



We have seen His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”  
Matthew 2:2b

**September 2024  
Bethlehem Lutheran  
Church & School**

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**Sunday Divine Services:  
9:15 am**

**Sunday School & Adult  
Bible Study: 8:00 am**

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Church Secretary

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Principal

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**MISSION STATEMENT:**

To proclaim the Gospel of our  
Lord Jesus Christ through witness,  
mercy, and  
Christian education

**Dionysus Versus Jesus?**

If you watched the Olympic Opening Ceremonies a few weeks ago, you may have noticed a blue man with yellow hair and a beard wearing not much more than some fruit-filled vines. He shows up to a large table surrounded by revelers on a platter filled with colorful produce and flowers. The character portrayed was the Greek god Dionysus, the god of wine, fertility, vegetation, and pleasure. In Gallo-Roman mythology, Dionysus had a daughter named Sequana. One myth describes her as being pursued by Neptune who coveted her for her beauty. To hide from him, she was turned into the Seine River, which flows through downtown Paris and was featured in the opening ceremony. Sequana was portrayed later in the show as the rider on the silver horse galloping on the Seine.

The myth of Dionysus has been around since the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC. The Greek poet Homer, famous for writing the Iliad and the Odyssey, also wrote several hymns about Dionysus. In addition, there was a popular, long-running play about Dionysus written by Euripides in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC called *The Bacchae*. It tells of Dionysus' return to Greece in human form (more on that later). Other myths of that time described Dionysus as conquering India.

In the intertestamental times, after the Greeks gained power in Palestine, Pharaoh Ptolemy Philadelphus II changed the name of the Israelite city of Beth-shan to Scythopolis. Ptolemy II was a big fan of Dionysus, so he began the tradition of having a quadrennial parade in honor of the god, featuring a 12-foot-tall statue of Dionysus. In the mid-2<sup>nd</sup> century BC, the Seleucid King Antiochus IV forced Jews to wear garlands of ivy and march in this procession honoring Dionysus. This offense against the Jewish religion was one of the factors that sparked the Maccabean revolt that overthrew the Seleucids from power.

Scythopolos was home to a large temple where various Greek gods were worshiped. In modern times, archaeologists have uncovered a six-sided limestone altar there which is currently at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. On it, a message is inscribed giving thanks to Dionysus, who is called the "Founding Lord" of the city. The six sides of the altar show the face of Dionysus; Silenus, a member of his entourage; Pan, the god of shepherds; poles topped with pinecones; a panpipe; and a shepherd's crook.

Dionysus was said be the first to bring the seeds of the grapevine back from Palestine to show the Greeks how to make wine. There are many different stories of him doing miraculous deeds like making streams of water flow with wine. He was said to have the power to turn anything into wine. In the parts of Palestine where the wine industry was a staple of the local economy (like Beth-shan), inhabitants venerated Dionysus, especially where Hellenic influence was strong.

St. John the Evangelist most likely wrote his gospel while living in the coastal city of Ephesus, in modern-day Turkey. Ephesus had a strong industry dedicated to winemaking,. The city was best known for having a large temple of Artemi, but it also was home to a very active following of Dionysus. A few decades before Jesus' birth, the Roman general Mark Antony entered the city dressed as Dionysus to much acclaim, with the Ephesians playing their parts by dressing up, carrying around ivy garlands and playing harps and flutes. (Continued on Page 2)

In light of some of the rumors going around about the Jewish people and the creeping influence of Dionysian worship in winegrowing regions of Palestine and Ephesus, it makes sense that John's gospel was written at least in part with the pagan veneration of Dionysus in mind. Notable Roman historians of that century like Plutarch and Tacitus erroneously thought that the Jewish people had begun to worship Dionysus, noting that like the Greeks, Jewish priests also sang and played the flute and cymbals and wore ivy garlands. The Jewish harvest festival, *Sukkoth* (The Feast of Booths or Tabernacles), also seemed a lot like the festivals with its dual emphases on the gathering of grain and the collection of wine from the winepress. This might explain why John never says Jesus attended the Feast of Booths in John 7, but only that he went up to Jerusalem in private and then begins teaching in the temple. It makes sense that Jesus did not want to give the impression that He was a party animal like Dionysus, or offer the people another opportunity to try to make Him their king, or show up like Mark Antony's Dionysus cosplay when and where the Jews were already seeking to kill Him.

Scythopolis was less than 20 miles away from Cana, where Jesus performed his first miracle, turning water into wine. However, John offers some details to "one-up" the purported miracles of Dionysus. Unlike Dionysus, Jesus performs his wine-making miracles in the daytime with known witnesses. Jesus' wine is also noted to be of superior quality. Later, when Jesus says in John 15:1 "I am the true vine," there is the implication that there is a false vine. What or who might that be? In Jesus' day, the alternative would have been Dionysus, as grapevines were considered to be manifestations of his divinity. Sacrifices were made so Dionysus would bless the vines and bring forth much fruit.

Many of the stories we know about Dionysus are told in Euripides play *The Bacchae*, first performed in 405 BC but which remained popular even in Jesus' day centuries later. In the play, Dionysus' human mother died when she was pregnant, so his father, the god Zeus, comes down from above and whisks up the baby and implants Dionysus in his thigh until he had grown enough to be born again. Another version of the story says that a young Dionysus was torn apart by the Titans, and only his heart survived, which Zeus takes to heaven with him and regrows until he is ready to be born from above. So when Jesus tells Nicodemus in John 3 that in order to be a part of the kingdom of God, one must be born again/born from above, this would be understood as another way of showing Hellenized Jews how Jesus is superior to Dionysus.

In the play, Dionysus returns to his home city of Thebes disguised as a human leader of a cult venerating him. However, Dionysus is rejected. Nobody believes he is really a god, despite performing a number of miracles. He is persecuted and arrested, but, to make a long story short, Dionysus places the King under a spell, and leads him into the woods where his mother, also under a spell, thinks he is lion and tears the king apart with her bare hands, and that is how Dionysus gets his revenge.

Euripides also talks about Dionysus' "bringing the counterpart to bread, wine... His blood, the blood of the grape, lightens the burden of our mortal misery... Though himself a god, it is his blood we pour out to offer thanks to the gods, and through him we are blessed." The similarities to the Lord's Supper are hard to ignore, but yet again, Jesus one-ups Dionysus because in Holy Communion, we receive not just the blood of our God, but also His flesh as true food, the bread of life.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD, the church father Origin writes a major apologetics work called "Against Celsus." Among the problems Celsus has with Christianity is how Jesus doesn't live up the Greco-Roman values espoused in *The Bacchae*. But Origin points out that the contrasts between the play and Jesus' life show exactly how Jesus is superior to Dionysus. (Continued on Page 3)

In the play, Dionysus killed his enemies. In real life, Jesus died for sinners.

In Greek mythology, Dionysus' body is torn apart by the Titans, so when he takes revenge on the king of Thebes, the king is torn apart at the hands of his mother. Jesus, in Holy Scripture, suffers at the hands of sinners, so that we do not have to fear God's revenge or suffer eternally but can find life with Him.

Dionysus offered the lusts of the flesh, inviting his followers to self-indulgence. Jesus offers the fruits of the spirit, including self-control.

Dionysus gives men wine to ease their suffering, bring joy, and inspire divine madness. Jesus gives us true drink in His blood, given in the cup for you, for the forgiveness of sins. Now we can live eternally with Him in heaven where there is no suffering and eternal joy in His divine presence.

Dionysus strikes fear in those who refuse to worship him. Jesus shows the steadfast love of the Father who welcomes all repentant sinners with open arms.

We shouldn't worry about the blue man dressing up like a Greek god. Despite his enduring popularity, Dionysus was and is no threat to Jesus. Regardless of what our world may consider to be meaningful art, Jesus is better by far.

In Christ, Pastor Maschke

### *The Elder's Page*

I did not come from a Lutheran background. Congregational Confession and Absolution was something new and unusual to me. Especially startling were the words "we have sinned against you, O Lord in thought, word and deed, both in things done and not done, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have not loved you with our whole hearts." Ouch! There's no escaping the truth of sin here!

I grew up with a Christianity that focused more on what you did, not what you thought or things you hadn't done. This Lutheran way of looking at sin leads straight to the idea of we are both "Saint and Sinner". Yes, we're justified by God's grace, but the old man of sin is still there. Confession and repentance pulls us back to God's way, and acts like a guardrail on a road.

As we Christians journey through this life, there are ditches on either side of the road. One ditch we can fall into is to live so much like the world that no difference can be seen between us and them. We look the same, talk the same, desire the same things as those who don't believe in Christ.

The ditch on the other side finds us outwardly looking good. Here, one keeps up appearances, striving to always look like the perfect Christian. This is summed up by the old Shillibboleth of 'don't drink, don't smoke, don't chew, and don't associate with them that do!'. These folks are the modern day Pharisees.

I find the words of Confession work to keep me out of these ditches. The words are a reminder to those who are leaning toward the world that there are duties Christ asks of us that are incompatible with the world. "We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, we have not loved you with our whole hearts".

And the words of Confession are a condemnation of those whose focus is on the outward appearance, while fooling themselves that God doesn't know their thoughts and "things done and not done".

May we strive to maintain the balance in our Christian life that come from Confession and the Absolution that follows.

Elder, Bill Scott

### *President's Message for September*

“What is Your Church Worth to You?” A scene from the 1987 film “The Untouchables” has stuck with me through the years. In the scene Eliot Ness’ agent Jim Malone (Sean Connery) lays dying on the floor of his apartment having been “ventilated” by Chicago hoodlum James Nitti. As Ness (Kostner) leans over him Malone grabs Ness’ lapels and demands of him “What are you prepared to do? What are you prepared to do!?!” Ness gets the message and starts his campaign to put an end to Capone’s reign of crime. We are blessed with some very excellent, qualified ladies who frankly do a lot of the heavy lifting for our church. We are glad for them and their critical contribution. But do we also have a reservoir of men who can put their life skills to work tending to the needs of our church? It seems that men who are willing are already engaged in work of the council and it’s boards, and beyond them new contributors are difficult to find. Men, have you ever considered that you have the skills to do a particular job for the church and would be willing to serve if not for..... (fill in the blank)? Some men have told me that our church’s history is a reason to stay out of service to her. I regard that history as something to be learned from, not something to run away from. Today we are blessed to have a group of council leaders whose guiding principles are in my words, “trust, transparency, and populism”, the last word pointing to voting rights of the congregation as contrasted with the dictates of one or a few individuals. The most important characteristic of one who steps forward is a selfless desire to serve the congregation’s needs and goals. I dream of our church led and organized by men and women who have earned each other’s trust working shoulder to shoulder to accomplish things that today we think are out of our reach. Are you willing to give it a try? Men, I implore you to ask yourself, “What am I prepared to do for my church?” -

Council President, Paul West



Bethlehem Women in Mission  
*Serving the Lord with Gladness*

**MITE BOX SUNDAY:** On the first Sunday of each month, mite offerings are collected. The mites are sent to the California, Nevada, Hawaii LWML District to help fund the mission projects. The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit's preschool HUG - "Help U Grow", since 2018 has worked to connect parents of the students with other parents and church members. Because of the pandemic, the school started family nights over zoom, where families could learn a new skill, connect with church leaders, and be connected with the other families. The grant will provide needed funds to continue this connection in-person through meals, fellowship, and educational support. It will also support the ongoing relationships with families after their children have left the preschool program by allowing them to meet consistently and connect them to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. This unique program is bearing fruit and needs to continue.



The California, Nevada, Hawaii District retreat committee is checking out a several locations during August and September for holding the next district retreat. The theme is *"Just as I Am"* to be held in August 2025. The retreat committee is creating new ideas to make this retreat extra fun and valuable. Plan to attend. Glory to God!

**Mark your calendar now:**

Saturday 9:30-10:30 Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship room. On September 14<sup>th</sup> the women will begin the study of Peter ...from Fisherman to Fisher of Men by Donna Pyle. New members are always welcome.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month ladies from Bethlehem meet together for lunch at 11:30am. On September 11<sup>th</sup> all ladies are invited to Bamboo Gardens at 4250 Cochise St. Carson City. Bring a friend. We share friendly conversation and get to know are fellow sisters in Christ better.

Sunday September 29 following the Jubilee Sunday service the BWM will be holding a workshop on "Fraud and Scams – text message, phone calls, and email". Everyone is welcome.

Sunday October 6 is BWM Sunday. There will be bake sale before and after the service. The funds raised will be sent to the seminary in St. Louis to provide emergency funding to a needed student there. This fund helps students who experience unexpected money needs..

Sunday December 8 2pm. Annual Family Christmas Tea. The Sunday School children will provide the program.

June 26-29 LWML National Convention in Omaha, NE



The Outreach Committee is composed of Chairman Sally Allen, and members Evelyn Williams, Lora Spiker, Jaydyn Radtke, and Bonnie Krenz. This may be the committee however every member of Bethlehem is involved in the outreach of the Church

The word OUTREACH for members of Bethlehem has a twofold action:

First to reach inside the church to both visitors and members to develop a relationship with the church.

Second to reach outside the church body into the community to develop an awareness of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

The chairman listed by each event will need help with the event to make it a success, so please volunteer if you can help.

On August 17<sup>th</sup> a Ladies' Day at Maurice at 10am was enjoyed by a group of Bethlehem ladies. They shared their clothing choices with some being purchased. Everyone who attended suggested doing it again.

**September 8<sup>th</sup> Church Picnic will be held at Mills Park.** Karges family members will do the grilling. Sunday School is planning family friend games. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**Chairman Lora**

**September 29<sup>th</sup> is Jubilee Sunday.** The presentation "Fraud and Scams – Protect yourself" will be presented following the service with munchies being served. The presentation is supported by Thrivent for Lutheran.

**October— Chili Cook-Off Contest.** Shepherd of the Sierra will be invited to join us. Three divisions – mild, medium, or hot are planned with a prize given to each winner. Start planning your chili entry now. **Chairman Bonnie**

**October 26 Nevada Day Parade.** Curt and Diane are providing Lutheran Hour Ministry bookmarks to be handed out. Walkers are needed to hand them to people. According to the parade rules this year, the van must be decorated with the parade theme, "All For Our Country", so if you want to help with decorating or walking contact either of the chairmen. **Chairman Sally and Jaydyn**

## Get involved at Bethlehem Lutheran Church

### Church needs:

**Video Recording Staff** for Sunday and mid-week services:

Contact Clay Soderstrom, (775) 883-1035, or any of the elders if you are interested.

**Ushers:** Contact Head Elder Bob Spiker 775-745-6316.

**Board of Outreach is looking for members:** Contact Sally Allen, (775) 721-4629.

**Board of Christian Education is looking for members.**

Questions? Contact Carrie Suessmith, (775) 720-8797.

**Altar Flower Sign Ups:** see chart in narthex. **(Calendar for 2024 is in the narthex)**

**Church Greeters** (no hand shaking and/or hugs).

**Organist:** Can you play or do you know anyone who can? Chat with Pastor.

**Handbell Choir Members and Handbell Choir Director.**

**Altar Guild:** Contact Kathy Jackson 775-691-6144.

**Fund raisers (school and church)**

**Buy a brick** and help a child: check with the school, or church secretary.

### Groups you can join:

**Sunday School teachers and helpers needed for the upcoming Sunday School year.**

Questions? Contact Carrie Suessmith, (775) 720-8797.

**Church singers/musicians - soloists, duets, etc.**—Contact Lora Spiker @church office  
(775-882-5252).

**Handbell choir participants and leader:**

Contact church secretary, Lora Spiker, (775) 882-5252.

**Silver Lights:** meets monthly on 3rd Wednesday at 11:30am

**We are meeting in the Fellowship Hall in the church.** All over 50 are welcome to attend.

Bring your own lunch.

**BWM (formerly LWML) All ladies are welcome. Contact Bonnie Krenz for questions.**

**Men's Bible study:** meets weekly on Fridays at 6:30am in the Fellowship Hall, BYO breakfast.

**Women's Bible study:** meets weekly on Saturdays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

**Women's Luncheon group**—held on the second Wednesday of the Month @ 11:30am at various locations.

## **Refreshing the Fellowship Hall**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church is still raising funds  
for new flooring for the Fellowship Hall.**

Thanks to some wonderful people and donations we are working towards refreshing the fellowship hall.

**Thank you in advance to all who are assisting in this refresh.**

**We have finished painting the walls—the ceiling has been repainted,  
and the doors are replaced.**

**What kind of flooring would you like to see in the Fellowship Hall?**

*Open Friday*

*10:00am-12:00pm*



**Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the food pantry!**

**Saturday, September 14th @1:00pm you are invited to the installation service at Trinity Lutheran Church, Gardnerville for Pastor . It will be a regular church service with a reception to follow . Please come and welcome their new pastor and family.**





# SEPTEMBER

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

# WELCOME BACK!!

**JOIN US AUGUST 25, 2024**  
**FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 8AM**  
**REMINDER: SEPT 8TH @**  
**9:15 AM CHURCH PICNIC**  
**& SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY**  
**WILL BE HELD AT MILLS**  
**PARK.**

**JOIN US FOR FAMILY**  
**GAMES & FUN!!**

**Pick up registration in**  
**Narthex at church. Any ?**  
**Contact Todd or Carrie**  
**Suessmith**

## Bethlehem Lutheran School News

Grade Preschool through 8th grade

*Information regarding the school may be found on the school website [www.blos.org](http://www.blos.org)*

### School Update

September 2—School closed—Labor Day Holiday

September 9th—CPTL meeting at 6:00pm

September 11th—Patriotic Dress Day

September 20th—Parent/Teacher Conference—NO School K-8th grade

September 22 @ 1:05 Sierra Lutheran HS baseball Fundraising Day at the Aces!

For tickets check with the school

September 27th—Chapel Family Color Dress Day & Competition

September 29th 4-5th grade choir sings at Bethlehem Church during the 9:15am service

**Enrollment/reenrollment**—Students will be accepted on a “first come, first serve basis” along with new families that are applying to Bethlehem.

*If you have questions about enrollment, please call the school office.*

#### **Buy a Brick and Help a Child by Leaving a Legacy—Bethlehem Lutheran School Endowment Fund**

Bethlehem Lutheran is excited to announce that it has established an Endowment Fund with the purpose of funding future scholarships for students. We are seeking donations for this worthwhile project. As an Endowment your contribution will be used year after year supporting student scholarships.

*Will you please consider donating to this Fund? Your gift of any amount will be appreciated.*

#### **How can I leave a legacy with an Alumni/Supporter Brick?**

*One of the most exciting ways in which you can make a gift to Bethlehem Lutheran School and leave your name or the name of a loved one, on campus is to purchase a brick. Your name will be engraved on a brick which will be installed either in the cross in front of the school entrance for a \$250 donation or on the back field walk area (The Bethlehem Byway) for \$150. Brick Color is Regimental Red. **Stop in or call the school to donate to this fund.***

### **Sierra Lutheran High School 2024-2025**

*Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you”*

*(Matthew 5:11-12)*

Currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. You can apply online at [slhs.com](http://slhs.com) or call our offices at 775-267-1921 for more information. Schedule a family tour or a student shadow day where your student can see what it is like to be a falcon for a day.

## *Serving the Lord in September*

### Acolytes

Sun, Sept 1	9:15am	Abi Maschke
Sun, Sept 8	9:15am	Noah Manning
Sun, Sept 15	9:15am	Jeb Bugg
Sun, Sept 22	9:15am	Shane Barry
Sun, Sept 29	9:15am	Abi Maschke



### Altar Flowers

Sun, Sept 1	?
Sun, Sept 9	Church in Mills Park
Sun, Sept 15	Westgate
Sun, Sept 22	Blomberg-McDaniel
Sun, Sept 29	?

### Accompanists

Sun, Sept 1	Beverly Baumgartner
Sun, Sept 8	Ingrid Karges
Sun, Sept 15	Beverly Baumgartner
Sun, Sept 22	Ingrid Karges
Sun, Sept 29	Beverly Baumgartner



### Altar Guild

Faith Lee

### Elders

Sun, Sept 1	9:15am	Jarvis Manning
Sun, Sept 8	9:15am	Jarvis Manning
Sun, Sept 15	9:15am	Bill Scott
Sun, Sept 22	9:15am	Joshua Karges
Sun, Sept 29	9:15am	Bob Spiker/ Jimmy Poncsak

### Ushers

Sun, Sept 1	9:15am	Mike Harris, Dave Richison, Gary Smith
Sun, Sept 8	9:15am	John Monson, Chris Soderstrom, Joshua Karges
Sun, Sept 15	9:15am	Tom Ruhoff, Philip Broderick, Bill Egbert
Sun, Sept 22	9:15am	Jeff Bargmann, Stan Zuber
Sun, Sept 29	9:15am	John Monson, Chris Soderstrom, Josh Karges

Called to *Serve*

# Happy Birthday!

# Happy Anniversary

September 1 Brian Unthank  
 September 4 Barbara Parmenter  
 September 6 Debra Martin  
 September 8 Ali Maschke  
 September 9 Karen Woodmansee  
 September 13 Kathy Labahn  
 September 14 Gary Smith  
 Sam Radtke  
 September 15 Shelby Green  
 September 16 Mike Tappan  
 September 27 Loretta Netzel  
 September 28 Gail Parsons  
 September 30 Evelyn Williams

## Anniversary

## Years

**September 3**  
 Phillip & Danielle Martinovich 12

**September 5**  
 Kermit & Shirley Kincheloe 12

**September 15**  
 Mike & Pam Czyz 23

**September 16**  
 Tom & Diane DuBos 35

**September 24**  
 Jim & Sue Farcello 52



*A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.*

### REMINDER:

Please feel free to submit articles or information for the weekly bulletins. Input is due in the church office by **Wednesday at noon** each week.

Newsletter articles are due

**NO LATER** than the 15th of the month previous to the 1st of the next month. (example: August newsletter articles were due by July 15th.) If articles for the newsletter are submitted after the 15th, there is a possibility of your article not being included in the next month's newsletter.

Any questions, please contact Lora, Church secretary.  
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 Email: lspiker@blcs.org



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## **Happenings in September 2024**

- September 1      **8:00am Bible Study/ Sunday School**  
                         **9:15am Divine Service (New times)**  
                         **Mite Sunday—We love your coins!**
- September 2      **Labor Day—School and Church Offices closed!!**
- September 3      **6:00pm Council Meeting—all members are invited to attend.**
- September 6      6:30am Men's Bible Study & Prayer Breakfast—**All men are invited to attend.**  
                         10:00am—12:00pm Food Bank Open to all church members and members of the community.
- September 7      NO—Women's Bible Study.
- September 8      **NO Bible Study/NO Sunday School**  
                         **Church Service is at Mills Park. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.**  
                         **9:15am Divine Service (New times)**
- September 11     **11:30am Ladies Luncheon at Bamboo Garden, 4250 Cochise St, Carson City—RSVP 775-882-5252**  
                         **All ladies are invited to attend and bring a friend or two.**
- September 13     6:30am Men's Bible Study & Prayer Breakfast—**All men are invited to attend.**  
                         10:00am—12:00pm—**Food bank** Open to all church members and members of the community
- September 14     9:30am—Women's Bible Study.  
                         **Trinity Pastor Zoch Installation @1:00pm**
- September 15     **8:00am Bible Study/Sunday School**  
                         **9:15am Divine Service (New times)**
- September 16     **Newsletter deadline for September.**
- September 18     **11:30am Silver Lights Luncheon—All over 50 welcome. Bring your own lunch.**
- September 20     6:30am Men's Bible Study & Prayer Breakfast—**All men are invited to attend.**  
                         10:00am—12:00pm—**Food bank** Open to all church members and members of the community
- September 21     9:30am—Women's Bible Study.
- September 22     **8:00am Bible Study/Sunday School**  
                         **9:15am Divine Service (New times).**
- September 27     6:30am Men's Bible Study & Prayer Breakfast—**All men are invited to attend.**  
                         10:00am—12:00pm—**Food bank** Open to all church members and members of the community
- September 28     9:30am—Women's Bible Study.
- September 29     **8:00am Bible Study/Sunday School**  
                         **9:15am Divine Service (New times).**

It is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it..—Psalms 118:24.