



THE CARILLON
ST MATTHEW LUTHERAN
CHURCH

*Our mission is to be...
The living evidence of the
mercies of Christ.*

S
E
P
T
E
M
B
E
R

2
0
2
6

HOPE

♡ Heaven's Outlook Providing Endurance ♡



H

Heaven's

O

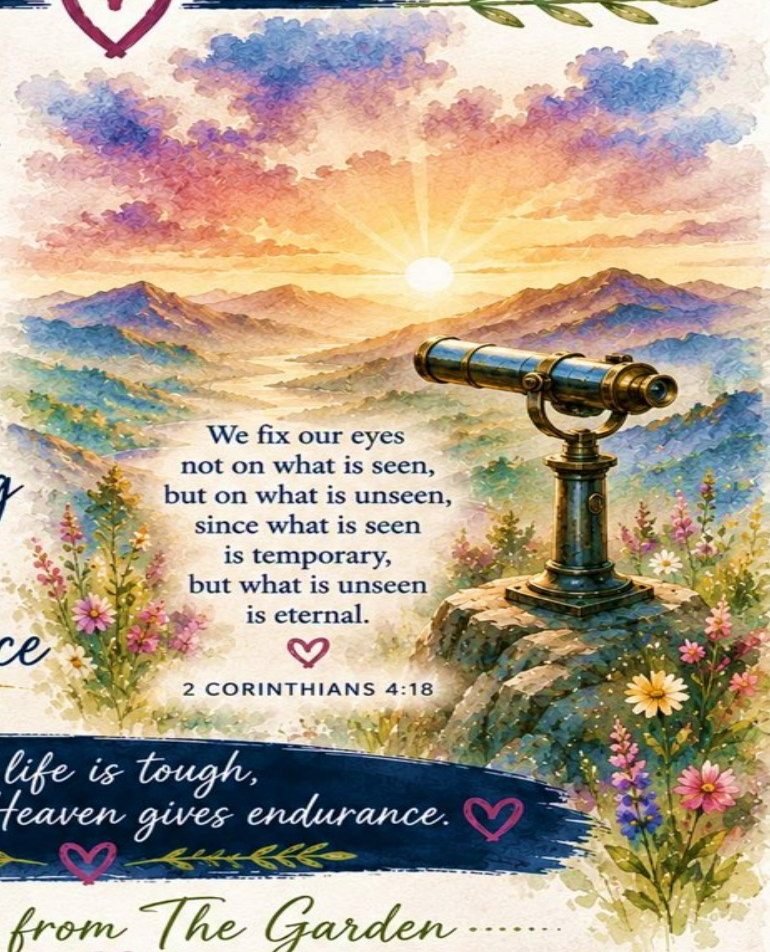
Outlook

P

Providing

E

Endurance



We fix our eyes
not on what is seen,
but on what is unseen,
since what is seen
is temporary,
but what is unseen
is eternal.



2 CORINTHIANS 4:18

*When life is tough,
lift your eyes—Heaven gives endurance.* ♡



..... Designs from The Garden ♡

GOING ON NOW

Confirmation Classes

This instructional course on the basic tenants of the Christian faith is made available for any child ages 11-14. If you have a child or know of a child that would like to enter into Confirmation, contact the Pastor.

Praise Team

The Praise Team currently provides most of the instrumental pre-service music for our Sunday services. If you have any questions regarding the Praise Team, please contact Ken Young or Dan Morrison.

Lutherans Women's Mission League (LWML)

We meet **Each Month, dates change per the event.**
Come contribute to Lutheran Missions Worldwide!
All women are welcome!

Altar Guild

Since the morning of Christ's resurrection, as the women approached to prepare the body of Christ for burial, ladies have gathered before the Sunday service to prepare the body of Christ for communion. If you are interested in helping with this sacred task, contact Lillian Holttum.

Free Community Dinner!

Community free dinner served every **Wednesday at 5pm.** If you are interested in joining this ministry contact our Human Care Chairman, Kay Hermann.

Choir

CHOIR IS ON SUMMER BREAK

Contact Rod Larson or Ken Young, if interested in joining.

New Member's Class

Anyone interested in becoming a new member, please contact Pastor Sonnenberg or the church office. 360-457-4122.

UPCOMING SERVICES

<i>Sept 6th</i>	<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 18:1-20</i>
<i>Sept 13th</i>	<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 18:21-35</i>
<i>Sept 20th</i>	<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 20:1-16</i>
<i>Sept 27th</i>	<i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 21:23-27</i>
<i>Oct 4th</i>	<i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 21:33-46</i>
<i>Oct 11th</i>	<i>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 22:1-14</i>
<i>Oct 18th</i>	<i>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Matt 22:15-22</i>
<i>Oct 25th</i>	<i>Reformation Day John 8: 31-36</i>
<i>Nov 1st</i>	<i>All Saint's Day Matt 5:1-12</i>

HOLIDAY BAZAAR



ATTENTION: CRAFTERS !

Friday and Saturday, November 13 & 14, 9 AM – 3 PM

We have a committee and date for the annual Holiday Bazaar! Mark your calendar!

Bazaar Planning & Organizing Meetings

September: Week of September 16 at 1pm : Fellowship Hall

October: Week of October 14 at 1pm : Fellowship Hall

**Come inspire us with your creations .
We will work out publicity and bazaar day tasks.**

Bazaar set up: week of November 8-12

We need you! It's fun and together we'll have another successful fundraiser.

If you are making jam, jellies or goodies this summer think about putting a few aside to donate to the bazaar. Jams, jellies, pies, baked goods and candy always sell well. Also, think about items you might make to make and donate to the sale; wood working, sewing, knitting, art, homemade soaps are just a few ideas.

Many volunteers are needed to make this event successful. Mark your calendar and watch more ways to participate. We always have a fun time together.

For More Information talk with Chris Glas or Jan Edmonds

CUT HERE TO SHARE OUR FLIER

NOW ENROLLING

For 2026-2027 School year

St Matthew Lutheran Preschool

Christian play based learning for children ages 3-5 years old

8:30 am — 11:30 am, Tuesday—Friday

Register online at stmatthewpreschool.org

360-457-4122

A DEEPEST THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SNACK HOSTS!



**CREATING
COMMUNITY**



**SHARING
GENEROSITY**



**SPREADING
JOY**

Robin Sonnenberg, Janis DeVerter,
Peggy Romero, Brenda Covella,
Sylvia Drake, Lucy Filion, Jan
Edmunds, Lu Meiner, Cindy
Schlaffman & Shirley Huntley.

Thank you, John & Janet Bungo, for
providing cake and the Gaydeski
family for providing a homemade
blackberry pie.

MEN'S PRAYER & BREAKFAST

TUESDAYS 7AM

CONTACT **TIM STONE**
OR CARL DEVERTER TO
GET ON THE EMAIL LIST
TO FIND OUT LOCATION
EACH WEEK



ST MATTHEW BOOK CLUB

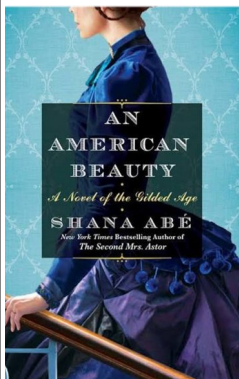
September 8th

2:00 pm

"An American Beauty"
By Shana Abe

Hostess: Nancy Brant
at her lake cabin

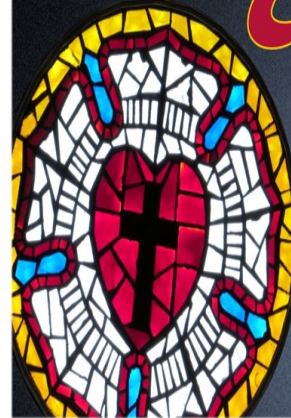
**Dessert will be
served**



ON SUMMER BREAK

Dinner & Bible Study for Families

**Confirmation
Class**



**CLASSES ARE ON
PAUSE FOR
SUMMER**



Meeting

**September 3rd
2pm
Fellowship Hall**

**All Ladies are
Invited!**

CHURCH COUNCIL



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2026

(Follow-up actions are *italicized*)

Members Present:

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1. Pete Pettit | President |
| 2. Kathy Smith | Treasurer |
| 3. Bill Hermann | Chair, Board of Elders |
| 4. Peggy Romero | Chair, Fellowship |
| 5. Kay Hermann | Chair, Human Care |

Members Absent:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Leroy Peterson | Vice-President |
| 2. Mary Heller | Recording Secretary |
| 3. Carl Deverter | Chair, Evangelism |
| 4. Dan Smith | Chair, Trustees |
| 5. Janis Deverter | Chair, Youth & Education |
| 6. Pam Predovich | Chair, Preschool |
| 7. Pastor Roger Sonnenberg | |
| 1. Vacant | Chair, Information Technology |
| 2. Vacant | Chair, Finance |
| 3. Vacant | Chair, Stewardship |

Guests: None

Meeting was called to order by President Pete Pettit at 6:05 pm. Pastor opened with prayer.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the June 11, 2026 Council Meeting were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Pastor's Report:

- 1) Requested that all information regarding the call committee go thru the Board of Elder & Call Committee so false information doesn't get spread.
- 2) A new elder has been added to the board of Elders, Carl Deverter. He will be a great addition.
- 3) Ron Reiger has moved back to the his home in Clallam Bay. Pastor is working with the VA to help him get assistance with home health care & assistance with household activities.

Council Reports:

A. President's report (Pete Pettit): No Report

B. Vice-President's report (Leroy Peterson): No Report

C. Treasurer (Kathy Smith):

- 1) Quarterly reports of expenses were distributed to each chair
- 2) Graph reports of Income and Expenses, preschool Income and Expenses, Restricted Fund balances as of June 30, 2026, and average Sunday attendance and giving were distributed to all. Kathy suggested that we need to continue emphasizing to the congregation a commitment to regular tithing and giving.
- 3) Kathy requested approval to move \$50,000 from general fund checking to general fund savings so we could earning interest. Motion was made and 2nd. Voice vote approved, motion passed.

D. Board of Elders (Bill Hermann):

1. Carl DeVerter was interviewed and invited to join the Board of Elders.
2. Funeral for Judy Schiebel is on July 18th.
3. New Member Sunday is on July 19th.
4. Call Committee is going to be created per the new guide lines outlined in the upcoming bylaws with the Chair of the Call Committee being an Elder with a minimum of 3 volunteers.
5. A self study of the church is needed to begin the Call Process. This may take a couple of months.

CHURCH COUNCIL



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2026

Evangelism (Carl DeVerter): no report

Fellowship (Peggy Romero):

1. We have an upcoming funeral on the Saturday, July 18th. Family is providing the meal and we will be putting in the oven prior to the service.
2. Sunday, July 19th, Patricia Clemens's family is hosting a luncheon to celebrate her 85th Birthday.
3. Ken Young has invited the Peninsula Organist to come play on the new pipe organ with a luncheon being served on July 25th. This is a great opportunity for the church to find a fill in organist with needed.

Human Care (Kay Hermann):

1. We have had lots of volunteers with Wednesday dinner and things are going great.

Stewardship (Vacant):

1. Pastor states how important it to get the Stewardship position filled. Greeting new visitors on Sunday and making sure that they feel welcome so that they will return. He suggested Sherril Clark or Lu Meiner.
2. Maybe a team would be interested in being co-chairs.

Trustee (Dan Smith): (from Kathy)

1. The new exterior sign installation has been delayed. We have switched to a different company to facilitate in completion.
2. Multiple attempts have been made to the contact the contractor regarding 116 roof replacement without response at this time, unknown completion date.

Youth & Education (Janis Deverter): no report

Finance Chair (Vacant): No report.

Information Technology (Vacant): No report.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Constitution and Bylaws (Leroy Peterson): no report

Preschool (Pam Predovich): no report

Unfinished Business:

1. Draft Annual Report—continued to be worked on.
2. Pastor Call Fund- Kathy recommended that the monthly interested earned each month from the \$50,000 that had been transferred over from General funds into savings could be deposited each month into the Pastor call Fund. This would gradually set aside funds for future costs of Benefits/Retirement for a new Pastor. After a discussion, it was decided to leave the interest in General funds.
3. Fair - continue to need volunteers.
4. Church Picnic will be on August 16th at the Hermann Farm. Main meal provided with church members provided a potluck side.

CHURCH COUNCIL



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2026

New Business:

1. Sunday School- a suggestion was made to start earlier so as to have the children done with Sunday school before communion so that they could communion with their families. After discussion, it was decided that Sunday school was going well and would stay at the same time, with the children leaving after the Children's message.
2. Scroll income data—In past years scroll, we had documented weekly expense vs weekly offering income. It showed if there was a deficit or income. Pete suggested adding it again to the scroll so that it helped make people aware of operating costs. Bill stated that we might not get an accurate representation weekly due to some people giving yearly or monthly offerings. After further discussion it was decided to not include in the scroll.
3. Spiritual gift inventory form—We have a new form to find out everyone's spiritual gifts so that they can best serve the church. We have 3 Council Positions that need filled, Stewardship, Financial and I.T.

Closing: Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm with closing prayer by Pastor.

Kathy Smith

Filling in for Mary Heller/Recording Secretary



Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Mount Vernon, WA, is celebrating 100 years of "Generations of Faith." Kicking off Trinity's centennial milestone is the first of 4 events spanning a year beginning on September 13, 2026. Surely, it will be a triumphant time including a special reception in the Fellowship Hall.

We'd love to hear your story. Do you have a personal connection to Trinity's history? Perhaps a relative that was a founding member, founded a ministry, or helped in construction of our buildings. If so, we'd be honored to learn more. Please share your story and any photos to office@tlcmv.com.



News from LWML

The first Sunday of the month is Mighty Mite Sunday!

Thank you for your ongoing & generous support!

As we begin the new school year, let's highlight one of the most important Mission Grants funded by the Washington/Alaska District:

Scholarships

Number 1 on the list of District Mission Grants is 'Aid to LWML WA/AK District Scholarship Fund', a total of \$16,000. Scholarships are awarded to individuals who have a home congregation in the district, plan to become full-time church workers, are enrolled in a synodical seminary or university, and have demonstrated a financial need. Currently, the award is up to \$2,000 a year for post-graduate students and up to \$1,000 for undergraduates, which is sent directly to the financial office of the seminary or university and applies to tuition.



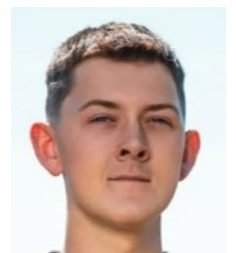
Eric Breidert is in his second year studying at Concordia University in Irvine, California, majoring in Theology with plans to become a pastor. His home church is **St Paul Lutheran in Wenatchee, Washington.**

Issac Stults is a return recipient in his third year at Concordia University in Irvine California. He is pursuing undergraduate studies in Psychology/Pre-Seminary, with the goal of entering seminary to become a pastor. His home church is **Zion Lutheran in Snohomish, Washington.**



Kelsie Wiley is in her second year of studying Business Administration at Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin. Her home church is **Light of Christ Lutheran in Federal Way, Washington.**

Ryan Stites, a new scholarship recipient, is in his first year of studies at Concordia University in St Paul, Minnesota. He is a Theology/Pre-Seminary student. He is the son of Reverend Roger Stites, Pastor of **Faith Lutheran Church in Sequim!**



How exciting to see our 'Mites in Action' at work close to home!



Thank you to all our amazing volunteers who helped out with the Fair. You helped make it a great success. Without your hard work and dedication, we would not have been able to share the many wonderful aspects of St. Matthew with our community!

CHOIR

Choir Practices will be restarting

September 23rd

at 6pm



Contact Rod Larson, Choir Director, or Ken Young, organist, if interesting in returning or joining.



GRIEVING A LOSS?

Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one.

13 WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

September 4th —December 4th, Fridays, 10 am—11:30am

Contact: Sondya Rose 360-808-3262

GRIEF IS HARDER AROUND THE HOLIDAYS!

Holiday traditions have changed. Social events are draining. Signs, songs & smells trigger emotions.

LEARN PRACTICAL WAYS TO NAVIGATE THE SEASON.

October 24th, Saturday, 1—3 pm



**Quarterly Meeting on
September 27th
after Worship service**



Hello Congregation,

We are excited to begin a new preschool year! We currently have 9 new students enrolled, with a few more families considering joining us. We welcome back former teacher, Ariana this year and our teachers have been working hard in the classroom, seating everything up for the new school year.

We will be hosting Meet and Greet with families during the first two days, and our first official day of preschool will be **Thursday, September 3rd!** We look forward to meeting our new families and welcoming their children into our preschool program.

Thank you for your continued support of our preschool program. We truly appreciate it. Please continue to pray for our teachers, students, and families.

The Preschool

Dear Ladies of St. Matthew,

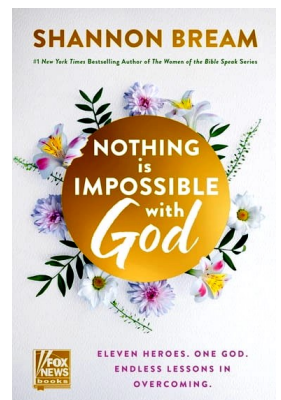


We are delighted to invite you to join us as the **Women's Bible Study** begins again on **Tuesday, September 8th, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

We will use the book "Nothing is Impossible with God" by Shannon Bream. Books have been ordered and are here. The book costs \$23.00. Contact Peggy Romero to pick up your book.

We look forward to our good time together getting to know each other better, being IN THE WORD and learning. Truly, this is an activity we know pleases our Father and our Savior.....and He does make sure we have fun doing it. You will be glad you came. See you soon.

Questions: Contact Janis Deverter, Peggy Romero or Lynn Vernon





Everything in Love

T. M. Moore

The Fellowship of Ailbe

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.

1 Corinthians 16.13, 14

Part of the problem with the Corinthians was that they loved themselves more than they loved their neighbors. They loved themselves so much that they vaunted their chosen group over the others, reserved the right to indulge in sinful practices, dragged their brethren into court, and turned the Lord's Supper into a kind of privately catered party for people with means. And, for the most part, no one saw any problem in this. It's no wonder the theme of love features so prominently in 1 Corinthians (1 Cor. 13). The Corinthians practice of love was out of whack because this most basic affection of their hearts had been allowed to stray off center (2 Cor. 6.12). But, as Paul pointed out, the real measure of a Christian is the way that he loves others; if we have no love for others, then all our other advantages or achievements are just so many clanging cymbals, devoid of beauty and grace. Such self-denying love for others grows out of the love we have for God. But the Corinthians had turned their worship services into a festival of self-vaunting and self-indulgence, where love and fear of God came in under the category, "Oh, yeah, that too." Only when the Corinthians renounced their out-of-control self-love and began to look at the world through the lens of love for God and neighbors would they be able to exercise the greatest gift and highest calling God could ever give. And only then would they join their voices and gifts to praise the Lord and build His Church together.

In Acts 6 we read the account of the first deacons. They were selected by the church in Jerusalem and ordained by the apostles to take care of a problem that threatened the integrity and continuity of the church. These spirit-filled men handled that situation with such love that even their critics were astonished, for we read that a great company of the priests, when they witnessed this community resolving its differences in love, became persuaded of the Gospel and obedient to the faith. I wonder what the state of love is in America's churches today. I'm sure that some exists, and I've seen many examples of it. But can we say that we are doing everything in love, as the outflowing toward our neighbors of the love we have for God, and with a view to meeting the needs of others before our own needs? Can it be said of our churches that they're thinking more highly of the needs of others than themselves, serving and edifying others even at great cost to ourselves?

What is the state of self-denying, sacrificial love in the churches of America today? If it were so pronounced, would young Christians publish books about themselves

with titles like, *They Love Christ but not the Church*? Would we see so many young people falling away from the faith once they leave their homes and go to college? Would there be so much divorce, so many scandals, such low levels of giving, and so little shepherding in the churches if we really loved others like Christ has loved us? Local churches are Kingdom signs and outposts. By their love for one another and their neighbors, they signal the arrival of the

Kingdom not of this world. By their outreach of witness-bearing into every nook and cranny of their community, they carry the love of Christ and the Gospel to new soils and souls. But where such love is lacking, the Kingdom shrivels, and the churches become ingrown and spiritually smug.

Each of us needs to ask: Am I doing everything in my life—at home, school, work, in the

community—in the self-denying, sacrificial love of Jesus? Is my worship intended as an expression above all of love for God, or am I always just looking for something for me? *Am I the first to reach for the towel and basin when needs come into view, or do I wait for others to do the dirty work? Do I readily sign up to be equipped for ministry opportunities that will put me in contact with people I can love? Do I see others with the eyes of Jesus?* That is, Is the love of Jesus living, lively, and lovely in and through my life? Paul reminded the Corinthians—as he would remind us—that we have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2.16). We can understand what He desires of us, His Kingdom people. Now if only we could get more of His love. Pray that the Lord will make you conscious of every opportunity to show His love to others, and grant the desire and power to do all things in love.

What opportunities for showing the love of Jesus will you have today? How should you prepare for these?

How can believers encourage one another in love for God and our neighbors? Does the fact that people might reject or mock our efforts at loving them mean that we are excused from so doing? Explain.

Get ready for love today. Think and pray ahead to the people you will meet and the situations in which you can show the love of Jesus. In your mind, settle on one thing you can do in each situation to show the love of Jesus. Then go do it.



Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church

WA-AK DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 2026



lhmdist33.org

The Lutheran Hour

Dr. Michael Zeigler and
Special Guest Speakers

Listen to LHM broadcasts on
radio, online podcasts,
mobile apps, Sirius XM,
Spotify, Apple, iHeart Radio

**& ...now at 800-876-9880 on
your mobile phone!!**

and... at lhm.org/sentradio
for Spanish broadcasts

Listen, listen, God is calling
Through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness,
Comfort and joy.

Rediscovering Jesus

College offers experiences and viewpoints that will shape your thinking. In this, Jesus stands out as authentic and immovable. As the ultimate Beauty-Maker, He alone can make all things new. College is supposed to be where we figure out life and plan for the future. But what we really hope to find is something more—an authentic purpose bigger than coursework. And if we're really daring, something that helps transform the world. Here's why I'm hopeful about your generation: You're hungry for what's real in a world where AI and artificiality are taking over.



PROJECT CONNECT

You see the brokenness—the injustice, the loneliness, the divisions—and you actually believe things can change. You want to make a real difference, to bring real beauty to this broken world. That impulse is noble. This booklet shows you how you could act on it. Alongside the remarkable people you'll meet at college, there's someone worth learning from—someone more committed to bringing real beauty into this broken world than anyone in history. I invite you to consider that Jesus might help you find what you're searching for: a way to make a real difference.

"Rediscovering Jesus" is at lhm.org/project-connect. You can download and preview it online or it can be ordered for 50 cents or talk to your Lutheran Hour Ministries ambassador and ask them to order some copies to share. Pastors and youth workers will want to share this booklet with young people in the congregation and community. (reprinted from lhm.org website)

AMBASSADORS!

View a new video on line at lhm.org that was introduced at the synodical convention in July to share with your congregations about the global influence of LHM around the world. Also, check out the new training module for ambassadors "Gifted for More" Resources at lhm.org/ambassador/training. Be sure to view the new Project Connect Booklets as well and do your best to provide them for your church and community.

PASTOR VACANCY?

WA-AK district has many pastoral vacancies and lay people are holding their churches together as best they can. Some are asking for help with lay led Bible Studies to keep members in God's Word. LHM has many pastor and professor written Bible Studies with leader's guides that will fill this need. Contact lhm.org/Biblestudies to preview.

SEPTEMBER BUSY SCHEDULES BLESSED BY LHM

School starts! The WA State Fair beckons us! New classes begin in our congregations! High School graduates enroll in trade school and college! Is it overwhelming at times? LHM will help you find time to stay anchored in Jesus. Listen to Daily Devotions on your phone while you wait for kids at school. Enjoy 30 minutes of God's Word from the Lutheran Hour on your phone or radio. Share these with friends who are lonely or hurting. lhm.org is for you, your family, and friends to use on the go and at home.

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7am MEN'S Breakfast! 8:30 PRESCHOOL 9am LIFE LINE SCREENING <i>The Power of Prevention</i>	2 8:30 PRESCHOOL 10am Craft DAY 5pm Wednesday Night Dinner	3 1st DAY of SCHOOL PRESCHOOL 2pm LWML 6pm Elders Meeting	4 8:30 PRESCHOOL 10am GRIEF SHARE	5
6 8:45am Bible Study 10am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School LWML Mighty Mites	7 Happy Labor Day 2pm @ Nancy's lake house BOOK CLUB	8 7am MEN'S Breakfast! 8:30 PRESCHOOL 10am Ladies Bible Study	9 8:30 PRESCHOOL 10am Craft DAY 5pm Wednesday Night Dinner	10 8:30 PRESCHOOL 6pm Church Council	11 8:30 PRESCHOOL 10am GRIEF SHARE 9-11-01	12
13 8:45am Bible Study 10am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	14 10am School Board Meeting	15 7am MEN'S Breakfast! 8:30 PRESCHOOL 10am PEO 10am Ladies Bible Study	16 8:30 PRESCHOOL 10am Craft DAY 1pm Bazaar Mtg 5pm Wednesday Night Dinner	17 8:30 PRESCHOOL	18 8:30 PRESCHOOL 9am QUILTING GROUP 10am GRIEF SHARE	19
20 8:45am Bible Study 10am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	21	22 7am MEN'S Breakfast! 8:30 PRESCHOOL 10am Ladies Bible Study	23 8:30 PRESCHOOL 10am Craft DAY 5pm Wednesday Night Dinner 6pm CHOR	24 8:30 PRESCHOOL	25 8:30 PRESCHOOL 10am GRIEF SHARE	26
27 8:45am Bible Study 10am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School Congregational Meeting	28	29 7am MEN'S Breakfast! 8:30 PRESCHOOL 10am Ladies Bible Study	30 8:30 PRESCHOOL 10am Craft DAY 5pm Wednesday Night Dinner 6pm CHOR			