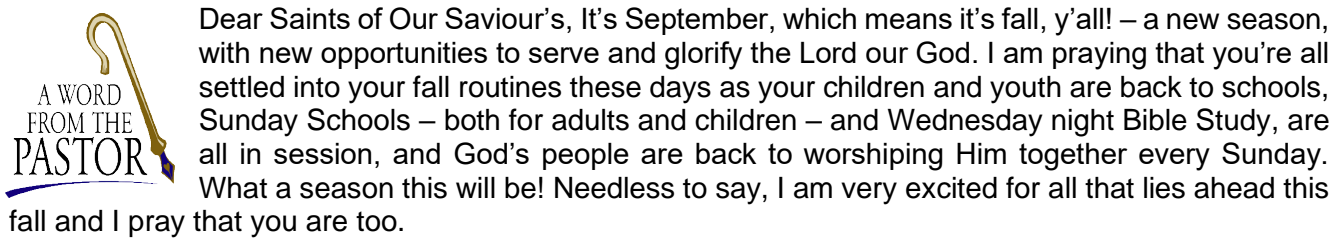


Sunday worship 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School for ALL 9:15 am
Office Hours: 9am - 4pm Monday – Thursday (Closed 12pm-1pm for lunch)



In my thirty years of ministry, it's been my experience that when the word, "stewardship" is mentioned at church, lots of eyes are likely rolled and deep groans are loudly heard—just as people bolt for the door with one hand on their wallets and purses. Why is this? Because, in too many congregations, the word "stewardship" has become a cheesy euphemism for "*We want your money.*" This is a shame, for as Lutherans, the concept and practice of stewardship lies at the very center of what it means to be disciples of Jesus. In other words, the practice and application of stewardship isn't a once-a-year, or once-in-a-while thing, but rather it's a way of life. As Dr. Clarence Stoughton (1895-1975), an internationally known Lutheran educator rightly put it, "Stewardship is everything we do after we say, 'I believe'".

Yes, the Offertory Prayer that we shall pray together every week in both worship services will help us understand anew that stewardship is more than whether, or not, we give our money to God's mission in the world. It's also about how we use every good blessing that God has entrusted to us in this life. I pray that you and your family will make it a top priority to join us on this faith journey throughout this month of September – it's important! And if you should want to roll your eyes about "stewardship", I beg you to do so undetected by others; or if you should groan at the mention of the word, please do it in silence...but most importantly, come!

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Happy Hour 6:00 pm ★ Dinner 7:00 pm ★ Fashion Show 8:00 pm
in the Multipurpose Room

Reminder, the church office will be closed Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.

OUR SAVIOUR'S MESSAGE

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 5TH REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS RESUME

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Office closed for lunch from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm and continues to be closed on Fridays



OUT OF OFFICE The staff is going on a retreat and will be out of the office on Monday, September 18th. Sharon Kacir will be managing the office to assist any of your needs.

SPRINGFEST 2024 - The Springfest Committee will soon be considering the recipients for those funds that will be donated to outside non-profits. If you have any group or organization that you would like to be considered, please contact Bruce Jank at 361-649-9502 or email him at jankba@yahoo.com and let him know. Please provide him with contact information for your suggested recipient. Suggestions must be received by Monday, September 25th to be considered. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 26th at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room**



We have heard the saying "practice makes perfect." We don't expect ourselves to try a new hobby or skill and immediately become a professional. Tom Brady did not win 7 Superbowl rings without practice and hard work. Taylor Swift didn't just decide to pick up a guitar one day and immediately become a grammy- winning song writer. She had to put forth effort. These two individuals didn't just sit and expect the knowledge and skill to just come to them. Many of you who do extracurricular

activities understand this concept of practicing to better your skills. You have dedicated after-school hours to practice, and even have practice times at home and on the weekends. But what about our faith? How do we "practice" our faith? In other words- what are ways that we as students and as parents, develop our skills as followers of Christ? If we are only "practicing" during our church services on Sunday for one hour a day- that is simply not enough! We need to be attending Sunday school, various bible studies, read our bibles together and pray. As well as reading and hearing God's word- we need to also be **DOING** what Jesus commanded. We can't just read about how to be a better football player and expect to throw touchdown passes every game - you have to go and practice!! I have heard parents (and others) say "I am not as well versed in scripture as I should be." This is nothing to be ashamed of- there is so much we can all learn. But if you are not making a commitment to be in church and participate in learning God's word inside as well as outside this building- you are not giving yourself the opportunity to grow in your faith or knowledge. While we will never be "perfect" in our faith- we are doing ourselves a great disservice when we don't "practice" it. I challenge you this month to find areas in your life where you are lacking, and practice towards getting better. For the Woodsons, we will be working on taking more time to pray as a family. I look forward to hearing what you are working on for the month of September.

CAMP: Camp registration will open this month. We don't have exact dates yet, but please be thinking about registering. Camp Eagle is a great opportunity to spend a week submersed in the word of God in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. It's a fun way to grow your faith and grow your relationships with your fellow students. Contact Ms. Susan for more information.

SPAGHETTI PLATES: Tickets will be sold from Sunday, August 27th - Sunday, September 10th. Plates will be available for **PICK-UP** only on Saturday, September 16th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the MPR. We will be doing pre-sale only so make sure you get your tickets from any CYF Committee member or OSL family. All proceeds will fund our fall ministries.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Wednesday, September 13th - "I'm not just a fan of Jesus- I'm a FOLLOWER!" Wear your favorite sport's team merchandise and bring a friend for the chance to win a prize!
- Saturday, September 16th - Spaghetti Plate Dinner (11:00 am - 1:00 pm)
- Sunday, September 17th - Sunday Funday at Century Lanes (12:00 pm - 2:00 pm)
- Wednesday, September 20th - Outreach Day at The Humility Project
- Saturday, September 30th - How to Acolyte with Steve Fiedler at 10:00 am in Sanctuary (Registration required)

PUZZLES & GAMES: Last month's answer can be found in Genesis 1. The first two students to correctly answer this month's question will receive a \$10 fast food card. This month's question: What does "Genesis" mean?

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W.O.W. – Will meet on Monday, September 18th at 6:00 pm in the MPR for a meal, fellowship, meeting and devotional time. All ladies of Our Saviour's are invited to attend. This month the women are collecting paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, kleenex, etc.) to be donated to Bethlehem Maternity Home.

Calling all **Men** to join together for fellowship, worship and discipleship once a month.
Bring your Bible, favorite Brew (coffee, tea or beer) and meet in the MPR.



Tuesday, September 5th at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room.



The purpose of this fund is for individuals or families in the congregation who may at one time or another need a little help.

BAPTISM AT OUR SAVIOUR'S – Baptism is the first of the two sacraments. There is a list of guidelines to follow. If you desire more information about baptism here at Our Saviour's, please contact the church office at 575-4305.



Meets every Tuesday at 9:30 am in the Christian Ed Building

For more information about Tabitha Quilting Ministry contact Dorothy Waltersdorff at 576-1465 or Jean Gisler at 676-0484 or jeangislernp@gmail.com.

Tabitha Quilting Ministry is looking for people who would like to help with the quilt making process. We have lots of fabric that needs to be cut into 11" x 11" squares so they can be sewn into quilt tops. This is a way for many to help without having to leave your home. It can be done day or night at your convenience. Templates measuring 11" x 11" are available for your use. Select a pretty fabric from the container and return the cut fabric to the same container when you have finished the cutting. We would also love for you to join us at the church on Tuesdays but if you prefer doing this project at home, we can make that happen too. Contact Jean Gisler for more info.

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Life After Loss Support Group - Meets on the second Saturday of each month in the Christian Education wing of Our Saviour's. This month they will meet on Saturday, September 9th at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Stephen Fuhrman.



Some of the BEST BAKERS of OSL have offered to bake homemade pies for the Genie Fuhrman Legacy Music Scholarship (GFLMS) Fundraiser in November.



We are thankful for our Christian brethren & would like to help you with your Thanksgiving meal by baking your favorite pies.

For your \$20.00 contribution to the music scholarship fund, we will provide a pie of your choice:

APPLE • BUTTERMILK • CHERRY • COCONUT • PECAN • PUMPKIN

LOOK for the GFLMS table in the foyer & sign-up for **Pre-orders beginning September 3rd**

Pies will be ready for pick-up during the week of Thanksgiving.

If you have questions or want to order by phone, please contact a member of GFMLS committee:

Libby Stirneman: 361-649-4679, Jean Gisler: 361-676-0484, Glenn Gisler: 361-676-0599, Ken Lucke: 361-649-1911, Linda Sonntag: 361-920-4927, Lauren Jackson: 361-649-5469, Darla Jank: 361-649-2630, Wilma Ferry: 361-575-1066

If you have special needs or favorites call us & we will try to accommodate. **IT'S PIE TIME!!**

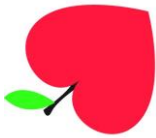




PRAYER MEETING - Every Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm in the Chapel. Join us as we pray for our church, community, and world.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you need to add someone to the prayer chain, please contact Pat DeDear at 361-676-5087 or the church office at 361-575-4305. Pat will then communicate the request by telephone to the prayer chain. Pat will also contact Debbie Krueger, who will then distribute the request electronically through email.

SEPTEMBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<div>  PLEASE NOTE </div> CHURCH EVENTS, DATES AND DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE				OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION & HELPING HANDS 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School	4 Labor Day 	5 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 5:30 pm - Ministry Leaders/Team Meeting	6 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer Group in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group 6:30 pm - Pastor La's Bible Study 6:30 pm - Senior Choir Rehearsal	7 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Christian Ed Building Unavailable 6:30 pm - Men's Grace Retreat Meeting in MPR	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 10:00 am - Life After Loss Support Group 6:00 pm - Dinner and Fashion Show in MPR
10 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School	11 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep 5:00 pm - Executive Council Meeting	12 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 4:00 pm - Pantry 6:30 pm - Worship Committee Meeting Chapel Rented	13 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer Group in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group 6:30 pm - Pastor La's Bible Study 6:30 pm - Senior Choir Rehearsal	14 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Christian Ed Building Unavailable 6:30 pm - Men's Grace Retreat Meeting in MPR	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16 11:00 am - 1:00 pm CYF Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
17 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School 12 noon - Sunday Funday at Century Lanes	18 9:00 am - Staff Retreat 6:00 pm - Women of the Word in MPR	19 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 6:30 pm - Council Meeting	20 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer Group in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group 6:30 pm - Pastor La's Bible Study 6:30 pm - Senior Choir Rehearsal	21 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Christian Ed Building Unavailable 6:30 pm - Men's Grace Retreat Meeting in MPR	22 OFFICE CLOSED Sanctuary Unavailable MPR Unavailable	23 Sanctuary Unavailable MPR Unavailable
24 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School	25 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep	26 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 4:00 pm - Pantry 5:30 pm - Springfest Meeting 6:00 pm - Bibles & Brews	27 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer Group in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group 6:30 pm - Pastor La's Bible Study 6:30 pm - Senior Choir Rehearsal	28 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Christian Ed Building Unavailable 6:30 pm - Men's Grace Retreat Meeting in MPR	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 10:00 am - Acolyte Training in Sanctuary MPR Unavailable



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



Below is the schedule of worship assistants for this month. We will provide training and instruction to those who have not already received this information.
NOTE: If you are not able to serve as scheduled, please try to find a replacement, or call the church office at 361-575-4305.

	USHER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	GREETER	WELCOMER	WELCOME DESK	CHURCH SAFETY TEAM	LEADER IN CHARGE
Sept. 3rd 8:00 am	Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann Bobby Jacob	Glenn Gisler Jean Gisler Joyce Cardinell	Tanner Jacob	Darla Jank	Kathleen Reimann Terry Krueger	Jan Jacob	Linda Mueller	Gerald Merks Larry Henneke Luke Hersey	September 3rd Pam Raley
10:30 am	Jason Eliot Patty McGehee Billy Blanchard Tom Willis	Brett Ckudre Doris Dold Lisa Price Janine Rothmann Konor Eliot			Brandi Gayle Lisa Price	Doris Dold	Sharon Kacir	Stephen Fuhrman Linda Sonntag Michael Buchhorn	September 10th September 17th Doris Dold September 24th Hanta Andriamihaja
Sept. 10th 8:00 am	Gerald Merks Glenn Gisler Laura Johnston	Alex Johnston	Lauren Jackson	Janet Merks	Joyce Cardinell	Jean Huber		Dale Hoffmann Royce Krueger John Hersey	ALTAR GUILD Shirley Hoffmann Linda Mueller
10:30 am	Hanta Andriamihaja Doris Dold Debbie Krueger Kurtis Krueger	Hannah Morris		Diana Pimentel Haley Morris	Kathleen Morris	Norma Lawrence		Randy Clark Raymundo Moreno Mel Bontrager	ALTAR FLOWERS September 3rd Irene Hahn September 10th Ingrid Kabela September 17th Patty McGehee September 24th Debbie Krueger
Sept. 17th 8:00 am	Bobby Jacob Mitchell Thurman Mel Bontrager	Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Steve Fiedler	Cole Neill	Kim Neill	Kathleen Reimann Terry Krueger	Jan Jacob	Linda Mueller	Steve Fiedler Randy McGehee Manuel Mendez	PRAYERS September 3rd Ryan Price September 10th Sharon Kacir September 17th Fernando Moreno September 24th Pam Raley
10:30 am	Randy Clark Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Elaine Thurman	Pam Raley EJ Raley Marilyn Young Pat DeDear Carol Buchhorn	Arun Pickens		Eden Yaklin Patty McGehee	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Bruce Jank Brett Ckudre Diane Dabney	
Sept. 24th 8:00 am	Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Steve Fiedler	Hunter Jacob	Diane Dabney	Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann	Joyce Cardinell	Jean Huber		Ronnie Wolter Mitchell Thurman Milton Slaughter	
10:30 am	Diana Pimentel Raymundo Moreno Raymundo Moreno, Jr Fernando Moreno	Hannah Morris		Haley Morris Billy Blanchard	Laura Wright	Norma Lawrence		Buck Dabney Lewis Keith EJ Raley	



September Birthdays

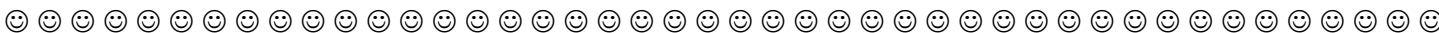


<i>9/1 – Justin Karnowski</i>	<i>9/2 – Brent Karnowski</i>	<i>9/3 – Bobby Jacob</i>	<i>9/6 – Kendall Karnowski</i>
<i>9/7 – Billy Blanchard</i>	<i>9/8 – Sharon Todd</i>	<i>9/10 – Janice Hill</i>	<i>9/10 – Eden Yaklin</i>
<i>9/11 – Larry Janis</i>	<i>9/11 – Russel Hempel</i>	<i>9/12 – John Hersey</i>	<i>9/14 – Doreen Atkinson</i>
<i>9/14 – Michelle Sanford</i>	<i>9/15 – Robert Pfeil</i>	<i>9/16 – Sharon Kacir</i>	<i>9/19 – Jan Jacob</i>
<i>9/20 – Robert Meitzen</i>	<i>9/20 – Bruce Billstein</i>	<i>9/21 – Kathleen Morris</i>	<i>9/22 – Linda Mueller</i>
<i>9/22 – Joe Woodson</i>	<i>9/23 – Nicole Carter</i>	<i>9/23 – Tanner Jacob</i>	<i>9/26 – Robert Schroeter</i>



2024 BUDGET TIME

It is budget time. The 2024 budget is currently being developed. If your ministry or committee has any changes or additions for 2024, please get with Sally in the church office. Deadline is September 20th.



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



Mission: More Than a Middle Name: As an association of congregations, I love our name: Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. It brilliantly captures our aspirations: a network of autonomous congregations united by a Lutheran theological foundation and a common commitment to a greater mission for Jesus Christ in the world!

We recognize four core values that shape our association. We are 1) Free in Christ, 2) Accountable to One Another, 3) Rooted in the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions, and 4) Working Together to Fulfill Christ Great Commission to Go and Make Disciples of All Nations. While all values are important, it is the fourth one that defines our purpose... our mission.

Yet as I survey our congregations, this fourth value is far less obvious. If you were to ask someone to observe our member congregations and describe our association based on what our churches are doing and how they are spending time and resources, I doubt that our mission to go make disciples of all nations would be noted as our clear and obvious purpose.

This realization has grown clearer to me in recent months. I came across an LCMC congregation's website that publicly claims the first three of our association's core values while completely omitting any mention of the fourth! Additionally, during a meeting of LCMC pastors, a colleague stated that a Lutheran understanding of mission is simply the proper proclamation of the gospel and administration of the sacraments. I respectfully challenged this notion, expressing that although fulfilling the Great Commission includes proper gospel proclamation and sacrament administration, these actions alone do not equate to going and making disciples of all nations. We need to take Jesus' words in Matthew 28 seriously.

I lament that, in an association that professes the centrality of our mission for Christ in its name and beautifully articulates how we are working together to carryout Christ's Great Commission as the fulfillment of this mission, mission may be little more than a middle name to us!

So, I ask you, pastors and churches: what does your church's mission look like? If an unbiased observer were to spend time within your community to draft a report describing who you are as a church and what your church is about, what would it say? How is your church working together to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to go make disciples of all nations?

This, my friends, is our mission... our purpose. I pray that we don't forget it, dumb it down, or drop it off the list. Mission is more than our middle name!

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

VCAM ANNUAL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER – The Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry (VCAM) has started selling Raffle Tickets to support their annual fundraiser. Established in 1986, VCAM is a non-profit organization which serves as a safety net for families in Victoria County in need of food, clothing and other basic needs. This year's raffle drawing includes \$6,500 in prizes, including

\$5,000 in HEB gift cards as well as gift cards to local restaurants and retail businesses. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. **The drawing is at NOON, Friday, September 29th** at the VCAM Office (You need not be present to win). Glenn Gisler, current member of the VCAM Board of Directors, will be selling tickets if you are interested is supporting this ministry.

BUNCO PARTY ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MISSION VALLEY – 12183 FM 236

Monday, September 11th

Registration/Refreshments 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm and Bunco at 7:05 pm

RSVP by September 9th to Cass Martignoni 361-649-3138 or Church Office 361-578-5447

MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH BAZAAR – 2535 COLETOVILLE RD.

Saturday, September 23rd

Brisket & Sausage Bar-B-Q Plates \$12 a plate. Tickets sold at the door.

Serving 11:00 am – 1:30 pm and Live Auction at 12:30 pm

ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH FISH FRY – 4102 N. BEN JORDAN

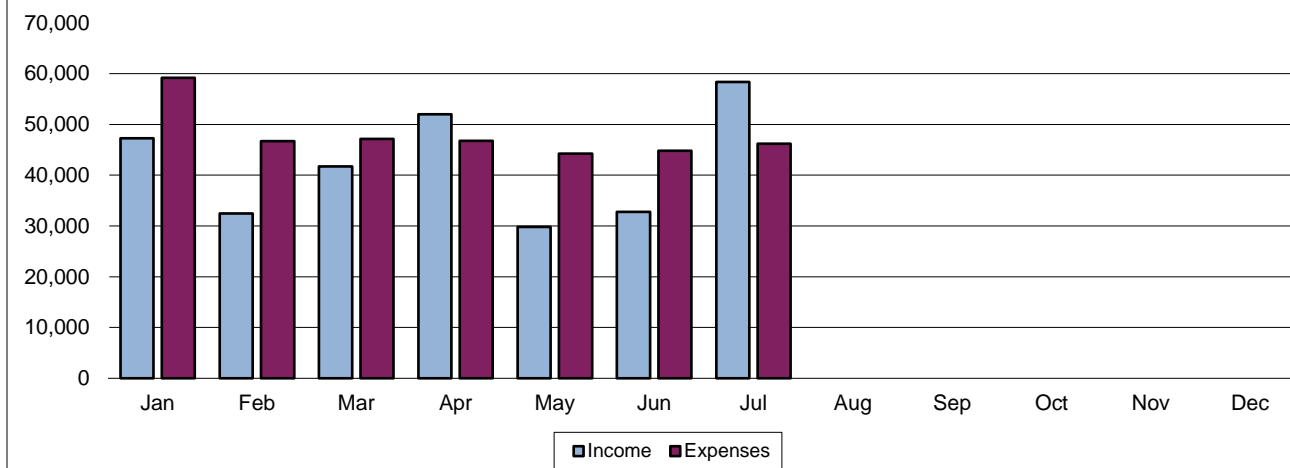
Saturday, September 30th

Fried Fish, green beans, corn, slice of cake and a drink for \$14 a plate.

11:00 am till Sold-Out, Walk-ins welcomed. For tickets contact: Clay King 361-220-6583, Lashun Davis 361-648-5698, Mary Lott 361-218-7108 or Mary Nell Fillmore 361-676-2946

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund 2023 Income vs. Expenses



CHURCH ATTENDANCE



August Attendance

Our average weekly attendance
for August 173.

August 6 th	173
August 13 th	186
August 20 th	161

Praise the Lord!
Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His mighty
heavens!
Psalm 150:1



On behalf of the staff of Lutheran World Relief, our partners, and the communities we serve with your support, thank you for your gift and may God continue to bless you.

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to VCAM. Your gift allows us to help community members who are in need.

Thank you for your donation to Christ's Kitchen it will help us to continue serving a hot meal at no charge to people in need.

On behalf of Promise Pointe, thank you so much for your kind donation. Our promise to you is to use it wisely to help as many people as we possibly can. Sister Rebecca Janacek

THANK YOU –To everyone who contributed to making the July Community Block Party a success! We touched the lives of so many families and look forward to doing it again next year.

Thank you to Ms. Marilyn Young for assisting in our August CYF outreach project, on behalf of the Tabitha Quilting Ministry, benefiting Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you so very much for the Get-Well card I received after returning home from the hospital. I read every comment & appreciated it very much. Gloria Seiler

AROUND THE CHURCH FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND PRAYERS

If you have any information for AROUND THE CHURCH please call the church office.



We extend our deepest sympathy to...

...the family of Brandy Schrade

...Glenn Gisler & family on the loss of his brother



Congratulations To Our Confirmands:

Fernado Moreno

Raymundo Moreno Jr.



We welcome our newest members:

Jeff & Joyce Hahn

Brandi Gayle

Eddy Griffiths

Susan Trueper



Special Concerns:

All those we hold dear in our hearts that are facing a battle for good health, mind & spirit.

Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon. ~ Martin Luther

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