



*Beginning
Sunday, September 10!*

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

• SATURDAY EVENING

6:00 pm *(Traditional: classic hymns and liturgy)*

• SUNDAY MORNING

8:00 am *(Traditional)*

10:30 am *(Blended service: contemporary style with a blend of liturgy.
Please be patient as we work through this transition.)*

• HOLY COMMUNION— September 2 and 3; 16 and 17

BIBLE STUDIES, CLASSES and ETC...

- **EDUCATION HOUR FOR ALL AGES**—Sunday following the 8:00 am service
- **LADIES MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**—September 11—6:30 pm. We'll discuss chapter four and five from "A Case for Miracles" by Lee Strobel. Questions? Contact Mindy Braun at 608-792-9238.
- **CASUAL CONVERSATION with Pastor Mark and Marilyn Kolander**
September 5, October 3, November 7 and December 5 from 9:30—11:00 am. Stop by the Narthex for casual conversation, encouragement, sharing of ideas and tasty baked treats!
- **BOOK of REVELATION BIBLE STUDY**—Led by Pastor Mark Kolander
Tuesday, September 5, 19 and 26; October 3, 17, 24 and 31; November 7, 14 and 21 from 6:00—7:30 pm.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**—Wednesday at 9:30 am
- **CONFIRMATION**
Parent/student information meeting—Wed. Sept, 13 *(Time to be determined)*
Classes start—Wed., Sept., 20 *(Time to be determined)*
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**—Thursday at 9:30 am
- **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**—*Last chance to sign up for the Basic Budgeting workshop. See page 5 for information on how to register.*

ONGOING MINISTRY MEETING SCHEDULE

COUNCIL — Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 pm

EDUCATION— To be determined

ELDERS — Monday, September 11, at 6:00 pm

FELLOWSHIP— Wednesday, September 13 at 11:30 am at Perkins

TRUSTEES—Thursday, September 14 at 5:30 pm

Schedules subject to change. Check the church bulletin, Facebook, Website or Weekly Update for updates.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN
SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY...

LIFE AT ITS BEST — A Life of Service

As Christians, we are called to give our time, energy and effort to serve others. While on earth, Jesus gave us the perfect example of a giving life full of service and compassion. When we intentionally fail to give support to others—or ignore the pleas of those in need—we dishonor God. God calls us to be His hands, and He will lead us where He wants us to serve. Because of God's calling and our devotion to Him, service becomes our way of life. Service will emanate from a life filled with love and devotion to Christ.

What is your attitude toward service? Are you rich in Christ or absorbed in self? Do you receive joy from helping others or find boredom in Christ's existence?

<u>Life-enriching</u>	<u>Life-destroying</u>
Serving	Being served
Compassion	Self-serving
Sharing	Keeping
Humble	Arrogant
Is a channel	Is a terminal
Is involved	Is separate

The above was edited from "Living Wisely in an Unwise World" by Ronald and Phyllis Chewing. To find out more, join the adult Bible study on Sunday following refreshments.



**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?
HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Look no further! Your help is needed here—right now

GREETERS

Say “Hello” to people—members and non-members—who are joining us for worship

Greet people prior to the service. Following the service invite visitors to fill out a Connect Card and to pick up a “Goodie Bag”. To volunteer, sign up on the clipboard at The Welcome and Opportunity Center.

PROJECTOR

Advance the projector slides during the church service
To volunteer contact an Elder

COUNT OFFERING

Record the offering or help assist, organize and count funds.

To volunteer contact Betsy Jessie at betsylou13@hotmail.com

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

Provide treats, coffee and fellowship

Sign up sheet at The Welcome and Opportunity Center.

USHERS

Help people get to where they are going

To volunteer contact an Elder

Sign up for all events at The Welcome and Opportunity Center

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

SHARE TIPS, CONCERNS AND SUPPORT WITH THOSE AFFECTED BY CANCER

- Monday, September 18 at 6:00 pm
Contact Shawn Mahoney at 608-797-1927

EDUCATION MINISTRY

ASSISTS WITH THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS

- **WE NEED TEACHERS!**
Co-teacher for 1st and 2nd grade / Co-teacher for 3rd and 5th grade
Two teachers for 6—8th grade
If interested, please contact Hanni Cowley—Education Coordinator

Education Contact: Hanni Cowley at 608-863-6767 | hannicowley@yahoo.com

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

CONNECTS PEOPLE THROUGH FUN, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP

- **“OOH LA LA” - EVENING AT LE CHATEAU**
Plans are underway by the Fellowship Ministry to schedule a time in September to enjoy drinks and food at the historic Le Chateau restaurant in La Crosse. Please sign up at The Welcome and Opportunity Center by Sunday, September 3. This will be a BYO event.
- **“2ND SATURDAY MEAL”** September 9, following the 6:00 pm service

HUMAN CARE MINISTRY

SERVES THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND OUR COMMUNITY

- **PRAYER CHAIN:** to submit requests (or to join the prayer chain) please contact Sharon at sryan6731@gmail.com, 608-526-6731, or the church office.
- **ONALASKA FOOD PANTRY**
September request—Cereal. Donations may be left on the shelves located across from The Welcome and Opportunity Center.

Human Care Contact: Sue Mravik at suemravik@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRY

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

- **CHOIR CHIMES**—beginning Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 pm
CHOIR PRACTICE—beginning Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 pm

LWML and Music Ministry Contact: Kay Conzemius at bkconz@aol.com

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY—From The LCMS stewardship Ministry

SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

STEWARDSHIP in the FIRST COMMANDMENT

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word “enchiridion” is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for “handbook.” The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment:

This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the

other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect our belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.



Our church has been notified that Cindy Wrucke will be ending her mission ministry in the Czech Republic on September 30. Contributions for her support will continue to be forwarded until that date. Please keep missionary Cindy Wrucke in your prayers. Our international mission emphasis for this fall will be support for our fellow Lutherans in Ukraine. More information on this mission giving opportunity will be forthcoming.

Stewardship Contact: John Berg at johnjberg@outlook.com

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS FOR AUGUST 15, 2023

Submitted by Carolyn Bey

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Year To Date: as of 07/31 2023. Total Ministry Support Received=\$256,583. Total Ministry Expense=\$275,622. Total Ministry Support Received/Budget=90%. Total Ministry Expense/Budget=78%. Current Mortgage Balance=\$336,764.

CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS UPDATE

John Berg reported that their team is at the final review stage and refining some of the articles to assure clarity. They expect to have their draft complete for the September Council Meeting. If possible, it will be sent to Council members in advance. A hard copy should be put in a Church Binder or Manual. When completed, it will first come to the Council for approval, then to the Congregation at a Voter's Meeting for approval, and finally to the District for their approval. Some things can be implement

ed before District approval. Members who do not attend Voter's Meetings for 2 years, must be reinstated at the first meeting they attend after, and are not eligible to vote at that first meeting. Also, going forward, attendance must also be taken at "information only" meetings. John's group has been meeting just about every week to get this project finished and he mentioned his appreciation for all their hard work. We all appreciate John's hard work too!

GENESIS PROJECT UPDATE

Jana reported that the main focus right now is the Surveys. We should all fill out both the Church Member Survey and the Community Survey and get them in as soon as possible. There are hard copies of the surveys at the Welcome Center for those who prefer that to fill out, rather than using their phones or computers.

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SO...THIS HAPPENED IN AUGUST

HOW AND WHERE MEMBERS SUPPORTED OUR MINISTRIES!

“KEEPERS of the KINGDOM”

With the help of our dedicated volunteers, VBS 2023 was a success!



Hanni Cowley
VBS Director and craft maker!



Lynn Dale and Sharon Ryan
Registration experts!



Alayna Matthew and Avery Cowley
Getting crafty!



Pastor Baumgarn
The Armor of God!



Tom Cowley, Jana Underkofler
Feeding the masses!



Karen Gardner
Science station helper

Those who helped, but are not pictured: Raelyn Cowley, John Gardner, Adam Jessie, Betsy Jessie, Desitni Ours, Justice Ours

THE PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND IS SPIC' N' SPAN'!

Thank you to Tim and Dawn Heiden, Kyle Janzen, Martha Keeffe, Jeff and Kathy Koblitz, Jean Londergan, Alyssa Mitchell, Linda Trautmann for power-washing, raking and pulling weeds.



ELDERS

We needed to amend July's motion regarding Saturday Evening Services. The new motion was made that effective September 1st, Saturday Evening Services will no longer be cancelled because of 5th Sunday Combined Services. This motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

MUSIC

Kay C. reported that we are not fulfilling our mission to Home-bound members who want to watch our services on line. They are finding it too difficult to pull up electronically. Solutions to this problem were discussed and will be looked into. Also with our "blended services," it would be nice to have some other instrumental accompaniment from some of our talented members, for some of the more contemporary songs.

TRUSTEES

Kyle was wondering what to do with the pictures of our church's previous pastors and DCE. He found that Jim V.'s wife was willing to put the pictures in a Photo Album, and find a place in the Library to keep the album available for anyone who wishes to look through it. What to do with the printer and cabinet in the counting room was also discussed and it was decided best to advertise in the bulletin and newsletter that we are giving it away to anyone interested in taking it. Kyle also mentioned increasing Jim V's special event pay from \$75 to \$100 since he does so very much for us. This was agreeable to everyone.

EDUCATION

Karen and John reported that VBS had 21 students attending. Five parents stayed and attended as well. It was hard work but definitely worth it. John mentioned some of those helpers who did a lot of work were Hanni and Tom Cowley and several of their daughters, Adam and Betsy Jessie, and Sharon Ryan to name a few who went above and beyond. That list should also include Karen and John Gardner! And a big thank you to all the other helpers who made VBS possible. Now they are recruiting Sunday School Teachers and getting ready for Welcome Back Sunday.

PRE-SCHOOL

Linda reported that the Playground equipment was power washed and the weeds were pulled. This fall there is only a morning session for Pre-school with 20 students signed up. There will be 3 teachers and the families can choose 3 or 4 days per week, Monday through Thursday.

YOUTH

The need for a youth leader was discussed and since it seems no one is willing to volunteer, we discussed the possibility of hiring a College student for 4 or 5 hours per

week. We also need parents to step up and help, as well as the youth to be willing to show up for planned events, and to sign up ahead of time if requested. If we have no youth group, families looking for a new church home will look elsewhere

STEWARDSHIP

John Berg informed us that he had received a request for a donation from the St. Clare Health Mission. This was discussed and was proposed that we consider this for our local spring mission next year. John also mentioned that Kira is no longer sending out quarterly giving statements. We discussed this and decided she should resume sending these statements out to each individual.

FELLOWSHIP

Jana reported that their committee is down to 3 people. They decided to take August off and hope to have more volunteers this fall. There is a meeting planned for the 13th of September. More details will follow.

COMMUNICATIONS

Martha informed us about a talk at UWL on Friday Sept. 15th at 5:30 featuring the true story "From Atheist to Lutheran Pastor" and how this all came about. He will also be speaking at Faith Lutheran on Saturday Sept. 16th at 9am. The Seminar on budgeting is coming up on Sept. 21st.

DEAF MINISTRY AND LWML

Kay said their group is smaller now. She enjoys watching them sign during songs, because they are actually singing in their own language. Kay was disappointed that more tags were not picked in the patriotic garden for the military baby shower. LWML had 75 tags left. They do thank all who picked one or more tags and participated in helping out our military families.

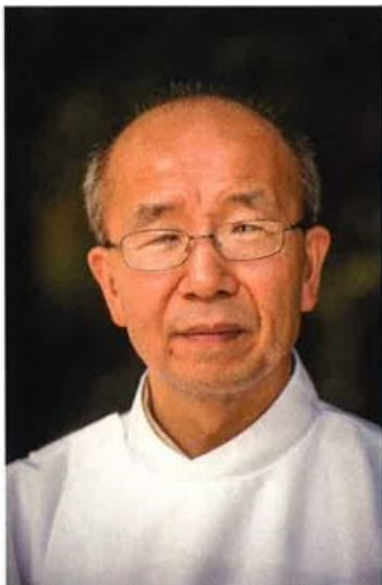
NEW BUSINESS

For note---Pastor Matthew Harrison was re-elected to be LCMS President.



SPEAKER ENGAGEMENTS

SHARING TOPICS OF INTEREST AND RELEVANCE



FROM SKEPTIC TO SEMINARY

After a career in theoretical physics, Dr. Samuel Lee (who was born in communist China) became a LCMS pastor in order to share the Gospel with the Chinese population in Milwaukee.

Two **FREE** opportunities to hear Lee's story:

- Friday, September 15 at 5:30 - 6:30 pm
UWL Student Union
 - Saturday, September 16 at 9:00 - 11:00 am
Faith Lutheran - La Crosse
- Questions? Contact Pastor Eichers at: lcmsu@faithonmain.com

To read Dr. Lee's story visit: engage.lcms.org/chinese-ministry-winter-2021



BASIC BUDGETING - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Gain skills that will help you get your life on track.
Sponsored by Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church - Onalaska

To register email Martha at: martha.keeffe@sothonalaska.com
by Wednesday, September 13

Shepherd of the Hills welcome

OUTPOST  MINISTRIES

**Distinctions:
Biblical Clarity
in a Sexually-Confused World
Saturday, October 14
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

You must show a photo ID the day of the event.

To register
email Martha at:

martha.keeffe@sothonalaska.com
by Wednesday, October 11.
Donations are accepted.

LOVING GOD. DECLARING FREEDOM

Join us for an afternoon of teaching and testimonies designed to empower participants with an educated, biblical, and compassionate response to sexual and identity confusion. The class will provide a biblical understanding of sexuality and identity and equip participants with practical tools to talk with others about these issues. Attendees will hear encouraging testimonies that give proof of God's transforming power and have an opportunity for a time of Q&A with Outpost staff.

ABOUT OUTPOST

Outpost Ministries was formed in 1976 to meet the needs of men and women seeking freedom from unwanted romantic and erotic same-sex attractions. We minister to all those seeking healing and freedom in their identity, sexuality, and relationships. Outpost emphasizes obedience to God's Word, which begins the healing process. As we grow in discipleship and our submission to Jesus Christ, we also grow in friendship with Him. It is in relationship with Jesus that we find healing and transformation.

For more information about the ministry, visit www.outpostministries.org

An invitation to this seminar will be extended to our sister churches in Coulee Region and will not be open to the general public. If someone you know has a sincere interest in this topic, you may invite them.



SHEPHERD'S FLOCK PRESCHOOL

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Onalaska Community Days

Shepherd's Flock Preschool participated in Onalaska Community Days on August 5th. What a wonderful opportunity to get to know more members of our community and share about the program that we offer at Shepherd's Flock!



Concordia Summit

Shepherd's Flock teachers joined 500+ educators on August 10th at the Concordia Summit for Lutheran Teachers and Leaders held by the School of Education at Concordia University Wisconsin and LCMS South Wisconsin District.



Preschool Open House

Shepherd's Flock Preschool hosted their fall open house from 5-7pm on August 24th. Teachers and preschool board members welcomed new and returning families for an opportunity to meet their teachers and explore the classroom.



Playground Work Days

A special thank you to preschool board, teachers, their families and members of the congregation who took time out of their day to help us prepare our playground for the upcoming year on Saturday, August 12th. We were able to power wash playground equipment and classroom chairs, pull weeds and refresh woodchips. Unfortunately, our plan to stain the wood on the playground this day was delayed due to the rainfall the night before, but our teachers made sure the wood on the playground was stained later in the week and ready for our preschoolers before the fall open house.



Find Us On Social Media

Stay up-to-date with what's happening at Shepherd's Flock!



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**HAVE A QUESTION?
FIND YOUR ANSWER HERE!**

Q & A

WHY? WHAT? HOW?

Do you have a question about your faith or how our church works? Do you want to know how your faith applies to your daily life? To submit a question, visit the church website at sothonalaska.org and click the Q & A tab. An answer to your question will be posted on the website—just because you asked.

All submissions are anonymous.

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 3 Andre de la Rosa
- 5 Jack Breidenbach
- 9 Tim Heiden, Barbara Mosher
Terry Wrolstad
- 10 Colleen Cudo
- 12 Lisa Rainey
- 13 David Stetzer
- 14 Exavier Stodola
- 17 Scott Dus
- 19 Barb Wyse
- 20 Ben Breidenbach, Joe Michalko
Paul Stakun

- 21 Lee Fricke
- 22 Ron Berg, Terry Ours
- 23 Kevin Corton, Elizabeth Eckert
- 24 Aiden Ackerman, Mindy Braun
- 26 Nel Horman
- 27 Bob Ellsworth
- 29 Nancy Henke (Reithel)
Justice Stetzer
- 30 Justin Burns

Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 Evan and Amber Londergan
- 5 Mark and Molly Breidel
- 7 Chuck and Kathy Huth
- 15 Ron and Debbie Berg
- 17 Dave and Mary Schultz
- 18 Thomas and Sharon Ryan
- 22 Bob and Kay Conzemius
Al and Terry Niebuhr
- 28 Todd and Linda Trautmann

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OFFICE HOURS/COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

Kira’s office hours

Monday—Thursday

9:00 am—2:30 pm

Friday

9:00 am—12:00 pm

Martha’s office hours

Tuesday—Thursday

9:00 am—3:00 pm

**Martha will be out of the office W-TH Sept. 5 and 6*

Submit ALL bulletin, Weekly Update and Narthex TV entries to Martha by noon on Tuesday of that week. Items received after the deadline will not be included. October newsletter submissions must be received by noon on Thursday, September 21.

CONNECT CARD for members, visitors and friends -

Provide your current contact information to receive up-to-date information on church activities and announcements!

Connect cards are located in the back of the church pews.