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First Edition

"Growing God's Family by Serving"



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September 2026

Just One Step

Change is hard. Most people like to keep things the way they are. I know I am comfortable with routine. How about you?

Some resist change, even if their life would be better for it. We need to be open to a course correction. How do people successfully navigate change? The key is to take small steps. Research shows change is best one small step at a time over a long haul. When we change it's disastrous to want to do big things all in one giant leap.

This discussion applies to our discipleship. A true Christian will not want to stay the same. They will desire growth in their relationship with Christ and the love of their neighbor. You can see some real gains if you are open to one small step.

Rally Sunday is a time-honored tradition. This year we rally on Sunday, September 13th. We will be inspired by youth testimonies during worship. At fellowship following the 10:00 AM service we have the delicious Barbecue Chicken Potluck. The Sunday School will have special fun for all the kids, big and small. It will be a time to also consider one small step.

You will be encouraged to fill out a card at worship to commit to one small step to draw you closer to Christ. On the card you will have the chance to take one small step up in your faith life. It could be a commitment to attend a Bible study this year. Perhaps you want to attend services more regularly. Others may want to join the choir or men's group. Whatever the change, it should be one small step up.

I'm looking forward to the Rally Day celebration with you! Don't miss out.

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan





Help Needed

Many hands make for light work. The Property Committee has identified several projects that volunteers are invited to tackle sometime over the summer.

Please notify the office if you can help today. Further questions can be directed to Property Committee leaders Bill McIntire at 715-607-1925 or Kevin Kamm at 715-222-1493.

- Touch up painting bumps and scratches where needed throughout the building
- Paint wall in youth room behind TV
- Check and replace all light bulbs in building as needed except high light fixtures



As you purchase back-to-school supplies, consider picking up extras to be sent to kids around the world!



Lutheran World Relief School Kit Supplies:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser

A drawstring backpack will be provided at church for all of the supplies.

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.

All items should be new and in good condition.

Remove any excess packaging.

Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.



Please return School Kit supplies to First Lutheran by **Sunday, September 13th**.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Richard Selvig

GREETERS: Rachel Kaczmariski and Dan & Janette Cain

READERS

6 Kellie Scholz
13 Rally Sunday
20 Jane Scholz
27 Theresa Anderson

COUNTERS

6 & 13 Hannah Eckwall & Richard Selvig
20 & 27 Hannah Eckwall & TBD

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Hannah Eckwall

USHERS

6 & 13 LeRoy Johnson & Dylan Peterson
20 & 27 Paul & Griffin Colbeth

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

6 Arlie & Pam Anderson
13 Rally Day - Chicken Barbecue Potluck
Brad & Jo Nilssen and Larry & Cindy Nilssen
20 Roxi Anderson & Fran Heinbuch
27 Pastor Bryan & Theresa Anderson

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times: "Do you love me?" The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking. Who was this disciple?



A. James
B. John
C. Philip
D. (Simon) Peter

Answer: D (John 21:17)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



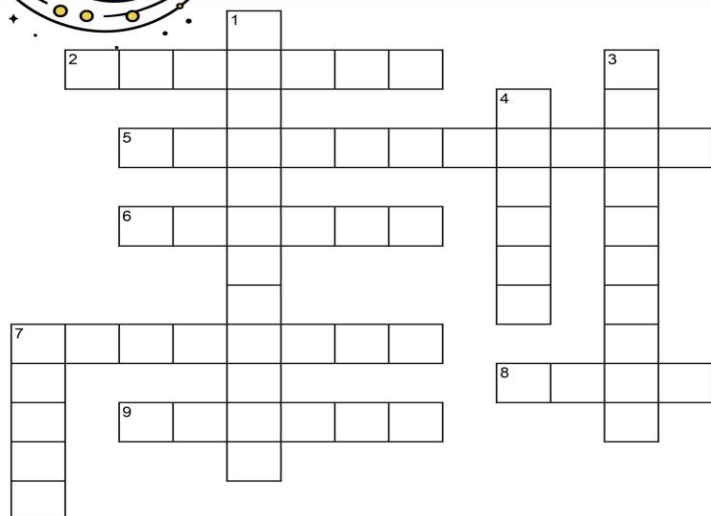
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| 1: Anthony J. Buhr
Mike Schramski | 14: Brett Anderson
Tracy Olson
Aaron Johnson
Jackie Daniels |
| 2: Brent Marg
Conner Schramski | 15: Desiree Anderson
Kasen Witthoft
Amy Stender |
| 3: Linnea Campion
Leann Martinson | 16: Gary Hanson |
| 4: Maggie (Rosen) Oehlke | 17: Ryan Kirk |
| 6: Bonnie Paulson
Kate Petersen
Ada Brinker
Grant Wickum | 18: Brad Nilssen
Ron Leslie
Shari Overby
Travis Colgrove |
| 7: Robert Moe
Jennifer Munson | 19: Dennis Eggert |
| 8: Jordyn Amick | 20: Jennifer (Coco) Morse
Braxton Goodmanson
Daxson Bignell |
| 11: Jennifer Arcand-Johnston
Jodi Emerson
Andrew Colbeth | 21: Lois Campion
Hannah Eckwall
Jasic Manning |
| 12: Jessica Dodge
Mariah Anderson-Nelson
Klara Peters
Lacey Curtis | 23: Jane Scholz
Derek Wagner |
| 13: Miken Kuhn | 24: Fran Heinbuch |
| | 26: Austin Moll
Abigail Hoeffler
Blake Rotter |
| | 27: Rylen Emerson
Benstrum Ninke
Gavin Goodmanson |
| | 28: Marlys Lambert |
| | 29: Darren Croes |
| | 30: Rylee Johnson |

Puzzle!



BEATITUDES

Fill in the blanks below to complete the crossword. Answers are based on Matthew 5:1-13, NIV.



ACROSS

2. _____ and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
5. Blessed are the _____, for they will see God.
6. Blessed are those who _____ and thirst after righteousness.
7. Blessed are the _____, for they will receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the _____, for they will inherit the earth.
9. Blessed are those who hunger and _____, for they will be filled.

DOWN

1. Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.
4. Great is your _____ in heaven.
7. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted.

Answer key: 2 Across: Rejoice, 5 Across: pure in heart, 6 Across: hunger
7 Across: merciful, 8 Across: meek, 9 Across: thirst, 1 Down: poor in spirit
3 Down: persecuted, 4 Down: reward, 7 Down: mourn

NEWS & NOTES



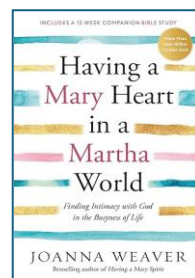
We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Gayle Sullwold. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the following on the death of a loved one:

- Bob Anderson (sister, Elaine Witzel)
- Sharon Kuhl (son-in-law, Craig Malchow)
- Becky Schramski (nephew, Jeremy Anderson)
- Family of Carole Larson

WEDDINGS

- Aubree Schramski & John Nagel (August 8th)
- Maggie Rosen & Evan Oehlke (August 22nd)



WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY. A sign-up sheet is available at church for the next book, Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver. The book study meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 7:30 AM in the fellowship hall starting on Saturday, September 12th. Please join! It's a rich time of discussion and growing deeper in your faith. Any questions please see Laura Boche-Case.

It is time for our church choir to begin the work of making a joyful noise unto the Lord. We will have our first rehearsal on Sunday, September 20th, after the second service. We invite anyone who would like to sing with the choir to come and join us. Contact Brian for more information or if you have questions.

Time to be planning for the raffles that will take place during the Church Dinner in November! We have already received several beautiful prizes for this year's general raffle. If you have items you would like to donate, please talk with Kathy by September 27th. Our popular basket raffle is also planned. If you would like to make a monetary donation and have a basket made, donations can be made until October 11th or as soon as possible. Empty baskets will be available at church. We are in need of empty baskets or fun containers to use for the basket raffle. Please bring them to church ASAP. Thanks, Kathy