

SARDIS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Friendly Messenger

August 2026

School Supplies

The Sardis Social Committee is collecting school supplies/backpacks for Banoak and Blackburn during July and August. We know there are families in our communities who cannot afford the necessary items. Schools will need stocked supply closets to furnish needy students' supplies like crayons, paper, and scissors. The Dollar Store, Walmart and Target all have great sales going on currently.

Below is a list of needed supplies. * Composition Notebook-100 sheets (marble design) * Colored pencils-12 pack * # 2 yellow pencils * Crayola Washable Markers 8 pack * Large glue sticks * Pack of pencils topper erasers or large pink block erasers * Loose leaf notebook paper (wide ruled 100 sheets) * Primary Notebooks (wide ruled) * Pencil Boxes * Fiskars Scissors * Inexpensive earphones * Book Bags (Back packs) The following items are also welcome for classroom use. o Band aids o Facial tissues o Ziploc bags o Copy paper (white) o Liquid soap o Hand Sanitizer Please bring any items you can donate to the church and place in the church narthex during July and August. . The items will be shared between the two schools.

Information for NL's and Bulletins

Committee meetings or events by the congregation should **be** communicated to Jane directly. This needs to be done in time for newsletters (Wednesday before the last Sunday in the month), or the bulletin (by Wednesday evening each week.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The **Fred T. Foard Senior Citizens** group meet on the first Wednesday of each month for lunch and a program. The seniors will meet in August on the 5th at Laurel Hill. All are invited to join us for fun, food, and fellowship.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Sardis Lutheran Youth
BBQ To Go Plates
Fundraiser
For National ELCA
Youth Gathering**

**AUGUST 8TH
11 AM - 3 PM**

Interested in Sardis T-shirt or Sweatshirt? Our youth are raising funds for the next ELCA Youth Gathering Trip, which will be held in Minneapolis in July 2027. The back of the shirt shares the theme and Scripture for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Shirts will be on sale until 8/8/2026. See link below to order. A special thanks to Victory Sports and Apparel for their support with this project!

<https://victorysportsandapparel.com/slc/youth/>

April Fulbright

signup sheets in the Narthex

Youth Planning meeting - MONDAY August 3rd at 6 PM

Youth BBQ - Saturday August 8th 11-3 PM - Sign Up Sheets in Narthex - We need everyone to help make this fundraiser a success, see ways that you can serve!

1. Volunteer to help at the BBQ
2. Make/Purchase Gallon of Tea - drop off on Friday or Saturday by 10 AM
3. Make/Purchase Dessert to Sell (package "to go" individual sizes or family size (quarter of cake) - drop off on Friday or Saturday by 10 AM

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C O U N C I L M I N U T E S

Sardis Lutheran Church Council Meeting June 14, 2026

In Attendance: Gene Biggerstaff, Joe Biggerstaff, Jon Gladden, Darrell Jarrett, Rick Johnson, Amy Jones, Mike Midgett, Robin Stuart, Zachary Stuart, Kristin Teague, Tim Whitener and Pastor Oscar Shepherd

Gene brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm with 11 council members and Pastor Oscar in attendance.

Robin Stuart provided the devotions and opening prayer. She read a passage from Ecclesiastes and stressed that God provides a time and season for everything we face in our lives.

Gene asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the council meeting held on May 10th. No changes or additions were suggested. Jon made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Kristin provided a second. The motion was approved. The next order of business was a review of the monthly financial reports for May. Gene asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the May reports. None were brought forward and Joe made a motion to accept the financial reports "as-is". Kristin seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Pastor Oscar provided a summary of his activities over the past month:

- He stated that he made many visits to homebound and hospitalized members.
- Community Vacation Bible School was a huge success and a very meaningful experience for everyone who attended.
- We celebrated the life of Elaine Lutz.
- We celebrated the success of all of our graduates and for Hayden as he begins his journey toward becoming a Marine.
- The youth hiking trip was enjoyable for all and he is looking forward to the upcoming youth tubing trip.
- Dedication of the fire pit/outdoor worship space (Eagle Scout project)
- A note was recently found in our blessings box thanking Sardis for our food ministry and stated that the food was literally a lifesaver for their family and very much appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS

- Security Cameras: Mike and Terry Bledsoe are scheduled to meet with Precision Electric on Monday (6/15) to begin the request for a quote for the electrical work required.
- Church signs: Mike will follow up with Ben Whitener (Technology Committee) to get an update on quotes for smaller signs at a lower cost.
- Youth: Kristin reported that the costs of the five youth attending Lutheridge this summer will be covered by the church per Dwayne Whitener.
- Joe asked about the time for the concert scheduled for July 11th. The meal will begin at 5pm with the concert beginning at 6pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- Automated External Defibrillator (AED): Kristin reported that grants are available to help pay for this but will not be available until 2027. She will continue to update the council as she gets more information.
- Safety Team: Zach stated that he would like to form a safety team at Sardis and is looking for volunteers. This team will focus on training in first aid, CPR, fire safety, etc. Zach and Amy will lead this effort.
- Zach reported that the Worship and Music committee were exploring the possibility of having a worship service at Lutheridge sometime in 2027. They may also consider asking another church to participate.
- Homecoming: The question was raised whether or not the “pot-luck” meal would be held outside or in the fellowship hall. Rick made a motion that the meal be held outside, weather permitting, and Joe seconded the motion. After brief discussion, the motion was approved.
- Tim stated that he would like the council to initiate a church council review of the church constitution. Gene stated that he would contact Jane to get copies for everyone.

With no other business to discuss, Tim made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Jon seconded the motion and the meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Joe Biggerstaff is the church council contact for July and will provide devotions at the next meeting scheduled for Sunday, July 12th at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Midgett (Sardis church council secretary)

August

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2Bring Food for Blessings Box 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/Holy Communion and FB Live	3 6:00 Youth Planning Meeting 7:00 Prayer Group via Zoom	4	5 12:00 FTF Seniors meet at Laurel Hill	6	7 Pastors Sabbath	8 11-3 BBG Fundraiser, support youth and adults going to Conference 2027
9 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/Holy Communion and FB Live 7:00 Church Council	10	11	12	13	14 Pastors Sabbath	15
16 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/Holy Communion and FB Live	17 7:00 Prayer Group via Zoom	18	19	20	21 Pastors Sabbath	22
23 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/Holy Communion and FB Live 3:00 Trinity Ridge	24	25	26	27 7:00 Choir Rehearsal starts back for Fall	28 Pastors Sabbath	29
30CHANGE FOR CHANGE 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/Holy Communion and FB Live 6:30 LMM	31	SEPTEMBER 13TH HOMECOMING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH FULBRIGHT ANNUAL REUNION				

August Volunteers

BIRTHDAYS

8/3 Elaina Yousef
 8/4 Terry Bledsoe
 8/7 Cash Lee Fulbright
 8/8 Dylan Covington
 8/10 Seth Revetta
 8/11 Debbie Wise
 8/12 Keri Weaver
 8/16 Joyce Speagle
 8/18 Benny Fulbright
 8/20 Darrell Jarrett
 8/23 Neal Wyant
 8/24 Edna Fulbright
 Sherrie Midgett
 Zach Stuart
 Cayden A. Hood
 8/27 Ian Shepherd
 8/29 Karen Sigman
 8/29 Olivia Shepherd
 8/31 Alfred Whitener

COUNCIL CONTACT ASSISTING MINISTER

Kristin Teague 2,9 Mike/16,23,30Jennifer

Ushers

Sylvia/Zachary

Communion Preparation /Clean – up

Jane M./Wanda S.

Offering Counter

Dwayne W.

Technology

Terry, Ben, Joe, Samuel

	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th
Altar Flowers	Robin S.	Elain E.	Rick, Patsy, Betty Jo	Mike & Sherrie	Osama & Carrie
Acolyte/Crucifer	Paisley/Shuford	Tryston/Ian	Shuford/Joe	Rick/Gabriel	Zachary/Marshall
Comm. Assistant	Ray W.	Zachary S.	Jon G.	Marilyn T.	Mike M.
Greeters	Dianne/Shuford	Benny/Edna	Darrell/Marilyn	Annette/Roger	Kay/Shuford
Lay Reader	Joe B.	Ray W.	Zachary S.	Jon G.	Jane M.
Security	Darrell J.	Rick J.	Zachary S.	Roger T.	Ralph S.
SS Leaders	Donna B.	Rick J.	Nena	Sherrie/Mike	Dawn
Front Yard Sign	Jennifer W.	Tim W.	Nena B.	Jennifer W	Tim W,
Meal Delivery	1 st no meal	8 th Dawn	15 th no meal	22 nd Sylvia K.	29 th no meal
Blessings Box	LMM	Jon's Class	Disciples of Christ	Church Council	LMM

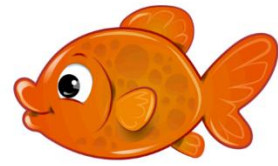
If you have a birthday or anniversary and they are not listed please let the office know. Thank you.



Animal Word Search

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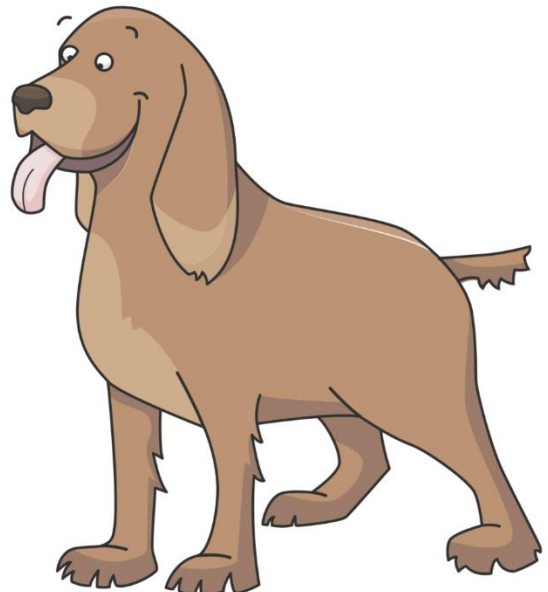
Common Pets



Word list:

BIRD
CAT
DOG
FERRET
FISH
GUINEA PIG
HAMSTER
IGUANA
LIZARD
PARROT
RABBIT
SNAKE

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OUR MISSION

Sardis Evangelical Lutheran Church serves together as disciples of Christ,
teaches the word to invite people into a life of knowing
Jesus, encourages each other in faith and personal mission through
reaching out to the needs of the community
and individuals.

REMEMBER: you can find this NL, the weekly calendar and Sunday Sermons on the website: <https://sardislutheran.com/> mark it as a favorite and check it out often.

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Sardis Leaders Contacts

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Pastor Office Hours Wednesday, 11am – 3pm Remember, you can always call the Pastor anytime from 8am to 7am in case of emergency.

Organist/Director of Music: Nena Babb

Council Chair: Gene Biggerstaff (C) 828-381-0039 genebiggerstaff@gmail.com

Secretary/Treasurer: Jane Moretz, (C) 828-302-8458 secretary@sardislutheran.com