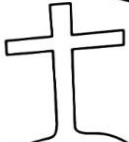


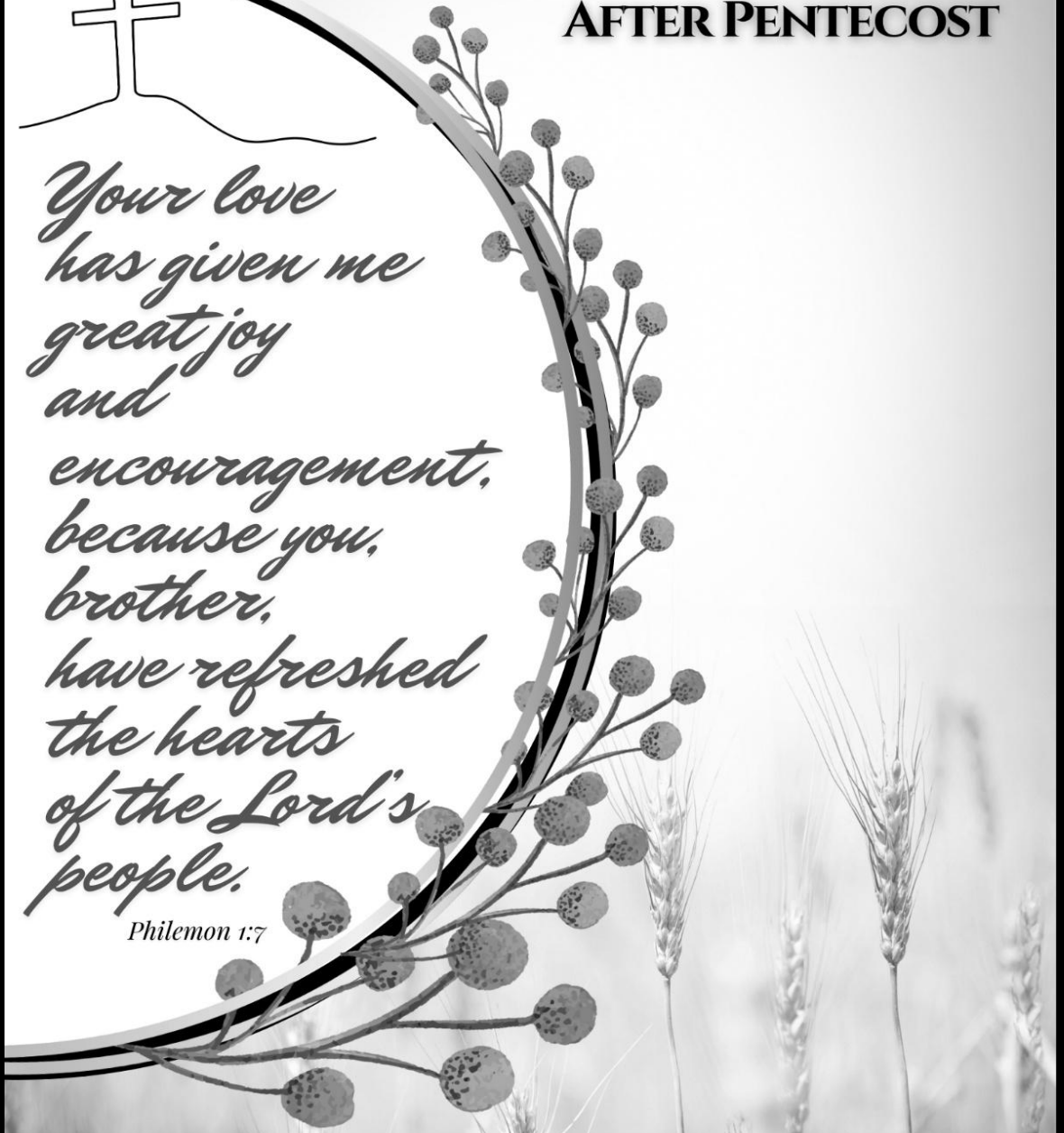
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST



*Your love
has given me
great joy
and
encouragement,
because you,
brother,
have refreshed
the hearts
of the Lord's
people.*

Philemon 1:7



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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 6th & 7th, 2025

The Season

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers. The appointed lessons cover a great body of doctrine for faith and life.

The Sunday

Jesus tells us that we must count the cost of following him. He wants us to do that now, ahead of time, rather than waiting until we are in the heat of the moment and emotions are running high. When we perceive the infinite blessings we find in Christ, the decisions we just make, while difficult, will be clear. Whatever is lost as we follow Jesus pales in comparison to what we gain.

Prayer

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning

Organist: Coralee Henning

Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening

CW 631

Stand for the 4th stanza



1 Speak, O Sav - ior, I am lis - t'ning, as a ser - vant
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you and to lis - ten
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing where I quench my
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
 to your voice; let me ev - er love and fear you,
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



to your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, that each day, my whole life
 let your Word still be my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,
 on your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will be my
 that I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing your



through, I may serve and fol - low you. Let your Word e'er
 Lord, flee in ter - ror at your Word; but to all who
 light thro' death's cold and drear - y night; yes, they are my
 praise, from my heart glad an - thems raise, till my high - est



be my plea - sure and my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
 feel sin's bur - den you give peace and words of par - don.
 sword pre - vail - ing and my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
 praise is giv - en in the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia von Hessen-Darmstadt, 1638–1683; (sts. 1, 4): tr. Christian Worship, 1993; (sts. 2–3): tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.

Tune: Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667

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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 155

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Gloria (Amer) - MISSIONARY HYMN

CW 1001

Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might-y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

Text: Michael D. Schultz

Tune: Lowell Mason

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The LORD wants his people to calculate carefully the choice between life and death.

¹⁵See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

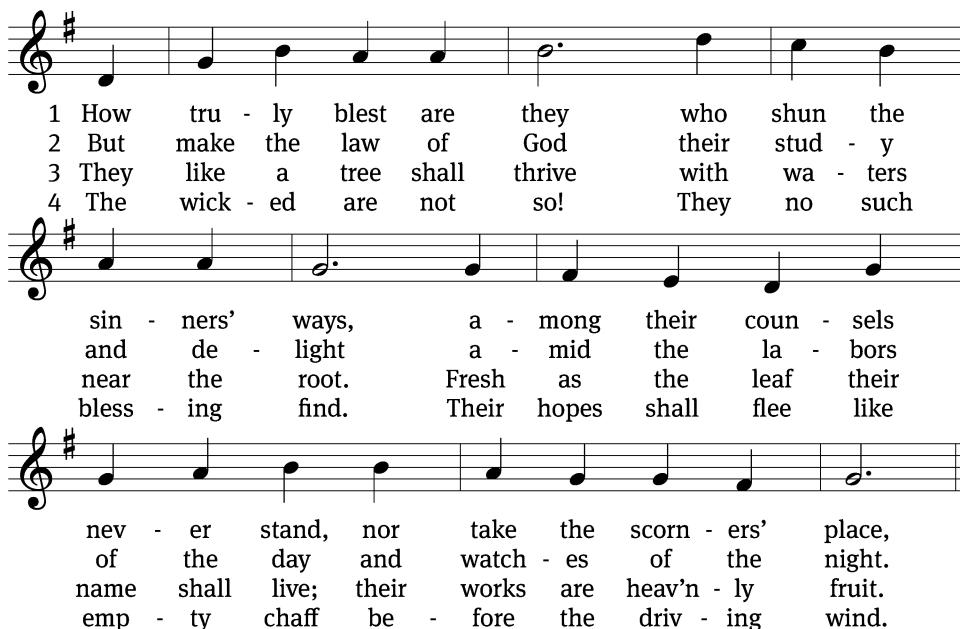
¹⁹This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1B How Truly Blest Are They

Psalm 1B



1 How tru - ly blest are they who shun the
2 But make the law of God their stud - y
3 They like a tree shall thrive with wa - ters
4 The wick - ed are not so! They no such

sin - ners' ways, a - mong their coun - sels
and de - light a - mid the la - bors
near the root. Fresh as the leaf their
bless - ing find. Their hopes shall flee like

nev - er stand, nor take the scorn - ers' place,
of the day and watch - es of the night.
name shall live; their works are heav'n - ly fruit.
emp - ty chaff be - fore the driv - ing wind.

5 How will they bear to stand
before that judgment seat
where all the saints at Christ's right hand
in full assembly meet?

Text: Isaac Watts, alt.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, alt.

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6 God knows and he approves
the way the righteous go,
but sinners and their works shall meet
a dreadful overthrow.

Second Reading

Philemon 1:1,7–21

Paul encourages Philemon to free Onesimus and embrace him as a brother.

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker—

⁷Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed
the hearts of the Lord's people.

⁸Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do,
⁹yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man
and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—¹⁰that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who
became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become
useful both to you and to me.

¹²I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. ¹³I would have liked to keep him
with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel.
¹⁴But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not
seem forced but would be voluntary. ¹⁵Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a
little while was that you might have him back forever—¹⁶no longer as a slave, but better than a
slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and
as a brother in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has done
you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own
hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰I do wish, brother,
that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of
your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:68

Alleluia!

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25–35

Jesus teaches us that following him closely will come at a cost.

²⁵Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

³¹“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

³⁴“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ³⁵It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children’s Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

CW 694

1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left my
3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure! Come, dis - as - ter,
4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and

fol - low you; des - ti - tute, de-spised, for - sak - en, you on
Sav - ior, too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; you are
scorn, and pain! In your ser - vice pain is plea - sure, with your
winged by prayer; all but heav'n is tran - si - to - ry, God's own

earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,
not, like them, un - true. And, since you have smiled up - on me,
fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you Ab - ba, Fa - ther;
hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this earth - ly sto - ry,

all I've ev - er hoped or known; yet how rich is
God of wis - dom, love, and might, foes may hate and
you my all in all shall be. Storms may howl, and
swift shall pass the pil - grim days, hope soon change to

my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!
friends may shun me; show your face, and all is bright.
clouds may gath - er, all must work for good to me.
heav'n - ly glo - ry, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.

Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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Sermon

Philemon 1,7-21 Praise God for Partnership in Proclaiming his Word

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. [Especially bless . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Offering: *God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.*



Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

CW 711

1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As the first dis - ci - ples heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his voice in -
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
help us hear your call; give our hearts to your o -

vites us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all!

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.
Tune: Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716
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Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

CW93 329

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For the gos - pel's
3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en Us from earth to
joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion
call a - way, Borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,
Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. Oh, re - fresh us,
In our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad the sum - mons to o - bey, May we ev - er,
oh, re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with Christ in end - less day.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

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Marriage Moments: Every marriage has its "moments". That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos directly through email at welscongregationalseivices.net/marriagemoments.

Connecting WELS Members: Connection is more important now than ever. Our church body offers many ways for WELS members to connect through social media. Join the WELS online community at facebook.com/welslutherans, twitter.com/welstweets, Instagram.com/welslutherans, and vimeo.com/wels.

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Baptism: If you or a loved one had not yet been baptized, and are interested in more information, please contact Pastor Henning.

Church Membership Starting Point If you're interested in becoming a member here at St. Lucas, we would love to share with you a few Bible studies to introduce you to the biblical teaching here at St. Lucas. We are willing to set up these classes in any setting most comfortable for you, and can always find time that will work for anyone and everyone. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Henning, whose contact info can be found on the final page of this bulletin, underneath the church calendar.

Announcements

LWMS Rally: Mark your calendars for this year's LWMS Rally on Saturday, October 4th at Crown of Life in Hubertus, 1292 Tally Ho Trail, Hubertus, WI 53033. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM with the rally running from 9:00 AM—12:30 PM. The guest speaker will be Pastor Nathan Schulte who will be presenting on recent missionary work in Latin America. The rally will also serve to support the Full Shelf Food Pantry in West Bend by collecting donations of non-perishable food items.

On the weekend of September 13th and 14th, we will have a donation box at the back of church to collect donations for various LWMS missions not directly supported by the WELS. Any amount given in dollars, change, or by check is greatly appreciated! Checks can be made out to LWMS.

LWMS Volunteers: Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) is looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of their work. A talent survey for interested members is attached to this edition of Prescription Notes. A basket will be available in the back of church for you to return your completed survey.

Ushers: We are seeking to repopulate the usher teams as we move into the new church. Special emphasis will be having our ushers serve as greeters before and after the services. Couples and family groups are especially invited to participate. You would serve one service per month on average. If you are interested, contact Mike Baumann, our leadership team member focusing on worship. His contact info is, Email: mbaumann@societymortgage.com, Phone: (414) 217-9028

MLC Open Positions: Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time **Director of Marketing & Communications** and a part-time **Men's Assistant Basketball Coach**. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

Pew Removal: Pews are set to be removed following the 9:30 am service on November 9 (or the last day in the old church if it changes). If anyone is interested in a pew contact Kevin Scheunemann at kewaskumdq@gmail.com. We are asking that you be responsible for arranging your pick up that day. Anyone that would be able to help with removal call or text Curtis Koth (262)305-5591. If you are interested in anything else that will not be moving to the new church call Curtis Koth. Items will be dealt with on a first-come basis.

Sunday School & Family Bible Hour: Sunday School and Bible Hour will resume on Sunday, September 7 at 9:15 am (between services). The Bible Hour will begin the year with a discussion of Christian Worship as we look forward to moving to our new church building.

Tuesday and Thursday Bible Study: will pick up where they left off in May, with a study of the Letters of John. Tuesday resumes September 9 at 6:30 pm. Thursday resumes September 11 at 10:00 am. Both groups will meet in the school meeting room.

Wednesday Catechism: will kick off the school year on September 10, 3:30-5:00 pm. This class is for young people grades 6-8 in preparation for confirmation.

Fuel for Moms: Thursday mornings when school is in session. Talk about timely topics with other mothers after drop off time, @7:30 am. Come as you are, stay when you can.

Banners & Stoles for New Church: To furnish our new church we will need some new banners and stoles. We will be able to reuse some of the banners from the old church, but we need additional new banners so that we have them for every season of the church year. Banner stands will be needed to display the banners. We would like to purchase new stoles for the various seasons of the church year as well. Total cost for these items would be around \$4-5,000. If you would like to donate, place your donation in an envelope labeled "Banners and Stoles" and deposit in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

Abby Shambeau 9/7
Lilly Shambeau 9/7
Alec Nagel 9/9
Eden Reindl 9/9
Kathy Wesenberg 9/9
Jana Baumann 9/10
Devon Berndt 9/10

Emily Douglas 9/11
Henry Stoffel 9/11
Ronald Kuhfuss 9/11
Tammy Kral 9/12
Elliot Shambeau 9/13
Phyllis Schmidt 9/13

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas & Susan Olewinski 9/8
Howard & Cindy Hackbarth 9/13

Calendar

Readings for Sep. 7st - Sep. 14th 2025

Sunday SEP 07 2 Kings 4:38-5:8 Ephesians 6:1-24 Worship - 8:00 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Bible Hour - 9:15 am Worship - 10:30 am	Monday SEP 08 2 Kings 5:9-27 Philippians 1:1-20 	Tuesday SEP 09 2 Kings 6:1-23 2 Kings 6:24-8:29 Philippians 1:21-2:11 Bible Study - 6:30 pm	Wednesday SEP 10 2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29 2 Kings 13:1-18:8 Philippians 2:12-30 Catechism - 3:30 pm
Thursday SEP 11 2 Chronicles 29:1-24 Philippians 3:1-21 Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am Bible Study - 10:00 am	Friday SEP 12 2 Chronicles 31:1-21 Philippians 4:1-23 	Saturday SEP 13 2 Chronicles 32:1-22 Hosea 1:1-14:9 Colossians 1:1-23 Worship w/ Communion - 6:00 pm	Sunday SEP 14 2 Chronicles 33:1-25 Jonah 1:1-4:11 Colossians 1:24-2:7 Worship w/ Communion - 8 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Bible Hour - 9:15 am Worship w/ Communion - 10:30 am

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