

## PASTOR'S PAGE

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And all who believed were together and had all things in common.*

*And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2:42, 44, 46-47*

### Church Picnics!

Sun on our faces, the smell of the food cooking, sitting on lawn chairs, watching children run around on bounce houses and chasing bubbles, and sometimes bees (one or two). Church picnics are always wonderful affairs. Maybe it's because we all relax a bit at them, or perhaps it's just getting to see everyone.

A church picnic is just a big family gathering that always has food and games. We do them because it allows us to relax and enjoy our conversations. The games bring laughter and fun and memories. We see each other not just as fellow congregants in pews, but as brothers and sisters in Christ, sharing a meal and a moment. For newcomers, a picnic can be a gentle, welcoming embrace into our church family, offering a low-pressure environment to connect and feel at home.

The "church" has been having "picnics" ever since it first began. Jesus was no stranger to picnics. After his resurrection, he had the disciples gather by the seashore to have a picnic with them before his ascension. He broiled fish and ate with the disciples. During his ministry, he made the 5000 sit on the grass, and he fed them until they were full. They in turn rejoiced at the gift of God in their midst.

The church in Jerusalem understood the importance of a family meal. The meal allowed them to relax and be devoted to the Apostle's teaching. They could talk about God and welcome each other, and the new people God was adding to their midst. They would share stories and hear of each person's needs and take care of each other. They praised God for what they have been given. Being nourished in body, they commune together and feast on the Lord's body and blood.

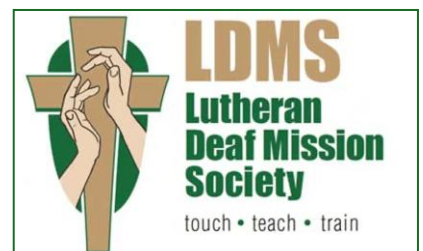
Church picnics allow us to be bound together and look to the future. A church picnic is a reminder of what God has given us. It reminds us of who we are as a body. Young and old and all in between gather in joy and celebrate. Thank God for picnics!

Pastor Johnson

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## JULY/AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH – Lutheran Deaf Mission Society (LDMS)

LDMS strives to equip Lutheran congregations, pastors, missionaries, seminarians, and laity to help Deaf people and their families see Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior through personal evangelism and Christian education, and to help Deaf Christians serve Jesus Christ as His redeemed people through stewardship and leadership training. Visit [www.deafjesus.org](http://www.deafjesus.org) to learn more. **Please use your Designated Offerings envelopes during the months of July and August to support this mission.**



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8-03: Debbie Perry  
8-06: Jim Herzog  
8-08: Judy Albert  
Daniel Menzer  
8-09: Dolores Gehrke  
8-12: Charlotte Menzer



8-13: Barbara Herzog  
8-15: Kieran Fibiger  
8-18: Sara Hasler  
8-27: Maggie Yang  
8-30: Julie Steele

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8-12: Andy & Gina Fibiger  
8-16: John & Laura Tershner  
8-18: Ray & Shirley Ottman  
8-20: Norm & Deb Giertz  
8-23: Steve & Debbie Perry



Blessings to all that are celebrating this month!

If we missed a member's birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office and let us know.

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# CHURCH PICNIC

## THE CHURCH PICNIC IS BACK!

We took a break from the church picnic the last couple of years but it's time to bring it back. As Pastor Johnson stated in his newsletter article, church picnics are an important part of our church family so here are the details...

**Date:** Sunday, September 7, 2025

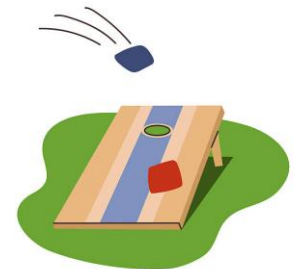
**Time:** 11:00am – following the church service

**Location:** Lunch in the fellowship hall, fellowship and games outside

**Who:** Everyone! Please bring a friend, neighbor, grandchild, cousin...the more the merrier!

**Details:** We will be having a good old-fashioned potluck. The church will provide the meat and drinks and those who are able, can sign up to bring a side dish (potato, pasta salad, fruit, veggie, chips, snacks, and of course DESSERT!). After lunch, we will head outside for some fellowship and yard games for all ages (fellowship and games will be inside if it rains).

**RSVP:** Signup sheets are posted in the lower narthex for attendance, donations, and volunteer opportunities. You can also call (920.457.4681) or email ([info@blckohler.com](mailto:info@blckohler.com)) the church office.





## SUCCESSFUL PUTT FORE LOVE EVENT!

Love INC received close to \$16,000 in gross income thanks to your generosity. We want to thank Harbor Pointe Mini Golf and The Moeller Family, especially The Blondies lemonade stand, for hosting this fundraising event. All proceeds support our ministries to build hope in our community through relationships rooted in Christ.



## LEGOS Needed at New Way!

*New Way is a place to meet new people, learn new skills, and strengthen your faith.*

Do you have old LEGO bricks collecting dust at home? We'd love to take them off your hands! This year, our adult New Way Community classes will include LEGO-based activities during class and fellowship time. We're looking for **brick pieces only.**

If you would like to donate, please contact Dawn at [dawn@loveincsheboygancounty.org](mailto:dawn@loveincsheboygancounty.org)

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## LWML MITES - LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION



Don't forget to keep filling those Mite Boxes and bring them back to church on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month when the large Mite Box will be out to collect your donations. These Mites will be sent to LWML to support mission grants like "Water and Word" – Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya, "Zoe's Home Support" – Trinity Lutheran in Clinton, MO, and the Indian Bible Translation Project.

***Thank you for your support of the LWML Mite Box program!***

## **THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2025**

**Sunday, August 3**

**10:00 a.m.**

w/Holy Communion

Elder:

Gerry Luebke

Ushers:

Mattes

Altar Guild:

Andy & Gina Fibiger

Scripture Reader:

Lee Gumm

Door Locker:

Andy Fibiger

Streaming:

Madison Fibiger

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**Sunday, August 10**

**10:00 a.m.**

Elder:

Shua Yang

Ushers:

Dan Fibiger, Jerry Sabrowsky

Altar Guild:

Lynn & Gerry Luebke

Scripture Reader:

Todd Matte

Door Locker:

Dan Fibiger

Streaming:

Andy Fibiger

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**Sunday, August 17**

**10:00 a.m.**

w/Holy Communion

Elder:

Andy Fibiger

Ushers:

Dave & Sue Prange

Altar Guild:

Julie Steele, Rachel Johnson

Scripture Reader:

Mary Ann Fibiger

Door Locker:

Diane Marotz

Streaming:

Brianna Meyer

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**Sunday, August 24**

**10:00 a.m.**

Elder:

Lee Gumm

Ushers:

Ray & Shirley Ottman

Altar Guild:

Shirley & Ray Ottman

Scripture Reader:

Steve Hazen

Door Locker:

Ken Thompson

Streaming:

Todd Matte

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**Sunday, August 31**

**10:00 a.m.**

w/Holy Communion

Elder:

Steve Hazen

Ushers:

Fibigers

Altar Guild:

Sue & Dave Prange

Scripture Reader:

Sharon Werner

Door Locker:

Steve Marotz

Streaming:

Steve Perry

# August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10am Worship w/HC (Pastor King)	4	5 6pm Elder Meeting	6	7	8	9
10 10am Worship (Pastor Johnson)	11	12 6:15pm Board of Finance  7pm Church Council	13	14	15	16
Church Office Closed – Gina Vacation						
17 10am Worship w/HC (Pastor Krause)	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 10am Worship (Pastor Krause)	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 10am Worship w/HC (Pastor King)						