

September

newsletter

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Discover & Invite

Dear Our Lord's members and friends, the peace of Christ be with you.

First and foremost, thank you so very much for your kindness, grace, and hospitality during our first month doing ministry together in Maryville. It has been a joy!

On my end, there has been a lot of getting acquainted with Our Lord's leadership structure and processes in the first month. I am impressed with how organized and dedicated to the ministry of the gospel the congregation is. I have personally dubbed it a well-oiled discipleship machine.

As you may know, our main task for the church program year will be to fill Our Lord's new ministry site profile, or MSP. This is the first step in the new pastor call process. Yes, the congregation has done this before. Why not keep using the same one? There is no need to say that the ministry landscape is now different than the pre-pandemic years. We need to retool a bit and that includes how our congregations can utilize their MSPs to maximize their appeal to pastors looking for calls. In order to guide our congregations, our Synod is adopting a resource called "Discover & Invite."

"Discover & Invite" assists congregations in reconnecting with their strengths, centered on their call to do ministry together for Christ, and invites pastors to come and join them. The goal is that, upon completion, Our Lord's MSP will be the best reflection of who the faith community is today and a document that will hopefully cause candidate pastors to think, "I want to be considered for an interview with Our Lord's Lutheran Church in Maryville." The curriculum is both spiritual and participative. For this reason, our Synod is asking current interim pastors to facilitate this process in collaboration with a small group of members who will, in turn, relay the progress to the congregation and invite feedback.

Our Lord's leadership has been assembling a group representing, as much as possible, the full breadth of the congregation and we plan to schedule our first meeting for September. Stay tuned for announcements on the group work and ways you can provide input. May the Spirit accompany us in this journey.

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Mauricio Vieira*

OLLC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Applications Now Being Accepted!

We are currently accepting applications for the Admin. Assist. position. A complete description of the position can be found on the credenza in the WC narthex. Feel free to distribute the description to family members and friends that may be interested in working for the church. Interested applicants should send cover letter and resume to: love2haveu@ourlords.org

Questions, contact Karen Cummings-Larson.

RALLY DAY

OLLC EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN SEPT. 7

Celebrate the new year with a fun-filled event of outdoor games, light lunch, make your own ice cream sundaes,



OUR LORD'S
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✠ Serving the Lord ✠

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September 6 & 7 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 13 & 14 14th Sunday after Pentecost Weekend of Service "Gods Work, Our Hands"

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10



Listen to services using your phone or tablet!
Scan the QR code or download AudioFetch on Google Play or iTunes.

September 20 & 21 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 27 & 28 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1a 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

**Saturdays at 5 pm
Sundays at 9 am**

**Saturday and Sunday services
will be livestreamed.**

SEPTEMBER GIVING EMPHASIS

OLLC Crafters & African Vision of Hope

African Vision of Hope is a Christian organization committed to bringing immediate and lasting solutions to children and families living in extreme poverty in Zambia. AVoH confronts the root causes of poverty by providing opportunities for children to be educated, grow up healthy, develop leadership and economic skills and learn about God's love.



From 23 students in a rented tavern 25 years ago to **5,006 students in 7 schools across Zambia**, these years have brought incredible waves of change. Generations have been impacted and poverty has been fought head-on.

Are you ready to change lives?

AVoH is deeply committed to limiting overhead costs while maximizing the opportunities and effectiveness of child and community focused program activities. More than 95 percent of every dollar goes directly to initiatives benefiting communities in Africa.

Our Lord's Crafters has an ongoing relationship with AVoH. Each month OLLC crafters meet to sew quilts and to make and assemble feminine hygiene kits for children of AVoH schools and safe homes. To date the crafters have created 15 quilts and crafted & assembled 210 hygiene kits.



To raise awareness and increase funds, OLLC Crafters will be selling raffle tickets for a handmade quilt; raffle tickets will be sold following worship services in September. Raffle tickets are just \$5 each or 5/\$20. All proceeds will be used for purchasing supplies for the hygiene kits and quilts that are sent to the children in Zambia.

Additional contributions can be made to OLLC for African Vision of Hope via ACH bank transfer, by check (please note "AVoH" in the memo line), or by using your smart phone and following the QR code which takes you to the OLLC giving page, select "Monthly Giving Emphasis" to make a donation that will be used to support our work with AVoH.



Thank you for your generosity and support!



Even though African Vision of Hope schools are currently on break, students are still coming to their classrooms for tutoring. They are receiving extra preparation for their exams coming up. Pray that they have energy, and that they do well on exams so they can keep moving forward in their education.



Multiple containers full of food made it to Zambia this month! Goodson, our Food Security Manager (pictured above), helps our team unload these boxes from the containers and into our warehouse. These nutritious meals will share HOPE with children and families who are facing extreme poverty.



African Vision of Hope students are enjoying Bible study and devotional time at the House of Hope rescue home. Pray that more children find hope in Christ.



Our Empowerment Program Manager, MacRichard, is teaching African Vision of Hope students and surrounding community members how to grow & take care of crops. Pray that children are empowered and find their God-given potential

THE CALL PROCESS: DISCOVERY & INVITE

This is an exciting time in the life of our congregation. The Holy Spirit is busy, working with us and with pastoral candidates on our behalf. Everyone is praying for a great match.

We are ready to begin the **Discover and Invite** step of the call process. *Discover and Invite* is a tool for clarifying what kind of pastor our congregation needs. During the next 2-3 months a team of congregation members will lead the congregation through the Discovery and Invite process. The team will begin working early September. We pray for the team as they begin their work in the call process.

Go to <https://www.csis-elca.org/congregations/call-process/> for additional information regarding the call process.

- Next step!*
- First steps completed
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 - The Congregation Council completes the Discover and Invite Curriculum and the Ministry Site Profile (MSP).
 - The Congregation Council emails electronic copies of additional congregational information to the synod office.
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COLLEGE CONNECTION



Are you enrolled in college classes this year?
Do you have a son or daughter enrolled in college classes?
If so, please notify the church office!

College Connection Teams for OLLC members enrolled in a college or university study program are being formed. Please contact the office and provide the student's name and contact information (email, phone for text, and mailing address).

TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION AT OLLC

Due to the closing of Well Care Center, OLLC has made a change to trash & recycling collection. We contracted with Republic Services for weekly collection pickup on Fridays; recycling will be collected every other week. The garbage containers are located near the side entrance to the Life Center (south side of building). Leave only APPROVED recycling in the appropriate containers. If you have a large amount of recycling (boxes, cans, etc) or trash please take the items to the garbage containers by the LC. **Do not leave the trash/recycling for the cleaning service to remove.**

Please contact the office if you are willing to assist with 'taking out the cans' on Thursdays & returning the containers to the original location after pickup.

Items ACCEPTED for recycling:

- **Paper:** Newspapers, magazines, office paper, cardboard (flattened). Recycle envelopes, office paper, junk mail, greeting cards and file folders. Shredded paper should be put in a paper bag.
- **Plastic:** Bottles and jugs (empty, clean, and dry). Recycle plastics #1, #2 and #5.
- **Metal:** Food and beverage cans (empty, clean, and dry).
- **Glass:** Bottles and jars (clear, green, or brown).



SERVING OUR LORD'S

FIRST RESPONDER'S APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Calling all First Responders within our congregation and surrounding communities!

You are invited to attend the 3rd Annual First Responder's Appreciation Breakfast.

Saturday, September 13, 2025

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Our Lord's Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall

150 Wilma Drive - Maryville, IL

Enjoy a hearty breakfast prepared by our members.

This is our way to say THANK YOU for all you do to help keep our community safe.

Menu: scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, sausage patties, donuts, assorted pastries, juice, and coffee.

Volunteers are needed to assist with food prep, set up, serving, delivery service, and cleanup. Contact Cindy Pugh at 618-334-1046 or sign-up on the list in the narthex. If you are unavailable to assist but would like to make a cash contribution, make check payable to OLLC and enter "First Responders' Breakfast" on the check memo line.



SERVING OUR LORD'S



OLLC serves SOS September 9th!

Assistance with preparation and serving the meal will be needed. Signup sheets are in the narthex.

Donations to support OLLC S.O.S. can be given via check, cash, or note "S.O.S." in the memo line. If you have any questions contact Gail Jorgenson or Julie Preston.

Worker Bees - Saturday, September 6

Breakfast 7:00 am, Red Apple Restaurant; Church 8:00 am
If you plan on attending, please confirm by email or text to Chuck Pugh.

Date	Riding Mowers	Trimmers
September 4-6	Chuck Jorgenson	Tom Messina
September 11-13	Jim Spencer	Tom Steinman
September 18-20	Bill Homes	Steve Hoelscher
September 25-27	Chuck Pugh	Brian Hartke



Chancel Choir & Handbell CHOIR

Chancel Choir, Thursdays, 5:00 pm
Chancel Choir members needed!
Handbell Choir, Thursday, 6:00 pm

Contact Addie Mays for additional information at
love2haveu@ourlords.org

Praise BAND

REHEARSALS: Saturdays 3:30 pm
PERFORMANCES: Saturdays 5:00 pm

Contact Olivia Cross for additional
information.
oecross@gmail.com



PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR A SEPTEMBER CONCERT EVENT

Date & Time to be determined.

Watch the weekly announcements for updates!

OLLC FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

OUR LORD'S CRAFTERS

Throughout the month of September, Crafters will be selling raffle tickets to raise fund for feminine hygiene kits and for quilt supplies, see an OLLC Crafter to purchase tickets.

Crafters will meet **September 24, noon-3:00 pm**. Contact Kathy Nehrt with questions.

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

Next Book Club meeting will be **August 15 at 11:30 am**. We will be discussing "I See You've Called In Dead" by John Kenney. New members are always welcome!

Congregation Game Afternoon

Fellowship Hall

**3:00 PM-
5:00 PM**

September 14
October 12
November 9
December 14

*Bring your favorite
game, bring a
friend, and bring a
snack to share!*



HERDING ALPHAS

"Herding Alphas" is going on hiatus.

With schools starting and education programming at OLLC beginning, there is not enough time or interest from families to participate in activities. Stay tuned as we figure out the next steps for Herding Alphas.

Text Mo at 618-210-5151 with questions or ideas!

SATURDAY & SUNDAY HOSPITALITY HOSTS NEEDED

There is just something about being together and talking.....taking part in fellowship. Whether it is snacks or a light meal, food brings people together. Additional hosts are needed for Saturday nights following the 5 pm service (usually light suppers serving between 15-20 people) and Sunday mornings following the 9 am service (breakfast pastries, fruit, & cookies serving between 10-20 people).

What are the responsibilities of Hospitality Hosts?

- prepare coffee/cold drinks
- set out paper products (plates, napkins, plastic ware)
- clean up consists of cleaning coffee pots and airpots
- wash, dry, and return all items to proper location in kitchen/Fellowship Hall (do Not Leave any Dishes/Utensils air drying on counter or in the sink)
- remove all trash, bags should be tied and carried to the trash tote located south of the LC (by the side door) or placed in large yellow container in Kitchen Area. Replace with new trash can liner.
- wipe down all tables, counters, coffee/drink area, kitchen counters, stoves, etc. Spot clean chairs if needed.
- sweep/vacuum floor if needed
- dispose of all leftovers. Do Not place leftover food in refrigerator.

Visit the table in the Narthex for Hospitality Hosts sign up sheet.



There's a Place for You!

Any questions, contact Kay Chaffee (618-210-9876) or Cindy Pugh (618-334-1046)

PRE-SCHOOL - KINDERGARTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays in the Life Center in Room 2 at 10:15 am!

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL - grades 1-5

Sundays in the Life Center in Room 4 at 10:15 am!

CONFIRMATION CLASS - grade 6-8 *2x each month, dates & times TBD*

We welcome both returning and new students to our class this fall. We will have classes on every other Sunday early evenings (approximately from 5 to 7 pm) starting in September and we will continue with the curriculum from **Faith Inkubators**. Each session we will cover two lessons and break for a meal between the lessons. We will meet in the Worship Center. Start date and fall schedule will be shared within the next few weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS *Sundays at 10:15 am*

High school age youth meet in the Worship Center Youth Room - Harry's Hangout!.

OUR LORD'S YOUTH GROUP

Discussion of meeting times and events for OLY is underway. Stay tuned for updates.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10:15 am -- Conference Room (WC)

Join us as we take a closer look at the Gospel of Luke.

QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 10:00 am -- Conference Room (LC)

Questions Bible Study will be completing the series on "The Dead Sea Scrolls" this fall.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE STUDY

Gather to reflect on the lessons for the following weekend services. Participants will be invited to share their insights about the text and discussions will be grounded on the Lutheran lens. Each session will be available in-person and online midweek in the evening. Group will meet in the WC Conference Room. A Zoom link will be shared with all to participate online. Please look for a sign up sheet in the narthex for possible time slots. This will help Pastor Mauricio to pick a time that works best for most.

FEEDING THE SOUL

Wednesdays @ 3:00 pm - LC Conference Room
Currently reading and discussing "Hiding God" In Our Heart" - an in-depth study of popular Bible passages including the Twenty-Third Psalm. Additional topics include The Lord's Prayer, The Roman's Road, The Whole Armor of God, and individual studies that relate to timely topics.

MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

2nd & 4th Thursday @ 10:00 am in the FH

Morning Glories is currently studying the book of Acts. The book we are studying from is "Life Lessons from Acts" by Max Lucado. We meet at 10:00 on the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Fellowship Hall at the Worship Center. All ladies are welcome!



**IT IS GOING TO BE ANOTHER
EXCITING YEAR OF
EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT
OUR LORD'S!
JOIN THE FUN!**



Introduction to Preaching Fall Adult Faith Formation Course

Preaching is not limited to only the sermon on Sunday morning. This course invites us to look for the many opportunities share this good news (Bible studies, children and youth ministries, evangelism, etc.). During our time together, we'll walk the process of taking a selection of scripture to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Students will share personal ministry experiences and sermons as they reflect biblically and theologically on how the gospel is shared.

The course will be held every other Saturday starting on September 13 (9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, and 11/22) from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$25 for general learners and \$50 for Synod-Authorized Ministry students. Register at CSIS-ELCA.org/aff25fall by Saturday, September 6.

About the presenter: The Rev. Ron Poe has served as pastor of The Lutheran Church of Mahomet since 2021 after serving his first call in Las Vegas. He attended Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, and has taught lay school courses in liturgy and worship, Christian ethics, and preaching. He is married to Angie and has five daughters.



Spiritual Practices – Listening to Neighbor

From Deacon Jason, Central-Southern Illinois Synod

I'd like to offer up the practice of Lectio Divina as a way to help us listen to our neighbors.

Lectio Divina means "divine reading" and is an ancient practice of praying the scriptures. During Lectio Divina, we listen to the text of the Bible with the "ear of the heart." In his book "Reaching Out," Henri Nouwen writes about Lectio Divina this way:

"Instead of taking the words apart we should bring them together in our innermost being; instead of wondering if we agree or disagree, we should wonder which words are directly spoken to us and connect directly with our most personal story."

Choosing a passage for Lectio can be as simple as using a passage printed in the bulletin from Sunday's worship or a bible reading from your favorite daily devotion. Lectio follows these steps:

1. Lectio — "Read." Listen to the passage being read. There is something very different that happens when we LISTEN to scripture versus READING scripture. I know I drive people crazy when I am asked to preach because before I read the Gospel text I invite the congregation to set their bulletin down and HEAR the word of the Lord. During this part of the practice the key is to just listen for one word or phrase and then spend one minute in silence.
2. Meditatio — "Reflection." Listen to the passage being read again. Did the same word or phrase grab your attention? Follow up this reading with another minute of silence and ponder how this word or phrase makes you feel.
3. Oratio — "Respond." Listen to the passage being read again. Follow up this reading with another minute of silence and wonder about what God might be wanting you to do with this word or phrase. What is going on in your life right now that God is speaking directly to you through this one word?
4. Contemplatio — "Rest." This time of rest is a wonderful opportunity to take the word or phrase you heard from God and sit with it for an extended period of time.

I'd like to offer up this spiritual practice as a way of listening to our neighborhoods. Luke Edwards of The Listening Church has modified this practice into what he calls "Lectio Vicinitas," or "Listening to our Neighborhoods."

What might it look like if we all practiced reading our neighborhoods the way God reads us? Who knows what redemptive work the Holy Spirit might bring about as we encounter our neighbors with the "ears of our heart?" May these practices and resources bless your listening as we all get more curious about what God is up to in the lives of our neighbors and may they experience our listening as the love of Jesus.

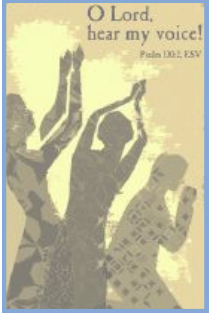
Yours in Christ,

Deacon Jason

PRAYER CONCERNS

Everyone listed here is important to a person of the congregation. Please include them in your praying throughout the week so that they know and feel God's power and presence. We will usually keep names on this list for three to four weeks. Please let us know if an individual should be removed before then or if there is a change in their condition that requires ongoing prayer. Member names may be listed for much longer periods of time

CONGREGATION MEMBERS



Dan Homes	Joyce Tatjenhorst
Rod Orr	Brian Kassing
Don Klingsick	Mike Williams
Don Simonson Sr.	Emily Callahan
Nicole Williams	Dave Chaffee
Keith Jensen	JoAnn Hartke
Linda Spencer	Robin Wellener
Ruth Ann Blotvogel	Lisa White
Karen Missy	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ken Bunetic	Tate Buckhaus
Tommy Banks	Joe
Shelley Bruntjen	Nicci Essington
Michael Echevarria	Bill Larson
Phil Childers	Janet Borowitz
Bob Dunn	Dan & Martha
Bob Meyer	Mary Barker & Jim
Marilyn Wolfe	Jean Walker
Nancy Easton	Brie Jenkins
Paul P.	Pearl
Elaine Kendall	Ted F.
Sara & Samuel Jensen	Michelle Simms
Judy Lott	Jan Orr
Doris Gocken	Chris Rurhen
Mary Thiesen	Marguerite Tilashalski
Jack Sykut	Joanne Johnson
Cindy Whitcomb	Teri Peters
Joan Truckenbrod	Aaron Travis

PRAY FOR THOSE THAT HAVE DIED & FAMILIES THAT ARE GRIEVING

Family & Friends of Jeff Olson (uncle of KaLonny Short)

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Lance Cpl. Clayton Campbell	Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith	Erica Webb, US Private E-3	Amador Ochoa
Major James Carmichael	Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)	SrA Paul Kampwerth	Capt. Blake Crosby
Airborne Ranger Keegan Crosby	MSgt. Stephan Spencer	John Meyer	Josh Pace
Staff Sgt. Tyson Crosby	Zach Huff	Zachary Neubauer	Scott Prengel
SPC Bill Homes	Jake Randall		

CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH

September

Birthdays

Liam Helms	Chuck Jorgenson
Jim Harriss	Martin Kramer
Billy Huster	Rev. Dr. John Lottes
Rod Orr	Kay Chaffee
April Vesper Clark	Lyn Kampwerth
Julia Schorr	Alan Kramer
Kristin Schoenecker	Leslee Morris
Mabel Asbury	Katie Beauchamp
Bill Homes	Laura Schoenecker

Jaime Henderson
Jim Lemke
Diana Huster
Stacie Kirk
Charlotte Henderson
Danielle "Dani" Webb
Erik Kirk
Beckett Wieser
David Geiler

September

Anniversaries

Chris & Kalonny Short
Mark & Deanne Holshouser
Darrell & Sharon Bruhn
Boris & Stacy Cvijanovic
Alan & Sue Kramer
Andrew & Emily (Callahan) Thompson
Zebulon & Elaine (Nemsky) Collier
Danny & Mona Schrader
Billy & Becky (Fremder) Asbury

REMINDERS

PRAYER LIST

Please let the office know if you would like to add a new person, remove a current person, or change the status of anyone on our prayer list. OLLC practice includes removing individuals from the prayer lists **after 3-4 weeks** unless an update is received.

PRAYER VENTURES

Two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries are available at: www.elca.org/Resources/Prayer-Ventures

WHEN YOU HAVE CHANGES

Please let the church office know of changes to e-mail address, mail/resident addresses, telephone numbers, job, college, graduations etc.

OTHER INFORMATION

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America -- <https://www.elca.org/>
Central Southern Illinois Synod -- <https://www.csis-elca.org/>

OCTOBER

- October 4 - Blessing of the Pets
- October 18 - Walk to End Alzheimer's - SIUE
- October 26 - Reformation Sunday - Meet Katie Luther Event

October Giving Emphasis:

S. O. S. (Collinsville) - Fill M & M Tubes

NOVEMBER

- November 1 - All Saints Day
- November 11 - Veterans Day
- November 22/23 - OLLC Fall Bake Sale
- November 23 - Christ the King Day
- November 27 - Thanksgiving
- November 30 - Advent 1

November Giving Emphasis:

Water Well Project - Marion Medical Mission

DECEMBER

- December 3 - Advent Holden Evening Prayer
- December 6 - Greening of the Church
- December 15 - Children's Christmas Program
- December 24 - Christmas Eve
- December 25 - Christmas Day

December Giving Emphasis:

TBD

OLLC MINISTRY TEAM

OLLC STAFF

Pastor Mauricio Vieira
Interim Pastor

Volunteer Staff
Administrative Assistant

Addie Mays
Director of Worship Music for
Sundays & Special Services

Olivia Cross
Leader of Non-Traditional
Worship Music

Dr. Rhonda Comrie
Organist

Benjamin Maynard
Worship Tech
Livestreaming Specialist
ProPresenter Slide Designer

CHURCH COUNCIL

Dr. Karen Cummings-Larson
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Dr. Emily Truckenbrod
Vice President

Dr. Terry Ackerman
Secretary

Dr. Laura Schoenecker
Treasurer

Vacant
Member At-Large

Pastor Mauricio Vieira
Interim Pastor

MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM

Kathy Nehrt: Education

Cindy Pugh: Fellowship

Ed Foppe: IT

Carol Orr: Service

Jan Vinson: Worship

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Lisa White

Fair Trade Store:
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vablu2@aol.com

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Maureen "Mo" Johnson

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Trusting God in Seasons of Transition and Change

As I was preparing the council briefs for the September newsletter I thought about the recent changes at Our Lord's and the uncertainty of what lies ahead. We are in a time of transition. Transitions can bring a rush of emotions-- excitement and joy over the coming of a long-awaited hope, or it can usher in uncertainty and a longing to stay put just a little while longer in the face of the unexpected.

Despite the uncertainty, there are feelings of anticipation and excitement for the future. During the August council meeting summer events were highlighted including the sendoff for the high school graduates and VBS, the welcoming of Pastor Mauricio and his family, and the work of the congregation -- pulling together, maintaining the church business, and keeping all of the OLLC ministries moving forward. It requires a collective effort and everyone has a roll to play! During the past month whenever I contacted a congregation member asking him/her to be a part of a team, serve on a committee, or assist with a task or event, the response was "I am happy to serve."

As we look to the future you can expect to see the completion of parking lot work and replacement of inoperable kitchen appliances. September will include guest speakers, sharing of insights about African Vision of Hope, and another exciting outdoor concert by OLLC musicians. The outlook for October is just as exciting as we plan a return of the Blessing of the Pets during an outdoor service and for Reformation we host a special community event "Meet Katie Luther."

There's a lot to think about when we prepare for the next chapter in life at Our Lord's. If you find yourself feeling nervous, awkward, or stressed about the uncertainty that lies ahead, take a deep breath! You're not alone. Remember that God goes before you. You may expect the transition to go perfectly, but he doesn't. In the moments where your emotions are unsure about the days ahead, meditate on Scripture to hold on to what's true. Your emotions will change, but God's truth, his love for you, and his faithfulness to help you through every situation will never change.

Yours in Christ,
Karen Cummings-Larson

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Summary taken from report provided by OLLC Treasurer Laura Schoenecker
If you have any questions, please contact Laura at lswanso@siue.edu.

General Benevolence Income

July 2025..... \$17,800

General Benevolence Expenses

July 2025 \$13,261

Cash - Unrestricted \$52,996

Cash - Designated \$88,989

Total Cash \$141,985

During July:

- The balance of the Monthly Emphasis Fund at the end of July 2025 was \$431.07 (School Supplies). During July \$1,421.52 was sent to Undue Medical Debt and \$453 was sent to Mosaic, proceeds from the concert in memory of Andrew Kassing.
- General Benevolence Income in July was \$17,800. \$1,602 will be sent to CS/IS for Synod Benevolence for July.

Thank you for sharing your financial resources with this congregation in support of the mission we share.

To give, simply scan this QR code with your smart phone. The QR code takes you directly to the OLLC giving page. On the giving page you have the opportunity to identify if your contribution is for Benevolence (church expenditures) or for one of the designated funds. Of course, cash or checks are always welcomed. No matter which method you choose when giving to OLLC, all donations received will help us sustain our ministries throughout the year.





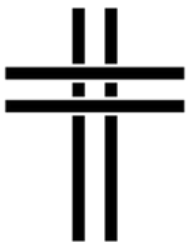
SEPTEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 Church Office Closed Labor Day	2 Pastor Works from home 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement	3 3:00 PM Feeding the Soul - WC Conference Room	4 5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	5 Pastor's Day of Rest	6 7:00 AM Worker Bees breakfast 8:00 AM Worker Bees - OLLC 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service 6:15 PM Hospitality
7  9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Hospitality 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM High School Class 10:15 AM Pre-K, & Elementary 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Lunch, Games, & Ice Cream	8 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study 6:00 PM Girl Scouts - LC 6:30 PM - Ministry Support Team Meeting - ZOOM	9 Pastor Works from home 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement	10 3:00 PM Feeding the Soul - WC Conference Room 7:00 PM Lakeview Garden Club Meeting	11 10:00 AM Morning Glories - FH 5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	12 Pastor's Day of Rest	13 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM First Responders Breakfast 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service 6:15 PM Hospitality
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