

The monthly newsletter of  
First United Lutheran Church Sheboygan, Wisconsin

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September

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## Sharing God's Word \* Strengthening Faith \* Serving Community

### **A note from Pastor Jon Breimeier:**

*Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering.....and be killed, and on the third day be raised.*

*Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Matthew 16:21, 24*

The gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke each have this core passage

Peter and the disciples beginning to grasp fully who Jesus is, namely the Messiah, the Anointed One Jesus telling them in no uncertain terms that being the Messiah will mean suffering - death - resurrection

Jesus telling them in no uncertain terms what to expect as his disciples

Matthew 16 is the gospel for the first weekend in September; the remaining gospels for the month teach us more about being disciples, especially about forgiveness and truth, and about God's generosity to God's people. God's steadfast love never fails us, the Psalms tell us over and over. God's nature is not like our human nature; Jesus tells us two trenchant parables this September to help get that across, so that our treatment of others can steadily become more in keeping with God's treatment of us.

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### Confirmation and Youth Ministries This Fall at First United!

I just wanted to let everyone know how Confirmation ministries will be working this fall. We look forward to our time with your teenagers, helping them to understand and articulate what it is to be a Christian, a Lutheran, and to be a part of this congregation.

I have emailed all of the 7th, 8th, and 9th grade families about our upcoming schedule. If you have not received the schedule, I ask that you reach out to the church office so we can add you to our list or verify your information.

We will have two Confirmation Orientations on September 20th in the Genszler Room.

- The first will be for 7th & 8th Grades at 6:00 pm until 6:45pm for Students and Parents
- The second will be for 9th Grade at 7:00 pm until 8:00pm for Students, Parents and Mentors

Confirmation Classes for 7th and 8th Grade will begin the first Wednesday of October on October 4 and meet weekly.

Confirmation Classes for 9th Grade will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of October, starting on October 4.

We have had a great response to our need for mentors, though I am still looking for 3 additional male mentors.

Our 7th and 8th graders will be working their way through the small catechism and working through the books of the Bible this year and the 9th graders will be working to build relationships with their mentors and discussing questions of faith.

We are so excited to be working with your students this fall!  
In Christ, Thom Nicla, Middle School/High School Youth Minister

# FULC HAPPENINGS

## September Worship Schedule

**Sunday, September 3**

9:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

**Thursday, September 7**

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

**Sunday, September 10**

**BACK TO BASICS/BIBLE DISTRIBUTION**

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School Meet the Teacher

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

**Thursday, September 14**

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

**Sunday, September 17**

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

**Thursday, September 21**

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

**Sunday, September 24**

**ASP 2024 KICKOFF**

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service

**Thursday, September 28**

6:30 PM - Contemporary Worship Service

Message from Pastor Jon continued...

I want to refer you to several good, thoughtful resources for discipleship. Our bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, Paul Erickson, writes about politics in the church in Life Together, the synod newsletter. (summer, 2023) Loosely quoting here: The church is called to be political, to be active in public for the good of our neighbors and God's creation; the church is called to avoid partisan politics. Find the whole article at the synod web site.

Father James Martin. Search him for Ignatian practices of daily devotion and reflection, especially the practice of imagining yourself within Bible stories. Search him for humor and laughter in the church, e.g. Between Heaven and Mirth. Find his book Jesus: A Pilgrimage - He chronicles a trip to the holy land, combining biblical background, his observations of the actual place where Bible narratives happened, his imagining himself in the gospel stories, and how his understanding and faith grew through the experience.

## Office Hours

Starting Tuesday, September 5

Office Hours will be the following:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Worship Schedule Update

We will go back to TWO worship services

Sunday, September 10

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



Live stream will be available on Facebook and YouTube



## Our Staff

Bridge Pastor • Jon Breimeier

Children & Family/ Great Beginnings Preschool

Administrator • Mary Gorges

Youth/Technology • Thom Nicla

Church Administrator/

Discipleship • Debbie Schneider

Administrative Assistant • Kelly Stoelb

Preschool Lead Teacher • Ellen Yedica

Financial Secretary/Community Ministry • Cheryl Nicholson

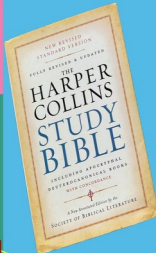
Children & Family Ministry Assistant • Gabrielle Huolihan

Let us know how we can help you. 920-452-2401





## Bible Distribution Sunday, September 10 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



3 year old Preschoolers (or those who have not received a Bible)  
&  
5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> Graders (or confirmands who have not yet received a Bible)



# CONFIRMATION CORNER

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades:

Wednesday, September 20  
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. with Parents

9<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Wednesday, September 20  
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. with  
Mentors & Parents

If you have a confirmation age student and have not received information please reach out to Thom Nicla at [thom@firstunitedelca.org](mailto:thom@firstunitedelca.org)



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Join us Sunday, September 24 9:30 a.m.  
in the Sanctuary for a slide show.  
We will also start taking applications for

ASP SUMMER 2024



# Sunday School Back to Basics Sunday, September 10 9:30 a.m.

Registration

Meet  
and  
Greet



HALLOWEEN

## TRUNK OR TREAT Sunday, October 29

Decorate your car and join us in the Southeast Parking Lot by Fellowship Hall after service at 10:30 a.m. (weather permitting).



Please contact Mary Gorges or the church office if interested in participating.

# Fall Fest Potluck

Sunday, October 29 at  
10:30 a.m.

In Fellowship Hall  
Bring a dish to share





## Grief Warriors

Wednesday, September 20  
Please contact the church office  
for the time

All are welcome  
to join us in the  
Bride's Room

Facilitated by  
Lori Dielentheis

### First United FOOD PANTRY

If you or anyone you know needs food, please check out our Food Pantry located in the Serenity Room. We have everything from canned goods to baking supplies to household items. The front office can assist you if you need help.

**Mondays 9AM - 12PM**  
**Wednesdays 1PM - 4:00PM**

### Great Beginnings Preschool

2023-24 enrollment is now open!



Tours & enrollment packages are available

For more information, call Church Office 920-452-2401 or email Mary Gorges at: [mary@firstunitedelca.org](mailto:mary@firstunitedelca.org) or email Ellen Yedica at: [eyedica@firstunitedelca.org](mailto:eyedica@firstunitedelca.org)

### Agents of Change: Super Heroes Camp

We were joined at the beginning of August by The Inclusive Avenger, Generosity Boy, and Captain Compassion for three days filled with art, stories, games, and music. We had so much fun learning how we can be everyday superheroes through our words and actions. To end the week we collected money during the children's message on that Sunday to help out the Laundry Love program. Now it's time to get ready for school!

- 1 Makenzie Dick  
Ethan Klitzke  
John Lucynski  
Orrin Mellesmoen  
Willie Torrison
- 2 Warren Brauer  
Sue Potter  
Ken Severance  
Lisa Severance  
Julia Sievers  
Eileen Stoeger  
Julia Wigginn
- 3 Isla Dielentheis  
Chris DiStefano  
Brock Kovacic
- 4 Jospin Kamana
- 5 Robert Lindow
- 6 Adrienne Allen  
Sydney Blaha  
Jennifer Roenitz  
Karen Sullivan
- 7 Carl Peterson  
Tabitha Shaw
- 8 Amanda Frank  
Thomas Pilgrim  
Samuel Stanford  
Haven Vang
- 9 Amy Johnson  
Pat Jumes  
Amy Mikkelson  
Shirley Mueller
- 10 Paul Breitenbach  
Tom Gorges  
Claire Hedlund  
Spencer Jackson  
Michelle Johnson  
Douglas Johnson  
Jennifer McQuade  
Jocelyn Mellesmoen  
Samuel Ramos  
Wendy Saeger  
Kelly Stoelb  
Natalie Zamora
- 11 Levi Menart  
Dylan Menart  
Olivia Ramos
- 12 Cindi Bleuel  
Tina Brown  
Owen Hedlund  
Tami Peterson
- 13 Erik Mikkelson  
Sawyer Pelzel
- 14 Adaline Christian  
Lora DeSombre  
Kelly Kovacic  
Erin Peterson
- 15 Monty Mathis, Jr  
Jalen Raatz  
Shari Schaefer  
Linda Schunk
- 16 Cing Sian Siam
- 17 Sonja Byerly  
Abel Ostermann  
Keegan Williams
- 18 Omar Gutierrez  
Aiden Nicla  
Corrie Wagner
- 19 Gregory Allen  
Alyssa Haas  
Doug Ingels  
Sara Nimmer  
Macy Swanson  
Hannah Thorpe  
Tim Wodach  
Elaine Wunsch
- 20 Deb Bowser  
Sara Breitenbach  
Andrew Damp  
Steve Hangartner  
Barry Martin  
Karen Wiverstad
- 21 Malisa Dins  
Wendy DiStefano  
Eddie Evenson  
Steve Haegler  
Rod Johnson  
Jordan Thede  
Madik Uk
- 22 David Berg  
David Flynn  
Carol Kolzow  
Daniel Stockdale
- 24 Andy Hoffmann  
Leah Jacobsen  
Marjorie Peterson  
Jim Wassink  
Stacy Wetzel
- 25 Joel Bock  
Sara Stalzer
- 26 Carol Schram  
Brian Stoelb  
Joshua Theis
- 27 Lindsay Brauer  
Tom Fogle  
Betty Johnson  
Terry Kath  
Matt Mendini  
Htoo Htoo Wah
- 28 Mike Boy  
Kate DeLong  
Lily Ebert  
Kelly Harms  
Po Na Pee Shar
- 29 Blake Andrews  
Brian Hilbelink  
Cameron Kolb  
Makenna Ley  
Sophia Lopez  
Greg Place  
Brock Thede  
Chris Wachal
- 30 Geoffrey Gueldenzopf  
Kari Keller  
Barb Kleine  
David Sonnentag  
Mike Tank



# Calendar of Events

# September

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |   |
|---|--|--|---|---|--------|----------|---|
|  <p><b>THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!</b><br/>Thank you to all who volunteered to help with parking at Road America!</p> |  |  |   |  <p><b>NEW MEMBER Connections</b><br/>Are you ready to join our First United Lutheran Church Family?<br/>Reach out to our New Member Team and we will meet when you are available.<br/>Call the Church Office today at 920-452-2401 and we will connect you to the New Member Team!</p> |        | 1        | 2 |
| <p>3<br/>9:30 AM<br/>Traditional Worship Service</p>  | <p>4<br/>LABOR DAY<br/>OFFICE CLOSED<br/>NO FOOD PANTRY<br/>6:30 PM Scouts</p>  | <p>5<br/>6:00 PM Pickleball<br/>6:30 PM Scouts</p>   | <p>6<br/>9:00 AM Wednesday Guys<br/>11:30 AM Morning Glories<br/>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Food Panty<br/>6:00 PM Laundry Love<br/>6:00 PM Scouts</p>   | <p>7<br/>9:00 AM Prayer Group<br/>6:00 PM Handbell Choir<br/>6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service</p>   | 8      | 9        |   |
| <p>10<br/>BACK TO BASICS/<br/>BIBLE DISTRIBUTION<br/>8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service<br/>9:30 AM Sunday School Registration<br/>10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service</p>                    | <p>11<br/>FIRST DAY OF GREAT BEGINNINGS<br/>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry<br/>1:15 PM Staff Meeting<br/>6:30 PM Scouts</p>                                      | <p>12<br/>1:30 PM Naomi Circle<br/>6:00 PM Pickleball<br/>6:30 PM New Spirit Circle<br/>6:30 PM Scouts</p> | <p>13<br/>9:00 AM Wednesday Guys<br/>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Food Panty<br/>6:00 PM Scouts</p>  | <p>14<br/>9:00 AM Prayer Group<br/>6:00 PM Handbell Choir<br/>6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service</p>  | 15     | 16       |   |
| <p>17<br/>8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service<br/>9:30 AM Sunday School<br/>10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service</p>  | <p>18<br/>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry<br/>1:15 PM Staff Meeting<br/>6:30 PM Congregation Council<br/>6:30 PM Scouts</p>                                       | <p>19<br/>6:00 PM Pickleball<br/>6:30 PM Scouts</p>  | <p>20<br/>9:00 AM Wednesday Guys<br/>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Food Panty<br/>6:00 PM Grief Warriors Bride's Room<br/>6:00 PM 7 &amp; 8 Grade Confirmation Orientation<br/>7:00 PM 9 Grade Confirmation Orientation</p> | <p>21<br/>9:00 AM Prayer Group<br/>6:00 PM Handbell Choir<br/>6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service</p>  | 22     | 23       |   |
| <p>24<br/>ASP 2024 KICKOFF<br/>8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service<br/>9:30 AM Sunday School<br/>9:30 AM ASP Slideshow<br/>10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service</p>                             | <p>25<br/>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry<br/>1:15 PM Staff Meeting<br/>6:30 PM Scouts</p>  | <p>26<br/>6:00 PM Pickleball<br/>6:30 PM Scouts</p>  | <p>27<br/>9:00 AM Wednesday Guys<br/>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Food Panty</p>   | <p>28<br/>9:00 AM Prayer Group<br/>6:00 PM Handbell Choir<br/>6:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service</p>  | 29     | 30       |   |



# This Month . . .

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**You are invited to join us for in-person and online Worship Services:**  
**Facebook page: First United Lutheran Church - ELCA**  
**YouTube channel: First United Lutheran Church - Sheboygan WI**

## Important Dates

Sept. 1 - Sept. 4 - Office Closed

Sept. 7 - Bell Choir Rehearsals Start

Sept. 10 - TWO Worship Services (8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.)

Bible Distribution Preschoolers & Confirmands

Both Services

9:30 a.m. Back To Basics Sunday School Meet the Teacher

Sept. 20 - 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

Orientation with Parents

Sept. 20 - 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation

Sept. 20 - Grief Warriors

Sept. 24 - 9:30 a.m. ASP 2024 Summer Kickoff in Sanctuary



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