



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1: LoEda Paine
- 2: Phyllis Eide
- 3: James Ubben, Lynne Roberts
- 4: Shirley Bowman
- 5: **Rick & Jackie Weiss, Ryan & Julie Irvin**
- 6: CJ Clabaugh
- 8: Megan Brandt
- 9: Mindy Fortune, **Rick & Alayne Rasmussen**
- 12: Heather Royster
- 13: Diana Muongnamvong, Lois Hummel
- 15: Lavonne Breitenkamp, Brandon Reinhardt
- 16: Kristin Davenport
- 17: Julie Pagel
- 19: Sarah Lichty, Sheryl Greufe
- 20: Libby Rasmussen, Jaxyn Wenger, Madelyn Coons, **Aaron & Lindsay Royster**
- 21: **Dale & Arlene Blue**
- 22: **Dan & Gina Campidilli**
- 23: Mikayla Bruns, **Henry & Gretchen Anderson, Duane & Diane Madoerin**
- 24: Riley Culver
- 25: Ronald Fortune
- 26: Shannon Moss, Miriam Pierson, Ray Frye
- 27: Phyllis Randall
- 28: **Jamie & Beth Brandt**
- 29: Cassandra Eide, Wayne Jackson, **Steve & Diane Doering**
- 30: Larry Bullock, Cody Kuebler, Denise Vulgamott
- 31: Louanna Lehman

THOSE SERVING IN

Elders/Ushers:

- 2: Bill Breitenkamp, Ryan Branning, Darryl Pagel
- 9: Rick George, Harrison Hayes, Ryan Irvin
- 16: Duane Madoerin, John Vulgamott, Ryan Branning
- 23: Richard Rieck, Darryl Pagel, Harrison Hayes
- 30: Bill Breitenkamp, Ryan Irvin, John Vulgamott

Greeters:

- 2: Wayne & Roberta Johnson
- 9: Bill & Marilyn Eggers
- 16: Bill Breitenkamp & Jo Reaman
- 23: Emily Bochmann & Nancy Long
- 30: LeRoy Draeger & Jo Reaman

Audio/Visual:

- 2: Linda George
- 9: Jasmine / Lila Venegas
- 16: Will Breitenkamp
- 23: Renate Venegas
- 30: Linda George



Altar:

Janet Seiser

Screens:

- 2: Emily Bochmann
- 9: Lorilee Seiser
- 16: Beth Brandt
- 23: Arlene Blue
- 30: Nancy Long

Organists:

Lavonne Breitenkamp
9: Diane Doering

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From the Pastor's Desk

August 2026

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I want to spend some time this month on the topic of communion frequency, that is, how often should the church offer the Lord's Supper to the saints gathered on the Lord's Day? The elders and I have made the decision to begin offering the Lord's Supper each Sunday starting in September. In the limited space I have here, I want to give a brief overview of the things I have been studying and encourage you to attend Bible class at 9AM on Sunday Aug. 9 and 16 for a more detailed presentation of what follows. Hopefully this cursory reading will whet your appetite for further discussion and learning.

Scripture: what does the Bible say about The Lord's Supper and how often it should be celebrated? Jesus says in the words of institution "do this as often as you drink of it in remembrance of me" (1 Corinthians 11:25). The question that inevitably follows is *how often is often?* In Acts 2, immediately following the Pentecost account, we have a description of what the church was doing when they gathered together: study of Scripture and the Apostles' preaching, fellowship, the breaking of the bread (understood to be communion), and prayers. The upshot of this is that from the earliest accounts, the Lord's Supper is an integral part of the gathering of God's people in the Divine Service on Sundays.

Church History: *The Didache*, which is an early church instruction book from the 2nd Century, instructs that the believers should gather together each Lord's Day (Sunday) and break bread and give thanks (the word in the Greek is Eucharist, one of the terms for Holy Communion), having first confessed their sins. This early witness to the practice of the church affirms that the Apostles and their direct successors understood the Lord's Supper as an integral part of Sunday worship.

The Lutheran Confessions: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession states that "Among us the Mass (Communion service) is celebrated every Lord's day and on other festivals" (Ap. XXIV.1). In the Large Catechism, Luther exhorts the people to come to the Lord's Table frequently, because we should treasure what our Lord offers us there (LC V.45-52). In the Small Catechism, in the section on Christian Questions with Their Answers, Luther reiterates that the greatness of what Christ gives us in the Lord's Supper and our apparent need for His forgiveness and strength should compel us to come and receive it often (p. 39 in the Catechism, p.330 in Lutheran Service Book).

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PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR JULY

Baptized: 457

Confirmed: 295

August Events

Tuesdays: **Christians In Action** @ 9:00 am
Food Pantry: August 4, 11, 25
@ 4-6:00 pm

Mobile Food Pantry August 18 at St. Thomas

MEETINGS:

Board of Trustees: Aug. 4 @ 6:00 pm

Board of Ed: Aug. 5 @ 9:00am

Board of

Evangelism & Fellowship: Aug. 3 @ 6:00 pm

Board of Elders: Aug. 10 @ 7:00 pm

LWML: Aug.17 @ 1:30 pm

(please let church office know September's schedule by August 20)



July Report

as of 07/21

Food Pantry: **114**Families **354** Individuals

Mobile Food Pantry: **64** Families **194** Individuals

For August, we would like donations of
Breakfast Cereal, Pasta, Canned fruits,
and Bar Soaps

*Thank you to everyone who helped with the
food pantry or mobile food bank!*

*Contact Phyllis Bisbee if you can help with the
Food Pantry*

2026 Bible Reading

August

- ❑ 1 - Psalms 90-92
- ❑ 2 - Proverbs 14-15
- ❑ 3 - Ezekiel 43-48
- ❑ 4 - John 1-2
- ❑ 5 - I Thessalonians 4-5
- ❑ 6 - Leviticus 25-27
- ❑ 7 - I Chronicles 1-4
- ❑ 8 - Psalms 93-95
- ❑ 9 - Proverbs 16
- ❑ 10 - Daniel 1-6
- ❑ 11 - John 3-4
- ❑ 12 - II Thessalonians
- ❑ 13 - Numbers 1-4
- ❑ 14 - I Chronicles 5-9
- ❑ 15 - Psalms 96-98
- ❑ 16 - Proverbs 17-18
- ❑ 17 - Daniel 7-12
- ❑ 18 - John 5-6
- ❑ 19 - I Timothy 1-3
- ❑ 20 - Numbers 5-8
- ❑ 21 - I Chronicles 10-14
- ❑ 22 - Psalms 99-101
- ❑ 23 - Proverbs 19
- ❑ 24 - Hosea 1-7
- ❑ 25 - John 7-9
- ❑ 26 - I Timothy 4-6
- ❑ 27 - Numbers 9-12
- ❑ 28 - I Chronicles 15-19
- ❑ 29 - Psalms 102-104
- ❑ 30 - Proverbs 20-21
- ❑ 31 - Hosea 8-14

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The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in Convention: The 1995 LCMS convention adopted a resolution which reads “Whereas, The opportunity to receive the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day was a reality cherished by Luther and set forth clearly with high esteem by our Lutheran Confessions (Article XXIV of the Augsburg Confession and of the Apology); and Whereas, Our Synod's 1983 CTCR document on the Lord's Supper (p. 28) and our Synod's 1986 translation of Luther's Catechism both remind us that the Scriptures place the Lord's Supper at the center of worship (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20,33), and not as an appendage or an occasional extra; therefore be it Resolved, That The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention encourage its pastors and congregations to study the scriptural, confessional, and historical witness to every Sunday communion with a view to recovering the opportunity for receiving the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day. Action: Adopted (4).” (LCMS Convention Proceedings 1995, p.112).

Pastoral care: as your pastor, I desire all the members of the Lord’s flock to have ready access to the table our Good Shepherd has prepared before us in the presence of our enemies (the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh). One undeniable fact is that some members only attend sporadically. While I certainly wish they would come to the Lord’s house at His invitation more often, I would also like them to have the Lord’s Supper when they are here for their spiritual benefit, regardless of which Sunday they attend. Likewise, when homebound members are able to be in church on occasion, it is always a joy to welcome them to the Lord’s Table with the whole body of Christ. It pains me to tell a faithful member that they will not receive the Lord’s Body and Blood because they came on the “wrong” week. I will be upfront and tell you that weekly has always been my preference, but believe me when I say that Pastor’s preference isn’t driving the wagon here. Rather it is my deep desire to serve God’s people with God’s gifts and genuine conviction that this is what is most beneficial to the dear saints entrusted to my care as Christ’s servant.

Pastor Pierson

Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters (LSB 598)...

And about forty times in the dunk tank at Market Nights. Pastor Pierson was one of several clergy and church leaders who got soaked to raise money for the Ministerial Association’s new laundry assistance ministry.



The St. Paul’s fair parade float was a resounding success again this year, and we had excellent weather that made the ride even better. THANK YOU to Bill Breitenkamp and Alex Hansen for providing and driving the trailer and antique tractors.

