



The monthly Newsletter of:

September 2026

Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

Gather in Grace

Grow in Faith

Go in Service



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

The congregation of Agnus Dei Lutheran Church celebrates the amazing diversity of God's beloved children. We welcome all, regardless of age, ethnicity, abilities, faith background, race, family configuration, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. We enthusiastically invite you into this worshiping congregation as we strive to share God's inclusive love with everyone in our community and in our world.



From Our Pastor



As we enter the **Season of Creation**, we are invited to slow down and pay attention to something that is all around us and yet so easy to overlook: the beautiful, fragile, and beloved world God has entrusted to our care.

Scripture begins not with humanity, but with creation. In Genesis 1, we hear God repeatedly look upon what has been made and declare that it is "good." The oceans, forests, mountains, animals, plants, sun, moon, and stars are not simply scenery for the human story. They are part of God's story. Creation has value because God loves it.



Pastor JT Burk

The psalmist reminds us of this goodness when they write:

"You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it."
—Psalm 65:9

And in Romans, Paul gives us an even more remarkable image:

"The whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor."
—Romans 8:22

These words remind us that creation is not simply something we possess. Creation is a living part of God's work, and it is deeply connected to our own lives. When creation suffers, we suffer. When the earth is harmed, communities are harmed. And when the earth is renewed, there is the possibility of renewal for all of us.

The Season of Creation is therefore more than an opportunity to talk about environmental concerns. It is an invitation to consider what it means to live as people of faith within God's creation. We are not owners standing outside of creation; we are creatures within it. We breathe the same air, drink the same water, depend upon the soil, and share this planet with countless other creatures who are also part of God's beloved world.

For us as Christians, caring for creation is an expression of our love of God and our love of neighbor. It can take large forms, such as advocating for policies that protect clean water, healthy ecosystems, and vulnerable communities. It can also take small and ordinary forms: planting something, wasting less, choosing to reuse, spending time outdoors, supporting local farmers, conserving energy, or simply pausing long enough to notice the beauty of the world around us.

At Agnus Dei, may this season help us cultivate a deeper sense of wonder and gratitude. May we remember that the trees, rivers, animals, oceans, and skies are not merely resources for us to consume but gifts of a Creator who calls them good. And may our gratitude lead us toward faithful action.

The world is God's beloved creation.

And we are part of it.

May we learn again to love it, protect it, and care for it, not because creation belongs to us, but because it belongs to God.

Pastor JT



Please let Pastor JT know if you are in need of pastoral care. If you would like to be contacted, please call the church office at 253-851-6222, extension 2 or email jt@agnusdeilutheran.org

President's Message

Gary Gemar



*Gary Gemar
Council President*

I was listening to a weather report this week and the reporter stated there are only 35 days until autumn. Yikes!! How has the summer gone by so quickly?? This means we will be gearing up with a full slate of activities in all our ministries starting this month. Please watch for the announcements in the weekly Thursday e-newsletters, bulletins, and monthly newsletters. Participate where you feel comfortable or stretch yourself and try something new.

Talk about opportunities to learn and develop new skills. Check out the Southwestern Washington Synod website [Southwestern Washington Synod](#) or subscribe (signup at the bottom of the homepage on the website) and get their newsletters in your email on activities sponsored by the Synod. In this week's newsletter the following events were promoted:

- ◇ **Reading the Bible within the Community of Creation** – Tuesday, November 10th, 7:00 PM PLU
- ◇ **Faith & Advocacy Workshop** – September 17th 6:00 to 7:30 PM @ Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church – Sponsored by the Faith Action Network – Young Adults 18–35.
- ◇ **Faith: The Final Frontier**–Fall Middle School & High School Retreat for SWWA/NWWA Youth (Grades 6–12) – November 6–8 at Black Diamond Camp, Auburn, WA – Registration \$175/person. More details to come on how to register.
- ◇ **Peer Ministry Training** – September 26th 10:00–4:00 PM, Silverdale Lutheran Church (Grades 6–12 and adult leaders) – Registration is \$200/congregation and as many people as interested can attend [Peer Ministry Training](#)

There are other opportunities listed that occurred in August that you will have missed by the time you see this article. Our three expressions of the church – Churchwide, Synods, and Congregations have a wealth of opportunities to learn and participate in. Take time to get connected, meet new people, and learn. It will hopefully inspire you to bring back information to share with others and maybe new ministries may start.

Thank you for your incredible generosity in donating to the **Freedom To Serve Campaign**. Here are the statistics for funds raised for refinancing on August 1st and our new mortgage:

- ◇ **\$256,746** donated by August 1st
- ◇ Our new mortgage balance is **\$385,920**
- ◇ New interest rate is 6.625% with a monthly payment of **\$4,422.55**
- ◇ Annual savings to our budget **\$30,060**

With this outstanding start to the campaign, we should be able to meet our goal of paying off the mortgage in 5 years. Keep up your generous support. The FTS team will keep you informed on the donations that continue to come in and how it will impact our future mortgage payments.

Highlights from the August Council Meeting:

- ◇ Reviewed the Little Lambs financials (July 1st – July 31st – New fiscal year). Income in excess of expenses -\$2,318 due to summer break. Registration for all the classes is going great with most of them being full.
- ◇ Accepted reports from the Council Committee Liaisons and acted as necessary on requests.
- ◇ Reviewed the ADLC fiscal year finances (February 1st – July 31st) that shows income less than expense by \$31,065. **Please review the complete financial report on the following page.**
- ◇ A motion was approved between meetings to allow Zach Blue to use the ADLC parking lot on August 22nd, 29th, and September 5th, 12th, and 19th for his planned garden concert events.
- ◇ Approved a motion to contribute \$150 to the Heron's Key Residents Association in appreciation for the shed donation using funds from Administrative Expense, Other.
- ◇ Approved a motion for the Personnel Committee to proceed with recruitment for a part-time organist (10 hrs./wk.)
- ◇ Approved a motion to replace the broken amplifier in the sanctuary using Future Needs Reserve funds not to exceed \$8,000.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Treasurer, Mike Snowden

AGNUS DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH JULY 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT			
	FEB 1-JULY 31 ACTUAL	FEB 1-JULY 31 BUDGETED	FEB 1-JULY 31 % BUDGET
OPERATING INCOME:			
Unrestricted Offerings	227,555	226,686	100%
Community Donations	787	1,299	61%
Miscellaneous Income	4,510	2,910	155%
TOTAL INCOME	232,853	230,895	101%
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Administrative Expenses	71,259	77,188	92%
Ministry of Education	758	1,550	49%
Ministry of Mission	14,918	14,762	101%
Ministry of Programs	3,340	6,110	55%
Staff and Services	173,643	178,141	97%
TOTAL EXPENSES	263,917	277,751	95%
NET OPERATING INCOME	-31,065	-46,856	

OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSES:	JULY ACTUAL	JULY BUDGETED	% OF JULY BUDGET
Unrestricted Offerings	33,479	35,222	95%
Total Income	34,674	35,790	97%
Total Expenses	41,660	45,591	91%
NET OPERATING INCOME	-6,986	-9,800	

GIVING TO OTHERS 2026-2027	
Associated Ministries	1,200
Community Assistance Fund	1,250
ELCA World Hunger	1,521
ELCA Good Gifts	-
FISH	856
Food For All formerly FB4K	2,201
Key Peninsula Foodbank	750
Little Lambs Preschool Donations	2,000
Monthly Outreach*	1,801
Total Giving to Others from Individuals	11,579
ELCA Mission Support (Budgeted)	13,653
Total Giving to Others from ADLC	25,232

Endowment Fund	
ADLC Endowment Fund	95,295
Reserves	
Mortgage Reduction	241,762
Future Needs Reserve	30,511
Operating Reserve	27,401
Reserves - Other Designated Use	21,398
TOTAL, ALL RESERVES	321,073

2026-2027 BUDGET AT A GLANCE	
Unrestricted Offerings	487,000
Total Income	494,917
Total Expenses	561,535
NET OPERATING INCOME	-66,618

WHERE ADLC STANDS FINANCIALLY AS OF 7/31/2026
Our expenses in July were \$6,986 more than our income, and our expenses for the year are \$31,065 more than our income. This is not what we would like to see, but it is \$15,791 better for the year than what was anticipated by the budget.



The Freedom to Serve Campaign has already raised \$256,746 which has been paid to reduce the amount owed on our mortgage to \$385,920. This will save us \$2,505 each month on our mortgage payment. This is a savings of more than \$30,000 per year. Thank you to everyone!



NEWS FROM OUR SERVICE COMMITTEE: GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

September Outreach: Relief Programs for Wildfires

In August, wildfires swept through Spokane neighborhoods, burning over 800 homes and structures. Our September outreach focus will be helping our neighbors who have been affected by the Eastern Washington wildfires. You may donate directly to Lutheran World Relief at lwr.org, scroll down to the orange button labeled "Join us to help Spokane." If you are a Thrivent member, we have learned that Thrivent is matching gifts 2:1. If you prefer to include a gift in your offering to Agnus Dei, indicate "Wildfires" in the "other" section. 100% of the contributions go to the relief effort.

August Project Update:

School Supplies! In August we collected an assortment of school supplies to build school kits for Lutheran World Relief and for Olive Crest Foster Kids Support Program. Ronnie has already delivered 450 pencils and 25 packs of crayons to the Olive Crest office in Tacoma. On Sunday, September 13, God's Work Our Hands Sunday, during worship, we will make the school kits assembly line style to ready them for shipping.

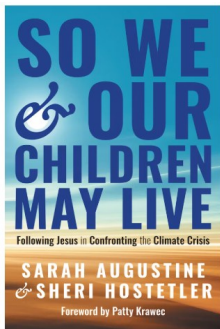
Looking Ahead to October

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We will be collecting toiletries and personal hygiene supplies for the YWCA Pierce County. "The YWCA transforms the lives of domestic violence survivors through safety, healing, and empowerment; providing safe shelter and comprehensive services for survivors of domestic violence, regardless of gender, gender identity or expression, disability, race or religious affiliation." ywcapiercecounty.org

Thank you for all your support,

The Community Connections Committee

Ann, Jerry, Phyllis, Charlene, Linda R, Linda Z, and Ronnie



ADLC Book Group

Book Group will be meeting on Sunday, September 20th, in the front room following adult forum to discuss: *So We and Our Children May Live: Following Jesus in Confronting the Climate Crisis* by Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler. Some of you may have purchased this book from the co-author, Sarah Augustine, when she presented at the forum last year. This book offers hope for a better future alongside concrete actions for joining with Indigenous Peoples to protect life and negotiate with decision-makers for sustainable change that follows Jesus. In these pages, readers are called to confront climate change and choose life for our children and the future of our planet. Everyone is welcome for this discussion whether or not you have read the book. We hope to see you there!

ELCA NW Washington Synod Fall 2026 Youth Retreat

Faith –The Final Frontier

Do you know of a 6th through 12th grader who might be interested in the Fall 2026 NW WA Synod weekend youth retreat? **Nov 6-8th, 2026** at Black Diamond Camp, Auburn, WA. If so, please contact [Rhonda Sobie](mailto:Rhonda.Sobie). More information to be available soon.

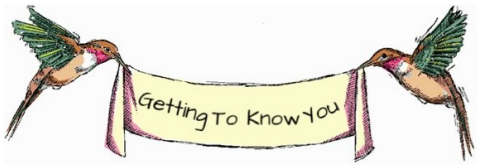


ELCA 2027 Summer Youth Gathering "Imagine More"

Do you know of an 8th through 12th grader who might be interested in the ELCA 2027 Summer Youth Gathering? **June 28–July 2, 2027** in Minneapolis, MN. If so, please contact [Rhonda Sobie](mailto:Rhonda.Sobie)

Early registration opens October 21st, 2026. With enough interested youth, future fundraising opportunities may be made available through Agnus Dei.

The 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering is more than an event — it's a movement where young people and leaders come alive in faith, grow in hope, and move with purpose. This is where the church comes to life. Go to <https://www.elca.org/gathering> for more information.



Allisa, Casey, and Aurelia

We are so happy to have this wonderful young family as part of our Agnus Dei Community.

Allisa was born and raised in Charleston, South Carolina, and as she says, "...grew up as a Navy brat!" Because of this she lived in Washington State, South Carolina, Connecticut, and Maine. Casey was born and raised closer to us in Bremerton, Washington.

Casey and Allisa met in high school through track and field, and both attended Washington State University.

Casey and Allisa's work brought them to this area, and they have lived in Gig Harbor for almost seven years.

Allisa is a Process Engineer at Boeing in their fabrication division. Casey is a Nuclear Engineer at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

Allisa and Casey made a choice to attend Agnus Dei for a variety of reasons. Allisa was raised as a Lutheran. When she and Casey were looking for a church to attend in the area, they were drawn to attend Agnus Dei due to our mission statement and the acceptance and openness to all people that we emphasize. They each share strong beliefs in social equity and are pro-LGBTQAI2S+.

Casey and Allisa share many interests together including video games, board games, and socializing with their friends. Allisa has recently gotten back into reading and loves mysteries, sci-fi, and fantasy books. Casey loves outdoor activities that include dirt biking, skiing, and airsoft, to name a few.

Aurelia is a happy addition both to Casey and Allisa and to our church family. It brings us all joy as we get to see her grow and change. She is a joyful part of our church services and loves singing and dancing "with" the choir!

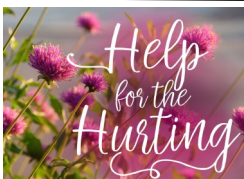
Allisa, Casey, and Aurelia add so much to our congregation. In a world where the young people of the world seem to be moving away from church attendance, Casey and Allisa's demonstration of faith and commitment to God is a moving and inspirational example for us all.



Casey, Aurelia, and Allisa

We are so fortunate to have them as a part of our church family.

Linda Olson



Grief Thoughts for September—The Power of Friendship and Community **By Debbie Waite**

This past week I had a conversation with a woman who has recently lost her father. She has made it through the funeral. The business of all of that is required after someone passes has been attended to—and the rest of the world has moved on. She wonders if she isn't grieving "right." The exhaustion, depression, unexpected bursts of crying—is it normal? Yes, these are normal reactions to grief. As this friend and I shared our experiences with past loss over coffee and tea, she began to visibly relax. It was in the community of friendship that she found reassurance that there is no right or wrong way to grieve. There is no shame in missing a loved one.

Here at ADLC, we have seen several of our members pass away this summer. As a relative newcomer to ADLC, there are some I never had a chance to meet. I encourage you to reach out to their families, share a meal, or cup of coffee, and let them talk. It's the community of support that normalizes their experience and assures them that we have not forgotten them.



Hard-to-Recycle Collection Day— September 27

Great News! We now have a dedicated shed behind the church to temporarily store the hard-to-recycle items we collect. This will make it easier for our Green Team volunteers to sort and deliver like items to their appropriate recycling centers. The back story: the Green Team sponsors a recycle event several times a year for those hard-to-recycle items to reduce the load on our landfills and get the items back into the useful cycle of our lives. They sort and deliver items, but to make the job more efficient, some items are stored until there is a quantity large enough to make the trip worthwhile. The previous storage space became unavailable and a plea went out for a new storage area. Ginny Eilers connected our Green Team with some folks at Heron's Key who had a shed they no longer needed. Peter Liljengren, George Unruh, Keith Eilers, and Gary Gemar took on the task of emptying and redistributing the items stored there and moved the shed to the site Gary prepared behind our church. Gary reassembled the shed and it is now ready to receive items you bring on September 27th and beyond.

The following is a list of items that will be accepted. There will be containers to drop the respective items into. To make the process easier please sort the items in your own bags, cardboard boxes, etc. This will help the Green Team's separation process.

- Plastics labeled 1 through 7 (look for the triangle symbol with the number in it). Separate by number (but keep clamshells separate from other #1 items)
- Fluorescent lightbulbs
- Batteries (separate by alkaline, Ni-Cad, Lithium; further separate corroded batteries in baggies)
- Plastic lids
- Styrofoam blocks and foam blocks
- Loose metal—e.g. screws, nails, lids, etc.—can include small metal tools and scraps
- Printer and toner cartridges
- Cell phones and chargers
- Electronic cords, holiday lights
- Glass bottles of any color—separate by color
- Shredded paper (in a paper bag)
- Plastic bags, bubble wrap
- Cardboard
- FDS and LDPE foam blocks

Also: Undamaged...

- Televisions
- Computers
- Laptops
- Monitors
- Tablets
- E-readers
- Portable DVD players



*Bob Nussbaum
and Brett Oliver*

Playground Upgrade

You may have noticed the yellow caution tape surrounding the play equipment on our playground. It is there because some fun new additions are being installed! Thanks to Brett Oliver, Bob Nussbaum, Gary Gemar, and our other properties team members, this project has been underway through the summer and will be ready for Little Lambs kickoff day on September 9. The improvements include a new slide, an extension to the climbing structure, and a teeter-totter.

The playground surface is also getting an upgrade. The original wood chips are being removed, a barrier and new deeper wood chips will be added to provide an even safer play area.

We are especially grateful to Brett, who through his work as a recreation equipment contractor, donated the original climbing structure and has generously donated the new pieces as well as his labor and expertise in ensuring our playground is safe. How exciting that with all these improvements, the only costs coming out of the Little Lambs budget is for the concrete and the wood chips! We are so thankful for everyone who has helped make this playground project possible and can't wait to see the kids enjoying the new play space soon!



SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 13 FORUM

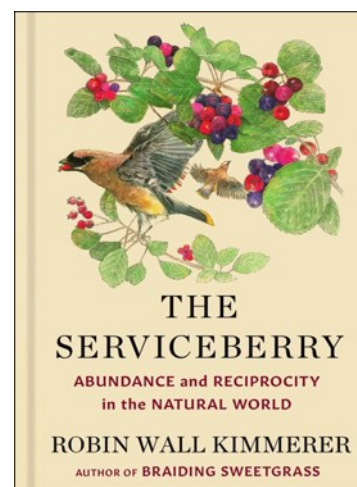


Forum meets each Sunday morning through the program year at 10:45 am in-person in the parish hall and on the Zoom platform. The recordings are available to watch later on our YouTube channel.

SEPTEMBER FORUMS – SEASON OF CREATION THEMES

“Living Water,” the 2026 Season of Creation theme, reminds us that this life-giving force comes to us as a gift and a call from our Creator. God’s creation is hurting. We face a water crisis: as climate change intensifies, we are looking at a “point of water bankruptcy,” a condition marked by irreversible losses of water capital. Christians are called to confront the implications of social injustice and inequities to vulnerable communities and future generations; to speak up for threatened ecosystems and biodiversity in aquatic wildlife. Our forums will offer us a look at indigenous wisdom from those whose traditions have long fostered care of all creation.

September 13: Robin Wall Kimmerer’s book *Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World*, sets the stage for our exploration of the world around us as we begin the observation of this year’s Season of Creation. A member of the Potawatomi tribe, Kimmerer is an botanist, writer, environmentalist. She envisions, in her amazing little 105 page book (including lovely illustrations), a way for us to orient our lives around gratitude, reciprocity, and community—using the natural world as her example. How, she asks, can we learn from Indigenous wisdom and the plant world to reimagine what we value? As Kimmerer explains, “Serviceberries show us another model, one based upon reciprocity, where wealth comes from the quality of your relationships, not from the illusion of self-sufficiency.”



Come to the Forum on September 13 to explore what the serviceberry—and the birds and other creatures who depend upon it—can teach us about God’s abundant gifts and our responsibility to the earth and to each other. Marilyn Colyar from the Green Team will lead our discussion. Come curious. Come ready to reflect. Come eager to discover how the wisdom of creation might inspire us to live with gratitude, generosity, and joy. And we hope you will be inspired to read Robin Wall Kimmerer’s wonderful book as we walk through the Season of Creation together.

September 20: Linda Zehnder and Susan Whitney will lead a presentation of the memoir *Fighting for the Puyallup Tribe* by Ramona Bennett Bill. A relentless advocate for Native rights, Ramona Bennett Bill has been involved in the battles waged by the Puyallup and other Northwest Tribes around fishing rights, land health, and education for more than six decades. She describes family stories and her own childhood experiences as well as her work for the betterment of all. We hope you can join us!

September 27: Harbor WildWatch

The banner on Harbor WildWatch’s website (harborwildwatch.org) boldly proclaims: “We dare you to care for our Salish Sea—and all the clever/majestic/creepy/wacky/charming/iconic/colorful/wonderful wildlife that live there.” Harbor WildWatch’s vision is to be a catalyst for environmental education, contributing significantly to our community’s understanding of the environment in which we live and our impact on the Salish Sea. Founded in 2004, Harbor WildWatch has grown from a few “touch-tank events at the city pier,” to a premiere environmental institution, educating more than 30,000 people each year about the marine environment surrounding us. The new Marine Life Center, adjacent to Skansie Park, hosts visitors from around the world, exposing them to the unique creatures in the Salish Sea and inspiring them to take the necessary steps to protect these creatures and their threatened habitat. RACHEL EASTON, Education Director, will be our speaker, introducing

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us to the mission and programs of Harbor WildWatch, and acquainting us with some of the wonders of the water we see almost every day. Rachel, a biologist/environmentalist, has been a member of the Harbor Wild-Watch team for more than 10 years, developing curriculum, training staff, delivering education programs throughout the region. Come join us on September 27 as we take an informative trip to the Salish Sea, guided by the amazing Rachel Easton from Harbor WildWatch.



FRONT ROOM KIDS

Beginning on September 13, children ages three through ten are invited to the Front Room after Storytime to enjoy a Bible story and related activities. They return to the sanctuary around the time of the Sharing of the Peace to be present for Communion and the remainder of the service.

CONFIRMATION

Middle school students meet with Pastor JT once a month in the Front Room after the service. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor JT.

LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL—A MINISTRY OF AGNUS DEI

The end of summer is here, and you know what that means... little feet running, just kidding, walking through the building! 😊 Preschool is about to begin. We are very excited to welcome our new and returning kiddos for another great preschool year. We still have a few openings, so if you know someone that is interested in a wonderful program, please send them to us.

Registration can be done online at <http://www.little-lambspreschool.org/>



Shannon Moore, Little Lambs Preschool Director

Season of Creation

The World Council of Churches calls on Christians everywhere to observe the Season of Creation from Sept. 1 to Oct. 4, 2026. This year's theme, "Living Waters," comes from Ezekiel 47, verses 9 and 12, and offers us a vision of ecological restoration and hope.

At our church, we are honoring the month with special focus in worship and with as much good news as we can find about climate change and with a variety of activities, including:

- Your descriptions (and pictures, too, if possible) of your favorite waterfall, lake, river, beach, etc. (Please bring to church by Sept. 1.)
- Forum on Sunday, Sept. 13, when Marilyn Colyar speaks about Robin Wall Kimmerer's book, "The Serviceberry."
- Forum on Sunday, Sept. 20, when Linda Zender and Susan Whitney talk about Ramona Bennett Bill's memoir, "Fighting for the Puyallup Tribe," with details about the tribe's continuing responsibilities for stewarding the lands and waters. After Forum that day, everyone is welcome when the Agnus Day book group will meet to discuss "So We and Our Children May Live; Confronting the Climate Crisis, by Sara Augustine and Sheri Hostettler.
- Tuesday, Sept. 22, the Green Team presents the movie, "Fish Wars," in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m. There will be treats. Invite your friends.
- Forum on Sunday, Sept. 27, features a speaker from Harbor Wild Watch. Also, Hard-to-Recycle Day makes a comeback! Bring that stuff you've been saving.
- Forum on Sunday, Oct. 4, when PLU professor Suzanne Crawford O'Brien speaks on her new book, "Climate Anxiety and Spiritual Resilience."



We remember in prayer:



For comfort and healing:

* Chuck Anderson
* Margie Anderson
* Barbara Ausich
* Julia Bell
* Gail Brandt
* Marlene Bridgforth
* Robert Bridgforth

* Beverly Buster
* Beverly Buster Jr
* Chiarra Buster
* Audrey Clinton
* Connie Hummel
* George Mitchell
* Jack Oakes
* Michi Ouchi
* Joannah Powers

* Ellis Rousseau
* Johnny Tierny
* Neal Van Der Voorn
* Trudy Wagner
* Eunice Werner

In service to our country:

* CAPT. Jenny Nussbaum, US Public Health Service

ADLC Care Team

These services are offered by our care team volunteers. If you or another need assistance, please contact the group coordinator, whose phone numbers and e-mail addresses are in the church directory. Please also check out the Care Team Bulletin Board across from the Parish Hall for further information. Any questions, or to sign up to help, please contact us.

*Marlene Bridgforth,
Care Team Coordinator*

ADLC CARE TEAM SERVICES AND COORDINATORS:

- ♥ TRANSPORTATION: TRACY CLARK
- ♥ HOME VISITS: GHITA LORENZ
- ♥ CARDS/TELEPHONE CALLS: MARY MARQUARDT
- ♥ GRIEF SUPPORT: DEBBIE WAITE
- ♥ BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS: DAVID SALGE
- ♥ HOME COMMUNION: MARLENE BRIDGFORTH
- ♥ HOSPITALITY: DEBBIE SNOWDEN
- ♥ MEALS: ANN ROUSSEAU
- ♥ MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES: ANN ROUSSEAU
- ♥ PRAYER CHAIN: CINDY BEALS

We Celebrate September Birthdays and Anniversaries!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Ann Rousseau
2 Tim Wilson
3 Rob Powers
4 Kathy Stark
9 Margie Anderson
16 Teena Kusche
18 Bob Babare
20 John Stava, Carolyn Heinz
21 Tom Chakerian
22 Joanne Bucholz
23 Paul Miller, Sophie Anthony
25 Marlene Bridgforth
27 Jack Chakerian

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Chris and DeDe Boerger
2 Dennis and Ardith Johnson
6 Robert and Cindy Beals
18 Bob and Jenny Nussbaum
20 Martin and Denise Iversen
30 Keith and Nancy Johnson





September Serve in Worship Schedule



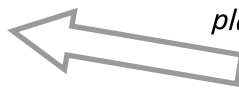
		Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Lector	Stream Team/ Sound	Ushers	Greeters	Security	Prayer Writer	Flow-ers	Front Room Kids
6	9:30 AM	McCraw Lubash	P Brandt	D Marquardt	Nussbaum	L & M Colyar	G Lorenz R Crow	Gemar	K Gemar	Stuen	L: H:
13	9:30 AM	Keyl Crow	D Salge	L Brentin	Kusche	D Sapp T Clark	A Carter K Gemar	Waite	P Waite	Stuen	L: H:
20	9:30 AM	Brentin Conlee	K Gemar	P Liljengren	Carter	P & D Waite	L & D Brentin	Gemar	D Waite	Stuen	L: H:
27	9:30 AM	Morgan Nesbit	L Olson	P Mickelson	Snowden	T Clark	M Beert	Waite	M Colyar	Stuen	L: H:

Serve in Worship:

Would you like to be more involved in our worship service? Volunteers are needed in all areas and training is readily available.

The following are the folks who are currently scheduling:
 Council—Security
 Debbie Snowden—Stream Team and Sound System
 Marilyn Colyar—Assisting Ministers
 Paula Davis—Lectors, Greeters, and Ushers
 Kimberly Morgan—Altar Guild

Please contact the office or call these folks directly if you are willing to serve. The schedulers are more than happy to schedule around any travel plans you may have.



Hospitality: Please consider joining with others to provide light treats and make coffee for our Sunday fellowship after worship. Have fun and team up with a friend.

*If you have any questions call Debbie Snowden or Linda Ribary.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

♥ Let's Wear Our Nametags

As a sign of hospitality to all visitors, newcomers, and just the plain forgetful, please remember to wear your nametag! If you are in need of a new nametag, leave a note on Cindy's desk.

♥ We Share the Air – Please Keep It Fragrance-Free and Healthy for All

We ask our entire community to be mindful of folks with scent sensitivities and refrain from using perfume/cologne and other scented products when coming to Agnus Dei.

♥ Phishing Scams Continue! BEWARE OF FRAUD

The scams will continue so we will continue to remind you... Be aware of phony emails arriving your inboxes. Please remember: **ADLC staff will never contact you for money, gift cards or financial information of any kind.**

The latest scam, a fake email party invitation (an evite) from what looks like one of your contacts. If you open it, they will harvest your contact list. It is best to verify that the invitation is legitimate before opening.



SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Hybrid)	31 12:30pm Church Staff Meeting 1:00pm LWR Quilters 6:00pm Nar-Anon Family Groups in Community Room	1	2 10:00am Text Study 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	3 10:00am Worship Committee 6:00pm AA Group in Community Room	4 Church Office Closed on Fridays 10:00am Properties Team Meeting in the Front Room	5 8:30am Men's Square Bible Study 8:30am Women's Circle Bible Study 5:00pm Parking Lot in use for community event
6 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Hybrid)	7 Labor Day, church office closed 1:00pm LWR Quilters 6:00pm Nar-Anon Family Groups in Community Room	8 10:00am Worship Committee	9 Preschool Kick-off 10:00am Text Study 12:00pm Retired Clergy Lunch in Front Room 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	10 10:00am Finance Committee 1:00pm Council Executive Committee 6:00pm AA Group in Community Room	11 Church Office Closed on Fridays	12 5:00pm Parking Lot in use for community event
13 God's Work. Our Hands. 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Hybrid)	14 12:30pm Church Staff Meeting 1:00pm LWR Quilters 6:00pm Nar-Anon Family Groups in Community Room	15 3:00pm Council Meeting	16 10:00am Text Study 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	17 5:30pm Theology on Tap 6:00pm AA Group in Community Room	18 Church Office Closed on Fridays 4:00pm Peace Community Dinner	19 5:00pm Parking Lot in use for community event
20 Blood Pressure Checks after worship 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Hybrid) 12:00pm Book Group	21 12:30pm Church Staff Meeting 1:00pm LWR Quilters 6:00pm Nar-Anon Family Groups in Community Room	22 1:15pm Gather Bible Study	23 10:00am Text Study 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	24 6:00pm AA Group in Community Room	25 Church Office Closed on Fridays	26 1:00pm Patti Martin Memorial
27 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Hybrid) Hard-to-Recycle Collection Day	28 12:30pm Church Staff Meeting 1:00pm LWR Quilters 6:00pm Nar-Anon Family Groups in Community Room	29	30 10:00am Text Study 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	1 6:00pm AA Group in Community Room	2 Church Office Closed on Fridays 10:00am Properties Team Meeting in the Front Room	3 8:30am Men's Square Bible Study 8:30am Women's Circle Bible Study

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