

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 19, 2026

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Saint Mark's!

This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Our Mission: “To know Christ and to make Christ known.”



Please note:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use.

Offerings may be received by way of offering plates as you enter or leave.

An Order for Holy Communion; Setting Ten, Evangelical Lutheran Worship

A guide to hymnal use: All hymns are printed in the bulletin and when reference is available the LBW, Green Book; WOV, Blue Book

Light print = Pastor/Leader. Bold print = Congregation.

****Please stand as you are able.***

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Kneel/Stand)

Silence for Reflection and self-examination

Most merciful God,

Have mercy on us.

We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth.

Amen.

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants your newness of life in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

***HYMN**

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

No Reference

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -

a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -

wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621
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***THE GREETING**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;

besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;

let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 86:11-17

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk [|] in your truth;

give me an undivided heart to re- [|] vere your name.

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with [|] all my heart,**

and glorify your name for- [|] evermore.

¹³ For great is your [|] love toward me;

you have delivered me from the [|] pit of death.

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people [|] seeks**

my life; they have not set you be- [|] fore their eyes.

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full [|] of compassion,

slow to anger, and full of kind- [|] ness and truth.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mer- [|] cy on me;**

give your strength to your servant, and save the child [|] of your handmaid.

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and

be [|] put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and com- [|] forted

me.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

The holy gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

***HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

LBW “Green,” 407



1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield.
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

With all the church, we confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

After each petition: God of Grace/Hear our prayer.

***THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

People may greet one another with these or similar words or gestures.

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

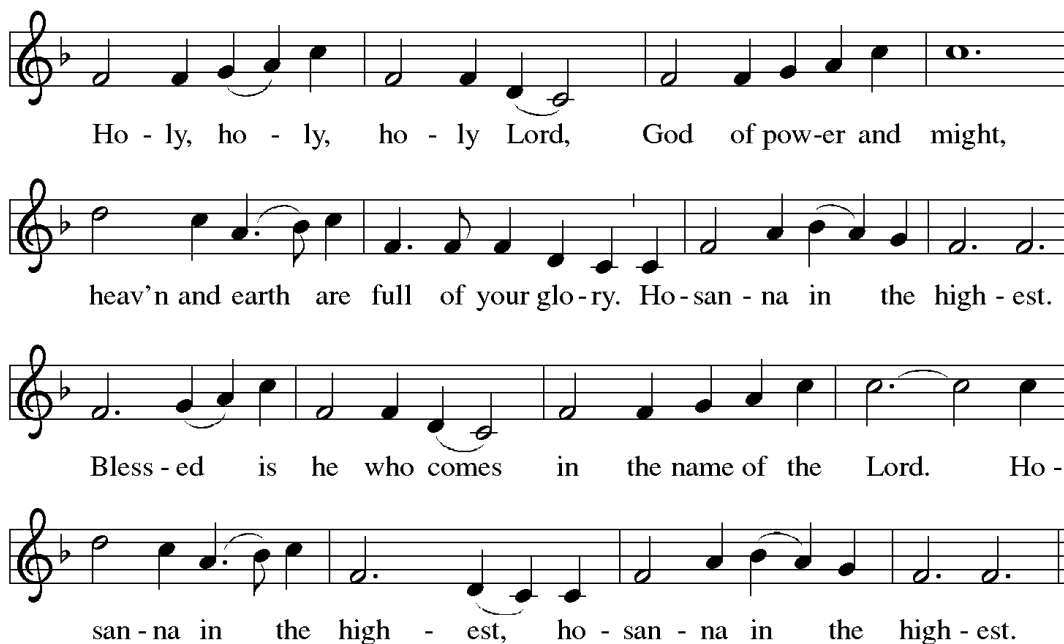
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of eternal life. And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, mighty and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In your great love you sent to us Jesus your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached the good news to the poor,
and who on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat.
This is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering therefore,
his death, resurrection and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us
the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with whom and in whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord as you have taught us, so now we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.**

Amen.

***LAMB OF GOD**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNE**

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!
Thanks be to God!

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Use the center aisle, pick up a small glass on the way. Receive the bread and then proceed to receive the wine by way of a pouring chalice. After communing return to your pew using a side aisle. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing.

Know that the crucified and risen Christ gives himself to you in his supper. If you cannot eat bread, drink only the wine. If you cannot drink wine, eat only the bread.

THE COMMUNION

***AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,

may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

***BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen

***HYMN Sing to the Lord of Harvest LBW “Green,” 412**

1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, sing songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,
with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise.
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.
By him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease;
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,
sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love,
he crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

***DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

OUR PRAYER LIST

Grace Arner, Vanessa Morgan, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, Gary Cable, Virginia Pulaskie, Bunny Ditchfield, Ezra Buckman, Claire Brassard, Kevin Rosini, Kathy Eshelman, Micah, Deb Buckman, Linda Rosini, Walt & Leah Haussmann, Kristin Rehm, Ariel, John Tartline, George Poliska, Connie Shaible, John Holohan, Loretta Hawe, Donna Baker, Ann Kuntz, Ann & Charles Kuntz, Dave Williams, Bud Doebler, Shirley Hill, Ruth Osbaugh, Pam Osbaugh, Becky Pryor and Ellis Reed.

COMMEMORATIONS

Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.



Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.



James, Apostle

Saturday, July 25, 2026

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today, July 19	Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Communion, 9:30 am 175th Anniversary Committee Meeting
Monday, July 20	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Tuesday, July 21	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Wednesday, July 22	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Thursday, July 23	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Friday, July 24	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Saturday, July 25	Office Closed
Sunday, July 26	Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Communion, 9:30 am Dossal Dedication

OUR STEWARDSHIP for July 12, 2026

Regular Offering	\$4,227.00
Miscellaneous	320.00
Parish Life	20.00
Capital Fund	20.00
Synod Benevolence	10.00
Grand Total	\$4,597.00

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God; and
In loving memory of Marie Rees, by Grant & Ruth Rees; and

In loving memory of our father, Eugene Jacobs, on his 109th birthday, and of our mother, Reba Jacobs, on her 104th birthday, by Linda Rosini and John & Holly Carson.

WORSHIP LEADERS for July 19, 2026

Lector	9:30 am	Brenda Gair
Communion Assistants	9:30 am	Theresa Furman & Jackie Kinney
Ushers	9:30 am	Ed, Brenda & Levi Gair and Elizabeth Haussmann
Organist		Megan Cartwright
Altar Guild (JULY)		Mel & Mindy Wentzel Wentzel

WORSHIP LEADERS for July 26, 2026

Lector	9:30 am	Deb Buckman
Communion Assistants	9:30 am	Deb Buckman & Mindy Wentzel
Ushers	9:30 am	Gary & Shelby Weber
Organist		Megan Cartwright
Altar Guild (JULY)		Mel & Mindy Wentzel

BIRTHDAYS

Pam Jensen	7/21
Connie Shaible	7/22
Ed Gair	7/24
Shirley Hill	7/25

KEEP IN MIND:

~When you or a family member are ill, have a crisis of faith, or have a personal concern of which you wish to make the pastor aware, please contact him directly by church office telephone (570-323-4619) email (bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org) or his cell phone (272-788-0161). Do not assume the pastor will know of your need any other way.

~ When you or a loved one has a change of address, email, or telephone number, please contact the church office at stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org or 570-323-4619. Please direct your intentions whether or not to share this information with our church family, so that it may be included in the weekly bulletin and/or the "Lion."



Believe it or not, practically a full year has passed since we collected kits for Lutheran World Relief. School items will go on sale this month so you can start snapping them up - remember, 70-80 sheet notebook (no composition books), pencils, blue/black pens, pencil sharpeners, erasers and a ruler with English and metric units. There is a poster in the parish hall way that shows where some items went. Directions and bags will be available the first week of August or go to lwr.org and click on "get involved". Thanks and God bless – Deb

Family Promise - If you are willing to provide a dinner, please let me know. Remember, it does not have to be anything fancy and it can be just the ingredients for a meal as the clients have access to a complete kitchen. You can also donate to Family Promise hosting which covers the purchase of breakfast and lunch items. If you have question, email me: dabuckman65@gmail.com or call 570-323-1707. God bless for all your help – Deb.



WANT TO EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN? Adults wishing to unite with St. Mark's in church membership are invited to contact PASTOR VASEY at 570-323-4619 or email: stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org.



Most Needed At.....

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee thanks you for any assistance you can give.

Shepherd of the Streets: Needed are Laundry Pods, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Tissues, Band Aids, Women's Deodorant, Q-tips, Combs, Sunscreen, Children's Toothbrushes and Toothpaste and Adult Toothpaste.

Sojourner Truth Ministries (STM): Needed are Individual Snacks/Breakfast Bars, Large, Brown Lunch Bags Napkins, Mayonnaise, Sugar, Snack-Size Ziplock

Bags and Pine Sol or Lysol Cleaner.

United Churches Food Pantry: Mid-Month Food Pantry Needs are Canned Mandarin Oranges, Pineapple, White Potatoes and Pork & Beans, Wide Egg Noodles, Ramen Noodles, and Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, BBQ Sauce, Mayonnaise and Relish.) The Pantry still needs plastic grocery bags and 12-count egg cartons.

Sandwich Needs: The Parish Life Committee is filled with gratitude for the dozens of tuna salad and chicken salad packets donated so far this summer. They will definitely stretch our sandwich budget and add to the variety of sandwiches we can offer the folks who visit the Blessing Boxes. Thank you to all who contributed to this outreach.

During times of extreme summer heat, we are relying on these donations, along with Peanut Butter and Jelly to keep the Blessing Boxes full with safe sandwiches.

Cereal Sunday : We Are on A Roll!

Our second Cereal Sunday saw donations exceed the quantity donated in June. Fifty-six boxes of assorted cereal were delivered to a very grateful Pantry. **Our total to date is 96 boxes of cereal helping to provide summer nutrition to families.** Our next Cereal Sunday is August 9, 2026.

P.S. Cereal can be dropped off anytime between now and August 9th.

Thank You

The Parish Life Committee wishes to thank Vicki Haussmann, chairperson of Faith Formation, and the many other congregation members that helped in making the annual church picnic a picture-perfect success. Fellowship Hall looked festive and the food was fantastic. It all took a back seat to the fellowship that was enjoyed by all. We are grateful for everyone's efforts in hosting this event. The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is also thankful for the extra supplies that will be used during VBS at St. John-Newberry UMC later this month. Thank you.



A bus trip to see “**JOSHUA**” at Sight & Sound is scheduled for Wednesday, 9-23-2026. Meet at the west end of Beiter’s parking lot at 6am. The price for the trip is \$178.00 per adult and \$109.08 for children 12 and under, which includes the ticket to the show, the bus, and a meal at Hershey Farm Inn. To purchase tickets or with any questions please contact Cheryl Williams at (570) 327-1627.

BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

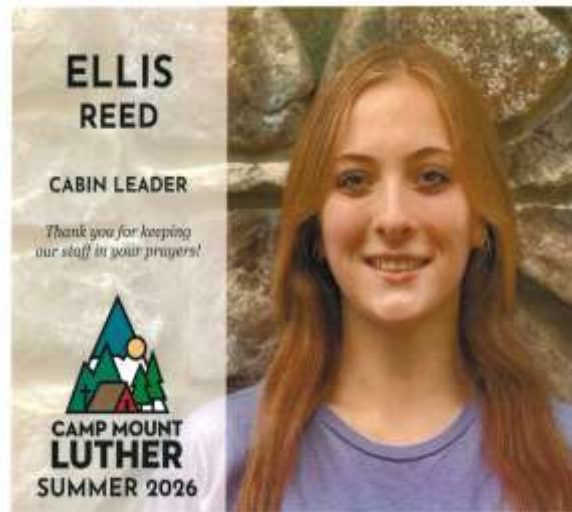
From the banks of the Jordan River to the towering walls of Jericho, JOSHUA is a miraculous adventure for the whole family. Journey alongside the people of Israel as they navigate their new-found freedom in an unforgiving wilderness. When Joshua is called to replace Moses as their faithful leader, tensions mount in the midst of dwindling supplies and approaching armies. With one last fortified city standing between the Israelites and the Promised Land, unexpected hell emerges from behind enemy lines and Joshua’s trust in God’s plan is put to the ultimate test.

Synod Trip to Germany

A trip to Germany is being planned by our Synod 10/10-10/18 (with an option to stay through 10/21), 2026. There is a flyer with more details available, if you are interested please see the church office. Those wishing to go should keep these dates open.



Camp Mount Luther has requested that each congregation in our Synod pray for a member of the Summer Camp Staff. Our Staff Member is Cabin Leader Ellis Reed. Please pray for Ellis and the campers assigned to her.



Young Adults in Global Mission

Hannah Haussmann has felt called to join Young Adults in Global Mission, an ELCA ministry that invites young adults ages 21-35 into a year of international service. Hannah will "walk" alongside global companions in ministries of justice, education, health and community development. Rooted in the Lutheran value of accompaniment, YAGM emphasizes mutuality, listening and transformation through relationships and countering the harms of colonial Christianity. Volunteers are shaped by the witness of their neighbors and return with a deeper understanding of God's work in the world and their own faith.

Hannah has been assigned to Cambodia. Her work at present is still unknown as that will be determined when she learns where she will be located.

Pastor Vasey's Retirement Celebration

August 2, 2026, 9:30 am

The Clock is Ticking

The invitations for the meal following worship have been sent. Please take a moment to learn of the details, check your calendar for your availability to attend, and **please return your reservation as soon as possible**. If, by chance, you did not receive an invitation, please call the church office at 570-323-4619.

YAGM HOW TO GIVE

YAGM VOLUNTEER & GIVING CODE: **Hannah Haussmann: GCS3621**

Your gifts to Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) make a difference!

The YAGM program provides ELCA young adults, ages 21-35, with a life-changing year of service around the world. As the volunteers walk alongside their host communities, they are transformed, engaging in relationships of mutuality, interdependence, solidarity, and trust.

Your donation to an individual YAGM helps support this program. Your gift helps make it possible for our young adults to be formed and informed by our companions and provides an opportunity for young adults to walk with our siblings in Christ around the world every year.

Make checks payable to the "ELCA" with "YAGM" on the memo line. To have your gift designated to an individual YAGM, please include their Giving Code on the memo line and send to

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