

# *The Epistle*

**JULY 2026**

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Red Bud, Illinois**

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**Worship: Saturdays at 5 p.m.**

**Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

**Christian Education Hour:**

**Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m.**

We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments and provide Christian education in service to all people.

*Rev. Mark Winkelman, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Brian Nowak, Associate Pastor*

*Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Director of Parish Music*

*Mr. Justin Palm, Principal*

*Mr. William Becker, Director of Christian Education*

*Mrs. Amanda Falkenhain, Daycare Director*

## **FROM THE DESK OF REV. MARK WINKELMAN**

***"For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" ~ Jesus***  
(Matthew 11:30)

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, Our dear Lord has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. He has gifted us with His Spirit, fed us with His own body and blood, called us back again and again to restore, renew, and strengthen us for this life, to uphold us until that day when He calls us home. God in His great mercy has sought us out, chased us down, all so He can pour out His abundant love, mercy, and grace upon us. Your Lord and God has done it all so that we can spend eternity together. Or, as St. John said so beautifully; "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1a)

Recently I saw the questions asked of individuals seeking baptism in South Asia and it gave me pause to consider my own vows to God, my response to His great love. The questions asked the candidate are these:

- Are you willing to leave home and lose the blessing of your father?
- Are you willing to lose your job?

- Are you willing to go to the village and those who persecute you, forgive them, and share the love of Christ with them?
- Are you willing to give an offering to the Lord?
- Are you willing to be beaten rather than deny your faith?
- Are you willing to go to prison?
- Are you willing to die for Jesus?

If you read these questions and didn't pause to consider your own life, I ask you to read them again. In our confirmation questions we ask each individual one final question: "*Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?*"

Our Lord was not only willing to suffer death on a cross, but He did it joyfully for He knew it meant that He'd be able to spend eternity with you. There are many things in this world that seek to pull us away from our Lord, from receiving His loving gifts week after week. Satan tempts us, the culture pressures us, our flesh is weak. We could add a whole host of questions for candidates like those listed above - but sadly I don't think any single thing that we battle here is even near the level of that which Christians in South Asia battle. How do we compare travels, ball games, sleep, electronic screens, friends, etc. to losing your family, job, being beaten/jailed/killed? Then again, the road to hell is wide and paved with good intentions; it's the easy, comfortable life that slowly drags us away from our loving God. The pleasures of this world are attractive to our flesh.

If we begin to see following our Lord as too difficult, that is a reflection of the desires of our heart, for our Lord's yoke is easy and His burden is light. It only becomes heavy and difficult when we do not desire it, do not see the blessing but rather feel the burden. Our 1st commandment means "We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things." When we begin to fear missing out on worldly pleasures more than we fear missing God; when we begin to love the gifts more than the giver, then it should give us pause to consider our place in God's Kingdom and the vow we took to suffer all (even missed \_\_\_\_\_) rather than fall away.

I myself often desire the gifts of God more than I desire God Himself. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. In those moments when I see my heart being led astray I look to the cross. There I see forgiveness and love flowing from my Savior, and there I see what the world truly has to offer - death. The world and the devil may wrap it up in fleeting joys and pleasures, but in the end it will always lead to death. And there I cry out "Lord, have mercy! I do believe, help thou my unbelief!" I remember my baptism

where my Lord placed within me His own spirit, forgave me of my sins, and promised to be with me through this world. In those moments, looking to Jesus for me on the cross and with me in my baptism I find the strength to move forward and gather with the elect to receive His gifts and praise His name for my hope is in Christ alone. As our VBS kids learned this past month: "You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust." Psalm 71:5

May the Lord strengthen us to overcome the temptations of our hearts and gather us together to serve us His blessings once again as we meet around His altar on Saturdays, Sundays, or Wednesdays for our Lord's yoke is easy and burden light. Amen.

### **FROM THE DESK OF REV. BRIAN NOWAK**

Greetings in the Name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ,

As we have changed to some nicer weather, I hope you are all having a blessed time with friends, family, etc.

Last month, I wrote about growing spiritually. I suggested that during the Season of Pentecost, we try harder to have or develop a prayer life. How's this going for you? From my perspective, being in His Word and praying daily has made me feel closer to God.

I know schedules are probably hectic with the kids and summer months upon us. However, if you found it challenging to find time for prayer. I want you to continue working on making time in your day to pray to your Lord and Savior. There is really no excuse for not having a prayer life. Because anytime is a good time to pray to the Lord. You can pray while driving. You can pray while you're waiting outside to pick up your child from practice. Anytime is a good time for prayer. I have faith that you can do it.

This month, I want to add a little bit to the challenge. I've already alluded to it earlier in this letter.

I want to challenge you to start reading the BIBLE, in addition to being in daily prayer. I know you're busy. I know it can be hard to start a new habit. I know it might appear overwhelming. Trust me. Once you start, you'll find it becomes second nature. Start by reading a particular book of the BIBLE that may interest you. Start by reading it chronologically, or do it cover to cover. It doesn't matter where or how you start. Just start.

There are many resources out there to help you. There are Bible apps you can set up to send you daily readings. These apps will also hold you somewhat accountable by tracking your daily progress. You can also have a spouse or close friend help encourage you along by asking if you read your BIBLE yet today. This doesn't have to be extensive either. Just read the BIBLE daily. Whether it's one page or fifty pages doesn't matter. What

matters is that you're in His Word and learning more about how great our God is.

When you see me, let me know how things are going, good or bad. I'd love to hear from you. If you need some encouragement or help with which app I use, feel free to reach out to me. God's Blessings, Pastor Brian Nowak



### **From Your Director of Christian Education**

The United States of America will celebrate 250 years of freedom on July 4. The freedom Christ won for us with His death on the cross has earned us an eternal freedom from sin, death, and the devil.

The VBS held June 15-19 was a success thanks to so many helpers, decorators, and attendees. A complete report will be given at the Voter's meeting later this month.



I will be on vacation from July 1-7. Then on July 15-18 with my family. And I am attending the LCMS Synodical Convention as a Commissioned Advisory Delegate for the SID July 18-23 and will return to the office July 27.

*God bless our native land: firm may she ever stand through storm and night. When the wild tempest rave, Ruler of wind and wave, Do thou our country save by thy great might.* LSB # 965 Have a blessed month!

In His service, DCE Bill Becker

### **From the LCMS Foundation**

An LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor just completed sharing a presentation about the importance of having a Christian estate plan, planning especially God's gifts to family and ministry. Frank was present for the presentation. His mind had wandered at times during it, as he was contemplating what exactly he might want to accomplish. Frank came up to the counselor and said,

“So what do you really do to help me in this process? I missed that part.”

The counselor responded, “I am your Christian friend. I will pray with you, discuss with you, and work very hard to become clear about what the Lord has laid on your heart to do. Having this clarity before you begin working with attorneys and financial planners is crucial, so that your plans are not vague, but laser focused. There is no cost for my service to you, but I bring value. We will organize your family and financial information. We will investigate how your beneficiary designations line up with your overall estate intentions. I will offer you some visual designs to get the wheels spinning in your mind, about the possibilities the Lord has given you, of which you might not be fully aware. Then we will gather all that information, sharing it with your advisors so that you step into those appointments, fully prepared to accomplish your goals. I can assist you in preparing a statement of your faith that will speak to family, friends and even fellow Church members, to encourage them in their faith. Finally, if you tend to get stuck on tackling a big project, I can encourage you to get started, and to keep going until you get it done. All of this we will work on, to assist you in being a faithful steward of the gifts the Lord has given you to manage.”

Frank said, “Now I get it. I think I could be helped by many of those things you just described. When can we meet?”

To begin your faithful gift planning journey with your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor, contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org).

### **From Lutheran Hour Ministries**

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, ... “Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for My Name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ... If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.” (Matthew 10:5a, 21-24, 25b-31)

It seems odd to me that Jesus sent the twelve disciples out to preach and heal with these scary words we’ve just heard. They sound much more suitable for the end of the world, don’t they? But this isn’t the end of the world yet—it’s only the first preaching tour for the twelve, and as far as we know, it was successful! So why is Jesus saying all this scary stuff to them now?

I wonder if maybe Jesus did this because He knew that at that moment they were nervous and afraid, and also that later on they would return, overjoyed at how well everything went. And He wanted them to understand that, in a lifetime of service to Jesus, there would be both extremes: great trouble and grief, even to the point of persecution; and also great joy and happiness, as they saw God working through them to bring people to faith and grow His kingdom.

And the answer to both extremes is the same: to keep our eyes on Jesus, trusting Him to see us through whatever comes to us—whether it’s joy and success, or whether it’s trouble, persecution, and what looks like failure. Because our job is to be faithful and to let God work through us. It is God who takes responsibility for the outcomes.

After all, we’re not that good at telling the difference between a good outcome and a poor one, are we? Who would have looked at Jesus’ suffering and death on that cross, and have seen that as His victory? And yet it was—and when He rose from the dead three days later, Jesus became the Source of our life, forgiveness, and joy.

**WE PRAY:** Lord, whether I’m happy or discouraged in the work You have set for me to do, keep my eyes and heart on You. Amen. by Dr. Kari Vo.

### **LCMS Stewardship Ministry**

Go ... Sell All You Have? Originally published July 2023

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And he replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me” (Luke 18:18–22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, “No!” But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold

everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn't excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family, and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the Means of Grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What's more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in

this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don't let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.

### **A Musical Moment**

Summer is in full swing here at St. John's Lutheran Church and School! Many people, including me love summer because it's the season for swimming! Whether we swim in a pool, a lake, or the ocean, there's nothing better than cooling off in the water on a hot summer day!

On the last day of May, Jonathan and I decided to open our own swimming pool and get it ready for the summer season. We worked together to pull the winter cover off and.....all the dead leaves sitting on top of the pool cover fell in!! The water instantly turned a dirty greenish brown color and we could see tadpoles swimming around in it. Yuck!

Well, not to be deterred, I put the opening chemicals in the pool and ran the filter to let them circulate and hopefully clean the pool up. They did....somewhat. For several days I kept putting chemicals in and manually removing as much decaying leaf matter as possible with a net. It was slow going. The pool water improved somewhat but it was still green and cloudy. I tried everything: chlorine, algaecide, and a specialty mixture called "Pool First-Aid." After exhausting my chemical supply, I finally figured out the problem.

The decaying leaf matter was so fine that it was not being filtered out by the pool. Instead, the filter was just recirculating it throughout the water which was causing it to be green and cloudy. I had to manually remove ALL of the dead, organic matter or it was just going to be continuously pumped throughout the pool making it dirty. How did I do it?

I used a special product called SuperFloc. SuperFloc allows fine particles to clump together and fall to the bottom of the pool so that they can be manually removed by vacuuming. I used SuperFloc one night and let it sit overnight without the filter running. The next morning, I saw a thin brown coating of leaf debris all over the bottom of the pool! I knew it had worked. Now I just needed to remove the brown scum with the pool vacuum. Turning the filter to the "waste" setting (so the debris would not run through the pool filter anymore!) I vacuumed all of the brown, decaying, leaf matter out! When I finished, the pool was blue and actually clear! Hooray! After all of the organic matter was removed, I could add the rest of the chemicals to fine-tune the chemistry.

While undergoing this process, I was reminded of how this applies to our Christian life. Just like the pool had dead leaf matter that needed to be manually removed, we have sin that needs to be manually removed. No amount of covering it up, justifying it, making excuses for it, or good works done to absolve it will take it away. The only thing that takes it away is Jesus' forgiveness, which He won for us on the Cross. Just like the SuperFloc allowed even the tiniest particles to clump together so that they could be removed, so Jesus' blood on the Cross is the "SuperFloc" that removes our sins. Yes, even the tiny ones we barely notice, even the stubborn ones that cling so closely. Do you have a particular sin that's bothering you? Take it to Jesus. His sacrifice on the Cross is strong enough to remove ALL of our sins! Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

### Principal's Pen

The Firemen's Parade was a great success this year. We were blessed to have a presence in the parade and spread the word about St. John's Lutheran Church and School. We hoped to reach out to over 500 people through arm bands, candy, and shirts that we distributed along the parade route. Thank you to the many walkers, riders, and drivers who represented our church and school.

Registration/Book night will take place on July 8 from 4-6:30 p.m. in the school's new gym lobby. The secretaries have worked to prepare the necessary financial and informational items you will need for the year. New this year, we will accept credit card payments. We hope to see many families that evening. Should you be out of town that week, please call the school office or come in during regular school office hours, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday throughout July.

The floor waxing and preparations for next year are going so well. I look forward to a school that has gone through all its summer preparations so it's shiny and new looking on the first day of school. We thank Wil Krick, Cheryl Fehr, and Christian Stechmesser, who have led the above initiative and are blessed to have them as our janitorial staff.

The Board of Parish Education will look at some policies for the handbook as we move into July and look to have the possible changes highlighted on or around book night. Also, if you would like to help us take a closer look at St. John's, we are looking for help to serve during our National Lutheran School Accreditation process, which we will start in August of 2026. Just call the office to let us know if you have an interest in helping.

Several people have asked about our calendar for next year. The link below is from Red Bud District #132. Our school day will be full-time, as in all normal years,

with dismissal being at 2:45 p.m. [District #132 Calendar for 2026-2027](#) and [Dates Specific to St. John's 2026-2027](#).

Enjoy the rest of your summer, stay safe, and take some time for yourself and your family!

May the Lord Bless and strengthen you, Justin Palm

### The Prayer Chain

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. To serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact her at [dvheller@htc.net](mailto:dvheller@htc.net) or 618/521-7417. Call our office to add someone to our worship prayers.

### Prayer of the Church

**Military:** Army- Zachary Beyer, Casey Vallett, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Chase Lucht, Ethan Summers, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Jessica DeMarco, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; **Navy-** Carl Muehler, Abbey Vallett; **Air Force-** Gage Baldwin, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; **Marines-** Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann; **National Guard:** Jeremiah Brandt; **U.S. Coast Guard:** Brock Earl

**Emergency Personnel:** Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Kaleb Barriger, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Chad Buch, Savannah Cowell, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Craig Moll, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn, Tanner Winkelman; **Police-** Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Doug Brennan

### Pray for Our Family of Faith at:

**Addington Place-Sparta:** Kathryn Chunn; **Oak Hill-Waterloo:** Jean Menke, Martha Rohlfing, Elroy Stellhorn, Jody Winkelmann; **Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo:** June Lawrence; **Cedarhurst of Tesson Heights:** Ruth Hecht; **Freeburg Care Center:** Dorothy Byers, Margaret Hanebutt.

### Pray for Our Family of Faith at Garden Place:

**Columbia:** Pat Byer, Earl (Wayne) Ellner; **Red Bud:** Elaine Guebert, Alice Hick, Omer & Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Lorna Schneider, Esther Williams, Helen Winkelman

### Pray for Our Family of Faith Confined in Home:

Don & Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, LuAnn & Rick Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Trudy Woolbright.

### Midweek Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

Women's Bible Study is on Wednesdays through the summer starting at 9:30 a.m. We are studying Donna Snow's "Our Hope and Future". A study of Jeremiah 29:11-12. For more information and study material contact Chris Doerr at [chrisdoerr9@gmail.com](mailto:chrisdoerr9@gmail.com) or 618-343-5329.

### July Servers

Flowers: Rebekah & Christine Liefer  
Parameters: Irma Birkner Cloths: Breanne Muench

### Welcome to Our Family of Faith

6/7/2026 – Baptism of Stella Ruth Salger  
6/28/2026 – Baptism of Owen Ralph Liefer

### Junior Youth & Senior Youth

Look for the return of youth activities in August.

### Evening Guild News

**Quilt Mission project: Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will have a quilt-making day to assemble and tie quilts in the fellowship hall. Everyone can tie a knot for this worthwhile mission project. Young and old! Plan now to work an hour or help all day. Times are 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Register to attend the Southern Illinois District LWML Convention at Metro East Lutheran High School on September 11-12, 2026. All guests must send their registration form with payment to Marie Voges. Registration forms are on the district website at: [www.sidlwml.org](http://www.sidlwml.org) under convention news. Register by July 1<sup>st</sup> to receive a manual at the convention.

Looking for YWRs: Looking for Young Woman Representatives (YWR) from St. John's congregation, ages 22 – 35, to assist at the LWML SID Convention on Friday evening, September 11, 2026. If you want to be a YWR, please text Sharon at 618-660-7803.

**Quilting** schedule for July is Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon in the quilting room.

### Worship Greeters

Sat. July 4	5 p.m. Stanley & Lynn Langrehr
Sun. July 5	8 a.m. Kalin & Kathy Liefer 10:30 a.m. Ron & Diane Kunkelmann
Sat. July 11	5 p.m. Virginia & Mark Moeller
Sun. July 12	8 a.m. Linda Guebert & Chris Doerr 10:30 a.m. Gerald & Jill Hanebutt
Sat. July 18	5 p.m. Stanley & Lynn Langrehr
Sun. July 19	8 a.m. Cindy Steele & Sharon Henke 10:30 a.m. Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers
Sat. July 25	5 p.m. Virginia & Mark Moeller
Sun. July 26	8 a.m. Clyde & Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Ron & Donna Burgdorf

### Acolyte Schedule

Sat. July 4	5 p.m. Sophia Zeiger
Sun. July 5	8 a.m. Emma Guebert 10:30 a.m. Lucy Kuehn
Sat. July 11	5 p.m. Landon Bumann
Sun. July 12	8 a.m. Blake Horrell 10:30 a.m. Brody Rahn
Sat. July 18	5 p.m. Kellen Herriman
Sun. July 19	8 a.m. Sydney Krick 10:30 a.m. Lauren Mehring
Sat. July 25	5 p.m. Jozlynn Palm
Sun. July 26	8 a.m. Henry Schnepel 10:30 a.m. Cooper Wingerter

*If you're **unable** to serve when scheduled, please switch with another acolyte scheduled **and** contact our office with the changes. Thank you!*

### Church Council

**Chairman:** Michael DeRousse  
**Vice-Chairman:** Kevin Guebert  
**Secretary:** Joan Ruwald  
**Treasurer:** Connie Muench  
**Board of Finance:** Becky Biffar  
**Elder Chair:** Stuart Langrehr  
**Parish Education Chair:** Jacob Arbeiter  
**Trustee Chair:** Jeremy Voss  
**Estate Fund Chair:** Thomas Mulherin

### 2025-2026 School Faculty & Staff

**Preschool:** Heather Nowak  
**Kindergarten:** Betty Schmitz  
**First Grade:** Rachel Miller  
**Second Grade:** Rebekah Liefer  
**Third Grade:** Stephanie Valleroy  
**Fourth Grade:** Monica Snyder  
**Fifth Grade:** Amanda Ruhmann  
**Resource Teacher:** Lara Vause  
**Sixth Grade Homeroom:** Doreen Schnepel  
**Seventh Grade Homeroom:** Nancy Whelan  
**Eighth Grade Homeroom:** Kristin Sachtleben  
**Jr High Science:** Sara Shepherd  
**Athletic Director:** Scott Voss  
**Cooks:** Catrena Heck and Marilyn Oettle  
**Before/After School Care:** Courtney Schoenbeck  
**School Custodians:** Wil Krick, Bob Schramm, Christian Stechmesser, and Cheryl Fehr

### Daycare

**Director:** Amanda Falkenhain  
**Assistant Director:** Kellie Shields  
Reagan Birkner, Kaitlyn Brown, Mycah Clements, Ava Clifford, Christy Deterding, Brittney Eichholz, Madison Falkenhain, Angel Figueroa, Zandra Harless, Pam Henry, Molly Huether, Nicole Kadlec, Kristi Martel, Tori Muench, Olivia Noethen, Melissa Schilling, Danielle Schmitz, Kaitlin Schmitz, Courtney Schoenbeck, Tess Simpson, Cailee Strong, Brooke Supancic, Madison Trask, Emma Trost, and Amy Williams.



**Church and School Calendar**

Wednesday, July 1-

9:00 a.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Thursday July 2-

Friday, July 3- **Office Closed (Holiday Observed)**



Saturday, July 4-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, July 5

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Monday, July 6-

7:00 p.m. Elder’s Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, July 7- **Pastor Mark Winkelman day off**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 8-

9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Registration & Book Night  
6:30 p.m. Divine Service

7:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting

Thursday, July 9-

Friday, July 10

Saturday, July 11

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, July 12-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service  
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. Summer Singers Sing in Service  
Senior Youth Swim Party



Monday, July 13-

Tuesday, July 14- **Pastor Mark Winkelman day off**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 15-

9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, July 16-

Friday, July 17-

Saturday, July 18-

***LCMS Synodical Convention begins Phoenix, Arizona***

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, July 19-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Monday, July 20

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in Library

Tuesday, July 21- **Pastor Mark Winkelman day off**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 22-

9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Divine Service  
7:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Voter’s Meeting



Thursday, July 23- **LCMS Synodical Convention ends**

Friday, July 24- **Epistle articles are due!!**

Saturday, July 25-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, July 26-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service  
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Monday, July 27-

Tuesday, July 28- **Pastor Mark Winkelman day off**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 29-

9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, July 30-

Friday, July 31-

**ELDER ZONES FOR 2026-2027:**

(Chairman, Stuart Langrehr)

**Zone 1:** D. Adams – R. Collins: David Reinhardt (618-967-7967)

**Zone 2:** S. Conboy – D/K Grohmann: Louis Stellhorn (618-623-8495)

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**Zone 4:** R. Herriman – T/E Krick: Gerald Hanebutt (618-317-4574)

**Zone 5:** W/M Krick – J. Maes: Kollin Liefer (618-830-7140)

**Zone 6:** P. Malik – L. Pensoneau: Stuart Langrehr (618-304-5082)

**Zone 7:** A/A Piel – D. Schrader: Kirk Liefer (618-282-8228)

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**Zone 9:** D/K Uffelmann – A. Zeller: Tyson Russell (618-612-6227)