



KIRKLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Happenings

September
2024



Pastor's Corner

Happy Summer to all:

"As it is, however, there still remains for God's people a rest like God's resting on the seventh day. For those who receive that rest which God promised will rest from their own work, just as God rested from His."
Hebrews 4: 9-10 Good News Bible.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Labor Day! For all federal and many non-federal workers Monday, September 2nd, Labor Day, is a day for rest and relaxation. For those in retail, however, it's a madhouse! We find the idea of resting multiple times in the Scriptures. Jesus says in Matthew 11: 28, "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest." And in the above passage from the Epistle to the Hebrews, the author tells his congregations, "... to rest like God's resting on the seventh day."

Why then do we as God's people forget to rest? Many use their Sabbath Day, traditionally Sunday, to catch up on housework, work from home, or run errands; leaving us to be more exhausted on Monday morning than the previous Friday evening.

Labor Day was started by union workers to celebrate the benefits of unionized labor. A major goal of the early unions was to make a mandatory day of rest become law. In the early 20th century, many laborers worked 12+ hours seven days a week. It was a reason to celebrate when laws were written to protect the workers from such harsh conditions.

This day or weekend should be celebrated. It should be a day of doing what gives you rest, whether that's gardening, shopping, reading, binge-watching TV, having a barbeque with family and friends, or doing nothing at all. Cherish this 3-day weekend as a time to refresh yourself.

Rest is a gift from God. We need to remember that even God took a Sabbath Day, to rest. Many of us, myself included, are unable to use Sunday as our Sabbath day because of commitments that must be met. That leaves us 7 days to choose one to be our Sabbath. A day of resting and reflecting on our lives and our lives with God at the center.

If you are like me, an entire day off is many times unreasonable, then choose a set number of hours on a specific day as your Sabbath time of rest. Mine is Monday morning until Noon. The rest of Monday is for household chores. Do you have a day or a specific number of hours each week to use for rest? Can you carve out time for your physical, mental, and spiritual health?

God calls us to rest. God takes care of us and calls us to take care of ourselves. Rest well!

Grace and Peace,

Hannah Needs You

Hannah Strmic, our organist and song leader, sings songs before and during church which we find meaningful and enjoyable.

Yet, she would like YOU to let her know songs you'd like her to sing during those times. They might be songs you heard on the radio, seen in a music book or just heard about. She has ways of listening to songs and even creating accompaniments that will fit what she hears so don't assume she can't turn a "heard" song into a "sung" song..

Also, if you have favorite hymns you'd like her to fit into the services, let her know your requests. She's always looking for new and old songs that will work for us.

**Sunday
School
Starts Back
This Month!**

September



Liturgists

- 1 Lori Finkle
- 8 Larry Worden
- 15 Lyndsay Myers
- 22 Jack Myers
- 29 Weston Bramm

Audio Visual

- 1 Lyndsay Myers
- 8 Clare Hay
- 15 Bret Collins
- 22 Lyndsay Myers
- 29 Clare Hay

Greeters

- 1 Mike P. & David F.
- 8 Eric M. & Weston B.
- 15 The Stevens Family
- 22 Lynn E. & Ruth A.
- 29 The Stark Family

Children's Moment

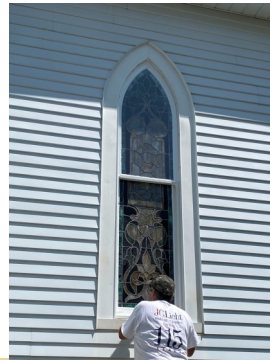
- 1 Pastor Dee Mede
- 8 Pastor Dee Mede
- 15 Marian Collins
- 22 Pastor Dee Mede
- 29 Pastor Dee Mede

Ushers

Sally Bruch
Sissy Butz

Trustee's Corner

As of July 24, all of the church windows have been prepped and painting is complete! The trustees started installing the new Plexiglas during the weekend of July 27-28. The donated service door has been installed on the parsonage garage. July 25, Cal and Dan painted that door and also started painting misc. areas of the parsonage including the screen porch, basement entrance, and some window sections.



Eric Mede, Brian Stevens working hard on the windows.
Photo Credits: Lora Stevens

Birthdays

September

- 2 — William Byers
- 2 — David Sarver
- 2 — Ron Johnson
- 4 — Megan Exner
- 9 — Clare Hay
- 20 — Vicki Maveus

September Calendar

Sep 1	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
Sep 2	AA Meeting	8:00 pm	Basement
Sep 3	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
Sep 5	Ad Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Meeting Room
Sep 8	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
Sep 9	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Sep 10	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
	Knitting	1 to 3 pm	Basement
Sep 15	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, & Zoom
	Parishioner Rumm. Sale Drop Off	Before & After Church	Basement
Sep 16	Rummage Sale Drop Off	9a to 5 p	Basement
	AA	8:00pm	Meeting Room
Sep 17	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
	Rummage Sale Drop Off	12 to 6 pm	Basement
Sep 18	Rummage Sale Drop Off	9a to 5 p	Basement
Sep 19	Rummage Sale	9a to 6p	Basement
Sep 20	Rummage Sale	8a to 4p	Basement
Sep 21	Rummage Sale	8a to 12p	Basement
Sep 22	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
Sep 23	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
Sep 24	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
	Knitting	1 to 3 pm	Basement
Sep 29	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
Sep 30	AA	8:00 pm	Basement

Church Leadership

Ad. Council Chair

Diane Parrish

Finance Chair

TBD

Secretary

Clare Hay

Treasurer

Lori Finkle

Financial Secretary

Clare Hay

Men's Ministry President

Bret Collins

Women's Society Co-Presidents

Vicki Maveus

Clare Hay

SPRC Chair

Bret Collins

Trustee Chair

Peter Bramm

Worship Chair

Larry Worden

Education Chair

Peter Bramm

Lay Leader

Diane Parrish

Food Pantry and Clothing Closet
First Lutheran Church
510 South Street, Kirkland IL 60146
815-522-3886

Tuesday's 12-2 pm

If special help is required, please call
815-978-2147.

Food Pantry Report for the 4 week month of
July
158 Families Served
593 Persons served, 229 were Children

Have something you'd like to add to September's Newsletter? It can be news you have to give, or maybe there's something you'd like to know more about... email the church office and we'll work on getting it added.

Deadline for submissions is
Friday, September 20



We are worshipping in person, and online via Facebook Live & Zoom, Sundays @ 10am. Please contact Pastor Dee for the zoom link, 224-805-9513



Mission Sundays:
September 8

Local Mission:
Veterans Drop-In
Center

Broad Mission:
Rockford Work
Camps

What's Happening in Worship?

DATE	SERMON	SCRIPTURE
Sep 1	Communion Sunday 15th Sunday After Pentecost "I AM the Light of the World"	John 1:1, 3-5 & 8:12 CEB
Sep 8	16th Sunday After Pentecost "I AM the Bread of Life"	John 6: 35-40 CEB
Sep 15	17th Sunday After Pentecost "I AM the Good Shepherd"	John 10: 11 & 22-30 NRSVUE
Sep 22	18th Sunday After Pentecost "I AM the Vine"	John 15: 1-6 CEB
Sep 29	19th Sunday After Pentecost "I AM the Way, the Truth & the Life"	John 14: 1-7 NRSVUE

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR CONFERENCE??



Bishop Dan Schwerin, Bishop of The United Methodist Church, is serving as the resident Bishop in the Northern Illinois Conference. Bishop Schwerin was elected to the episcopacy at the North Central Jurisdiction gathering in November 2022.

Photo Credit: umcnic.org/bishop

New appointment for Bishop Dan Schwerin

As of September 1, 2024, Bishop Schwerin will preside over the newly yoked conferences of Northern Illinois-Wisconsin. The conferences remain separate and independent with Bishop Schwerin overseeing both.

In May, the UMC denomination's International Legislative Assembly voted to cut the number of active U.S. bishops from 39 to 32. Most Jurisdictions have realigned their episcopal area boundaries to allow for a smaller number of bishops, and some are planning to share bishops across jurisdictional lines.

Northern Illinois-Wisconsin conference is part of the North Central jurisdiction. Within this jurisdiction, 4 conferences have been yoked to cut our conference number from 9 to 7: Dakotas-Minnesota and Northern Illinois-Wisconsin.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Our Annual Church Conference will be
Sunday, October 20 @ 4PM.
SPRC meets at 3:30.



General Conference Debriefings

Delegation & Cabinet invites lay and clergy from our Conference to be part of a time of debriefing, conversation, and Q&A about the recent General Conference.

Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, September 22: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. @ Rockford: Christ UMC
To register, go to: <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/general-conference-debriefing>

Some Church Clean Up

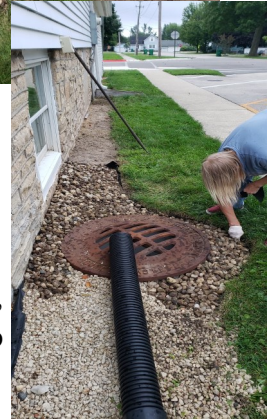
It takes many people and a lot of work to keep our church grounds looking beautiful. Weeds need pulling, flowers need planting and watering, grass needs mowing. In the fall and winter, the leaves need raking, the snow needs plowing, and the walkways need salting... This is one of those jobs that often goes unnoticed, as it's just always done by the time Sunday rolls around. Do you ever wonder just who our faithful grounds keepers are?

There have been a few who quietly come through the week and spend some time doing it all. One such person, is Sharon Butler. She is a seasoned horticulturist, and if you have ever seen her own gardens at home, you'll see what a gift she has!

Some others who are so faithful in making sure things are kept up with are Connie Worden, Marian Collins, Peter and Weston Bramm. We are thankful for the dedicated people who keep up with it all, especially with their own busy schedules.



That's Sharon Butler masterminding cleanup on east side of church. We worked one morning, but have along way to go!
Photo Credits: Connie Worden



Worship Planning Survey

The Worship Committee seeks your input on Fall and Winter studies. We want to meet Christian educational and spiritual needs. To that end, we are offering a survey to the congregation, both in person and online and through email, to let us know which study you would like and what days and times are best, we ask you to number your responses 1 to 3.

The offerings are:

30 Days to Understanding the Bible: Unlock the Scriptures in 15 minutes a Day.

Max Anders, Author

In this 6-session video Bible study, theologian Max Anders guides participants through the entire Bible, providing them with an understanding of all the major biblical characters, the major events, and the major points of geography they need to know to have a solid grasp of both the Old and New Testaments. Each session includes 15 minutes a day for 5 days in personal study.

James: What You Do Matters

Margaret Feinberg, Author

In this 6-session video Bible study, Margaret Feinberg will challenge you to take a deep dive into the book of James. James has only 5 chapters, however, it covers a lot of ground, from how we handle trials and temptations to how our actions reflect our faith to others.

The Wesley Challenge: 21 Days to a More Authentic Life

Christ Folsbee, Author

This 3-session study not only offers an introduction to our denomination's founder, John Wesley, in a practical and accessible way. The series engages its members to work through twenty-one questions studied over the 3-sessions to help renew spiritual passion and discover a deeper commitment to God.

Please fill out the Worship Survey during Worship or return it as an email.



The Food Pantry continues to be busy helping families feed their households.

There are a few things we like to have on hand that have had limited availability through the Northern Illinois Food Bank recently.

If you'd like to pick up something to donate while you are out shopping, we could use the following items:

- *Canned Tuna*
- *Chicken Noodle Soup*
- *Diapers (any size is welcome but size 5 is the most in demand)*



Look at all this produce! Every week we receive produce from DeKalb County Community Gardens. They are the local distributors for the IL-EATS program. IL-EATS is a two-year program funded by the USDA's Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) program. Thanks to LFPA, we receive high-quality, farm-fresh foods produced by local farmers. The program provides our neighbors healthy locally sourced foods and supports local food producers!

Photo credit: Clare Hay

And after you unload your purchases, please save your bags for the Food Pantry. We use both paper and plastic bags every week! You can bring any donations to the church and Clare will see that they get to the pantry.

If you or anyone you know needs help feeding their household, the pantry is open every Tuesday from 12:00 to 2:00 PM in the lower level of the **First Lutheran Church at 510 W South St.**

Thank you for your continued support!



Window Restoration

Note the gold in this updated photo. Diane discovered tarnished gold rather than black paint when she was cleaning the back of the window.

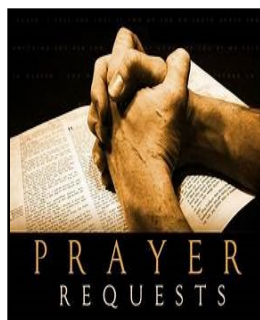
Last month we reported the window's bowing when she flipped it over. Correcting this is a laborious, tricky thing. Mike Pera and Eric Mede are still studying the problem and how to best drill holes into the wood so the braces could be anchored and keep the window straight.

Eric Mede's glue and epoxy have filled the cracks. They have one small hole to still work on.

Stay tuned for further developments!

Donating with the PayPal Giving Fund

When you donate to the church using the PayPal Giving Fund, PayPal does not withhold any fees from your donation. It's a great option to ensure that we receive your entire donation. However, unless you **check the box next to "Share my name and email with this charity."** PayPal does not tell us who made the donation. Please **always check that box** so that we can acknowledge your gift and say thank you!



Mike Roach
Andy Morrell
Kaitlyn Ross
Philip Termini
Rick (Linda Johnson's brother)
Ron Johnson

Women's Society Meets

- The Rummage Sale is happening this month! We will need many hands to again organize donations from Sept 16-18 as well as monitor the sale from Sept 19-21.
- The next Women's Society meeting is October 12 at 8:30 am.
- Christmas Salad Luncheon Dec 7 at 11 am with Linda Johnson doing devotions.
- Our Annual Cookie Extravaganza will be Sat,



Rummage and Save for our 2024

Rummage Sale!!

Drop Off Times—

Mon., Sept 16 9-5

Tues., Sept 17 12-6

Wed., Sept 18 9-5

Sale Times

Thurs, Sept 19 9-6

Fri, Sept 20 8-4

Sat Sept 21 8-12

Parishioners will again be able to drop off things Sunday before or after church.

Sharon Butler has agreed to help Connie Worden get the tables set up before then.

Ad Council Meets September 5

Donating is as easy as
taking a picture:
Kirkland UMC's QR code for
donations Or visit
www.kirklandumc.org

