word spoken here today. So that we may serve you better, we ask that you fill out an attendance card located on the back of the pew, including your address and noting that you are a visitor.

ETERNAL CANDLE The eternal candle glows to the glory of God from Gail Massey.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Brian and Christine Engebrecht.

GRIEF SHARE An upcoming class is starting on Tues., Oct. 6th at 6:30pm. This class is for church members that have experienced a significant loss in 2025 or 2026. Postcards were sent to this group of members; please contact Annie in the office if you did not receive one but believe you should have, and also to RSVP. Space is limited.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: “Love and faithfulness keep a king safe; through love his throne is made secure.” (Proverbs 20:28) Is your marriage a place where both you and your spouse feel safe, respected, and valued? Loving words, faithful actions, and everyday kindness strengthen trust and build safety in relationships. Harsh words, criticism, and hurtful actions destroy them. Which is more prevalent with yours?

www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

FOOD PANTRY/GARDEN BOUNTY We are in dire need for plastic grocery bags to help in food pantry, and for taking home produce that is generously donated by Clark Stojan. We would be very grateful for any extras you could bring in!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS *Matthew 21:26 – “But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd...”* Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

BLOOD DRIVE We are hosting our annual blood drive on Sat., Oct. 10th from 8-11am. Please sign up at the sign-up station, or you can scan the QR code and register digitally. If we don’t get enough registrants, the event may be cancelled.

LCMS BOWLING LEAGUE Join us for a fun night of fellowship and bowling on Mondays at Highland Park Bowl on the Avenue of the Cities. Meet at 6:15pm for warm-ups, and League bowl begins at 6:30pm. The cost is \$15 per night. Hope to see you there! This activity is open to LCMS members, children and spouses of a member, and those in membership classes.

EVENING IN THE COURTYARD All are welcome on Sat, Oct.3rd after worship for an Evening in the Courtyard. Hors d’oeuvres and refreshments will be offered as we mingle and learn about the Biblical elements showcased in this project! There is a sign-up sheet at the sign-up station, please help us order adequate food!

BIBLES, BRATS, AND BEVERAGES Our next BBB fellowship evening is scheduled for October 25th at 5pm. If the weather cooperates, we plan on being outdoors in the new courtyard around the new firepit. Please sign-up or call Annie in the office to let us know if you will be attending so we can purchase adequate food.

PASTORAL CALL VOTER’S MEETING Please join us on Sunday, September 27th at 2:00pm in the Janssen rooms for the next pastoral call vote.

HOMESCHOOL OPPORTUNITY MEETING The Concordia Lutheran Academy Leadership Team has been exploring a possible homeschool hybrid with consulting assistance from the Classical Consultants. This is a collaborative, classical Lutheran education model that offers support, direction, and community for homeschool families. In this model, parents and trained educators work together to provide an education that combines aspects of traditional schooling with homeschooling. Families are invited to attend a presentation by the Classical Consultants entitled "Exploring the Benefits of the Homeschool Hybrid Model" on October 3 from 6:00-7:30pm at Concordia Lutheran Church in Geneseo. Refreshments will be served. RSVP the church office at [309-944-3993](tel:309-944-3993). Come learn how this could benefit your family!

TRUNK OR TREAT The Board of Youth and Family is planning its annual Trunk or Treat! Please decorate a trunk and join the fun on Sunday, October 18th from 2-4pm. Trunk set up begins at 1...please sign up!

September 26th & 27th, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Prayer and Preaching

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Please join us after worship (on Sunday) for the Rite of Blessing of the Courtyard.	