



LUTHERAN
CHURCH
of DELL RAPIDS

The Shepherd's Staff

September 2026

Chosen to Serve † Sharing the Journey † Making Christ Known



Confirmation 2026

Sunday, September 13
10:45 am
LCDR Sanctuary

Our 10th grade students will affirm the promises made in their baptism (confirmation) in the sanctuary at LCDR.

Everyone is welcome to join us at 10:45 am on Sunday, September 13. A reception will be held at 9:30 am.

****A regular worship service will also be at 8:30 am that morning.**

JOIN US FOR



September 6: 9:30 am
(One Service on Labor Day Weekend)

Beginning September 13:
8:30 am & 10:45 am-Worship
9:30 am-Sunday School
Coffee & Treats



Young at Heart

Sunday, September 20th
12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Young at Heart is for anyone of any age wanting to gather for food, fellowship, & ideas.

From the Senior Pastor:

Beloved of Christ at Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids: greetings in the name of the crucified and risen Jesus Christ.

One of my favorite things about serving in ministry with LCDR is the energy and vitality of worship services and other faith-formation ministries of the congregation, from the youngest all the way to our oldest members. We are blessed with active, vibrant, and engaged youth at LCDR whose parents and congregation faithfully live out the promises they have made on the children's behalf at the baptismal font; living with them among God's faithful people, bringing them to worship, and teaching the tenets of Christian faith so that they learn to trust God and proclaim Christ through word and deed.

When I first came to serve with LCDR, I noticed that the invitation to Holy Communion has always been that this is Christ's table and that all are welcome to join in the feast. I also noticed that this wonderful and appropriate invitation did not necessarily match the practice of the congregation in that almost all these faithful kids who come with their parents to worship did not receive the Lord's Supper. I remember having a few of our younger members reach out to receive the bread when I was serving, as if to see if the new guy might serve them the full meal rather than a blessing. I would look up to the parents to see if they were ok with it, some nodding, some looking embarrassed that their child had asked and shaking their heads. Several of those whose children received thanked me after worship for serving them.

These experiences quickly took me back fifteen years to one of the congregations I served in my first call. We celebrated Holy Communion twice a month and it was codified within the congregation's bylaws that Holy Communion was reserved for those 10 years of age and older who had gone through a communion instruction class. Every time we celebrated, one of the three-year olds loudly and clearly taught the congregation that he already had the basics of the joy and gift of Holy Communion down pat. His family always sat in the back row; thus they were a part of the last group of people to receive communion in worship. Jacobie, after receiving a blessing and quietly waiting through the dismissal of the group, would scream, very clearly, at the top of his lungs, all the way to his pew at the back of the church, every time, "I WANT JESUS TOO!!!" This eventually led to a change in the communion practices of that congregation.

Indeed, in Holy Communion we receive the presence of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We teach and preach that Jesus is truly present and that the finite and tangible elements of bread and wine bear the infinite and divine presence and promises of Jesus Christ himself. In this meal, God nourishes faith, forgive sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. This meal was started by Jesus Christ on the night of his betrayal. In the bread and wine, the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery, received by faith, which is given by the power of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Because of this sacramental reality - that our faith, given by the Holy Spirit in Holy Baptism – Holy Communion is offered to all the baptized who are present at a worship service because Holy Baptism is the initial preparation for receiving Holy Communion.

You may be wondering, "What about First Communion classes?" While Holy Baptism is the initial preparation to receive Holy Communion, it is absolutely appropriate and proper for kids to receive additional instruction concerning Holy Communion. LCDR offers Communion Classes beginning in January for our 5th graders, and we will continue to do so because those are also part of the practice of Christian Education as we continue to grow in faith together. Likewise, the Seder Supper is a lovely way of celebrating the completion of this stage of faith formation, even if it may not be the very first time the kids receive Holy Communion.

Many of you experienced different practices about when you first received Holy Communion.

I first received it on the day I made confirmation of my faith when I was in 8th grade. Others have celebrated First Communion in 5th grade or 3rd grade. Others may have experienced Holy Communion celebrated by all the baptized, known as “communion of the baptized”. Based on LCDR’s invitation to the Lord’s Table, observations of kids younger than 5th grade coming through the line for Holy Communion and asking to receive, conversations with parents and kids in the 5th grade Holy Communion conversations prior to First Communion this past year, and the standard practice of the ELCA as defined in The Use of the Means of Grace, moving forward I would like to begin regularly practicing what is known as communion of the baptized. That is, all who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the feast, from the youngest to the oldest among us. We will continue to instruct those who wish to receive the bread and wine to hold their hands out and those who desire a blessing to approach with hands crossed over their chests.

Parents – if you do not wish for your child to receive the meal, that is perfectly fine. Your children will still receive a blessing until they are ready to receive. If they wish to receive it, please have them approach the bread station with their hands held out so that we know to serve them. There will still be Holy Communion Classes and the Seder Supper to continue teaching them the Christian Faith. This practice simply aligns our actions more closely with the words of invitation and provides an avenue for all of those present for worship to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Willie Rosin



The Use of the Means of Grace: A Statement on the Practice of Word and Sacrament ELCA (1997) Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, MN Principles 31, 32, & 33 Ibid, Principle 37

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Scott Zellmer, Steven Munk, Bob Harms, Sue Bredlow, Lisa Wilber, Jackson Peppel.

General Fund Financial Snapshot July 2026

Monthly Total Income Goal:	\$39,499.99
July Thankoffering:	\$31,276.00
July Expenses:	\$53,327.87
YTD through July:	
General Fund Income	\$266,151.07
General Fund Expenses	\$287,306.24
	-\$21,155.17
7.5% of Offering is given to Synod monthly	

“Cast all your
anxiety on him
because he
cares for you.”

1 PETER 5:7



From the Seniors and Intergenerational Minister:

“Cross Generation Connection”

There are several groups here at LCDR. One such group is titled “Cross Generation Connection”. It includes all generations:

The Greatest Generation – 1901-1924

The Silent Generation – 1925-1945

The Baby Boomer Generation – 1946-1964

Generation X – 1965-1979

Millennials – 1980-1994

Generation Z – 1995-2012

Gen Alpha – 2013-2025

Generation Beta – 2026 -

Their mission of the “Cross Generation Connection” is an initiative to bring all generations in our congregation and in our community together. As a congregation we strive to meet the needs of all of our members. A group that falls under the umbrella of “Cross Generation Connection” is “Elder Connections”. The purpose of this team is to care, visit, as well as administer communion to our congregational members that are elderly or those homebound for any reason.

“Elder Connections” is a group consisting of members from our congregation who meet once a month for about an hour. The original name of the group was “In-Home Communion” team. The teams’ name was changed in 2023 to “Elder Connections” to fall in line with the overall initiative the “Cross Generation Connection”.

Monthly visits and care:

Each month, our “Elder Connections” team reviews the names of members we visit and serve communion. Together, we talk about how we can best care for those who are unable to worship with us on Sunday mornings.

We plan visits with members who are homebound or unable to attend worship.

We bring communion as part of our ongoing ministry of care.

We look for meaningful ways to keep these members connected to the life of the congregation.

The ministry of “Cross Generation Connection” has implemented the Griefshare Program. This program is for anyone who is experiencing grief. It doesn’t matter how long the person you are grieving about has been gone for a month, 6 months or even years. People grieve differently and this program is a way to help individuals walk through the grieving process. Griefshare is held yearly.

H.E.L.P meetings were also designed in 2024 to help all of us learn to give and receive encouragement and support when we are faced with emotional health challenges either for ourselves or for someone we know and love.

“Surviving the Holidays” was held last December for those who experienced some type of loss. It was an afternoon with devotions, a presentation, conversations/questions and of course snacks.

In April, May Baskets were assembled to give to those on our visitation lists and then some.

With my work at the school, I see our elementary youth and form a trusting relationship that way. When they see me at both places I am a recognizable face. MS youth will see me around at High 5, Route 67, and Confirmation.

Young at Heart will have their monthly potluck on Sunday, September 20th and October 18th at noon to encourage more members to share a meal and conversation together. All are welcome.

The Gather Bible Study will now be meeting at DRNC on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 3:30pm.

It is my hope that I can be a bridge to all generations including them in the daily life of the church through these missions. I welcome our members to be apart of the “Cross Generation Connection”. Should you have ideas for integrating into all generations please share your ideas with me.

I am looking forward to this year and how we can grow together.

Peace,
Pastor Sue



Gather Bible Study
Wednesday, September 23
3:30 PM
Dells Nursing & Rehab
All are welcome!



HELP NEEDED!



If you are waiting for your kids to get done with Sunday School, would you be willing to help stack & put away chairs in St. Peters hall after music? You can show up around 10:10. Carts are available to stack them on. Darcie would be forever grateful if a parent or high school student could help out each week!



If you, a family member or friend would like a Prayer Shawl, please contact the office at 605-428-3197.

"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."

~Janet Severi Bristow



County Fair Gift Cards

County Fair gift cards are available in increments of \$25, \$50 and \$100 to purchase in our church office. Our youth ministry receives 5% back! This is a great way to support LCDR Youth Ministry at no cost to you.



CHOIR PRACTICE

Calling all singers! The LCDR Choir will begin practices on **Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 pm** in the chapel. We are always looking for new members to join the group.

No experience required.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Kelm at 370-8286.



We Need You!

Beginning September 13, 2026 we will resume our fall schedule with 2 services at 8:30 am & 10:45 am. With two services we double our need for volunteers! Each service requires:

- Ushers
- Scripture Reader
- Communion Servers

Your help is vital in our services running smoothly. If you have ANY questions please do not hesitate to ask! Our goal is to equip everyone with the information they need to make assisting in Worship enjoyable and simple. THANK YOU to everyone willing to help!

SIGN UP in the One Church App/Website or contact Arrielle at 605-428-3197

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

80+ Birthdays
Sep 4: Larry Jorgenson
Sep 27: Keith Nelson



Designated to Memorial Fund:
\$470 in Memory of Florence Berg
Designated to Music Fund:
\$1,000 in Memory of Mary Kiester

YOUTH MINISTRY

From the Youth & Worship Leader:

September is here, and that means our youth programming is up and running again at LCDR! If you have a child involved in activities, please be sure to register via the church app or on the LCDR website. This will be our primary form of communication this year. Please let John know if you have any questions, and we'll see you all on Wednesday nights!

Snack Donation

A reminder that we are asking parents of youth in grades 5-9 to provide \$50 per youth to help cover the cost of snacks during High 5, Route 67 and Confirmation programming in the fall, winter and spring months. Cash, check or Venmo are all accepted!

Route 67 Help Needed!

We are blessed to have A LOT of youth in Route 67, and to be able to facilitate small group discussions, we need extra help! Parents of youth in the group are strongly encouraged to help at least once a month. Please see our church app to volunteer and Thank You for your support!

Mary's Mountain Cookies

In September, our middle school youth will be selling Mary's Mountain Cookies cookie dough, with proceeds going toward Confirmation Camp. Delivery is expected in late October, just in time for the Holiday Season! Please see any of our Route 67 youth or John with questions and Thank You for your support!

National Youth Gathering Headed to the Twin Cities!

The ELCA National Youth Gathering is coming to our "backyard" next summer! From June 28 to July 2, 2027, thousands of youth from around the country will descend on Minneapolis and St. Paul for a week of fellowship, service and worship. Youth currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend. There will be an informational meeting in between services on Sunday, September 27. Please see John with any questions!



**Youth
Registration**



**Simple Supper
Sign Up**



**Acolyte
Sign Up**

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

September 2 | Youth Activities

3:30 pm High 5!
5:30 pm Simple Supper
6:15 pm Route 67 & Confirmation

September 9 | Youth Activities

3:30 pm High 5!
5:30 pm Simple Supper
6:15 pm Route 67/Confirmation
7:30 10th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal

September 13 | Confirmation at LCDR

10:45 am Affirmation of Baptism during
Worship in the Sanctuary

September 16 | Youth Activities

3:30 pm High 5
5:30 pm Simple Supper
6:15 pm Route 67/No Confirmation

September 23 | Youth Activities

3:30 pm High 5!
5:30 pm Simple Supper
6:15 pm Route 67 & Confirmation

September 30 | Youth Activities

3:30 pm High 5!
5:30 pm Simple Supper
6:15 pm Route 67 & Confirmation

**If you have any questions, please contact John at
605-370-8092 • johnpollmann@lcdr-sd.org**



Affirmation of Baptism

**Sunday, September 13
LCDR Sanctuary @ 10:45 am**

Our 10th grade students will affirm the promises made in their baptism (confirmation) in a special service on Sunday, September 13 at 10:45 am (a regular worship service will be at 8:30 am). A reception will be held at 9:30 am. Confirmation rehearsal is at 7:30 pm the Wednesday night before, September 9.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



September 6-Labor Day Weekend
No Sunday School

September 13
9:30 am Sunday School

September 20
9:30 am Sunday School

September 27
8:30 am 3rd Grade Bibles
9:30 am Sunday School

Looking Ahead.....

October 4
8:30 am Nursery Bibles/N-K Sing
9:30 am Sunday School/Nursery
Bible Activities in Fellowship
Hall with Families

If you have any questions, please contact Darcie at
605-941-1029 • darciekringen@lcdr-sd.org

Interested in Helping Fight Food Insecurity? Right Here in Dell Rapids?

The Storehouse Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to help run its distribution center. Only 3-4 people are needed per week (Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00 pm) at the Pantry located on the lower level of the Dell Rapids Professional Building on Main Street. The Pantry Team includes several giving members of the Dells community and area churches, so volunteers do not have to work every week.

Monthly schedules are flexible and developed 3-4 weeks in advance. The Pantry schedule can fit your schedule! This might be just what you're looking for as an opportunity to give back in an area where there is a real—and often hidden need. Interested?

Call or Text Nancy Schmidt, scheduler, at
(816) 516-3392.

TEACHING IS A WORK OF HEART

Carmen Rogen
Shanna Moke
Kelsey Rounds
Kayla Carstensen
Rebecca Bonin
Crystal Dahl
Katie Diez
Brittany Moeller
Nicole O'Bryan
Cassandra Menzel

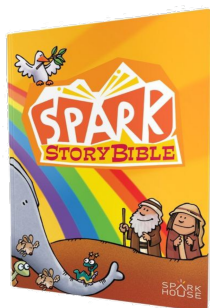
Rachel Rounds
Jill Smith
Shauna Hoglund
Nicole Dulaney
Carrie Addengast
Rachel Pierson
Nancy Kelm
Jann Saxon

**We installed our Sunday School teachers
during Rally Day Worship Service on Sunday,
August 23 in the City Park.
We appreciate you so much!**

Presentation of Bibles

MILESTONES
M I N I S T R Y

Our 3rd Grade Sunday School
Students will be receiving their
3rd Grade Spark Bibles on
Sunday, September 27 at 8:30
am. Between services,
students and families will do
bible activities and enjoy
treats in the back of the
Fellowship Hall.



Nursery (3 year olds) will
receive their Story Bibles on
Sunday, October 4 at the 8:30
am Worship service. Between
services, students & their
families will do bible activities
and enjoy treats in the back of
Fellowship Hall.

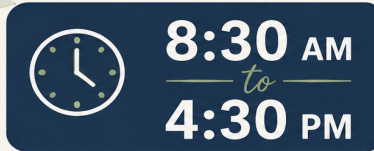


Christ in Our Home is a quarterly devotional that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that

follows the Revised Common Lectionary. Both large and small print are available.

This resource is available to pick up in the Church Entrance.

OFFICE *Hours*



AFTER HOURS,

please email the church office and I will respond the next day in office.



PLEASE NOTE: Due to my son playing football on *Tuesdays*, the office will close an hour or 2 early for the next couple months on Tuesdays.

* *I will note the closure time on Tuesdays as they come.*



October is LCDR's Meals on Wheels & Backpack Program Month

Meals on Wheels

Please check your October calendar to determine which days you could help deliver Meals on Wheels to Dell Rapids residents who are in need of this service.

- ◆ Pick up the noon meals at the WEST door of Dells Nursing and Rehab Center between 10:50 am— 11:00 AM. You will also receive a list of guests and their addresses.
- ◆ Meals will be placed at the doorsteps (on a box, chair, table outside of the recipient's door to eliminate person to person contact during delivery. Please knock on the door to announce the meal, but you do not need to wait for an answer.
- ◆ You are encouraged to use hand sanitizer, gloves or wash hands before and after delivery.
- ◆ That's it. It usually takes approximately 45 minutes to complete the task.

Feeding South Dakota Backpack Program

LCDR's commitment to Meals on Wheels also includes a commitment to the **Backpack Program** for elementary school children. Every Tuesday in October a volunteer should call the elementary school making arrangements to pick up the empty back packs that day (428-3192, asking to speak to Heidi Adams, secretary). Those back packs need to be delivered to Feeding SD the next day (Wednesday) at 2901 W 7th St in Sioux Falls (located just south of Harley Davidson on 60th St N.) They will give you the totes to be delivered back to Dells Elementary that same day. Please help us provide this service to youth by signing up for a Tuesday/Wednesday in October.

The sign-up sheets will be available in the Welcome Center. We need you!

Contact Ada Jorgenson with any questions at ajorgenson@siouxvalley.net or 605-351-0490.



*Then you will call upon me
and come and pray to me,
and I will hear you.
When you search for me,
you will find, if you seek me
with all your heart.*

Jeremiah 29: 12-13



**Young at Heart
Sunday,
September 20 at 12 pm**

Young at Heart will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck at noon after 2nd service.

Young at Heart is for anyone wanting to gather for ideas, food and fellowship.



**September Altar
Committee:**

Bev Rieck, Carmen Rogen,
Jeanine Schnieders, Karen
Nielsen & Sue Bredlow

Thank you for your time and dedication! If you are interested in joining the Altar Committee Ministry or have any questions, please contact Sue Bredlow at 605-321-1185.

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One Church Giving

Log in to our new One Church app to set up your giving. If you prefer to sign up online, visit lcdr.onechurchsoftware.com.



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF DELL RAPIDS CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (Abbreviated) AUGUST 19, 2026

Call to Order: Zach called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Opening Devotions: Pastor Willie Rosin presented devotions.

Adoption of Agenda: Bob asked that there be an addition under new business regarding the stewardship drive. Adoption of agenda approved.

Consent Agenda: All reports have previously been made available. Bob noted he made a couple of recommendations on his report regarding outreach. He would like to see someone take a look at One Church to see if the sign up can be improved. Steve noted that things are moving very smoothly to complete the updates in the education unit. The drop ceiling was put in right away and the flooring was installed the following week. The ceiling work will be finished on Thursday. Next week the classrooms will be painted. Consent agenda approved.

Committee Reports: **Education** - Sunday school teachers are lined up for this fall. Preschool and K-prep will be combined. Plans for Rally Day were reviewed. There will be food and games. We have an item for a backpack blessing. The committee reviewed VBS. We served 150 meals. The confirmation reception was discussed. Bibles have been ordered along with 24 boutonnieres. Seder Supper will be on a Wednesday this coming year rather than Maundy Thursday. A letter was sent to 5th graders and parents. Youth Sunday will be changed to Scripture Sundae Sunday. Memory work will not be done during church service but at their classrooms or in front of the Sunday School. We hope to video that and show the video at services. Those who know their memory work will get sundaes with all the toppings. Those who don't know it will get ice cream. There was discussion of Sparkhouse Digital curriculum which will be used by the nursery-kindergarten teachers. If it goes well, we may use it for all kids next year. **Property** - The AC compressor unit that services the offices and connecting hallway was no longer working properly and could not be repaired. It was replaced with a new compressor by Quality Heating. Bids are being obtained for pouring two cement slabs that would be used for the bike rack and the current garbage bins or for a potential dumpster bin if needed in the future. These would be located outside the NE door of the Educational Building and replace the current wood structure that is deteriorating. Those who service the parking lot have been contacted to evaluate the parking lot cracks and the potential of restriping the lot in a way that would accommodate handicap parking near the main entrance. Update on the Educational Building asbestos recovery project. Contractors selected are as follows: floor coverings – Commercial Interior Design, drop ceiling-Kenny Acoustical Tile, painting-Personal Touch Painting (Gary Blumer), window coverings-Sandra Lamer. All the floor coverings (carpet and vinyl tile) in the lower level and the south stair well step covering have been installed. There are some issues with the wall trim that are being worked out. The issue seems to be the product itself not fitting flat to the wall to get a good seal. The drop ceiling has all been framed out and any 2x2 tile has been cut and installed. The remaining 2x2 tiles that do not block a light fixture will be installed in the near future. The ceilings in the two hard floor rooms have been painted and most of the items moved to those rooms will stay in those rooms. Painting should continue this week in the lower level with priority given to the classrooms. As painting progresses items will move from the hallway back into the classrooms and window dressing installed. Once the lower level is painted, painting will move to the upper level. Progress looks good to be ready for the first day of Sunday School. Sound boards to be used on the ceilings in the

Fellowship Hall (to cover the old AC unit holes) are being evaluated and will be installed once the ceiling has been painted. The boiler has been shut down for the summer and routine maintenance was conducted. Landscaping maintenance has involved hand pulling and treating for weed control in the landscaping, side walk and parking lot cracks. J&P Roofing was contacted to evaluate water leaks that showed up. The plan of action involves tightening up clamps on a couple of rubber connectors that seal the roof drain to the PVC pipe drain. The work will be done by church members. We need to have a discussion regarding St. Peters Hall and the three tiles that have been knocked out of the ceiling framing, along with two light covers that are cracked, two light covers that are missing and the bulbs that had been knocked out of the light sockets and were just sitting in the light frame. Signs posted at the two parking lot entrances are being considered for liability reasons. The Safe and Secure security company was contacted to review the program we have and it looks like we may be able to maintain the entrance notice part of the program at no cost. Our fire extinguisher inspection company (Justice) has been bought by Pye Barker so the Property Committee felt it would be a good time to obtain bids from some other similar companies. That process is currently taking place. A new door scraper was installed on the bottom of the west main church entrance door. The Adam L. Thompson Foundation has been contacted to see if they are willing to work with us in replacing our current AED unit. **Stewardship** - The Laundry with Love activity was held on July 28. Food preparation was done on July 26. Seven volunteers worked to put the meal together. Meals were served to 163 people (adults and children). We provided change for the machines, soap and dryer sheets for 64 people to do 486 loads (washer and dryer loads) of laundry. Volunteers from LCDR assisted with the laundry event and distributed the meals and water. In addition to that, LCDR provided a \$600.00 check to Laundry with Love. We collected \$356.29 through fundraising. Sandra Lamer and Pastor Sue each provided a \$250.00 Thrivent card for food and some laundry supplies. Thank you to Sandra Lamer who coordinated and planned food for the event. This committee recommends that in planning for the 2027 year, it should be reviewed with the congregation to see if there is continued support for the outreach activities with Church on the Street. These currently include serving the Banquet and Laundry with Love. We would also like to see if different outreach activities should be considered. The electronic signup used for the Banquet and Laundry with Love could be improved upon. You can sign up with the system, but you cannot confirm that you have signed up nor can you see who else has signed up. We suggest that we work with One Church for more transparency in this process. **Worship** - Praise Band will be playing at both Rally Sunday on August 23rd and for the first day of Sunday School on August 30th. Service on Rally Sunday will be at the park at 9:30. There is a wedding on August 29. Two church services on August 30 and there will be baptisms. One service on September 6 after which we revert to our normal schedule of two services on Sunday. Confirmation is at the second service on September 13. There is a wedding on September 26. There was traditional communion at the rail on August 2nd. The committee would love to hear any feedback on that. **Fellowship/Community Outreach, Technology, Youth & Family Ministry** - No report at this time.

Member Actions; New members received on July 26, 2026 are: Kayla Riswold; Pastor Willie, Jennifer, Grace, Isabella, Lydia, Ezra, and Abner Rosin; Andy, Susan, Isaac, Sawyer, and Zoe Ryks; Emily Anderson and Joel Brust; Jim, Emily, and William Zwach; Patrick, Valeria, and Morgan Lynch; and Elsey Lamer.
Treasurer's Report: Dane Stone noted that Tom was still helping him. Bank reconciliations are not done yet. He plans to do that along with Tom within a week. Dane reviewed the report and answered some

questions. July income went down although that is typical for July. Expenses were high due to building maintenance. There was an HVAC repair that needed to be done. There followed some discussion. Treasurer's report approved..

Pastors' Report: Pastor Willie - The HVAC issues have been handled. VBS 2026 was amazing. Arrielle got the staff together to learn more about One Church. He has been working with Dane to improve information flow. He asked that payment authorization forms be completed promptly. If committee lead receive invoices, get them to Willie and Arrielle in a timely manner. It does not work well to wait until you have a number of them. We have received a startnet of \$1500.00 as we requested. Please don't call Arrielle on her personal phone after office hours unless it is an emergency. Send an email to her office email rather than text her. Emergency calls should go to Pastor Willie (generally speaking). There has been a request for a possible funeral coming up. This person is not a member but he is related to a member. Pastoral acts include baptism, new members, graveside funeral, and marital prep meetings, and confirmation retreat. Schoolapalooza donations were great. We could have given out more supplies if more people had showed up requesting items. We need to rethink the timing. Upcoming calendar includes Rally Sunday, parent/youth orientation for route 67 and confirmation, DRfHS football opener, a wedding and baptisms. Pastor Willie will be going to a fall theological conference in Custer. He would like to rent a small car for this trip as it would be less expensive. No one was opposed to that
Pastor Sue - She reported that she participated in VBS. She was also involved in Laundry with Love, Elder Connections, and worship at the nursing home. She reported that the Young at Heart will be having noon potlucks on Sunday September 20 and on Sunday October 18 to see how that works for people. Gather Bible Study will be moved from Friendship Village to the nursing home. Visits are still taking place. When school starts, her schedule will change to Tuesday and Wednesday after school along with Sundays.

New Business:

Stewardship Drive - Bob spoke about the special fundraising drive for renovations after the asbestos removal. He reviewed how the fundraising for the roof was handled. That goal was reached and thankofferings did not take a hit. For the fellowship Hall and education unit, the goal is \$90,000.00 which would be completed in two sessions. They would like to see lots of people contribute small amounts - although larger amounts will be accepted. The goal would be \$300 per person. He discussed ideas for the brochure which will go out in September and October and again in the spring. The expected cost for the renovations will be around \$62,000 but it is hoped that we can put together a building maintenance fund for future expenses. He encouraged people to bring ideas to Pastor Willie via email for a slogan. He hopes that every person can feel a part of it. Zach suggested a narrative budget for the annual report which might better tell a story.

Executive Session: No executive session was needed.

Announcements: Next meeting Date: September 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Committee reports due noon on Monday, Sep. 14.

Adjournment: Motion carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by: Kathleen Bongers
Church Council Secretary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 1:30 pm Quilting 3:30 pm High 5! 5:30 pm Simple Supper 6:15 pm Route 67/Confirmation	3 2:00 pm Prayer Shawl	4	5
6 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee & Treats	7	8	9 3:30 pm High 5! 5:30 pm Simple Supper 6:00 pm Board of Ed Meeting 6:15 pm Route 67/Confirmation 6:30 pm Choir Practice	10	11	12 Funeral in Chapel
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Coming Up at LCDR

- 9/2 Youth Activities Begin
- 9/6 One Worship Service at 9:30 am
- 9/13 Confirmation Service at LCDR at 10:45 am with Reception at 9:30 am
- 9/16 Council Meeting
- 9/20 Young at Heart
- 9/23 Gather Bible Study
- 9/27 3rd Grade Bibles at 8:30 am