

September Birthdays

- 4 Carissa Spanier
- 5 Vicki Larson
- 5 Laura Solbrack
- 6 Mary (Elmstrand) Mortenson
- 7 David Aljets
- 7 Evangeline Gillard
- 7 Brynley Nelson
- 8 Doug Kalisch
- 13 Ryan Anderson
- 13 Preston Schulz
- 14 Michael Dahlheim
- 14 Karen Kamps
- 15 Mark Krueger
- 16 Carol Gibson
- 16 Laurel Sonnabend
- 20 Lois Harwick
- 21 JoAnn Gallmeier
- 22 Kyle Olson
- 23 Sara Crist
- 24 Ryan Bohn
- 24 Donna Thompson
- 26 Ryan Long
- 29 K.C. Bohn



September Anniversaries

- 14 Tony and Kim Harding
- 17 Doug and Jessica Kalisch
- 22 Mark and Sharon Krueger
- 22 Charles and Melissa Sohn
- 23 Don and Pat Magaard
- 30 Jason and Mary Stamm



Please inform Denice of any additions or corrections. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Total
July 28	19	45	64
August 4	26	62	88
August 11	30	52	82
August 18	32	67	99
August 25	25	69	94

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830AM Radio Sundays 6:05 a.m.
XM Satellite Radio XM170 Family Talk
 Sundays at Noon

Internet: www.lutheranhour.org or
www.lutheranhour.org/AFN

September 1 "Begin Again"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 The book of Genesis tells us that God made all things. But it won't answer every question about when, how, and why God did it. That's because Genesis is mostly about getting to know God. Dr. Michael Zeigler begins a new series of messages based on the first book of the Bible. (Genesis 1:1 - 2:30)

September 8 "Play Your Art"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 This week on The Lutheran Hour: Dr. Michael Zeigler says we each have a part to play on God's stage-with a script, without a tryout, with freedom and responsibility. How will you play your part? Dr. Zeigler and his guest, Dr. Charles Arand, discuss our place in God's creation and our role in caring for it, this week on The Lutheran Hour. (Genesis 2)

September 15 "The Dream Is Alive"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 Genesis Series - The fall of man... and still, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob wants to relate to you and to me with grace and truth. (Genesis 3)

September 22 "Intervention"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 Genesis Series - The account of Cain and Abel is more than a story of murder. (Genesis 4)

September 29 "The Story We Needed"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 Genesis Series (Genesis 5-9)

Sunday Offerings	July	August	Year-to-Date
Income	20,249.90	25,713.85	174,591.56
Expenses	23,334.50	21,378.62	182,176.04
(+over/-under)	-3084.60	+4335.23	-7584.48

10% of each month's offerings is sent to the MN North District for our mission pledge.



Joyful Noise

September 2019

Worship Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Children's Sunday School resumes September 8 in the church basement, 9:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class will meet in the sanctuary, 9:15—10 a.m.

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GARAGE SALE AT JOY
Friday, September 13
Saturday, September 14
 8 a.m.—5 p.m. both days
 Bake Sale on Saturday only



Pastor's Letter

Why We Use the Lectionary* *Except for the Next Three Weeks

"What will you be preaching on next Sunday?" It's amazing how many times I've been asked that question in the few years I've had the privilege of being the pastor at Joy. Sometimes the question comes from a curious church member, but more often the question is posed to me by a friend from outside the Joy community. The assumption they're typically making is that pastors are either preaching (1) a sermon series planned weeks if not months in advance or (2) preaching straight through a particular book of the Bible. So, when I answer this question by saying, "I don't know," it often catches people off guard. After all, how can I not know what book we're working through or what 12-week sermon series we're in the middle of?

The truth is that if you ask me on Sunday afternoon what the topic will be next week I will rarely have an answer for you off the top of my head. However, while I may not be able to instantly tell you what the topic is for next Sunday, I can, with minimal effort, tell you that if you happen to be in church on Sunday, May 9, 2049, I will almost certainly be preaching on John 10:22-30. How can I tell you what my sermon text will likely be 30 years in advance? Because we typically follow the lectionary.

The lectionary is a list that assigns Scripture readings to each Sunday in the church year. We typically use the lectionary here at Joy for two reasons. First, the lectionary assigns readings that make sense given where we are in the church year. Are we in Advent preparing for Christmas? The lectionary assigns readings focused on preparing for Christ's birth. Are we in Easter celebrating the resurrection? The lectionary assigns readings that talk about Jesus's post-resurrection appearances. Second, the lectionary helps to ensure that I don't shortchange you by only giving you part of God's word. Like you, I too have favorite Bible verses and topics I like to talk about. If we didn't use the lectionary, I would be free to talk to you about these verses and topics all the time but, if I did that, you'd get a very unbalanced diet of God's Word. The lectionary makes sure you get a balanced diet of God's word by making sure you hear readings from throughout Scripture and not just part of it.

For these two reasons we typically follow the lectionary at Joy. . . . except for the next three weeks. For the middle three weeks of September I'm planning a sermon series focusing on children and faith. That's right, I just got done telling you why we use the lectionary and now I'm telling you we won't be following it for the next few weeks. I must admit, I'm excited to do a short sermon series with you all, but I'm also glad to know that by the end of September we'll be back on the lectionary. I desire for you to hear the full counsel of God and the lectionary makes sure you hear just that.

Pastor Daniel

Sing! Sing! Sing!

Joy's Praise Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, **September 11th**.

We need YOU to come and make music to the heavens-each Wednesday night from **6 p.m.** until 7. All voices are needed-to bring a wonderful range of opportunities in song to the glory of our God! Make this year's Choir experience the best we've offered to God in Joy's history of choirs.

Every singer is important and special, and has the voicing God hopes to hear this year. If you love music, you will love singing with the Joy Praise Choir! We encourage one another, pray for one another, and don't miss fun when the chance arrives.

Come, and be blessed as you serve in singing!



One Voice for Public Policy MINNESOTA DISTRICTS



Rev. Hinz represents the LCMS in issues pertaining to life (abortion and doctor-assisted suicide), marriage, family, sexuality, parental choice in education, and religious freedom.

Rev. Hinz is available as a presenter and resource for congregations and pastors' groups. All are welcome to contact him directly with public policy questions. The July issue of *One Voice* addresses issues that are likely to be in front of Minnesota Legislators in the 2020 session and provides insight in what is going on with regards to education choice. You can read the July edition and find the most recent updates [at mnsdistrict.org/public-policy](http://mnsdistrict.org/public-policy).

Christ Serve Ranch to host new Online Learning Community



On July 23, 2019, the Resolution 5-09A was passed by the 67th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). This resolution reaffirmed the historic position of the LCMS regarding God's act of creation in six natural days. In addition, the resolution instructs pastors to equip and teach members, especially youth, to understand and defend this Biblical witness to God's creative work. The synod provides a number of resources including *Together with All Creatures: Caring for God's Living Earth* (2010) and *All Things Hold Together in Christ: The Intersection of Science and Christian Theology* (2015).

act of creation

For those interested in exploring further, an online learning community will begin on September 29, 2019, and continue on the last Thursday of each month. Guest hosts will facilitate the conversation as we begin working through these synod resources. Look for more details in the coming weeks.