

# The Beacon

## September 2026

Christ Ev. Lutheran  
Church

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Divine Worship  
Services  
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Sunday  
School  
Sunday - 10 a.m.



Here it is, September already! We say (or think) that “time flies” so often that it’s a cliché’. But we are called to make good use of the time God gives us here on earth.

In our fast paced, hectic world, it seems that when summer comes we all think we need to take a break—including a break from church activities. I’ll admit that I, too, like the slightly lighter, less hectic schedule. But I want to encourage you—as I remind myself—that fortunately for us, God doesn’t “take a break” from his work of keeping the universe going and keeping our hearts beating, our lungs breathing, etc.

Here is what Psalm 121 says about God:

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved.

Behold, he who keeps Israel with neither, slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life (your soul).

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

That’s the amazing God we have: the one who made everything from nothing is not asleep at the switch; he still preserves us—the crown of his creation—and everything else, for our good and for our enjoyment.

On that note, we are again having “Rally Day,” which this year is on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Rally Day is, of course, the Sunday in September when we get to enjoy fellowship and a pig roast potluck, and the kids get to enjoy games and other activities to celebrate that Sunday school is back in session!

I ask that you pray for the children who will attend Sunday school this year. I ask you to pray that some of the children who came to VBS in August would be able to be a part of Sunday school. I ask that you would pray for parents—that they would raise their children “in the fear and admonition of the Lord.” And thank you for doing that!

In the meantime, may God bless you this fall! May the beauty of his world remind you of his continued love and care for you!

In Christ, Pastor Schield

## **Rally Sunday Congregational Pig Roast & Potluck**

Join us on Sunday, September 13, for the Pig Roast and Potluck lunch starting at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship. Please sign up on the sheet on the office door with what you can bring for the potluck. Hope to see you there!

## **Sunday School Starts**

Join us for the Rally Day on September 13 for great food, fun & games. Sunday school classes will start **Sunday, September 13 at 10:15 a.m.** Classes are offered for grade pre-k through high school and Bible study for adults. We have an exciting year planned and hope your family is a part of it. Please join us at the Rally Day pig roast at 10:30 a.m.

## **Confirmation**

Our congregation has a solid and exciting program for the catechesis (teaching) of our children (in the process of confirmation). An orientation meeting for parents and catechumens (learners) is on **Wednesday, September 16 at 4:15 p.m.** We will outline our confirmation process and confirm our weekly schedule so that together we can enable our children to thrive in their Christian faith and life. Confirmation process starts for children in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **Youth Group**

### **Students grade 6th-12th, Welcome!**

Join us Sundays from 10:15-11:15 am for Youth Bible Study. During the Sunday School hour, we do a deep dive into the bible lesson for the week while taking a closer look at how to use and study our bibles.

Starting Wednesday, September 16 from 5:30-6:30pm the CLC Youth Group (YG) will meet for an hour of youth group fun/food for all 6th-12th graders. This hour will be used for a midweek review/check in, time to hang out, laugh, eat, and pray together. We are excited to start back up and look forward to you joining us in the Youth Group. Outside of Sunday and Wednesday YG we will have events sprinkled throughout the month. We will be posting about youth group events on the bulletin board in the church hallway (near the bathrooms). Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on happenings [Facebook.com/clcsuperioryg](https://www.facebook.com/clcsuperioryg)

Contact Helena or Dominic Frost to add your contact information to the email list.

## **Spiritual Conversation Workshops**

Coming this fall, we will “once again” offer our **Spiritual Conversation Workshops** to our congregation. If you **struggle** when engaging with others about your faith, these workshops will help you learn ways to answer questions that can help remove obstacles so that family members and friends can have peace that comes from knowing that they too, have a loving Savior.

The **first** in our series of workshops will run from **9:00 am to noon, Saturday, September 26, 2026.** In this workshop, you will view the following two videos:

- **Eager Conversationist** and
- **The Spiritual Conversation Curve.**

Viewing both videos will offer insights to help you become more intentional and eager, while also helping you to get past conversation hurdles when engaging with others.

The **second** workshop will run from **9:00 am to noon, Saturday, November 7, 2026.** The workshop will cover two topics:

- **St. Paul's Apologetics** and
- **How to Respond to the Question: Why do Bad Things Happen?**

Coffee and treats will be available at both workshops. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the Office door when appropriate. Watch your Bulletin for updated information.

## **Christ's Men Group**

The Christ's Men's meet the first Tuesday each month. Their next meeting is September 1, 11:30 AM, at Superior Family Restaurant, it is on the first floor, on the alley side of the Androy Hotel, at 1213 Tower Ave. Hope to see as many as possible there.

## **LWML**

Join thousands of other Lutheran women who focus on missions and God's Word. Our Christ Lutheran LWML will meet on Tuesday, September 15 at 1 PM. Come join us for Bible study, discussions on ways to help our church and community, fellowship and treats. All ladies of the church are invited.

## **Church Council Minutes**

**August 13, 2026**

### **Members Present**

Paul Klomhaus, Don Hauser, Elisabeth Hannula, Julianne Schnoor, Christine Stumpf, Mike Stumpf, Chris Kirchoff, Mike Miller, Kirk Schield

- I. **Call to order by Mike Miller (acting president) and opening prayer** 5:06 p.m.
- II. Mike Miller addressed the issue of Paul and Chris K. stepping down from their positions and then wishing to come back on board as president and vice-president. Mike M. stated the easiest solution would be to appoint them temporarily to those positions. We would then have a congregational vote at the September voters' meeting. Don disagreed, saying the Constitution doesn't expressly cover this issue, but he wouldn't stand in Mike's way. Both Paul and Chris would like to continue. The Executive Committee voted in favor of a short-term appointment.
- III. **Call for additional agenda items**
- IV. **Minutes from the 11 June Council meeting:** We need to include appointments for Lois Teich and Len Campbell (see New Business). With this exception, Mike Miller made a motion to accept the minutes. Don seconded the motion.  
**Motion passed.**
- V. **Pastor's Report**
  - A. Pastor will be on vacation later this week. Pastor Pfeil will serve in his stead, and there will be no midweek service August 19.
  - B. There were two funerals in July: Kathy Field and Matthew Plesko
  - C. Pastor conducted one baptism on August 9.
  - D. Pastor has been called to Jury Duty for the month of September.
  - E. Two of our young people will be confirmed on September 20. (This is also the day of our next Voters' Meeting. We need to see if it conflicts with their reception.)
- VI. **Treasurer's Report**
  - A. We looked over the financial report, which appears to be in order. Don made a motion to approve; Mike M. seconded. **Motion passed.**
- VII. **Committee Reports**
  - A. **Board of Trustees**
    - a. Don is working on repairing the riding lawn mower.

### **B. Board of Deacons**

- a. The Altar Guild recommends replacing the chancel carpeting. It is quite old and stained. The Trustees and Paul will get estimates. We could use money from the Building Fund, but there is also approximately \$3300 left in the LCEF fund.

### **C. Board of Stewardship and Evangelism**

- a. Julianne Schnoor is the new S and E chairperson.
- b. The Board will sell "walking tacos" at the rummage sale this weekend. Proceeds will go to the Sunday school.
- c. Stewardship Sunday is coming in early November.
- d. The Board will call CASDA to find out current needs.
- e. A box has been placed in the Narthex for people to leave "I need..." notes. Reasonable requests will be honored (for example: occasional transportation, minor home repair, etc.). A notice will appear in the News and Notes.

### **D. Preschool Steering Committee**

- a. The committee's main goal is creating a 3-year business plan.
- b. A Mission Statement has been proposed, legal ramifications of running a preschool are being explored, and the committee looked at a policy handbook from another church.
- c. Elisabeth will post updates on a bulletin board.
- d. After a business plan is created, it will be brought to the voters. There is no specific timeline for the process.

### **E. Board of Christian Education**

- a. The BOCE spent a great deal of time this summer cleaning out the education wing and getting rooms painted. The youth room will be painted at a later date when the youth decide what they want the room to look like.
- b. A rummage/bake sale is scheduled for this weekend.
- c. Marilyn is organizing the curriculum for Sunday school this fall.

- d. VBS is scheduled for August 17-20.
- e. Rally Day and the annual pig roast will take place Sept. 13.
- f. The Cry Room audio system hasn't worked for a long time, but apparently wires are disconnected. The Trustees are asked to investigate. Also, the Nursery thermostat needs to be up to code, and some ceiling tiles should be replaced (extras are in the garage).
- g. The BOCE recommends new vinyl flooring in the Sunday school rooms when money becomes available. The carpet is in terrible condition. A bid was made previously; Paul will find it.

#### **F. Memorial Committee**

- a. The Memorial Fund stands at \$3004.30. A deposit of \$645. this summer was moved to the Youth Ministry account (now at \$810.).

#### **G. Endowment Committee**

- a. At the last Voters' Meeting, an amendment to the CTK Scholarship requirements to allow funds to cover other expenses besides tuition was proposed. A vote took place at a special voters' meeting on June 21. It was approved.
- b. The Organ Fund recently fell below the required \$30,000. It was decided to close the NBC accounts and instead open an account with Raymond James. It is hoped this move will help beef up the account.
- c. The following CTK scholarships were awarded:
  - i. Joshua Stumpf (\$5000)
  - ii. Jacob Franck (\$5000)
  - iii. ConcordiaSeminary, St. Louis (\$2000)
  - iv. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (\$2000)
- d. Endowment fund balances as of July 31, 2026:
  - 1. Dr. Stanley W Oexemann Endowed Education Fund: \$63,899.48
  - 2. Miriam J Oexemann Endowed Mission Fund: \$59,934.09

- 3. Eleanor A. Oexemann Endowed Youth Fund: \$70,185.24
- 4. Christ the King Memorial Scholarship Endowed Fund: \$124,071.15
- 5. Eleanor A. Oexemann Endowed Fund (Organ Fund): \$28,375.40

#### **H. Memorial Garden Committee**

- a. Dan Larson has volunteered to serve. More people are needed (preferably 5 people should be on this committee). Mike M. will ask Recruiter Len Campbell to fill these positions if he can. We thank the Vengrins for their many years of devoted service to the garden!

### **VII. Old Business**

- A. At the September Voters' Meeting, the congregation will vote whether to approve replacing the shut-off valve. Mike S. is getting an updated bid but expects it will cost approximately \$5000.
- B. New chairs have been selected and approved. Roni will order 132 chairs at a cost of \$33 each (plus shipping). She will also order a new chair cart. We need to plan the delivery date and time, probably the end of August, and we will need help moving the chairs into the building. There will be some money left from the amount donated. The donor will be asked if those funds could be used to purchase some new tables.

### **VIII. New Business**

- A. Appointments: Lois Teich to the Deacons; Len Campbell to the new position of Recruiter. Mike S. made the motion to approve these appointments; Julianne seconded. **Motion passed.**
- B. Don requested we discuss flag etiquette as there has been some confusion. He conducted research and shared various guidelines. After discussion, it was agreed that the flag will fly at half-staff on mandatory calendar days and possibly when the President orders it (upon the death of principal government figures—at

Don's discretion). Chris K. agreed to serve as back-up when Don is unable to care for the flag.

- C. Pastor asked that we consider inviting his former classmate Tim Sandeno and wife Lisa to visit and speak at CLC. Pastor Sandeno brings Word and Sacrament to U.S. military members stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany. We could consider sponsoring them in the future. Chris K. feels there is a need for LCMS pastors in Germany. We already sponsor three missionaries, so the congregation would need to prayerfully consider this request. It could be brought to the voters in September.

The meeting was adjourned, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: September 10 at 5 p.m.

Voters Meeting: September 20 at 10:15 a.m.

## **Stewardship**

### **Stewardship in the First Commandment**

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The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word "enchiridion" is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for "handbook." The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment: This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect this belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

## **My Savior Lives Northland**

### **LCMS Service of Worship – Every Saturday & Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on My 9 Channel 6.3**

"My Savior Lives Northland" is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North District of our LCMS. MSL Northland is broadcast every Saturday & Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Central time on My 9 Channel 6.3 and cable and satellite systems carrying these stations. Please check your local listings.

Please send contributions c/o:

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

2012 East Superior St., Duluth, MN 55812

Checks should be made to: MSL Northland

## Did You Move? Or Someone You Know Move?

Summer is a time when many people move. If you or someone in your family has moved recently, please let the church office know your new address. If you have moved to another city, remember to transfer your church membership to one of our sister LCMS congregations by simply requesting a transfer from the pastor of the church you wish to be transferred to. There are many reasons to transfer your membership when you move, but the most important is that you will have a place close to home where you can regularly hear the Word of God and receive the Body and Blood of the Lord in His Supper. So, if you've moved recently, and distance keeps you from weekly worship at Christ Lutheran, now is the time to answer God's call by remaining faithful to our faithful Lord!

## Defending the Faith, Teaching the Truth

Issues, Etc. is a talk radio show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Recent topics include: Same-Sex Marriage, Reformation *So/As*, Depression, Radical Islam, What Boys Need, Pro-Life Women and more. Listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).

## Food for the Local Food Shelf

The first Sunday of every month is when you need to bring in your donations of non-perishable food items for the local food shelf. You may put your items under the table in the narthex. This is given to those in need and then to the local food pantry.

## Do We Have Your Current Email Address?

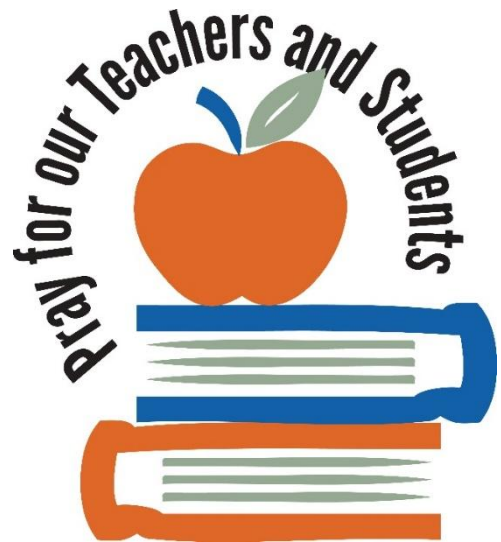
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| 1  | David Dittbrender |
| 9  | Beverly Nelson    |
| 12 | Char Wong         |
| 13 | James Barnard     |
|    | Stuart Matthias   |
| 18 | Mary Colborn      |
|    | Ava Karna         |
| 20 | Justine Pool      |
| 23 | Carolyn Hagberg   |
| 25 | Susan Isackson    |
| 29 | Mallory Allen     |
| 30 | Haley Schultz     |



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH LADIES!

# LWML

BEGINS  
SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:00PM

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!

COFFEE, TREATS AND FELLOWSHIP FOLLOW THE MEETING.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT KIM KLOMHAUS @ 920-915-1201



**Lutheran Women**  
*in Mission*



## LWML Mission Statement

**As Lutheran Women in Mission,  
we joyfully proclaim Christ,  
support missions,  
and equip women to honor God  
by serving others.**

*Serve the LORD with gladness! (Psalm 100:2).*

## CORE VALUES:

Christian Women | In God's Word | Mission Focused  
Sisters In Christ | Servant Leaders



PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE A PEN OR PENCIL  
(ALL ARE FROM MISSIONS THAT LWML AND LCMS SUPPORT).  
PAD OF PAPER OR NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

### Online Information

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