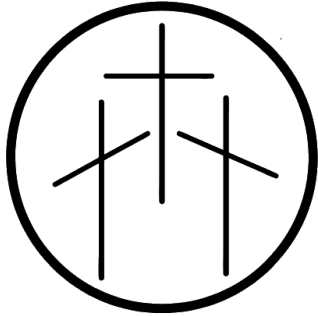


Parish Voice



Special Dates in September

- September 1—American Chess Day
- September 6—Labor Day
- September 11—Patriot Day
- September 12—Grandparent’s Day
- September 17—Constitution Day
- September 22—1st Day of Fall
- September 25—National Bunny Day
- September 27—National Chocolate Milk Day
- September 29—National Coffee Day
- September 30—International Podcast Day

September Birthdays

Paula Cardoza-Jones	3
Samantha Mislan	4
Bev Bailey	7
Hunter Smith	14
Janice Patton	19
John Charlesworth	
Blakely Hermerding	23
Jeanne Wall	24
Jan Smith	25
Dale Willman	27
Susan Hahn Johnson	
Melissa Hermerding-Lim	
Ron Dillow	28
Bobbie Moore	30
Gage Hunter	

Pastor’s Corner

So are you longing for spiritual growth, renewal and some refreshing away time to grow in the Lord? If so, you are ready for a Via de Cristo weekend! You have heard the term before. Via de Cristo is Spanish for “Way of Christ” and is our Lutheran version of the 3 day Christian retreat experience.

When I prepared my Zoom introduction for the Call Process, I talked about this movement as being very important to me in my life. I also said I would not “push” this on anyone but simply to lift it up from time to time and invite. I am serving on an upcoming Co-Ed weekend (men and women welcomed, really good for couples) on Sept. 30-Oct. 3. I can handle all the arrangements if you feel called to come. I am serving on that weekend as a Spiritual Director and

will be in attendance. (On the INKY website mentioned below you’ll find information for a Men’s (Nov. 4-7) and Women’s (Nov. 11-14) weekend at Camp Lakeview in Seymour.)

Questions/answers/ more information can be found on the national website at www.viadecristo.org or locally at www.inkyvdc.org!

Mark and Denise Hollman are also on the team putting the weekend together starting Sept. 30. They can answer any questions as can others who have attended a previous weekend.

I will also answer questions and confirm for you God is calling and it’s your turn to attend! No fear, safe

Covid type arrangements have been made. You will listen to talks on the Christian life in a small group at tables and then reflect together. There is outstanding food and fellowship, worship and fun! Cost is only \$100, but we don’t want that to get in the way of you attending (scholarships available). Please let me know, I am praying about you attending. This program is an excellent way to build up our lay leadership in the churches! Thank you for praying about this.

Peace,
Pr. Doug



It’s that time again!

We are back to 11am worship beginning Sunday, September 5. Faith Lutheran will switch to 9am worship. We will have Adult Faith Formation beginning this Sunday as well! Jim Patton and Suzanne DeBoer will lead the group at 10am each Sunday morning in the lounge/library. We will be spread out and safe. Please join us as you are able!



Readings for September 2021

Sept. 5: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

- *1st Reading:* Isaiah 35:4-7a
- *Psalm:* Psalm 146
- *2nd Reading:* James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17
- *Gospel:* Mark 7:24-37

Sept. 19: 17th Sunday after Pentecost

- *1st Reading:* Jeremiah 11:18-20
- *Psalm:* Psalm 54
- *2nd Reading:* James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
- *Gospel:* Mark 9:30-37

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.”

Psalm 19:14

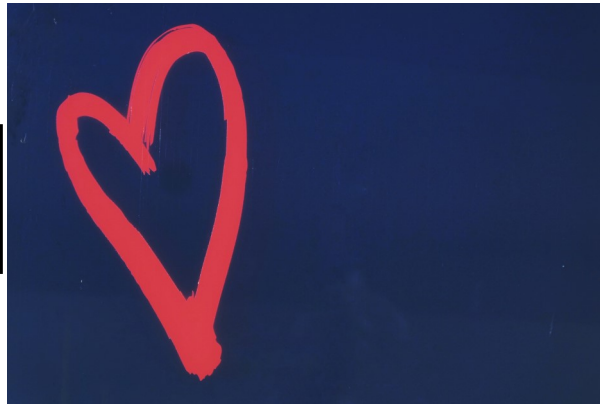
Sept. 12: 16th Sunday after Pentecost

- *1st Reading:* Isaiah 50:4-9a
- *Psalm:* Psalm 116:1-9
- *2nd Reading:* James 3:1-12
- *Gospel:* Mark 8:27-38

Sept. 26: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

- *1st Reading:* Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
- *Psalm:* Psalm 19:7-14
- *2nd Reading:* James 5:13-20
- *Gospel:* Mark 9:38-50

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Need to reach out to Faith Lutheran?

Or maybe you are just curious as to what is happening with their congregation. We have the contact information you need!

Be sure to check out their [website](#).

You can also like their [Facebook](#)

[page](#) for more up to date information as well as to watch their worship services online if you wish.

Did you also know that Nikki Lee is now working as the office manager? She is also available via [email](#) or by calling the church

office at
(317) 272-1022.

If you have any other questions, please be sure to reach out!



Thankful for all!

“Give thanks in all circumstances for this is the way of God in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16

Thanks to Jan Smith, Beverly Bailey and all who helped make the All Things Christmas Sale a success! We received over \$700 dollars to update narthex furniture!

Thanks Jan and Bev for your

hard work throughout the building.

Thanks to Mark and Denise Hollman who wonderfully substituted for Ed 3 Sunday’s in August.

Thanks and praise to Pr. Rex Jones and Paula Cardoza-Jones for supplying for Pastor Doug August 8th while outdoors. Pastor really appreciates Rex and Paula for their spirit-filled leader-

ship.

Thanks to Pastor Doug who personally helped the Speedway Animal Rescue use our facility July 31st setting up hoses and monitoring the building all day!

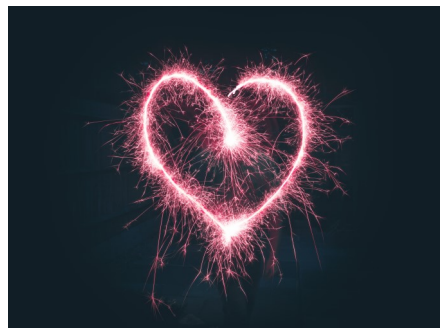
Special thanks to Jan Smith and many others for helping make our outdoor joint service with Faith Lutheran a success.



Just Like Jesus Summer Sermon Series

Thank you for participating with me during this Summer Sermon Series from the book, “Just Like Jesus” from Max Lucado. We have learned what it means to have a heart just like Jesus, and the good news is that we have that same heart. Let’s you and I pledge to commit ourselves to becoming more and more like Jesus.

To read all of the chapter summaries, simply click [HERE](#).



Always remember this key teaching for the author: “God loves you just the way you are, but God refuses to leave us that way. God wants us to be just like Jesus.” (pg. 173). And all God’s people say “Amen!”

COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Submitted by Kelli Steurer

Here we are again at another month's end. I am hoping the transition back to school for those with children of this age and for the school staff was as seamless as it could be. New schedules always present a new challenge around my house! We will again be homeschooling Lilian as she enters 1st grade.

Now for the real news! We continue to have viewers on our Facebook page and on website each Sunday. Please be sharing these videos! This will help us reach more individuals. Please also be sure to like and comment on posts. We want to hear from you and start a conversation! Remember to check out our



[YouTube](#) channel. I post our weekly videos here as well.

In the month of September, you may notice a slight change to the emails I send with Zoom links. I am going to be utilizing our Church Management System so emails are always up to date! This is part of our purpose in beginning to use this platform as well. We are ready for this next step! Remember that first email you received with the log in link?

That's what it will look like or similar to beginning this month.

If you are interested in learning more about live streaming or helping with the Church Management System, we are always looking for more team members.

[Please reach out to Kelli!](#)

As always, please [reach out](#) with any questions or concerns!

Happy fall!

Don't forget to also join us for Adult Faith Formation on Sunday mornings at 10am in the library.

Don't forget! Worship time will change to 11am beginning September 5!

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ALL ABOUT LABOR DAY!

Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions work-

ers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

- ◇ Read more [HERE](#).
- ◇ You can also learn more [HERE](#).

We want to wish you all a weekend of rest and recharging!



PASTOR'S INSTALLATION

Pastor's installation is in the works!

Save the date:

Sunday, September 26, 2021
2pm at Hendricks County Fairgrounds
1900 E. Main St.
Danville, IN

Bishop Bill Gafkjen will be

"He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Mark 8:34

preaching and presiding over the service. The team continues to plan and make this an extra special afternoon as Faith Lutheran of Avon and St. Andrew's of Speedway celebrate the call of Pastor Doug to our congregations. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends and family! All are welcome to join

us in the festivities!

Please also continue to watch for updates on the plans as at the time of this publication all safety measures have not been finalized.



All About Grandparents Day!

We celebrate Grandparents Day each September on the first Sunday after Labor Day, usually the second Sunday of the month.

The origins of this national U.S. holiday start in 1969 with an unsuccessful attempt by a 9-year-old boy who wrote a letter to President Nixon. From there, most of the credit goes to Marian McQuade, from West Virginia, who was a champion for the value of grandparents and older adults, and who had plenty of experience as a grandmother. When she passed away in

2008, she had 15 children, 43 grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

- ◆ Read more [HERE](#).
- ◆ Learn more [HERE](#).

Want some ideas to celebrate your grandparents?

- ◆ [10 Ways to Celebrate National Grandparents Day](#)
- ◆ [10 Free Grandparents Day Activities](#)
- ◆ [101 of the Best Grandparents Day Gifts and Fun Activities](#)



Week Day Bible Study Begins Again!

"Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life."

Psalm 54:4

Weekday Zoom Bible Study led by Pastor Doug begins September 8th at 7 p.m. The first topic will be "Bible 101" with

information on how the Bible came together and what it means to us today. Ask PD for any questions. EVERYONE IS WELCOMED AND INVITED! Each week the topics shift, and there won't be any

reading ahead of time, please join us. *Watch your email for the link!*

Remember to like and share our posts and videos on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#)!

Faith Food Pantry

Did you know that Faith Lutheran hosts a food pantry twice a month? Join them the 1st Friday from 5-7pm or the 3rd Saturday from 9-11am. Volunteers and donations are ALWAYS welcomed!



Worship in the Park!

On Sunday, September 12 at 11am, the Stewardship Team is planning our annual picnic at Meadowood Park! Plans are still under way so be on the look out for more info via email!

My take: Tear down magical walls

News from the Living Lutheran:

The doors of your church building have magical properties.

You may not have noticed, but these magical effects play out differently for outsiders than for insiders.

When outsiders approach church doors, the magic repels them with thoughts that they aren't good enough, knowledgeable enough, worthy enough or perfect enough to come inside. Many outsiders are rightly critical of the church they hear about in news headlines that symbolizes only judg-

ment and intolerance.

For insiders, however, these magical properties have a different



effect. Insiders pass eagerly through the doors of the building to find renewal and hope. But to return outside, these same insiders must fold up their Christian faith into a tiny bundle and hide it in







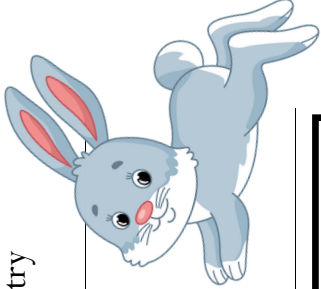
their pocket or purse until they return to the church and take it back out. Insiders hide their faith in a compartment that is accessed only when gathered with other Christians in the church building.

Our dominant approach in responding to the magical doors is to double down on what we do inside our buildings. We search high and low for programs and activities that will attract and encourage outsiders to become insiders.

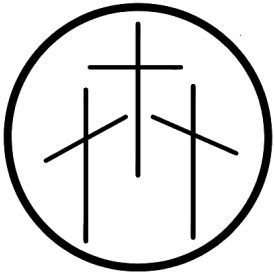
Read the entire article [HERE](#).

September 2021

**Remember we are inside the 1st and 3rd and outside (weather permitting) the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
			4:30 L&F		5 Faith Food Pantry	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10 Adult Forum 11 Worship 7 FF	 1 Staff	1 Staff	7 Bible Study			
12 Grandparents Day	13	14	15 Newsletter Items Due 4:30 L&F 7 Bible Study	16	17	18
10 Adult Forum 11 Worship at Meadowood Park 7 FF	12-4 Mat Making	1 Staff		6:30 Council		9 Faith Food Pantry
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10 Adult Forum 11 Worship 7 FF	 1 Staff	1 Staff	7 Bible Study			
26	27	28	29			
10 FF 11 Worship 2 Installation 7 FF	12-4 Mat Making	1 Staff 6 Transformational Ministry	7 Bible Study			

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