



# Cross Beams

## September 2018

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*Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.*

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

**New Worship Times**  
8:30 am Traditional  
10:00 am Contemporary  
Begins Sept. 9



Croix Chordsmen at Worship

National Night Out



Pierce County Fair





## “Re-Thinking Stewardship”

*“And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.” Matthew 14:20*

Grace and peace brothers and sisters in Christ!

Fall is right around the corner and with it churches around the country will be launching “stewardship campaigns.” Too often, especially in this time of declining worship attendance and giving, these campaigns have become desperate calls to “meet the budget.” And while it’s true, just like any other non-profit, churches need donations to keep operating, as Christians our giving shouldn’t be based on the church budget. Instead our giving should flow out of a sense of discipleship and a desire to be a part of God’s action in the world. I personally believe if every Christian did this, churches and charities would have enough to cover their current budgets, plus an abundance leftover to do other ministry that didn’t seem possible. Just as at the Feeding of the 5000, Jesus took five loaves and two fish and fed 1000s and there were 12 baskets leftover, God can do amazing things with what seems like a little today too!

A large research project on what American Christians give to charity, found that if “serious Christians” gave a tithe of 10% and “other church attending Christians” gave 5%, \$133 BILLION dollars MORE, EVERY YEAR, in donations would be received than current giving by those same Christians. That is a staggering number that the researchers pointed out could end world hunger, give homes to the homeless, pay off every church’s mortgages and so much more in just the first year! (Currently Lutherans give an average of 1.7% of their income to any charity or church.) I absolutely don’t share this to make anyone feel guilty, but to show the amazing potential to better this world we all have.

Our mission as Christians is, believing and trusting we are sons and daughters of God, to help others know they are too, and to work to bring about the full coming of God’s kingdom. When we believe all we have is from God, that our God is one of abundance rather than scarcity, and that we are called to bring about God’s kingdom, we will want to give generously and joyfully to participate in God’s work. When we see the blessings in our lives and the needs of our neighbors, we will want to contribute our time, talents, and finances to not just our church, but to other worthy charities working to make this world a better place for all.

It is my hope as your pastor, that we all will continue to grow as disciples- increased faith and knowledge, increased fellowship with God’s people, increased generosity and gratefulness as we work together in this place, to help others experience God’s kingdom and Christ’s love through all of the ministries we do, such as our support of the school lunch program and the food shelf, the Community Dollar Club, our benevolence to the ELCA for programs like World Hunger and malaria relief, our support of Lutheran Social Services, our Turkey Dinner Baskets, and our support of Luther Point Bible Camp, to name a few. THANK YOU for your past, present and future support of the work we do together. Our shared ministry, through your volunteering and donations, is making a difference in the world!

In Christ,



*Pastor Jeff*



## New Worship Times



Beginning Sep. 9, worship times will be pushed back 30 minutes to

**8:30 am and 10 am.**

We're trying out these new times based on feedback from worshippers and guests. The hope is, later start times will make it easier for seniors and families to get to church on Sunday morning and will be more attractive to those not yet worshipping at *English Lutheran*.

## Want to Make an Impact?

We are currently recruiting confirmation guides who want to make a real difference in the lives of our 7-9th graders. In exchange for about 90 minutes of your time a week, you'll be paid through the satisfaction of knowing you built faith-growing relationships in the life of our young people. No experience necessary- just a willingness to learn together with our youth and a love for Christ! See Pastor Jeff to apply.



## Community Block Party

Join us Sunday, Sept. 16, 1:00-4:30 pm!

The community is invited, so bring your friends!



You're Invited ~ Community Block Party  
Sunday, Sept. 16 1:00-4:30 pm  
at English Lutheran Church  
**FREE!!**

Games, Prizes, & Music  
Pie & Ice Cream & Root Beer Floats



## Presentation Sept. 30

Join us September 30 at 11:00 am (following the 2nd worship service) in the Lower Level Youth Room to hear about *NAMI—National Alliance on Mental Illness*. This will be an interactive presentation that provides insight into what its like to have mental illness.

The presenters will also cover:

- ~ Mental health information about who to call when you or someone you know may need help.
- ~ Answers to FAQ's.
- ~ How to get free support for individuals, families, friends, and care givers.

## Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, September 12 at 10:00 am. NOTE THE TIME CHANGE.

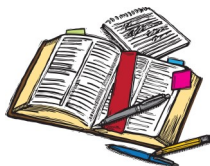
Our fall theme focuses on repentance. How does repentance shape our relationship with God, with other people and how we relate to the world?

Prepare by reading Joel 2:13.

*...rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.*

Consider coming and joining us. We'll welcome you with open arms.

Hostess is Nancy Ellefson.



## Graduate Quilts

**Quilters: our next gathering will be Monday, October 1, 6:15-8:15 pm**

Please join us as we craft together beautiful, handmade quilts for our High School Seniors who will be graduating next May.

You do not need sewing skills as the tops are sewn by some of our members at home, and we meet to assemble and "tie" the quilts together at church.

Materials and monetary donations are welcomed to help support this ministry.

For additional information contact:  
Judy Erickson @ 715-603-5197  
or Tammy Brenner @ 715-273-3591



## Stewardship Corner

We're kicking off a new monthly feature in this newsletter focused on stewardship. It will feature stories of where God is at work in the lives and vocations of members, helpful info, and stories of how your gifts are being used for ministry.

Here are just a couple examples of how your gifts are at work:

- Over 140 volunteers worked our church fair stand this year. Thank you! The funds earned will not just help our general fund, but will be used for outreach ministries to be decided soon!
- \$60 of the Community Dollar Fund was used to purchase ride tickets at the fair and given to children visiting our fair stand. Your gifts put a big smile on the faces of children!
- 182 pairs of socks were collected for the school in Texas that Pastor Hasselquist works with.
- \$6,850 came out of the General Fund budget to help support youth going to Christikon and the Mission Trip to Green Bay.



## Thank You Notes

### Church Fair Stand

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped at our Church Fair Stand!! We had so many volunteers! Thank you to those who: Washed Dishes, Served Food, Made Food, Cleaned the Tables/Kitchen, Made Soup, Made Gravy, Handled the Money, Washed the Dirty Towels/Rags, Delivered Food, Made Pies, ... Your time and talents are much appreciated! Thank you to the Boettcher family for donating the maple syrup! Thank you to the Tonsager's and Dan Klaustermeier for all of the coordination, planning, and running the stand!



### National Night Out

We would like to thank you for helping out with *National Night Out 2018*! Thank you for donating your time and hosting a table for our event. *National Night Out* in Ellsworth would not be what it is today, without your help every year. We had the biggest crowd ever this year, with approximately 400 in attendance!

We appreciate your participation and efforts, knowing we can count on you and *English Lutheran Church* to help with *National Night Out* in the years to come. Thank you,  
Jen Wagner & The Ellsworth Police Department

## Socks!

Last summer, Pastor Gene Hasselquist challenged us to collect 300 pairs of socks for the school he works with in Texas. We responded with 429 pairs of socks!

The socks are included in a Christmas gift bag given to children in pre-kindergarten through grade 5.

Let's surpass last year's number!!

Please bring new children's socks to the church by Sunday, October 14. Thank you for sharing your gifts with the children in need.

We've already received 182!! Thank you for your generosity!



## Fall Sermon Series: "The Good Life!"



Join us in worship this October for a new sermon series called "The Good Life." Everyone, Christian or not, wonders about their purpose in life. As a Christian, we often consider this purpose by other names, like God's will or God's plan for our life. In this series, we will discover God's plan for our personal life, our current situation, and our participation in the Kingdom of God.

Oct. 7: "Let's Go For a Walk"

(Making a connection with God)

Oct. 14: "Maintaining Our Pace"

(Living God's way to discover our way)

Oct. 21: "Whatever You Do"

(You have a calling while you wait on your calling)

Oct. 28: "On Purpose and For Purpose"

(Be who you are where you are)

## Garage No Sale 2018 ~ October 19 & 20

We will hold a Garage No Sale again this year and will need your help to make this a success. Mark your calendars for Friday and Saturday, **October 19-20!** The garage no sale is an opportunity for our congregation to help those in need who are unable to afford some essential daily items. Our congregation and community can donate items and leave them here at the church. Then, on Friday & Saturday, members of the community who are in need of these items can come "shop" our sale. All items are free.

Start saving your donations, but don't bring them in early! Donations will be accepted only Sunday, October 14 through Thursday, October 18. See the list of accepted donations below.

**Accepted Items** – Please only donate **ESSENTIAL** daily items that are in good condition such as  
**Coats, Hats, Mittens (all sizes)**  
**Baby Items (NO CAR SEATS please)**  
**Bedding**  
**Couches, chairs (furniture that is easily movable)**

**Clothes (all sizes)**  
**Kitchenware**  
**Beds**

**Please NO electronics or large sporting goods.** The Community Missions Team reserves the right to refuse any items.

Volunteers will be needed to sort, organize and help out Sunday – Saturday of the "No Sale". Sign-up sheets will be available in September. This is a wonderful service that our congregation provides for the community.



## Confirmation Orientation

As part of our continued emphasis on cross-generational activities, students & parents/guardians are asked to attend our:

### 3rd ANNUAL FAMILY POTLUCK & ORIENTATION NIGHT on SEPTEMBER 19!

**Families: Please bring enough of the following to feed 10 people, based on your last name:**

Last Names	A-C	Bring a Salad to Share (fruit, pasta, potato, lettuce/spinach, slaw)
Last Names	D-H	Bring a Dessert to Share
Last Names	I-M	Bring a Salty Snack to Share
Last Names	N-Z	Bring Fruit or Veggies to Share

*(English Lutheran will provide hot dogs, brats, buns, condiments and beverages.)*

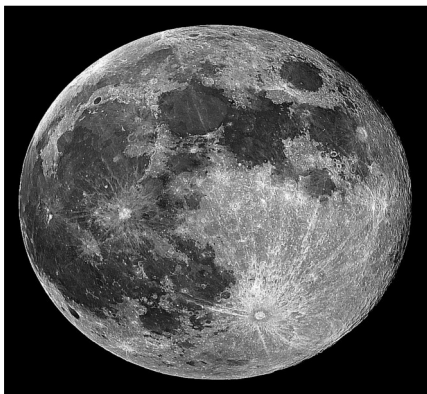
**The schedule for Orientation is as follows:**

6:00-7:00 p.m.	Family Potluck and Confirmation Registration Verification
6:45-7:00 p.m.	Meeting in Sanctuary with 10th Grade Students & Families
7:05-7:30 p.m.	Meeting in Sanctuary with 7-9th Grade Students & Families
7:30-7:45 p.m.	Special Welcome for 7th Grade Students & Families



A large amount of information, much of it different from last year, will be given this night, so it is essential that the students and at least one parent attend. Siblings are welcome too!

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**8:15 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9 to**

**7:45 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 10**

**\$40 or \$30 if you bring a  
non-member friend.**

**Financial Aid Available**

**Adult & Teen Chaperones Needed:  
We can take up to 3 chaperones in  
grades 10-12.  
Adults needed as well.**

## MOONLIGHT MADNESS!

*Come join us and about 400 other Twin Cities youth for this exciting event for students in GRADES 6-9 and their friends!*

### HIGHLIGHTS OF OVERNIGHT:

#### **Augsburg College Gym & Dome**

- Open Gym (bring own labeled balls)
- Dance with professional DJ
- Pizza and beverage
- Football Dome (bring own labeled frisbees, footballs, dodgeballs, etc.)

#### **Dakotah Recreation Center**

- Swimming
- Gym
- Ice Skating
- Indoor Rock Climbing

#### **Shakopee Theater**

- Choice of 5-6 PG or PG13 movies

#### **Bowlero Bowling & Arcade-Lakeville, MN**

- Bowling & arcade



## 2019 Mission Trip

In 2019 we are headed to:

### Prince George, Virginia

Please come to the 2019 Mission Trip Informational Meeting on Wednesday, September 19 at 5:30 pm. You can sign up at the meeting as well.

Contact Lisa Boettcher—715-273-5356 with any questions.

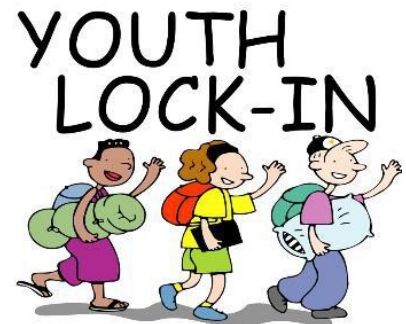


## 7th Grade “Lock-In”

at English Lutheran  
10 am– 1 pm, Oct. 6, 2018.

Games, Food, Faith & Fun!

A great chance for 7th grade students to get to know one another and Pastor Jeff.



Can you believe that September is here once again! And that means the start to the Sunday School year. This year, we will be kicking off Sunday School on September 16 with our new time of 10:00am. Also new this year, Renee Van Nocker and Crystal Johnson will be co-coordinators of the Sunday School Program. Registration will be done on the first day of Sunday School. Registration forms are available on page 9 in this month's *Crossbeams* and in the back of church on September 16.

As always, if you are interested in helping in any capacity, please contact us at our email address: [childrensministry@englishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:childrensministry@englishlutheranchurch.org) We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and celebrating God's love!

God's Blessings,  
Renee Van Nocker and Crystal Johnson  
Sunday School Coordinators

## 2018/19 Sunday School Registration Form

Complete the below information for our 2018 Sunday School year. Our Sunday school is on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. We will begin our Sunday School hour in worship with your family. After the children's sermon the children will go with their teachers.

Throughout the year, we will have some special projects and events. We would love to have your help for these. If you are interested please check below.

Children's Names

Date of Birth

Grade

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers (home & cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in helping with Sunday School special events/projects. ☐

I give my consent to use my child's picture for *English Lutheran Church* publications/website. ☐

Please note any allergies your child(ren) may have: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please note any activity limitations your child(ren) may have: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Renee Van Nocker at 920-960-3137 or Crystal Johnson at 218-251-1540 or email at [childrensministry@englishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:childrensministry@englishlutheranchurch.org) or in the church office at 715-273-4617 or [office@englishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@englishlutheranchurch.org).





## Special Prayers:

Prayers for the students, teachers, and support staff returning to school this fall.

### Healing:

Christine Young

Irene Weihert, Sue Myer's Mother ~ Dementia

Karen McAdams, daughter of Gary & Linda Onan ~ Health Issues

### Long-term:

Ed Sanders, Diane Wiskerchen's Dad

Joyce Geister, Julie Baggenstoss & Carol Melstrom's Mother

Craig Chartier ~ Cancer

Bob Brown, Friend of Julie & Kip Gore ~ Cancer

Deb Pierce, Trina Groen's Mom ~ Alzheimer's

Marion Johnson ~ Continued Prayers

Hazel Wegerer ~ Dementia

Mackenzie Marks, Connie & Adrian Gossett's Granddaughter

Tomi Erlandson ~ Seizures & Health

Marianne Melstrom

Mary Dee Prokop, Mother of Eileen Mewes

Carol Denninger, Tami Place's Mom ~ Dementia

Dale Melstrom

Muriel Jeffrey, Nancy Ellefson's Sister

Tom Killian, Patti Killian's Brother ~ Cancer

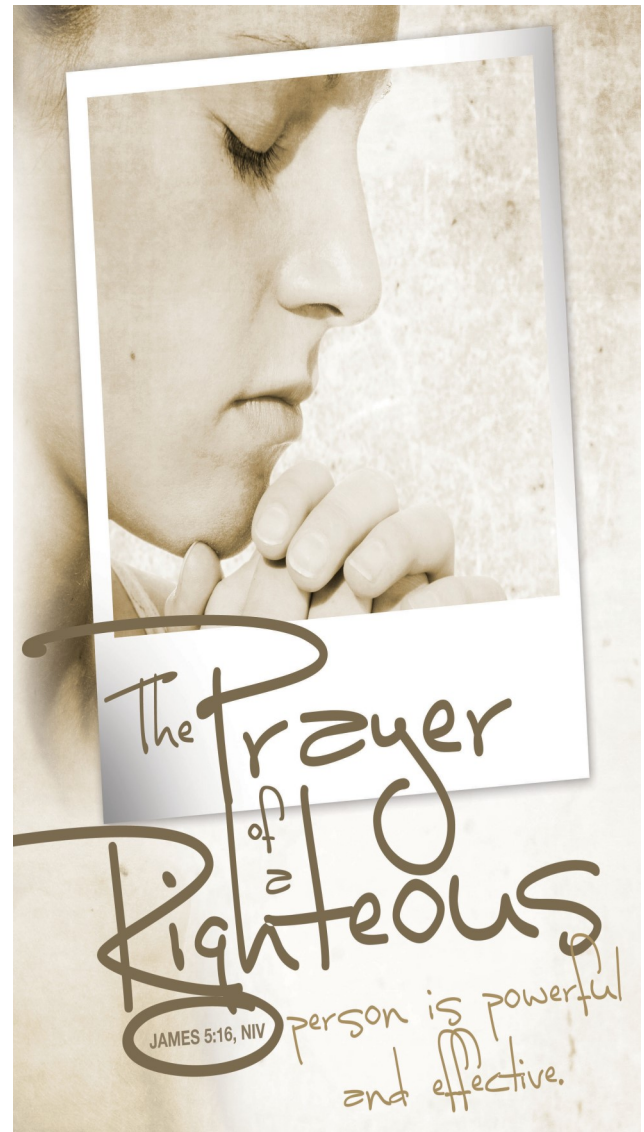
Kim Morth ~ Cancer

Sherry York

Wendy Wegerer ~ Health Issues

Esther Risberg, Julie Davis' Mother

**Military service:** Zack Daleiden, Cody Tschida & Johnathan Bergman



## **Deaconess**

The role of the Deaconess consists of sending thoughts, well wishes, and congratulations to members of our church to let them know we are thinking of them.

Please notify the church office or any deaconess worker with any prayers.

Deaconess for September ~ Til Peterson

## **Partners In Ministry**

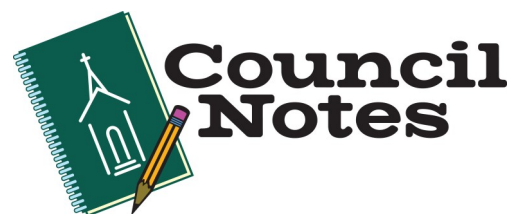
Augie & Debra Hohl became new *Partner's in Ministry* on May 11, 2018. We celebrated with them in worship on August 19, 2018.

Welcome to Augie & Debra!



## August Council Notes

- † Council will hold a Block Party this fall, September 16. This will include pie and ice cream, root beer floats, and children's activities. All are invited.
- † Discussion was held about the estate of Helen Jacobson and the Endowment Committee.
- † A follow-up meeting for both subjects will be held September 5.



### Financial Notes

If you have an account with Thrivent Financial and are eligible for an Action Team, please let the church office know.

Our ministries use the Action Teams to help fund our events and activities and would love to partner with you to utilize your Action Team if you are interested in sharing it. Thank you to those who have shared their Action Teams this year!

### Fair Stand

Gross Income from the fair stand: \$37,541. Bills are still being sent for food/supplies, so Net Profits are not yet known.

Proceeds from the donation bins for the Ellsworth School Lunch Program: \$188.18.



### 2018 General Fund

Month	Actual Monthly Income	Actual Monthly Expense	Actual YTD Income	Actual YTD Expenses
January	14,851.09	20,262.86	14,851.09	20,262.86
February	15,547.09	20,269.52	30,398.18	40,532.38
March	24,667.76	22,179.73	55,065.94	62,712.11
April	19,342.09	18,899.92	74,408.03	81,612.03
May	18,814.63	20,662.05	93,222.66	102,274.08
June	16,757.09	18,354.89	109,979.75	120,628.97
July	23,688.71	17,430.48	133,668.46	138,059.45

### Worship Attendance

Week of:	8:00	9:30	Total
July 29	36	57	93
August 5	35	40	75
August 12	34	46	80
August 19	107	27	134
Totals:	212	170	382
Average:	53	43	96

### Mortgage

As of August 7, 2018, the mortgage balance is \$57,454.88. Payments due are \$1,315. The interest rate is 4.75%.







## School Thank You!

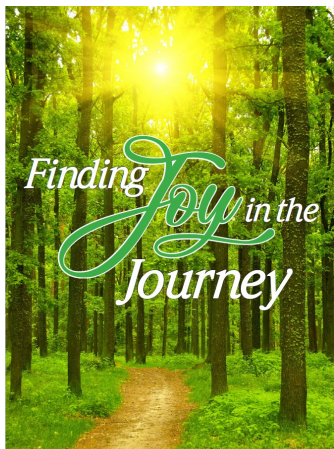
Thank you for all of the donations in our donation box at church for the School Supply Drive!!



12th Annual Fundraising

## BANQUET

"The Joy of the Lord is my strength"  
Nehemiah 8:10



Mike G. Williams  
Comedian, Author

Two years ago we had Christian Funnyman Mike G. Williams as our guest. We are thrilled to be bringing him back! Since we saw Mike last he was awarded a DOVE AWARD for Comedian of the Year! On a more serious note, he also had heart surgery. Mike will be sharing all new jokes and will continue the story of his son's adoption. We encourage you to invite friends and family to join you. Everyone will have a great time and learn more about the life-saving work of First Choice Clinic.

## Finding Joy in the Journey

*First Choice Clinic  
Invites you to our  
12th Annual  
Fundraising Banquet*

**Thursday,  
September 20, 2018**

Cornerstone Community Church  
420 West Third Street  
Red Wing, Minnesota 55066  
Banquet Hall, 2nd Floor

*RSVP by Friday, September 14th*

The same program will be offered at the following times. Please select which time you would prefer to attend on the RSVP.

### OPTION 1 Lunch Program

Doors open at 11:30 am  
Meal will be served at Noon

### OPTION 2 Dinner Program

Doors open at 6:00 pm  
Meal will be served at 6:30 pm

Each program will last approximately two hours

*There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required. You will be given an opportunity to financially support FCC at the event. This event is geared for a mature audience, however, we encourage you to consider bringing your teenagers to hear this life affirming message.*

Mail: RSVP Envelope • Online: [www.firstchoiceclinicrw.com](http://www.firstchoiceclinicrw.com) • Phone 651-267-4357





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## Staff

### Pastor, Jeff Smith

[pastor@englishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:pastor@englishlutheranchurch.org)

Office: 715-273-4617

Cell: 651-235-7204 (preferably 9 am-9 pm)

Call or text any time for urgent pastoral care.

### Communications Coordinator & Finance Administrator, Trina Groen

[office@englishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@englishlutheranchurch.org)

### Custodian, Julie Baggenstoss

### Music Director, Jess Monett

[music@englishlutheranchurch.org](mailto:music@englishlutheranchurch.org)



The church office is open:  
Monday, Wednesday, &  
Thursday 9:00 am—3:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm  
Closed on Tuesdays.

## Congregational Council

President: John Luchsinger

Vice President: Warren Johnson

Treasurer: Gary Onan

Secretary: Kristen Kinneman

Joyce Karlstad

Dean Mewes

Mary Sokolik

Lynette Winger

Dennis Boettcher

## Sunday Worship Times

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

New times begin September 9, 2018.



YOU WILL KEEP IN  
*perfect peace*  
THOSE WHOSE MINDS ARE  
*steadfast,*  
BECAUSE THEY  
*trust in you.*

ISAIAH 26:3, NIV

## Our Mission:

To share Christ's unconditional love,  
inspiring us all for service to others.

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# September 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 • 8am Traditional Worship • 9:30am Contemporary Worship	27 Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed	29	30 • 4:30pm Stewardship Meeting	31	Sep 1
2 • 8am Traditional Worship • 9:30am Contemporary Worship	3 Church Office Closed Labor Day	4 Church Office Closed	5	6	7	8
9 • 8:30am Traditional Worship • 10am Contemporary Worship	10	11	12 • 10am Women's Bible Study • 7pm Confirmation Guide Huddle	13	14	15
16 • 8:30am Traditional Worship • 10am Contemporary Worship • 10am First Day of Sunday School • 1pm Community Block Party	17	18 • 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	19 • 5:30pm Mission Trip Info Meeting • 6pm Confirmation Orientation & Family Potluck	20	21	22
23 • 8:30am Traditional Worship • 10am Contemporary Worship • 10am Sunday School	24	25	26 • 7pm 10th Grade Special Event & Affirmation o	27	28	29
30 • 8:30am Traditional Worship • 10am Contemporary Worship • 10am Sunday School • 11am Mental Health Presentation/Information	Oct 1 • 6:15pm Graduate Quilting	2 	3 • 7pm Confirmation Family Fun & Faith Night	4	5	

