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and
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Mission of the Quarter: NLOMA

With summer in full swing, I'd like to share some of my thoughts on a special branch of ministry within the LCMS—The National Lutheran Outdoors Ministry Association, NLOMA for short. Did you know there are about two dozen different Lutheran summer camps scattered all across the country? Every camp combines classic outdoor activities, Christian fellowship, and spiritually enriching experiences unlike any other organization that's out there. I have been personally involved with NLOMA for a good chunk of my life, and I am thrilled that Holy Cross is supporting it as our Mission of the Quarter!

When I was a youth at my home congregation, Abiding Savior, we often went to Camp Wartburg in Waterloo, IL. I fondly remember so many things from our grade school class trips, like the goofy meal prayers we would sing before eating, or the one time my friend and I were canoeing with our 6th-grade teacher when a huge fish jumped out of the water and landed in our boat! I treasure those days at Camp Wartburg, because they helped me realize that worshipping Christ and being with His people can be a tremendous amount of fun! And I still find myself returning to Wartburg—Holy Cross actually had a family camp event out there in September of 2025, and I loved every second of it. My highlights from that trip include the outdoor worship services that we had, as well as the "Church Staff Verses Everyone Else" game of Capture the Flag...which the Church Staff won!

I have also heard much about Holy Cross's legendary trip to Heit's Point back in 2021. If you go to Holy Cross's Facebook page and set the filter for June 2021, you can see dozens of awesome pictures from the servant event for yourself. And man, I wish I could've been there for the devotions, the discussions, the campfires, the work projects, the singing and dancing, the fun and games, and everything else. I am quietly hoping that we can return there as a congregation one day...

Additionally, I also worked at one of these NLOMA summer camps as a counselor right before my senior year of college! I spent the summer of 2019 at Lutheran Island Camp in Minnesota, and I can easily



say it was the best summer of my entire life. I made so many new friends my age, and I still keep in touch with a lot of them to this day. I gained way more experience with writing and giving devotions, praying out loud, playing guitar in front of others, and managing children. And of course, I had so much fun outdoors on that beautiful island. That summer genuinely served to mold me not just as a pastor, but as a young Christian. For those of you with children or grandchildren in high school or college, I seriously cannot recommend working for NLOMA enough.

There are a couple of things you can do for this awesome organization. First, please pay attention to our Mission Board's announcements this quarter, which will keep us posted on how we can support them. Second, you can consider sending your kid(s) to one of these camps this summer—I'm certain it would be a worthwhile experience. Third, if you want to know more about NLOMA, then you know where to find me! I'd love to tell you even more about it.

~Pastor Jason

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Dani Richardson
Preschool Director
& Lead Teacher

Rebecca Nutter
Assistant Director
& Extended Care



IMPORTANT NOTICE:
PRESCHOOL ROOMS 4-5, 7, 11-12
ARE PEANUT- & NUT-FREE 24/7
DUE TO A SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

In May, Preschoolers studied a variety of plants and bugs. They made a scientific record of the changes in 15 ladybugs. They started plant experiments to learn the parts of a plant, what plants need to grow, and how the stem carries water to the plant. They experimented with measuring length, capacity and weight; and they are learning the features of shapes.

The 4s class practiced walking through a lunch line. First, each child chose from a food menu at the start of the day. At lunch time, they practiced carrying a tray to a table followed by emptying the tray. Thank you to all the **Ladies Guild members** who made this event possible for the class and for praying for our preschoolers this year. We had several prayers answered this year: one child was baptized, and a former student received healing from a serious brain injury.

During Jesus time, we followed Jesus through the events of Holy Week. We praised Jesus with palms. We talked about how Jesus died for our sins then rose on Easter to give us new life with Him. We also learned how the symbols of Easter teach us about Jesus. Thank you to **Grace Guild** for the Resurrection Egg sets made for each child. Here is a thank you from a parent in the 4s class: "My child got home from school and went through the Easter story with his egg carton. He loves it and can't wait to tell the rest of his cousins and family this weekend. What a neat way for him to remember the Easter story. Thank you so much for helping him learn about Jesus."

Registration continues for next year. Share brochures from the Welcome Center with friends and neighbors so we can share the message of God's love with many children and their families.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Show Me Dough Butter Braid Fundraiser helping us earn \$1825.80 for our program! Please contact the Preschool Director, Dani Richardson, at 272-4505 if you have any questions.

More about Preschool on page 4 & 7.

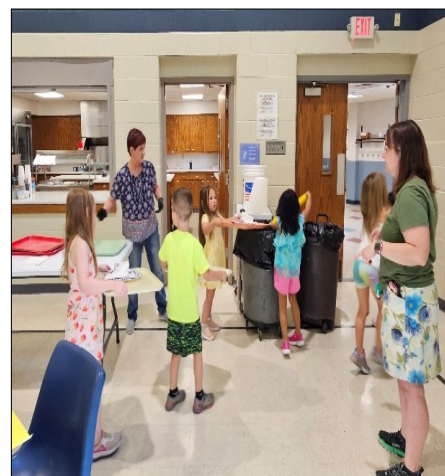


Hat Day with Mr. Gilson



The 4s class studies plants.

Preschoolers practiced walking through a lunchline and emptying their trays in the trash bins with help from Ladies Guild member Joyce McEntire and Preschool Aide Cindy White.



Monthly Music Minute for June 2026

*A series in which the music director shares some thoughts
about the music coming up in church this month*

The Gospel reading for the last weekend in June is Matthew 10:34-42, in which Jesus exhorts us to follow Him over all else. Verse 38, in particular, states, "Whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me."

In the green season of the church year, the season of Ordinary Time, we get a lot of Gospel readings like this, readings full of the teachings of Jesus. It is the season of the church year where we get a little more of the "day-to-day" readings, readings which give us instructions and encouragement on our walk with Jesus in the Christian life.

It's appropriate, then, that the Hymn of the Day for that weekend is LSB 685, "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus." A hymn often used, appropriately, for confirmations, it encourages us in whatever stage of our lives we might find ourselves. The hymn is divided into four stanzas, with each focusing on a different aspect of our journey through life, but always with Jesus. Each stanza begins with "Let us...with Jesus."

The first stanza, where the hymn gets its name, begins, "Let us ever walk with Jesus." It is a stanza for the now, where we look to the example Jesus set for us and strive to follow that example. It is not something we can do ourselves, but is instead only done by the grace of God. Appropriately, the stanza ends, "Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide." Jesus' guidance gives us the strength to live through each day.

The second stanza begins, "Let us suffer here with Jesus." Much to our dismay, Jesus does not promise an easy walk through life. It is quite the opposite! As the gospel above states, we are called instead to "bear our cross." Life is full of suffering, illness, sickness, pain, betrayal, grief, and many other challenges. There is a popular phrase: "God doesn't give you more than you can handle." While a nice sentiment, that phrase is simply not true; Jesus promises us the

opposite over and over again! If we could handle everything, what point would there be for us to rely on Jesus? Instead of trying to handle everything ourselves, Jesus, who suffered all things, calls us to lean on Him in times of trial, as the hymn states, "Where He is there is no loss." Our hope is not in the relief of suffering in this life, but in the next, where "we shall reap celestial joy."

Suffering is, of course, one of the effects of sin. The greater effect of sin, though, is death, as stanza three states, "Let us gladly die with Jesus." Paul writes in Romans chapter three, "The wages of sin is death." What grief death brings us in this life! In that hour of death, though, we do not find ourselves alone, for here Jesus is too, having also died for us. So we may die gladly, since death was conquered by death, for "the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven." And yet, heaven is not our ultimate hope. For that, Jesus gives us something even greater.

You may recall in the pastors' "Resurrection Workshop" Bible study, a conversation about how more than 50% of the hymns in our hymnal speak of the resurrection. This hymn is one of those hymns. Stanza four of the hymn begins, "Let us also live with Jesus." While being with Jesus in heaven is wonderful, our hope is in something even greater -- the resurrection of the dead. The hymn triumphantly proclaims, "He has risen from the dead that to life we may awaken." If Jesus suffered with us and died with us, how great a hope to know that He lives with us too. Just as Christ died, we die; and just as Christ rose, we will one day rise.

In the meantime, while we wait for that glorious day, let us return to stanza one of the hymn and pray that our walk here might be "full of faith and hope and love," doing the Father's bidding as we ever walk with Jesus.

- David Gilson

The Preschool Elves strike again!
Preschoolers had fun decorating Ms. Charity's
office with Ms. Dani, Mrs. White, and Pastor Kohm.
They left a little of their sparkle
(lots of balloons!)



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★ **TOGETHER, WE CAN REACH OUR GOAL!** ★



Summer fun in the church office.

The DCE came back from vacation and found her office filled with colorful balloons! When it was all done, there were more balloons than shown here! In fact, it was hard to get into the office!

New Preschool Playground Needed by August

The Building Committee has determined that a new playground is needed before the 2026-2027 preschool academic year, since the current one no longer meets state requirements. An official proposal was presented and approved at the May Voters Assembly. The proposed cost of the playground is \$90,000. **Holy Cross members responded generously**, and the playground is paid for. Construction starts in July!

Father's Day Bake Sale

Missions, Stewardship, & Youth teamed up for a Father's Day Bake Sale on June 20–21, 2026. Funds raised (\$1,265.75) will help families offset costs associated with the Creation Museum trip, various youth events and activities, and NLOMA camps.

Welcome Center Use

To help keep the Welcome Center clean, organized, and inviting for all members and visitors, any new display, table, sign-up area, or promotional setup must receive prior approval from the Welcome Center Committee before being placed in the space.

Requests can be emailed to the committee members: Liz Belter (missions@hcross.com), Todd Rasche (vicepresident@hcross.com), and Pastor Gimbel (agimbel@hcross.com).

If your group has an existing display and is requesting additional space, you may first be asked to consolidate materials into one designated area.

We are blessed with many active ministries and events, but we must also remain mindful of our limited space.

Additionally, all fundraisers — whether supporting Holy Cross ministries, missions, youth groups, or outside organizations — must receive prior approval from the Board of Elders before being promoted or conducted on campus. Fundraiser requests may be submitted to elders@hcross.com.

CWST WELCOMES YOUR HELP FOR FUTURE EVENTS:

If you are willing to help us with future events, please add your name and telephone number to the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. We realize that you will not always be available. Just let us know if that is the case when you are contacted, and we will call another person on the list.

THE 5TH ANNUAL PORK STEAK DINNER AND CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT SEMINARY FUNDRAISER

Please save the date to join us **Sat., July 18**, for the 5th Annual Pork Steak Dinner and Corn Hole Tournament.

All money earned will support our Seminary students and their families. We will be serving pork steaks; a choice of baked potato or potato salad; coleslaw; a choice of baked beans or corn on the cob; and dessert—all for the low price of just \$16. A children's menu of hot dogs, chips, a fruit cup, and dessert will be available for \$5. Dinners will be served from 5:30 to 7:30PM, and carry-outs are available.

The Corn Hole tournament with gift card prizes will also be held that day. Please join us for the fun and help support our Seminary student (Isaac and Alyssa Conrad from Holy Cross) who will be leaving St. Louis for their year of Vicarage in Colorado in early July. Tickets are on sale until July 11-12 in the Welcome Center before and after services.

Holy Cross President Resigned

Holy Cross President Greg Emerick has relocated out of the area and has officially stepped down as congregation president as of June 1. Vice President Todd Rasche has agreed to step into the President role.

One Service July 5

With Independence Day falling on a Saturday this year, and in response to Pastor Jason's "What If?" sermon, on the weekend of July 5 only one service at 10AM was held. The Saturday service on July 4 was canceled; Education Hour was held at 9AM on Sunday. The Holy Cross Choir reconvened to sing for this special service.

DONUTS WITH DCE

June is DCE Recognition Month in the LCMS. Our DCE, Charity Smith, was toasted with donuts during the Adult Bible Class on **Sun., June 28**.

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All women of Holy Cross are invited to attend meetings of either or both Guilds. Join us as we “serve the Lord with gladness” by raising funds for missions at home and around the world.

Holy Cross has two LWML groups:
Holy Cross Ladies Guild met Fri., July 10, 10AM.
Grace Evening Guild will meet in September.

Grace Evening Guild

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS: Grace Guild celebrated parents of Concordia Seminary with a personal care items drive between Mother's Day, May 10, and Father's Day, June 21. Thank for your donations!

AUGUST BIBLE & RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS DRIVE

Grace Guild will sponsor the collection of old Bibles, devotion books and other religious materials during the month of August. Love Packages is the recipient of these donations which will be shipped throughout the world. Read more about their organization on their website. This is the third year we have sponsored this collection.



RUMMAGE SALE COMING SOON

The Annual Ladies Guild Rummage Sale will be held **Sat., Aug. 15, from 7AM until NOON.**

Please save your unwanted items for the Rummage Sale! **Drop off items on Wed., Aug. 12, from 1PM to 7PM, and Thurs., Aug. 13, from 1PM to 4PM** at the Holy Cross gym. We do not accept clothing, electronics, or furniture.

Proceeds from the Rummage Sale will benefit the O'Fallon Senior Center, which provides Meals on Wheels and other services in the City of O'Fallon.

Come to the Rummage Sale and get great bargains on cool stuff!



LADIES GUILD FLOWER SALE PROCEEDS TO WORLD LUTHERAN DEAF OUTREACH

Proceeds from the Ladies Guild flower sale were donated to World Lutheran Deaf Outreach. At the May Ladies Guild meeting, Rev. John Reinke and Deaconess Intern Katie Beegle accepted the check for \$1,056.05, presented by Kathy Weseman, chairperson of the Flower Sale. A collection had also been made of Bibles, reading glasses, and other items requested by Rev. Reinke. Thank you to everyone who supported the Flower Sale and donated items for the collection. Envelopes containing information about the World Lutheran Deaf Outreach can be found on the table in the Welcome Center.

Meet Your Elder: Brian Storm

A series in which members of the Board of Elders introduce themselves and share some thought
Elder Bio for Brian Storm

My wife, Chris, and I were raised in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and we graduated from the same high school class. We have been married for 22 years.

I attended college in Milwaukee and then moved to Colorado Springs. There I worked for Ampex (the company that invented videotape, instant replay, and slow motion) and Colorado Springs Utilities. In 2000, I accepted a teaching position in electronics at the University of Minnesota. While there, I completed my BSEE and BSED.

In 2002, while attending our 25th high school class reunion, Chris and I got reacquainted. In 2004, we were married, and I moved to St. Louis. Since then, I have worked a variety of jobs, including my own photography business. I am currently semi-retired and work as an adjunct instructor at St. Charles Community College, where I teach electronics and photography.

I have two daughters from my first marriage. Lorilei is married to an Irishman named Brian and lives in Dublin. Kat, along with her



husband Matt and children (Ellie, age 13; Adie, age 11; and Ian, age 6), is moving from Fargo, North Dakota, to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this summer, where Kat will teach middle and high school orchestra. She is an accomplished violinist and was the Concert Master of the Minnesota State University Moorhead orchestra.

For fun, I enjoy playing trumpet in several jazz bands; taking walks with Chris and our Golden Retriever Riley; driving my classic Mustang; and, as an audiophile, listening to a variety of music and restoring vintage stereo equipment. Also, of course, cheering for the St. Louis Cardinals and the Green Bay Packers, as a shareholder/part-owner.

I feel that it is both an honor and a privilege to serve as an Elder at Holy Cross. I come from a small family, no siblings, and only six cousins. So, for me, Holy Cross is my family! I have been a member of many churches, but none were like what we have at Holy Cross. From our wonderful Pastors and staff, to all of our members, it is truly a blessing to serve our Lord with all of you. Soli Deo Gloria! Brian

Linda Kettler (back) and Barb Grosch help the 4s Preschoolers master the art of eating lunch as they get ready to go to kindergarten!



**Hope Seeds will
meet
July 2 & Aug. 6**

Join the group in the gym at 9AM to
pack seeds for missions.

Sponsored by Holy Cross Stewardship Board.

Christmas in July

Rising 6th to 2026 Grads + Friends
Location: Holy Cross' Youth Room
Time: Come and go from 9-5pm
Date: July 25

Come along for...

- Christmas in July Movie Marathon with movies like Elf, The Year Without A Santa Claus, The Grinch, and more!
- We will have chocolate milk, classic Christmas cookies, and Christmas Games.
- Youth can bring blankets, pillows, snacks, and come in comfortable, appropriate pajamas.

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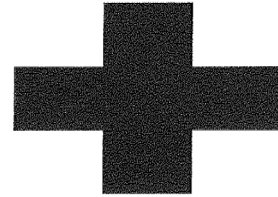
Gimbel & Elick Families

RSVP by July 17th



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Thursday, July 16, 2026

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Dive Into Summer!

Join us for a Pool Party
at Alligator's Creek on
July 24th 7:45pm- 9:45pm.



All children must be accompanied
by an adult.

No alcohol allowed.
Outside food and drink are
welcome, just NO glass.

Sponsored by Holy Cross Lutheran Church

SUMMER YOUTH NIGHTS

Rising 6th graders to
2026 HS graduates

6:45-8PM

July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
Bible Study & Games!

**Aug 5 - Photo scavenger hunt at
Fort Zumwalt Park.**

July Celebrations

May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. —Ps. 20:4

Happy Birthday!

- 2:** Debbie Breden, Alexis Durmeier, Dale Ledford, Jan Paulson
- 4:** Karen Copper
- 5:** Stacy Andrews, Steven Lackey
- 6:** Shawn Duncan, Dale Dusheke, Payton Frederking
- 7:** Jeremy Day, Greyson Linn
- 9:** Jim Dunajcik, Emma Estes, Werner Heizmann, Chris Mizel, Stanley Ziolk
- 10:** Rowan Fink, Harrison Sweeso
- 11:** Chris Alton, Carol Boyd, Debbie Cammann, Trina Christiansen, Karl Schoenike, Tucker Stephens
- 12:** Mia Blackwell, Mariah LaBeau
- 13:** Keri Berjer, Carolyn Bertram, Paul Helvey, Dottie Nagel, Drake Nagle
- 14:** Roger Sawall, Logan Schulte
- 16:** Jeannine Bisesi, Tom Haywood, Tricia Hogan, Debbie Parks, Bob Steinbruegge
- 17:** Jill Albano
- 18:** Mark Humphries, Grant Jennings, George Krieger, Melinda Windsor
- 19:** Rachel Laufer, Shirlene Reed
- 22:** Matt Benigno, Carter Danchus, Russell Zilka
- 23:** **Verna Tucker (103!)**
- 24:** Christy Jones, Ashley Zimmerman
- 25:** Donna Kaltmayer, Matt Lackey, Evelyn Smith, Christine Wein
- 26:** Nicholas Aston, Lisa Markham
- 28:** Kennedy Bartlett, Allen Ehrlich, Max Ellis, Tina Hevey
- 30:** Curtis Hemman, Linda Kettler, Joyce Niewald
- 31:** Sal Benigno, Carol Carson, Edna Kee, Hazel Langley

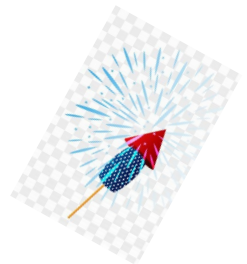
Happy Baptism Anniversary!

- 1:** Alexander Frerichs, Marc Maull, Marc Maull Jr., Michael McKinney
- 2:** Rebecca Schmalzer
- 4:** Jacob Davison
- 6:** Logan Day, Ralph Erickson
- 7:** Magdalene Smith
- 8:** Bryan Drilling, Madison Lott
- 9:** Marilyn Benassi, Liam Conroy IV
- 10:** Harper Prose
- 11:** Jeremy Day
- 12:** Ashley Cameron, Owen Schnoor
- 13:** Dottie Nagel
- 15:** Wes Dafler, Jill Frederking, Sue McCann
- 18:** Bill Adams, Josie Jones
- 20:** Emma Davison, James Foster, Trenton Kreyling, Lisa Markham
- 21:** Mark Morrison



Blessed Wedding Anniversary!

- 2:** Jeremy & Kathy Day (15)
- 3:** Brian & Chris Storm (22)
- 6:** Justin & Amanda Saale (13)
- 7:** Steven & Carla Cooper (42)
- 8:** Paul & Dianne Helvey (54)
Michael & Jennifer Vesper (31)
- 10:** Earl & Sandy Dietz (50)
Larry & Loretta Ezell (50)
Tom & Cherie Zimmerman (50)
- 11:** Jeff & Cheryln Landgraf (34)
- 14:** Don & JoAnn Pickens (47)
- 15:** Alisha & Matthew Ellis (9)
- 16:** Jeff & Becky Coomer (32)
- 17:** John & Jodi Schneider (44)
- 18:** Lisa & John Markham (23)
- 21:** Melinda & Bob Meyers (47)
- 22:** Chris & Danielle Mizel (20)
Ashley & Brett Zimmerman (9)
- 30:** David & Kathy Weseman (43)



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prior to the deadline.

July 2026

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
28	8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour + Donuts with the DCE 10:45AM Holy Communion	29	9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing	30	Higher Things at Wash U. June 30-June 3, Gr 9-12 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting	1	9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6:45PM Summer Youth Night	2	8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 9AM HOPE Seeds 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class	3	CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED	4	4th of JULY NO SERVICE
5	9AM Education Hour 10AM Holy Communion 1:30PM Board of Elders	6	9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing	7	10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting	8	9:30AM Adult Bible Class 1PM Preschool Board 6:45PM Summer Youth Night	9	8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 9AM Ladies Guild Party Setup 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class	10	10AM Ladies Guild Creation Museum & Ark Encounter, July 10-14	11	3PM Baptism—Saale 5PM Holy Communion
12	8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion	13	9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6PM Executive Board 7:30PM Council Meeting	14	9AM Quilting 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Adult Bible Study	15	KOINONIA <u>DEADLINE</u> 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6:45PM Summer Youth Night	16	8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 10AM to 2PM: American Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class	17		18	5PM CWST Pork Steak Dinner 5PM Holy Communion LCMS Convention July 18-23, 2026
19	8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion	20	9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing	21	10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Bds of Youth & Ed	22	9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6:45PM Summer Youth Night	23	8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u>	24	KOINONIA PRODUCTION & MAILING 7:45 to 9:45PM Holy Cross Pool Party at Alligator's Creek	25	YOUTH: Christmas in July Movie Marathon — Youth Room 3:30 PM Holy Baptism 5PM Holy Communion
26	8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion Noon Morrison Baby Shower	27	9:30 AM TOPS RUTH SEVICK FUNERAL 11AM Service Noon Luncheon	28	9AM Quilting 10:30AM SC Zone Executive Board Meeting (WC) 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Adult Bible Study Higher Things Confirmation Camp July 28-Aug. 1	29	9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6:45PM Summer Youth Night	30	8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u> 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class	31		1	AUGUST 5PM Holy Communion

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- 2:** David Heim, Denton Raymond
- 3:** Maryanne McDaniel
- 4:** Tim Davison
- 5:** Rebecca Schmalzer
- 6:** Robert Duss II, Shana Elick, Bruce Linn
- 7:** Nicole Alton
- 8:** Adrienne Blackwell, Brody Einsporn, Janine Haffer, Cynthia Menscher
- 9:** James Foster, Logan Harmon, Lukas Harmon
- 10:** Jesse Estill, Cara Shouse
- 11:** Susan Bastian, Pam Beck, Charles Eaton, Alex Miget, Lola Price
- 12:** Melanie Dafler, Jill Frederking
- 13:** Emma Hummel, Duane Lang, Jeff May
- 14:** Bryan Drilling
- 15:** Juliana Frerichs, Liane Higgins, Sharon Mitchell
- 16:** Ralph Erickson, Autumn Jones
- 17:** Steve Holtschlag
- 18:** Mark Morrison
- 19:** Marian Hoehner
- 20:** Patty Ulrich
- 21:** Mary K. Bethke
- 22:** Colton Cameron
- 23:** Adam Elick, Owen Schnoor
- 25:** Chris Price, Ethan Schnoor
- 26:** Bill Adams, George Kunzweiler
- 27:** Rhys Langley
- 28:** Kathleen Day, Ned Koprowski
- 29:** Megan Walkenhorst
- 30:** David Alton, Judy Andrews, Patti Groves

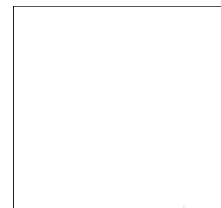
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- 1:** Judith Brueggeman, Ken Higgins, Linda Jackson, Eileen Reichert, Stevie Schuler
- 4:** Alexis Durmeier, Caden Martens, Ben Schnoor, Denis Wittenberger
- 5:** Blanche RichterKessing, Nick Sampl
- 6:** Jennifer Frasch, Ray Karl, Terry McCann, Anna Wacker
- 8:** Brenda Duncan, Karl Schnoor
- 9:** Ede Emerick, Denise Lackey
- 10:** Alaina Martens, Gus Waltersdorf, Christy Witte
- 11:** Jacob Estes, Debbie Martens, Alex Miget, Jackie Polashek
- 12:** Edna Kee
- 14:** Camden Danchus
- 15:** Bruce Richardson
- 17:** Alisha Ellis
- 18:** Frieda Karl, Dustin Mueller, Jackson Purtle, Jordyn Purtle
- 21:** Alexander Schlereth, Miles Van Wave
- 22:** Malinda Bryant, Wesley Durmeier
- 23:** Electra Day
- 26:** Baylor O'Brien
- 29:** Emilia Eidson, Milo Zimmerman
- 30:** Anita Rattner

Blessed Wedding Anniversary!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1: Ray & Paul Hein (2)
Rick & Carla Wiese III (30) 2: Andy & Laura Gimbel (19)
Frank & Dina Polashek (36) 4: Ray & Frieda Karl (64) 6: Steven & Cathy Estes (37)
Samantha & Lucas Kessels (5) 7: Tom & Sue Haywood (46)
Keith & Sharon Wachter (46) 8: Darren & Brenda Marhanka (13)
Isaac & Alyssa Conrad (2) 10: Richard & Margie Green (59) 11: Duane & Joyce Lang (60) 12: Rick & Denice Johns (37)
Bob & Donna Kaltmayer (33) 13: Sarah & Jon Langley (11) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14: Don & Marilyn Otto (62)
Bruce & Dani Richardson (46)
Brandon & Kelly Sumski (18) 15: Mike & Jill Albano (30)
Michael & Debbie Cammann (41)
Greg & Ede Emerick (30) 16: Russel & Jennifer Reed (36)
Gary & Katie Ziolk (20) 17: Robert & Alison Blundell (3)
Ralph & Renea Erickson (49)
David & Anna Gilson (4)
Josh & Grace Linn (15) 18: Wes & Melanie Dafler (15) 19: Jerry & Peggy Lancour (55)
Randy & Diane Jones (56) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20: Jim & Sue Bastian (57)
Hugh & Karen Heckman (34) 21: Andy & Peggy Goodman (35) 22: Bob & Carolyn Delohi (63)
Wayne & Brenda Fore (47) 23: Paul & Julianna Frerichs (19) 24: Ryan & Adrienne Blackwell (8) 25: Mark & Linda Ziolk (49) 26: Byron & Elaine Alton (50) 27: David & Bernice Sutliff (46)
Melinda & Rick Windsor (6) 29: Dennis & Connie Gamache (56)
Rick & Joy Wisa (47) 30: Brian & Michelle Duncan (8) |
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Adult Bible Class: See monthly calendar

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: September 2026

Adult Bible Class: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, GYM

Confirmation (grades 6-8); MidWeek Classes (grades PreK-5)
— *see summer schedule*

High School Wednesdays, *see calendar*

20s & 30s & 40s Bible Study: Thursdays, 6:30PM, Rm 1&2