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Little Lambs Preschool
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We extend a special welcome to all who worship with us in God's House today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make Good Shepherd your church home.



August 30, 2026
The Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Please sign the attendance binder in the pew and mark Communion if you partake

If you need communion at your seat, please let pastor know before service.

Order of Service

Divine Service: Setting 1 Page 152
Opening Hymn: 685
Hymn of Praise: 692
Sermon Hymn: 531
Closing Hymn: 718

THIS WEEK WITH OUR LORD

TODAY

9:00am-Divine Service
10:30am-Adult Bible Study

MONDAY

6:00pm-Health & Safety Meeting

TUESDAY

8:15am-LL 3YR Preschool First Day
9:00am-Sewing
12:00pm-LL 4YR Preschool First Day
5:30pm-Funeral Luncheon Meeting
6:00pm-Board of Ed
6:30pm-LWML Board

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm-LL 4YR Preschool

THURSDAY

7:00am-Men's Bible Study
8:15am-LL 3YR Preschool
12:00pm-LL 4YR Preschool
5:00pm-Beacon of Hope
5:30pm-Christian Management
6:30pm-Sisters of the King Bible Study

FRIDAY

8:15am-LL 3YR Preschool
9:00am-Ardys Mae Bible Study
12:00pm-LL 4YR Preschool

SATURDAY

5:00pm – Divine Worship w/HC

NEXT SUNDAY



In Our Prayers:

Wanda Wiese
Sharon Musselman
Bill Peterson
Sharon McNeil
Norman Prewitt
Mardell Prewitt
Brexton Hines
Ken Ropte
Peggy Anderson
Sherry Richardson
Dorothy Kester
Debbie Monical
Marlys Ditzenberger
Caroline Eichor
Leland Dencklau
Julie Sampson
Jim

Baptismal Birthdays:

Julie Barkema-August 29
Carol Hensley-August 30
Kylee Thackery-August 31
Nathan Rethwisch-September 1
Christy Nielsen-September 4

Celebration of Life Birthdays:

Violet Dencklau-August 31

Anniversaries:

Willis & Dorothy Kester-63rd
August 31

Attendance – 33, 103

Gifts to the Lord:

Envelope/Plate - \$2291
Online \$200
Mission Central-\$20
Produce Table-\$76
Memorial Fund-\$300
Swaddling Clothes-\$25
Total of all Gifts: \$2912

Organist/Pianist:

8/29-Jan Altemeier
8/30-Judy Zoch

Elders in Charge of Communion:

N/A

Ushers:

Gary Koch and Gary St. John

Flowers gracing our chancel
today are given by Diane Sullivan
in honor of her Mother Violet
Dencklau's 93rd birthday.



WHY ARE THE MITE BOXES IN THE PEWS?

The National LWML has chosen 33 worthy causes for their mission grants. Good Shepherd LWML is encouraging our congregation to help by contributing mites monthly. Just put your spare change in the box at the end of your pew. Thank you!

Health & Safety Committee

Meeting Monday, August 31 @ 6pm

PRODUCE TABLE

The produce table is now available. So, if you have any extra produce from your gardens that you would like to share please feel free to put it on the table in the narthex.

Donations always appreciated!

Stewardship

In humility and service, we steward our gifts not for ourselves but for the good of others and the glory of God.

"Whoever would be great among you must be your servant." —
Matthew 20:26

Introit

Psalm 37:5-7; antiphon: v. 4

P: Delight yourself in the LORD,

C: and he will give you the desires of your heart.

P: Commit your way to the LORD;

C: trust in him, and he will act.

P: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

C: and your justice as the noonday.

P: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

C: fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Delight yourself in the LORD,

C: and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Collect

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD OF GOD VERSE *833 v 3 Listen, God Is Calling*

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

Leader: Help us to be faithful,

All: Standing steadfast,

Leader: Walking in Your teachings,

All: Led by Your Word.

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

Old Testament

Jeremiah 15:15–21

¹⁵O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

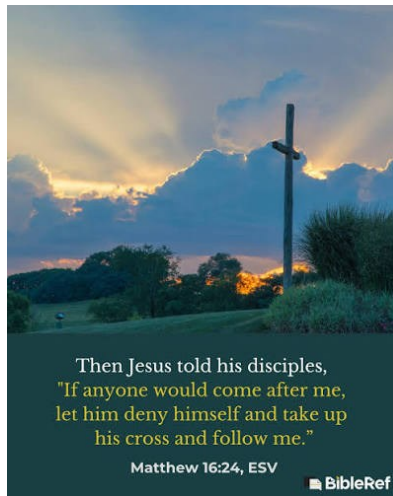
FUTURE FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

There will be a meeting on Tuesday Sept 1st at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the future of our congregations way of serving funeral luncheons. We encourage you to attend. We are discussing continuing this service as is, amending it, or deciding to use outside catering options. We would like your input.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."



IDW SENIOR YOUTH GATHERING-OCTOBER 3-4

Any 9th-12th grade students planning to attend the Senior Youth Gathering must have paper registration forms to

Tina Kastendieck

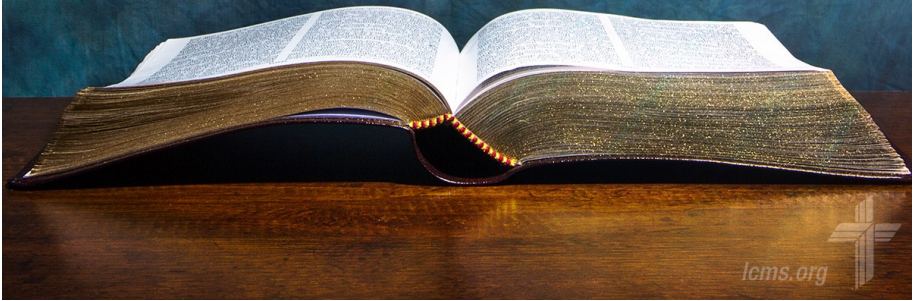
no later than Monday 9/14!

Extra forms available in the church office if needed.

MEMORY VERSE

**THIS IS LOVE, that we
walk according to his
commandments; this is
the commandment, just
as you have heard from
the beginning, so that
YOU SHOULD WALK IN IT.**

— 2 JOHN 6 —



The LWML is accepting donations of fake flowers, greenery, accessories and ribbons which will be used for the Ladies Night Out Craft Project in March. Please put donations in the tote in the Fellowship Hall.



Stewardship Corner:

Matthew 16:26 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?” He who dies with the most toy...is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's kingdom.

For what will it profit a man if he gains
The whole world and forfeits his soul?

Matthew 16:26

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PARABLE OF THE SOWER

MARK 4:1-9

Building Healthy Families:

Research conducted recently with college age students in the Midwest found that most of them reported having an important relationship with grandparents or significant elders who influence their values, goals, and life choices and give them a sense of self, roots, and tradition. *Grandparents and older members of our church family, do you realize how important you are?* Make sure the young adults in your family and congregation who have gone off to college or are returning to high school after summer break continue to hear from you. Now, more than ever, they need your love and support – even if they're not asking for it! www.LutheranFamilyService.org
Lutheran Family Service

“Use the biological reality of the word ‘abortion’ to begin discussion to share that message with your unbelieving neighbor. Do so with boldness, but gentleness, please! Use the eternal reality of the word ‘abortion’ to share that message with your fellow believers. Speak the truth in love, please!” Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life
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“Tell Me a Story!” God lavishly sows the seed of His Word. Responses vary. (Mark 4:1-20, 26-34)

Hear about it on the Lutheran

Hour WHO (1040 AM) 7:30 am. Sunday, KTLB (105.9 FM) at 8:00 am Sunday, KQWC (95.7 FM) at 11:00 am KHBT (97.7 FM) at 11:30 am Sunday. Log on to www.lhm.org for other stations and details.



LWML GROUP MEETING TUES 9/8

5:30PM

You are invited to enjoy a cozy
delicious mashed potato bar!

Build your dream potato with lots of
savory toppings followed by sweet
treats!

COME ENJOY THE FOOD AND THE FRIENDSHIPS!



**Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how much
food to prepare!**

**In-Service will be to collect cash donations to purchase
items for the Fall Rally Service Project.**



† MISSION GRANT PRAYER

Almighty God of grace, open our hearts to the
needs of people around us and our eyes to the
opportunities to share Your truth and love. Holy
Spirit, lead the ministries of the mission grant
recipients and guide them as they proclaim the
Good News of salvation. Bless our mite offerings
to do Your work according to Your will. In Jesus'
name we pray, Amen.

**The LWML Have chosen
33 Mission Grants for 2025-2027
Totaling \$2,622,270.00
Thank you for your Monthly Mites
Donations and Support**