ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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September 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With September on the horizon I imagine many of you have plans for a weekend celebrating the upcoming holiday, Labor Day. And with this holiday in mind, let's take a moment to consider what God's Word has to say about labor or work.

Work in the sense of being tiring or difficult comes to us from the beginning of the Scriptures. In Genesis with the fall into sin, God lays out for us that by the sweat of our brow the land shall produce. And even when it does produce it will bring forth thorns and thistles. In the book of Ecclesiastes, we hear that work isn't just work it is toil.

But we are also encouraged in God's Word to do our work happily. The writer of Ecclesiastes tells us in chapter 3:

> "There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God" Eccl. 3:24

God has given us our work to do, so Ecclesiastes encourages us to live our lives: eat, drink, and find enjoyment in our work.

In addition to striving to find enjoyment in our work, God gives us an important perspective on the work that we do. In Colossians 3, St Paul encourages us to keep in mind who it is that we are working for. There we read,

> "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." - Col. 3:23-24

When we work, we aren't just working for ourselves, or our bosses, or even our clients or customers. We are working for God. As Christians, everything we do reflects back on God. Our actions speak to what we believe about Him, about His commands, what He loves, and who He is. And so when we work, no matter who it is for, we should do so as if we are serving the Lord.

It's easy for us to think that the professions that serve God are all church work professions: pastors, DCE's, missionaries, and so forth. But Luther in the small catechism shows us that every vocation ought to be done in service to God.

You can find this in what is known as the Table of Duties. There Luther gives us an idea of how one can serve God as a husband or wife, father, mother, son, or daughter, a worker or an employer, a citizen or a government worker. Each of these is a "job" or "vocation" given to us by God. And as we work at these vocations we do so not just for ourselves, but to the glory of God.

This September as Labor Day is celebrated, may we all take time to consider the work God has given us to do. Not only has He called us to be parents, children, workers, employers and the like, but He has called us to be His disciples and evangelists. He sends us forth to share His good news. And so may we ever use the gifts God has given us to serve Him in all we say and all we do.

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan Peitsch

Starting September 13th church service will be at 10:00 am

After the service on September 13th, we will have donuts/coffee and time for fellowship.

Rally Sunday is September 13th with Sunday School starting at 9:00 a.m. All kids' pre-school to 8th grade are invited.

The Board of Education is looking for volunteers for Sunday School teachers/helpers. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. You can also talk to Pastor, Tina, Nina or Pam if you would like to help.

MONTHLY MEETING

Elders Meeting is Tuesday, September 8th at 5:30 p.m. and Council Meeting at 7 PM.

LCW MINUTES

The LCW meetings will be Thursday, September 3rd at 5:30 pm.

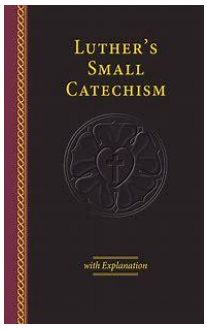
ACOLYTES SIGN-UP SHEET

Catechism students the sign-up sheet for acolyting for months of September - December is in the back on church on the bulletin board.

CATECHISM

Catechism will start Wednesday, September 9th.
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – 5th - 6th Grades Class
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. - Memory Work/Simple snack
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – 7th – 8th Grade Class

There is no class on September 2nd and 16th.



SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES

We need volunteers to provide a simple meal every Wednesday for 12 Catechism students from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table. Catechism starts September 9th.

MAPLETIN ZONE LWML CHURCH FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone that helped with are food drive. All donations will go to Mapleton Food Pantry.

141 GARAGE SALE

We had a successful garage sale. Thank you to all the people that donated items for the garage sale, helped before and during the sale and everyone that come to the garage sale. The proceeds will go to the church general fund.

LYF MEETING

LYF Meeting is after church on September 20th

LYF BIBLE STUDY

LYF Bible Study is Sunday, September 20th from 6:30-8:00 pm in the LYF room. We'll be diving deep into God's Word, so make sure to bring a Bible if you have one. If you don't or forget, we have some on hand for you to use. Bring a snack to share! Inviting friends is encouraged, even if they can only come once.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

We are listing Baptismal birthdays to remember and celebrate the day we were adopted into the family of God through the washing of the Holy Spirit. Those having Baptismal birthdays are:

Patrick Ohlmeier	1
Bailey Kuhlmann	2
Ray Gosch, Brendan Lane	3
Heather Rosburg	7
Derek Erlemeier	9
Gina Hull	10
Mark Goslar	13
Matt Kelm	14
Ella Fester	15
Sara Folk	19
Micah Peitsch	20
Cody Rosburg	22
Sasha Teut-Hollander	23
Hannah Hageman	25
Grace Schaffer	26
Delaine Nelson	27
Heath Winsor, Remie Nutt	28
Trent Mordhorst	29
Tyler Leitz, Wyatt Kotalik, Christen Leitz	30
Keara Schofield	

PLEASE GIVE US A CALL

- before going to the hospital
- birth of your baby
- death in the family
- making wedding plans
- address and name changes
- private communion

SEPTEMBER HELPERS

Elder: Steve Gust
Ushers: Steve Gust, Andy Kuhlmann
Altar: Joan Neddermeyer
Altar Flowers: Teresa Mordhorst
Finance: Lyle Bramley, Tammy Bramley, Raylyn Kelm

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

The newsletter this month is sponsored in honor of cancer patients & their families.

Please contact the office if you'd like to sponsor the newsletter. The cost is $40 to sponsor a newsletter.

SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske came to St. Paul's on Sunday, August 23rd to talk to us about Lutherans for Life.

This year our special mission is Lutherans for Life. Our goal is $3,000. Here is some information about Lutherans for Life.

website: https://lutheransforlife.org/

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"However imperfect, every day comes as opportunity and privilege. They usually require patience and persistence, of course, and not a little bit of shared sweat and tears. But they turn out the sweeter for it. 'When she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world' (John 16:21). 'Take heart; I have overcome the world' (John 16:33)!" Rev. Michael Salemink, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living is a television ministry of the Lutheran churches of Missouri-Synod and of the Iowa West District. The worship service is on Sundays at 10 am on channel 9 KCAU, the ABC Network from Sioux City.

GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR

This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.

"THY STRONG WORD"

Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

Sept 7-12 Rev. Merle Mahnken
Immanuel, Schleswig

Sept 14-19 Rev. Chad Trunkhill
Our Savior/Bethlehem

Sept 21-26 Rev. Richard Merrill
Multi-Point, Charter Oak

Sept 28-Oct 3 Rev. Nathan Peitsch
St. Paul's, Ute

Mission Central – Visiting Missionaries

LCMS World Mission 40718 Highway E16 Mapleton, IA 51034 712-882-1029 Gary Thies (gary.thies@lcms.org) www.missioncentral.us

- September 19, 2026 – Stan and Dana Stigdon – Dominican Republic – 1:00 pm
- November 21, 2026 – James and Angie Sharp – Puerto Rico – 1:00 pm
- December 5, 2026 – Rev. Christian and Lula Tiews – Germany – 1:00 pm

Rev Richard Merrill

May Christ continue to keep you secure in His Hand,
and shower you with His Grace.
YOU ARE A BLESSING TO US.
St John Congregation

St. John Lutheran Church
Charter Oak, Iowa

Congratulations
PASTOR MERRILL
35 YEARS
OF FAITHFUL SERVICE
IN THE LUTHERAN MINISTRY
AUGUST 11, 1991 – AUGUST 11, 2026

Congratulations Pastor Merrill on serving in the Lutheran Ministry for 35 years (August 11th, 1991 to August 11th, 2026) serving first at Zion Lutheran Church in Humboldt, Iowa and then serving our St. John Congregation since March 13th, 2005 for 21 Years. Along with serving Immanuel and St. Paul Congregations since July of 2019.

We honored Pastor with an engraved ink pen and case on Sunday August 16th after the church service.

We will be continuing this honor with a card shower telling him how his presence and messages have impacted you (us) along with a potluck meal on Rally Sunday September 13th. With the children back at Sunday School they can "Rally" around him along with the adults.

SEND CARDS TO:
Rev Richard Merrill
% St John Lutheran Church
PO Box 73
Charter Oak, IA 51439

POTLUCK MEAL & CELEBRATION
Bring your favorite potluck dish(s) to be served right after the church service!

RALLY SUNDAY
Sunday
September 13th, 2026
Join us as we celebrate Pastor Merrill!

THANK YOU, PASTOR MERRILL, FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP!
YOU INSPIRE US EACH DAY.

GRACEWELL ANNUAL MEETING

The board of directors meeting for Eventide Lutheran Home for the Aged was held on Monday, August 17th at the Gracewell facility. Following is some of the topics covered at this meeting.

Occupancy rates are currently in the 95 percent range. Gracewells includes around 50 percent on medicated and nearly 14 percent are on hospice.

Private pay rates are as follows: U.S. average is 355 dollars per day. Iowa per day rate is 331. Gracewells is 313 dollars daily. Gracewells cost to provide care is 325 dollars per day. These added costs are made up by grants.

Both Silveridge and Gracewell received 0 deficiency reports during state inspections. Plus, Gracewell is rated as a 5 star program by Medicare. One of only 10 percent in the USA.

On a final note, with all the covid cause and vaccine questions in the news I found it interesting that a report to the federal government is required weekly. This report shows any changes on additions in vaccine status for RSV, Covid and Influenza. This is for staff and residents.

The meeting concluded with the recognition of staff for outstanding performance, with one lady being awarded for 40 years of service.

Submitting by Ray Holst

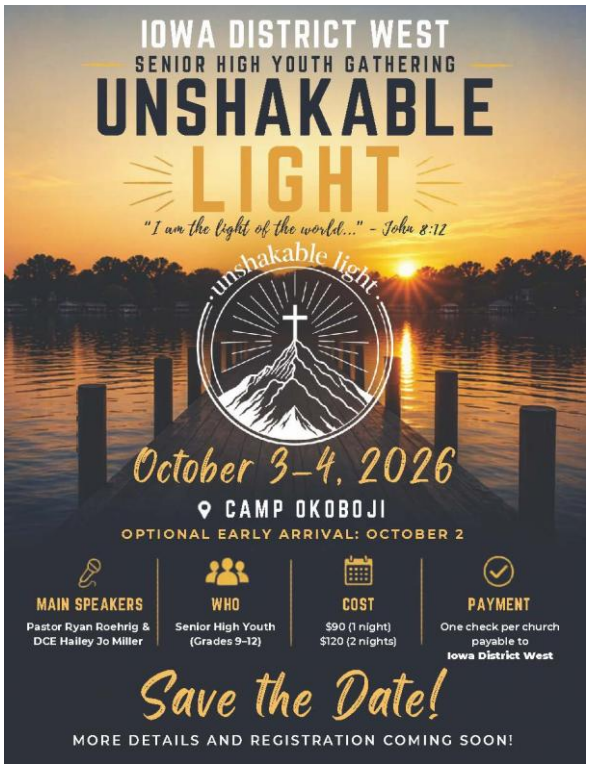
IDW CAMP/YOUTH GATHERING SCHOLARSHIP

Iowa District West Camp/Youth Gathering Scholarships Assistance for those who need financial aid is available from the district for youth attending camps at Camp Okoboji and for district youth gatherings. The application should be filled out by the pastor or church worker from the congregation of which the applicant is a member. Applications are then sent to the district office. Click on the link and select "Youth Events Financial Aid." http://idwlcms.org/forms-and-links.php

YOUTH GATHERINGS

If you are interest in going to a Youth Gathering please talk to pastor.

Information included below about time and dates. The deadline to register is September 22th for Junior Youth Gathering and September 16th for Senior Youth Gathering.



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Altar Flowers: Teresa Mordhorst; **Altar:** Joan Neddermeyer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 11:00 AM Bible Class No Catechism Classes	3 5:30 PM LCW Meeting	4 Pastors Family Day	5
6 9:30 AM Bible Class 10:30 AM DS w/Holy Communion Acolytes: Wyatt	7 Office Closed Labor Day	8 5:30 PM Elders Mtg 7:00 PM Council Mtg	9 11:00 AM Bible Class 4:30 PM Catechism 5-6 5:30 PM Memory Work/Meal 6:00 PM Catechism 7-8	10	11 Pastors Family Day	12
Rally Sunday 13 9:00 AM Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 AM Divine Service Donuts/Coffee after the service Acolytes: Kelly, Bailey	14	15	16 11:00 AM Bible Class No Catechism Classes	17	18 Pastors Family Day	19
20 9:00 AM Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 AM DS w/Holy Communion LYF meeting after service 6:30 PM LYF Bible Study Acolytes: Samantha, Jacob	21 Office Closed - Pastor Conference	22 Fall Begins	23 11:00 AM Bible Class 4:30 PM Catechism 5-6 5:30 PM Memory Work/Meal 6:00 PM Catechism 7-8	24	25 Pastors Family Day	26
27 9:00 AM Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 AM Divine Service Acolytes:	28	29	30 11:00 AM Bible Class 4:30 PM Catechism 5-6 5:30 PM Memory Work/Meal 6:00 PM Catechism 7-8	All Worship Services will be in person and live-streamed. You can find the Live-stream at www.facebook.com/stpaulsute/live		

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