

THE AUGUST MESSENGER

*The monthly newsletter of First Lutheran Church, a congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

🌳 Worship in the Park 🌳

Join us for a special morning of worship in the great outdoors! Bring your family, invite a friend, and come enjoy fellowship as we gather together to worship, sing, and celebrate God's goodness.

We'd love to see you there!

Come as you are, bring a lawn chair, and let's worship together in the park! Picnic to follow.



Worship in the Park

- Sunday, August 30th at 11:00 am
 - (no 9:45am service this day)
- Dryden Park - 601 E 31st St.
- Council Members Installation
- Picnic lunch following service
- Hotdogs provided. Bring a side or dessert to share.
- Bring your own table settings and chair.
- No Sunday School this day
(Sunday school starts 9/13/26)

Care & Growth
Committee will help
serve the picnic.
Congregation: Please
bring a side dish.



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Prayer Ventures for this month can be found:

<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Prayer-Ventures>
 These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world.

RESOURCES

ELCA: www.elca.org
800-638-3522

Nebraska Synod: www.nebraskasynod.org
402-896-5311

Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry:
www.nelcm.com 402-391-1144

Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries:
www.nlom.org 402-944-2544

Lutheran World Relief: www.lwr.org
800-597-5972

Lutheran Disaster Response:
www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response
800-638-3522

Prayers of Comfort and Peace for...



- Mike Wamsley's family and friends on his death
- Greg & Linda Sue Jensen on the death of their friend, Ann Day
- Betty Heggemeyer on the death of her aunt, Clara Ihrig
- Kathy Benne and family on the death of Kathy's son-in-law, Daniel Rheome
- Ann Walker's family and friends on her death
- Carolyn Jones' family and friends on her death
- Dave and Karen Rankin on the death of Karen's brother, Pastor Robert Vogel
- Mike and Kristi Lawson on the death of Kristi's uncle, Pastor Robert Vogel

MISSION OUTREACH



Habitat for Humanity – from Beth F.

I think you could safely say that summer has arrived and things are still progressing at the job site: a floor, sidewalks and stoops have been poured and forming for more is in place, drywall has been hung and is being finished. Next we will be standing up walls on the second 2026 house with plans of setting trusses next Saturday. They will also be painting in the first house.

Thank you for the time, energy, and heart you've shared with Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity. Because of volunteers like you, more than 100 local families have achieved the dream of affordable homeownership. Your generosity has made a lasting difference in our community.

We're reaching out because we'd love to have you back on the build site this summer. We have several Saturday build days coming up, and we need volunteers of all skill levels. Whether you're painting, laying sod, raising trusses, or tackling any of the many other tasks that keep a build moving forward, your time and talents truly matter. Every hour you give brings a family one step closer to a place they can call

home. This is an especially exciting season for Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity. We've opened a new neighborhood that will provide home sites for families for years to come, and we'd love for you to be part of this next chapter as we build hope, homes, and stronger communities together.

If you'd like to volunteer or have questions, please contact:

Rick Mitchell Volunteer Coordinator mitchell1614@gmail.com



**First Lutheran's Habitat for
Humanity Work Day is
Saturday, August 15th.**

**Please sign up to help or
serve/prepare food on the board
in the Narthex.**



S.A.F.E. Center Donations for August:

Non-Perishable Foods

- ***Peanut Butter***
- ***Graham Cracker Packs***
- ***Rice or Pasta Pouches***
- ***Ramen Noodles/Instant Soup***
- ***Microwave Popcorn***
- ***Pudding / Jello Cups***
- ***Hommeal Compleats***
- ***Instant Mac and Cheese Cups***
- ***Canned Tuna or Chicken***
- ***Chef Boyardee Bowls***
- ***Instant Oatmeal Cups***
- ***Cereal/Pop Tarts***
- ***Individual Rice Krispie Bars***
- ***Protein / Granola Bars***
- ***Cups of Applesauce***
- ***Chips***

**Please set items on the
sharing shelf in the narthex.**



S.A.F.E. Center
Empower. Support. Educate.

S.A.F.E. Center Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9am - 5pm

620 E. 25th Street Suite 14
Kearney, NE 68847
308-237-2599
Crisis line: 877-237-2513

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**



Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. It also helps provide normalcy in times of crisis. In northern Iraq, many families were unable to buy school supplies for their children when returning home after the ISIS conflict. A shipment of 13,000 Lutheran World Relief school kits for students of all ages received what they needed to continue their education and return to the normalcy of regular school routine.

These school kits help children and adults continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to better life for them, their families and their communities.

Items needed for the school kits are:

- 70 sheet notebooks (4 per kit)
- 30 centimeter ruler - can have inches on the other side
- Pencil sharpener
- Blunt scissors
- Crayons (16 or 24 count)
- Eraser
- #2 unsharpened pencils with erasers (5 per bundle)
- Black or blue pens (5 per bundle)



SPOTLIGHT



Did you know First Lutheran has a Stephen Ministry Program?

- Would you like to become a Stephen minister?
- Would you like to talk with a current Stephen minister?
- Reach out to Pastor Logan Ellis for details.

Stephen Ministry is a non-denominational lay caregiving program that trains everyday congregation members to provide one-to-one, confidential Christian support to people experiencing life crises, such as grief, divorce, job loss, or illness. Named after St. Stephen from the Bible, it is a global, not-for-profit system.

Stephen Ministry is explicitly not professional counseling, therapy, or problem-solving. Instead, ministers are trained to listen without judgment, maintain absolute confidentiality, and provide a compassionate, ongoing presence, recognizing when a person's needs require specialized clinical or pastoral help.

A special “THANK YOU” to our Volunteer of the Month.

August Volunteer of the Month: Stefani Wegner



Thank you, Stefani, for your incredible dedication as Vacation Bible School Coordinator. We are grateful for the MANY ways you serve our church family.

UPCOMING EVENTS



August 8th and 9th
All Services
Blessing
of the
Backpacks

Bring your backpack, laptop bag, or anything you'd like to have blessed this weekend during services. We will pray over students, teachers, and educational staff asking for wisdom, safety, and peace of mind.



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Humanity Work Day is
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serve/prepare food on the board
in the Narthex.



Sign up to help prepare or serve food, or to work at the First Lutheran Habitat for Humanity Work Day. Sign Up sheets are in the Narthex.

Confirmation Orientation

for 6th - 8th Grade Students
AND parents/guardians.



- Wednesday, August 19th
- 6:30 pm
- Centennial Hall

Please register for confirmation classes on the church website.

All 6th - 8th Grade Students AND parents/guardians need to attend the orientation meeting on Wednesday, August 19th.

Fall Programs Return

- Wednesday, August 26th - Wednesday Night Youth Programs and Feeding the Flock resume
- Sunday, September 13th - Sunday School resumes



REGISTER NOW!
on our website



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Join us at Dryden Park for our annual "Worship in the Park" on Sunday, August 30th at 11:00am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Service Change
8:45 am and 11:00 am
Sunday Worship Services
resume
Sunday, September 6th

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 Worship Services resume
 September 6th.

Teacher Installation



September 12 & 13
at all services.

ALL Teachers:

- Sunday School
- F.R.O.G.
- Preschool
- Confirmation

TEACHING IS A
 WORK OF HEART

ALL Teachers will be asked to
 come forward as they are
 installed during the September
 12th & 13th services.

Sunday, September 13th
God's work. Our hands.



Join us for a day of service!



Lunch: 12noon - 1pm
Service Work: 1pm - 3pm

"God's Work. Our Hands." is a day
 of serving throughout the
 community. Sign up sheets will be
 in the Narthex the last week of
 August.

& WONDERFUL **GIVE THANKS**

September 13th!
Sunday School
Resumes
9:50am-10:50am

REGISTER NOW!
 on our website

Gratefull believe

Sunday School returns
 September 13th at 9:50am!
 Please register on our website.



Curious about what we believe?
 Looking for a church to call
 home, or know someone who is?

First Lutheran Church might be the perfect fit !

We're a church where people know each other, care
 for one another, and grow together in faith.

New Members' Class

- Sundays | 10:00am | Fellowship Hall
- September 20, 27, October 4
- Welcome Reception October 11

Would you like to become a new
 member of First Lutheran or do
 you need to re-instate your
 membership? Attend the first
 class on September 20th for more
 information.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Praising God through music!

The choirs practice weekly during the academic year.

Anyone is welcome to join!

Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

High School through adults are welcome.

CJ Sabah - Director

Chancel Bells rehearses on Tuesdays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

This choir is open to high schoolers through adults.

Natalie Radcliffe - Director

Sound Offering Praise Band rehearses bi-weekly.

If interested, contact Stacy Bean.

Stacy Bean - Director

Praiser Bells rehearses on Wednesdays from 5:15pm to 5:45pm.

This choir is for 3rd grade through 8th grade.

Angela Wright - Director

Heavenly Treble Makers rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:15pm to 6:45 pm. This is a vocal choir for middle schoolers.

Angela Wright - Director

Children's Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings during Sunday School and Wednesday evenings during FROG.

All children are welcome.

Amanda Lewis - Director



YOUTH MINISTRY



Hello First Lutheran Families!

This is the last month of summer for our FLY Youth Group.

We will start up again on Wednesday, August 26th. We have a wonderful year of programming ready that will include meetings with other youth groups, supporting local

nonprofits, conversations about important and relevant topics, and so much more!

For those who are new to our FLY program, it is the high school youth group that meets at the church on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm and ends at 8:00pm. Meetings can vary between helping others, having conversations with guests, enjoying social games, and several other activities. We typically meet in the basement of the church, but there are meetings that take place outside the church building and grounds. We have an email list for those who would like more information.

Our Sunday School will also start September 13th between the services (9:45am-10:50am). We focus on topics that interest the students. Questions of theology, culture, the Bible, and so much more are topics we explore together.

This year we are also making preparations for the upcoming ELCA Youth Gathering at the end of June 2027 in Minneapolis. Youth from all over the nation will come together for worship, fellowship, and create connections that bring the denomination closer. We will provide more information as it gets closer, and look forward to the group that will represent our church at a national stage.

Pastor Logan



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

What a SNOWsational week we had at Snowball Mountain Challenge Vacation Bible School! An extra-large THANK YOU to our amazing volunteers.

We are so appreciative of your time!

VBS Takeover of the Sunday Worship Service was Sunday, July 19th at 9:45am. We performed our choreographed songs, heard the 5th Lesson, saw Ollie & Crew again, and enjoyed a party afterward. Our Summit Celebration Party included a Foam Cannon from Bison Bubbles and icy treats.

We'd like to highlight our VBS Mountain Mission: support for Kearney Special Olympics. Our goal this year was \$700, but it still doesn't quite cover their expenses for softball uniforms. We welcome all additional gifts. Please designate "VBS" in the memo on your offering.



Donations from the VBS Children went towards uniforms for the Kearney Special Olympics.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Mark your calendar with these important events!



As the sun sets on our VBS Snowball Mountain Challenge, join us for future adventures at First Lutheran Church!

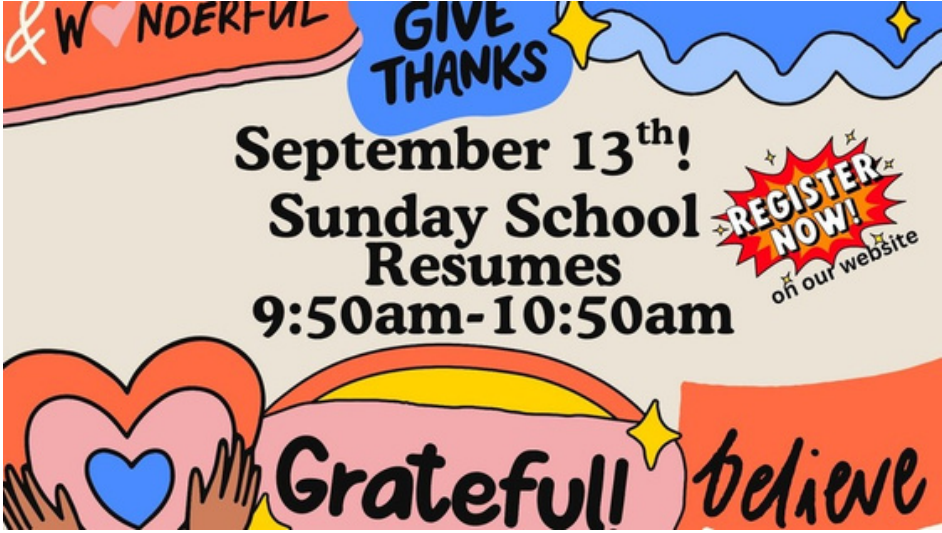
SCAN ME



Visit Our Website to Learn More

-  **Confirmation Orientation Aug. 19**
Centennial Hall
-  **FROG/Confirmation Wed. Aug. 26**
"Fully Rely on God" is Preschool-5th Grade
-  **Worship in the Park - Sunday Aug. 30**
11:00am at Dryden Park (Lunch after)
-  **Sunday School begins Sept. 13**
Preschool-5th Grade & Middle School
-  **Trunk or Treat - Sunday Oct. 25**
Follows after 11:00am worship/lunch
-  **Advent Fair - Sunday Nov. 22**
9:30-11:00am crafts, treats, hot cocoa
-  **FLY - High School**
Activities vary, please contact the church office for more info. PH: 308-237-5544

We're excited to see you again!
Sunday School resumes September 13th at 9:50am.



& WONDERFUL

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September 13th!

Sunday School Resumes

9:50am-10:50am

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PRESCHOOL

Welcome to a New Preschool Year!
Hello, First Lutheran Church!

We are excited to welcome Arianna Ruiz as our new Lead Teacher in the 3 & 4 Year Old Class! We know she is going to be amazing, so be sure to say hello when you see her!

We are blessed to have Mrs. Sonya Vetick helping in both classrooms, keeping us organized and tidy. Our awesome cook, Emily Bacon, is also returning to prepare yummy snacks and lunches.

We are so thankful for our wonderful volunteers! Karen Clouse will fill in as our cook when Emily or Sonya McLeod are unavailable. Deb Beerman, Linda Peterson, Rhonda King, and Kelly Shada will lend an extra helping hand, and we are delighted to welcome Peggy Townsend to our team. Each of these special people brings valuable knowledge, experience, and a love for helping children learn and grow.

We have been busy preparing our classrooms for the new school year, and we can't wait to welcome our students and families! Parents received their orientation letter, yearly calendar, and supply list the week of July 6th.

Orientation Night will be **Tuesday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m.** for both the Pre-K and 3 & 4 Year Old Classes and their families. We look forward to meeting everyone, showing you around, and enjoying our traditional cookie party!

Classes begin Monday, August 17!

- 3 & 4 Year Old Class: 8:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m., Monday–Thursday
- Pre-K Class: 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Monday–Friday

We can't wait for a wonderful year filled with learning, singing, playing, and making memories!

We are excited to make the 2026–2027 school year our best one yet!

Have a blessed August!
Mrs. Amanda Lewis



WOMEN OF THE ELCA



SUMMER IS REALLY HEATING UP AND WE ALL NEED TO AVOID THE HOT WEATHER BY USING OUR TIME IN THE COOL COMFORT OF HOME TO READ THE BIBLE AND HAVE A REFRESHING REMINDER OF ALL THE BLESSINGS WE HAVE.

Please keep in your prayers those suffering due to weather such as San Antonio, TX flooding; tornadoes in the Southern and Eastern States, fires in California and Nebraska, and across the United States. Internationally, Italy and France fires are raging and earthquakes and drought remain in several countries. So many have had to start over and recover losses. May they know God is with them.

The Triennial National Women of the ELCA Convention was held July 16-19, 2026. A report of activities and changes will be in the September edition. If you plan to attend, please forward any pictures or information to share.

Installation of officers will be September 19/20, 2026. Please come forward at one of the services if you are in a Prayer Group or Circle to be installed.

2026-2027 Women of the ELCA - booklets containing Circle and Prayer Group updates will be out in August. They will be given to each prayer group. Be sure to designate large or small print and how many you will need. The dates for events such as Thanksgiving and other holidays will be listed.

The programs for the coming holidays are being coordinated to bring in some new meaningful, fun and Christ driven events.

MISSION GROUPS are collecting items for school kits, personal care kits, baby kits, etc. and the listings have been updated. Be sure to shop now since, many of the supplies are on sale. Bring your items in early to allow for those packing to know what needs to be purchased if not supplied.

Upcoming Events:

- SAVE TO SERVE - Midland University, Fremont, NE - August 14-16, 2026. Registration is due August 1, 2026. See the FLC Women of the ELCA bulletin board, or tinyurl.com/nebraskawelca. If you plan to attend please let Judy Workman know for possible carpools to the event.

THANK YOU - to all those who helped make this past year a success. The church staff Kandy, Kathy, Amy and Pastors helping with activities and advice. The volunteers from Prayer Groups and Gloria Circle.

A special thanks to past Treasurer, Jo Smallcomb, for her service of more than 14 years. She has decided to relax and retire, we will miss her knowledge and hope she will join us when she can.

FROM THE COUNCIL

Greetings First Lutheran Congregation

Here is an update from your Church Council:

Council members signed up for their committee assignments for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, and will be presenting to their committee's the Feeding the Flock dinners sign up schedule.

The Council approved \$10,099.91 in funds as the Congregation's share for the new electronic sign which will be installed on the south side of the Church.

As a reminder, August 15th will be First Lutheran's Work Day for Habitat for Humanity. Please sign up and plan to participate in this annual mission project.

Yours in Christ,

P. J. Bartels, Council President

On behalf of Scott Darveau (VP), Lisa Reese Parish (Secretary), Tyler Schwartz (Treasurer), Christine Fisher, Jay Kuecker, Deb Schauer, Shirley Smalley, Terry Volker, Pastor Rick Carlson and Pastor Michelle Carlson

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

*When you see this advertised on our FB page,
PLEASE share!*



**Part-Time Position Open:
Director of Music and Worship**

Please share!

**Applicants can apply on our website:
FirstLutheranKearney.org/Employment-Opportunities
or on Indeed.**

FINANCIALS:

JUNE FINANCE REPORT			
Ministry Budget:	JUNE 2026	YTD '26-'27	YTD '25-'26
Budget Supporting Revenue	\$ 42,296	\$ 42,296	\$ 42,385
Budget Related Expenditures	\$ (58,959)	\$ (58,959)	\$ (57,465)
Total 2026-2027 Ministry Budget: \$854,157			
Facilities Budget:	JUNE 2026	YTD '26-'27	YTD '25-'26
Revenue	\$ 3,805	\$ 3,805	\$ 3,813
Expenditures	\$ (880)	\$ (880)	\$ (6,336)
Total 2026-2027 Facilities Budget: \$29,000			

USE OF OFFERING ENVELOPES

Thank you to all those who regularly make use of the weekly offering envelopes. It may not be possible to keep an accurate recording of your contributions if you do not use your envelopes. If you choose to contribute by check without using the envelopes, please write your offering envelope number on your check. This will enable us to record your contributions accurately. Any loose checks that are received without an envelope number noted may not be reflected on your contribution statement.

Contributions to the Ministry Budget and Facilities Budget can be combined in one check.

If you are not receiving offering envelopes and would like some, please contact Stacy in the church office. Thank you for your help!

Stacy Seim
Bookkeeper
308.237.5544



FIRST LUTHERAN
Church of Kearney

SCRIPTURE

AUGUST 2, 2026 | TIME AFTER PENTECOST

ISAIAH 55:1-5; PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21; ROMANS 9:1-5; MATTHEW 14:13-21; GENESIS 32:22-31; PSALM 17:1-7,15

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food or drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table, we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

AUGUST 9, 2026 | TIME AFTER PENTECOST

1 KINGS 19:9-18; PSALM 85:8-13; ROMANS 10:5-15; MATTHEW 14:22-33; GENESIS 37:1-4, 12-28; PSALM 105:1-6,16-22, 45b

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

AUGUST 16, 2026 | TIME AFTER PENTECOST

ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8; PSALM 67; ROMANS 11:1-2a, 29-32; MATTHEW 15:[10-20] 21-28; GENESIS 45:1-15; PSALM 133

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

AUGUST 23, 2026 | TIME AFTER PENTECOST

ISAIAH 51:1-6; PSALM 138; ROMANS 12:1-8; MATTHEW 16:13-20; EXODUS 1:8-2:10; PSALM 124

In Isaiah the people are advised to look at their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

AUGUST 30, 2026 | TIME AFTER PENTECOST

JEREMIAH 15:15-21; PSALM 26:1-8; ROMANS 12:9-21; MATTHEW 16:21-28; EXODUS 3:1-15; PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please review the calendar at FirstLutheranKearney.org for updates.

AUGUST 2026

Sat/Sun August 1/2	Worship at 6:00pm and 9:45am Laying on of Hands during all services Brookestone Garden Worship at 2:00pm
Sat/Sun August 8/9	Worship at 6:00pm and 9:45am Blessing of the Backpacks - All services
Sat/Sun August 15/16	Worship at 6:00pm and 9:45am Laying on of Hands during all services
Sun/August 15th	Habitat for Humanity
Wed/August 19th	First Lutheran Church Workday Confirmation Orientation
Sat/Sun August 22/23	Worship at 6:00pm and 9:45am
Wed/August 26	Wednesday evening youth activities resume
Sat/August 29 Sun/August 30	Worship at 6:00pm 11:00am Worship in the Park (no 8:45am service)
Sat/Sun September 5/6	Worship at 6:00pm, 8:45am and 11:00am Laying on of Hands during all services Brookestone Garden Worship at 2:00pm
Mon/September 7	Church office closed for Labor Day
Sat/Sun September 12/13	Worship at 6:00pm, 8:45am and 11:00am Teacher Installation - All Services
Sun/September 13	Adult Forum with Bishop Emeritus Maas 9:50am - Sunday School Resumes! "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday* *12noon Lunch. 1pm-3pm work.
Sat/Sun September 19/20	Worship at 6:00pm, 8:45am and 11:00am Laying on of Hands during all services Installation of Women's ELCA - All services New Members' Class-Fellowship Hall 10:00am
Sat/Sun September 26/27 Sun/September 17	Worship at 6:00pm, 8:45am and 11:00am New Members' Class-Fellowship Hall 10:00am

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Office Hours: 8:30am – 4:00pm Monday – Friday

- If your email address has changed recently, please contact the church office.
- To save the church postage costs by picking up a hard copy of "The Messenger" from the welcome station, instead of it being mailed, please call or email the church office. Mailings generally take up to two weeks for delivery.