

The Crusader

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11:00 am Traditional Worship

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The Beauty of the Month of September

The close of summer, while often bittersweet, provides a powerful reminder of God's enduring faithfulness and the cyclical nature of life. As the long days of sunshine and leisure give way to cooler temperatures and shorter daylight hours, I encourage you to see this transition as an opportunity for spiritual reflection and growth. The cycle of life and God's faithfulness. It is good to see these times of change each year as they remind us of the cycle of our so very short lives. The perspective we learn and gain, immeasurable to the wisdom that our God gives us every year.

Just as the earth transitions through its seasons – spring, summer, autumn, and winter – so too do our lives experience periods of growth, rest, change, and renewal. The changing of the seasons serves as a powerful metaphor for these different phases we encounter, reminding us that:

- 1) **God is sovereign over all time and events**, orchestrating the natural rhythms of life with purpose and intention.
- 2) **His presence is constant and reliable**, as reflected in the predictable cycles of the sun and moon, and the changing seasons and in His teachings in His perfect Word.
- 3) **Each season, regardless of its characteristics, has its unique significance and beauty within God's plan.** And He desperately wants to share the plan that He has for you every day.
- 4) **We can trust in God's perfect timing and wisdom**, even when facing challenging or difficult transitions. For His love for us is far more perfect than the changes of the seasons.

Pastor's Portion continued

The end of summer can be a time to find God in the transition, but not the only time!

- **Reflect on God's provision and blessings throughout the summer months**, expressing gratitude for His ongoing care and guidance in your life!
- **Embrace the inevitable transitions and changes in life**, both natural and personal, with a renewed sense of hope and purpose that only He can give.!
- **Seek God's guidance and wisdom** as we navigate new beginnings or challenging circumstances, every day of our lives.

Lean on God's Word for strength and comfort during times of transition or uncertainty, remembering His promises to be with us in every season, every day, and every moment!

Rather than clinging to the past or resisting change, I would suggest embracing the transition from summer to autumn as an opportunity to:

- **"Let go" of what no longer serves us**, much like trees shed their leaves in the fall. This could include old habits, limiting beliefs, or unproductive patterns that hinder our spiritual growth.
- **Prepare for new growth and opportunities** by reflecting on lessons learned and seeking fresh perspectives in His perfect Holy Word.

Find solace in God's enduring presence and trust in His purpose, even when facing uncertainty or loss. For He IS ALWAYS with You!

In essence, the end of summer, like all seasons of life, offers a chance to deepen our walk with God, trusting in His steadfast love and guidance as we navigate the ever-changing landscape of our lives.

God's Blessings Always

Rev. Donn Woolweber

Stephen Minister Resource
HELP ME LOVE ONE ANOTHER LORD,
AS YOU LOVE ME

**There's a heart, waiting and wanting; There's a heart
filled with despair.**

**There's a heart, lonely and frightened With need for one
to care.**

**There's a heart, lost and forgotten With a yearning for a
friend.**

**There's a heart crying for healing, Lord, That only you
can send.**

**Help me love another, Lord, as you love me. Help me
touch a hurting heart so caringly.**

**And when I look into their eyes of pain or
questioning, Lord, may I see you looking back at me.**

**There's a soul that needs forgiveness; There's a soul
searching for peace. There's a soul that's deeply
hurting And it cries for pain to cease.**

**There's a soul looking to me, Lord, For my care, my
listening.**

**There's a soul searching for wholeness; Lord, please
reach that soul through me.**

Please help me love another, Lord, as you love me.

Help me touch a troubled heart so patiently.

**Now when I look into their eyes, awakened by your
grace, I know I'm seeing you, Lord, face to face.**

Marty, Stephen Minister | Birmingham, Michigan

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September Birthdays

Anniversaries

02	Phillys Livingston	08	Dave & Ginny Gray
03	Roxanna Wingate	14	Jean & Keith Lohmeyer
05	Debbie Lineweaver	16	Kris & Tim Pianka
05	Sally Schuh	30	Donna & John Hassman
06	Lois Obermire		
10	Niko Scotton		
13	Peggy Gum		
15	Shirley Jenkins		
15	Caitlin Stanton		
16	Rose Wheaton		
16	Katie Hiller		
19	Dave Rose		
20	Melanie Asche		
21	Jesse Young		

Upcoming Events:

- September 6th and 20th Holy Communion at both services
- Corn Hole will be held from 9 am to 11 am every Saturday in September.
- Friends Supporting Friends@11:00 am Mondays
- Saturday, September 12@6:30 pm Bunco
- Thursday, September 10@1 pm Book Club
- Tuesday, September 15@2 pm Lay Ministry meeting
- Thursday, September 17@2 pm LWML meeting

Food Shelf Newsletter Article September 2026

Luke 6:38 – “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

A total of 210 non perishable food and healthcare items were donated to Love INC. We provided gas money assistance and distributed an emergency food box to one neighbor. We also replenished these items. Another neighbor was assisted with their rent. A special “thank you” to Lynn Flury for her help facilitating these acts of kindness.

Monthly, we provide GrabNGo lunch supplies (bread, lunch meats, cheese, peanut butter and jelly and apples). We also provided 600 napkins, 600 sandwich bags and 4 large containers of dry creamer.

High priority items needed include: pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, oatmeal, instant potatoes, shelf-stable microwave meals, canned meals (spaghetti-O’s etc, with pop-tops), and canned tuna/beef/chicken, soup, napkins, zip top sandwich bags.

If you’d like to make a monetary donation, it can be placed in the offering plate with the envelope marked “Food Shelf”.

Checks can be written out to Christ Lutheran Church with “Food Shelf” on the memo line.

Thank you for your continued support. Every donation made blesses both the recipient and the giver.

FOOD SHELF TEAM

Linda Boone

Carl Boone

Janet Moore

BSSP September News Article

Vacation Bible School for BSSP was held the week of August 3rd through 7th with 12 students attending. We had a great time singing and dancing to the music videos, listening to the Bible stories, doing crafts, and eating. The theme was "Rainforest Falls – Exploring the true nature of God".

Our successful week was made possible with help from MANY Congregational members and friends (Ruth Williams, Lita Jackstat, Nan Boyd, Sue Morris, Joan Kresfsky, Kathy Williams, Linda Gibson, Ginny & Steve Hoffman, and Holly Adams) who under the direction of Peggy Gum helped with the evening meals; and our dedicated BSSP staff members (Leona Tull, Jean & Keith Lohmeyer, Dan & Carol Schreffler, Pastor Donn Woolweber, Dave & Bonnie Rose, and Donna Hassman) who helped with the program and serving meals. Thank you also to the parents and caregivers who sent their students each evening.

Our Saturday BSSP classes will resume on September 12th with the following lesson schedule:

September 12 – Jacob's Family

September 19- Esau Forgives Jacob

September 26 – Joseph and His Brothers

We meet from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday mornings and invite everyone to visit and see our program and the fun we have.

Leona Tull & Donna Hassman, Co-coordinators



September 6	Deanna Thomas
September 13	Ginny & Dave Gray
September 20	Kathy Williams
September 27	Donna Hassman

Lutheran Laymen's League

Each week a telephone number appears on the information sheet. Hopefully, most of you have dared to try phoning it. If you haven't, you are missing a wonderful opportunity to reinforce your faith or a chance to share the Gospel with someone else. You might start with yourself. The number is 800-876-9880. Give it a try anytime of the day.

The next LLL get together will be at the home of Pastor Woolweber on September 17th. Mark that date for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. We also need to be thinking about our next project for reaching out to others.

Blessings Abound, Don Miller

EVANGELISM OPORTUNITIES

Our Fall Festival is right around the corner. October 3rd will be here before we realize it. We need your participation to ensure a fun-filled day for our community. We have 3 Christian music groups coming with the possibility of 3 more. Ponies will be here. We are asking members and friends of the congregation to loan us 3-5 pumpkins of various sizes for the day. You would carve your initials on the bottom of the pumpkin for proper return for your own decorations. Sign-up sheets will be placed on the bulletin board very soon. Our planned events include pumpkin bowling, face painting, pony rides, corn hole, cake walk, apple bobbing, pumpkin tic tac toe, live Christian music, pumpkin painting, and even a prayer booth. Surely, one of these activities has piqued your interest, so begin thinking how to use your talents. If you have any questions, please ask Debbie Gates or Don Miller.



Join us for CornHole play anytime between 9:00 and 10:30 in Friendship Hall on Saturday mornings beginning September 5. Drop in at your convenience; we'd love to have you. Aileen and Bill Watkins.

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	1	2	3		4 Office Closed	5 9-11 am CornHole Friendship Hall	6 8:30 am Praise Service w/Communion 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 11:00 am Traditional Service w/Communion
7 11 am Friends Supporting Friends Happy Labor Day! Office Closed	8	9	10 1 pm Book Club		11 Office Closed	12 9-11 am CornHole 10 am BSSP 6:30 pm Bunco	13 8:30 am Praise Service 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Service Food Shelf Sunday
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