



First Lutheran Announcements

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Mt. Carroll, IL

sharing Christ's love through
worship, study, and service

SUNDAY, September 11, 2022

Rally Day

We're kicking things off on Sunday, September 11th with a big Rally Day. Come and be a part of Worship that day and show your support for our next generation and their families. We'll worship at 9:00am, and include the blessing of our wonderful teachers and the blessing of students and their families.

It's the beginning of Sunday School so let Mrs. Yochem know if you would like to have your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, or a neighbor's child enrolled this year. We hope to have everyone show up to help give a special start to our Sunday School class with some special music during service just for them. Plan to stay after service to enjoy a Rally Sunday Brunch with cake and ice cream in Fellowship Hall, down stairs. There will be a few other surprises you won't want to miss. This will be a great Sunday to invite friends and neighbors.



14th Sunday After Pentecost

We continue through Luke. We are the lost sheep and the lost coin, and the community has gathered to celebrate that we have been found in Christ.

Exodus 32:7-14 The record of the exodus, which may have occurred in the thirteenth century 1250 bce, was compiled from previous sources in probably the fifth century bce. This excerpt concludes the story of the golden calf, likely a Jahwist explanation for the later condemnation of the cult of Jeroboam (1 Kings 12). Both the Egyptian deity Apis and the Canaanite deity Baal were depicted as a bull: perhaps the narrative's use of "calf" intends to diminish the power of the image. Moses is pictured as the prophet who can mediate between the sinful people and the righteous God, and God is a deity who can be convinced back to mercy.

1 Timothy 1:12-17 1 Timothy was written probably in the late first century by a disciple of Paul who understands himself as continuing Paul's legacy, although differences between the two are evident. Timothy had been a co-worker with Paul and in this letter is described as a leader of his local church, which by that time was challenged by false teachings. As an illustration of God's mercy to the sinner, these initial sentences present the biography of Paul as a persecutor who accepted the grace of Christ.

Luke 15:1-10 Luke dedicated half of his gospel, written in perhaps the late 80s, to Jesus' last journey to Jerusalem, the lead-up to his crucifixion and resurrection. Half way into this last journey come the parables of the lost sheep and lost coin. Characteristic of Luke, these parables address God's welcome to the outsider and the forgiveness of sin in parallel stories that feature males and females (think, for example, of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Simeon and Anna). Sheep separated from the flock would be eaten by wild animals. The coin, a drachma, is worth one day's wage. Both parables conclude with the community gathering in celebration, as did the early Christians that Luke is addressing.

This Week At First

Tuesday: 9/13

5:30p Evangelism
6:00p Finance
6:30p Council

Wednesday: 9/14

7:00p Weekly Praise & Worship Gathering

Thursday: 9/15

10:30a Meals on Wheels
5:30p Choir Practice

Friday: 9/16

Pastor's Sabbath
8a-12p Cottage Bakers

Saturday: 9/17

8a-12p Farmer's Market

Sunday: 9/18

8:15a Sunday School
9:00a Live Worship Service, on Zoom & Facebook Live Stream

Thought of the Day

Give some time, if it is only half an hour in every day, to devotional reading, which is as necessary to the well ordering of the mind as the hand of the gardener is to prevent weeds destroying your favorite flowers.

Elizabeth Ann Seton

Wednesday Night Gathering

We invite you to take a break in your busy week to recharge your spiritual batteries and spend some time with family, friends and neighbors in God's presence. We look forward to joining together, regardless of where you are on your journey to lift our voices toward our creator in praise and thanksgiving. Will we see you this Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00pm.



Body & Soul Gathering



You are invited to Dinner and a Bible Study, Sunday September 25th at 5:00pm. At the time of this printing we are not sure who will be hosting and providing the main course, nor where it will be held. Please mark your

calendar to reserve this date and watch for further announcements. Bring along a side dish from the list below: Appetizer, Breads, Potato or Rice dish, Vegetable dish, or Salad. Please RSVP by e-mail or on the bulletin board, with your side dish selection and who is coming. All are welcomed!

Meet Your Neighbors, Sign-up for Booth Duty



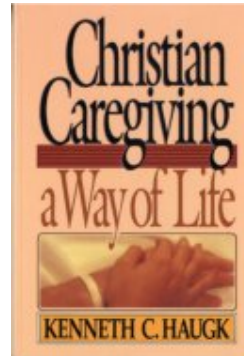
The Cottage Bakers meet in the church kitchen every Friday during the farmer's market season. Bakers, sellers, packers, etc., are all needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for your convenience. Many hands make light work. And, the pies are delicious! Please contact JoAnn Palmer with any questions.

Interested in Singing with the Choir

Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 5:30p. If you would like to join in, contact Janice Smith for details, or just come and join us.

Christian Caregiving, a Way of Life

If you have ever wanted to become a better caregiver, this 5 class course will help improve your caregiver skills. Starting on Thursday, October 6, at 1:00pm the classes will be held at Bridges on Main St. in Savanna. Every consecutive Thursday, Pastor Bob Stark will lead these workshops that focus on five key aspects of distinctively Christian Caregiving. The workshops are free, but you will have to purchase Kenneth C. Haug's book, Christian Caregiving a Way of Life. These books will be available on or before the first Workshop.



Special Birthday This Week

Allan Palmer - 18

Birthdays This Week

Autumn Jacobs - 12

Rita Ballard - 15

BJ Olson - 15

Jackson Carstens - 18

Anniversaries This Week

Al & Dolores
Fredericks - 14

Jerry & Tina
Libberton - 18

In Our Prayers This Week

Nico Neely

Haley McColley

Sandy Shaw

Jo Lyn Kruse

Dolores & Al Fredericks

Nicole Merboth

Darlene Streicher

Sandy Haas

Ron Messenger

Peggy Mader

Richard Kehl

Kenneth Kingery

Nancy Schroeder

Earl Gilliland

Ashton Miller

Dawn Rittmeyer

Bud Smith

In Assisted Living:

Lyle Hartman

John Hovorka

Earl Gilliland

In Military Service here and abroad:

Aaron Hartman

John Kaufman

Benjamin Rath

Logan Rittmeyer

This Day's Smile

To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge! To do the will of God is the greatest achievement!

George W. Truett