

September 2026

The “Good News” Letter

St. John's Lutheran Church

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Worship 8:00 a.m.

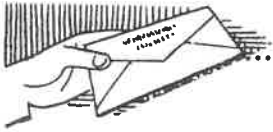
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

2026: “The Way of Love!”

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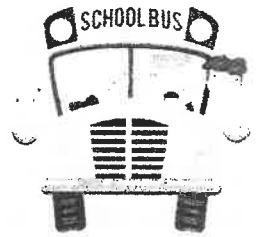
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.....a note from Paul Brooks

School busses and onions!

The new school year is upon us. The mornings are cool. We need to be mindful of more groups of children crossing streets, of buses with lights ablaze as children embark on their day. Some of you spent many years as teachers or other roles in a school, some are still engaged with it. Many can remember when their own children were still attending. All in the pursuit of education, the taking in of more information. Information that we can then apply to our lives, hopefully for the benefit of the world around us.



We do this every year, almost as if it were a cycle as we spiral upward in our learning. We do this cycle even in our church life, becoming students once again. This year we will start our educational program (Bible Study) on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. We will change venues monthly beginning at St. Luke's. I look forward to seeing you there. It is important to continue to learn, to press forward in our understanding lest we become stuck, mired down. We must engage in the cycle. I was just having a conversation with someone the other day about this very thing. We



engage with a learning, sometimes a hard difficult thing and come to a conclusion, what looks like the finish line after a time. We then discover that there's something else, there seems to be more. It's as if the whole thing, whatever it is, resembles an onion. As we take off a layer it reveals another and then another, it doesn't end. We can rest for a bit, and we do. We don't have to engage with the same intensity all the time but it's important to engage with it. Hopefully you have a daily spiritual practice, praying, reading a devotional or the Bible. If you don't and aren't sure where to start, let me know, we can get you started. If you have taken some time off from yours, it's time to engage again. Philippians 3:14 say *"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."*

See you on the 16th - Paul



St. John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting
August 12, 2026

Members Present: David Sharninghouse, Jerry McCullough, Linda Ross, Carol Cary, Carol Yeager, and SAM Paul Brooks.

Devotions were led by Carol C. Carol Y. will lead September 9th devotions.

Secretary's Report: Reviewed and discussed. Carol C. moved and Carol Y seconded to accept this report. All agreed and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed and discussed. Jerry moved and Carol Y seconded to accept his report. All agreed and motion passed.

Pastor's Report: None. Paul had not yet arrived to the meeting.

Business Items: The Free Community Scotty's Subs offering went well with 356 sandwiches given to people in the McComb Park area. It was decided to do this once more this month when Scotty's is available again at the Park. Paul will contact Scotty's to find when they are available to offer this. Jerry moved and Linda seconded to do this free food offering again. All agreed and motion passed.

- Constitution update - we await the Synod Template from Paul.

- Jerry and Dave painted the railing on the outside ramps and it looks very good.

- The completed projects of the red doors in the church fronts, kitchen ceiling repainting, and the gutter replacement from the storm damage all also look good.

- The separation of the water drainage and sewer drainage by the town is still in progress.

- Dave suggested we make the rest of our gutters 6 in. as our newly applied areas were. He had asked what the cost would be to replace the rest of the church gutters and was given \$3005. Carol C moved and Carol Y seconded to do this project. All agreed and the motion passed. Dave volunteered to give them a call and to get this completed.

- Our Annual Church Picnic will be Sunday, September 27th @ 12:30 pm at Dave Sharninghouse's home. All are to bring a dish to share. He will furnish plates, napkins, cups, tableware and drinks.

(Council Meeting cont'd)

-We have numerous Green Hymnals that we are no longer using. We will offer the congregation the option to take any as some have stickers inside the cover with certain family having donated them. What remains will be given to a place they can be repurposed for good use.

-It was noted our church lighting seems somewhat darker when the sun doesn't shine in on Sunday mornings, making it harder to see the words in the hymnals for some members. Dave, Jerry and Paul will see what can be done to make this better.

-Linda notes it is close to the time to make cookies for the prison ministry. She will check with Michele and Robin when these will be needed.

-Paul announces plans to have a combined Bible Study (Sunday School Class) with St. Luke's. Possibly have this on Monday or Wednesday from 6:30-7:30pm for 8 weeks as a trial. It was suggested we have the class 4 weeks at S. Luke's and then 4 weeks at St. John's. Paul will check with St. Luke's if we can start September 16, at St. Luke's.

-Rally Day is September 13. Singing the favorite hymns for the liturgy texts for the summer months seems to be enjoyed by the congregation.

-The Adult Vacation Bible School was very successful. The topic and book we studied was very interesting and led to good sharing conversations. The Community Enrichment speakers had much to share on the Gifts and Legacy topic. We only desire that more people would attend to enjoy all what is offered here.

Carol Y moved and Carol C seconded to adjourn the meeting. All agreed and motion passed.

Meeting closed by all praying the Lords' Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Ross, Secretary



In Our Prayers: John Sharninghouse, Sue Maki, Carol and David Cary, Betty Hornbeck, LuAnn Beverly, Colene Shoop, Teri Zent, Eric & Lisa Kreh, Ashley Edler, Mary Schroll, Pat Newell, Vicki Shoop, Josh, Ellery Paige Robinson, Tom, and Lorene Raney. All others with special needs, victims of natural disasters, and our shut-ins.

Sincere Thanks from the family of Kristina Martin for all the prayers and remembrances during her illness. The Celebration of Life service for Kris was held here at St. John's on July 17, followed by lunch in the Parish hall. Ladies, the table of desserts you furnished were just fabulous! Thanks again to all who helped in some way that day. May God Bless You for your kindness.

Food Pantry: Thanks to all for bringing cans of soup that was requested for the Blessing Basket and CHOPIN Hall. Request for the month of September are single rolls of paper towels and small bottles of detergent. (Small bottles of detergents are available at the Dollar General Stores).

BY ALL THESE LOVELY TOKENS, SEPTEMBER DAYS ARE HERE. WITH
SUMMER'S BEST OF WEATHER AND AUTUMN'S BEST OF CHEER.

-Helen Hunt Jackson

FOR EACH NEW MORNING WITH ITS LIGHT,
FOR REST AND SHELTER OF THE NIGHT.
FOR HEALTH AND FOOD, FOR LOVE AND FRIENDS,
FOR EVERYTHING THY GOODNESS SENDS.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



September Birthdays

3 – Judy Keiser
18 – Donnis Siferd

God's Helpers for September

Readers:

6 – Dave Sharninghouse
13 – Lori McDaniel
20 – Carol Cary
27 – Michele Robles

Calendar of Events

7 – Labor Day
8 – Lions Dinner Meeting, 6:30
9 – Church Council Mtg, 1:00 pm
13 – RALLY DAY
16 – Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30, Bible
Study @ St. Luke's
22 – First Day of Autumn
27 – Church Picnic, 12:30 pm at
Dave Sharninghouse's home

Altar Care: Lori McDaniel