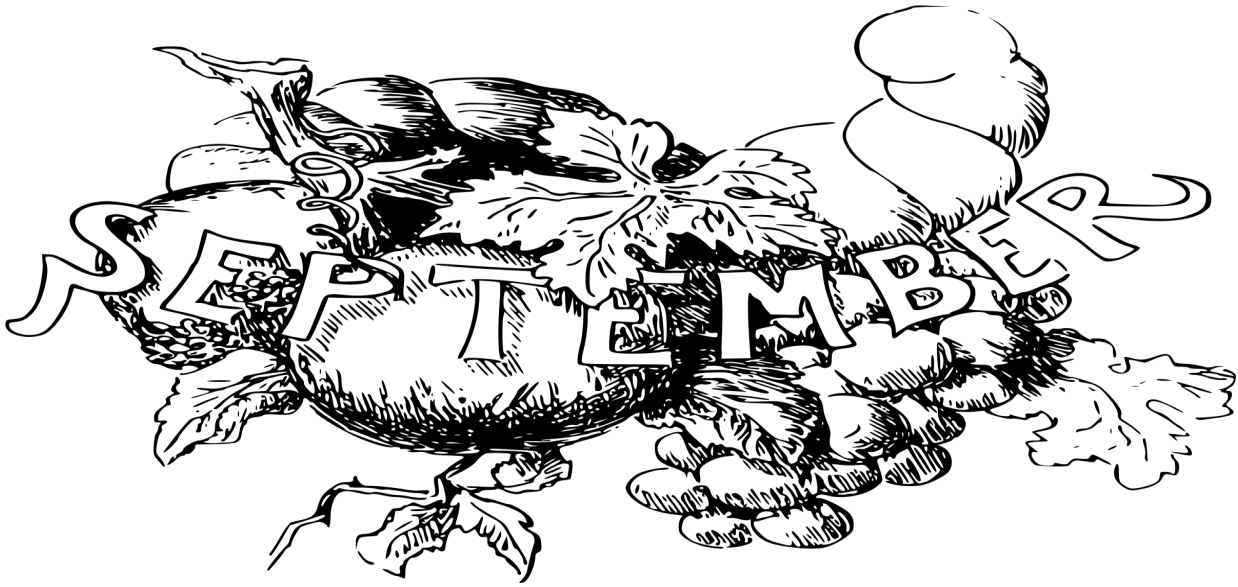


SEPTEMBER 2025



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FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 1—is **Labor Day**. The office is closed.

September 2 starts **Rosh Hashanah**, a Jewish holiday that marks the beginning of the new year.

September 5 6:30 pm is set up for Saturday Breakfast

September 6 is First Responders' Breakfast 9-11 Parker hall

September 7 is **Grandparents Day** this year. Honor your grandparents today—and every day! AND it is **Rally Day and Church Picnic**

September 11 is **Patriot Day**, held in honor and remembrance of those who died in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

September 17 is **Constitution Day**. This day celebrates the adoption of the U.S. Constitution, which occurred on September 17, 1787

September 21 is recognized as the annual **International Day of Peace**.

September 22 marks the start of fall! This year's **Autumnal Equinox** occurs at 2:19 P.M. EDT. On this date, there are approximately equal hours of daylight and darkness.

September 26 is **Johnny Appleseed Day**, celebrating John Chapman and everything apple!

September 29 is **Michaelmas**. Michaelmas is an ancient Celtic "Quarter Day" which marked the end of the harvesting season and was steeped in folklore.



From the Pastor

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.” – Colossians 3:12-14

A Prayer for Our Life Together:

Where did the summer go? My guess is, God, you have heard this silent prayer more times than you can count. Even as I offer my heart right now in prayer to you, I find this question stirring on my mind. Because it has gone so fast. It seems like just yesterday we celebrated our seniors in worship and blessed them on their journey. Now that journey has begun as many of them are off at college or working full days. We have had hot days, cool days, hard days moving trees, more rain than last summer (which was desperately welcomed) and even some fun along the way with a baseball game, old fashioned church picnic, over 80’s party, Hot Dogs and Hymns, and moments of caring, supporting, and walking with each other. Yeah, the summer has gone fast, but we give thanks for these days.

And we thank you, God, for being the good, weaving in and through our hearts, our lives, our families, and our faith. I always find summers to be a unique experience in ministry. Many folks are traveling, and it is fun to hear their stories and see their pictures. Of course, work continues but it often feels different. I love the unique events that happen all summer across our community. It is quite beautiful and provides a nice break from the normal routine of the year, and an opportunity to experience how you meet us in different ways. And you do, and I love that!

That is quite a gift you give us, God, and how it has a way of stirring our souls for joy as we gather again this Fall. Rally Sunday is just around the corner and I can feel your Spirit energy building in me and in us as a family of faith. And just to think, we have some exciting things coming together this Fall for our church family. The hub of life on Sunday morning is sure to be full of joy for Sunday School and Confirmation, those who love the deep tradition, those who love contemporary expressions, and of course, a good cup of coffee at Fellowship Hours. And of course, I am so excited for the choir and bell choir to lead us again this fall on Sundays. Yeah, they rock, and yeah, their music brings us closer to you!

Between it all and through it all is you, and with you, there is a place for us all. A hub of life at FELC to refuel our life together. You have been stirring in our hearts all summer and the journey with you continues to be one of joy, wonder, and love. I guess what I really want to say today God is ‘thank you’. Thank you for the busy. Thank you for the calm. Thank you for traveling with us, attending games with us, and for relaxing with us. Thank you for the music and the exciting get-togethers. Thank you for walking with us and thank you for tuning our hearts to the joy of life together this Fall. Guide us with your love and help us share it, be it, and shine it as if it were the clothes we wear. We are thankful for this life together and the blessing of having this church family.

In Jesus’s name,

Pastor June Wann



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT FORUM AT 9:00 AM

RESUME SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM

Communion—The first Tuesday of each month,

Join us for a light lunch at noon

followed by communion at 1:00.

We hope to encourage our members who are uncomfortable driving at night, to use this time for fellowship that is and has been enjoyed at our Wednesday night Hotdogs and Hymns.

All are welcome!

Bring a friend.

**Altar Communion—The first Sunday of each month
celebrate Communion around the Altar. Please join us!**



CALLING ALL **UNITS ... SOUND THE **ALARM!****



Please join us for a **FIRST RESPONDERS BREAKFAST!**

Enjoy a hearty breakfast prepared by the people of Faith Lutheran Church, Whitehall.

This is our way to say **THANK YOU for all that you do to keep our community safe!**

This invitation is for all First Responders and their families.

Saturday, September 6, 2025 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Faith Lutheran Church, Whitehall/3355 MacArthur Road

**RSVP by September 1, 2025
to 610-435-0451**

or

Email june@faithon145.org

Music in Ministry

“O come and let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!”

-Psalm 95: 1-2

Worship and music are inseparable. The arts are a powerful medium for ministry, providing a vehicle for personal and corporate praise, prayer, and thanksgiving to God. Music speaks what cannot be expressed in words, thus soothing the mind, healing the heart, calming and uplifting the spirit. Music is a gift from God that flows from heaven to the soul. **However great or small your talents, there is a place for you in our music ministry.** I hope that this helps you to find a way to come out this fall to “make a joyful noise unto the Lord.”

Musical opportunities include:

Bell Choir: (7th grade and up)

I look forward to **NEW** members joining us this year. Having the ability to read music is an advantage but if you are unable to read music and have an interest in playing, please do not be discouraged; come to a rehearsal and see what it is all about. If you were part of the bell choir last year you need not contact me, as I will count on you continuing playing with us, but if you are a potential new member that would be interested in playing please contact me **BEFORE** the first rehearsal for the purpose of assigning bells and ordering music.

Rehearsals-one night a week (Thursdays 6:15-7:15)

Location-Rhoads Room/Sanctuary

Ministry-rings once a month during the worship service and special events of the church season

Senior Choir: (9th grade and up)

Calling all who are interested in praising God in song! If you have not been in the choir before and are interested in joining us, please contact me **BEFORE** the first rehearsal, so that a folder is prepared for you.

Rehearsals-one night a week (Thursdays 7:30-8:30)

Location-Rhoads Room/Sanctuary

Ministry-weekly ministry for Sunday service and special events of the church season

Special Music:

Vocalists and instrumentalists for special musical offerings are welcomed. Solos, duets, trios, and small ensembles are valued anytime, but especially during the summer months. Please let me know if you are interested in sharing your special talent.

Instrumentalists:

There are Senior Choir anthems that sometimes have an accompaniment part that require various instrumentation (violin, trumpet, flute, drum, clarinet, etc.); if you would be interested in accompanying the Senior Choir on a particular instrument—please let me know what instrument it is that you play and what level you play at (beginner, intermediate, advanced).

*****Rehearsals for ensembles occur on Thursday evenings-the FIRST rehearsal will take place on *Thursday, September 4th*.** If you took a break from music and are ready to come back, if you have never rung a bell or sung in a choir before, or if you have been part of the music ministry here for years; I look forward to glorifying God's name with you. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at home: jenniferkishbaugh@gmail.com (subject heading: FELC Music) or at 610-451-8660 (cell/text).

Jennifer Kishbaugh, Director of Music

FAITH FACTS AND FYI TIDBITS

MISSION STATEMENT

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church is an open and caring community of Christ's disciples, ministering through worship, education, fellowship, stewardship, and evangelism.

We are called to be the Church. Let us Serve as we are able!

SOCIAL MINISTRY DATES TO REMEMBER

September 6 Breakfast for first responders and their families 9-11 am

September 7 Rally Day and Church Picnic

**Dear friends of the Food Pantry,
It is becoming more difficult to find the food that we need for our patrons through Second Harvest, our food supplier. We would be grateful for help with the following foods or money to purchase the foods that we need:**

**Cereal
Juice (non-refrigerated if possible due to limited refrigeration)
Coffee
Pastas (penne, rigatoni, soup noodles, etc.)
Soups
Canned fruits
Canned vegetables**

**We are extremely grateful for your support to help those experiencing difficult times.
Judy and Shel Ehret**

Craft Fair preparations calling

**Get involved in helping with this important fund raiser—lots of opportunities
Join the fund raising committee, the Craft Fair committee, the Fellowship committee
Soothe the soul with food, fun, service to others, and fellowship with our Faith family**

Looking for opportunities to give back? Volunteer!

Always welcoming committee participants, volunteering in the kitchen for special events, learning the process of preparation for Sundays and special events, choir, bell choir, Lectors, Greeters

**See anyone on Council, Pastor, or stop by Church office!
Faith needs you!**

Thank you, Pat Masonheimer, for this delicious cake recipe!
It was quite the hit at our over 80's Birthday Bash
Celebration Hawaiian Style

Pineapple Angel Food Cake
(Served at 80s birthday party)

Ingredients:

- 1 box Betty Crocker Angel Food Cake Mix
- 1 20oz. Can of crushed pineapple in its own juice

Preheat oven 350 degrees.

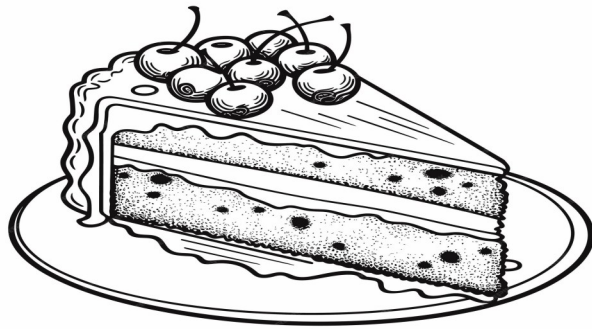
Pour pineapple and juice into a large bowl. With a spatula, gently mix in the angel food cake mix until fully combined.

Immediately transfer into a 9"x 14" pan. (Do Not grease pan)

Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes. Cake should brown on top and edges and no longer wet in the middle.

Remove from oven and cool in the pan before slicing. The middle will fall slightly as it cools.

Serve plain or with a dollop of CoolWhip or whipped cream. A garnish can be added.



PAN SIZE IS 9 X 13 NOT 9 X 14

OVER 80'S BIRTHDAY BASH!



THE CHURCH IN SOCIETY: A LUTHERAN PERSPECTIVE

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is called to be a part of the ecumenical Church of Jesus Christ in the context in which God has placed it—a diverse, divided, and threatened global society on a beautiful, fragile planet. In faithfulness to its calling, this church is committed to defend human dignity, to stand with poor and powerless people, to advocate justice, to work for peace, and to care for the earth in the processes and structures of contemporary society.

This statement, **The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective**, sets forth affirmations and commitments to guide this church's participation in society. It seeks to be true to this church's mandate to confess and teach both Law and Gospel as the whole Word of the triune God. This church witnesses to the living Godfather, Son, and Holy Spirit—who in love creates, judges, and preserves the world and redeems, sanctifies, and brings it to fulfillment in God's reign.

THE GOSPEL AND THE CHURCH

The Church, the baptized people of God, is created by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel to proclaim and to follow God's crucified Messiah. As the gathering of children, youth, men, and women who hear, believe, and receive the living Christ in Word and Sacrament, the Church witnesses in word and deed to Jesus as Lord and Savior. The proclamation of the Gospel as the good news of God's salvation given in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus distinguishes the Church from all other communities.

The Gospel liberates from sin, death, and evil and motivates the Church to care for neighbor and the earth. The witness of this church in society flows from its identity as a community that lives from and for the Gospel. Faith is active in love; love calls for justice in the relationships and structures of society.

It is in grateful response to God's grace in Jesus Christ that this church carries out its responsibility for the well-being of society and the environment. Word and Sacrament are the originating center for this church's mission in the world through its baptized members, congregations, synods, churchwide organization, social ministry organizations, and educational institutions.

Through preaching, teaching, the sacraments, Scripture, and "mutual conversation and consolation, the Church is gathered and shaped by the Holy Spirit to be a serving and liberating presence in the world. In praying for the peace of the whole world and in interceding for those who suffer and for those in authority, the Church serves the world. The Church gives thanks to God for the blessings of creation and prays to be empowered to do God's will in society.

THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is part of the "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic" Church. Its witness in society is informed by the history and the various theological traditions of the one Church of Jesus Christ. The suffering and hope of churches in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and the Americas strengthen its life and calling. As a member of the worldwide Lutheran communion, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is united with churches around the globe in a common tradition and mission. This church builds upon a legacy of more than three-hundred years of Lutheran presence in the United States and the Caribbean and affirms its cultural, racial, and ethnic diversity as vital to its identity.

THE CHURCH 'IN' BUT NOT 'FROM' THE WORLD

Through faith in the Gospel the Church already takes part in the reign of God announced by and embodied in Jesus. Yet, it still awaits the resurrection of the dead and the fulfillment of the whole creation in God's promised future. In this time of "now ... not yet," the Church lives in two ages—the present age and the age to come. The Church is 'in' the world but not 'from' the world. The Gospel does not take the Church out of the world but instead calls it to affirm and to enter more deeply into the world. Although in bondage to sin and death, the world is God's good creation, where, because of love, God in Jesus Christ became flesh. The Church and the world have a common destiny in the reign of God. The Church acts for the sake of the world in hope and prayer: "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven."

The Gospel does not allow the Church to accommodate to the ways of the world. The presence and promise of God's reign make the church restless and discontented with the world's brokenness and violence. Acting for the sake of God's world requires resisting and struggling against the evils of the world. The Church is "a new creation from God" (2 Corinthians 5:17-18), but it is still part of a fallen humanity, sharing fully the brokenness of the world. It is a community of saints, a people righteous before God on account of Jesus' self-giving love, and at the same time a community of sinners. Repentance, forgiveness, and renewal characterize the Church that lives under the cross with the hope of the coming in fullness of God's reign.

THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY IN SOCIETY

In witnessing to Jesus Christ, the Church announces that the God who justifies expects all people to do justice. God's good and just demands address people in the obligations of their relationships and the challenges of the world. Through the divine activity of the Law, God preserves creation, orders society, and promotes justice in a broken world. God works through the family, education, the economy, the state, and other structures necessary for life in the present age. God institutes governing authorities, for example, to serve the good of society.

This church respects the God-given integrity and tasks of governing authorities and other worldly structures, while holding them accountable to God. This church must participate in social structures critically, for sin also is at work in the world. Social structures and processes combine life-giving and life-destroying dynamics in complex mixtures and in varying degrees. This church, therefore, must unite realism and vision, wisdom and courage, in its social responsibility. It needs constantly to discern when to support and when to confront society's cultural patterns, values, and powers. As a reconciling and healing presence, this church is called to minister to human need with compassion and imagination. It strives to pioneer new ways of addressing emerging social problems and environmental degradation. This church has a responsibility to mediate conflict and to advocate just and peaceful resolutions to the world's divisions. It should support institutions and policies that serve the constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Prayer Ventures for September 2025

1 Labor Day Praise the work people do to sustain their families and benefit their communities and society. Pray that all will receive fair wages, work in safe environments, receive encouragement, be renewed through times of sabbath, and experience joy and fulfillment in their labor. Pray for those who seek employment and for the care, support and well-being of people unable to work.

2 “Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it” (Hebrews 13:1-2). Pray that our fears, prejudices and ideologies will not prevent us from showing love, respect and hospitality to one another — friends, family and strangers alike.

3 Suicide Prevention Month Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who feel lonely, depressed and hopeless, that they will find compassion, support and spiritual renewal in times of darkness and suffering. Ask the Spirit to inspire and guide our care, support and counsel for those who are contemplating suicide, and for those who grieve the loss of someone to suicide.

4 Give thanks for the faithful service and leadership of Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Pray that her faith, gifts and commitment will continue to inspire us to work for justice and peace, to love and serve our neighbors, and to share the good news of Jesus Christ in a world yearning for hope and renewal.

5 “Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments” (Psalm 112:1). Pray that we will find joy and guidance in the ways and commandments of God and be inspired by God’s wisdom, love for humanity and concern for those who suffer.

6 The 2025 Churchwide Assembly has elected the Rev. Yehiel Curry to serve as the next presiding bishop of the ELCA. Pray that the Spirit will strengthen his faith, gifts and wisdom as he leads our church in its mission to share the good news of Jesus Christ, reflect God’s abundant love and mercy for the world, and serve our neighbors in need.

7 “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday ELCA congregations join together today for our annual day of service, celebrating that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Pray for service activities around the country that unite people, ecumenical partners and community agencies as we serve our neighbors in need, strengthen our communities and demonstrate God’s love.

8 Pray for the resolution of international conflicts that cause suffering, violence, mistrust, injustice, economic crises and political instability. Ask God to forgive us for sometimes playing a role in these conflicts, intentional or not.

9 Pray for our missionaries in Latin America and the Caribbean and for the Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers serving in Mexico, Argentina and Uruguay, that the Spirit will nurture their faith as they accompany global companions in ministries that include education, immigration and pastoral leadership.

10 Pray for faith in the ways and thoughts of God, which stretch beyond our comprehension and imagination yet stir awe and devotion.

11 Give thanks for deacons in congregations and faith-based organizations. Praise God for their gifts and service in a variety of ministries, including camps, nursing, music, education, administration, social service, and youth and family ministries.

12 Pray for the Spirit to strengthen our discipline so that we might better study and reflect on the Word of God and its significance in our daily lives.

13 Give thanks and pray for volunteers of all ages and abilities who serve in congregations, outdoor ministries, Lutheran social ministry organizations, ELCA Global Mission, Lutheran Disaster Response, Mission Builders and community social services.

14 Pray that we will consider thoughtfully the wide-ranging impact of proclaiming that “all are welcome” in our congregations and the church.

15 First Day of National Hispanic Heritage Month Give thanks to God for the gifts, contributions, traditions and rich cultural diversity of our Latiné neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask God to bless the ELCA’s 147 Latiné ministries, which share the gospel, serve their neighbors, promote inclusivity and support rostered and lay leaders. Pray for the Spirit to guide and further the work of the ELCA Latino Ministries Association.

16 Take time to pray for the people and situations that first came to mind when you awoke this morning.

17 Give thanks and praise to God, who shows us mercy and patience, knows our gifts and stirs within us meaning and purpose for our baptismal journey.

18 Pray for ELCA World Hunger leaders, congregations and ministry partners participating in the ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering in Columbus, Ohio, that their sharing, planning and networking will enrich their work to address hunger and its root causes in our communities and the world.

19 “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises” (Psalm 98:4). Join your siblings in Christ in prayers of praise and thanksgiving for our amazing God!

20 Pray for Palestinians in Gaza, its surrounding areas and wherever they have fled in search of shelter and relief from war. Pray that the devastation and suffering will end and that leaders will commit to peaceful solutions, reconciliation, mutual respect and the rebuilding of communities that can thrive.

21 Remember in prayer those recovering from devastating floods and grieving the loss of loved ones and neighbors. Give thanks for the work we do through Lutheran Disaster Response to respond to urgent needs, give emotional and spiritual care, support long-term recovery and restore the vitality of communities. Ask God to strengthen and bless our partnerships with synods, congregations, local relief agencies and ecumenical relief programs.

22 First day of fall “In this great and strange creation, with a breath God gives us birth: born of soil to live as stewards, called to love and serve the earth” (“Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom,” ACS 1064). Sing praise to God for creating and entrusting to our care the earth, its natural resources and the inspiring beauty of all living things, including humankind.

23 Pray for church leaders as they gather for the Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference in New Orleans to study and reflect on stewardship and to equip themselves for cultivating generosity in congregations. Give thanks for how God works through this partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the ELCA’s stewardship and generosity team.

24 Praise God that our church gathers and nurtures the gifts of so many through congregations, synods and special ministries to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, care for neighbors in need, equip and encourage one another, and invite all to experience the blessings of being valued members of faith communities.

25 Remember in prayer those who are fighting cancer or experiencing a wide range of emotions upon receiving a cancer diagnosis. Pray that we and our faith communities will offer steadfast support, care and encouragement to them and their families.

26 Pray that all people will know the love, peace and wisdom that comes from God, made real to us through the birth, life, suffering, death and resurrection of our true savior, Jesus Christ.

27 “Take your Bible and take your newspaper, and read both,” wrote Lutheran theologian Karl Barth (1886-1968). “But interpret newspapers from your Bible.” Ask God to help us attend to our communities, nation and world, and remember that our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to foster peace, justice, love, forgiveness and healing among all people.

28 The story of Lazarus and the rich man in the gospels of Luke and John reminds us of God’s love and concern for those who suffer poverty, illness and neglect. Pray that we will embrace all people as neighbors who deserve respect, compassion, love and inclusion.

29 Michael and All Angels Ask the Spirit to help us be aware of God’s activity in the world and to strengthen our faith when we are perplexed by the mysteries of God’s ways and the presence of angels and spiritual beings who serve as God’s messengers.

30 Ask God to bless and guide the work of the ELCA Gender Justice and Women’s Empowerment program, informed by the unique voices and experiences of people across race, ethnicity, ability, class, sexuality and age. Pray for the advancement of gender justice in the church and society — justice grounded in Scripture, Lutheran theology and people of all gender identities working together.

WORSHIP TEAMS FOR SEPTEMBER

SEPT 7

SEPT 14

SEPT 21

SEPT 28

ALTAR GUILD	Shel and Judy Ehret	Linda Johnston And Gloria Senchak	Diane Batza And Charlene Frack	Pat Masonheimer And Barb Yurasits
ASSISTING MINISTER	Kindall Wann	Ben Brandt	Kyle Brandt	Shel Ehret
LECTOR	Bob Billig	Jennifer Reiner	Kindall Wann	Jennifer Reiner
GREETER	Dan Herzog	Dan Herzog	Charlene Frack	April Spaits
FLOWER SPONSOR	Karen and William Blayle		Pam Blacker	
BULLETIN SPONSOR	Karen and William Blayle		Pam Blacker	

SEPTEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2 10:00 AM Prayer Group <u>Noon</u> <u>Light lunch</u> <u>And</u> <u>communion</u> 6:45 PM Boy Scouts	3 6:00 PM Eagle Scouts	4 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm senior choir	5	6 <u>First</u> <u>Responders</u> <u>Breakfast</u> <u>9-11 AM</u>
7 Worship Service 10:00 AM <u>Alter communion</u> <u>RALLY DAY</u> <u>CHURCH</u> <u>PICNIC</u> AA 7:00 PM	8 6:00 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	9 10:00 AM Prayer Group 6:45 PM Boy Scouts <u>7:00 PM</u> <u>Executive</u> <u>Council</u>	10 6:00 PM Eagle Scouts	11 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm senior choir	12	13
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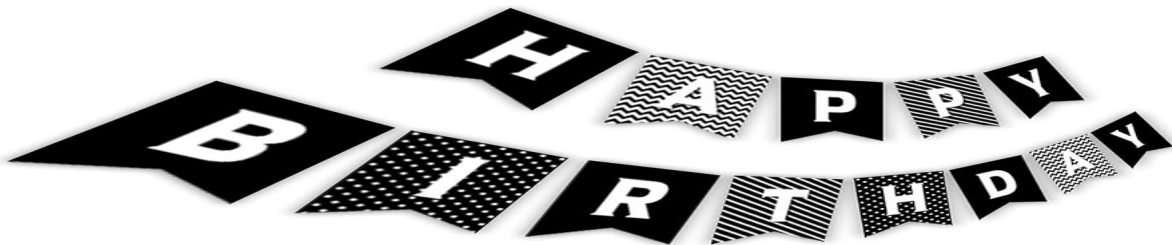
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SCHAEFFER, NELSON & KATHRYN 09/05

WARNER, CAROL 09/07

HOWER, DENNIS 09/21

MICKEY, LYNN & CAROL 09/28



BIRTHDAYS

BACHMAN, WENDY 09/05

BRANDLE, MATTHEW 09/11

BRANDLE, SHAWN 09/11

BLACKER, LAURA 09/14

SMITH, PATRICIA 09/14

TROTTER, MACIE 09/15

GANTZ, DOROTHY 09/16

TROTTER, RHYS 09/16

FOCHT, WILLIAM 09/17

BRANDT, SUZAN 09/19

BILLIG JR, ROBERT 09/20

CARR, HEIDI 09/20

COLBURN, THOMAS 09/25

MILLER II, RICHARD 09/26

SEPTEMBER FUN FACTS

What happens in the month of September? There's a little for everyone: the last days of summer and the first days of fall.

September, in Old England, was called *Haervest-monath* (Harvest Month). This is the time to gather up the rest of the harvest and prepare for the winter months.

The Month of September

September's name comes from the Latin word *septem*, meaning "seven." This month had originally been the seventh month of the early Roman calendar.

Holiday Traditions Around the World

Also known as the **Moon Festival**, this holiday has been celebrated for at least 3,000 years and is said to be the second-largest festival in China after the Chinese New Year. Observed on the 15th day of the eighth month of the traditional Chinese lunar calendar, it can occur in either September or early October in the Gregorian calendar.

This autumn festival occurs during the full Moon nearest the fall equinox, which is traditionally said to be the brightest and roundest. Local festivities might involve brightly colored lanterns, dances, games, and other entertainment. Families and friends celebrate into the evening to give thanks for the harvest and for being together, offering each other wishes for happiness and long life and remembering loved ones who live far away.

Celebrants may share traditional mooncakes by moonlight. These round pastries, which symbolize the full Moon and reunion, are often filled with red bean or lotus seed paste surrounding a salted egg yolk in the center.

September's zodiac signs are Virgo (Aug. 23–Sept. 22) and Libra (Sept. 23–Oct. 22).

Virgo Personality Traits

- **Strengths:** Analytical and Meticulous, Reliable and Responsible, Organized and Efficient, Compassionate and Helpful, Practical and Resourceful
- **Weaknesses:** Overcritical, Workaholic Tendencies, Anxious and Worried, Inflexible and Rigid, Difficulty Relaxing
- **Virgo Likes:** Beautiful and Organized Spaces, Intellectual Stimulation, Helping Others, Quality and Craftsmanship, Following a Plan
- **Virgo Dislikes:** Disorganization and Mess, Laziness and Inefficiency, Dishonesty and Deception, Unrealistic Expectations, Incompetence and Carelessness

Libra Personality Traits

- **Strengths:** Diplomatic and Tactful, Fair-Minded, Artistic, Sociable, Outgoing, Analytical
- **Weaknesses:** Indecisive, People-Pleasing, Conflict-Avoidant, Superficial at Times, Impatient
- **Libra Likes:** Beautiful and Harmonious Environments, Intellectual Conversations, Social Gatherings, Creative Expression, Achieving Balance and Fairness
- **Libra Dislikes:** Injustice, Conflict and Arguments, Making Difficult Decisions, Feeling Unheard or Unappreciated, Superficiality

September Birth Flowers

September's birth flowers are
the aster
and
the morning glory.

The **aster** signifies powerful love, and the China aster expresses variety or afterthought in the language of flowers.

The **morning glory** symbolizes affection.
It can also mean coquetry, affectation, or bonds in the language of flowers.

September Birthstone

The birthstone for the ninth month is the sapphire, which was once thought to guard against evil and poisoning.

- Sapphire is a form of corundum that is typically blue, a color caused by tiny bits of iron and titanium; the vivid, medium blues are more valuable than lighter or darker forms. Due to various trace elements, sapphires also appear in other colors. Those with red colors are called rubies.

September Astronomy

Full Harvest Moon

September's full moon, the **Corn Moon**, reaches peak illumination on Sunday, September 7, at 2:09 P.M. EDT.

September Night Sky

This month's Night Sky Map highlights Pegasus in the stars above.

This Month in History

September 12: Choices

On this day in 1962, President John F. Kennedy went to Rice University in Houston, Texas, to make a speech justifying his proposed \$5.4 billion space program.



