

Then said he also to him that bade him,  
When thou makest a dinner or a supper,  
call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen,  
nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again,  
and a recompence be made thee.  
But when thou makest a feast,  
call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:  
And thou shalt be blessed;  
for they cannot recompense thee:  
for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

Luke 14:12-14



# Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church

28983 – 181<sup>st</sup> Avenue | New Prague, MN 56071

Church: (952) 758-2828 | Website: [EFriedens.com](http://EFriedens.com)

Pastor Henry Koch

## Welcome to Worship!

### Regular Worship Services

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. | Tuesday: *See Church Calendar* | Saturday: Noon

## Prayer Before Worship

Lord of the harvest, give to your Church men and women eager to prepare for service in your kingdom. Bless our schools with instructors who encourage and inspire their students to grow in grace and wisdom. Strengthen the resolve of students to complete their training for ministry, and send them out in the power of your Spirit.

Amen.

### Notes About Your Visit

- **Worship programs are available in large print.** They are located in the basket with the regular programs.
- **Restrooms** are in the north hallway, by the double glass entry doors, as well as in the basement. **The church park has restrooms north of the Pavilion.**

# THE SERVICE | Setting One

September 12 & 13, 2026

HYMN

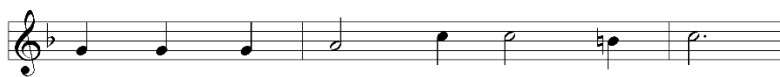
Congregation Sings Verses 1-4

194

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es  
2 Dear Fa - ther, end - less praise I ren - der  
3 I praise you, Sav - ior, whose com - pas - sion  
4 Glo - ry and praise, still on - ward reach - ing,  
5 Shall I not then be filled with glad - ness?



To praise my God with thou - sand tongues!  
For soul and bod - y, no - bly joined;  
Has brought you down to ran - som me.  
Be yours, O Spir - it of all grace,  
Shall I not praise you ev - er - more



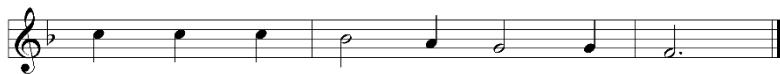
My heart, which in the Lord re - joic - es,  
I praise you, Guard - ian kind and ten - der,  
Your pit - ying heart sought my sal - va - tion;  
Whose ho - ly pow'r and faith - ful teach - ing  
And tri - umph o - ver fear and sad - ness,



Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs  
For all the dai - ly joys I find  
You bore the cross tri - um - phant - ly,  
Give me a - mong your saints a place.  
Al - though my cup of woe runs o'er?



To all, wher - ev - er I might be,  
So rich - ly spread on ev - 'ry side  
Brought me from bond - age full re - lease,  
What - ev - er good by me is done,  
Though heav'n and earth shall dis - ap - pear,



What great things God has done for me.  
And free - ly for my use sup - plied.  
Made me your own, and gave me peace.  
Is worked by grace di - vine a - lone.  
Your end - less love is ev - er near.

STAND

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

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Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

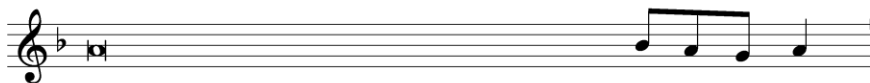
God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



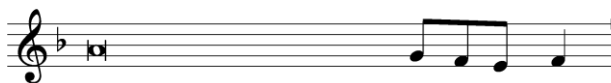
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



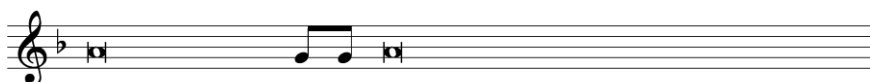
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



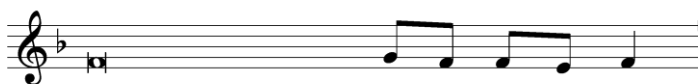
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

# Give Glory to God!

Hymn 194~Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

## Verse 5

Shall I not then be filled with gladness?  
Shall I not praise you evermore  
And triumph over fear and sadness,  
Although my cup of woe runs o'er?  
Though heav'n and earth shall disappear,  
Your endless love is ever near.



## THE WORD

(Congregation speaks when words are in bold.)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be Seated*

### First Reading

1 Kings 18:21-40 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

<sup>21</sup>Then Elijah said to all the people, “How long will you stagger around on two crutches? If the LORD is God, follow him. If Baal is God, follow him.” But the people did not answer him a single word.

<sup>22</sup>Then Elijah said to the people, “I am the only one left of the LORD’s prophets, but the prophets of Baal total four hundred fifty men. <sup>23</sup>Provide two bulls for us. Let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it up and place it on the firewood, but they are not to light the fire. I will prepare the other bull and place it on the firewood, but I will not light the fire. <sup>24</sup>Then you will call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers with fire, he is God.”

All the people said, “This proposal is good.”

<sup>25</sup>Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose for yourselves one bull, and you go first because there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god. But do not light the fire.”

<sup>26</sup>So they took the bull which had been given to them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, “Baal! Answer us!” But there was not a sound. No one answered. So they staggered around the altar which they had made.

<sup>27</sup>When noon came, Elijah mocked them: “Shout louder! He is a god, isn’t he? He may be deep in thought or busy or on a journey. Perhaps he is asleep and will wake up!” <sup>28</sup>So they cried out with a loud voice, and according to their practice they cut themselves with daggers and spears until their blood flowed. <sup>29</sup>After noon, they kept up a prophetic frenzy until the time of the evening sacrifice, but there was no sound. No one answered. There was no response.

<sup>30</sup>Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” So they came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down. <sup>31</sup>Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come and had proclaimed, “Your name shall be Israel.” <sup>32</sup>He built the stones into an altar in the name of the LORD. Around it he made a trench big enough to hold about twenty-five pounds of seed. <sup>33</sup>He arranged the wood, cut up the bull, and placed it on the wood.



Then he said, “Fill four jars with water and pour it on the sacrifice and on the wood.” <sup>34</sup>Then he said, “Do it again.” So they did it again. Then he said, “Do it a third time.” So they did it a third time. <sup>35</sup>The water flowed all around the altar. It even filled the trench.

<sup>36</sup>When the time of the evening sacrifice had arrived, Elijah the prophet stood up and said, “O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and that I have done all these things by your word. <sup>37</sup>Answer me, LORD! Answer me so that this people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you are turning their hearts back to you.”

<sup>38</sup>Fire from the LORD fell on the sacrifice and on the wood, the stones, and the dirt. It even licked up the water in the trench. <sup>39</sup>When all the people saw this, they fell on their knees and said, “The LORD, he is God! The LORD, he is God!”

<sup>40</sup>Elijah said to them, “Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let a single one of them escape!” So they seized them, and Elijah brought them down to the Kishon River and slaughtered them there.

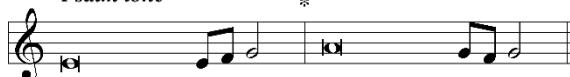
*The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 65

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



Praise awaits you, O God,\*

you call forth songs of joy.

You care for the land and water it,\*

you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

The streams of God are filled with water\*

to provide the people with grain.

### *Refrain*

You crown the year with your bounty,\*

and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the desert overflow,\*

the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks

and the valleys are mantled with grain,\*

they shout for joy and sing.

**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*

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## Second Reading

### 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (EHV)

<sup>6</sup>This is what I mean: The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. The one who sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup>Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.

#### God Provides

<sup>8</sup>God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written: He scattered; he gave to the poor.

His righteousness remains forever.

<sup>10</sup>And he who provides seed to the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed for sowing, and will increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be made rich in every way so that you may be generous in every way, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

*Stand*

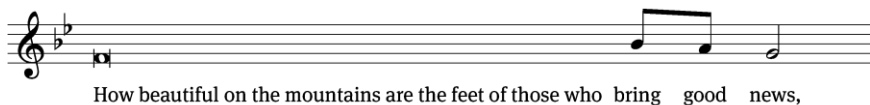
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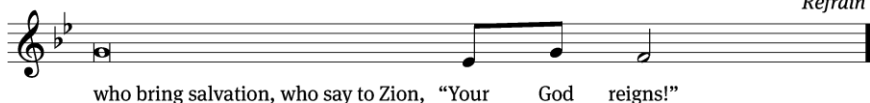
*Refrain*



*Tone*



*Refrain*



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## GOSPEL

Luke 14:12-15 (EHV) Love Selflessly       

<sup>12</sup>He also said to the one who had invited him, “**When you make a dinner or a supper, do not invite your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or rich neighbors, so that perhaps they may also return the favor and pay you back.**

<sup>13</sup>“**But when you make a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. Certainly, you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous.**”

<sup>15</sup>When one of those at the table with him heard these things, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will feast in the kingdom of God!”

*The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise be to you, O Christ!*

# CHILDREN'S LESSON



## HYMN OF THE DAY: 603 All Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of  
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy  
 3 I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O  
 4 The Lord will not for - sake his flock, his cho - sen  
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give



all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and  
 he is keep - ing; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning  
 hear my call - ing! For death he gave me life in -  
 gen - er - a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their  
 praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -



love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing  
 shade his eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the  
 deed and kept my feet from fall - ing. For this my  
 rock, their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a  
 claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols



balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row  
 king - dom of his might, all things are just and good and  
 thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our God with  
 moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his cho - sen  
 un - der foot be trod— The Lord is God! The Lord is



stills: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 right: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 me: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 band: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 God! To God all praise and glo - ry!

## **SERMON**

*STAND*

### **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.**

*BE SEATED*

## INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

**Paul Roemhildt**

**Kayla Paler**

**Lori Holicky**

**Megan Warner**

### **Prayer**

Gracious God, you bless your church through the willing work and special gifts of so many people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit to the servants we are installing today that they may carry out their duties with diligence, wisdom, and humility. Encourage them to seek guidance from your Word and lead them to pray for your direction. Help them to be good examples to others and support the work of the gospel ministry in this congregation. Keep them in your care and encourage them by your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**OFFERING** (Kindly fill out the red Friendship Registers. Thanks.)

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Come to me  
all you who are  
weary and burdened  
and I will give  
you rest.*

MATTHEW 11:28

## HYMN

### 749 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your

end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,  
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom,  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred,

cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn  
 rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; born with  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing,

songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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Stand

## **PRAYER**

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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

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.

**Amen.**



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## 486

## Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Glad - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en To our  
 4 Yes, the sor - row and the suf - f'nings Which on  
 5 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your  
 hum - blest char - i - ty In your own mys - te - rious  
 ev - 'ry hand we view Chan - nels are for gifts and  
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice,  
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
 sen - tence, "You have done it un - to me."  
 of - f'nings Due by sol - emn right to you,  
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That you  
 Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we  
 Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To th' un - thank - ful and the  
 you, at length be - lieve That more hap - py and more  
 need what we can do, Say - ing by your poor and  
 may not choose but pay Lest that face of love and  
 stay our souls on you; But, oh, best of all your



e - vil With your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?  
 pit - y Turn from us a - noth - er day.  
 gra - ces, With your love our love re - new.

# What's Coming Up at Friedens?

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| <u>Last Week's Attendance</u> |           |
| Saturday (09/05/26):          | 15        |
| Sunday (09/06/26):            | <u>50</u> |
| Total: 65                     |           |

|                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                            |                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, September 13                                                                                                                                                              | Worship<br>Sunday School<br>Bible Study                    | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:10 a.m.<br>10:15 a.m.             |
| Monday, September 14                                                                                                                                                              |                                                            |                                                   |
| Tuesday, September 15                                                                                                                                                             | Choir                                                      | 6:30 p.m.                                         |
| Wednesday, September 16<br>Pastor's "Drop-In"<br>Consultation Times:<br>10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.<br>3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.<br>7:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m.                                       | Bible Study<br>Games<br>5 & 6 Catechism<br>7 & 8 Catechism | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>4:15 p.m.<br>5:40 p.m. |
| Thursday, September 17                                                                                                                                                            |                                                            |                                                   |
| Friday, September 18                                                                                                                                                              |                                                            |                                                   |
| Saturday, September 19                                                                                                                                                            | Men's Bible Study<br>Worship                               | 8:00 a.m.<br>Noon                                 |
| Sunday, September 20<br><i>Could someone please help move the tables in the Fellowship Hall to the north wall (in preparation for the blood drive)? Thank you. –Heidi Gilsrud</i> | Worship (Communion)<br>Sunday School<br>Bible Study        | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:10 a.m.<br>10:15 a.m.             |
| Monday, September 21                                                                                                                                                              | American Red Cross<br>Blood Drive                          | 1:00 p.m.-<br>7:00 p.m.                           |
| Tuesday, September 22                                                                                                                                                             | Choir                                                      | 6:30 p.m.                                         |

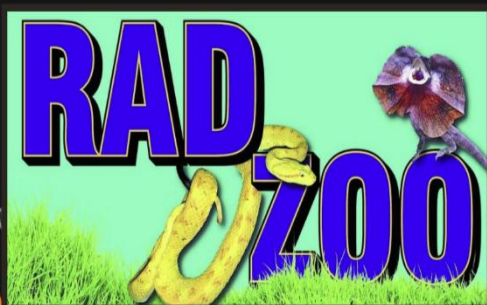
## USHER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

| DATE               | TEENS           |                 | ADULTS         |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| September 13, 2026 | Mason Storlie   | Jackson Storlie | Gary Grassmann | Bruce Nelson    |
| September 20, 2026 | Mikkala Quickle | Kameron Quickle | Jeff Heine     | Joe Stahl       |
| September 27, 2026 | Corey Schanus   | Kaden Holicky   | Dean Cornelius | Willard Rancour |



Sponsored by the Lutheran Girl Pioneers District 19  
A great way to meet other 'Pioneers' in Southern Minnesota.

**Everyone** is invited to join the Pioneers for  
a presentation by the traveling **Rad Zoo!**



**SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER**

**27 2:00-  
3:00PM**

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A light snack will be provided.  
Free will donation to offset costs.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

QUESTIONS: [LGPDISTRICT19@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LGPDISTRICT19@GMAIL.COM)

**First-Thursday Dinner (Oktoberfest):**  
**October 1, 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.**







*MN Valley Lutheran Women's  
Missionary Society Fall Rally*

# ATHENS IS ON MY MIND!

**Saturday, October 3, 2026**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church | Jordan, MN  
100 6th St W | Jordan, MN 55352

**Coffee Hour** 8–9AM

**Program** 9AM–12:15PM

—◆—  
**GUEST  
SPEAKER**

**Pastor Dan Lindner**

*Campus Ministry Mission Counselor*

—◆—  
Please contact Amy Radick with any  
dietary requirements or questions:  
spljordan.la@gmail.com or  
952-492-2489.



**ACTS 17:16-34** (esp. 16-17)

<sup>16</sup> While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.

*Martin Luther College Wind Symphony Concert*  
*Sunday, October 4, 1 p.m.*

This is a special year for the United States of America. With joy, we're commemorating our 250th birthday, and with sorrow we're remembering the 25th anniversary of the September 11 attacks. Two very different events. Two very different kinds of reflection. Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for "**Reflections**," a concert program commemorating our country's history through patriotic selections and both solemn and joyful remembrances. The free concert will be held in the MLC Auditorium on Sunday, October 4, at 1:00 p.m. (Note the earlier start time!) Can't make it in person? Stream the live performance on MLC's YouTube channel.

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## SEPTEMBER IN A NUTSHELL

**Catechism Starts:** September 2 (Grades 5 & 6 at 4:15 p.m. & Grades 7 & 8 at 5:40 p.m.)



**Waterville Youth Bike Trip:** September 12, at 1:00 p.m. (See Pastor)

**Sunday School Starts:** September 13, at 10:10 a.m.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive:** September 21, 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

## We need volunteers for the Blood Drive!

Please check the Volunteer 2026 wall  
(it has moved next to the bulletin board)  
for opportunities to help.

## ALSO—We need to plan some Trailblazer events!

Adult Members: Please sign up on the wall above the literature table in the Welcome Area to host an event for our precious children. We are hoping to have at least one event per month (September-May) for the kids to look forward to.

Thank you so much.