

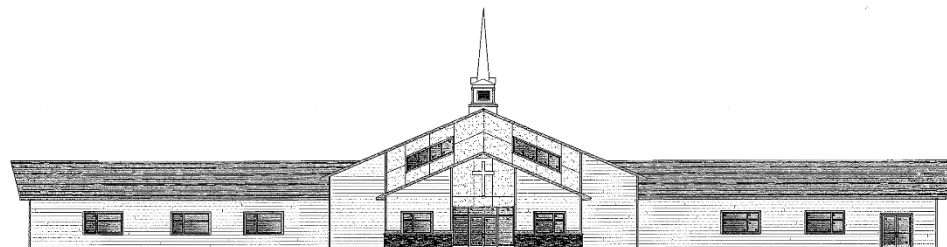
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YET I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD,
I will be joyful
IN GOD MY SAVIOR.

HABAKKUK 3:18, NIV

October 2026

Church Membership?



Church membership. What does that mean? Let's keep things simple. We join a church in obedience to Jesus. He said, "Where two or three gather in my name, I am with them" (Matthew 18:20). Simply put, no man is an island. You simply cannot be a Christian by yourself.

Why? Can't I just believe and live my life for Jesus? It is neither healthy nor God's plan that we be alone. The Apostle Paul makes this abundantly clear in chapter twelve of his first letter to the Corinthians. "Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a part of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27). In that chapter Paul explains each of us has been given a spiritual gift for the good of the many. And everyone has a most important place in the church – no exceptions.

I once heard a tragic report of orphanages in Russia. The babies were regularly fed and diapered by the caring yet understaffed facilities. Despite their best efforts, almost half of the babies died before childhood. Why? The babies received the most basic of cares but spend most of their time crying alone in their cribs. We are not meant to live alone. What is true for life is true for faith. No man is to be an island.

We will be having a New Member orientation class on Sunday, October 18th after the 10:00 AM service. This will be an opportunity to share the faith principles upon which we stand and our ministry practices. Interested folks can then make an informed decision to unify with the congregation. If you haven't yet taken the step into membership I encourage you to do so.

Alternatively, if you know someone who needs encouragement to do so, please help us get the word out. And let us all remember that what a village can do will always be greater than the individual. In the end, the lone wolf quickly starves when he is absent from the pack.

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan



STUDENT RIGHTS

You have the religious freedom to pray or read the Bible—as long as these activities are done voluntarily, led by students, and not done in a way that interrupts school lessons. Talking about God or reading the Bible during free time is almost always okay. As long as you are acting voluntarily and not disturbing class, then most of the time you have constitutional rights to express a personal, faith-based viewpoint.

Bring their Bible

Just as students can bring other favorite books they are reading to school, they can also bring their Bibles or other religious books and read them during free time. You can even use the Bible in a class assignment as long as you do so in a way that is relevant to the subject the teacher has assigned and meets the requirements of the assignment.

Pray

You can silently or quietly pray before eating lunch, gather in groups to say a prayer around the flagpole before or after school, or pray before or after a sporting event. Student prayers are considered to be private, personal speech. You are allowed as long as they are student-led (rather than being adult-led or school endorsed), aren't disrupting academic instruction, and are voluntary.

Share Bible verses

In general, you can voluntarily express your personal and religious beliefs to their classmates through verbal or written expressions, as long as they follow their school's policies and do not engage in these activities during classroom or instruction time. Schools can enforce reasonable limits on times and locations for where students are allowed to distribute materials. But these regulations must be applied equally to all students. That means schools cannot impose an outright ban on religious-themed materials if they already allow students to distribute non-religious materials.

BYBTSD 2026
Thursday, October 1st





Underground Church

October 3rd
7:00-10:00pm

Eric and Janelle Johnson
209 50th Ave
Clayton WI

UNDERGROUND CHURCH

A Night of Games • Snacks • Time Around the Bonfire
For 6th-12th Grade Students

Get ready for an adrenaline-filled night of strategy, hiding, running, and teamwork. The main event is Underground Church - a fast-paced, high-challenge activity - plus several other outdoor night games that will keep you moving.

Saturday, October 3 • 7-10 PM

Eric & Janelle Johnson's - 209 50th Ave, Clayton WI

Wear dark clothing and anything you don't mind getting a bit dirty - you'll be outside and on the move.

Carpool if possible.

Invite your friends - Everyone is welcome!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2026

Present: Pastor Bryan Anderson, Aaron Buhr, Kevin Kamm Becky Schramski, Jackie Goodmanson, Hannah Eckwall, Bill McIntire.

Meeting called to order by Aaron Buhr. Pastor led in Prayer.

Reports: (Secretary, Budget, Pastor)- Reviewed all reports.

Aaron Buhr will get estimate from Clear Lake Electric to replace all lighting with LEDs.

Council will review Youth Workers Job Description for second time at next meeting before posting. Will consider increasing hours and salary.

Council prioritizes the projects as follows: 1. Signage with Bell incorporated; 2. Shed; 3. Canopy. Will invite any more interested to sign up to sit on committees at Rally Day.

Will publish that Council will be purging the storage shed in October to give anyone time to remove wanted items. Chairs will be kept but may consider going to lighter tables.

Council would like to see Prayer/Memorial Garden project finished. Considering a fall workday and bringing in mulch.

Kevin Kamm will remove the damaged sandbox section from the church playground.

Adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by Pastor Bryan
Secretary, Pro Tem

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Hannah Eckwall

GREETERS: Neil & Emily Larson Family

READERS

4 Jennifer Munson
11 Kiley Munson
18 Linnae Seaman
25 Hailey Seaman

COUNTERS: Bill McIntire & TBD

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Bill McIntire

USHERS

4 & 11 Aaron Johnson & Terry Monson
18 & 25 Neil Larson & Kyle Overby

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

4 Kristi Niles
11 Potluck – Michelle Kuehndorf and Wayne & Patty Sullwold
18 Mike & Kim Elwood Family
25 Kyle & Shari Overby



October Birthdays



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|---|---|
| 1: Deb Arcand
Sherry Klinger
Darla Cain
Chris Petersen | 12: Russell Arcand
Matt Steffen |
| 3: Matthew Magnuson
Samantha Haley
Mackenzie Ward | 13: Nicholas Haley |
| 4: Angela Harris | 14: Brenda Campion |
| 5: Leona Voss
Aaron Buhr
Nolan Pittman | 15: Terri Moe
Nickolas Witthoft
Paul Warner
Melvin Paulson |
| 6: Nancy Luehman | 16: Rhianna Campion |
| 7: David Callaway
Bernadette Strobach | 17: Amber Paulson
Kenneth Cuper |
| 8: Kristen Otis
Eric Moll | 18: Crystal Sloan |
| 9: Greg Dodge
Anna Wilson
Duke Krueger | 19: Ben Kobernick
Maurice Hanson
Barb Juleff |
| 11: Dale Wood
Sheila Dipprey | 21: Patti Wyss
Melanie Cuper |
| | 22: Eric O'Connell |
| | 23: Gina (Somsen) Akselrod |
| | 24: Burton Beckman |
| | 25: Jordan Olson
Levi Kuhn |
| | 26: Steven Paulson
Neil Larson |
| | 27: Denny Benson |
| | 29: Brooke Hadac
Emily Hadac |
| | 30: Richard Becker
Toby Larson |
| | 31: Ken Iverson
Kellie Kjeseth-Scholz |



A Family of Prayer

Acts tells us about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman soldier who worshiped God and prayed with his family. God used Cornelius to help Peter learn an important truth: God welcomes everyone who loves Him and does what is right.

Solve the math problems using the grid.
Then use the key to find the letter for each answer. Write each letter on the blank to discover what Cornelius and his family did.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY
a = 7 e = 8
i = 10 o = 9
u = 11 y = 6

"He nd ll h s f m l
A+C A+D A+D B+C A+D B+C A+B

w r d v t nd
A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

G d-f r ng; h g v
B+D A+C A+D B+C A+C A+D A+C

g n r sl t th s n
A+C A+C B+D C+D A+B B+D B+D A+C B+C

n d nd pr y d t G d
A+C A+C A+D A+D A+B A+C B+D

r g l rl ." cts 10:2, NIV
A+C C+D A+D A+B A+D

Answers: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV

NEWS & NOTES

BAPTISM: Mason Briggs, son of Matthew Briggs and Alyssa Jensen

THANK YOU: I want to thank First Lutheran Church for their prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls while I was recuperating at Golden Age Manor after back surgery. It meant so much to me. Also, to Pastor for stopping by and Gloria for being a good neighbor. Blessings to all of you. Leann Martinson

Time to be planning for the raffle that will take place during the Church Dinner in November!

Our popular basket raffle is planned to go along with our church dinner in November. 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

FINANCES

Giving:

Total offering for August \$21,157.52 (\$21,874.25 needed monthly)
August year to date offering \$139,436.02 (\$174,994.00 YTD Budget)

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial Given to the Memorial Garden Fund

In Memory of	Given by
McKenna Christensen	Mike & Rosemary Johnson

Memorials Given to the Unspecified Fund

In Memory of	Given by
Carole Larson	Tim & Patti Wyss
Craig Albrightson, Bob Moe (Neighbor at Lake)	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Christine Grant, McKenna Christensen	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Carole Larson, Bernie Paulson	Brad & Jo Nilssen

HONORARIUM

A donation was given to the Memorial Fund by Brad & Jo Nilssen in honor of Dale & Chris Wood's 50th Wedding Anniversary.