

"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20b)

When I was a younger person, I thought that when I "grew up" I could do life in my own way . . . on my own terms. You know, just live this life by my own power and on my own timeline.

Of course I didn't know then that God was bigger 'n me. I didn't know that God's path for me would take me on many winding and unfamiliar roads. Didn't know I'd encounter so many incredible folks and have so much love in my life. Not that there aren't rough spots and raindrops . . . everyone's got them.

I write reflecting on the beginning of another August. And it occurs to me that time really DOES fly in our lifetimes. We move from season to season throughout our lives. Some seasons, joy or heart-ache, seem longer than others. What a gift to know them all; to have been given the capacity to feel both joy and sorrow. . . and to know that we don't walk alone on this journey, even when we are alone.

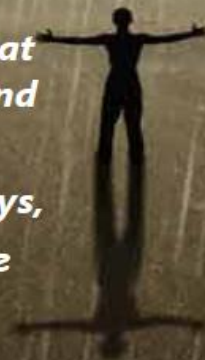
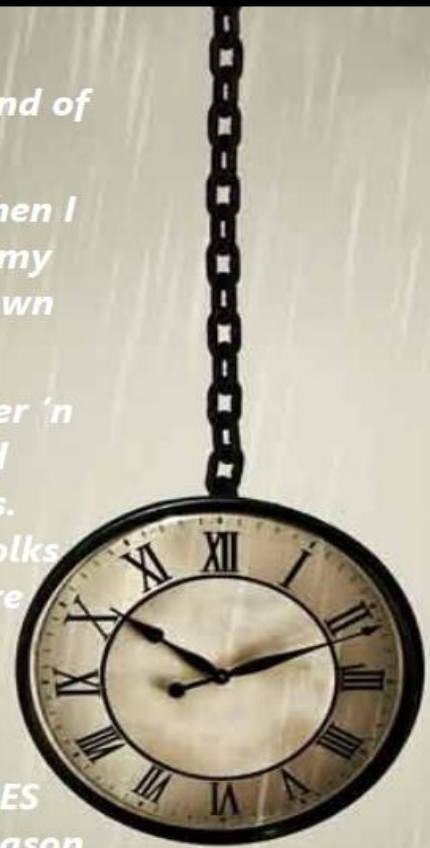
And like this picture, we are small. The One who holds the clock is very, very tall. So tall that we cannot see, but only imagine the hands of God keeping time. And we can imagine the hand of Jesus holding our own hand, as a father or mother might hold the hand of toddler who will, one day, walk on their own . . . but never alone.

The truth is, we never walk alone. Never will.

As we each walk this life, I pray that we remember; that we are reminded of the One who will never leave us and who calls us by name for today and into eternity.

Peace and Blessings in this season and always,

Pastor Sue





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Blood Drive Results



Thank you to all that helped our community
by donating blood.

We had a total of 12 donors!

Culver's Fundraiser Results

Thank you to all that
"Dined and Donated" on
Thursday, July 23 at Culver's

We raised \$750 in sales
Plus
\$71 from donations in the bears

Council Meeting Minutes 07/12/26

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Present: Rita, Mark, Becky P, Nancy, Camiel, Becky V, Allison, Deb

Absent: Pastor Sue, Steve

Meeting called to order at 11:02AM

Devotions done by Rita

Minutes – moved, seconded, passed

Financial – moved, seconded, passed

Pastor report – sent

Sally's report – in boxes

Camiel – VBS Update

Old Business –

Church – JL Brady / Koehler Elec will be here Thursday at 9:00AM for walkthrough

Leak on third floor – Mark and crew will look into

Insurance Inspection – Fire Suppression System – Getz quote?

Sabbatical Policy – Allison wrote up a proposed policy – gave access on Google Docs.

Allison will take on part of Service Responsibilities

Deb to send Thank You cards to visitors for Witness Committee

God's Work Our Hands – what will we do? Allison will spearhead

Safe Church Policy – do background checks through Realm

New Business

FYI – Pastor Joshua is back from working in Wisconsin

Working to get insurance, time that doesn't interfere with our service, will pay nominal rent

World Relief will provide translator at their office for meeting

Rental Policy – needs to be updated – need several versions

Devotions

August 9 – Deb

September 13 – Becky V

October 11– Allison

November 8 – Becky P

December 6 – Nancy (note change of date)

Culver's

Need volunteers July 23 from 5:00-8:00PM. Deb to make canisters for countertop. Money to go to

General Fund for deficit relief.

July 19 – Council Installation

TruGreen to do treatments on clover?

Mark will call them and Turf Master also. If under \$250 – do it

Meeting adjourned at 11:58AM

Lord's Prayer recited.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Kronfeld

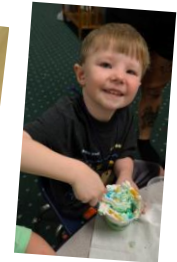
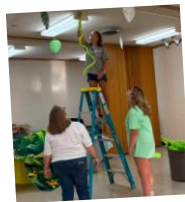
Council Secretary



VBS was GREAT!!

Thank you to all who donated, set up, prepared snacks, greeted campers each day, led or assisted with groups, especially Sally, Miranda and Monika.

Enjoy some pictures from our week!





81 kids under the age of 18

21 adults





Stewardship Corner

Hi everyone! Boy, did summer go by fast. As we approach the beginning of our next school year and the fall season, please consider donating to Willard School for their Back to School supply drive. Let's make it the best year yet!

A huge thank you to everyone who came out for our Culver's Fundraising Night! It was packed (both the dining area and drive-thru). And a special thank you to those who came out and volunteered to hold doors. We would not have been able to have a successful night without having volunteers there.

As I have mentioned last month, if you are interested or feel called to join/lead a committee, please reach out to a member of the church council. We have Service, Witness, and positions on several small committees open as well as Altar Flower Coordinator.

Thanks!

Allison



The Salem-Willard Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies during the summer months for the Willard School students' 2026-27 school year. Below are items the teachers have indicated will help the students at Willard. The items may be placed in the Willard barrel. **Deadline will be August 9.**

THANK YOU for your support.

2026-27 School Year Willard School Items

Expo Dry Erase Markers

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Box of Washable Markers (Classic Colors)

Crayons – 24 count **Crayola brand only please.**

Zip Lock Bags – Quart, Gallon and Sandwich size

Plain color two pocket folders with and without prongs

Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks

Disinfectant Wipes

Boxes of Kleenex

Plastic Boxes for Crayons

Glue Sticks



Denise Gidel	8/2
John Lartz	8/2
Rebecca Cramer	8/3
Bonnie Casper	8/6
Gentry Heiple	8/7
Jackson Clark	8/8
Marcy Bell	8/11
Julie Monnard	8/11
Kate Woomert	8/13
Stephanie Caldwell	8/14
Emily Leuck	8/17
Dick Fislar	8/18
Rita Gustafson	8/18
Allison Senkbeil	8/18
Barb Hauf	8/19
Chris Cramer	8/20
Becky VanErstvelde	8/20
Margie Hulsbrink	8/22
Mary Wolff	8/26
Jessica Tillberg	8/30
Lisa Kinney	8/31
Nicole Tillberg	8/31

CROP WALK 2026

Sunday, October 4

2:00PM



More details to follow



SERENITY CIRCLE

will start up again
in the fall.

Watch this space
for more information.

LOMC Autumn Fest

Saturday, October 10

10:00AM-3:00PM

Oregon IL

See flyers for more information

	June Actual	June Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$18,782.13	\$21,014.00	\$115,914.85	\$101,171.77
Expenses	\$29,957.27	\$22,916.66	\$150,373.41	\$143,568.41
Net Income	(\$11,175.14)	(\$1,899.66)	(\$34,458.56)	(\$88,163.00)

Date	Sunday	Public	Private	YouTube	Total
June 7	62	40	35	9	146
June 14	66	33	37	3	139
June 21	48	68	27	8	151
June 26	53	37	30	2	122

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Altar Flower Sponsor Schedule

August 2026

Aug 2	John and Bonnie Lartz
Aug 9	Rick Jones
Aug 16	Jay and Wendy Morrow
Aug 23	Deb Kronfeld
Aug 30	Jon Whitcome

Altar Guild / Worship

August 2026

Paraments - Amber Hardin

Communion Set up – Karen Staes /
Wayne Thompson

Greeters

Aug 2	Rita Gustafson
Aug 9	Kristine Harwood
Aug 16	Deb Kronfeld
Aug 23	Becky VanErstvelde
Aug 30	Camiel VanErstvelde

Assisting Ministers – August 2026

Sunday	Assistant
Aug 2	Lizzie Dail
Aug 9	Allison Senkbeil
Aug 16	Jim Kernan
Aug 23	Becky Potenberg
Aug 30	Nancy Patterson

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Sunday Worship:

Fellowship: 9:00AM

Sunday School: 9:00AM (Sept-May)

Worship: 10:00AM

Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday 8:00AM to 12:00PM

Last, But Not Least.....



Summer is in full swing! Gather a group of friends and join us for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois' annual **Golf Outing: Chip in Fore Children** and enjoy a great day outdoors while making a meaningful difference in your community. All proceeds support LSSI's local programs for children.

LSSI's Golf Outing: Chip in Fore Children

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2026

Check In Time: Noon – 1 p.m.

Players should arrive no later than 1 p.m. for a shotgun tee start at 1:30 p.m.

Location: Highland Springs Golf Course

9500 35th St W, Rock Island, IL 61201

Proceeds will benefit LSSI's local programs for children.

Cost: \$75 per player or \$300 per team of four.

Register by July 31 to receive 20 free raffle tickets!

Registration includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, lunch, a goodie bag, and the chance to win exciting raffle prizes. We hope to see you there! [Visit LSSI.org/Golf to register, sponsor a hole, or learn more about foster care.](https://www.lssi.org/Golf) With questions, contact Brittany Wunderlich at Brittany.Wunderlich@lssi.org.



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois