



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past month has been very trying. Who would have predicted I would end up in the hospital?

To give it to you short and sweet. I suffered a post operative infection that turned into sepsis, a very dangerous infection. I am home now undergoing thrice daily antibiotic infusions. I am doing good.

First off I want to thank my elders. They took the reigns right away, and I stayed home on Sunday. They knew I would try and get back up and do it.

As I sit here letting the antibiotic drip into me, I know that I am truly blessed. That phone call I received on that Sunday afternoon in August of 2016 changed my life. You may not know but it is now 10 years that I have been here.

What that means is, I am another 10 years older. No I am not announcing my retirement, but I am planning on one some day.

Last month we told you about Dan Riederer, and the SMP Program. Dan has a few more steps he has to go through beside congregational approval. He will interview before the District Pastoral Formation committee. After that he will interview with the Ft. Wayne SMP committee.

Why do I bring this up again? This fall, Donna and I plan on taking another trip to Israel, but via Jordan. One of the first places we are going to is Petra. Petr was the capital of the Nabatean kingdom dating to around the time of Christ. You might recognize it from movies such as Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade or Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen. Plus, we will resee some of the sights from our last trip.

One of the differences with this trip is that I will be gone for two Sundays one of which will be Thanksgiving Sunday.

I asked the Elders if it would be possible for Dan to preach one of those Sundays. This would be part of his training for the beginning of his SMP program.

Dan would prepare a sermon with my input and review before he presented it to the congregation. This is pretty much the same training I had before I went on Vicarage. This would be the same process that would take place all during his training, until completion of his program.

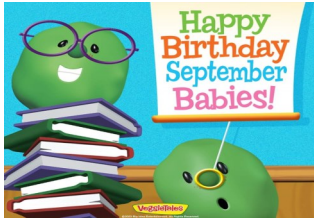
In all these things I am reminded of what Paul said to the congregation in Philippi: “¹ ³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”

Blessings to you and thank you for the first ten years. Let us pray for the next ten years.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Marshall

OTHER NEWS



Birthdays for the month of September

5 Charleen Kinston
7 Shelly Snow
8 Rachel Clinton
10 Matthew Shorts
16 Cherrie Bradley
24 Ben Bradley
29 Gary McClure
29 Kasey Bunting

If we forgot you, we apologize, it means we most likely don't have it. Please see that the office receives it. Thanks

Perfect Attendance!

Sunday School Attendance for the month of July

Students:
Zero

Adults:
Cathy Webb
Harold & Tricia Jacobs
Pat Baughman
Steve Lochmann
Waymond & Kaye Meins
Julie Shorts
Donna Marshall
Susan Marshall
Erin Foster



Sunday Average Attendance for July— 46

Sunday Average Attendance online for July— 14

July Offerings – \$13,876.93

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connected
THIS SUMMER



Baptismal Anniversaries for the month of September

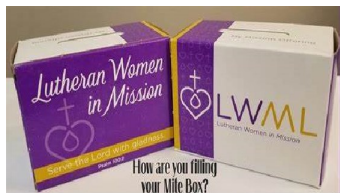
Jeanette Bunting
Phillip Dunger
Christian Dunger
Erin Foster
Steve Lochmann
Steve Shorts
Peter Smykla, Jr.
Hope Puddephatt
Annette Dodge

Alcohol at Church-related Events

The elders of Trinity recently discussed the inclusion of alcohol at church-related events. Trinity's Constitution does not prohibit the inclusion of alcohol at such events. You may recall that wine was served when Trinity celebrated a traditional Sedar meal some years ago. We are, however, mindful that some members do not see a benefit to inclusion of alcohol at church events. St. Paul dealt with the issue of eating meat sacrificed to idols (1 Corinthians 8 & 10). Paul made it clear that "An idol is nothing at all in the world..." Since false Gods don't actually exist, the meat itself was not inherently sinful. Paul also pointed out that eating meat sacrificed to idols could be a problem for some Christians. Paul said, "Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak; If what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall" (1 Corinthians 8:9). In deference to those who do not wish alcohol to be included in church events, we suggest the following practice. If a member wishes for alcohol to be a part of a church-related event, that member should confer with the Church Council in advance to explain why it is appropriate. In doing so, Trinity leaves open the possibility of alcohol at church events but also considers the concerns of all our members. We hope members will follow this practice in the future.

LWML NEWS

MARY GUILD



Mary Guild met on August 6, 2026. Tricia Jacobs used the devotion "Good Came out of Evil" to start the meeting. After the

officers gave their reports time was spent working on the details for the fall rally.

Susan Marshall was the birthday celebrant for August. Phyllis Dunger was the hostess. Pat Baughman presented a topic called, "I Have a Life." The young lady who wrote this book thanked God that she had a life after a terrible thing happened to her. She was severely injured by a man who tried to kill her. When she was found the rescuers thought she was dead. Even though much of her outer body and a lot of her inner body was almost destroyed she thanks God that none of her vital organs were crushed.

In September: Cherrie Bradley has the devotion

Kaye Meins will present the topic

Karen Witt will be hostess

Mission Project: Monetary donation for Lutheran Braille Workers

Closed with the Pledge

Kay Meins, President

Esther Guild Mailbox Member Group

Hello from LWML!

Are you flying your flag at home today? Our country has been celebrating its freedom for 250 years. July has traditionally been one of the times we show our patriotism by flying our country's flag.

The Church has a Christian flag which proclaims to the world another type of freedom – the freedom we have from sin because of Christ, who died for all who believe in Him as their Savior. Read more about the Christian flag in the devotion provided.

As you reflect on the cross of Christ and the American flag, may you know how God has blessed you with the freedoms these represent!

Your Sister in Christ, Erin Foster

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Your Sister in Christ,
Erin Foster
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LWML FALL RALLY

The LWML Ladies' group will be hosting the LWML Fall Rally at Trinity on Saturday, October 10, 2026. The speaker will be Michael L'rae from Opportunity House. All ladies of Trinity are welcome to attend.

On the Sunday you signed up to provide flowers for the Sunday church service, remember to either use the "flower" envelope or your regular envelope to pay the \$40.00. Write the word "flowers" on the envelope.

After the church service, the Altar Guild will remove the flowers from the vases, take them to the sacristy and place them in cans for you to take home. Please bring back the cans to the sacristy the next time you are at church. The Altar Guild uses the cans again.



YOUTH GROUP ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER

WE HAVE ENVELOPES 1 -150
EACH ENVELOPE HAS A DOLLAR AMOUNT
ON THEM .
ENVELOP 1 =\$1 DONATION
THIS FUNDRAISER IT WILL GET THE YOUTH
CLOSER TO OUR GOAL OF 16,000.
4 ADULTS AND 6 YOUTH GATHERING IN 2028.



BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 13TH 2026

COME JOIN US
FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND THEN
LUNCH AFTER SERVICE .

YOUTH NEWS

It's time for the Annual Junk Hunt Fundraiser for Youth Activities! Starting **Friday, September 4**, bring your items to donate to the sale. You may bring your clothing, decorations, sports gear, collectibles, etc. to the gym and place them in the designated areas. Any and all help is appreciated! You have from September 4 until September 18 to bring in items! Then, come help support the Youth at the sale from **Thursday, September 24 at 7:00am until Saturday, September 26 at 5:30pm**. Thank you for your help and support!

Contact Danelle with any questions at 262-227-0660. Thank you!



September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Circuit Visitors Meeting in Memphis	3 Circuit Visitors Meeting in Memphis 1:00 Mary Guild Meeting	4 Circuit Visitors Meeting in Memphis	5 1:00 Craft Day Fellowship
6 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 Worship W/Communion 12:00 Elder's Meeting 14 th Sunday after Trinity	7 Labor Day Youth Event in Dewitt (More to Follow)	8 9:00 AM Circuit Pastor's Meeting @ St. Luke, DeWitt	9	10 10:00 Thursday Bible Study	11	12
13 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 Worship W/Communion Confirmation Class TBA 15 th Sunday after Trinity	14	15	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 10:00 Thursday Bible Study	18	19
20 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 Worship W/Communion 12:00 Council Meeting 16 th Sunday after Trinity	21	22	23 10:00 Newsletter Committee	24 10:00 Thursday Bible Study 7:00 - 5:00 Great South Arkansas Junk Hunt	25 7:00 - 5:00 Great South Arkansas Junk Hunt	26 7:00 - 5:00 Great South Arkansas Junk Hunt
27 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 Worship w/Communion Confirmation Class TBA 17 th Sunday after Trinity	28	29	30			

September 2026

	Elder	Ushers	Acolyte	Lector	Flowers by...	Counters
SUN 6	Phillip Dunger Bill Witt	Andrew Raddle Dan Riederer	Hope Puddephatt	Erin Foster	Judy Clinton "In celebration of Rachel's	Judy Clinton Julie Shorts Sharon Calabretta
SUN 13	Robert Floyd Phillip Dunger	Bill Witt Harold Jacobs	Kaleigh Frye	Robert Floyd	Pastor & Donna "In memory of our son Donald's birthday and in celebration of our son James' birthday"	Phillip & Amanda Dunger
SUN 20	Steve Lochmann Robert Floyd	Dan Riederer Phillip Dunger	Ainsley Riederer	Steve Lochmann	Maribeth & Robert Floyd "12 year Wedding Anniversary"	Tricia Jacobs Cherrie Bradley Lynne Russell
SUN 27	Steve Shorts Steve Lochmann	Harold Jacob Robert Floyd	Emily	Cherrie Bradley	Lynn Russell "In memory of Terry Russell"	Joyce Anne Green Charleen Weathers

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Service Attendants

Altar Care: Kaye Meins, Phyllis Dunger

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