



SEPTEMBER

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The Herald

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*I will instruct you and teach
you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with
my eye upon you.*

Psalm 32:8



*Come Worship With Us Each Sunday
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.*



FROM THE PASTOR

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.”— Lamentations 3:22-23

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

September has a way of reminding us that life is always changing. Summer begins to give way to autumn. Children have returned to school, routines have been renewed, and calendars once again seem to fill up quickly. Even the world around us begins its quiet transition toward a new season.

In the midst of all this change, the Word of God gives us something wonderfully unchanging: the steadfast love of the Lord. The prophet Jeremiah spoke these words in a difficult time. Jerusalem had been devastated, the people of God were suffering, and the future looked uncertain. Yet Jeremiah was able to say, “The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases.” His confidence was not based on his circumstances. It was rooted in the character and promises of God.

That is a good word for us as we enter September. Some of us may be beginning this month with excitement. Others may be facing uncertainty, grief, weariness, or concerns about what lies ahead. Perhaps September brings new opportunities, or perhaps it simply reminds us how quickly the years are passing. Whatever this season holds, God’s mercy has not changed.

Indeed, Jeremiah reminds us that God’s mercies are “new every morning.” What a beautiful promise. We do not have to live today on yesterday’s strength or worry about having enough grace for tomorrow. God meets us where we are, giving us what we need one day at a time.

As Lutherans, we know this truth well. We live by grace and are not sustained by our own goodness, accomplishments, or ability to get everything right. We are sustained by the mercy of God in Jesus Christ. At the cross, He bore our sin; in His resurrection, He opened the way to new life; and through Word and Sacrament, He continues to assure us of His gracious presence.

So perhaps this September we might begin each morning with a simple prayer: “Lord, thank You for Your mercy. Help me receive this day as a gift from Your hand.”

The changing seasons remind us that much in our lives is temporary. But God’s love is not. His promises do not fade with the calendar. His grace does not run out.

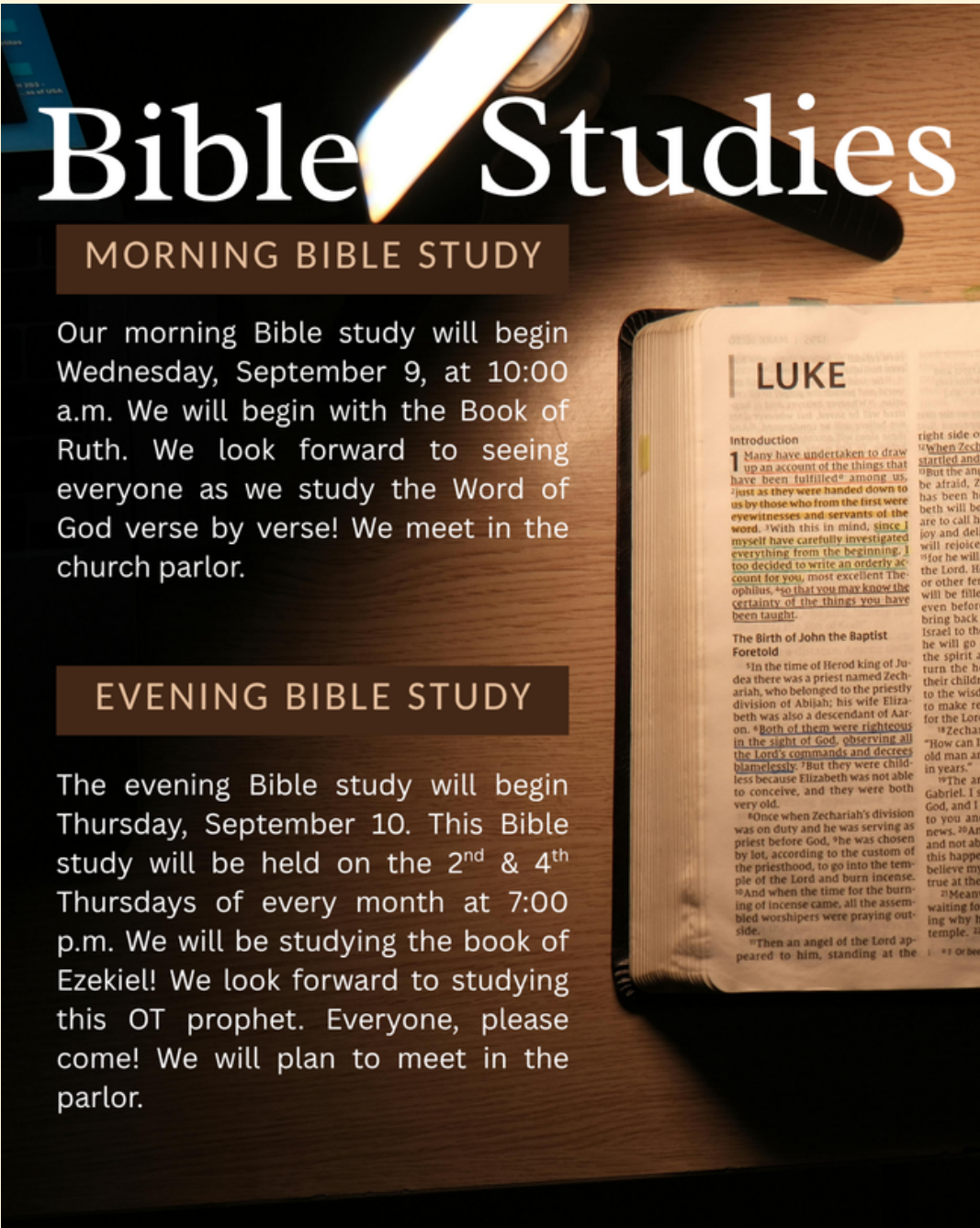
September is a new beginning in many ways. Let it also be an opportunity to return again to the things that endure: God’s Word, prayer, Christian fellowship, worship, and service to our neighbors. Whatever season of life you find yourself in, remember this: God is faithful. His mercy is new today. And His steadfast love will carry us into tomorrow.

May the Lord bless you and your household throughout this new season, and may we together rejoice in the gift of His unfailing grace.

P. Rudy



UPCOMING EVENTS



Bible Studies

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our morning Bible study will begin Wednesday, September 9, at 10:00 a.m. We will begin with the Book of Ruth. We look forward to seeing everyone as we study the Word of God verse by verse! We meet in the church parlor.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The evening Bible study will begin Thursday, September 10. This Bible study will be held on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. We will be studying the book of Ezekiel! We look forward to studying this OT prophet. Everyone, please come! We will plan to meet in the parlor.

LUKE

Introduction

¹Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled^a among us,^b just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word.^c With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus,^d so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

¹In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron.²Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly.³But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

⁴Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God,⁵he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

⁶And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



HOT WHEELS RACING

All ages are welcome! September 18th, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Bring your three fastest **HOT WHEELS** and race them against other's.

Prizes for: 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place.



Parents are encouraged to stay and enjoy the time, and if possible, to bring a light snack or drink to share. Other activities include another short game and a short Bible lesson. Being a first time event duration is unknown but expected to be no more than an hour and a half.

"Come As You Are" Community Meal

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Life Center

Wednesday, September 9
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Please join us for a time of food and fellowship and get to know your neighbors.

No charge for meal.
No reservations needed.
Stop in on your way home from work.

Bring your family and friends.



UPCOMING EVENTS



LUTHERAN MEN FISH FRY

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
September 26, 2026
5:00pm - 6:30pm

Local catch with french fries,
hush puppies and cole slaw

Proceeds to Little Mountain Area
Lutheran Men
\$10 per plate donation
eat in or take out

Please see a Lutheran Men
member for tickets.





UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

SEPTEMBER 20 & 27

OCTOBER 4

9:15A.M. (CONFERENCE ROOM)



HERE AT HOLY TRINITY, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS HELP DETERMINE WHEN A CHILD IS READY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.

- THIS 3-SESSION CLASS IS DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE PREPARING TO COMMUNE FOR THE FIRST TIME. ANY CHILD WHO ALREADY COMMUNES BUT WOULD LIKE A REFRESHER ON SIGNIFICANCE OF HOLY COMMUNION IS ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND. WE WILL MEET DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME FOR 3 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.
- PARENTS OR GUARDIANS MAY ATTEND ALL CLASSES WITH THEIR CHILD AND MUST ATTEND THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST CLASS ON SEPTEMBER 20TH.
- FIRST COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, DURING 10:30A.M. WORSHIP.
- IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S READINESS OR WOULD LIKE A COPY OF "HOLY COMMUNION: DISCERNING YOUR CHILD'S READINESS", CONTACT PASTOR RANDY. PLEASE NOTE: CHILDREN 3RD GRADE AND ABOVE WHO HAVEN'T HAD FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.



YOU MAY REGISTER FOR THIS CLASS BY CONTACTING PASTOR RANDY BY PHONE OR EMAIL. PLEASE REGISTER NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH TO ALLOW US TIME TO PREPARE ADEQUATE MATERIALS. THANK YOU, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO JOURNEYING TO THE TABLE WITH YOU!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Stewardship

“We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions...”



Stewardship is an individual's response to the blessings God has given to all His people and how we can best share those blessings to with our neighbors. Surveys will be made available to each of our families. You will also receive an emailed copy and a copy will be available on the church website. Please complete the survey and return it by September 30th. You may place your survey in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Parents, this is a wonderful opportunity to talk with your children about the importance of giving back to the Lord. We ask that you please help your children complete the form. The completed surveys will be used to help church leaders connect members with ministries they have gifts for, as well as to complete the servant list, volunteer calendars, and committee appointments for the coming year.



May God bless us as we use our time, talents, treasures, and testimony to preach, teach, and serve in Christ's name.



BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Thank you so much for your help with the recent blood drive.
We collected 36 pints of blood.
That is a big help for the Red Cross and those in need of blood.

Our next blood drive is Dec. 14, 2026, 2:00-6:00 pm.



Fall BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 7TH
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

CRAFTS, BAKED GOODS,
HOMEMADE SAUSAGE, SOUPS,
HOMEMADE CHICKEN SALAD & PIMENTO CHEESE,
HOMEMADE BREAD, FROZEN CASSEROLES,
YARD SALE ITEMS & BOOKS

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

531 Church Street
Little Mountain





SEPTEMBER SERVING ASSISTANTS

Sunday	Acolyte	Crucifer	Bulletin Folder	Lectors	Flowers
06	Dorothy Armstrong	Barrett Havird	Hudson, Roman, & Wilder Long	TBA	Joe & Wanda Boland
13	Karter Crumpton	Karsyn Crumpton	Cooper & Harper Morales	Sheri Wicker	Johnny & Betty Cumalander
20	Colson Winn	Dustin Winn	Ella & Eden Stoudemire	Betty Cumalander	Spyros & Mavy Lezimis
27	Ella Stoudemire	Aubrey Curtis	Colson, Dustin, & Natalie Winn	James Wieters	James & Gail Sligh

Sunday	Greeters	Nursery
06	Ray & Kara Cumalander	Julie Haltiwanger, Melissa & Eva Kednocker
13	Bobby & Laurie Chapman	unstaffed
20	Glenda Hentz & Judy Shealy	Ann Newton, Caitlin Attaway
27	Janet Fulmer & Dana Dorroh	unstaffed

	Altar & Parament
	Wanda Havird, Holly Havird

	Communion
06	Johnny & Betty Cumalander

	Golf Cart Drivers
06	Curtis Boland
13	Bobby Chapman
20	Dean Rodgers
27	Lucy Peters

Ushers -	Chairman:	Marty Frick	* elevator operator
06, 13	Josh Long	Dalton Chapman	Lane Attaway*
20, 27	Louie Chapman	Robert Edwards	Allen Williams*



SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Faith Circle 2pm	2	3	4	5
6 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	7 Happy Labor Day Prayer Shawl-9am	8 GLASS-6:30pm	9 Bible Study 10am Community Meal 6-6:45pm	10 Bible Study 7pm	11	12
13 7:30am- Council Meeting 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 5:30pm- Teens for Christ	14 Prayer Shawl-9am TLC Committee 7pm	15	16 Bible Study 10am	17 Circle of Joy 6:30pm	18	19
20 8:00-Lutheran Men 9:15am-1st Communion/ Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	21 Prayer Shawl-9am	22 GLASS-6:30pm	23 Bible Study 10am	24 Happy Mountaineers 10am Bible Study 7pm	25	26 Lutheran Men Fish Fry 5:00pm-6:30pm
27 9:15am-1st Communion/ Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 5:30pm- Teens for Christ	28 Prayer Shawl-9am	29	30 Bible Study 10am			

Bible Verse of the Month

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
23 they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness."
—Lamentations 3:22-23





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



September 1 Caroline Weaver
Morgan Kaihara
September 4 Caleb Brewer Curtis
September 5 David Fulmer
Owen Dreher Shealy
September 6 Anna Mae Kednocker
September 8 Cindy Dana
September 9 Anna Arnold
September 10 Hilary Caldwell
September 11 Paula C. Frick
September 13 Cindy Frick
September 14 Amber Arnold
September 15 Rudell Lester
Benjamin Corley
Elizabeth Arnold

September 17 Shannon Corley
September 18 Betty Cumalander
Bobbie Jo King
September 19 Robby Barnes
Joanie Leigh Billingsley
Linda Chapman
Hannah Drafts
September 22 Ray Cumalander
Fred Fulmer
September 23 Nyla Kiera Cannon
September 24 Denise Fulmer Morales
Stacy Stoudemire
September 28 Dana Crawford





MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Building Fund

In Memory of Jessica Grooms on the anniversary of her 34th birthday given by Larry & Renae Grooms.

Preschool

In Memory of John Frick given by Claude & Lisa Cumalander.

Organ Fund

In Memory of Sylvia Bush Taylor given by Gloria Danielowski.

Altar & Parament

In Memory of our loved ones given by Maxton & Bobbie King.

Parking Lot

In Memory of Virginia Haltiwanger (Eleanor Bush's sister) given by Gray, Shannon, Christopher, & Benjamin Corley, Brenda Bodie, Jim & Ann Sanders.



THANK YOU

Thank you for all who called, texted, visited, sent cards, and especially for all of your prayers during Randell's recent health issues. Thank you to the Prayer Shawl group for the beautiful, soft afghan. This is a very special congregation! Love and blessings to all, Randell and Amanda Drafts

There is no way we can thank you enough for building our ramp. Such a special way to help! We appreciate it ever so much!

Mary Ruth & Kenny

What a special gift, and there is not another in the world that has those precious prayers said all over it! I give my sincere, humble gratitude for the hands that labored over it, the kind prayers that I needed, and the warmth and coziness it provides. I hope to make these days count like every stitch that counted in my blanket. Thank you so much! - Janet





PRAYERS

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God. (Phil. 4:6)

Allen Williams, Kollynnns Hill, Kay Richardson, Cody & Tori Hutto (Son-in-law & Daughter of Scott & Cheri Bell), Kelli Robinson (Daughter of Charles & Kaye Shealy), Kenny Chapman, Rebecca Edwards, Janet Whetstone (Friend of Curtis & Diane Hardy), Dot Abrams, Margaret Millner (Sister of Emily Clements), Travis Spires, Becky Boland, David McCall, Scott & Cheri Bell, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie Bickley. *Note: Out of respect for individual wishes and privacy, if you wish to have someone placed on the prayer list, please obtain their permission prior to submitting it for publication in the newsletter. Thanks for your understanding.*

We remember those in nursing care centers and the shut-ins of our congregation:

*White Oak of Newberry
Jean Alewine*

*Wellmore of Lexington
Carolyn Shealy*

*Going in the hospital? Having surgery? Recovering from an illness?
Are you in need of spiritual guidance or maybe in need of prayer?*

Pastor Randy and the pastoral care volunteers of our congregation will be happy to visit with you at the hospital, at home or just pray for your healing and well-being.

Please call Pastor Randy Drafts at (803)537-2303 or the church office and let us know of your need and we will be glad to visit and pray with you anytime.

Remember, the Pastor and pastoral care volunteers cannot respond to or meet your needs if they are not aware of them.



HOLY TRINITY

STAFF

Disciples of Christ

Pastor

Parish Office Administrator

Director of Youth & Education Ministries

Director of Music Ministries

Organists

Sexton

People of Holy Trinity

Rev. Randy Drafts

Mrs. Marie Shealy

Mr. Chris Crouch

Mr. Brett Lindler

Mrs. Lib Boland

Mrs. Donna Fulmer

Mr. Brett Lindler

Mr. Ted Arnold

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

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