



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAMBURG
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 13, 2026
Monday, September 14, 2026**

Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don't belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.



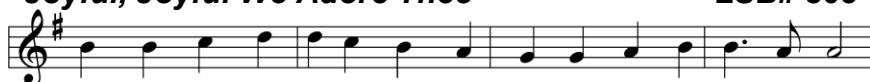
WELCOME VISITORS: We extend a warm welcome to all our

visitors today. We pray that your worship with us is rewarding. Please be sure to sign your name and address in our guest register, located in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home we would like to invite you to be a part of our Bible Based Church family.

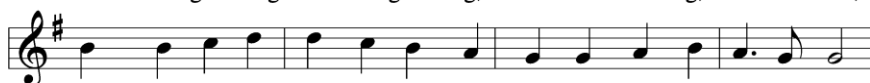
OPENING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LSB# 803



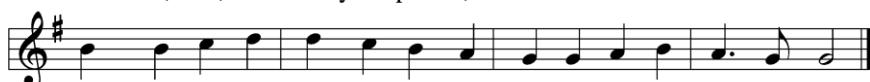
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun-tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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INVOCATION

P Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching

them everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

(Matthew 28:18-20)

We begin our worship as we began our Christian life, through Holy Baptism, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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“God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” *(John 4:24)* And, “He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. *(Proverbs 28:13)* Therefore, let us confess and renounce our sins with a sincere heart and mind before the Lord, receiving His Almighty, Divine, and Eternal forgiveness.

*(A moment of silence
for personal confession and reflection.)*

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We confess:

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God forgive me, a sinner. Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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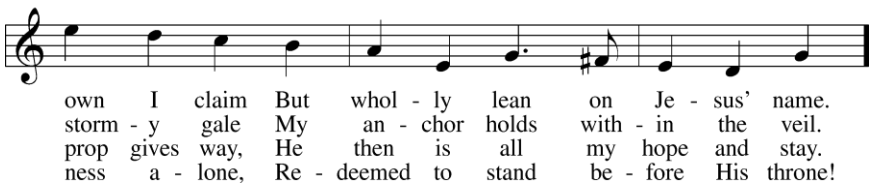
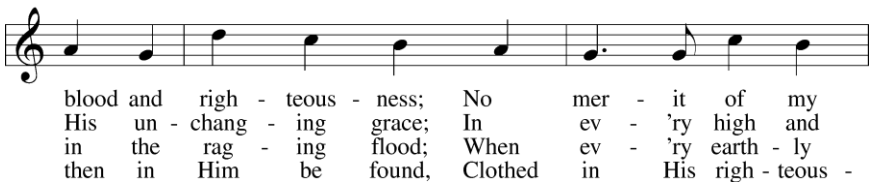
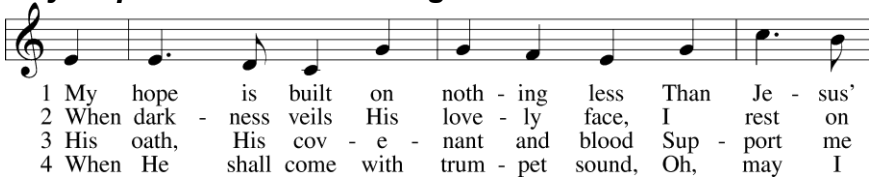
“For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life. *(John 3:16)* “Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against him, and in whose spirit is no deceit.

(Based on Psalm 32:1, 2) By this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you, and by the command and in the stead of the Lord Jesus Christ, (*John 20:22-23; Matthew 16:19 NIV*) I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. “Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven you. (*Matthew 9:2 KJV*) Now, go and live a life worthy of your calling in Christ Jesus, and produce fruit in keeping with real repentance. (*Ephesians 4:1*)

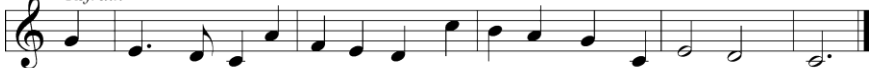
HYMN OF RESPONSE

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

LSB #575



Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 119:9-16 ESV

- P** How can a young man keep his way pure?
C By guarding it according to Your word.
P With my whole heart I seek You;

C let me not wander from
Your commandments!

P I have stored up Your
word in my heart,

C that I might not sin
against You.

P Blessed are You, O Lord;

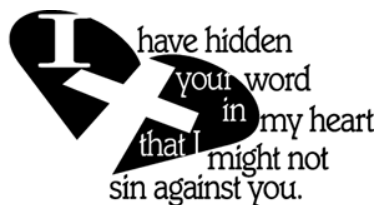
C teach me Your
statutes!

P With my lips I declare all the rules of Your mouth.

C In the way of Your testimonies I delight as much
as in all riches.

P I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on
Your ways.

C I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget
Your word.



P s a l m 119:11

✠ GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS HOLY WORD ✠

P “For everything that was written in the past was written
to teach us, so that through endurance and the
encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have
hope.

C “May the God who gives endurance and
encouragement give you a spirit of unity among
yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that
with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans
15:4-6)

FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 1:13 – 2:3 ESV

1 ¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and
being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will
be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As
obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of
your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as He Who called you is holy,
you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You
shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷ And if you call on Him as
Father Who judges impartially according to each one's

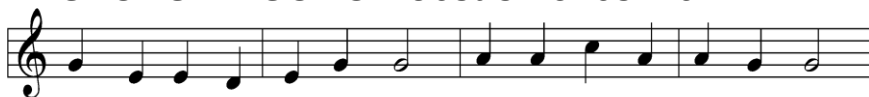
"The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord
remains forever."
And this word is
the good news that
was preached to you.

1 PETER 1:24-25, ESV

2 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. **2** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

P “The grass withers and the flowers fall,
C “but the **Word of God stands forever.**” (*Isaiah 40:8*)

RESPONSIVE SONG “Jesus Loves Me”



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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**3 Jesus loves me He will stay
Close beside me all the way
He will love me when I die
And will take me home on high
Yes, Jesus Loves me
Yes, Jesus Loves me
Yes, Jesus Loves me
The Bible tells me so.**

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:10-17; 4:1-5 ESV

3 ¹⁰ You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. ¹² Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from Whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for

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and is useful for teaching, for
reproof, for correction, and
for training in righteousness...



training in righteousness, ¹⁷
that the man of God may be
complete, equipped for every
good work.

4¹ I charge you in the presence
of God and of Christ Jesus,
Who is to judge the living and
the dead, and by His appearing
and His kingdom: ² preach the

word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke,
and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the
time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching,
but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves
teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from
listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you,
always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an
evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

P “And we also thank God continually because, when
you received the word of God, which you received from
us, you accepted it, not as the word of men,

C **“but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is at
work in you who believe.”** (1 Thess. 2:13-14)

HYMN

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

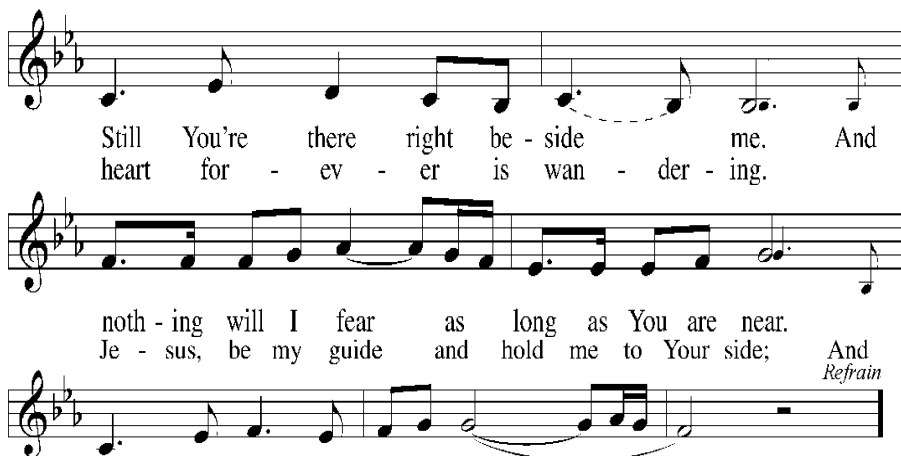


1 When I feel a - fraid,

think I've lost my way,

2 I will not for - get

Your love for me, and yet My



Please be near me to the end. _____
 I will love You to the end. _____

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-27 ESV

14 ¹⁵ “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, Whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” ²²



Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and

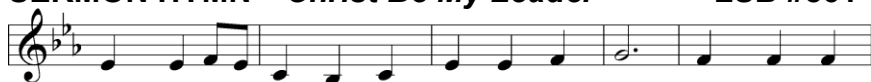
make Our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love Me does not keep My words. And the word that you hear is not Mine but the Father's Who sent Me. ²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

P "As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, 'Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.'

C "He replied, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God, and obey it.'" (Luke 11:27-28)

SERMON HYMN "Christ Be My Leader"

LSB #861



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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✠ SERMON ✠

✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED ✠

✠ WE BRING OUR FIRSTFRUITS TO THE LORD ✠

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"

LSB #806

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en Je - sus
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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✂ INSTALLATION OF EDUCATION STAFF ✂



PLet us hear the Word of Jesus, our Savior, that He spoke throughout His ministry, concerning the importance of ministry to children, and let us note them well.

Matthew 10:42

“And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

Matthew 18:5-6

⁵ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me,
⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”

Matthew 18:10

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 19:13-14

¹³ Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, ¹⁴ but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

P Dear fellow believers, you have come to be placed as teachers in Saint John’s/Faith Sunday School a work in which our Father in heaven has great joy. You are to assist the ministry of the Word by instructing God’s children according to His Holy Word. You are to prepare yourselves for this work by your individual and corporate study of the word of God and the faith drawn from it as has been delivered to us in the creeds and

confessions of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. While holiness of life and work is the way of all who trust in Christ, it is especially important that you show yourselves, by word and example, to be patterns of good works and Christian devotion. In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the responsibilities entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in Him and conforming yourself to His Word? If so, answer: “I do.”

Teachers: I do.

P I therefore place you as teachers of St. John’s/Faith Sunday School in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, enlighten and strengthen you in your responsibilities, that you may be good and faithful teachers, to the glory of His name and the salvation of His people.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, to these, Your people, the gifts of wisdom and discretion, kindness, and faithfulness, so that they may effectively teach and guide; and grant to all Your people a ready willingness to learn. Let the knowledge of Your Word be preserved and extended among us, that all may know You and, from the least to the greatest, praise You now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✠ THE FAMILY OF GOD PRAYS TOGETHER ✠

✠ THE LORD’S PRAYER ✠

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**

hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

✠ THE BENEDICTION ✠

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious
 to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you
 peace.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

LSB# 830



- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
 And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

- 5** Enter, mighty Word, the field;
 Ripe the promise of its yield.
 But the reapers, oh, how few
 For the work there is to do!

**6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.**

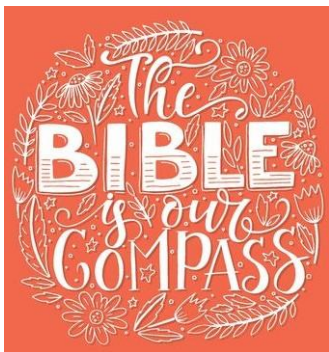
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**IN CONCLUSION ... In Remembrance of 911
"God Bless America"**

God bless A mer i ca land that I love Stand be side her and guide her through the
night with a light from a bove From the moun tains to the prai ries to the o ceans white with
foam God Bless A mer i ca my home sweet home God bless A mer i ca my
home sweet home

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: 2 Chronicles 32:1-22;
Hosea 1:1 – 14:9; Colossians 1:1-23

Monday: 2 Chronicles 33:1-21;
Jonah 1:1 – 4:11;
Colossians 1:24 – 2:7

Tuesday: 2 Chronicles 34:1-4, 8-11,
14-33; Nahum 1:1 – 3:19;
Colossians 2:8-23

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 35:1-7, 16-25;
Zephaniah 1:1 – 3:20; Colossians 3:1-25

Thursday: 2 Chronicles 36:1-23; Philemon 1 – 25;
Colossians 4:1-18

Friday: Nehemiah 1:1 – 2:10; Haggai 1:1 – 2:23;
1 Timothy 1: 1-20

Saturday: Nehemiah 2:11-20; 4:1-6; 1 Timothy 2:1-15

CHURCH CALENDAR **ST. JOHN'S and FAITH**

Sunday, September 13

RALLY DAY

8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's

Sunday School during Sermon

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

**11:30 a.m. Evangelism and
Stewardship Meeting at Faith**

Monday, September 14

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

Wednesday, September 16

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, September 17

10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's

Sunday, September 20

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's

Sunday School during Sermon

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith



11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

12:15 a.m. Inspired Singles Salad Luncheon at Faith

Monday, September 21

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

Wednesday, September 23

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, September 24

10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's

**FAITH and ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

*Please remember the following in your
prayers:*



Gary Baumann	Lisa Burish	Joe Calmes
David Czech	Doris Dahlke	Rodney Dahlke

Dorothy Duncan Alice Fromm Christopher Emmerich
Wallace Emmerich Jim Goetsch Duane Grunenwald
Gerhard Hannemann Angie Harkner Dale Janisch
Cecelia & Lucille Klade Rob Koebe Jim Koebe Hugo
Koppa Brian Luedtke Bob Meyer Gene Mootz
Debbie Olson Sarah Piel Mark Pester Bob Porath
Karen Rajek Elvira Saeger Jo Schedler
MiKenzie Schultz Audrey Steckling Lorraine Steckling
Carl Uttech Deb Wiederhoeft Florence Williamson
Laurie Young Susie and Ellie Zastrow



We pray for the family of

Marjorie Radenz

April 19, 1937 – September 3, 2026

Funeral service will be held on
Monday, September 14
at 11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran
Church.

Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. at the church.

End of Summer Events and Activities! Back to School!

For all of your upcoming events and activities, don't forget to pick up Scrip Cards. One can always use cards for everyday personal and household needs such as gas and food, Help support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program ... *all without it costing you an extra penny!*



POLKA SERVICE

**at Faith on Sunday, September
27 at 10:00 a.m.**

Pots-Blessing following the Service
with a Free Will Offering.

*For those that are able, please
bring a dish to pass. A sign up
sheet will be in the back of church
starting Sunday, September 6 to
sign up for your potluck dish.*



NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT ADULT GATHERING

**Tuesday, October 13
Mount Olive Lutheran
Church, Weston**

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with program from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Catered lunch will be served, Devotions will be led by District President Rev. Timothy Shoup. Keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Brian Gauthier, managing director of the global mission operations of the LCMS Office of International Missions. Registration deadline is September 25. Registration forms and information folders are available in the narthex.



Lutheran Hour
Ministries

**LUTHERAN HOUR
MINISTRIES
North and South
Wisconsin LLL Joint
District Convention**

"Faith Formation in the Household"

Saturday, October 10

Rib Mountain Lutheran Church, Wausau

7:30 am. Doors Open 8:30 a.m. Opening Worship Service
Featured speakers: Rev. Timothy Shoup, North Wisconsin
LCMS District President; Rev. Nathan Meador, South
Wisconsin LCMS District President; Rev. German Novelli,
Director LHM Hispanic Ministries

Register by visiting **lhm.org/no-sowis-III**

Registration deadline, Monday, October 5

**LWML Fall Rally
Saturday,
September 26
at St. Paul's Pine
River**

More information available from
Women of Faith and Mary Martha

Guild leadership.



JOIN A SUNDAY SCHOOL

