



September

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### What is Worship: The Power of the Word

*“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12*



The Word of God is central to our life in Christ. It is God’s Word which brings us to faith, that convicts us of our sins, and that grants us the forgiveness that Jesus won for us on the cross. God’s Word teaches us what we need to know in order to be saved. In the Bible, we learn about God’s saving grace shown to sinners like us. God speaks to us through the authors of Scripture in Law and Gospel. The Law Shows our Sins, and the Gospel Shows our Savior. The Law tells us how we have sinned by disobeying God’s commands, and the Gospel shows us how God has chosen to save us from our sins by sending Jesus to be our Savior.

**God’s Word in Worship** ~ Lutheran Worship is steeped in God’s Word. In the Divine Service, we hear God’s Word spoken throughout the liturgy, and we speak back to God what He has said to us. The hymnal has Bible references on nearly every page of the liturgy. Each Sunday, we hear readings from the Old Testament, from the Epistles of the New Testament, and from the Gospels. The sermon applies God’s Word to our lives through Law and Gospel. We sing hymns that proclaim the Word of God, and we end with our service with the blessing of the Lord.

**Studying God’s Word in Bible Study** ~ We have several opportunities each week to study God’s Word in Bible Study:

- Sunday morning Bible Study @ 8:30am. We will meet in the Stahlecker room for the next couple of weeks but will move downstairs to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Our Women’s Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the Stahlecker Room, and our Men’s Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 8:30am, also in the Stahlecker Room.

If you have not been to a Bible Study before, or if it has been a long time since you attended, come join us! We would love to have you with us as we study God’s Word.

If you ever find yourself going through a spiritual struggle, please give me a call. I would love to sit down with you and listen to your concerns, so that together, we can see what God has to say about the challenges we face in this life.

Take time out of your day to study God’s Word. Take time out of your week to attend a Bible Study and learn what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. If you are unable to attend any of these Bible Studies, but have something you would like to discuss, let me know so that we can find a time to meet and talk about them.

*Pastor Jonathan Schultz*

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## OCTOBER LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

Please have your articles and tidbits into the church office by:

**Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>!!**

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Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

## WEE DISCIPLES



***“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord...”***

*Psalm 127:3*

**Welcome Back to School** to all of our returning children and staff; and, **Welcome to Wee Disciples** to all of our new children and new staff members! We are looking forward to a great school year! The first day of the 2023-2024 school year is August 30<sup>th</sup>. Check out the bulletin



board in the downstairs hallway to find out who all the Wee Disciples' staff members are! Thank you to everyone who attended the Back-to-School Open House on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to the families who enrolled their children for our summer program! We enjoyed spending time with your children. It was a busy summer filled with VBS, field trips, and lots of fun activities!

We will be closed on September 4<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day.

The Board of Early Childhood Education meets on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

The *Fuddrucker's Burgers for Benefits* fundraiser continues on the third Tuesday of each month again this year. September 19<sup>th</sup> will be the next opportunity to participate. Coupons are available on the announcement board upstairs near the door to Miss Debbie's room. We also are continuing with the *Smith's Rewards Program*. Thank you for your continued support with these fundraising efforts!

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Did you know that Trinity has scholarships available for families of Trinity who have, or would like to have, their children attending Wee Disciples Preschool and Day Care? You do not need to have a financial need, but you do need to be a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. The application is available on our website ([www.trinity-mt.org](http://www.trinity-mt.org)) or in the church office.



**Musicians Wanted** ~ We are starting up rehearsals for Adult Choir and Handbells again. Both groups will add their talents to worship services often throughout the year. We're always looking for new singers and ringers! Handbell Choir will practice on Tuesdays at 6:00pm beginning September 5<sup>th</sup>. Adult Choir will practice on Wednesdays 5:30pm beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>. ***Kids Hand chimes will be coming soon!*** Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord - come join us! Please see Judy Boyce or Amy Schultz for more information.

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## LWML News

All ladies of the congregation, including our new members and confirmed young women, are invited and encouraged to attend all LWML happenings here at Trinity.

Please contact Sylvia Adams or Amy Schultz for more information.



We are starting the 2023-2024 LWML with our first Group Gathering on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Below is a tentative plan for the year. Please come and bring your ideas of what you would like to see happen this year.

**September 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30 am** ~ LWML Group Gathering in the Stahlecker Room

**September 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ LWML Fall Retreat @ Camp Trinity, Big Fork, MT

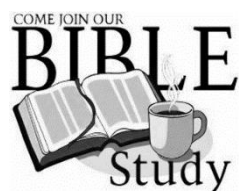
**September 27<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:30 am** ~ LWML Board meeting

**September 29<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>** ~ Pastor's Wives Retreat @ Trinity

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** ~ LWML Sunday (tentative)

**October 7<sup>th</sup>** ~ Fall Rally @ Peace Lutheran (watch for details)

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The **Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible study** meets every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00am in the Stahlecker Room. On September 13<sup>th</sup> we will be starting a new Bible study titled "*Gifts, Chosen for You*". This is an eight-week study. Lessons in the study include: *Lesson 1: The Gift of Administration; Lesson 2: The Gift of Faith; Lesson 3: The Gift of Generosity; Lesson 4: The Gift of Mercy; Lesson 5: The Gift of Prophecy; Lesson 6: The Gift of Service; Lesson 7: The Gift of Teaching; and Lesson 8: The Gift of Wisdom.* We look forward to having you join us for a morning of fellowship together as we study God's Word.

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**Men's Bible Study** continues to meet on **Thursday mornings at 8:30am** for an hour of fellowship and study of God's Word. All the men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

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September brings the completion of harvest for farmers in Montana, a bountiful one this year. Gardens in town are giving the last of the fruits of the earth. Out in the foothills and mountain meadows *white pearly everlasting* is blooming, which keeps its dry bloom as a straw flower rather than wilting. A book about wildflowers relates the Indian legend that Indians would grind up dry *pearly everlasting* blooms into a powder to blow in their horses' ears to give them endurance and stamina.

**The Friday Ladies Bible study** will resume their studies of the book of Mark a bit tardy this month, gathering around the table searching the scriptures on September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm. Reading, hearing, and discussing God's Word gives comfort, endurance, and stamina for life. Join them at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., where there is always a place at the table just for you.

Sharing God's Word, the **Assisted Living Ministry** continues with joy this month. Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> they will be at *The Lodge*, 1801 9<sup>th</sup> St. S., from 10:00-10:45am with hymn singing and a devotion. Pastor Reinke will celebrate worship services at *The Lodge* on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm and at *Highgate Senior Living* on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. The ever-popular monthly no host lunch will be held at Dante's, 1325 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am. Afterward many will go to *Highgate Senior Living*, 3000 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Come and sit in on some of these activities to be enriched with God's Word.

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**Thank You** ~ To our church family we would like to thank you for helping us celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Your presence made the day extra special. *Love in Christ, Kim & Rochelle Kimmerle*

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**Our shut-ins**

**Vi Biberdorf** (Highgate Senior Living), **Millie Birkholz** (The Lodge), **Ellen Carpenter** (Eagle's Manor), **Jean Ann Craven** (The Lodge), **Anita Erickson** (at home), **Ed Hickel** (at home), **Evelyn McNaight** (Bee Hive Homes-Sage), **Arleen Nelson** (Bee Hive Homes-Pine Tree), **Bob Nommensen Sr.** (at home), **George & Myrtle Pence** (at Benefis Extended Care), **Juanita Winter** (Bee Hive Homes-Clover)

**Bob & Sherrie Blomstrom** (Beehive Homes in Helena), **Darlene Murray** (at son's home in Kansas), **Vi-Nell** (at daughter's home in Arizona), **Flo Winter** (at daughter's home in North Dakota)

**Our members and their caregivers who continue to battle health issues**

Chuck & Judy Lively, Chuck & Elsie Lorenz, Jerry & Colleen Mans  
Henry & Alice Schuman, Wally & Diane Thompson

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**We pray for those serving in the military and law enforcement:**

**Sam Birkett**, Cascade County Sheriff's Deputy; **Evan Brenner**, USAF; **Nathan Brenner**, USAF; **Scott Broberg**, USAF; **Daniel Crème'**, USAF; **James Crumley**, USAF; **Matthew Erickson**, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson); **Joshua Graham**, USA (Blomstrom's grandson-in-law); **Clifton Grilley**, USN (Headington's son); **Shelan Kaky**, USAF; **Krista Kotz**, USAF; **Dustin Krueger**, USAF (LaVelle VanVoast's son); **Isaac Monroe**, USAF; **Chaplain Jonathan Schultz**, USAF; **Kalainee Teaney**, USAF; **Tanner Tilton**, USAF (Millie Birkholz's grandson); **Julie Timms** (Waetzig's granddaughter)

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**Our Seminary Student**

**Aaron Ferguson**, 6600 N. Clinton St. Box 245, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Birthdate: January 16<sup>th</sup>

Home Church: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Hyannis, NE

Special Ministry Interests: Rural Ministry, Parish/Congregational

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**Rev. Dr. David & Jennifer Preus** ~ Eurasia (Romania)

**Rev. Dr. Gerald & Heidi Paul** ~ Cayman Islands

**Rev. Eric & Johanna Stinnett** ~ Ethiopia

**John & Jenn Wolf** ~ Kenya, Africa

**Giving Online:** You can partner with the LCMS by making an online gift restricted in use to the support of these missionaries at [lcms.org](http://lcms.org)



**Giving by Check:** You can also make a donation to their ministries by check. *Mail your check, made payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and designated with the missionaries last name, to:*

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

P.O. Box 66861

St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

**QUESTIONS?** Call 888-930-4438 or send an email to [mission.giving@lcms.org](mailto:mission.giving@lcms.org).

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## **COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2023**

For the period July 30, 2023 through August 20, 2023

July 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,073
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,412
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,728
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,900
Vanco	\$ 640

**Actual giving for report period: \$15,753**

Roof Repair Fund –through 08/20/2023      \$34,149 (\$20,000 in an investment account)

If you have any questions, please call me at (406) 868-2260 ~ *James Lautenschlager, Assistant Treasurer*

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### **Church Photo Directory**



## **The new church pictorial directory is here!!!**

### **Get your copy in the church office.**

If your information changes (new phone number, new address, dump your landline, add a family member, etc.) please let the church office know so that we can keep everyone informed and up to date.

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*Baptized into the family of God*

*July 16, 2023*

*Clay Kobe Isakson*

*and*

*Crue John Isakson*

*sons of JC and Baylie Isakson*



**Bonnie Bauer**  
P.O. Box 478  
Big Sandy, MT  
59520-0478

**Purl (George) Pence**  
Rainbow Senior Living  
20 3<sup>rd</sup> St. N.  
Great Falls, MT 59401-3188

**Myrtle Pence**  
c/o Benefis Senior Services  
2621 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.  
Great Falls, MT 59405-5201

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**Cookie and Coffee Fellowship** ~ Thirteen years ago, we started the Sunday morning coffee fellowship at Trinity. Faithful bakers and suppliers have kept the table filled with cookies, brownies and occasionally special cakes or cupcakes through all these years. On the chart posted on the whiteboard I see names of new members filling the spaces. What a blessing new people and the regulars are to this ministry. The Narthex buzzes with the joyful sounds of fellowship.

If you want to be involved with the set-up or clean-up, please let me know. It is always good to find ways to be assimilated into a congregation. On the new sheet that will go up in September for the last 3 months of the year, more than one name can go on the line...cookies freeze well for the next Sunday. *Barbara Going* (LWML Member-Fellowship Coordinator.) (899-3716)

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**Library News** ~ Over two years ago we removed all pocket cards from the books in our library. We wanted the books to be used. If you feel more comfortable signing out a book, there is clip board with a space to list the book, your name and sign out/in dates. If you keep the book for your use that is great! We will just mark it out of our record book. Books to be returned go in the wire basket on the small library table under the window where the clip board is located.

We were given many children's books and we added them to the shelves after Wee Disciples chose some for their use. You will find the children's section on the south wall in the library. The newest additions are at the end of each section. A/B is preschool; A is kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; B is 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> and C is 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. There are new "board" book series in sections A and A/B.

We have a nice selection of novels and new ones are added regularly. A book by Eric Metaxas on the actions of a church is one that might appeal to you. Due to limited space, we will have one copy of a book on the shelf but find good uses for the extras we receive.

As stated, you are welcome to take books you can use. One series called *The Peoples Commentary* is a well-used resource in the library. ***Since April we have been missing the first half of the book of Isaiah. If you borrowed it for reference, please return it.***

*Barbara Going and Judy Boyce*

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**Tickets for Echoz Fall Fundraiser** ~ Lutherans for Life of Cascade County and Vicinity have purchased 20 tickets for Echoz Fall Fundraiser on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have at least 6 tickets available for Trinity members who would like to attend and experience a strong pro-life message with "pro-life Christians" from other congregations.

Lutherans for Life in Great Falls includes four congregations: Peace, Trinity, Triumph and Faith. The 20 tickets are available to members of all these congregations and their friends. If we don't use the tickets, it is a contribution to Echoz. For many years we covered the cost of banquet tables and invited people who supported the life movement.

This less formal evening starts with appetizers and desserts. There is a silent auction, and you will hear about the ministry of Echoz. The featured speaker is Kelly Lester who is involved in many aspects of the pro-life movement. She lived a rough life and God moved her to a beautiful place to share His story through hers. Every speaker that Echoz has brought to Great Falls to reach people for the sanctity of life has been impressive. Tickets will be available via a sign-up list on the whiteboard or through the Going's. Read about the event on the white board in the narthex.

Other activities that LFL is regularly involved in are: National Life Chain Day, held the first Sunday in October from 1:30–3:00 pm on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. So., Crosses on Flag Hill on Mother's Day, 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil in front of Planned Parenthood during Lent, and the promotion of *Lifedate* a pro-life publication.

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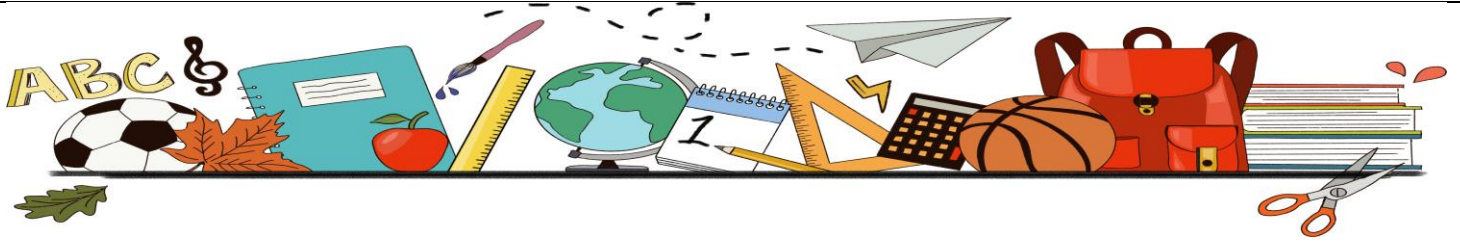
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### **From the Summer Council Meetings**

- If you have looked up to the organ loft you will see new railings that provide great visibility for those upstairs and a safety net for anyone standing near the edge.
  - The bushes on the east and north side of the church building will be taken down in September by James Neumann and Tim Fairbanks.
  - Six additional six-foot seminar tables have been ordered for the Fellowship Hall for Sunday morning Bible study. We are returning to the Fellowship Hall to accommodate the large number in the Stahlecker Room for Sunday Bible study. Prior to COVID we moved upstairs to the Stahlecker Room to eliminate a large tear down and reset for the Wee Disciples. At that time the number on Sunday morning fit easily into the Stahlecker Room. In the new plan, we will not push all the Wee Disciples materials out of the Fellowship Hall which will eliminate big changes. Come and join us on Rally Day and see the new (old) space being used again!
  - Constitution and Bylaws: On reading the latest version (2008) it states that each new member of the congregation should receive a copy. The church office will have a number on hand if you would like to see what rules govern this congregation. Since elections are in November it is a good time to see what is involved in each board and see where you might want to serve.
  - Evan and Bree Brenner are the new youth counselors.
  - A District Planning meeting will be at Trinity on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - A District Pastor's wives retreat will take place at Trinity on September 29<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - To accommodate a spraying arm in the triple sink area in the kitchen the three tall cupboards will be moved to the south wall over the coffee cupboard. The present cupboard will be moved to the table storage area.
  - On Rally Day, September 10<sup>th</sup> age-appropriate Bibles will be distributed to children in four age groups.
  - The LHM building is once again up for sale.
  - The Stahlecker Room is being revitalized. A committee is considering options.
  - Attendance on Sunday morning continues to grow. Many new families have begun attending during the first 8 months of 2023.
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# *Worship Assistants*



## *Serving this Month*

*Acolyte* ~ Elders / Samuel Schultz / Leif Tanksley

*Counters* ~ Alan & Denise Wegner

*Altar Guild* ~ Denise Wegner / Barb Going / Sandy Baranko

*Ushers* ~ Alan Wegner / Elders

**Wednesday, September 6, 2023**

Bob Nommensen

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

Bob Nommensen

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

Bob Nommensen

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

Martin Bauer

### **September 3, 2023 ~ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

Duty Elders

Martin Bauer / Len Koelbel

Audio/Video

Cheryl Bauer

Organist

Joy Suek

### **September 10, 2023 ~ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

Duty Elders

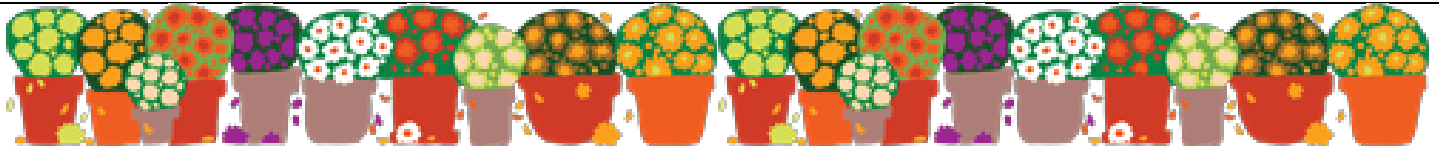
Roy Arves / Shawn Shaw

Audio/Video

Barry Eastley

Organist

Jeannine Eastley



### **September 17, 2023 ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

Duty Elders

Martin Bauer / Len Koelbel

Audio/Video

Barry Eastley

Organist

Jeannine Eastley

### **September 24, 2023 ~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

Duty Elders

Shawn Shaw / Bill Sybrant

Audio/Video

Josh Schultz

Organist

Joy Suek



*If unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please contact the church office (406-452-2121) as soon as possible to allow time to find a substitute.*



# Birthdays

## Wedding, Baptismal & Confirmation Anniversaries

September 1<sup>st</sup>

Kathie Gessaman

September 5<sup>th</sup>

Jacksin Graves  
Serenity Miesmer

September 7<sup>th</sup>

**Carolyn Arves (80+)**  
Denise Wegner

September 10<sup>th</sup>

Brian Felstet  
Pam Grosenick  
Pam Nommensen

September 11<sup>th</sup>

Ada Burkstrand  
Christopher Meehan

September 12<sup>th</sup>

Jaymes Crumley, Meredith Tabbert

September 13<sup>th</sup>

Patty Jones, Al Redenbaugh  
Brett Stene



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 13<sup>th</sup>

**Myrtle Pence (90+)**

September 16<sup>th</sup>

Ericka Taylor

September 18<sup>th</sup>

Shawna Burkstrand

September 19<sup>th</sup>

Briana Bishop

September 21<sup>st</sup>

Brian Williams

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Bob Bergan  
Zander Martello

Charlotte Morrison

Jimmy Norris

September 24<sup>th</sup>

Janet Headington, Tonya Wandke

September 27<sup>th</sup>

September 29<sup>th</sup>

Hailey Houle

September 30<sup>th</sup>

Michael Bush, Kaleigh Smith



### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 3<sup>rd</sup>

September 5<sup>th</sup>

September 7<sup>th</sup>

September 8<sup>th</sup>

September 9<sup>th</sup>

September 20<sup>th</sup>

**Jerry ♥ Colleen Mans (62)**

**Ed ♥ Sherri VanVleet (53)**

Wally ♥ Diane Thompson (49)

Seth ♥ Jamey Wheeler (22)

Adam ♥ Tina Bink (15)

Daniel ♥ Deborah Farris (12)

Chad ♥ Michele Mans (25)

September 6<sup>th</sup>

Robert Nommensen Sr.

September 9<sup>th</sup>

Clifton Grilley, Collette Grina

September 10<sup>th</sup>

Doug Nelson

September 11<sup>th</sup>

Matt Gollahon

September 13<sup>th</sup>

Tim Guderjahn, Patty Jones  
Myrtle Pence

September 14<sup>th</sup>

Chuck Lorenz

September 15<sup>th</sup>

Karla Adelmeyer, Cody Stene

September 16<sup>th</sup>

Connie Felstet

September 19<sup>th</sup>

Mychal Taylor

September 20<sup>th</sup>

Tracy Martello

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Wally Thompson

September 24<sup>th</sup>

Pam Grosenick

September 25<sup>th</sup>

Cathy Christianson

September 27<sup>th</sup>

David O'Meara

September 30<sup>th</sup>

Mason Voegel

September 11<sup>th</sup>

Matt Gollahon

September 13<sup>th</sup>

Myrtle Pence



### SEPTEMBER CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES