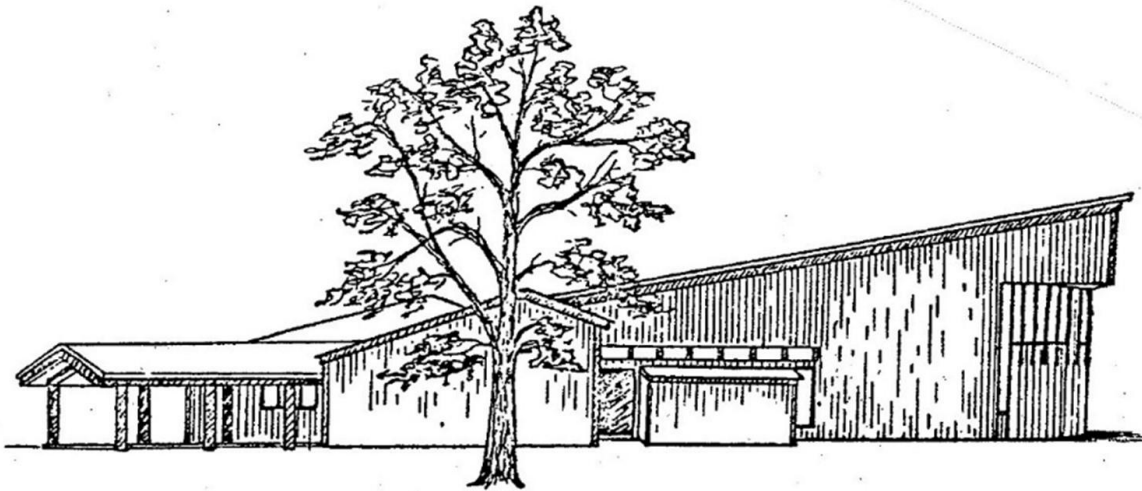


Reflections of Faith -- November 2025



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

- Worship Service 9:00am
- Fellowship Time 10:15am
- Bible Study 10:30am (September-May)
- Sunday School 10:30am (September-May)

WEDNESDAY

- Discipleship Class 6:00pm (September-May)

THURSDAY

- Choir Practice 6:00pm (September-May)

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A Message from Pastor Krueger

“A Guide for Having Difficult Conversations”

(September Lutheran Witness – pg. 17)

When a loved one's beliefs or life-choices conflict with Biblical truth, it can lead to heartbreaking rifts and estrangement. You may know a family that has experienced this, or you may be experiencing it personally. Some families try to correct or confront, but their godly wisdom is often rejected as 'hateful,' leaving families struggling in silence that can last for years. This article provides guidance for speaking out and trying again. Be prayerful that God willing, over time, conversations can result in trust, reconciliation and new beginnings.

YOUR PLAN

Begin your thinking and planning with prayerful reflection on God's Word.

Ask for counsel. A pastor, friend, or Christian counselor can offer wise suggestions and prayer.

Clarify your goal: What do you hope they'll take away from the conversation? Write it out in one sentence.

Be aware of the temptation to fill the conversation with blaming, accusations, or replaying old grievances.

Don't expect one conversation to settle all unfinished business. Hope instead for a series of valuable interactions.

Show that you care. How can you let them know that you love them – no matter what?

This isn't a sermon or a lecture. Most people need a good listening to, not a good talking to.

Remember, in all you do, that this is a person for whom Christ died.

EXPECTATIONS

Define success realistically. What is your goal for this particular conversation? Full agreement, repentance, or reconciliation are unlikely in one sitting.

Be confident that enhancing the relationship is itself a good outcome of a conversation like this. Hopefully you'll both agree, "We talked honestly and respectfully."

Expect some defensiveness; estrangement can have deep roots and is not repaired easily.

Be confident that God is at work – even when you can't detect it.

A Message from Pastor Krueger (cont')

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THE CONVERSATION

Begin with gratitude: "I'm so glad that we can talk; I've looked forward to this."

Speak from your vocation as parent, sibling, grandparent, etc. – not as a judge or moral policeman.

Use open-ended questions throughout: "Can you tell me more about that?"

Empathy matters. What might they be feeling now? How might that shape your tone?

Find common ground and affirm what you can. Small agreements build bridges.

Be "quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger." (James 1:19)

CAUTIONS

Know when to pause or to step away. If emotions flare, or abusive words surface, say: "I don't want either of us to say anything hurtful. I'd like to try again when we've both been able to reflect on this conversation."

In difficult moments, ask yourself: What can I say, right now, to make things better in this conversation and relationship?

CONCLUSION

Thank them for the conversation; let them know what you learned from them.

Leave the door open: "I'd really like to talk with you again sometime."

Encourage them in some meaningful way.

Reaffirm your love: "We may not agree or fully understand all these things, but we love you. We're here for you. We always will be. And we're praying for you."

DEBRIEFING

Don't carry this burden alone. Debrief with someone who is safe and wise.

Remember that it is God the Holy Spirit who will call your loved one to repentance.

Wrap your loved one in prayer and commend them to the care of our loving God.

Go ahead. Invite the conversation, even if it requires personal courage and multiple outreach efforts. Be confident that God will equip you thoroughly for whatever conversation He sets before you, one day at a time, for each of the days ahead.

ADVENT 'MIDWEEK' SEASON

"Wait Upon the Lord"

The central focus of the season of Advent is summed up in the word 'waiting.' Christians spend each year waiting to celebrate the birth of God's promised Savior once again – His Son Jesus AND waiting for the promised return / second coming of Jesus.

In the coming **Advent MIDWEEK services**, we will take a deeper look into the Bible at those who waited upon the Lord for His promises to be fulfilled through the birth of the Christ child. We also look forward, contemplating how all Christians should be "waiting upon the Lord" every day of our earthly lives, as God continues to reveal Himself to us through the written Word and the holy Sacraments.

JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAYS IN DECEMBER AT 6:30PM:

December 3 – Midweek One "Wait Upon the Lord with FAITH" (Gal. 3:8)

Abraham and Sarah waited faithfully for the birth of their son, Isaac. We also wait faithfully for the 'second coming' of God's Son, Jesus, and the physical resurrection to heaven for all those who have lived putting their hope in Jesus as their personal Savior from sin.

December 10 – Midweek Two "Wait Upon the Lord with HOPE" (Ps. 130:5)

The prophet Isaiah declared the coming of the Lord, which gave the people of Israel hope for the future. We also wait with hope for the coming / returning Savior Jesus AND the future beyond this world and time that is safe in Almighty God's hands.

December 17 – Midweek Three "Wait Upon the Lord with REJOICING" (Is. 25:9)

Elizabeth rejoiced while she waited for the coming of her own son, John 'the Baptist.' Mary rejoiced while she waited for the birth of her own son, Jesus. In the same way, we wait with anticipation the coming celebration of the birth of Jesus – the Son of God – our Savior.

OTHER ITEMS TO REMEMBER ABOUT OUR ADVENT 'MIDWEEK' SERVICES:

*** Midweek Advent Meals begin at 5:30pm with clean up at 6:10pm (a sign up sheet is already on the church bulletin board for boards to volunteer to host)

*** Midweek Advent services begin with a seasonal 'hymn-sing' that begins at 6:20pm with the worship service starting at 6:30pm.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF CELEBRATES 80 YEARS OF CARING AND SHARING

LWR was founded in the aftermath of WWII. By the end of 1944, Europe was enveloped by a tremendous displacement crisis as the war marched on. In response to this desperate situation, members fasted during the Lenten season and collected the funds they saved in an offering to meet the needs of displaced Europeans including: food, clothing and quilts. By the end of the 1940's, LWR was also sending relief aid to those affected by conflicts in Palestine, Hong Kong, Korea, and Bangladesh.

In the 1950's, LWR was called again to respond to the suffering of war, establishing 140 feeding centers and distributed 31,000 meals a day across Korea in the aftermath of the Korean War.

In the 1960's, LWR convened evangelical churches across the U.S. to send food and clothing to Vietnam during that war. The work broadened extensively with President John F. Kennedy's "Food for Peace" committee to get food to some of the world's poorest communities.

In the 1970's (after the Vietnam War), LWR continued moving in its mission, working with the U.S. government to build the national resettlement program which welcomed refugees fleeing conflict in places like Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. LWR began relationships with farming cooperatives to increase rural incomes and food security in the developing world. In 1979, LWR opened its first regional office in Peru.

During the 1980's-1990's, LWR responded to the African famine by shipping over 5,000 tons of wheat to northern Ethiopia and opened a regional office in West Africa. LWR became the first faith-based organization to receive the Presidential End Hunger award.

Since the year 2000, LWR has increased its emphasis in the area of agriculture and responded to major natural disasters and humanitarian crises around the world. As of 2023, LWR maintains ongoing operations in 29 countries in Central/South America, Arica, the Middle East, Asia, and Oceania.

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SPIRITUAL MESSAGES NEEDED FOR DIGITAL BILLBOARD

Earlier this year the Faith Endowment Committee approved a grant for a four-week rental of the digital billboard on the south side of Highway 41 for displaying daily spiritual messages which will be visible to everyone traveling into Marinette. The rental period will be from November 30 through December 27, 2025.

Our church's vision statement is "As we GROW in Christ's Love and the Word, we will SHARE Christ's Love with the World". The purpose of the billboard messages is not to increase our church membership count but rather to share the wonderful message of God's saving grace to as many people as possible.

Creativity plays a vital role in the success of billboard effectiveness. A well-designed billboard that captures attention and conveys a clear, compelling message can leave a lasting impression. Short messages such as the following are good examples of effective billboard displays:



We are asking everyone to submit their ideas for short messages to be displayed on the billboard. Write your ideas on a piece of paper and place them in mailbox # 160. Selected messages will be designed and then sent electronically via a software application provided by Jones Sign Company. If anyone has a question, please speak with Keith Mueller. We can have the message change daily which allows us the opportunity to have up to 28 different messages, so get those creative juices flowing!

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BECOMING AN “ELDER”

Have you ever thought about becoming an “Elder” here at Faith? or what is required of an elder? how much time does it take up? Well let me help with some of the questions or “misconceptions”. First of all, you do NOT need to be asked to be a member of the Board of Elders – though every new member must be approved by the existing board members per our Constitution here at Faith. If becoming an elder is something you have thought about or want more information about, you can talk with any one of the existing members or simply check the box on your Time and Talents sheet later this year. Second, not everyone is made the same way so while some are better at certain aspects of the responsibilities, others may be better at other aspects – we all work together to ensure that the spiritual needs of the congregation are met.



The Leadership of The Church



Some individuals in the past have thought that they need to be able to conduct a service or deliver a sermon in those “emergency” situations that arise now and then – we are all good at something but not all good at the same things which, again, is why we work together as a team to accomplish what needs to be done! In the past months you’ve heard or read about the “Elder Assistant” that we have been promoting and this is another excellent path to learning what it is we do on Sunday’s. If you have an interest or just a question or two, please contact any one of us as we are always there to assist. There is currently one open position on the board and I know there are more than a few men in our congregation more than capable of “doing what we do”. Being an elder is a very rewarding experience allowing each member to work closely with the Pastor and members of the congregation to maintain a happy, healthy, and very spiritual church life here at Faith.

In HIS service,
The members of the Board of Elders

September 2025 Year-to-Date Financial Summary :

Financial Summary -- September 2025 Year-to-Date Numbers:

Offerings for Operations	\$163,561
Operating Expenses	\$162,513
Interest Income	\$ 980
Loss from Operations	\$ 2,028

Offerings for missions and community outreach projects thru 9-31-25 totaled \$26,460 (over and above the offerings for operations)

Praying God will bless us in order that we may fulfill His calling for each of us as we grow in Christ's love and the word, so that we may share Christ's love with the world. May God continue to bless our time, talents, and treasures as we serve Him, our church, our members, and our community outreach ministries throughout 2025.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8, "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

Respectfully submitted,
Roxanne Mueller
Treasurer

Update
your
Information



2026 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

This booklet is one of two on the table in the Narthex. Use the RED INK pens provided to ADD or MAKE CHANGES to the information provided on the copies included on the pages included in the binder.

The DEADLINE for all additions and / or changes is Monday, December 1.

2025 REVITALIZATION TEAM: OCTOBER UPDATE

Here is the STATUS of our 2025 Revitalization Team Goals as of 10/15/25:

1. Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Services - GOAL OF \$ 969.15 IS **COMPLETED**.
2. Rawhide Youth Home – GOAL OF \$3,600 is **COMPLETED AND SURPASSED**, we are waiting until the floor is finished before cabinet installation can be finalized.
3. Camp David – GOAL OF \$2,000 **HAS BEEN ACHIEVED!**
4. Marinette County Sheriff's Office – GOAL OF \$ 2,000 **HAS NOT YET BEEN ACHIEVED, WE STILL NEED \$1,350 IN DONATIONS** in order to support two (2) Global Human Oppression Strike Teams. The Marinette County G.H.O.S.T. TEAMS will proactively combat Internet crimes Against Children (ICAC) and Human Trafficking (HT).

Two openings on the Board of Missional Life

There are 2 openings that need to be filled on the Board of Missional Life beginning in 2026. These are each for a 2 year term. In 2026 the Board will be meeting on a quarterly basis at 5 p.m., although time may be subject to change based on availability of Board members. Board duties include:

1. Distributing food pantry donations to Abundant Life Mission and/or Newcap monthly.
2. Supporting our overseas missionaries.
3. Encouraging members to share the Gospel in word and deed with our fellow Faith members, friends, families and communities.
4. Sponsoring Friendship Sunday when members are encouraged to invite someone they know to worship at Faith.
5. Provide Bibles to Marinette County Jail inmates.

One of our newer projects will be to organize and coordinate a Cookie Walk in early November.

If you are interested in serving or have any questions please contact Jim Zill, Dan Everson or Pastor Jim.

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Come & check out the LWML booth at the

M&M OLD WORLD CHRISTMAS MARKET

**Nov. 21st 5pm to 8pm & Nov. 22nd 9am
to 3pm at the Marinette Rec Center**

Save the date! There will be food, live music and Santa and the Grinch is there from 11am to 2pm. Over 70+ unique craft vendors; plus LWML has a booth right up front (can't miss us), selling our **decorator Kitchen Towels** for every season. Great gift giving ideas. Your continued support for our mission of making warm quilts for Lutheran World Relief is appreciated. // **LWML Quilters of Faith**

Hearts Overflowing

In October the Hearts Overflowing group met at Faith Lutheran in Marinette to tie fleece blankets. We had 7 ladies tie 11 blankets; then we distributed 14 fleece blankets to Dorothy's Haven of Hope, 1 fleece blanket for an in-home visit in Crivitz, and 3 fleeces blankets for Pastor Jim's visitations.

A case manager at Dorothy's said that they were just talking about Faith Lutheran. They were in need of blankets. One of their newest clients is a young lady with a 2-week old baby and an 18-month old toddler. The fleece blankets are greatly appreciated, especially with the colder evenings.

Our deepest desire is to share God's love with others, especially children. Each blanket has an embroidered heart that says 'Jesus Loves U'.

We thank God for His blessings, as He provides the time, talent, and treasures to make these blankets. And we pray God will bless the children and families who receive these blankets, that they may know how much they are loved. Our next Make-A-Blanket Day will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Crivitz on Saturday, November 15 th from 8:30 to noon. Join us if you can for this wonderful community outreach.

Hearts Overflowing
Sharon Starks & Roxanne Mueller

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FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL UPDATES

Hello everyone!

October has been full of endless fun!! We got to share our smiles for picture day, learn about trees with Ms. Anne from the community, explore Bergeson Farm pumpkin patch, and meet some firefighters. October is fire safety month so we practiced our monthly fire drill and checked the fire alarms in the school. The preschool teachers and students remind you to check your fire alarms at your house also! The Bible lessons we learned this month were about Abraham and Sarah's promised son Isaac, Joseph and his relationship with his father and brothers, Moses' birth and how God kept him safe, and the Israelites crossing the Red Sea. All of these lessons show us the love God has for all. We don't always do things perfectly. Sarah laughed, Jacob played favorites, Moses questioned his abilities, and the Israelites complained. I can only speak for myself but I have done all of these things in my lifetime. Marianne and I are blessed to share God's love with the students here and prayerfully others in our community as we live our lives. We encourage the children to do the same through song and excitement throughout the day. Parents are always sharing about their children singing "Jesus loves me" or "My God is so Great." Soon we will be starting to practice for our Christmas Program. This is always a nervous event for teachers, but also a great joy for our students to share such great news with their family and friends. We are thankful for your prayers and support throughout our school year!



A letter From our Concordia 'Adopted' Family The Brockmans

Friends at Faith,

It's wild to think about, but Hannah, Judah, and I have been Colorado residents for 3 months now! We moved and started vicarage at Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School in Lakewood, CO in July. I've loved my time at Bethlehem so far! Colorado is great – plenty of hiking, parks, and things to do. The weather is GORGEOUS and sunny almost every day! We live on the church's property in a house built in the 1950s for vicars and teachers. **We love our cozy little cottage – especially Judah.** There's a playground for the Early Learning Center in the front AND back yards!

My vicarage experience has been similar to the "classic" vicarage, but also incredibly different. Bethlehem is in Lakewood, once considered a suburb of Denver. However, over the last 10 or so years Lakewood has become more and more urban and an extension of Denver. If you know Denver (really the entire Front Range of CO), you know there is a massive homeless and working poor community. That community extends and has deep roots in Lakewood. Bethlehem, seeing this community as one to reach, started a ministry called "The Table" back in the 2010s to reach this group. We start with fellowship and a meal, all free, then move to a time of worship. It's a unique ministry, and something I am so thankful to be able to experience and help at each week. The Associate Pastor and I rotate leading the liturgy and preaching at The Table – so I'll preach there about 20 times this year. That has already been a learning experience, as the crowd participates a lot more than your average Lutheran worshipers (lots of "Amen," and "Tell it to me!" while you preach). **The Table has been a highlight of my vicarage so far.**

Another unique opportunity I'm experiencing on vicarage is a church merger. Now, I don't mean a dual-parish situation where each church retains their identity and what not. What I mean is that Bethlehem is absorbing a dying LCMS church in a nearby suburb of Littleton. This church, Hosanna, approached Bethlehem over a year ago about taking them on as a campus of Bethlehem. In mid-August each church voted for the "merger" to take place, so, in August 2026, Hosanna – Littleton will become Bethlehem – Littleton. **I am so thankful to be in "the room where it happens" as Bethlehem plans for this exciting relaunch of ministry in the Littleton, CO area!** Churches merging – big churches helping small, even dying ones – has been on my heart since I was a DCE. Being able to watch a church walk through the process is really awesome, and clearly God at work.

We are so thankful for your support of my seminary journey. There are a few things you can pray for:

- **Hannah:** Thanksgiving as she's adjusted to staying home with Judah this year and found community in the church, MomCo, and a Bible Study.
- **Judah:** Thanksgiving as he doesn't need to wear an eye-patch for at least 6 months! Prayers as he continues to learn, grow, and push boundaries at home.
- **Blake:** As he learns and hones his pastoral skills while balancing life at home.
- **Bethlehem:** As they navigate the merger; That God's will be done.

Our address for the coming year is **7450 W. 22nd Ave., Lakewood, CO 80214.**

God's richest blessings,

The Brockman Family (Blake, Hannah, Judah)



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The Laird Family Update

Oct 2025



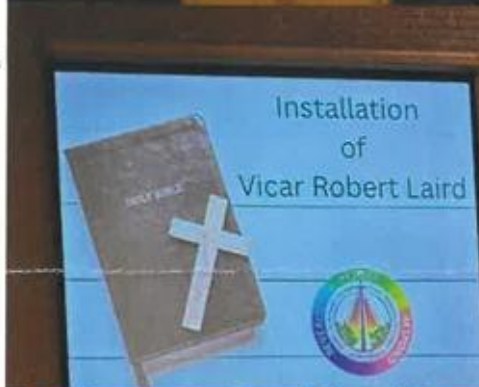
Our Savior Lutheran Church

Dear friends and family,

The Summer of 2025 brought lots of changes to the Laird family as we have adapted to the new challenges and opportunities that come along with vicarage year. I was installed on July 13th and have been thoroughly overwhelmed by the warm welcome extended to both my family and me by the saints of Our Savior Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center in St. Charles, MO. This assignment is both challenging and expands my understanding of how the Holy Spirit moves through His church and I am exceedingly grateful for this amazing opportunity.

Part of the learning experience for me has been getting to experience the extra complexity involved when a church has a large childcare center incorporated into the ministry. I have attended churches that had shared their building with a daycare before, and my kids have benefited from attending Lutheran schools which had churches supporting them, but I had never "looked behind the curtain" before and seen how that relationship really functions. It is amazing to see just how beneficial it is for both the school and the church when the integration between the two is well executed. I expected one or the other to be more of a parasite and the other to be the host, and that may exist in other places, but that is not the case here and I'm extremely impressed by the level of ministerial benefit experienced by both sides of the partnership. I must admit that I also really enjoy having our son, Cormac (2 years old), right down the hall. It's a little bonus that I can definitely get used to!

Our girls are having a great time here at Our Savior as well! Lucy (7th grade) has started in the catechism class and is getting to help out as an acolyte, too. As you can see in the photo to the right, Agnes (1st grade) is making some great memories (and a joyful noise) with the Our Savior praise band!



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Last month, over on the Navy side of our house, Annie and I got the chance to go to the 25th reunion of our US Naval Academy graduating class of 2000. This was the first time we had been able to attend a class reunion, so it was really great to catch up with old friends that we hadn't seen in decades. We also took our youngest four kids with us (our eldest, Clara, was stuck at college) and gave them an introduction to their Mom and Dad's "old stomping grounds." Lucy and Stella (5th grade) are both playing volleyball at St. Paul's Lutheran School, so it was fun giving them a chance to see a collegiate level game while we were there. However, I think Cormac may have had the best time out of all of us during the trip. Not only did he get the opportunity to hear his ear-numbing squeal echo off the walls of another church, this time being the towering walls of the Naval Academy Chapel (aka the "cathedral of the US Navy"), he also got to go up to the cockpit of our airplane after we landed in Baltimore and saw all the awesome buttons and switches in there! Who knows, maybe he'll fly one himself someday?



As always, we are extremely grateful for all the prayers and support we continue to receive from our wonderful family and friends, especially during this very unique vicarage experience. When you're thinking of us, please ask God to bless Annie and our kids with strength, resilience, and especially patience as we work our way through the upcoming Christmas season, and please pray that I will be able to reflect back at least a small percentage of the wonderful light that Christ is shining on us through the great people He has put in our lives.

In His service,



A letter From our Concordia 'Adopted' Family The Genzlers

1st October 2025

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

This summer was BUSY! Beyond the two intensive courses, we enjoyed time together at home, hiding from the Extreme Heat Warning(s); we survived a tornado; we travelled to visit some friends in Wisconsin (hello, Our Saviour!); we visited family; we went to Nebraska for a weekend (hello, St. John's!); we went to Ohio near July 4th (hello, Prince of Peace!); I did a lot of studying.

Near the end of the summer, we finally took care of our broken, red vehicle (as best as we could). I ended up renting a truck and trailer and towing it myself to a shop in Toledo, OH. The 7 hours were nerve-wracking and rattly, but thanks to Belle Tire (and my brother Ben) the broken car is free to stay in the lot there while we deal with the financial issues involved. If any aspiring mechanic wants to pick up a great car to experiment with and possibly destroy, please let me know!

Classes are underway! Old Testament with Hebrew Lab, The Reformation and the Lutheran Church (essentially reading much of what Luther wrote himself), Worship and the Word, Systematics I (the continuance of Creeds and Confessions from last year), and Pauline Epistles with Greek Lab. My class is the first in this newer construction of the languages, and it's going well so far! We all seem to have retained enough Hebrew and Greek to make it, but I have no doubt we will be sharpened throughout this year.

Kathryn is growing like a weed! She's started playing in the kid's soccer group on campus (organized by a fellow seminarian) and it's a great way for her to use her energy. Kathryn will be staying home this year with Bethie and working on writing her alphabet and numbers, along with basic mathematics and continued reading skills. Those three Rs really are a great start!



A letter From our Concordia Adopted Family The Genzlers (con't)



Barbara is also growing quite nicely! She enjoys snuggles with Bethie, grabbing hair (especially beards) and going on walks where Bethie pushes the stroller and she, um, naps. Nearly the whole time. But fresh air is wonderful. As the temperatures get more reasonable (I'm told they will eventually) more walks will be possible.

Reformation and the Church is easily the most reading-heavy class yet. On average, we read around 100 pages before each class, sometimes with a reflection paper due. I received a number of the books required for this class from some of

you lovely people; thank you if you were able to help out with that! If you weren't able to and wish you could have, don't worry! There'll be more books to buy in the coming semesters, I have no doubt.

Our Old Testament professor has us making use of the journaling Bibles gifted to every new student of CSL through the Seminary Guild. The wide, lined margins allow ample space for journaling and reflection notes from personal study of the text. This has been a great opportunity to dig and drink deeply from the Word of God. As a Lutheran high school teacher, the opportunity to have a good devotional life proved difficult, and I started slipping from the habit more than I should have. Now, with this as a required part of class, I've found myself engaging the Word happily, plentifully, and to great effect on my day. I cannot recommend devotional study more wholeheartedly!

As this new year has begun and routines have been forming, I'd like to form a new habit for this academic year. It is my goal to write a letter at least once every month. I cannot promise to be perfect in this regard, but I do enter into this intentionally. To communicate with all of you only four times a year seems too few times to thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and to recognize you as the hands and feet of God in our lives. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you.

In Christ,

The Genzlers (Chris, Bethie, Kathryn & Barbara)

October 2025

Steingraber Seminary CHRONICLES

Greetings in Christ,

This month we continued meeting new people at Immanuel St. Charles. Steve continued leading liturgy at least one service each week. He has preached two different weekends in each worship space. A major blessing for Steve was attending the Missouri District Pastor's convention in October. He was able to see many of his fellow classmates also on vicarage in the Missouri District. Steve helped at his first funeral this month, reading and acting as crucifer for a man who was one of his first hospital visits soon after starting vicarage. It is a blessing to see God's saints safely home!

Lori is nearing the end of first quarter, with parent/ teacher meetings just around the corner. She was also able to attend the LEA (Lutheran Educator's Association) conference in St. Louis. She saw many college classmates and even some former teachers of her own there. Music for David is switching from pep band to Concert Band pieces. He auditioned into Lutheran South's jazz band and will perform soon with both groups at their fall concert. Timmy finished his last few cross country meets, including a trip with the team to a final State meet.

Steve and Lori are blessed to be a "Lord and Lady" in Immanuel's Boar's Head festival later in December. Boar's Head is a medieval tradition which combines the story of Good King Wenceslas and the Nativity story. We will get to dress up in period clothes and process up the aisle of the sanctuary and greet people as they come into church. Timmy will have a small role as a Wise Man's attendant in a few performances as well. David is content to be in the background on the tech side, helping with lights and sound. We will soon be starting practices for this great Christmas event.

Please keep the students and families of both seminaries in your prayers as they are midway into their fall semesters. Thank you for the prayers and/or support you have given during this time of learning for the whole family. We appreciate you all!

Peace and Love in Christ,

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First Page: The Steingraber family along with Lori's sister, Leann, visited the last sailing Landing Ship Tank (LST) when it visited near St. Louis the last week of September. This ship was involved in all the major WWII amphibious landings including Sicily and Normandy!

This page:

Above Left: Steve and the boys were able to go visit the Missouri Civil War Museum at Jefferson Barracks when school was off for LEA.

Above Right: Steve cheers Timmy on in one of the last meets of the year.

Right: Steve and David cutting onions for Pastor Schmieding's famous Jambalaya dinner. We each had to take breaks because our eyes were closing at times!

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Top: Steve and his fellow vicars were able to gather on the last night of the Missouri District convention. A good time was had by all

Bottom: Lori with a few of her co-teachers at LEA: Hailey (also a Sem wife), Anna, and Adam. Since St. Louis was the host city, they served as greeters on the beginning day of the convention!

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Top: Lori, David and Steve were able to get pictures taken before David went to the LUSO homecoming dance with friends.

Bottom Left: Timmy's first time as an acolyte at Immanuel-St. Charles!

Bottom Right: Steve meeting with two St. Charles Police School Resource Officers about some police outreach events. Officer Love and Officer Meyers are great guys to talk to!





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FAITH

LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

November Calendar 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00 - Worship 10:00 – Fellowship Mite Collection 10:30 – Sunday Sch & Pastor's Bible Class All Saints Sunday	3 5:00 p.m. Elders	4 8:10-3:10 PS 3 & 4's	5 6:00 Discipleship Group	6 8:10-3:10 PS 3 & 4's Roger Marquardt 6:00 Adult Choir	7 8:10-3:10 PS 3 & 4's	1
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23 9:00 – Worship 10:00 – Fellowship 10:30 – Sunday Sch & Pastor's Bible Class Jeff Voeks	24	25	26 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	27 Have A Blessed Thanksgiving	28 Ariella Burt	29
30 Grocery Cart Sunday 9:00 – Worship 10:00 – Fellowship 10:30 – Sunday Sch & Pastor's Bible Class						Happy Birthday

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