

**16<sup>th</sup> Weekend After Pentecost    September 9 & 10, 2018**

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- ƒ Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- ƒ We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- ƒ Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- ƒ If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- ƒ For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:  
**WORSHIP THE GOD WHO DOES ALL THINGS WELL!**

**Worship Participants**

**Liturgist**.....Pastor Brian Adams  
**Preacher**..... Pastor Jacob Hoff  
**Organist** ..... Mrs. Miriam Schaewe

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
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**THE OPENING HYMN .....“Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”**  
*Christian Worship #520*

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was  
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, Gave  
 3 Oh, be our great de - liv - 'rer still, The

strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o'er dis -  
 speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and  
 Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,

ease and death, All dark - ness and the grave. To  
 fren - zy calmed Re - vealed you, Lord of light. And  
 soothe and bless, With your life - giv - ing breath. To

you they came, the blind, the dumb, The par - a -  
 now, O Lord, be near to bless, Al - might - y  
 hands that work and eyes that see, Give wis - dom's

lyzed and lame, The lep - ers in their  
 as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by  
 heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and

mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.  
 beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.  
 weak and strong May praise you ev - er - more.

Please Stand

**THE INVOCATION**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

**P:** God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** Amen.

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**HOW GREAT THOU ART – HYMN #256**



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der  
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,  
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion

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Con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,  
And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,  
When I look down from loft - y moun-tain gran - deur  
That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing  
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion



Thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze,  
He bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
And there pro - claim: "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior-God, to thee, "How great thou



art! How great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior-God to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!"

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please be Seated*

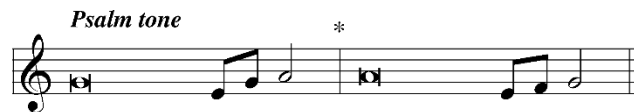
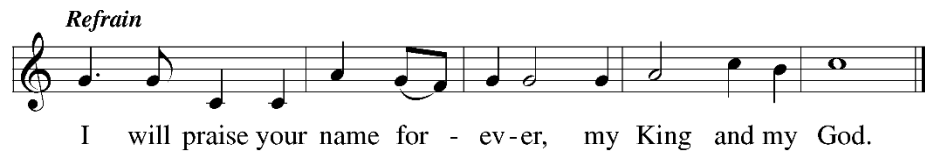
## THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON ..... Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those with fearful hearts,  
 "Be strong, do not fear;  
 your God will come,  
 he will come with vengeance;  
 with divine retribution  
 he will come to save you."  
<sup>5</sup>Then will the eyes of the blind be opened  
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped.  
<sup>6</sup>Then will the lame leap like a deer,  
 and the mute tongue shout for joy.  
 Water will gush forth in the wilderness  
 and streams in the desert.  
<sup>7</sup>The burning sand will become a pool,  
 the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

### THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 146

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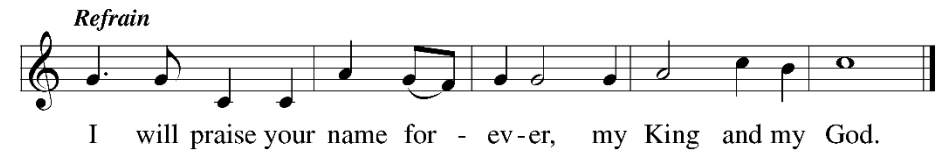


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Praise the LORD, O my soul.\*  
 I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,\*  
 in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,\*  
 the maker of heaven and earth.



The LORD gives food to the hungry,\*  
 the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,\*  
 the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast\*  
 and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.\*  
 He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy Spirit,  
 as it was in the beginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

**THE SECOND LESSON..... Acts 3:1-10**

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. <sup>2</sup> Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. <sup>4</sup> Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” <sup>5</sup> So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

<sup>6</sup> Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” <sup>7</sup> Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. <sup>8</sup> He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. <sup>9</sup> When all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup> they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**P:** Alleluia! Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Alleluia! (*Philippians 4:4*)

*Please Stand*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Mark 7:31-37**

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

<sup>33</sup> After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. <sup>34</sup> He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “*Ephphatha!*” (which means “Be

opened!”). <sup>35</sup> At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

<sup>36</sup> Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. <sup>37</sup> People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Please be Seated*

**CHILDREN’S TALK..... 10:30 AM**

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... “Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him”**

*Christian Worship #235*

1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!  
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;  
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly

Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and  
 Par - don and peace from him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
 Earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
 Of him who does such won-drous things! All that has

an - thems I’ll come be - fore him As long as  
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
 coun - sels at life’s last por - tal When the dark  
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, With hap - py

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## THANKSGIVING



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and  
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren  
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can  
 heart its A - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, his ho - ly  
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther -  
 help af - ford, Trust on - ly Christ, our God and  
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 less. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### THE SERMON ..... Isaiah 35:4-7a

*Please Stand*

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

*Please be Seated*

### THE OFFERING

*(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)*

### THE OFFERING PRAYER

*Please Stand*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

### THE BLESSING

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Please be Seated*

### CLOSING HYMN ..... "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" *Christian Worship #353*



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a  
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a  
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who



lib - er - a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the  
strong, yet gen - tle, word; Praise the one who drove out  
suf - fered in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic -



pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
de - mons With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
to - rious That we may know God by grace.



Praise the one who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing  
Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter To the  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing



ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing  
des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes liv - ing  
what our God has done; Let us praise the true Re -



thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.  
wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
deem - er, Praise the one who makes us one.

**SUMMER APPEAL UPDATE:** We give thanks to the Lord that we have received \$31,375.00 in offerings to date for our Summer Appeal.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend's altar flowers are given by Gary & Donna Boldt in thanksgiving for their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School begins today at 9:15 AM. Ages 3 – Grade 6 are invited to join us!

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** On Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, we will begin our Sunday morning adult Bible class for this year. The title of the study is: *"I Can't Believe That's in the Bible."* Below is the list of topics that we will discuss.

- 1) Girl Dismembered Body Parts Shipped Throughout the Country (Judges 19)
- 2) Prophet Marries Prostitute (Hosea)
- 3) Church Benefactors Struck Down After Presenting Gift (Acts 4 & 5)
- 4) Assassin Kills Obese Kill In His Own Bathroom (Judges 2 & 3)
- 5) Long Winded Preacher Kills Heals Sleepy Parishioner (Acts 20)
- 6) Man After God's own Heart Calls For Revenge On Terrorists (Psalm 109)
- 7) Talking Donkey Rescues Prophet (Numbers 22)
- 8) Police Boat Crashes, Arrested Preacher Among Survivors (Acts 27)
- 9) Biological Warfare Unleashed on World Power (Exodus 7-9)
- 10) Prophet Disappears Not All Believe Successor's Story (2 Kings 2)
- 11) A Father's Plan To Get Rid Of His Future Son-in-Law Backfires (1 Samuel 18)
- 12) God Gets In Wrestling Match (And Taps Out) (Genesis 32)
- 13) Religious Ceremony Used To Wipe Out A City (Genesis 34)
- 14) Think You Have A Sordid Family Tree, Think Again (Genesis 38)

Please come and join us at 9:15am on Sunday mornings.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE POSITION AVAILABLE:** Recently, an After School Care position has opened at our school and needs to be filled soon. Please consider helping us in this effort. We would love to have someone for Mondays through Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Rest assured students are not left to themselves, as an appropriate adult - someone on staff, will be with them until the position is filled. We are looking for those that have

a loving and caring attitude and would like to spend time with some of students after a day of school. This person should have some background with children, interpersonal skills, a desire to help serve our school families, and pass a background check. First aid and CPR certification is necessary, however, training can be covered by the school. For more information or to contact us about this position please contact the office or Mr. Schulmeister at (414) 421-1930.

**MARY AND MARTHA SOCIETY'S OPENING MEETING:** All ladies of St. Paul's are invited to come to our opening meeting on Tuesday, September 18th, at 6:30 pm. We will start off with a potluck supper, provided by our members, with a business meeting to follow. Our organization looks for ways for our church members to be involved in various WELS Home and World Missions and Ministries - on a local, national, and international level - through financial support and active service. You'll also find that the Mary and Martha Society is a wonderful opportunity for Christian fellowship and a great way to meet new friends! Won't YOU join us?

**SENIOR CHOIR:** Sing to the Lord a new song. The Senior Choir is starting up rehearsals for the 2018-2019 season and you are invited to join us as we raise our voices in praise to God. Our kick-off rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We rehearse on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and occasional 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. Rehearsals last between 45 and 60 minutes. Choir membership is open all high school aged singers and up. We encourage you to come and check us out. If you have any questions, feel free to contact David Brightsman (414.559.9059 or [david.brightsman@wlc.edu](mailto:david.brightsman@wlc.edu) ). We hope to see you on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Our next Youth Group meeting will be on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM. We will be going to Sky Zone (4940 S. 76<sup>th</sup> Street). Please let Kyle Brightsman know if you are interested in going so that he can arrange for the group. (414-335-2906 or [kgb5217@gmail.com](mailto:kgb5217@gmail.com)) More details to come! Reminder, Youth Group is open to students in Grades 7-12.

**SAVE THE DATE:** We will be having our Family Fall Fest (formerly known as Prairie Days) on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Watch for more details coming soon!

**SCHOOL HOT LUNCH HELP:** Our Hot Lunch program is in need of more volunteers! Volunteers would need to be available from approximately 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Days

are flexible – even volunteering once a month is helpful! If you would like to help or find out more information, please contact Jaime Petricek at (414) 238-5122.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANCE:** Over the last couple of years, our Sunday School Program has been growing. Since there has been a large range in the age of the students who have been coming, we would like to look at splitting some of the grades apart. In order to accomplish this, we are going to need some additional help. If you are willing to help, you may talk to one of the pastors or contact Cheryl Konell at 262-492-4349 or at [cheryl.konell@tcrisk.com](mailto:cheryl.konell@tcrisk.com).

**BOARD OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH FELLOWSHIP IDEAS:** The Board of Spiritual Growth would like to explore how we might have more fellowship activities to get together with each other here at St. Paul's. First of all, they are looking for ideas. Those ideas could include things like going to athletic games in Milwaukee, a card playing club, game nights, book club, movie nights, bowling, walking club, exercise club, garden club, etc. are just a few ideas that were tossed around. We are sure that there are a lot of ideas that people may have. Secondly, we are going to need help to carry out that idea. In other words, if there is something that someone is passionate about, would you be able to share that passion with others. Be creative. You may share that idea with Pastor Adams or Pete Kosovich, the chairman of the Board of Spiritual Growth.

**THRIVENT "CHOICE DOLLARS":** The "Thrivent Choice" program is an easy way for eligible Thrivent members to recommend how Thrivent Financial should distribute a portion of its charitable funds to organizations that have been approved by Thrivent. St. Paul's has been an approved non-profit of Thrivent for nearly ten years. This is a program that is only open to people who are members of Thrivent and have Thrivent products. If you wish to donate Choice Dollars to our Summer Appeal or our Budget, you may do so. St. Paul's only receives a total amount that is directed toward St. Paul's each quarter. It doesn't receive a dollar amount as to what each individual has directed. Up to this point, those dollars have simply been going into the Escrow Account here at St. Paul's. In order for those dollars to be directed toward our Summer Appeal or our Budget, individual members would need to contact St. Paul's to let us know the amount you wish to direct toward St. Paul's ministry budget.

**UNITED WAY:** Save babies' lives and transform families through your United Way gift to WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee. WLFL operates a pregnancy medical clinic in

Milwaukee providing free services to mothers at risk for abortion and people suffering from post-abortion trauma. Ask your employer for a “Donor Choice” form and designate WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee, 8501 W. Lincoln Ave, West Allis, WI 53227. WLFL is a registered non-profit 501(c)3 tax exempt organization (EIN 39-1436085) and is an eligible recipient of the United Way “Donor Choice” option. For information or details visit <http://www.alife2.com/united-way.html>, email [Contact@ALife2.com](mailto:Contact@ALife2.com), or call 414-727-8176.

**WLHS FOOTBALL TAILGATE PARTY:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School is honoring our PK-12 partnership by sponsoring a tailgate party before the Vikings play Milwaukee Lutheran on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. Prior to the game, boys and girls of all ages will get to pass and catch on the turf of Raabe Field. It is a lot of space and a lot of fun. The field will be divided so three grade leveled activities can happen at the same time. “Field Fun” begins at 5:15 and will continue until 5:45. Admittance to the Viking game will be provided! Hot dogs and chips will be served at 6:00 and we will have some drawings for prizes for the kids! The party will be on the northeast side of the stadium. Please RSVP to [www.wlhs.org/tailgate](http://www.wlhs.org/tailgate) before Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**WLHS 6TH-8TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School's Open House is on Sunday, October 7. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. with program at 6:00 p.m. Grade school parents and students please join us to meet teachers, tour the school, and enjoy faculty presentations. See what a difference academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment can make in your child's life!

### VOLUNTEERS

**GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (September 9 & 10)**

- 8:00 AM** – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen
- 10:30 AM** – Tony & Mary Tripoli
- 6:30 PM** – {Sign up to be a greeter!}

**GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (September 16 & 17)**

- 8:00 AM** – Corrine Mayer
- 10:30 AM** – Dave & Cindy Wirtz; Brandon, Austin & Ian
- 6:30 PM** – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

**USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

- 8:00 AM** – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling
- 10:30 AM** – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski
- 6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

**ALTAR GUILD**

- Sept 5-11 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Sue Stempel
- Sept 12-18 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

- Sept 9: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug
- Sept 16: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Chris & Naomi Hathaway

**GRASS CUTTING:**

- Sept 12-15 – TEAM #3 – Jerry Lehtinen & Gary Tomic
- Sept 19-22 – TEAM #4 – Frank Krajewski

### THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, September 9**

- Worship Service ..... 8:00 AM
- “This is What the Lord Says” Bible Class..... 9:15 AM
- “I Can’t Believe That’s in the Bible” Class ..... 9:15 AM
- Sunday School ..... 9:15 AM
- Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM

**Monday, September 10**

- Worship Service ..... 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, September 11**

- Pastor Circuit Meeting ..... 10:00 AM
- Public School Confirmation Class..... 6:00 PM
- Church Council ..... 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, September 12**

- Board of Elders..... 6:30 PM



**Thursday, September 13**

Preschool/Junior Kindergarten Parent Orientation..... 6:00 PM

**Saturday, September 15**

School Cleaning.....9:00 AM

**Sunday, September 16**

Worship Service with Communion ..... 8:00 AM

“This is What the Lord Says” Bible Class.....9:15 AM

“I Can’t Believe That’s in the Bible” Class .....9:15 AM

Sunday School.....9:15 AM

Worship Service with Communion .....10:30 AM

**Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 99, Communed – 78

9:30 AM – 114, Communed – 74

6:30 PM – 32, Communed – 25

Total Attendance – 245

Total Communed – 177