

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1: Camdyn Coons, Easton Royster, **Dennis & Laura Stein**
2: Robert Timm, Zachary Davis
3: Kham Bounphanh, Shirley Pruismann,
Gary & Phyllis Randall
4: Alison Blue
5: Ryan Davis
6: Audel Zarghami, Jaysen Vankham
8: Reba Wilson
9: Marilyn Arnold, Tim Kluender, Karson Dean Trent
12: Selina Saenthongkham, LeAnn Schreiber, Brent Odland,
Brent & Amy Nixon
13: Banks Enslin, **Tim & Sherry Kluender**
14: Brooklyn Plagge, Keri Seiser
16: **Jim & Cynthia Mitchell**
17: **Neil & Susan Bromm**
18: Don Lehman
19: Aleta Bochmann
20: Mark Weisberg, Devin Johnson, Tammy Keochia,
Sherry Kluender
22: Will Breitenkamp, Beverly Tomashewsky
24: Ginnalee Phiwthong Bunpan, Jennifer Jackson
25: Kenny Smith
26: **Steve & Nancy Long**
27: Laura Stein, Alayne Rasmussen, Katelin Keochai
29: Bob Wearda, Aiden Seagren, Jennifer Wilson,
Kyle & Casey Brueggeman
30: Chan Punkham, Lexi Khaleet

THOSE SERVING IN

Elders/Ushers:

6: Duane Madoerin, Ryan Branning,
Darryl Pagel
13: Dale Blue, Harrison Hayes, Ryan Irvin
20: Rick George, John Vulgamott,
Ryan Branning
27: Duane Madoerin, Darryl Pagel,
Harrison Hayes

Greeters:

6: Steve & Diane Doering
13: Lorilee Seiser & Marsha Royster
20:
27: Bill & Marilyn Eggers

Audio/Visual:

6: Jasmine / Lila Venegas
13: Will Breitenkamp
20: Renate Venegas
27: Linda George



Altar:

Steve & Diane Doering

Screens:

6: Arlene Blue
13: Lorilee Seiser
20: Beth Brandt
27: Jo Reaman

Organists:

Lavonne Breitenkamp

PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST

Baptized: 456

Confirmed: 293

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Worship Times

Bible Class @ 9:00 am
Divine Service @ 10:00 am
Lao Bible Class @ 12
Lao Divine Service @ 1:00 pm

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From the Pastor's Desk

September 2026

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What stills the heart and comforts the troubled conscience? Only the Gospel of Christ Jesus crucified and raised for sinners. Jesus says to His disciples in John 14:1 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.” Trouble and worry can come upon us from all sides. Worldly dangers threaten our mortal bodies, temptations bombard us every waking hour, and Satan seeks to undermine our faith with the old evil question: “did God really say?” (Genesis 3:1). Psalm 46 and Psalm 91 remind us of the Lord’s providence and protection. The Holy Spirit says through St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 10:13 that God will always provide a way of escape when we are faced with temptation, that we may endure. Likewise, when Satan temps us and tries to assault the conscience, questioning our standing before God, we look outside ourselves to the promises God has made.

The Gospel comforts troubled consciences because instead of having to self-justify, we can point to the redemption and justification that Jesus Christ has won for us on the cross. We don’t look at ourselves; we look to Jesus. The Epistle to the Hebrews says “Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope, for He who promised is faithful.” (Hebrews 10:19-23). And about that washing with pure water, St. Peter writes “Baptism, which corresponds to this [the flood], now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 3:21).

When our conscience is afflicted by Satan’s arrows, wondering “could God really love someone as imperfect and awful as me?” God’s clear and authoritative Word speaks His promises that we receive by faith. In the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, God’s promises to us in His Word come to us in tangible form. Speaking about the promises made to us in Baptism, Martin Luther writes “so when our sins and conscience oppress us, we strengthen ourselves and take comfort and say, ‘nevertheless, I am baptized. And if I am baptized, it is promised to me that I shall be saved and have eternal life, both in soul and body.’” (Large Catechism, IV, 44). When we remember our baptism, we know that the promise made by God in Romans 6:5 has been made to us, “For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united to Him in a resurrection like His.” Likewise, when Christ instituted the Lord’s Supper, he said “This is my body... this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the

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September Events

Tuesdays: **Christians In Action** @ 9:00 am
Food Pantry: September 1,8,22,29
@ 4-6:00 pm
Mobile Food Pantry September 15 at St. Paul’s

MEETINGS:

Board of Trustees:	Sep. 1	@	6:00 pm
Board of Ed:	Sep. 2	@	4:30 pm
Board of Evangelism & Fellowship:	Sep. 2	@	6:00 pm
Board of Elders:	Sep. 14	@	7:00 pm
LWML:	Sep.21	@	1:30 pm

(please let church office know October’s schedule by September 20)

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forgiveness of sins” (Matthew 26:26-28). We Lutherans confess in the book of Concord that the Lord’s Supper “was set up to be a seal and testimony of the free forgiveness of sins, and so that it should remind alarmed consciences to be truly confident and believe that their sins are freely for-given” (Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XXIV, 49). When we receive the Lord’s Body and Blood, faith takes hold of the promises that are made to us in the Supper, and there can be no doubt or denying what Christ has said regarding this gift.

When a guilty conscience assails us, we remember the words of 1 John 1:9 which promise “if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteous-ness.” And we know that we undoubtedly receive that forgiveness in the washing of regeneration (Titus 3:5) and in the living bread from heaven (John 6), as we confess in singing:

What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith’s bond and solid base
It is the strength of heart and spirit
The covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good! (LSB 618, v.5)

In Christ,

Pastor Pierson



August Report

as of 08/18

Food Pantry: 147Families 510 Individuals

For September, we would like donations of
**Pasta , Canned Corn , Canned Peaches
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

- September
- ☐ 1 - John 10-12

☐ 2 - II Timothy 1-2

☐ 3 - Numbers 13-16

☐ 4 - I Chronicles 20-24

☐ 5 - Psalms 105-107

☐ 6 - Proverbs 22

☐ 7 - Joel

☐ 8 - John 13-15

☐ 9 - II Timothy 3-4

☐ 10 - Numbers 17-20

☐ 11 - I Chronicles 25-29

☐ 12 - Psalms 108-110

☐ 13 - Proverbs 23-24

☐ 14 - Amos 1-4

☐ 15 - John 16-18

☐ 16 - Titus

☐ 17 - Numbers 21-24

☐ 18 - II Chronicles 1-5

☐ 19 - Psalms 111-113

☐ 20 - Proverbs 25

☐ 21 - Amos 5-9

☐ 22 - John 19-21

☐ 23 - Philemon

☐ 24 - Numbers 25-28

☐ 25 - II Chronicles 6-10

☐ 26 - Psalms 114-116

☐ 27 - Proverbs 26-27

☐ 28 - Obadiah

☐ 29 - Acts 1-2

☐ 30 - Hebrews 1-4

Purity

I'm going to start my timer. 20 seconds. For 20 seconds, think of pure water. Nothing else. Just pure water. 20 seconds. Go! How'd you do? Be honest. Were you able the full 20 seconds to think of pure water and pure water ONLY? When I try, I very quickly picture polluted water.

God says, "Think about what is pure." Philippians 4. It's difficult, isn't it?!

How can I go from pure thoughts -- and in the blink of an eye, impure thoughts?! Lord, have mercy! Saint and sinner. Godly mind wrapped in ungodliness. My mind needs help -- work -- training!

Speaking of training, consider this thought from a 100+ year old devotion: How should you, then, test amusements? Ask if they draw you nearer to Christ or remove you farther from Him; if they increase or diminish respect for Christian manhood and womanhood; if they increase or lessen love for virtue and PURITY; if they make resistance to temptation easier or harder; and if they redound to the glory of God.

During our Evening Prayer service (LSB p.244) we sing: Joyous light of glory: of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light. We sing to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: You are worthy of being praised with PURE voices forever.

Pure voices -- think of such things.

And then we pray: Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord -- and let Your loving kindness descend on us -- that with PURIFIED minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host.

God’s apostle writes, “Whatever is PURE, think about such things.” Jesus is PURE. The Greek word is “AGNA.” Agna -- PURE -- means "fit to be brought into God's presence & used in His service." The service of purifying you and me. God the Son! Perfect servant! Jesus certainly is "fit to be brought into God's presence and used in His service."

Jesus is PURE. Agna. It means "without stain or error or sin." Jesus certainly is w/o stain or error or sin.

Jesus is PURE. So think of Jesus and the God of peace will be with you.

Jesus PURIFIES us! 400 years before Jesus... God’s prophet writes: When Jesus comes, He will sit as a refiner and PURIFIER. Malachi 3:3. Daniel, the lions’ den guy, writes: Many will be PURIFIED, made spotless and refined -- but the wicked will contin-ue to be wicked. 12:10.

We think of pure air yet live in the reality of polluted air. We think of pure water while knowing it will always have some impu-rities. Our pure clothes and pure furniture over time pick up dirt and stains.

Earlier you thought briefly of pure water. Think of the expense or purifying water. Water treatment plants. Various home wa-ter purification units.

Think about Jesus’ expense on His cross to purify us -- the Pure One for us impure many. Think about these things. Jesus spent much to purify you and me. Jesus spent everything to purify us. Think about such things!

Whatever is PURE -- think about these things -- and the God of peace will be with you.

Pastor Paul Egger President, Iowa District West