



Work and Keep

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it” (Genesis 2:15).

Genesis chapters one and two are familiar to us. We know them best as the Creation Account. Chapter one is where we hear the familiar, “let there be...and there was” directives. Chapter two gives us the account of Adam (the man) being formed from the “Adamah” (the dust) and becoming a living being when he receives the breath of life in his nostrils. Because of this, it would be quite easy to simply lump these two chapters into the category of creation accounts.

But do not be too hasty in this! While these two chapters do faithfully relate to us the account of creation, they also give us the creation of the “office” of steward. The man, created in the image of God in Genesis 1 and formed from the dust in Genesis 2, is created for a distinct purpose. He is created to be a steward of the perfect and beautiful creation that the Lord has made! In fact, this is THE reason that man was made. He — and we — were created in the image of God to be stewards of God’s creation.

This purpose is spelled out in verse 15 of Genesis 2. The steward has one job, with two purposes. It is fitting that in the month that our nation marks Labor Day, we consider the task of steward. The first purpose of the job of steward is to work. The steward is the caretaker of the Garden. Being a steward is work! Before the fall into sin, this was not an onerous task. But it was an active thing.

Imagine being a farmer in the Garden of Eden! Work would be only harvest. No plowing. No planting. No cultivating. No weeding. The perfect garden that the Lord had made would simply produce automatically to provide for man, woman, and all living beings!

But there is a second task in verse fifteen. The word “keep” is not just a synonym for work. This second

task is related to defending. This garden, holy by virtue of its being called into existence by a holy God, needed to be defended. Here is where the vocation of steward becomes priestly. The steward was to defend the perfect and holy garden from that which was unholy. Later in the Old Testament, this was the task of the priests in the tabernacle and temple. They were to defend with their lives the Holy of Holies. This too is the labor of stewardship. It is a labor that calls the steward to be willing to put the garden before life!

Stewardship was always work. It only got burdensome after the original steward, Adam, failed to defend the garden from the alien word of the serpent. But this was not a failure of harvest. It was

a failure to defend the garden! As a result, all work that followed that failure became burdensome.

The steward failed but was never fired. That is why we have such an issue with stewardship to this day. We continue to live out a pre-fall vocation in a

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fallen world as failed stewards. That is why we in the church need to be reminded of our vocational call to be stewards. We so easily forget that this world is not ours to do with as we please. Nothing is ours. We are but stewards entrusted with managing the creation for the glory of God and the benefit of the neighbor.

It is a daunting task. But it is the one to which we have been called. We cannot do it on our own. Apart from the grace of God shared with us through Jesus, we would be burdened to the point of temporal and eternal death. But the Holy Spirit calls us by the Gospel! This Gospel connects us to the fertile garden of Christ's Work on our behalf. Now we are stewards of that grace! The Holy Spirit works this in and through us today and every day.

This is the work of the church. It is also the work of the individual steward. The Lord has placed us in the "garden" with the same twofold purpose: work and keep! Enjoy your labor. For in the Lord, our labor is never in vain!

Faithfulness: The Stewardship Standard. (2025, July). *LCMS Stewardship Ministry, Newsletter Article*. <https://lcms.org/stewardship>



Constantine the Great: Hero of Luther and Exemplary Christian Ruler

by David Ramirez

We are blessed to be able to celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea this year. The lion's share of attention will be rightly paid to the Nicene Creed, the triune nature of God, and heroic confessors of the faith such as Athanasius. However, we ought not overlook the man who convened the council — Emperor Caesar Flavius Valerius Constantinus Augustus. No bishop convened the council, and certainly no pope, but the ruler of the Roman Empire. In the calendar of commemorations in the *Lutheran Service Book* we remember him, and his mother Helena, on May 21.

It may be necessary to convince some that Constantine is worth both learning about and celebrating. There has long been a strain of Christian thought that has considered Constantine and his defense of the church misguided at best and a disaster at worst. At the time of the Reformation, the Anabaptists believed that the fall of the church coincided with the reign of Constantine and the melding of church and empire. To this day, many American Christians follow in their footsteps, denying that any type of supportive or cooperative relationship can exist between the church and civil government. Luther and the other reformers did not believe this to be the case nor evaluate church history in this fashion. It was the rise of the papacy, in conjunction with the teaching of salvation by works and elevation of monasticism, that led to spiritual tyranny over the church, home and civil government. Though they insisted on maintaining the

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proper distinction between ecclesiastical and civil authorities, the reformers praised Constantine, Theodosius and other Christian rulers who aided the church by convening councils, promoting unity, and combating heresy.

In his *Commentary on Psalm 101*, Luther explained how these institutions could glorify God and properly aid one another. First, he described how spiritual authorities should be involved in secular matters by their preaching:

Now, if a preacher in his official capacity says to kings and princes and to all the world, “Thank and fear God, and keep His commandments,” he is not meddling in the affairs of secular government. On the contrary, he is thereby serving and being obedient to the highest government [divine authority].^[1]

Next, Luther described how the secular authorities properly served the spiritual government:

If David or a prince teaches or gives orders to fear God and to listen to His Word, he is not acting as a lord of that Word but as an obedient servant. He is not meddling in spiritual or divine government but remains a humble subordinate and a faithful servant.^[2]

Luther grounded his understanding of civil government and its duties toward God in creation, teaching that rulers are a type of father. In the Large Catechism he wrote, “Thus we have two kinds of fathers presented in this commandment, fathers in blood and fathers in office, or those to whom belongs the care of the family, and those to whom belongs the care of the country. Besides these there are yet spiritual fathers.”^[3] Luther recognized the universal responsibility of all mankind to acknowledge and serve God in accordance with one’s particular station. All earthly rulers, whether of Israelite or Gentile nations, were expected to follow God’s Word. If they did not serve the Lord, like emperors Nero and Domitian, they would be held guilty by Him.^[4] Luther maintained a consistently positive estimation of Constantine and other Christian rulers throughout his writings — especially their aid in resisting the grasping tyranny of the papacy. He held up David and the other faithful kings of Israel as examples of the universal duty of rulers to acknowledge and serve God.^[5]

In a letter to Charles V (August 30, 1520), Luther, casting himself in the role of Athanasius, urged the Holy Roman Emperor to follow the example of Constantine in aiding a beleaguered church:

As earthly sovereigns are images of the heavenly Sovereign, they ought to imitate him. ... It has finally seemed wise to appeal to Your Imperial Majesty, according to the example of St. Athanasius, in case the Lord deigns to help his cause through Your Imperial Majesty. Humbly and on my knees, therefore, I beseech Your Most Serene Majesty, Charles, foremost of kings on earth, to deign take under the shadow of your wings not me but the very cause of truth, since it is only by this truth that authority is given you to carry the sword for the punishment of the evil and the praise of the good.^[6]

Though Charles V would not aid the Reformation, Luther was blessed with other faithful Christian rulers such as Frederick the Wise, John the Steadfast and John Frederick of Saxony who did so.

In harmony with Luther, Melancthon formulated what would become the standard Lutheran teaching on civil rulers and the duties before God.^[7] He made special mention of the example of Constantine:

Now when I say that the ruler is the person who maintains discipline, you must understand that he is to be the guardian of both tables of the Decalogue, that is, he shall serve not only as the protector of the peace — as a shepherd of the of a flock — not only as the guardian of our physical welfare, but

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primarily for the glory of God, as it pertains to outward morals. ... Therefore, not only godly kings in Judah but also the kings of other nations, after they have learned the true teaching about God, have prohibited indignities against the true God, as is in the case of Nebuchadnezzar and Darius the Mede. Likewise, Constantine and Theodosius acted correctly when they destroyed idols. For though the ruler does not judge or change secret opinions in the minds of people, yet external sins he must prohibit for the sake of God's glory, so that more people are not led astray by permissiveness and evil examples. [8]

Luther and Melancthon's evaluations are an excellent testimony of what our forefathers in the faith thought of Constantine and other faithful Christian rulers. If our forefathers regarded Constantine so highly, it would be well worth our time to learn more about this great defender of the church and celebrate him as a Christian ruler who used his power and authority to glorify God. [9]

Along with convening the Council of Nicaea, Constantine is best known for defending the church during one of her darkest hours. Begun in 303 under Emperor Diocletian, the Great Persecution brought brutal violence upon Christians across the Roman Empire. God brought relief to His people through Constantine's championing of the church and his devotion to the cross of Christ. Though a poor, miserable sinner, Constantine was made an instrument of God's mercy toward His church. May we too be blessed with godly rulers in our day who will acknowledge and faithfully serve the Lord.

[1] AE 13:195.

[2] AE 13:195.

[3] LC The Fourth Commandment, 158.

[4] AE 13:68 and AE 45:126.

[5] A good example is Luther's *Commentary Psalm 101* (1534/5), AE 13:146–224.

[6] AE 48:177–8.

[7] James M. Estes, *Peace, Order, and the Glory of God: Secular Authority and the Church in the Thought of Luther and Melancthon* (Leiden: Brill, 2005), 42–45.

[8] Philipp Melancthon, *The chief theological topics: Loci praecipui theologici 1559*, trans. Jacob A. O. Preus, 2nd ed. (St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2011), 430–431.

[9] Good starting places for further study about Constantine would be *Ecclesiastical History and Life of Constantine* by Eusebius.

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Life Quotes for September

September 7 “Difficult situations like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can tempt us to forget our Savior’s presence and power. Comfort comes not from making deals with death but from the gifts He wrings and the privileges He brings even in and through hardship. An everlasting, unchanging, and all-sufficient Creator and Keeper not only provides life, He protects it as well!” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

September 14 “If we expect to be the one to change hearts by sowing seeds of judgment rather than love, we are changing the mission we have been sent to fulfill. Please use your Gospel-motivated voice For Life in love and may God bless your efforts!” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

September 21 “Good things take time. Your smiles, your encouraging words, your time and talents donated for pro-life work done in Christ are sure to be effective, even if you can’t immediately see the effects.” *Marie MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

September 28 Being a child is a calling. Being a parent is a calling. Being a student is a calling. Being a citizen is a calling. Each so-called occupation is a calling. The role one fills in one’s church is a calling. As God crafts each of us in our callings, He places us in the presence of neighbors whom we are to love on His behalf.” *Rev. Adam Osier, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

Announcements

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING

The Call Committee has decided to set September 21, after the Sunday service (approximately 10:45am), for a Congregational Call Meeting to decide whether to issue a call for our next pastor and shepherd. After receiving a list of 11 pastors to consider from the District Office, the Committee prayerfully reviewed each candidate's information and reached a consensus to phone interview the top six. Four pastors responded they were not open to a call at this time and two were interviewed on August 18. After the interviews, the Committee unanimously decided to recommend placing the name of Pastor Jared P. Hartman of St. Paul Lutheran, Wisner, NE to be issued a call. Personal and professional information that was sent to the Committee about Pastor Harman will be made available for members to review prior to the Voters' Meeting by calling the church office for available times. This information cannot leave the building nor be copied. The Congregational Call Meeting is one of the most important decisions a congregation can make, so we urge all members to take advantage of this time to review this information and prayerfully your vote.



LWML Women's Quarterly

The Fall 2025 edition of the LWMS Lutheran Women's Quarterly is now available and can be found on the Friendship Circle table or the table at the back of the sanctuary.

LWML Northeast Zone Retreat

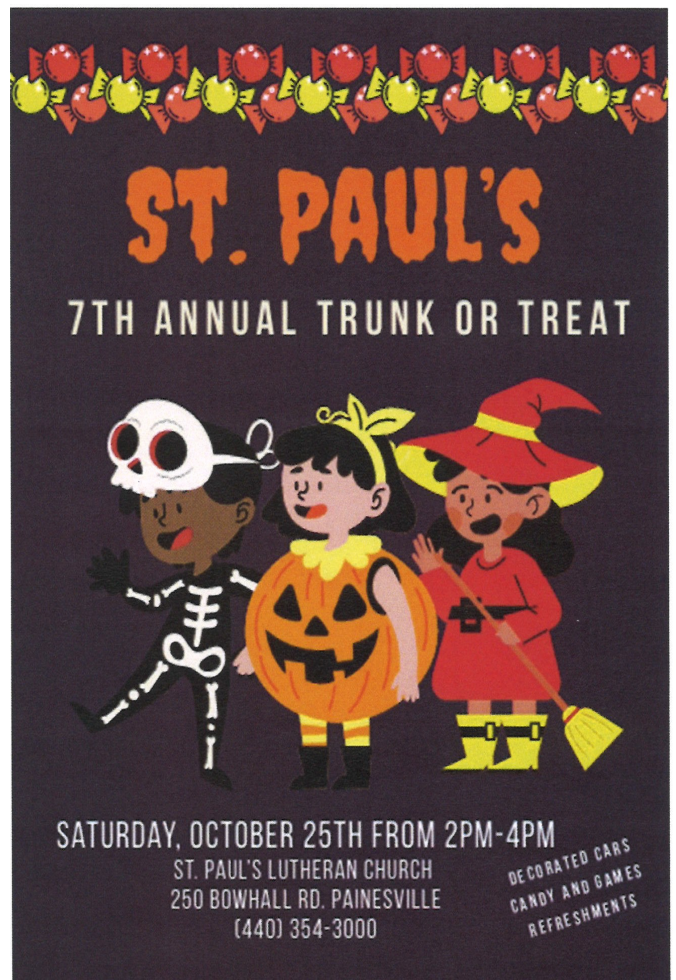
"It Could Be Worse—but God has a Plan" is the theme of the 32nd LWML Northeast Zone Retreat. All ladies are invited to join us at Jordan Creek Metro Park in Concord. Check the LWML info area for Retreat poster and packets for this fun-filled, Christ-centered event. Cost is \$25.00/person. Registration deadline is September 4. Questions? Please contact Jeanne Schimmelman at 440-943-5497 (jjj3shim@sbcglobal.net) or Ruth Mowrey at 440-951-3139 (jrmowrey@sbcglobal.net).



Women's Bible Study Resumes



All women of the congregation are invited to attend the first LWML Bible Study of the season on Wednesday, September 10. We will have a tailgate themed potluck - think appetizers and finger foods. Activities will begin at 6:30 in the church kitchen. Keep a lookout for emails with the study materials; they will also be available at the meeting. If you have any questions, reach out to Erin Cardina at 440-231-5613 or e.l.cardina@gmail.com. All studies come from the LWML Quarterly. We hope to see you there!





Updated Congregation Directory

It has been a couple years since the congregation member directory was last updated.

Do you have a new address, phone number ,email address or family member **or** you have recently joined our church?

A form will be placed in your mailbox by September 5th containing the information we currently have. There will be space for you to make corrections. Please make any changes necessary and place the form in the box on the table at the back of the sanctuary. In mid-October a new congregation members directory will be published and we would like to have your current information in it.

September Food Bank Items

Zion Food Pantry is requesting, Cereal, Boxed dinners (Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper are examples) and Spaghetti Sauce. As always other items are appreciated. For those in need, the Food Bank is open on the last two Tuesdays of the September from 5:30—7:00pm. (Sept 23 & 30).



Altar Flowers



Is there a date or event you would like to celebrate or a special someone you would like to honor or remember. Donating altar flowers is a great way to do that! All you have to do is sign up next to the appropriate weekend on the altar chart, add the occasion or person and who the flowers are from. Be sure to print clearly. The Altar Flower Chart is posted on the double doors at the back of the sanctuary. Altar flowers are \$40.00. The cash or check can be placed in an envelope labeled "Altar Flowers" with the date of the weekend and placed in the collection plate.

Prayer Quilts

Do you have a friend, neighbor or family member that is in need of encouragement and prayers? Let JoEllen Graziadei or Kristi McConnell know they will send a prayer quilt to them with a card and an invitation to church. In these troubled times, it's more important than ever to tell people God loves them and we are here for them.



From the Preschool

Learning to share God's Light

It's that time of year again! St. Paul's Preschool would appreciate your support. There is a donation board at the entrance to the church. Please select a firefly, purchase the item, then return the item to the church. All purchased items can be left on the pew by the windows. **NEW THIS YEAR** we have added an AMAZON Wishlist. Simply copy this link (<https://a.co/fczPjz5>) or directly connect to the link sent by the church office and make your purchase. Items can be sent to your home or directly to the preschool. We thank you again for all your support!



Annual Popcorn Sale

The annual Preschool popcorn sale will be held September 29th thru October 12th. Keep watch for the order forms.



July

Meeting Minutes

Reports

President's Report.

1. Outgoing President, Dennis Concooby.
 - a. Attended Ohio LCMS conference in June. Plans to give a brief report to the congregation on Sunday.
 - b. Work on parsonage continues. Roof replaced and trees removed.
 - c. Sandstone replaced by church doors; getting a quote on the cement pad where water pools
2. Incoming president, Terry Wakelee.
 - a. The call committee met June 12 and completed the self-study. Awaiting review by LCMS and list of potential pastors.
 - b. Other items in new and old business.

Vice President's Report. (Ed Hines) – no report

Treasurer's Report. (Russ Walton)

1. Financial reports provided. Funds from the Kujala estate have been received; they are set up as a liability until disbursements are approved.

Education Report. (Eric Drake)

1. Will cancel the youth Sunday school materials. These are not used.

Preschool Report. (Starshine Graziadei) – no report

Elder's Report. (Dale Kerver)

1. Pulpit supply confirmed through end of 2025.

Stewardship Report. (Diane Wayner)

1. Planning to host a mini-golf event in July.

Financial Secretary's Report. (Jenn Drake) – no report

Outreach Report. (Kelly Hines)

1. Transferring committee information from Ken.
2. Got quote to place an ad on paper restaurant menus at Perry Family Restaurant.
3. Backpacks are ready to be distributed to preschool students. Kelly to create flyers that will be added to invite preschool families to church.
4. Website / social media updates in progress

Building & Grounds Report. (Craig McConnell)

1. Most work has been done at the parsonage this past month.
2. Looking for replacement gutters for the area by the outdoor classroom.

Contribution Secretary's Report. (Tom Cardina)

1. Worked with Billie to learn the process. Has a few follow ups for Billie.

Old Business

1. Potential candidate for the preschool treasurer (appointed). 2 members considering but no decisions made.
2. Parsonage fence repairs pending. On hold.
3. WEB analytics usage.

JULY MEETING MINUTES *continued*

4. Outreach proposal for billboards. On hold.
5. Call Committee update. See president's report.
6. "One-Call" System training. Kelly is meeting with Amy to learn it next week.

New Business

1. Appoint Russ Walton as treasurer for 2025/26.
2. Appoint Jenn Drake to fill Terry's final year as Financial Secretary.
3. Appoint Eric Drake to fill Jenn's final year as Education Chairperson.
4. Installation of 2025-26 Council members will be during the July 13 service.
5. Church and Parsonage repairs. See above. Meeting each Saturday morning – all are invited.
6. Golf outing is July 12, 2025
7. Picnic on August 24.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 @ 6:30pm



August Meeting Minutes

Reports

President's Report. (Terry Wakelee – see report)

1. Attendance is good. 2 people have asked about transferring in.
2. Ed Kujula's estate has been finalized; funds were distributed to the church, preschool, and LEAF.
3. Call committee met last week to review the pastoral candidates from district. Vetting is underway.

Vice President's Report. (Ed Hines)

1. Working with Eric to transfer responsibilities
2. Carpet cleaning will be August 28

Treasurer's Report. (Russ Walton – see report)

1. Year-end financial reports provided. We have been blessed financially this year
2. Cash is higher and includes the funds from Ed Kujala estate

Education Report. (Eric Drake)

1. Theme for Sunday school to be determined for rally day
2. Adult Bible study will resume in the fall

Preschool Report. (Starshine Graziadei – see report)

1. Next board meeting in September
 2. The combined church and preschool open house will be August 16
 3. Cleaning classrooms scheduled for August 26
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AUGUST MEETING MINUTES *continued*

4. 41 students are registered
5. An afternoon class may be added due to the number of interested families
6. Building keys were requested for the assistants, Ron Grant and Michelle Daiello
7. Looking for someone to cover chapel

Elder's Report. (Dale Kerver)

1. Teacher installation date TBD
2. Church Picnic will be on August 24

Stewardship Report. (Diane Wayner)

1. Hosted putt-putt golf event at Red Mill on August 3; 16 attended.

Financial Secretary's Report. (Jenn Drake) – no report

Outreach Report. (Kelly Hines – see report)

1. Preparing for the open house on August 16
2. New student back packs are ready; the rally day flier will be added.
3. Kelly will look into getting updated signs for events
4. Rose's Fun Mats will print an ad on placemats at Perry Family Restaurant.
5. Website changes to be done in the fall and presented to congregation at the fall annual meeting
6. Prayer shawl community crochet classes to be hosted in November

Building & Grounds Report. (Dennis Concoby)

1. Progress continues at the parsonage
 - a. Roof installed, several trees removed, most of the demo and cleaning
2. Repairs were completed to the sandstone around the entryways
3. New lawnmower purchased to replace the old one; repairs completed on the other

Contribution Secretary's Report. (Tom Cardina – see report)

1. The number of average contributors remains steady
2. Contributions were down last month

Old Business

1. Potential candidate for the preschool treasurer (appointed). Still looking.
2. Parsonage fence repairs. On hold.
3. WEB analytics usage.
4. Outreach proposal for billboards. On hold.
5. Call Committee update.
 - a. Initial contacts were made to 6 candidates.
6. "One-Call" System training. Kelly completed training, no issues.

New Business

1. Commercial refrigerator replacement
 - a. Star made motion to spend up to 2400 on new fridge
 - b. Kelly 2nd. Result = passed unanimously

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 @ 6:30pm

September Birthdays

Leigh Wojkowski	Sep 01
Kelly Hines	Sep 03
Emma Wilhelm	Sep 03
Judy Ladany	Sep 10
Eric Davis	Sep 10
Connor Greig	Sep 14
Jeff Troutman	Sep 17
Peggy McDonnell	Sep 17
Kristi McConnell	Sep 21
Elizabeth West	Sep 26



September Anniversaries

Jerry and Judy Ladany	69 years on Sep 04
Rich and Michelle Szoradi	31 years on Sep 10
Brian and Kathy Herder	31 years on Sep 10
Don and Diane Wayner	42 years on Sep 17



Those Who Serve: September 2025

ELDERS:

6:00 P Saturday Aaron Lindrose
9:30 A Sunday Rich Szoradi

COUNTERS:

Terry Wakelee, Peggy McDonnell

LECTORS:

09-06-25	6:00 P	Saturday	Dale Kerver
09-07-25	9:30 A	Sunday	Jack Lelle
09-13-25	6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Murphy
09-14-25	9:30 A	Sunday	Eric West
09-20-25	6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Kerver
09-21-25	9:30 A	Sunday	Dennis Concoby
09-27-25	6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Murphy
09-28-25	9:30 A	Sunday	Terry Wakelee



Scripture Readings for September

September 6/7

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-35

September 13/14

Ezekiel 34:11-24
1 Timothy 1:(5-11) 12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 20/21

Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-15
Luke 16:1-15

September 27/28

Amos 6:1-7
1 Timothy 3:1-13
Luke 16:19-31





September Word Search

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 GRAPES
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 GREEN BEANS
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 PURPKLE ASTER
 PUMPKINS
 ZINNIAS
 PATRIOTS DAY
 CORNFLOWER
 CHRYSANTHEMUMS
 MUSHROOMS
 FIGS
 YOM KIPPUR
 APPLES
 PEACHES

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"I was glad when they said to me 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'" Psalm 122:1

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 Sunday 9:30 am

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Also Supporting



September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month	1  Labor Day Church Office Closed	2	3 6:30 pm Council Meeting	4 Preschool Student Orientation 6:00 pm Outreach Meeting	5	6  Read a Book Day
7  Grandparents Day	8 Preschool-First Day of School Pre-K Star Trek Day	9 Preschool-First Day of School 3's T/Th & 4's T/W/Th	10 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	11  Patriots Day	12	13
14 Emmy Asards	15	16	17 6:30 pm Elder's Meeting	18 National Cheeseburger Day	19  October Newsletter Articles and Announcements Due MIA Recognition Day	20  Batman Day
21  International Day of Peace	22  Welcome Autumn	23 International Day of Sign Language	24 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	25 National Daughters Day	26	27 National Chocolate Milk Day
28 National Sons Day	29 World Heart Day	30	<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 5px;">  COMMUNION SERVICE WORSHIP SCHEDULE Saturdays - 6:00pm Sundays - 9:30am Sunday School - 10:45am Adult Bible Study—8:30am & 10:45am </div>			<div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px;"> Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm </div>
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