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Pastor's Column

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. **Philippians 4:4-9***

You've likely come across these verses before. They are fairly popular. For instance, every three years this reading shows up in the Advent season during the week of *Gaudate* (named from the introit of the day, which begins in Latin with the word *gaudate* which translates to English as "rejoice"). Another portion of these verses was popular on coffee mugs and t-shirts a few years ago as a re-

sponse to the passive-aggressive exclamation, "Whatever!"

But I share this with you as part of my series on "things I read with folks during hospital visits." Why this one? Well, not as pious way to say, "Cheer up!"

No – there is great wisdom here that gives us endurance and comfort in the midst of both good and bad circumstances.

And we start with command: "rejoice." Why? Because the Lord is at hand. Here. Present. Alive, Gracious. Powerful. Full of mercy and love. When the Holy Spirit knocks the truth of that into our hearts and heads, how can we not know joy? And remember: at its root, joy (along with peace and hope) comes from the certainty that all will be well. And when we trust that the Lord is here, and will take care of things as needed, we're given the ability to take a deep breath, and relax. We don't have to do it all ourselves. We don't have to get our way. And so, we can let our "reasonableness" be known to all. This word is a lovely and powerful one in the Greek. For the word doesn't emphasize being "agreeable," or going along to "get along" – it's pointing at being "yielding," or "giving way," in matters that don't touch the Faith or the well-being and safety of others. In our culture these days we hear so many voices that shout "my way or the highway!" In

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many arenas of our common life, it is seen as a failure to not push your agenda, to not insist on your way, or to not bend others to your will.

But in Christ, we are given the opposite way to go. And we can do that with joy because we know the Lord is at hand. This is also what dissipates our anxiety. Knowing the Lord is at hand, and has all things under control, means that we can hand the reins over to Him – trusting Him to do what is right. That doesn't mean that we do nothing. We look after the things we are given to do at home, at church, and in the civil realm – but without fear. We simply do what's in front of us, confident that Jesus is here.

And with that confidence, we are given the ability to focus our attention on what is good, right, and salutary. Again, in this world, we're told that we must constantly be on watch for what is wrong, be on guard against what is dangerous, be ready to correct what is out of joint. But here's the thing: that's exhausting – physically and spiritually.

And in the ancient world there was the notion (and not a wrong-headed one, mind you) that you begin to become like whatever holds your attention and focus. For instance, a person constantly worried about others taking advantage of him became duplicitous himself out of defensiveness. A person focused on the vices of the culture risked being overwhelmed by them so that she became vicious. Persons who only considered the ugly things of the world could themselves become ugly in spirit. We see this in our own day: it is reported that folks who get too caught up in media and social media report higher instances of spiritual and mental distress than those who can put devices away.

But in Christ, we've been given to inhabit what is better than the constant background

noise of the media. We're given to abide in the true things, the honorable, the just, the pure, what is lovely, commendable, excellent, worthy of praise. Knowing that the Lord is at hand, we can consider these things – and as they occupy our hearts and minds, they train us. Focus on what is true, and you become truthful. Give your attention to honor, and soon you become honorable. Reflect on the nature of justice, and over time you become just. As we live with these things in Christ, as we abide in His Word, they become a part of who we are. And this is a good thing.

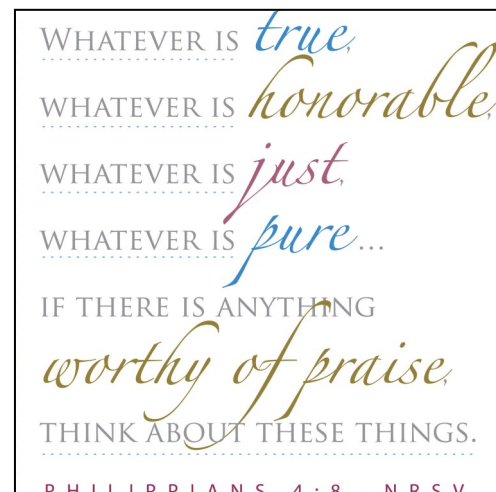
And it reminds us that we are not trapped by the particular circumstances of the moment, good or bad, but are free in Christ.

So, rejoice. As one of my former professors (one of the good ones) was fond to quip: "Go ahead and believe. It does no harm...."

God bless,



Pr. Long



Worship Notes

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3. Danielle/Jamie Gible
6. Eileen Benne
Dionne Morrow
7. Austin Hajny,
10. Bronwyn Mirretti
Braydon Sturtevant
11. Caleb Beenders
12. Lisa Cornelius
Ron Craig
13. Rebekah Negley
14. Kaylin (Leon) Stevenson
Taylor Clark
16. Anna Keehner
17. Glenn Matson
20. Michael Browning
21. Bella Crosiar
22. Ryan Samp
23. Anna Lisa Romero-Cortes
24. Benjamin Claudin
25. Ryne Sturtevant
26. Tyree Wilson
27. Rashonda Szold
30. Tessa Livingston
31. Bryce Greenberg

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

2. Cole & Brooke Norman
11. Nathan & Rachel Terpening
13. Jeremy & Norma Frank
28. Allen & Angie Hamm

ALTAR FLOWERS

August 2 —Daryl & Luann Claudin

August 9 —Lisa Cornelius

August 16 —LaWelle Borders

August 23 — Mark & Judy Norman

August 30 — Angela Hamm

COUNTERS

Theresa Johnston & Brett Hammer

Lessons for Sundays in August

August 2nd – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26; Isaiah 55: 1-5;
Romans 9:1-13; Matthew 14:13-21

August 9th – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 18:1-16; Job 38:4-18;
Romans 10:5-17; Matthew 14:22-33

August 16th – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 67; Isaiah 56:1, 6-8;
Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32;
Matthew 15:21-28

August 23rd – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 138; Isaiah 51:1-6;
Romans 11:33-12:8; Matthew 16:13-20

August 30th – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 26; Jeremiah 15:15-21;
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28



Elders:

August 2 – Dr. Joel Eckert

August 9 – Daneil Keehner

August 16 – Phil King

August 23 – Tom Brosowske

August 30 – Daniel Keehner

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Make a postcard PUZZLE

Summer is full of little moments that remind us that God is guiding each step. Like a puzzle, he brings every piece together in his time.

What you need:

- A postcard or printed picture
- Scissors
- Pencil (optional, for guiding your cuts)
- Envelope or small bag (for storing pieces)

What you do:

1. Flip your postcard over and lightly draw puzzle shapes or cut freely.
2. Cut the postcard into a mix of big and small pieces.
3. Mix up the pieces and try to put the picture back together.
4. Store the pieces in an envelope so you can use it again later.



Prayer List

Prayer Notes: Folks have asked from time to time "who all are we praying for?" Here's a partial list with reference to their relation to the congregation. **If you know of anyone who needs to be added, or who can be removed, please let Pr. Long or Judy know. Help us keep the list manageable!**



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Jacob Achterberg – nephew to Linda Khat-tar † Phyllis Basquin – mother to Luann Claudin † Ethan Saunders – grandson to Roger and Carole Hoffman † Gail and Jonathan von Holten – friends of Jessica Horman † Pr. Hoech & Ivy – our "TIM" partners † Dave Maxwell – husband to Tina † Pr. Glenn Niemann – circuit pastor, disability † Jonathan Stutz – grandson to Donna † Maureen Leuba – Concordia parent † Christiane Ramahi – member † Yasmin Ramahi – daughter to Christiane † Eric Puterbaugh – friend of a member † Michael Teeter – friend to Long Family † Dale Warren – † Cathy Lenz – sister to Paula Horst † Jennifer Lenz – Cathy's daughter, niece to Paula & Jerry † Alex Zook – grandson of Barb Zook † Faith Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook † Jenna Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook † Josh Crosiar – member † Anne Maske – member † Steve Brinkmann – son to Vonnie † Braylynn Davis – friend to Brill family † Steve Brown – family to Josh and Michelle Joseph † Gordon Dupres – family to the Tagges † Shane Cremeens – brother to Brande Ruskusky † Lil Mulvaney – friend to Pauli family † Ginny Preston – friend to LaVelle Borders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Clara Riddick – friend to Brill family † Max Wessler – father-in-law to Carol Wessler † Bill & Pam Barr – members † Megan Primmer – cousin to Ginger Abel † Kenneth Garner – acquaintance of Jan Pacey (Phyllis Knebel's daughter) † Lorrie Kaspar – mother to Julie (Kaspar) Eaton † Rod Pauli – member, son to Carolyn † Gloria Teeter – friend to Long Family † Mark Buettner – associate of Carol Wessler † Tamesha Gates – friend to Szold family † Sandra Boyer – daughter of food pantry contributor † Mark Leon – brother-in-law to Sue Leon † Shirley King – mother to Phil King † Rebecca Sierra – friend to Linda Khattar † Kris Taylor – Josh Joseph's aunt † Delcie Lane – member † Mark Manthey – member † Sherry Emberton – Vonnie Brinkmann's sister † Earl Boyett – father of Theresa Brusick † Sharon Rumbold – member at Bethel, Morton, occasional organist for us † Luann and Shelby Cooper – members † Victoria Buschard – family of Michael Marshall † Cheryl – friend to Linda Khattar † Jenny & Olivia Bradley – family to Lynn Laredo † Theo Norman – member, child of Cole and Brooke † Becky Richards – mother of Kim Carver † Daryl Claudin – member † Natalie Brusick – Daughter-in-law to Chris & Theresa † Deb Alig – co-worker of Theresa Johnston † Carol Loughridge – member † Harriet Caughey – member † Maureen and children – extended family to Roger & Carole Hoffman † Teresa Kerrick – † Pr. Drews – Pastor at Trinity, Pekin |
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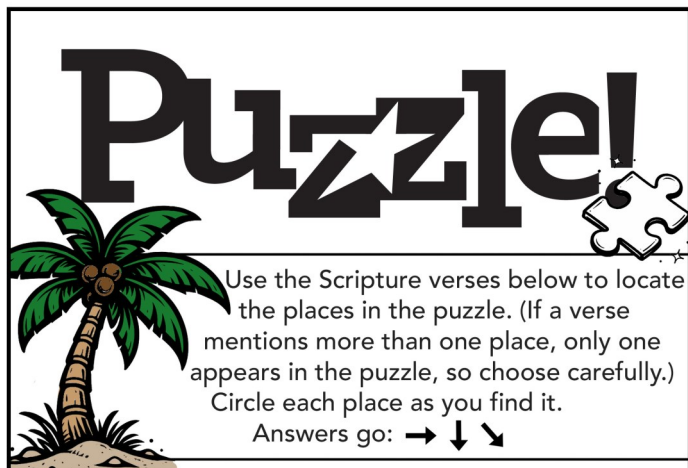
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| † PJ Comacho - friend to Mark Manthey | † Cisneros Family - friends of a member |
| † Lorie Livingston - wife to Ty | † Joel Barr - Bill & Pam Barr's son |
| † Patty Caughey - member | † Ruth and Richard Boch - |
| † Linda Perrone - friend to Patty Caughey | † Wendy Mirretti -Mother-in-law to Bronwyn (Beenders) Mirretti |
| † Jessica Horman - member | † Vanessa Ruckle - member |
| † Elizabeth Auer - military, daughter to Doug | † Nancy O'Brian - niece to Pam Barr |
| † Tomi - mother to Chris Brusick | † Jim Smith - brother to Marcia Riddle |
| † Diane Norris - friend of member | † Lee Mauschaugh - member |
| † Ginny & Marty Liex - friends to LaVelle Borders | † Jim Brosowske - Tom's brother |
| † Ann Jacobson - sister in law to Carolyn Pauli | † Larry Frank - member |
| † Hugh - friend of member | † Hazel Krenzke - daughter of Dcs. Christine |
| † Vonnie Brinkmann - member | † Cindy Niebur - niece to Barb Zook |
| † Carolyn Pauli - member | † Julie Riddle - daughter in law to Marcia |
| † Jane Wood - mother to Sherri Long | † Conner Brinkmann - grandson to Vonnie |
| † Ryan & Carol Stetzler - friends of Katie Tagge | † Joe Leon - husband to Susie |
| † Sue Elder - friend of Theresa Johnston | † Kathleen Tagge - daughter-in-law to Katie |
| † Tricia Smith - sister to Marcia Riddle | † Ben Claudin - member |
| † Chris Walker - brother-in-law to Vicky Jones | † Sandy Willaims-McFarlane - member |
| † Brett Parrott - Erin's brother-in-law | † Jonathan Tagge - member |
| † Paul Fager - member | † Rev. Larry & Pat Goetz - friends of the congregation |
| † Diane Freeman - member | † Larry Traub - member |
| † Dan Moran - Judy Norman's brother | † Michelle Teel - sister to Vicky Brosowske |
| † Bev Hoffman - niece to Gordon | † Gale Brill - father to Owen & Sydney |
| † JayCee Grier | † Robert Grinslade - member |
| † Norah Rossman - friend to Riebel family | † Zeke Garrison - (military), Grandson to Gary & Kim Beenders |
| † Nan Borunda - sister to Lou Ann Cooper | † Gary Beenders - member |
| † Chris Pacey - son to Jan Pacey (daughter of Phyllis Knebel) | † Shay Wright - former member |
| † Donna Kirkman - sister to Lynn Laredo | † Beth Martin - cousin to Cheryl Riebel |
| † Ilsa Adams - stepmother to Lynn Laredo | † John Bremer - brother to Jan Heien |
| † Robert Marshall - father to Michael Marshall | † David Auer & daughter - son of Doug |
| † David Heien - member | † Jennifer Sarver - friend to Brandt Barr |
| † Ross Pauli - son of Carolyn | † Mike O'Brian - cousin to Pam Barr |
| † Gary Ruckle - member | † Laurie Owens - sister to Scott Grinslade |
| † Trinity Foote - Kieth & Linda Crook's granddaughter | † Keith Crook - member |
| † Sherri Crosiar - Josh's mother | † Theresa Fitzgerald - niece to Vonnie Brinkmann |
| † Denise Shivers - member | † Jai Green - member |
| † Jane Millard - visitor | |
| † "Nylon" - visitor at Food Pantry | |



Attendance		Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering
July 5	30	—	\$3,380.00
July 12	20	—	2,075.00
July 19	45	37	\$7,950.00
July 26	62	17	\$4,613.50
Total:			\$18,018.50



Puzzle!

Use the Scripture verses below to locate the places in the puzzle. (If a verse mentions more than one place, only one appears in the puzzle, so choose carefully.) Circle each place as you find it.
Answers go: → ↓ ↘

Genesis 2:15	Isaiah 23:1	Luke 24:13
Genesis 11:9	Isaiah 23:2	John 2:1
Genesis 35:1	Isaiah 23:3	Acts 8:5
Exodus 13:18	Jonah 1:2	Acts 11:22
Ruth 1:1	Matthew 3:6	Acts 17:16
1 Kings 18:19	Matthew 4:18	Romans 1:15
1 Chronicles 11:4	Matthew 26:36	

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Answers: Garden of Eden, Tower of Babel, Bethel, Red Sea, Bethlehem, Mount Carmel, Jerusalem, Tyre, Sidon, Nile, Nineveh, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Emmaus, Cana, Samaria, Antioch, Athens, Rome

IN HIS SERVICE

PASTOR:
Rev. Barry Long 243-2042

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Mr. Ethan Yoder

SECRETARY
Mrs. Judy Honig 688-4321

CONCORDIA SCHOOL
Ms. Emily Craine 691-8921
Principal

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS
Chairman.....Gerald Horst
Vice-Chairman.....David Heien
Secretary.....Judy Honig
Treasurer.....Carol Wessler
Finan. Secretary.....Theresa Johnston

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

LaVelle Borders & Eileen Benne

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY

Chairperson Luann Claudin
Vice Pres: Theresa Johnston
Secretary: Lisa Cornelius
Treasurer: Dawn Henderson

ALTAR GUILD

Co-Presidents: Abbie Matson & Linda Khattar
Treasurer: Linda Khattar

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre-School-1st Grade — Linda Crook & Linda Khattar
2nd—5th Grades — Teresa Brusick & Kelly Eckert
6th Grade-High School — Paula Horst

CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD

Kelly Eckert & Erin Green

CONCORDIA FOUNDATION

Eileen Benne & Connie Kissner

CONCORDIA TRUSTEES

Jarrold Horman

BOARDS OF MT. CALVARY

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Teresa Brusick & Paula Horst,

BOARD OF EVANGELISM
Dormant

BOARD OF YOUTH
Michele Keehner

BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING

Dormant

BOARD OF PROPERTY

Chris Brusick, Lisa Cornelius, Jarrod Horman, Vicky Brosowske

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Theresa Johnston, Kim Beenders, Mike Gavic, Brett Hammer

BOARD OF ELDERS

(families under each Elder's care)
Achterberg - Brusick Tom Brosowske
Carver — Grinslade Phil King
Halverson — Kissner Daniel Keehner
Lampton — Norman Gary Beenders
Parrott — Zook Dr. Joel Eckert

FOOD PANTRY

LaVelle Borders
Paula & Jerry Horst



FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild and Memorials and Gifts are working to have the Easter 1934 Communion Set refurbished. Koles of Omaha, Nebraska has received the set and will begin working on it. The 2plan is to have it back for the Christmas Season. If you have any questions, please call Abbie Matson 309-224-9432



News from Concordia

INSTALLATION OF NEW TEACHER

Our Concordia Community is invited to celebrate as Mrs. Mary Farley was installed as one of our new teachers on Sunday, July 26th, during Trinity Lutheran's 8:00 am service. What a blessing that God has called Mrs. Farley to serve the students of Concordia Lutheran. She will be leading our 6th grade classroom along with teaching Jr. High Math and Social Studies. We pray that God blesses Mary's time at Concordia for many years to come.

Ms. Emily Craine, Principal
Concordia Lutheran School

NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS — The 2026—2027 school year at Concordia begins on Wednesday, August 12th. Opening Chapel Service will be held at 8:45 am. Students, do you have all your new school supplies packed and ready to put into your desk? Good Luck and God's blessings on the new year. Please keep the students and teachers in your prayers.

WEDNESDAY FRIENDS — Concordia Lutheran school will begin its "Wednesday Friends" Program on September 2nd. This program invites volunteers to come to the school starting 10:15 to help students. You will be volunteering to listen to young students read or help with math. Please email Kelly at jkeckert91@gmail.com or call 309-256-1423 for more information.

SECOND GRADE BIBLES

Do you have a child going into 2nd grade this fall? If so, on Sunday, August 9th, Mt. Calvary will be giving our 2nd grade children a Bible for their personal use. (They don't have to attend Concordia, just a member child entering 2nd grade). Please let the office know which service you will be attending.

CONCORDIA POSITIONS OPEN -

Lutheran School in Peoria, IL is seeking candidates for the following positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

Jr. High (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) Teacher:

- Duties: Subject area instruction in Language, Literature, Science, and/or PE. Expectations also include participation in professional development opportunities, curriculum development, and various student supervision duties.
- Qualifications: Classroom teacher candidates must have, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree in education (or have completed an approved alternate path for state licensure) and a current teaching license (Illinois licenses preferred).
- All employees are expected to act in a manner that supports the Statement of Belief for the Lutheran Central School Association of Peoria, IL, and live in a manner that exemplifies the Concordia Lutheran School Christian Code of Conduct.

Title 1 Academic Tutor:

- Duties: Work with individual students or small groups to target specific academic learning gaps. Create and deliver individualized learning plans and lessons based on student performance data. Maintain accurate records of student growth, behavior changes, and assessment results. Report observations and coordinate strategies with the principal and classroom teachers
- Qualifications: Classroom teacher candidates must have, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree in education (or have completed an approved alternate path for state licensure) and a current teaching license (Illinois licenses preferred). All employees are expected to act in a manner that supports the Statement of Belief for the Lutheran Central School Association of Peoria, IL, and live in a manner that exemplifies the Concordia Lutheran School Christian Code of Conduct.
- Special Note: This position is payrolled through Peoria Public District 150, by allotted Title I funds. Schedule is flexible, averaging 10-15 hours per week.

Please email employment@concordiapeoria.com with resumes or contact principal Emily Craine at 309-242-4601 for further information.

A LETTER FROM MS. RYTTER

Dear Concordia Families,

After much prayer and careful consideration, I have come to believe that God is leading me to relocate to Arizona to be closer to my family. While this decision has been incredibly difficult, I know it is the right time for me to begin a new chapter. Before I do, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives over the past twelve years.

Serving at Concordia Lutheran School has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. What began as a teaching position quickly became a ministry. Thank you for entrusting me with your children and for allowing me to partner with you in their education. It has been a privilege to encourage them, challenge them, and watch them grow over the years. I am deeply grateful for the relationships I have built with your families and for the kindness, support, and encouragement you have shown me throughout my time at Concordia. I will always cherish the memories we have shared and will continue to pray that God richly blesses Concordia, its students, its families, and its faculty as they faithfully carry out their mission of sharing Christ's love each day.

In Christ,

Ellen Rytter

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths."
Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

We wish Ms. Rytter God's blessings in her new life in Arizona with her family.



CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

Youth Sunday School Classes: On hiatus for the Summer. The classes meet in the church basement at 10:30 am September through May. Watch for information about the next school year in August.

Sunday Morning Adult Class: The Lord's Prayer from the Small Catechism with Explanation – Join us as we explore the privilege of Prayer. Just what is prayer? What are we to pray for? We'll take up these questions and a host of others as we explore the Catechism together. Meets in the Parish Hall at 10:30 am.

Men's Bible Study: The Formula of Concord – After Luther's death, with pressure from the Emperor, and in debate with other "reformed" churches, the Evangelical Lutherans found themselves besieged on all sides. And in the midst of that, they began debates among themselves that threatened to tear the "evangelical" churches apart. The Formula of Concord sought to resolve these debates on the basis of the Scriptures, and succeeded in giving the Lutheran Church a foundation that has proven sturdy into our own age. Join us as we read through it to discover the gifts it has for us. Men's Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am at Gebby's Family Restaurant at 726 East War Memorial Drive in Peoria Heights.

Thursday Lunch Together and Bible Study: We're reading the Gospel according to St. Luke. Trained as a physician, Luke is inspired to give an orderly account of Jesus' work so that all who hear can be "certain" of the things in which they have been catechized. He emphasizes the universality of God's grace in Christ, the completeness of the forgiveness that Jesus won for all, and Christ as the seeker of the lost and lowly. We meet in the Parish Hall for lunch at 12:00 pm and Bible Study at 12:30 pm. Come, join us!





OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY --

† It is with overwhelming sadness that I share the passing of CLS alumnus Zach Behrends, son of former CLS teacher Carlie Kautmann. Please join me in praying for peace and comfort for Carlie, her husband Troy, and daughter Olivia at this time of tremendous loss. Zach's confirmation verse was Zephaniah 3:17: "The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one Who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing." Through faith, we know that Zach is rejoicing in Heaven now.

A visitation celebrating Zach's life was held on Friday, July 24, 2026 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Morton and also on Saturday, July 25th at the church. The Memorial Service was on Saturday, July 25th with Rev. Greg Moyer officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pet Pack Rescue Initiative, 8703 N University St Suite F, Peoria, IL 61615.

CONDOLENCES ALSO FOR:

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

† Ada Becker, mother of Michelle Becker (our cleaning lady) who was called home on Wednesday, July 22, 2026. Services are planned for Monday, July 27, 2026.

May her family find comfort in the fact that she knew her Lord Jesus Christ and now rests with Him.



JR. & SR. HIGH NEWS! --

Come join the fun at the joint (Christ, Mt. Calvary, Redeemer, Trinity) Jr./Sr. High End of Summer All Youth Hangout at Redeemer's pavilion on **Sunday, August 30 from 5-8 PM**. Dinner will be hotdogs over the fire, and we'll have several yard games set up. Towards the end of the night, we'll break out the s'mores supplies and close our time together with a devotion. Watch for further details in the News & Announcements.

CHOIR SEASON KICK-OFF PICNIC

Adult Choir, Bell choir, Anchormen and any past or future members, save the Date for our Kickoff Picnic!

**Sunday August 30th, 4:30 PM
at the Matson's**

521 East Swords Drive, Edelstein

Barbecue pulled chicken-brats. Drinks and tableware will be provided. Please bring a dessert or dish to pass.

A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office. Please sign up to help us plan for food.

If you have any questions,, please call Abbie at 309-224-9432.



July 2026						
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AUGUST 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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	210th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service	3 9:00 a Food Pantry Set-up	4 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 6:30 p Board Meetings 7:30 p Administrative Council	5 6:30 a Men's Bible Study	6 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	7	8
	9 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a Matins Service Presentation of 2nd Grade Bibles 10:30 a Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service	10	11	12 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 8:30 a Concordia 1st Day of Classes 8:45 a Concordia Opening Chapel	13 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 7:00 p Neighborhood Watch	14	15 <i>St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord</i>
	16 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service	17	18 4:45 p Board of Elders	19 6:30 a Men's Bible Study	20 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	21	22
	23 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a Matins Service 10:30 a Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service	24 <i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i> 9:00 a Food Pantry Set-up	25	26 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 3:00 Executive Committee	27 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	28	29 <i>The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist</i>
30 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 4:30 p Choir Kick-off Picnic 5:00 p All Youth Hang-out at Redeemer Lutheran Church	31 9:00 a Food Pantry Set-up	