

THE VISITOR

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Back to school! By now you've bought all the backpacks, pens and paper you need! The busses are running and everyone's back into the routine of school.

Even if you're done with school, there's always more to learn! We hear in **Deuteronomy 6:7** "**Impress [these commands] on your children. Talk about them when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.**" In fact, the most important thing we can teach our children about is Jesus, and the forgiveness he gives to them. Everything else we teach them is only for this life. Jesus and his forgiveness, lasts forever!

We like talking about Jesus, too! Look at everything we do to talk about eternal things, which then give meaning to our temporary lives here!

- We have a Family Bible Hour for ages 3- adult at 9:15 every Sunday morning, beginning September 8!
- We have a PreK through high school education system at Christ-St. John's Lutheran School and Luther High School!
- We have a Tuesday morning men's Bible Study at 6:00 am. Join us to read the book of Hebrews and rejoice in our Superior Savior!
- We have a Thursday evening women's Bible at 6:00 pm. Join us to read the Gospel of Luke and rejoice in the world's Savior!
- We have a Bible Information Class that reviews the basic teachings of the Bible. It's geared for those who are interested in learning more about Jesus, his Word and our faith. It's also a great review for anyone who is already a member of our congregation. That class begins Wednesday, September 11 at 6:00 pm!

That doesn't include all the various meetings and groups that always begin their work around the Word of God. We love to talk about Jesus!

May God bless your study of his Word here at Christ and in your own homes. May we grow in his love and rejoice to praise him with our lives of love!

Dear brothers and sisters at Christ,

" 3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 Every time I pray for all of you, I always pray with joy, 5 because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am convinced of this very thing: that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3-6.)

Paul wrote these words after receiving a gift that encouraged him as he carried out the work God called him to do. I couldn't think of better words to express to all of you who did the same for me at my 25th Anniversary on August 4. Thank you to all of you for the amazing worship service and the time together at the meal. Thank you also for the cards, gifts and words of encouragement. May our gracious Lord continue to bless us all with his Word and Sacrament! So once again I say to you: THANK YOU! To God be all the glory!

In Christ our Lord,
Pastor Riediger

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Once again we gather around the Word to grow and mature in our faith! Join us as often as you can!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY MORNINGS — 6:00AM
RESUMES SEPT 3rd

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY EVENINGS — 6:00PM
RESUMES SEPT 5th

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY MORNINGS — 9:15AM
RESUMES SEPT 8th

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 6:00 pm



As summer's end approaches, we have a chance to plan for all the opportunities to gather again around the Word of our Lord. September marks the start of many opportunities to grow in faith!

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY: Join us in the fall! We will begin a study of the Book of Hebrews on Sept. 3rd.

THURSDAY EVENING LADIES STUDY: We will begin a study of the Gospel of Luke. Come and grow along with us, beginning Sept. 5th.

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS: This class is a wonderful review for anyone wanting to brush up on the basic teachings of God's Word. It's also the class designed for those interested in membership in our congregation. A NEW CLASS BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 6 PM.

CHRIST-ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL & LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

What a privilege to gather around the Word of God every day, in every subject! Many of our families already see the importance of that strong, Biblical foundation, as they prepare their children for a life of learning and living. If your child isn't enrolled, and you have questions about these two schools, contact either school or your pastor!

May our GOD bless our time in his Word.



We welcome Joshua and Melissa Scriver and their children, Natalie and Brooklyn to our church family! We Also welcome Timothy and Paulet Voigt and their grown children Matthew and Brooke! As you have opportunity, greet them and welcome them to CHRIST.



Praise God and give thanks for our growing church family! With the blessings of three babies born in August! For Rylee Elizabeth Raiten, born Aug. 2 to Joe and Megan Raiten; Paisley Julianne Frame, born Aug. 3 to Dan and Samantha Frame; Crixus Paladin Horstman born Aug. 10 to Doug and Christina Horstman! Welcome precious little ones!♥

**WELCOME
Home**

SAVE THE DATE FOR *WELCOME HOME* SUNDAY: OCTOBER 20TH

Worshiping our God—listening to him speak to us in his Word and responding with our praise—is always special. However, it can be especially joyful when the house is packed. Think of the singing on Christmas Eve... or Easter Sunday. Yet, even on those days, we have members who are out of town. The goal of *Welcome Home* Sunday is to have a day when everyone that is part of our Christian family comes together. After all, church is supposed to be a home, and believers are family. Our focus of worship on this day is the blessing of Christian community. We're aiming for 100% of our members be at one of our three services!

Please do everything possible to set that date aside so that we can pack the house that day.



- September 4th Amanda Pickar, James Olson-Sr
- September 5th Mary Deyo, Wendy Tranberg
- September 8th Marvin Bruemmer
- September 9th Pat Gums
- September 11th Brittany Hoffman, Melissa Deyo
- September 12th Andrew Buchanan
- September 13th Ashley Kendall, Ashley Lounsborough
- September 14th Karen Kuschel, Ronda Young, Gregg Weber, Mildred Kurtz
- September 15th Betty Moe, Jack Gorniak, Joanna Robinson
- September 16th Rhyker Horstman
- September 18th Lydia Levendoski
- September 19th Eugene Niedfeldt
- September 20th Michelle Rowan, Austin Lee, Kylee Kaiser
- September 22nd Jim Gilbertson, Claire Pickar
- September 23rd Jay Buisman, Don Fruit, Dan Moe, Olivia Baudek
- September 24th Sally Weber
- September 25th Kyle Holzhausen, Roger Manke, Pat McGuire, Gwenlyn Harris
- September 26th Amy Thill
- September 28th Robert Dahlke
- September 30th Don Horstmann, Walter Humbel, Deborah Levendoski, Galen Riediger

Remember our website!
christlutheranwestsalem.com



If you have recently moved, please remember to inform the Pastor or church secretary of your new address information and phone number so that we may keep contact with you. Thank You.

SUMMER SCHEDULE



Sunday Morning	8:00 am 9:30 am
Monday Evening	6:30 pm

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning	8:00 am 10:30 am
Monday Evening	6:30 pm

Begins September 8th

HEADED FOR THE HOSPITAL? ATTENDING ANOTHER CHURCH? MOVING?

Your pastors are here to serve in all of these areas, so please let us know when changes take place! We'd love to take you to God's grace; a grace that doesn't change even when our life situations do!



NOTES & NEWS



COULEE REGION OWLS meets Thursday Sept. 12th at First, 400 West Ave S, LAX at noon with a Potluck Lunch. Bring a dish to pass/table service. Coffee provided. Men & women age 55 or older are welcome. Offering collected.



CARING CHRISTIANS MENTAL HEALTH will meet on Tuesday, Sept 2nd at 6:30PM. At First Lutheran | 400 West Ave S | La Crosse



WELS GRIEF SUPPORT: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept 3rd at St. John's in Barre Mills at 7PM. Feel free to bring a picture of your loved one.

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS is the perfect opportunity to share your faith with a friend. It's also great for brushing up on the truths of God's word! A new class begins Wednesday, Sept 11 at 6:00 pm.



LADIES AID will resume their regular monthly meetings with a **POTLUCK** on Thursday, Sept 5th in the Multi-Purpose Rm @ 1PM. Please bring a dish to pass. Beverages and tableware will be furnished. *All Women of Christ are welcome to join us.*

LADIES AID TOO will begin their regular monthly meetings with **hors d'oeuvres** on Tuesday, Sept 17th in the Multi-Purpose Rm @ 6:30PM. Feel free to bring what you like or just enjoy what is there! Beverages and tableware will be furnished. *All Women of Christ are welcome to join us.*

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Children in grades 6 – 8 will soon be starting/resuming their confirmation instruction. Beginning class dates/times:



- **CSJ School; Grades 7–8:** September 3rd.
- **Public School: Grade 6** meets during Family Bible Hour, beginning Sept. 8th; **Grades 7-8** meet Wednesday evening from 5-6 pm, beginning Sept. 4th.



Anyone in 8th grade and up! The choir is inviting interested singers to come and join in the fun and fellowship. Choir meets the first two Wednesday's of each month from 7-8:15 PM. We sing both services the 3rd Sunday each month with a rehearsal between services; we also sing for special services and occasions. **We'd love to have you join us!** Please consider sharing your talents to praise the Lord! If you can't come every rehearsal, come when you can. Choir begins Sept. 4th at 7PM.

ALL CHURCH MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 10TH @ 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Come and find out what your church is doing for its members here and in the community, country and world.



COLLEGE STUDENTS AND PARENTS – The WELS campus ministry would like to keep in contact with your son/ daughter during their college years away from their home church. Visit wels.net and click on the Campus Ministry link to register and receive publications and information about opportunities to connect with others in faith and friendship.



Enjoy receiving encouragement and prayer requests by participating in our Prayer Chain!
Submit prayer requests by:

EMAIL prayers@christlutheranwestsalem.com
DROP them in the prayer box in the narthex
CALL the pastor (608-786-1250 x113)

September Altar Guild Servers

Sharon Fuller
Pat Gums
Joyce Wehrenberg
Carol Thompson

September Women of CHRIST

GROUP 4

Last Names: Gi-Ha

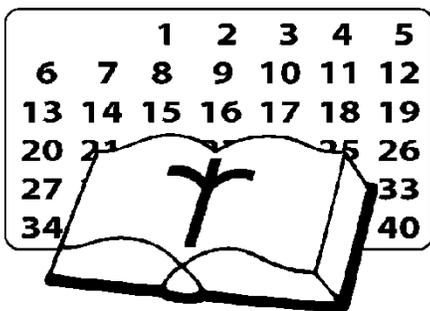


Knit & Crochet Circle starts Sunday, September 8th at 6:30PM at Katie Rasmussen's house, contact Katie with any questions at 386-7856. Please feel free to come even if your craft or hobby is not named, there is room for all or just relaxing fellowship!

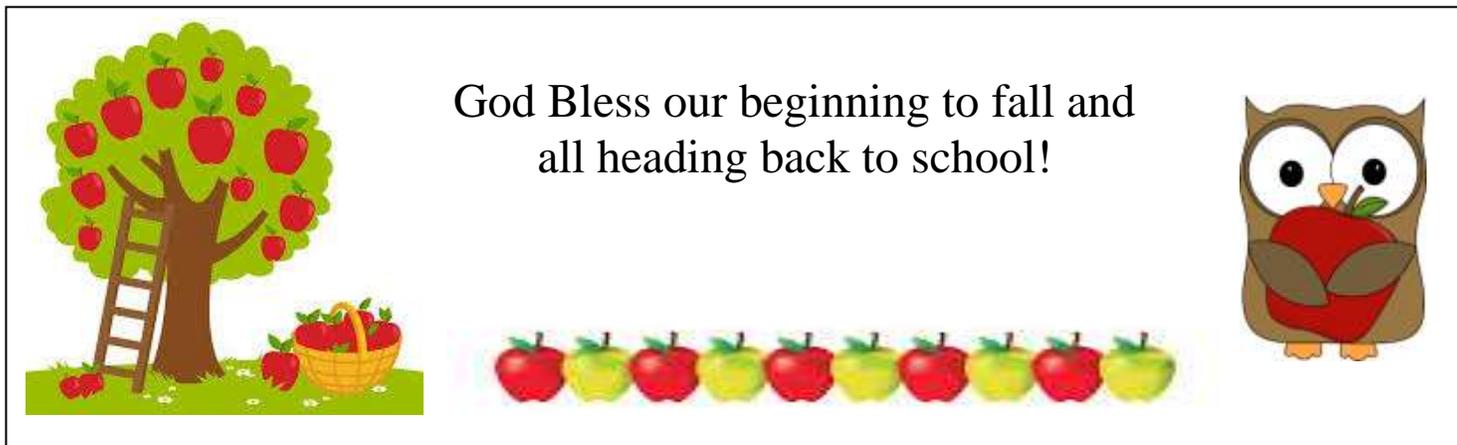
Monthly Bible Readings

The Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan offers special features that will help you in your journey through the bible. By reading from four separate places in the Scripture every day, you should be able to better grasp the unity of the Scriptures, as well as enjoy the variety of seeing four different viewpoints.

Don't become frustrated if you fall behind. Each month lists only twenty-five readings. That offers several "free days" each month for catch up if they are needed. Here are the passages for AUGUST.



NEW TESTAMENT		OLD TESTAMENT		
	LUKE	1 TIMOTHY	PROVERBS	EZRA
1	13:1-9	1:1-11	1	1-2
2	13:10-21	1:12-20	2	3
3	13:22-35	2	3	4-5
4	14:1-14	3:1-10	4	6
5	14:15-24	3:11-16	5	7
6	14:25-35	4	6	8
7	15:1-10	5:1-15	7	9
8	15:11-32	5:16-25	8	10
				NEHEMIAH
9	16:1-9	6:1-10	9	1-2
10	16:10-18	6:11-21	10:1-16	3
		2 TIMOTHY		
11	16:19-31	1:1-7	10:17-32	4-5
12	17:1-10	1:8-18	11:1-15	6
13	17:11-19	2:1-13	11:16-31	7
14	17:20-37	2:14-26	12:1-14	8
15	18:1-8	3:1-9	12:15-28	9
16	18:9-17	3:10-17	13:1-12	10
17	18:18-30	4	13:13-25	11
		TITUS		
18	18:31-43	1:1-9	14:1-18	12
19	19:1-10	1:10-17	14:19-35	13
				ESTHER
20	19:11-27	2:1-10	15:1-17	1
21	19:28-38	2:11-15	15:18-33	2
22	19:39-48	3:1-8	16:1-16	3-4
23	20:1-8	3:9-15	16:17-33	5-6
		PHILEMON		
24	20:9-19	1-11	17:1-14	7-8
25	20:20-26	12-25	17:15-28	9-10



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Christ-St. John's Lutheran School

Serving: Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, West Salem & St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Barre Mills

Teaching Christ's Love.

Pre-Kindergarten – 8th Grade.

*The academics are challenging. The teachers are nurturing.
The lessons learned are for a lifetime.*

SERVE

Greetings in our Savior's name! My name is Nate Livingston and I am looking forward to serving you as principal and 7-8 grade teacher at Christ-St. John's Lutheran School.

Our theme for this school year is "Serve the Lord with gladness" - Psalm 100:2. We will be focusing on service during the upcoming school year. That service can take many forms. We will serve our classmates in the classrooms. We will serve our school mates in the school. We will serve our congregations in church. And we will serve our neighbors in the community.

Part of our service will be our mission offerings. We have chosen the Jesus Cares Ministry for our mission this year. Watch for more information to come on that as we move through the year.

The reminder to serve the Lord with gladness applies to all of us as well. Our service takes many different forms. Some choose to serve in the public ministry as pastors, teachers, or staff ministers. Some choose to serve on various committees, boards, or in other ways in churches or schools. Praying and giving offerings are also ways to serve.

I encourage you to read Psalm 100. It is only five verses long. Reflect on what your Lord has done for you, and ways you can serve Him with gladness. I look forward to serving you as well.

Mr. Nate Livingston

School Calendar for Sept.

- 2 No School – Labor Day
- 9 Principal's Conference @ Luther
- 10 CSA Meeting – 6:30PM @ CSJ
- 13 Knight for a Night (7th grade @ Luther)
5:30-10:30PM
- 27 Grandparents & Special Guest Day @ CSJ –
12:15PM Dismissal

The logo for SCRIP (Support our School) features the word "SCRIP" in a large, stylized, handwritten font. Below the letters, there is a small illustration of a group of diverse children holding hands.

Support our School!

Buy CSJ SCRIP cards for stores you already shop – spend them like gift cards – help fundraise for the school! Call Lisa Black with questions; 786-1250 x100 | lblack@christstjohns.org

SURROUND CARE BROCHURES are available to those seeking before/after school care. If interested in participating in this CSJ program, please pick up a form to complete and return to the school secretary.



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.” Words we need to hear and live by every day!