



Saint Luke Lutheran Church

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September 2026 Newsletter



The Pastor's Perspective

Pr. Bristol Reading

What to Look Forward to in September

September is always a busy month as summer winds down and fall schedules kick back in. Here are some events you can look forward to at St. Luke this month:

- Pr. Bristol returns after vacation

I took a few consecutive weeks off this year, but I'll return to preach and preside on Sunday, September 6. Thanks for supporting me in a time of intentional rest and renewal, and thanks for welcoming our guest preachers while I was gone. I am so grateful to be the pastor of this wonderful congregation!

- Faith Formation resumes

I like to call our Sunday School program "faith formation" because my goal is to help our kids develop faith practices that can sustain them for a lifetime. It's more like Sunday play than Sunday school. This fall, we'll be exploring some stories from Genesis, in particular about Abraham and his family. Want to see what Faith Formation is like? We'll have an opportunity for all ages to experience our curriculum (shinecurriculum.com) on Sunday, Sept. 13 before and after worship.

- Bishop Justin Grimm's Installation

The new bishop of the Saint Paul Area Synod started his role on August 1, but the worship service of installation is at 3:30 pm on Sunday, September 13 at Shepherd of the Valley Church in Apple

September Volunteers

Thanks for your participation!

ONLINE USHERS

1st Sunday: David Tews

2nd Sunday: Sue McNeill

3rd Sunday: Raulie Ruiz

4th Sunday: David NedreLOW

IN PERSON USHERS

First and Second Sundays:

Kyle Ulrich, David NedreLOW

Third and Fourth Sundays:

Mary Jo Brandt, Carol Vigdal

READERS

6 Sue McNeill

13 Wendy Bjorklund

20 Nancy Redline

27 Kyle Ulrich

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

6 Kay Reich

13 Wendy Bjorklund

20 Nancy Redline

27 Kyle Ulrich

ALTAR GUILD

Kay Reich, Christine Olson

COUNTERS

6 Katy Eggert

13 Carol Hornung

20 Kay Reich

27 Carol Hornung

Valley. Learn more about this event, open to all: spas-elca.org/event/bishop-installation-service/ (Can't make it to this service? Learn more about a piano concert that's also happening this same afternoon by reading Becca's column for this month.)

- **Blessing of the Animals**

On Sunday, September 20 at 11:00 am in the St. Luke yard, all kinds of pets are invited to come and receive a blessing (humans can get blessings, too, of course!) This is a tradition in honor of St. Francis of Assisi who had a calling from God to preach to all of God's creatures. He is considered the patron saint of animals and the environment.

- **Rally Day**

Don't forget to bring a dish to share for our Rally Day potluck on Sunday, September 13!

May each day bring you joy and peace in the presence of God and of this special faith community!

—Pr. Bristol



Notes from the Music Director - Becca Ruiz

This September is going to be a busy month for music in our church!

Choir rehearsals will begin after Rally Day - look to the music bulletin board for starting dates! Bell choir meets before service at 8:30am, Vocal choir meets after service 11:00am to 12:00pm. All skills and levels of experience are welcome - come learn and create music together!

Want to try choir just for one day? **One-Hour Bell Choir is happening Sunday, September 13th for Rally Day!** One commitment, one hour, one song, performed that day in our service! If you've never touched a bell before, it doesn't matter! Come and learn - it's easy and fun!

Also Sunday, September 13th, we have a great opportunity at 4:00 pm. An internationally renowned pianist, Thomas Hecht, will hold a piano concert at our church. He has worked at a conservatory in Singapore and the Peabody Institute, and has performed globally. He'll be performing pieces by Mozart, Ravel and selections from Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition." Feel free to share this concert with anyone you know enjoys classical music and hopefully I'll see you there!

COFFEE HOSTS

- 6 Kay Reich
Nancy Redlin
- 20 Junella Litzkow
Karen Larson
- 27 Carol Hornung
Joyce Bluel
Joan Holtz



Bun Run

Many thanks to our Bun Run volunteers for September: Julie Ellingson, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Volker Landenberger, Ken McGrew.

September Birthdays

- 3 Victor Landenberger
- 9 Ken McGrew
- 10 Aiden Johnson
- 11 Jane McGrew
Everett Allen
- 12 Lydia Weis
- 14 Ardelle Volkman
- 17 Connor Burchill Riley
Corinn Burchill Riley
- 22 Carol Vigdal
- 25 Nahoko Person
- 26 Verdel Humburg
- 27 Gwen Brummund



All are invited to Game Day at St. Luke, Friday, September 4 and 18. Bring a snack to share and your favorite game and settle down to an afternoon of fun...join us!

SAVE THE DATE:
38th Annual Fall
Bazaar,
October 10!



- The council did not meet in August and many of us enjoyed community at Lutheran night at the Twins game. It was a lovely evening, thanks to David Tews for organizing!
- We will soon be making plans for the annual congregation meeting and council elections on November 1.
- Many thanks to those who continue to share their time and skills to keep up the property and make it lovely, inside and out. We appreciate everyone involved!

Fall Bazaar

Bazaar 2026 Update!

~We are beginning to collect rummage sale items for our ever-popular Fall Bazaar on Oct. 10. Please bring in your gently used treasures asap.

~Also, we need a volunteer to help with the raffle. This is a fun and lively way to plug into this event. If interested, please contact Nancy asap at nkh116@aol.com



Are you interested in ushering? We need two ushers--one for the first and second Sundays in February, May, August, and November to usher with Doug Klein, and another for the first and second Sundays of March, June, September, and December to usher with Kyle Ulrich. Duties include lighting the candles, greeting people and handing out bulletins, counting attendance, passing the collection plates, and guiding people for communion. If you are interested in ushering, please talk to David Tews, Pastor Bristol, or one of the other ushers.

***Connect, Grow
and Serve.***

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