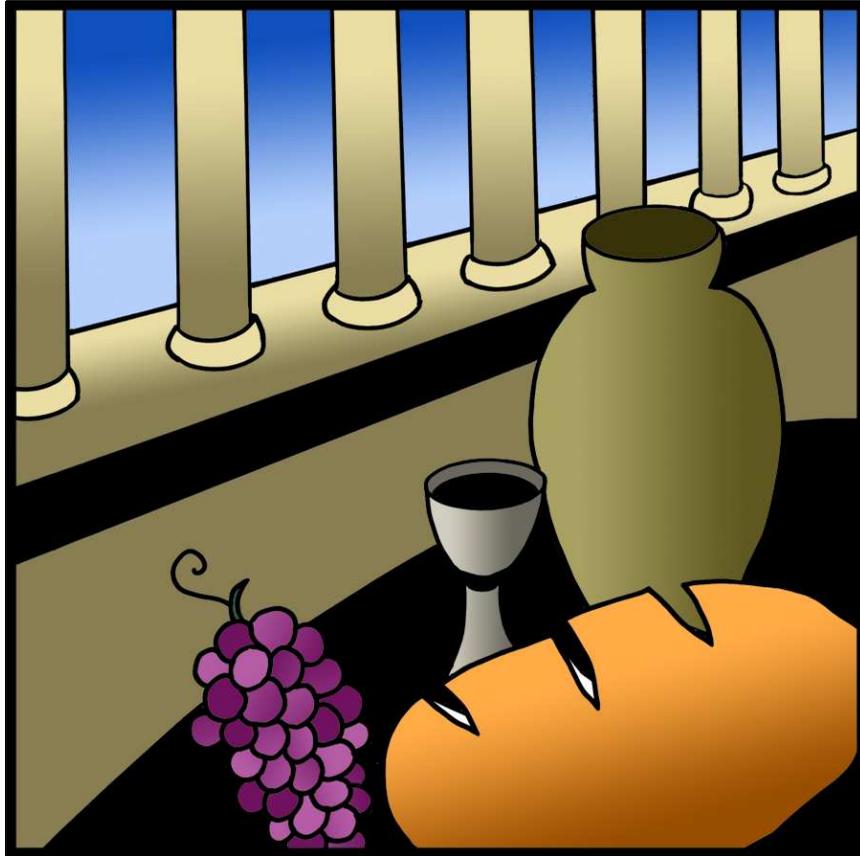




Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 19, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

*Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator,
in you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us.
In the mercy of almighty God,
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

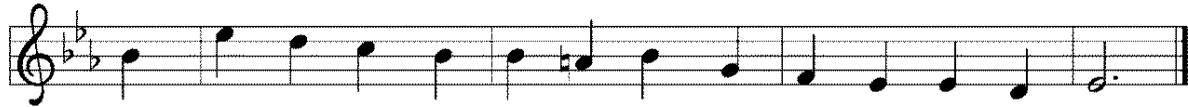
GATHERING SONG

You Are the Way

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1 You are the way; to you a-lone from sin and death we flee;
 2 You are the truth; your word a-lone true wis-dom can im-part;
 3 You are the life; the rend-ing tomb pro-claims your con-qu'ring arm;
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
 you on-ly can in-form the mind and pu-ri-fy the heart.
 and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e-ter-nal flow.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

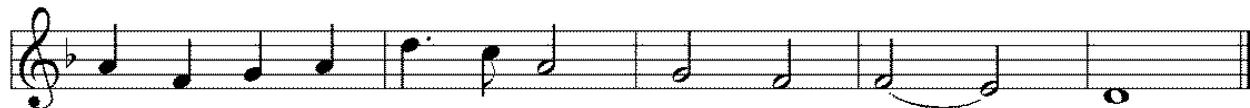
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A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from Proverbs.

¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,

⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says, ⁵“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 34:9-14

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

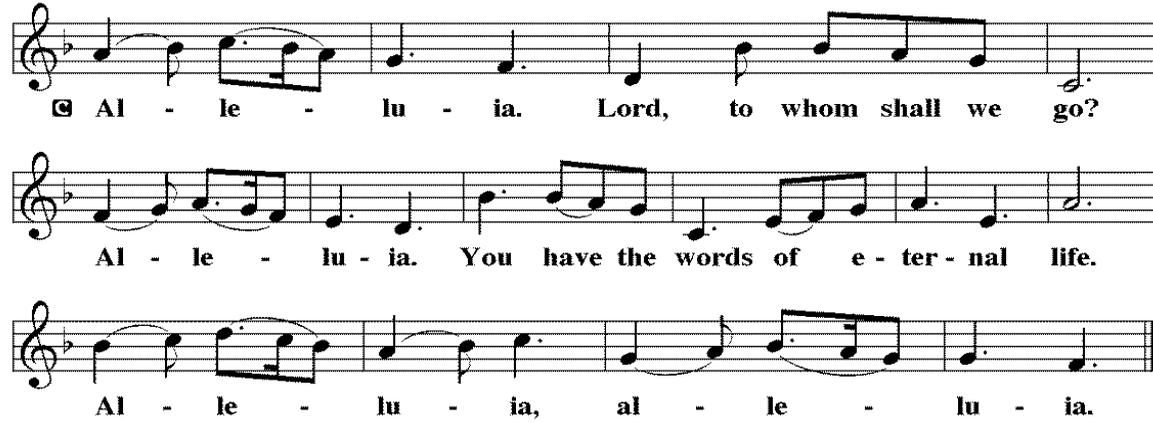
A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

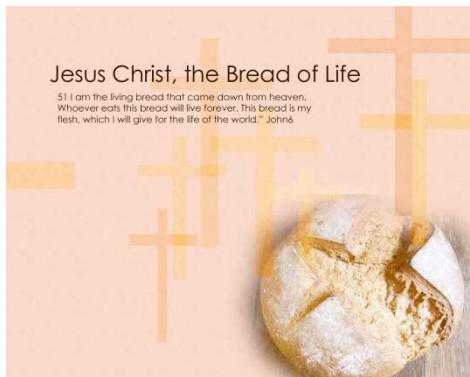
⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

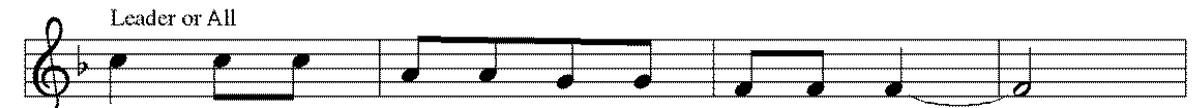


HYMN OF THE DAY

Come Let Us Eat

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Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
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Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

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CREED AND CONFESSION

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O Lord, you build your church, the body of Christ, and sustain it with living bread. Let wisdom guide your church, and teach all its members the way of righteousness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, bless the work of musicians, composers, writers, and all artists. Move us to even greater praise through their gifts of creativity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we thank you for the diversity of the nations. Shower your wisdom and mercy upon all leaders and citizens. Give us all the courage to seek peace and pursue it. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, send calm and perseverance to those who are in trouble or who live daily with great stress. Fill them with your Spirit and satisfy them with your presence (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we thank you for this congregation. Give us gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy, and inspire us to give thanks at all times. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O Lord, we bless you for family, friends, and sisters and brothers in Christ who have guided us in wisdom and insight. Lead us into peace with all people until the day of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

BACK PACK BLESSING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.

You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it.

Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it.

We pray this through Christ our Lord.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May the love of God which gives life to the world, sustain you;
May the bread of life, Jesus Christ,
feed you with the food that endures to eternal life;
May the power of the Holy Spirit nourish and strengthen you in faith. Amen.

SENDING HYMN *In Thee Gladness*

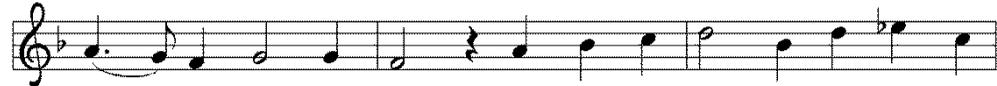
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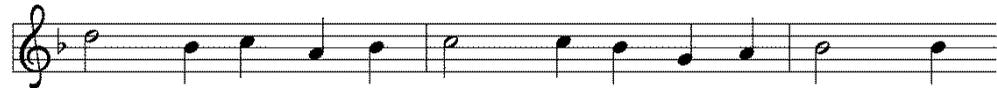
1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my
2 Je-sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



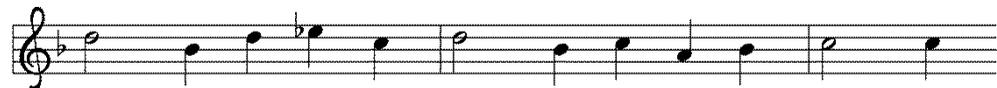
true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson	Ushers: Dennis & Janet Madson
Assisting: Melinda McVey McCluskey	Reader: Wayne VanVeldhuizen
Organist: Ruth Sheldon	Altar Guild for August: Pat Thorson, JoAnn Villa

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Andrew & Ruth Haugen's wedding anniversary and their life from the Haugen family.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3. Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2018 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KIOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City. The service can also be heard at 8:30 a.m. on cable channel 2.

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. Call the office to reserve a date.



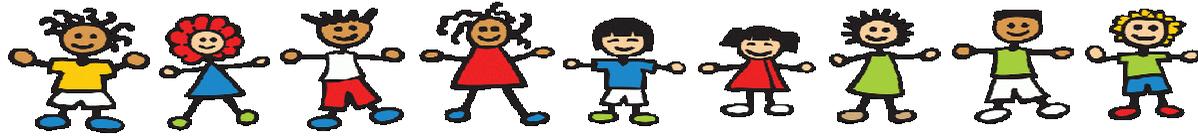
Attention Students of all ages...Blessing of the Backpacks will be held this morning at both services. Please come to church with your backpack to receive a keychain and blessing as we start a new school year.

Readings for next week: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18, Psalm 34:15-22, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69



Monday Mornings on Lake Street
There's a pot of coffee and goodies available on Monday mornings in the Lounge at Salem from 8 – 10:00 a.m.
Stop by and visit, have a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a goody, visit with friends. Bring a friend!
Free-will donation.

Volunteers Needed! Rally Sunday Kickoff will be held on Sunday, Sept 9th from 9:15 to 10:15am on the East Side of the Church near Playground. We will be kicking off the Faith Formation year with snacks, crafts, carnival games/prizes, photo booth, and more! Looking for volunteers to help at the different stations. Please contact Jennifer Sauer if you can help... 641.903.1847. Thank you!



Salem's Clothes Closet is open Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Time to get the closet ready for the new school year! **Donations of new socks & underwear are needed. Thank you for your help.**

Back to School...Time for Lutheran World Relief School Kits...

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH KIT:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters and inches,
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well), One eraser
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secured with a band
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **Shopping lists and Backpacks are available in the narthex.**

Church Dashboard for Contributions 8/13/2018

Last Sunday, 8/12/18: \$3,302

Year-to-date as of 8/13/18: \$164,409 - Last year as of 8/13/17: \$176,430

Difference year-to-date: -\$12,021 (or) -6.8%

Attendance: Those worshipping August 11/12: 137

Summer Financial Needs: Remember whether you are at worship or on vacation, Salem still needs to keep working. **We need \$6,500-\$7,000 per week** to do the Lord's work.

You can just about feel it in the slightly shorter days... Generosity Season is almost here.

What is Generosity Season? That's what we call the part of the calendar stretching from back-to-school time through Christmas.

As summer ends, so does the summer slump, leading to more generosity from members returning from summer trips and activities. Next, there's fall with its festivals and pumpkin sales, followed by Thanksgiving, a time of reflection and generosity. And, then, of course, comes Christmas, the most generous time of the year.

GivePlus Text maximizes our church's ability to accept generous gifts during this season.

Stop by the church office or visit our website to learn more.

We thank you and all givers for supporting our mission.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship—Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Communion Service – South Lawn

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Clothes Closet Open – Rm 7

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

6:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Clothes Closet Open – Rm 7

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

11:00 a.m. Last Day of Summer Lunch

5:15 p.m. Good Samaritan - Lounge

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

5:30 p.m. Casual Worship Service – Lounge

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship—Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Communion Service

One in Christ Parish Adult Fellowship Event

THE CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES IN: "You Smell Barn"

Sunday, September 23rd

Motor Coach Bus loads: 11:30 am

at Silver Lake Lutheran Church

Total Cost: \$68.00

Show time: 2:00 pm @ Ames Center, Burnsville, MN

Sack Lunch for the Bus ride up is provided

Will stop eat at Pizza Ranch, Burnsville on way back

Contact: Kathy Kreuscher

Cell phone: 641-590-1180 (leave a message)

Email: kathykreuscher@gmail.com

Mailing address: 1415 Canary Drive

Albert Lea, MN 56007

Sign-up Deadline August 26th

Bus is only half full

Payment due by September 1st

SAVE THESE DATES

Faith Formation

August 19 - Blessing of the Backpacks

September 9 - Rally Sunday

September 16 – 1st Day of Faith Formation

September 16 – Play and Pray

September 16 – 4 year olds Whirl Story Bibles

September 30 - 3rd Grade Bibles Classes begin and will meet Oct 7, 14, and 21

October 28 – Reformation Sunday, 3rd grade Bibles

Confirmation Information

August 29 at 7:00 p.m. – Parents of 7th and 8th graders meet

September 5 at 5:00 p.m. - Acolyte Training for 7th and 8th graders

September 12 at 5:00 p.m. – First Confirmation Class

October 12-13 Middle School Lock-in at UNI details to come

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