



September 2026 Newsletter

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"Called by the Truth of the Gospel, enlightened by the Spirit, sent to serve"

Stewardship Moment

Romans 14:7 – "For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself." We just don't belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study will meet on September 8th and September 22nd 1-3 pm. All women invited!

Men's Bible Study Wednesdays, at 9:45 am – All men invited! The book of 2 Corinthians

Women's Prayer/Bible Study Group - Thursday mornings at 8:30 am at Common Ground

Quilters meet on September 1st and 15th

Quilts are available to be given to people going through tough times, reminding them of God's love and ours as the family of God at St. Luke's! **Please come!**

Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Stephen Ministers are available to help you through difficult times. Stephen Ministers will walk beside you listening to your concerns as you discover how to cope with whatever your challenge might be.

Sometimes It's Hard to Ask for Help

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So, we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. If you're struggling, don't suffer alone. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you. (It's confidential too!) If you'd like someone to talk to, please contact one of our pastors or Rick Truex.

August Church Council Meeting Summary

Old Business:

- Transition Team update: Susan Hayward is willing to provide materials for small-group discussions on spiritual gifts. This would involve two to three sessions.
- Call Committee update: Matt Kvilhaug updated the congregation that the committee has received four applications, but none of the candidates currently match the St. Luke's senior pastor profile. Please continue praying daily as the search continues.
- MSP to keep the 9 a.m. worship service in September and review it monthly.
- Communications Team update: New friendship pads have been ordered. MSP to purchase a laptop, for up to \$1,500, that is compatible with Shepherd's Staff software.

New Business:

- Pastor Adrian Cole will preach throughout August and on September 13, 2026. Pastor Sue will preach on September 6, 2026. Will continue to use Pulpit supply as needed.
- The Pie and Ice Cream Social raised \$1,342.50 to purchase Bible sticks for the military.

Holy Communion Classes

All **5th Grade students** are part of 3 **Holy Communion classes** with the first one that meets from 1-3 pm on Sept. 20 and again on Sept. 27 and October 11. ONE make-up class if needed on October 18 from 1-3 pm.

"Guided by Prayer in Our Call Process"

Candidates

Scripture: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. *Psalm 32:8*

Pray for:

- Clarity for those God is calling
- Peace in their current ministry
- Honest and Spirit-led conversations



<u>September 1</u>	<u>September 2</u>	<u>September 4</u>	<u>September 5</u>	<u>September 7</u>	<u>September 8</u>	<u>September 9</u>
Lydia Christopherson Megan Lauthen Chase Sullivan Markus Wussow	Marlow Kluver	Jim Dyr Dahl	Anna Christopherson	Collin Carlson	Dana Haak Riley Tatro	MaKayla Schiele
<u>September 11</u>	<u>September 12</u>	<u>September 13</u>	<u>September 15</u>	<u>September 16</u>	<u>September 19</u>	<u>September 20</u>
Alicia Thompson	Lindberg Ekola	Devin Carlson	Jordan Carlson Dakota Giese Sherry Norlien Blair Pearson Meredith Pearson Jayden Riehl	Ian Johnson Chelsea Martin	Beth Krafthefer	Jack Schouweiler
<u>September 21</u>	<u>September 22</u>	<u>September 25</u>	<u>September 26</u>	<u>September 28</u>	<u>September 29</u>	<u>September 30</u>
Leland Eddy Amber Zunker Trenton Nuzum	Shawn Gebhardt Aubree Tatro	Brianna Anderson Sarah Meichsner Dominic Pearson	Ashley Giese Steven Linow Andrew Mandt Rondi Wussow	Lauren Meichsner Mary Berghuis Kaylee Thompson	Ethan Giese	Mary Olson

September - October Coffee Servers

1st make sure the coffee maker is set up and on. It takes quite a while to heat up. **Please** bring 4 doz. Treats each. Questions? Please contact Brenda Haak 320/766-3114 or Brenda.haak@yahoo.com **If your name is in Bold print, please contact the rest of the servers as a reminder. Sunday School parents please call Brenda Haak to sign up if you haven't already. More servers are needed.**

Sept. 6:	Mary Ekola 766-0661	Jill Erickson 491-1225	Julie Fenlason 766-1823	Kristi Froemming 815-1587
Sept. 13:	Rebecca Froemming 815-7090	Steph Froemming 218-770-2871	Casi Giese 320-247-2160	Brenda Haak 766-3114
Rally Sunday! First day of Sunday School				
Sept. 20:	Cari Eddy 808-4344	Sarah Meichsner 808-6709	Alica Knapp 808-7594	Beth Krafthefer 701-361-7191
Sept. 27:	Heather Kvilhaug 429-5907	Lisa Meichsner 808-6165	Rolene Clarquist 491-6644	Rita Metzger 834-3274
Oct. 4:	Corliss Nelson 766-0916	Georgia Nelson 760-3455	Kathy Niblett 760-2279	Carley Noetzelman 701-205-2849
Oct. 11:	Susan Odegaard 766-0515	Mary Olson 759-2219	Cindy Pazdernik 815-4527	Vicki Peterson 493-8710
Oct. 18:	Diane Richter 808-4646	Alicia Thompson 219-9398	Sandy Thorson 491-1137	Kristi Tollefson 219-1210
Oct. 25:	Sherry Witikko 305-3291	Carrie Wunderlich 766-3440	Carly Wussow 701-367-4007	Mary Wussow 808-8875

THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY

The Collingsworth Family is a Southern Gospel/Inspirational group started by Phil and Kim Collingsworth and features their family. They tour all over the country and we have the opportunity to see them right here in Alexandria.

They will be performing at Lake Geneva Christian Center on September 10th at 7:00 p.m. It is a concert you are sure to enjoy with music, testimonies and humor.



— **IMPORTANT UPDATE** —

We're continuing

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WORSHIP SERVICE

 **AT 9 A.M.**

for the month of September!

 Thank you for being part of our church family.
We look forward to worshipping with you!

Giving Is an Act of Worship

As we offer ourselves to God, we also offer our gifts in gratitude.

Scan the QR code below to make a one-time or reoccurring gift.



Thank you for supporting God's work through St. Luke's.

"Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

1 Chronicles 29:14

A beautiful reminder that giving is returning to God what already belongs to Him.



Women of the Word 2026 Fall Gathering

The Resurrection Changes Everything

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 19**, and plan to join us at **St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Garfield** for the **Women of the Word 2026 Fall Gathering**.

The resurrection of Jesus changes everything. Through baptism, we are united with Christ in His death and resurrection. Because Christ lives, we no longer live in fear, shame, or despair, but in freedom and promise.

This special gathering will bring women together from across the district for a day centered around **God's Word, prayer, worship, fellowship, and encouragement**. Together, we'll explore what it means to die and rise with Christ each day and how the resurrection shapes our identity, hope, relationships, and life together as God's faithful people.

What can you look forward to?

- **Keynote Speaker:** Rev. Julie Smith
- Inspiring teaching and worship
- Engaging breakout sessions
- Delicious luncheon
- Time for fellowship and connection
- A **succulent pumpkin centerpiece craft** to make and take home

The day begins at **9:00 AM with coffee** and concludes with a sending blessing at **2:45 PM and dismissal at 3:00 PM**.

Come. Grow. Be encouraged.

Let the resurrection change everything!

Registration

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the St. Luke's church office at 320-834-2285.

Bring a friend and join us for a meaningful and refreshing day with other women! 💜



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:00 – 11:00 Quilting 6:00 Parish Ed Meeting	2 9:45 Men's Bible Study 6:30 – 8:00 Confirmation	3 8:30 Women's Prayer & Bible Study Group at Common Ground 9:00 Bulletin Announcements Due In Office	4 Pr. Davidson's Sabbath Day	5
6 9:00 Worship 10:15 Coffee Fellowship	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 1:00 – 3 :00 Women's Bible Study	9 9:45 Men's Bible Study 6:30 – 8:00 Confirmation 6:30 - 8:00 JAM Youth Group	10 8:30 Women's Prayer & Bible Study Group at Common Ground 9:00 Bulletin Announcements Due In Office	11 Pr. Davidson's Sabbath Day	12
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St. Luke's Church

RALLY

Sunday!

LET'S KICK OFF
A NEW YEAR
TOGETHER!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

Join us as we kick off a new year of
Sunday School and youth activities!

All youth **ages 4**
through **high school**
are invited to join!

"I can do all things
through Christ who
strengthens me."

PHILIPPIANS 4:13



During **coffee hour** presentations from
youth Bible campers and Puerto Rico mission trip
participants will be presented.



FAITH
Grow in God's love



FRIENDS
Build lasting
friendships



FUN
Games, activities
& lots of smiles!



FELLOWSHIP
Share, support
& encourage



We can't wait to see you there—
bring a friend and come join us!





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