



St. Paul Epistle September 2026

What's in a Name?

One of my favorite digital creators I have recently stumbled across is “Mini Philosophy.” In brief videos, Jonny explains philosophical ideas and authors in accessible ways. I have bookmarked many of his videos! In one video from a few weeks ago, Jonny explores German philosopher Hegel and the concept of recognition.

In it, Jonny explains how it can be annoying, frustrating, and even painful to be called the wrong name, especially if done on purpose. Hegel explains why: ‘humans need [not want, but need!] to be recognized by another consciousness’ which is a fancy way of saying “another person.” Hegel via Jonny continues, ‘we do not live alone, but connected.’ Humans inherently live in relationship with others. We present ourselves in the way we want to be recognized. ‘We want to be seen by others in the way we want to be seen.’

When that identity is ignored, we can get upset. This is something I have, apparently, known for a long time. A story that my dad loves to tell is that when I was in kindergarten, my teacher, Mrs. Ires, called on me to answer a question but called me “Tony.” As dad tells it, young Anthony stood up and looking around the room said, “Tony? I don’t see any Tonys here!” After all, I *am* named after Saint *Anthony*.

Our names are deeply personal. Many have stories connected to them, and if we’ve chosen a new name there is often profound reason behind the change. When we introduce ourselves, we state how we want to be recognized. Jonny and Hegel explain that to ignore that is sometimes an attempt to create or force a reality or identity different than that which we chose. For example, disregarding someone’s title can be a sign of disrespect or using a nickname when the person doesn’t like it can be rude.

I have heard before that there is nothing sweeter than to hear our own name. Which is why I do my very best to greet you all by name. Our congregations and communities grow stronger when we learn each other’s names. We go from strangers in the pews to siblings in Christ! God calls us each by name, for the Good Shepherd knows His sheep.

As Lutherans, we believe that those called to the ministry of Word and Sacrament (pastors) are set apart. By nature of our calling, we occupy different roles and relationships than others. To be a pastor is to represent the presence of God, proclaim the Gospel, and rightly administer the Sacraments. Though our collars and stoles come off, we are never truly off-the-clock, because this calling is part of our identity. To distinguish this, we are given a legal title through ordination, Reverend. And, more importantly in my opinion, the relational title, Pastor. Which is why we prefer to be called Pr. Anthony and Pr. Riley. Calling us “pastor” helps reinforce the spiritual

relationship and recognizes the office to which we've been called. To ignore the title and call us "Anthony" or "Riley," breaks the relationship. Which seems to say that we are not your pastors. It breaks the reality of our calling to walk alongside you. This is not a matter of vanity, but a matter of relationship because it truly is our duty and our joy to serve as your pastors.

I'll note too, that those called to the ministry of Word and Service (Deacons) also receive the title of "Reverend" when ordained but are often called "Deacon" in the parish.

So, what is in a name? A lot! Names have deep meaning, and we all like hearing our names because hearing our names means we belong and are known. I wonder, what's the meaning behind your name? Anyone else named after saints like I am?

Peace,
Pr. Anthony

Worship Assistants Serving in September

Saturday September 5 ~ at Immanuel

Sunday September 6 ~ Robin Colglazier

Saturday September 12 ~ Lester Hallquist

Sunday September 13 ~ Sherry McCarter

Saturday September 19 ~ at Immanuel

Sunday September 20 ~ Glen Hughes

Saturday September 26 ~ Marian Myers

Sunday September 27 ~ Patti Larsen



We remember those who passed away in August
Barb Stom,
Carolyn Marshall,
and Willa Huffman.

WELCA Coffee

Wednesday, September 9th ~ 9 am

**Come enjoy a homemade breakfast, hot coffee
and inspiring conversation.**

All are invited and welcome to attend!



The Church Office will be closed
Monday September 7, 2026

**We will soon be adding a password to our guest wifi. Watch for
signs in the Gathering Area for the updated information.**



Have You Ever Wondered Why We Do that in Worship?

Did you know that practically everything we do in worship has a reason behind it, a tradition attached to it, and roots in scripture? Sometimes people say worship is boring or liturgy is stuffy. But I am convinced that once we learn the deep meaning behind the things we do, you will have a new appreciation for worship, tradition, and liturgy. During the month of September we will be utilizing an expanded bulletin which will have the reasons behind everything we do written in the margins.

Pr. Anthony and Pr. Riley will also explain other practices and traditions during worship. So if you've got questions, bring them!
I know you'll learn something new. ~ Pr. Anthony

Happy Birthday

1 Beverley Eykamp, LaDonna Groshans
10 Verna Sagmoe, Philip Garnhart
11 Cody Pitchford
15 Lester Hallquist
16 Lanieta Stiles, Curtis Hussung, Lorraine Hussung
17 Sue Wilson
18 Evelyn Cornwell
24 Cristiano Garcia



Women ^{of the} ELCA

**WELCA Northern Illinois Synod
Annual Convention
Saturday, September 19th**

(registration forms are available in the Gathering Area)

**Dixon Habitat for Humanity
Joint work day ~ Saturday, September 19th
Sign up sheet is available in the Gathering Area.**



We Want YOUR Input!

The St. Paul and Immanuel partnership will soon turn two years old.

The pastors and congregation councils want to take this opportunity to reflect on the mission we've accomplished together and discern a path for the years to come. The pastors have created this survey, and we are asking all members to complete them.

It is available online via your email or this link

<https://forms.gle/YXHvw71ZnfXRnDgD8>.

Paper copies can be found in the Gathering Area.

Please return completed paper copies to the pastors or church offices.



COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR:



LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF

SCHOOL KITS

The following items are included in one school kit. Please consider purchasing and donating enough school supplies to fill 1 kit, or any combination of single items from the following list. Items may be dropped off at St Paul anytime before September 7. The donations dropbox is located in the Gathering Area. The July and August children's offerings will support LWR school supplies and shipping costs. Children and youth and adult volunteers will be packing the kits on Sunday, September 13 (Rally Day) 9:30-10:30am.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

lwr.org/kits

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

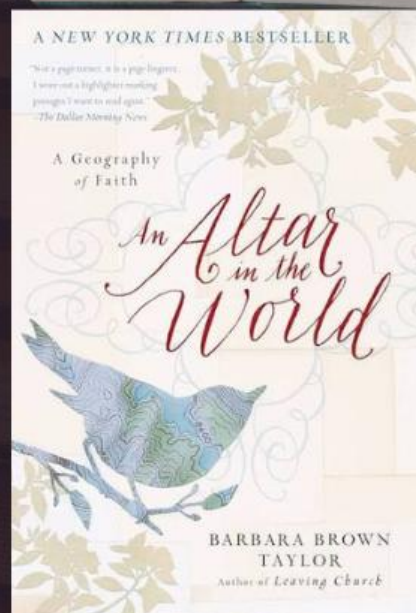
- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper
- ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE pencil sharpener
- ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 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 2 1/2" eraser

BOOK STUDY GROUP!

Join us in reading "An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith," by Barbara Brown Taylor. Together, we will explore topics like finding the sacred in the ordinary and the importance of human connection.

Mondays at 5 pm & Thursdays at 11 am @ Immanuel Lutheran Church

Contact the St. Paul or Immanuel Office to sign up!



Meeting weekly beginning the week of September 14.



Breakfast and a Trip to the Museum

For two years I have wondered what the building across from St. Paul was.

To my surprise, I learned it is the Northwest Territory Historic Center. Still, I have never seen anyone go in or out of it. Well, after chatting with some folks, I learned it does in fact operate and even has some cool exhibits. I want to check it out.

So, let's make a date of it! On Thursday, September 10th at 9am we will gather at St. Paul in the Fellowship Hall for some breakfast (made by me!) and then we'll walk over to the museum. Please RSVP so I know how much food to make. Admission to the museum is free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. -Pr. Anthony

RUMMAGE SALE

September 11 & 12 9 am to 2 pm

Benefits those attending the Youth Gathering



From Immanuel: Some of the quilts that were made this year will be out on display on September 19th and 20th at Immanuel.

They will available for purchase for \$20.

Buy one for yourself or someone you love, or donate your \$20 and we will give a quilt to a charity here in Dixon.

It's time for the ingathering of quilts in our area. We need to get our quilts, health kits, baby kits and school kits to Zion Lutheran Church in Rockford on October 3rd or 4th. If you can help in this mission by providing a truck or trailer to transfer them to Rockford, or by providing your muscles to help get the boxes into the vehicle, it would be greatly appreciated. Please give Kirsten a call or text to volunteer. (815-973-1855)

Save the Date...

**Ross Jallo Organ Concert
Sunday, November 8th at 2 pm**



YOUTH & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

September

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

We wanted to make sure everyone is aware of our policy regarding children in worship:

If your kids are loud, please still come to worship.

If you're running late because getting everyone out the door was a battle, please still come to worship.

If your toddler won't sit still, please still come to worship.

If your baby needs to eat, please still come to worship.

If your child asks questions at the least convenient time, please still come to worship.

If someone cries, drops a toy, needs a snack, or has to make their third trip to the bathroom, please still come to worship.

If your child doesn't know all the words, all the prayers, or exactly when to sit and stand, please still come to worship.

If you feel like you spent the entire service managing your children and heard approximately 12% of the sermon, please still come to worship.

If Sunday morning feels messy instead of peaceful, please still come to worship.

If you're worried your children are distracting the people around you, please still come to worship.

Because children do not learn how to be part of the Church by staying home until they can sit quietly.

They learn by being here.

They learn the hymns by hearing us sing them.

They learn the prayers by hearing us pray them.

They learn to worship by watching us worship.

They learn that church is home because we make room for them here.

The wiggles, whispers, dropped crayons, crying babies, and little voices are not interruptions to the life of the Church.

They are evidence that the Church is alive. So bring the babies. Bring the toddlers. Bring the big kids. Come late. Sit in the back. Sit in the front. Step out when you need to and come right back in.

Just come.

Children are not simply the future of the Church. They are part of the Church right now.

And at Immanuel and St. Paul, there is a place for them. There is no sweeter sound to God than the voices of little ones!

(text and idea is from St. John Lutheran Church in Indianapolis)

Contact us:

ILC: Somar Bryson

Email: yfdirector@ilcdixon.org

SPLC: Gerad Von Holten

Email: youth@stpauldixon.org

YOUTH & FAMILY

September

ILCSPLC

* this month...

Rally Day Sunday School Kick-off at St Paul

Sept 13, 9:30 - 10:30 AM: yummy snacks, LWR school kit packing service project, meet your Sunday school leaders, find your classroom, and stay for 10:45 AM worship.

Class begins Sept 20!

Parents/guardians, scan here to register your student(s) for Sunday school and teen youth group on Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30am! Or visit: stpauldixon.org/youth-ministry



Let's grow in
FAITH, FUN & FRIENDSHIP!
SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY!
A DAY OF FAITH, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026
9 AM - 1 PM

OUTDOOR WORSHIP MINI-CARNIVAL FOR KIDS LWR HYGIENE KIT PACKING FOR ADULTS MUSIC WORSHIP FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is Welcome!!
BRING YOUR FAMILY, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS,
AND LET'S KICK OFF AN AMAZING YEAR TOGETHER!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1013 Franklin Grove Rd
Dixon, IL 61021

Come for the **FUN**.
Stay for the **FAITH**.
Leave with **FRIENDS!**

Sunday School Officially Begins September 21st at 9 AM Service

CONFIRMATION



The first class is Sunday October 4, and we'll meet 1st and 3rd Sundays from 1-2:30pm. We meet the first half of the year (Oct-Dec) at Immanuel and the second half of the year (Jan - May) at St Paul. Our focus this year:

THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Confirmation class is for 6th grade students and older.

**PARTNERS WITH
GOD!**

**FALL
CONFIRMATION
RETREAT**

Sept. 18-19



Contact Somar at Immanuel and Gerad at St Paul about cost, completing forms and for details about travel. We will be at LOMC from 4pm Friday - 4pm Saturday.



YOUTH & FAMILY

September

ILC & SPLC

COMING SOON!

CLIFF'S

DONUTS

@ SELMI'S

SALE

ST PAUL

YOUTH

The St Paul teen youth ministry is selling delicious apple cider donuts to raise money to attend the Wisconsin Dells Youth Quake in February. Donuts are \$12/dozen or \$1/donut. Order forms are available at St Paul, or scan to order online:

Additional forms can be downloaded from stpauldixon.org. Orders are due with payment ("St Paul Lutheran Church") to the church office by Sunday, October 4. Donuts can be picked up after worship at St Paul on Sunday, October 18. Thank you for supporting St Paul youth ministries.



BIBLE SUNDAY!

ILC: 9AM worship SPLC: 10:45AM worship

SEPTEMBER

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

SPLC:



Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center

ILC:



LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF

FREE TO BE YOU!

YOUTH GROUP

Returns

September 21st, 2026
3:30pm!

Bring your smiles, your joy
and a energetic spirit! Let's
kick this year off right!

All K-12th graders welcome!

Chili & Soup Supper



Immanuel Lutheran Church is hosting its
annual Chili & Soup Supper!

Join us for a night of fellowship, fundraising, and fabulous
food! Half the proceeds go to Buddy Bags, a program that
helps feed the youth in Dixon. Half to Immanuel Youth Fund.
Takeout containers available. Open from 4pm - 7pm.



Tuesday, 27
October 2026



1013 Franklin Grove Rd.
Dixon, IL 61021

Adult Meal Ticket: \$10
Kid's Hot Dog Meal
Ticket: \$5



Immanuel Lutheran Church More
Info : www.ilcdixon.org

SPLC SEPTEMBER ILC

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
Ms. Somar is at Wartburg						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 ILC Rally Day 9am-1pm Bible Sunday SPLC Rally Day 9:30-10:30am	14	15	16	17	18 Confirmation Fall Retreat 4pm - 4pm LOMC	19
20 ILC - First Day of Sunday school! SPLC first day Sunday school 9:30am	21 WELCOME BACK 3:30-5:30pm FtBY	22	23	24	25	26
27 9am - ILC Sunday School SPLC Youth Committee mtg 9:15am SPLC Sunday school 9:30am	28 3:30-5:30pm FtBY	29	30			



 St Paul children and youth
 are collecting school
 supplies for LWR school
 kits through 9/6. For a full
 list of items needed visit:
stpauldixon.org/schoolkits

ILC SPLC

APPLE CIDER DONUTS SALE

ST PAUL LUTHERAN YOUTH FUNDRAISER

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u> X	<u>How many</u> =	<u>Total \$\$</u>
By the dozen	\$12		
Individual	\$1		
Donation			
TOTALS:			\$

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Apple Cider donuts will be made fresh and will be available for pick up at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 421 S. Peoria Ave in Dixon on Sunday, **October 18th from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.** Paid orders are due at the church office by Sunday, **October 4** (payable to: “St Paul Lutheran Church”) Cliff’s Donuts are made fresh at Selmi’s in Rock Falls, IL.

*Thank you for supporting the youth events of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Funds raised will support students attending the Youth Quake in February '27. Checks payable to **St Paul Lutheran Church.***

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9 AM JOINT STAFF MEETING AT ST. PAUL 9 AM LINE DANCING 1 PM PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL	2 1 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING 3 PM CHRISTIAN ED/FAITH FORMATION	3 11 AM CHAIR YOGA 1 PM ST PAUL MINISTRIES	4	5 5:30 PM WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL
6 10:45 AM WORSHIP PRAISE BAND	7 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	8 9 AM JOINT STAFF MEETING AT ST. PAUL 9 AM LINE DANCING 10 AM SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING	9 9 AM WELCA COFFEE 2:30 PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING	10 9 AM BREAKFAST & MUSEUM 9 AM SALE SET UP 11 AM CHAIR YOGA	11 9 AM TO 2 PM RUMMAGE SALE 1:30 PM LIBERTY COURT WORSHIP	12 9 AM TO 2 PM RUMMAGE SALE 5:30 PM WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL
13 9:30 AM-10:30 AM RALLY DAY 10:45 AM WORSHIP BIBLE SUNDAY	14 10:30 AM PRAYER 5 PM BOOK STUDY @ ILC	15 8 AM JOINT STAFF MEETING AT ST. PAUL 9 AM LINE DANCING	16 10:30 AM HERITAGE SQUARE WORSHIP	17 11 AM CHAIR YOGA 11 AM BOOK STUDY@ ILC 5:30 PM PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL	18 YOUTH FALL RETREAT	19 8 AM -2 PM JOINT HABITAT WORK DAY YOUTH FALL RETREAT 5:30 PM WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL
20 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH GROUP 10:45 AM WORSHIP PRAISE BAND	21 10:30 AM PRAYER 5 PM BOOK STUDY @ ILC	22 8 AM JOINT STAFF MEETING AT ST. PAUL 9 AM LINE DANCING	23 10 AM CARE MINISTRY	24 11 AM CHAIR YOGA 11 AM BOOK STUDY @ ILC	25	26 5:30 PM WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL
27 9:15 AM YOUTH COMMITTEE 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH GROUP 10:45 AM WORSHIP	28 10:30 AM PRAYER 2 PM CHURCH COUNCIL 5 PM BOOK STUDY @ ILC	29 8 AM JOINT STAFF MEETING AT ST. PAUL 9 AM LINE DANCING	30 5:30 PM PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL			

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