

Trinity Lutheran Parish
Mona & Six Mile Grove Lutheran Churches
103 Pershing Ave
Lyle, MN 55953

T.L.P. IN TOUCH

SEPTEMBER 2024



May your
blessings be
as countless as
the Autumn
leaves.

September 2024

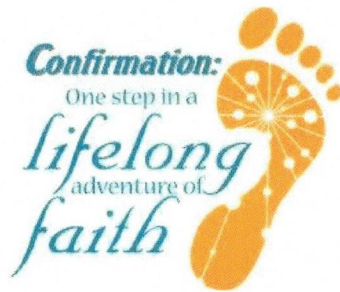
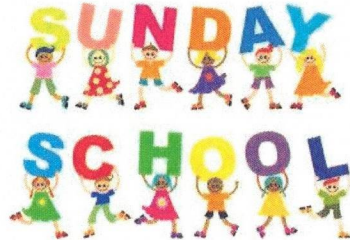
We are called. God's Work. Our Hands. God's Family!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15th Sunday after Pentecost 9 A: SMG w/HC Fellowship 1	2 Pastor Scott's Day Off	3	4 1:30 P: SMG LL, H: Carol A	5 4-8 P: Pizza Ranch Fundraiser for Gloria in Austin	6	7
16th Sunday after Pentecost 9 A: Mona w/HC 10-11:30 A: Egg Bake Fundraiser for Gloria 10:45 A: BS at SMG 8	9 Pastor Scott's Day Off	10 1 P: M&M Bible Study, H: Nancy 7 P: Parish Council Mtg at Mona followed by each Churches Council Mtg	11	12	13	14
17th Sunday after Pentecost 9 A: Our Savior's w/HC Noisy Offering Sunday Sunday School Rally Day Breakfast Fellowship 15	16 Pastor Scott's Day Off 9:30 A: Naomi Circle, H: Kathy H, L: Diane K	17 1-2 P: Visitation for Gloria at Mona 2:30 P: Funeral for Gloria 7 P: Small Group Council Mtg at OS	18 6:?? P: Confirmation Mtg w/Kids and Parents at OS	19	20	21
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Trinity Lutheran Parish Monthly Newsletter: Mona & Six Mile Grove Lutheran Churches



YOUTH

Sunday School:

Kick Off – Sunday, Sept 15th at OS.

Classes – Sunday, Sept 22nd at SMG. Then will follow the hosting church each Sunday. See calendar inside.

Sunday School class – the children again will leave worship following the children's sermon.

Confirmation:

Wednesday, Sept 18th, Pastor will meet with the parents and confirmation students at Our Savior's at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, Sept 25st, Class will begin at Our Savior's. Supper at 6:00 pm and Class from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Youth for Christ in Austin

The building is on the northside across the street from the High School (400 3rd Ave, Austin). Contact, John Engelstad, the Director, #507-481-4894. Feel free to check it out on FB. Facebook Group: Austin Youth for Christ.

Breakfast Club:

Middle School on T & F from 7:30-8:15 A at Bethlehem Church, Austin. Before school, come and have some hot chocolate and breakfast to start your day right. We do fun ice breakers, play music and have a daily life message based on bible verses.

Angels....as explained by children

Some of the angels are in charge of healing sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the child get over it.

Vicki, age 8

WISDOM TREASURE HUNT

In the Bible, Proverbs says to search for wisdom like it was "hidden treasure." Everyone loves a treasure hunt, so invite your family or friends to join you in a search for the wisdom found in Proverbs.

Here's what you'll need:

- 2 sheets of 8-1/2" x 11" paper
- 12 pieces of string, yarn or ribbon (12" each)
- pen
- scissors
- hole punch
- Bible



Here's how to play:

1. Fold each paper in half, in half again, and in half again. You should end up with your paper divided into 8 rectangles.
2. Cut out each rectangle.
3. Use this list to write the name (Proverbs) and the numbers of a chapter and a verse on each rectangle: Proverbs 2:6 / 3:13 / 3:19 / 4:5 / 4:7 / 5:1 / 8:11 / 16:16 / 18:4 / 19:8 / 24:3.
4. Punch a hole in the corner of each rectangle and tie a piece of string, yarn or ribbon through each hole.
5. Choose one person to hide the Proverb tags, tying them to objects inside or outside your house.
6. Send everyone to look for the tags.
7. After all the tags are found, look up the verses to see why we should treasure wisdom.
8. Create your own hunt by searching your Bible for more verses about wisdom.



Search for Wisdom

It's the start of a new school year! You'll learn many things and read many books. There's an important book in the Bible called the book of Proverbs. It tells us to learn about God and to search for wisdom.

Read Proverbs 2:1-5 (NIV) below, and then search the puzzle for the capital words.



"... if you ACCEPT my words and store up my COMMANDS within you, turning your EAR to WISDOM and applying your HEART to UNDERSTANDING, and if you call out for INSIGHT and cry aloud for understanding, and if you LOOK for it as for SILVER and SEARCH for it as for hidden TREASURE, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the KNOWLEDGE of GOD."

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I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold.
Gregory, age 5

PRAY

Prayers of Healing and Strength to:

Brian Barber	Colleen Crouch	Carol Ekle	Barb Fossey
Mike and Amy Fossey	Theresa Groesbeck	Margie Harrison	
Denny Helgeson	Andres Knudsen	Dick Brunner	Troy Murphy
Emily Nelson	Verdon Olson	Jack Rector	Gladys Sampson
Jerry Sampson	Beth Whalen	Scott Willert	Fabiola (Oaxaca)

Please pray for God's protection of our troops and HIS wisdom for their commanders. "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Christopher Slindee	Thomas Frank	Kelly Fredrickson
Riley Wondra	Adam Dublinske (M)	Skyler Thomas (NG)
Ed Dreyer (M)	Gage Thompson (AF)	

Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of the Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(NG=National Guard), (M=Marines), (AF=Air Force), (A=Army), (N=Navy)

Missions to pray for:

- >Pastor Samuel, his family and church members in Oaxaca.
- >Friends of Ngong Road children and their families – Lenny Kamanda, Josephine Wairimu, Monica Wanjiku, Sharon Mideva, Victor Nyarega, Faith Mumo, Emily Wanjiku, Godfrey Otieno and Swinny Mbone.
- >Peace and Power, Marie Sandvick Center, Lyle Food Shelf, Good Earth Village, Haiti

Prayers for guidance:

Pastor Scott ~ Parish Council ~ Church Councils ~ Sunday School Teacher ~
Members of Six Mile Grove, Mona & Our Savior's Lutheran Churches

Sympathy and Prayers

- ...to the family of Rueben Murphy.
- ...to the family of Jeff Allen.
- ...to the family of Gloria (Hanson) Moss.

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go the Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel cloths. Matthew, age 9

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows!!!
Jack, age 6

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

LECTORS:

Member Name

Sunday, Sept 1 - SMG
Sunday, Sept 8 - Mona
Sunday, Sept 15 - OS
Sunday, Sept 22 - SMG
Sunday, Sept 29 - Mona

USHERS for September:

Mona: Sue Horgen, Lowell and Margaret Meyer

SMG: Dale & Joan Anderson Family / John & Laura Krull Family

COMMUNION ASSIST.:

Mona: Becky Fredrickson and/or Nancy Mickelson

SMG: Jim Sampson, Teri Zimmerman and/or Timm Ehret

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Mona: Sue Horgen, Lowell and Margaret Meyer

SMG: TBD

*Thank YOU for the giving of YOUR time
and having a Servant Heart!*

Up to the task

When work — or life — gets difficult, we may think back to childhood. Things were a lot easier and our problems were much smaller when we were young.

Or were they?

The challenges we faced back then may seem small and insignificant now, but they surely didn't feel that way at the time. Somehow we endured each challenge — and grew as a result.

The next time you face a difficulty, remember this: The task before us is no greater than the power behind us.

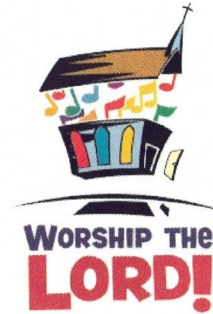
And there is power behind you. "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:30).

FROM THE PASTOR...

September 2024

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the Lord in holy splendor." -- 1 Chronicles 16:29

Our summer worship schedule is officially over after Labor Day weekend. That means we will once again be gathering inside the church for 'formal' worship services starting on September 8th. As we've done for the past couple years, worship will rotate every week between the three churches. The 8th is at Mona, the 15th is at Our Savior's, and the 22nd is at Six Mile Grove (and so forth).



Especially after worshipping as we have during the summer, I often wonder what kind of worship service appeals to the greatest number of people. In other words, should we continue to offer traditional, formal, 'liturgical' services, or should we worship in a more casual, informal, non-liturgical way? Or maybe we should do some of each, or try something that's a little of both...

I suspect that if I asked ten people that question, I'd probably get ten different answers. With some exceptions, younger people tend to prefer less formal worship, whereas older folks oftentimes like it more traditional. Personally, I happen to LOVE the traditional, Lutheran liturgy. But at the same time, I realize that probably appeals to a smaller and smaller group of people. Plus, if we are trying to attract MORE people to join us for worship, whether members of our churches or non-members, wouldn't the less formal service go over a lot better?

Our Worship Committee will be discussing these issues in the near future. But I'd also like to get more input from our members. So a questionnaire is being put together that will give you the opportunity to voice your opinions. Look for that sometime this fall, and please take the time to fill it out and share your thoughts.

In the meantime, however, please join us for worship. Our church family is not complete without you!

Pastor Scott

Welcome to Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ!!!

The LCMC Board of Trustees has approved the applications for Six Mile Grove and Mona Lutheran Churches to become a part of LCMC. The profile for the congregation is now listed on the LCMC website www.lcmc.net. Be sure to visit the website to view all of the information regarding LCMC. Congratulations!

CHRISTIAN ENTERTAINMENT

- Hymn Festival on Saturday, September 14 at 4:00 pm. Cantor Matthew Machemer from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, will help lead the congregation through several hymns which help us to reflect on our yearly theme – “Yesterday, today, and forever” With assistance from Immanuel’s choir, several Immanuel musicians, and reflections from Pastor Squire, it will be an event you won’t want to miss! The festival will begin at 4 pm and is open to the public. Invite family, friends, and neighbors! Hope to see you there! Immanuel Lutheran in STA will be hosting this in connection with their 150th Anniversary Celebration.
- A Sanctus Real concert will be held September 13th at Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mankato. 5:15 pm – 5:30 pm VIP doors open, 5:30 pm – 5:55 pm VIP Q&A with Sanctus Real, 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm Early Entry doors open, 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm General Admission doors open, 7:00 pm – 7:20 pm Hosanna Worship Team, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Sanctus Real Concert. For tickets visit: <https://hosanna.church/events/>
- This September, you are invited to Grace Church Eden Prairie to see Jeremy Camp live in concert! This best-selling Christian artist has created many hits throughout his career—you may recognize classic songs like “[Same Power](#),” “[There Will Be A Day](#),” along with newer hits like “[Dead Man Walking](#),” “[These Days](#),” and more! In fact, in 2020 you might’ve enjoyed watching Jeremy Camp’s movie also titled *I Still Believe*, which followed the love story of him and his first wife as well as her battle with cancer. Make sure to join us on September 7 for this encouraging night of worship! Go to: myktis.com for more info.
- Steven Curtis Chapman in concert on Feb 20, 2025 at NIACC in Mason City, IA. Call for tickets 641-422-4188 or www.niacc.edu/boxoffice. Ticket prices start at 25.00.

CHURCH INFO

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday, Sept 1	9:00 am	SMG w/HC
Sunday, Sept 8	9:00 am	Mona w/HC
Sunday, Sept 15	9:00 am	OS w/HC
Sunday, Sept 22	9:00 am	SMG
Sunday, Sept 29	9:00 am	Mona

LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION FOR CHRIST

- **Congratulations to SMG and Mona!** We are officially approved as they have accepted our applications to become a part of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)! If you would like information about LCMC, please go to <https://www.lcmc.net/>
- **Delegates for the LCMC National Gathering** -This will take place from Sept 29 – Oct 1 in Cedar Rapids, IA. Would you like to go with Pastor Scott to this gathering? Let Pastor Scott, Steve Sampson or Craig Whalen know if you are interested in this.

COUNCIL MTG’S

- Parish Council will meet, Tuesday, Sept 10th, 7 pm at Mona.
- Mona Council mtg will follow Parish Council Mtg.
- SMG Council mtg will follow Parish Council Mtg.
- Small Group Council mtg, Tuesday, Sept 17th, 7 pm at OS

GLORIA MOSS FUNDRAISER EVENTS:

The Mona Lutheran Church is starting a benefit for Gloria and checks can be mailed or given to the church. Please mail to: Mona Lutheran Church ~ c/o of Karen Whalen ~ 4979 Dancer Ave ~ St. Ansgar, IA 50472. *Please put Gloria Moss Benefit in the Memo.*

- Pizza Ranch on Thursday, Sept 5th from 4-8 pm. All proceeds will go to the Gloria Moss family.
- Egg Bake Breakfast on Sunday, Sept 8th following the 9 am service from 10-11:30 am at Mona. All donations will go to the Gloria Moss benefit. There will be another benefit at a later date in St. Ansgar. Watch for more details.
- The at Home First Can Drive will also donate all proceeds to the Gloria Moss Benefit. *Just a reminder, no glass, plastic or metal.* Can should be put in the trailer at Mona. Thank you.
- Sunday, Sept 22nd at First Lutheran Parish Center in STA from 12-2 pm. If anyone would like to make a pan of bars, take them to the

Also a
Silent
Auction

Parish Center after 4 pm on Saturday or bring them prior to 12 pm on Sunday. If you would like a Mona member to get you there, contact Faye Haugen at 641-590-2578 or Karen Whalen at 641-326-4718. Thank YOU for your support!

Menu: Sloppy Joes, Potato Salad,
Beans, Cookie or Bar, Coffee + Water.
Free - will offering

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rally Day will be Sunday, Sept 15th. Breakfast Fellowship will follow worship. Noisy Offering that day. See the Youth Page for more info. And watch and listen for more details and a donation list to follow

COMMUNITY POTLUCK SUPPER

Come on out for some food and games on Thursday, Sept 26th at 6:30 pm at Mona. Everyone is welcome!

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

On Saturday, June 22nd, Ben Unseth's church in Spencer, IA, Faith Lutheran, experienced historic flooding. This resulted in 2 feet of water throughout the church. Donations are currently being accepted for their clean-up and rebuilding efforts, which are estimated to be in excess of \$250,000. Please mark your checks or cash gifts "Faith Recover", or go to www.flcspencer.org to donate privately.

YOU ARE INVITED!

- We would love to have you join us for the Coffee Club. Gatherings will be the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am for Coffee, Conversation and Christian Study at Our Savior's Lutheran in Lyle

SMG BIBLE STUDY

Will begin Sunday, Sept 8th at SMG, 10:30 in Dinning Hall. Study group will meet every Sunday at SMG. Coffee is free! All are welcome!

WELCA / CIRCLES

- >SMG WELCA -Wednesday, Sept 4th, 1:30, H: Carol A (NOTE Date change)
- >Naomi Circle - Monday, Sept 16, 9:30 H: Kathy H, L: Diane K
- >Mona M&M Circle/BS - Tuesday, Sept 10 at 1:00 pm, H&L: Nancy
- >Mona LL - Monday, Sept 23 at 6:30 pm, H: Sue

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses
and boys didn't go for it. Antonio, age 9

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son,
who's a very good carpenter. Jared, age 8

COMMUNITY

Lyle Area Cancer Quilt for a Cure

Sept 19, 20 & 21st from 9 am to 9 pm daily at Our Savior's in Lyle.

STA Fall Festival

Sept 7th beginning at 9 am to 3 pm. Handmade goods, crafts, art, original handiwork, vintage, antique, seasonal produce, food will be on 4th St.

Women's Connection

You are invited: Sept 9th from 9:30-11:30 am at the Eagles Club #703.
Cost: \$13.00. Guest Speaker: Dolly Slitselaar, "Life's Many Detours", Music: Cindy Chrstenson & Special Feature: Rachel's Hope Update
Men are welcome too! *We open in Prayer, enjoy a delicious Breakfast together. This time together is enjoyable, inspiring and fun! We hope to see you there! (107 11th St NE, Austin, MN)*

Otter Creek Orchard

Saturday and Sundays from Sept 14 - Oct 27 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm with General Admin \$8 per person and Age 2 and under \$Free
(Located in Mona, IA)

Annual Ham and Beef Supper: Drive-thru or Dine in

Wednesday, Sept 18th from 4-7:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran (65033 220th St, Elkton, MN). Menu: Ham & Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Coleslaw, Corn, Pickles, Rolls, Pie, Coffee and Milk. Tickets \$15.00

Pub Theology

Different Brews ~ Different views ~ Beer, Conversation & God
All perspectives welcome!
Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at Worth Brewing Company.
(835 Central Ave, Northwood, IA)
Hosted by First Lutheran and Northwood UMC

Can Drive: At HOME First = Helping Others Means Everything

Please deposit your empty aluminum pop cans
into the fenced trailer at Mona Lutheran Church. Thank YOU!

Cans for Cancer

Collecting aluminum cans though out the year with a collection box behind the Lyle Legion. Please donate your empty aluminum cans to a very worthy cause.

LYLE FOOD SHELF/PANTRY

>The food pantry at Our Savior's is *grateful* for your support, please help us keep our shelves full. **Needed:** *Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Soups, Canned Meat (chicken, tuna, etc).* Cash is always appreciated also.
>The last Saturday of the month (Sept 28?) at Our Savior's in Lyle, they will hand out food bags at 10:00 am

Ruby's Pop-up Pantry

Austin's Grace Lutheran Church hosts Ruby's Pantry the third Thursday of each month from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Doors open at 4:00 PM

THANK YOU!

Thank YOU to all of you who have been mowing the lawn at Mona this summer!

Thank YOU to all of you who have served goodies on Sunday mornings for fellowship this summer!

IGLESIA EVANGELICA NACIONAL NUEVA GENERACION

Pastor Samuel Sanchez Mazas

Domicillo Conocido ~ Camino a San Miguel Puerto ~ Peidra de Moros
Santa Maria Huatulco, Oaxaca, Mexico

August 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
My wife, Angelina, and I would like to thank you for the warm welcome and the hospitality shown to us during our recent visit to Iowa and Minnesota. Meeting and worshiping with fellow believers at Our Savior's, Trinity Parish, Lighthouse of Hope, St John the Baptist and Grace Lutheran Churches was a highlight for our visit. Your interest, prayers, physical and financial support have been instrumental in the growth of our ministry here in Oaxaca.

The support from these communities has helped us in building eight new worship spaces and strengthened and supported many more. This in addition to the ongoing humanitarian efforts and the work and education assistance programs your IA-MN Group implemented in 1996. The number of people you have helped is uncountable.

It was wonderful to reunite with and thank 21 individuals who have come to Oaxaca and helped us in our ministry for almost 30 years. These individuals have always been willing to do anything, whatever and wherever the members of our congregations needed assistance. They have all been wonderful representatives of your communities and ambassadors of the United States.

During our visit we observed the Western Union transfer of funds from you to the Tupetungo congregation. They will be able to install a septic system and bathroom. Pastor Angel in Huatulco received funds to repair earthquake damage to their worship space.

We enjoyed the warmth and fellowship at church activities and in many homes—men and women's breakfasts, quilting, freezing sweet corn for a church supper, driving HUGE farm equipment, attending a professional soccer game (Mexico lost!!), a county fair and Christian music concert and so much delicious food. The FLAT TERRAIN and STRAIGHT ROADS of Iowa-Minnesota were an 'interesting' experience for driving and observing from the air.

Again, our heartfelt thanks to each of you for the prayers, and the emotional, physical and financial support given to our ministry throughout the years.

Shalom,

Pastor Samuel and Angelina