

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 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

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

(Kneel/Stand)

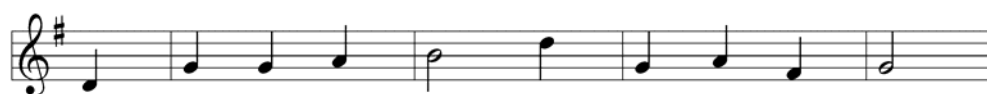
Silence for Reflection and self-examination

**Most merciful God,
Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

***HYMN Oh, Worship the King**

LBW "Green," 548



1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
 2 Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



Oh, grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love;
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 his char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
 our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
 while angels delight to hymn you above,
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall sing to your praise.

*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.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid.

Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts,

for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD¹ God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their¹ hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to¹ those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell¹ in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have¹ met together;

righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

¹² The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

THE SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you,

in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The word of the Lord.

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 14:22-33

The holy gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

***HYMN** **Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

LBW “Green,” 467



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us 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: Merciful God/Receive 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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**

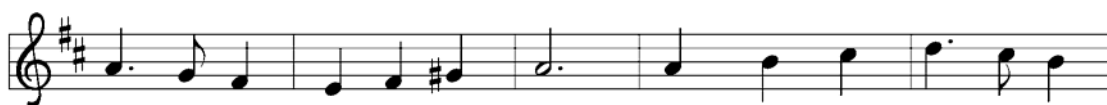
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

Amen

***HYMN Great is Thy Faithfulness WOV “Blue,” 771**



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
stars in their cours-es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

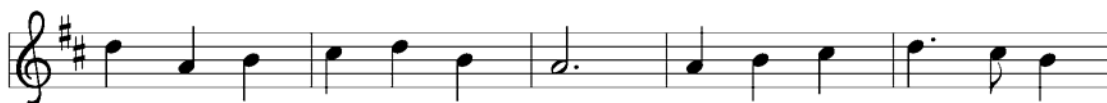


pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

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, Hannah Hausmann, Ellis Reed, and Stephen Boone.

COMMEMORATIONS

Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258

Monday, August 10, 2026

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.



Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.



**Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901;
renewers of society**

Thursday, August 13, 2026

Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.



**Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944;
martyrs**

Friday, August 14, 2026

Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.



Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Saturday, August 15, 2026

The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today, August 9	Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost Holy Communion, 9:30 am Pastor Ron Montgomery preaching and presiding
Monday, August 10	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm Finance Committee, 5:30 pm
Tuesday, August 11	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Wednesday, Aug. 12	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Thursday, August 13	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Friday, August 14	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Saturday, August 15	Office Closed
Sunday, August 16	Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Communion, 9:30 am Pastor Ron Montgomery preaching and presiding

OUR STEWARDSHIP for August 2, 2026

Regular Offering	\$4,943.00
Plate Offerings	110.00
Bulletin Sponsor	10.00
Miscellaneous	70.00
Food Pantry	50.00
Capital Fund	10.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	145.00
Grand Total	\$5,338.00

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God; and
In honor of Ruth Ann Bigelow, by Matt & Wanda Fortin; and
In honor of our grandson, Dallas Hanford, by Matt & Wanda Fortin; and
In honor of my grandchildren, Ezra, Gillian, Asher and my great-granddaughter,
Ren, by Deb Buckman.

WORSHIP LEADERS for August 9, 2026

Preacher/Celebrant	9:30 am	Pastor Ron Montgomery
Lector	9:30 am	Candy Dewar
Communion Assistants	9:30 am	Becky Pryor & Devin Owen
Ushers	9:30 am	Ed, Brenda & Levi Gair, and Elizabeth Haussmann
Hospitality	9:30 am	Gary & Shelby Weber
Organist		Megan Cartwright
Altar Guild		Lou Ann Zeigler, Theresa Furman and Cindy Todd

WORSHIP LEADERS for August 16, 2026

Preacher/Celebrant	9:30 am	Pastor Ron Montgomery
Lector	9:30 am	Ralph Zeigler
Communion Assistants	9:30 am	Gary & Shelby Weber
Ushers	9:30 am	Tim & Deb Maggs, Dick Reitz
Hospitality	9:30 am	Ed, Brenda, and Levi Gair
Organist		Megan Cartwright
Altar Guild		Lou Ann Ziegler, Theresa Furman, and Cindy Todd

ANNIVERSARIES

Tim & Deb Maggs	8/10
Ken & Laura Schreckengast	8/10
Kathy & Neil Eshelman	8/14
Ed & Brenda Gair	8/14
Karen & Stephen Mariano	8/14

BIRTHDAYS

Susan Newcomer	8/10
Lynna Robertson	8/10
Gillian Buckman	8/11
Dallas Fortin	8/11
Charles Greevy	8/11
Ruth Ann Bigelow	8/14
Ray Huff	8/14
Carl Albright	8/15
Bev Hieber	8/15

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 the church office telephone (570-323-4619) or email: stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org.

~ 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



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, Shampoo, Body Wash, Hand Soap, Children’s Toothbrushes and Toothpaste and Adult Toothpaste. **Of urgent need are Q-tips and Band Aids.**

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 Sugar, Canned Mandarin Oranges, Pineapple, “Ritz” Crackers, White Potatoes and Pork & Beans, Wide Egg Noodles, Ramen Noodles, Chicken Noodle Soup 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 shelf stable donations, along with Peanut Butter and Jelly to keep the Blessing Boxes full with safe sandwiches.

Cereal and TastyKakes

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee thanks the congregation for their many donations of assorted cereals for the Pantry and TastyKakes for Redeemer’s Community dinner on August 13. Be looking for how well the congregation responded to those needs in next week’s bulletin.

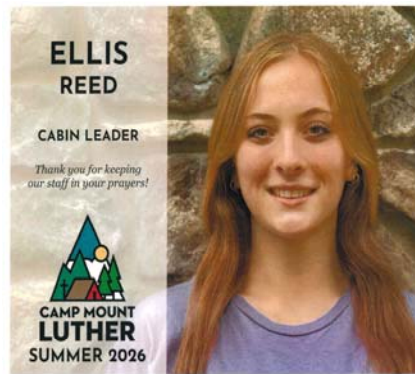
Many thanks to Jackie and Mike Kinney for taking our cereal and non-perishable donations to the United Churches Food Pantry.

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. Part of her work will be the teaching of English to people of the local community.

For information on how to donate to Hannah's mission trip, please contact the church office.



A bus trip to Stone Gables Estate* in Elizabethtown, PA is being organized by Cheryl Williams. This trip is being planned for Wednesday, November 18, 2026. The bus will be pulling out around 10:30 AM from Beiter's parking lot. The trip will include bus fare, a meal catered by "Food for Thought Catering", a ride on the Santa Express train, and the National Christmas center followed by the Christmas light drive-thru. All are included in the price of \$151.00 per adult, children are \$107.00. If interested, please contact Cheryl at (570) 327-1627, reservations are due by October 5, 2026.

* Stone Gables Estate is a biblical faith-based ministry/business. Their mission is to donate 100% of net profits to aid abandoned children worldwide.

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