

The Cross of Christ Is the Way into the Kingdom of God

With the cross of Christ, the time has come “to gather all nations and tongues” (Is. 66:18). The sign of the cross is set forth in the preaching of the Gospel, the declaration of the Lord’s glory “among the nations” (Is. 66:19). Many “will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God” (Luke 13:29), but only by the narrow way of the cross. Those who refuse to follow Christ crucified will ultimately find only “weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Luke 13:28), whereas Christ’s disciples, called from all the nations, will eat and drink with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. They will come into “the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (Heb. 12:22).

SERVING US IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK		WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 22 nd -31 st	
Preacher:	Rev. Zachary DeArmond	SAT	8:30am Summer Cinema
Organist:	Kim Woller	SUN	8:00am Worship and Communion
Elders:	Thurs: Lee Roloff		9:30am Worship and Communion
	8:00am: Jack Welter		6:00pm Youth Group
	9:30am: Craig Butzlaff & Bob Kunz	TUES	6:30pm Women’s Home Bible Study
		WED	9:00am Quilters
Ushers:	6:30pm: Team 7-Roloff	THURS	6:30pm Worship and Communion
	8:00am: Team 5-Diener	SUN	8:00am Worship and Communion
	9:30am: Team 6-Dwyer		9:30am Worship and Communion
Lay Readers:	8:00am: Carla Herried		
	9:30am: Nicole Mefferd		
Acolytes:	8:00am:		
	9:30am: Kaitlyn Butzlaff		

WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

REGULAR WORSHIP HOURS RESUME: Please note that our regular Worship Hours resume on Sunday, September 7th. Thursday services will remain at 6:30pm, and Sunday Services will be at 8am and 10:30am, with our Education Hour meeting at 9:15am.

EDUCATION HOUR KICK-OFF: Members of all ages are invited to join us on Sunday, September 7th at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall as we kick-off another year of education within the church! We'll introduce our Sunday School and Bible Study teachers, hear about all the Bible Studies Blessed Savior will offer this fall, and enjoy our world-famous waffle bar.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: for all 3-year-olds through 8th grade begins on Sunday, September 7th with our kickoff event at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Join us, beginning on Sunday, September 14th, as we take a look at the complete story of the Bible from Genesis-Revelation as one seamless story! We will meet at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY on Paul's letter to the Corinthians begins on Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00am in the Church Library. Please let Duane Graf know if you plan to attend. (This is the same Bible Study that is offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm)

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will begin meeting on Tuesday, September 9th at 9am. Please join us as we work through the series "The Chosen".

WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm and will be studying Hebrews. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the Church Office more information.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY on Paul's letter to the Corinthians begins on Wednesday, September 10th at 7:00pm in the Church Library. Please let Duane Graf know if you plan to attend. (This is the same Bible Study that is offered on Tuesday mornings at 7:00am)

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will spend time taking a longer look at the readings on Thursdays at 9:30am. Class will begin on Thursday, September 11th in the Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 8:30am-10:00am and will be looking into what is so amazing about grace in the study "Grace, Period. Living in the Amazing Reality of Jesus' Finished Work".

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

THIRD QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS: Third Quarter Special Missions will support the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Portugal (IELP). The church has two active pastors, Rev. Adalberto Hiller and Rev. Rony Marquardt. Both men graduated with Pastor Martinho Sander from Concordia Seminary, Porto Alegre, Brazil, in 1983. The IELP has three congregations, 145 baptized members and 112 communicant members. The IELP was founded in 1959 as a mission outreach of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil (IELB). The ministry has flourished in recent years under the leadership of its pastors. As the church continues to grow, projects come up and financial assistance is welcomed. Donations to special missions will help cover the cost of hymnals, Bibles, a projector, and communion ware. To learn more you can visit <https://ilcouncil.org/members/europe/portugal/> or ask Pastor Sander about it!

CHURCH INFORMATION

THANK YOU: A big thank you to everyone who attended, cooked, provided food, set-up, cleaned-up, and more for our Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic. We had a beautiful day, and we couldn't have done it without all of you! To God be the glory!

ONLINE GIVING: If you are interested in signing up for Vanco, our online giving program, or if you would like to make changes to the amount you give through Vanco, please contact Tami in the church office by September 10.

YOUTH GROUP: All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Group on Sunday, August 24th from 6-8pm. We will be heading to Moorland Golf to play a round of mini-golf and get ice cream.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING: All parents and youth in grades 6-8 should plan to join us on Wednesday, September 3rd at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall for a meeting regarding the upcoming Confirmation year. If you are unable to attend, please contact Jaime Greene to set up a time to meet.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Throughout September we will be collecting clothing and accessories such as shirts, socks, undergarments, flip flops, sunglasses, hats, and hair accessories. Donations can be placed in the bin in the Narthex!

CHILDCARE TEAM: We are looking to add individuals that are caring, outgoing, passionate, energetic, and love working with children to our childcare team for the 2025-2026 school year, specifically as part-time work in the afternoon. Coursework and/or experience in this field is preferred, CPR and first aid are a must. Teachers are responsible for ages 2-5 in our multi-age classroom. Contact Jennifer Leinss at jleinss82@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S NEEDED: We are looking to add to our Sunday School Teaching Team- specifically a co-teacher for our middle school class. For more information, please contact Jennifer Leinss.

RAISE RIGHT: Raise Right gift cards make great gifts, as well as the perfect way to pay for everyday things like gas, groceries, or even school supplies! To order your gift cards, please fill out the order form (found by the bulletin boards in the hallway) and leave it with your cash or check in the "Raise Right" mailbox on the north side of the Narthex. Orders are placed on Monday mornings and are available for pick up on Thursday afternoon.

PLASTIC DONATIONS: We thank you for your overwhelming support of our plastic bag recycling donations! We have reached our goal for park benches and will no longer be collecting. Thank you!!

YOUNG AT HEART: We are excited to kick off another season of Young at Heart events! We invite you to join us on Thursday, September 4th at 11am for Bible Trivia and pizza in the Fellowship Hall. We will also share our calendar of events for the year. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

FELLOWSHIP SNACKS: If you are interested in providing some treats between services, please sign up on the bulletin board. We will resume fellowship coffee and snacks on September 7th.

BOWLING WITH A MISSION: Loved Ministries is hosting a "Bowling with a Mission" fundraiser at New Berlin Bowl on Sunday, September 21st. Cost is \$25 and includes 2 games of bowling and shoe rental. There will be raffles, a silent auction, and face painting. More information can be found at www.lovedwi.org.

CARE AND SHARE MEETING: If you would be interested in learning more about what our Care and Share Committee does, or how you can be involved, please join us on Monday, September 15th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

FREE SHIRTS: We have a plethora of Thrivent shirts and some past event t-shirts available for you to take in the Fellowship Hall! Sizes range from youth small-2XL.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for our members:

Charles Boie Shari Schulz

We also remember in our prayers these friends and relatives of our members:

Phillip Pastor Alex Dan Sr. Mary Gabe Ellie Rich Mason Family Sandi John

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military:

Corwyn Erika Carlos Mary Darren

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Joan Ziegler, in memory of her father; and by Ron and Lou Ann Meyer, in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Special Missions are sponsored by

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 8am-4:30pm
If you need to contact the Pastor after office hours, please call the Church Office and follow the prompts on the phone.

Attendance: 190

Offerings: \$4,220

Needed Weekly: \$12,535.15

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