



# Life Line

### Happy Fall!

As we welcome the crisp air and vibrant colors of October, I am reminded of the transition that this season brings to us in Wisconsin. It brings time for football, trick or treating, and pumpkin spice beverages. It also is a time for reflection on the past summer and the adventures we had during summer's warmth and sunshine.

Looking back and moving forward we accomplished a lot as a faith community. We have had another successful Day in the Country event, Sunday School kicked off with 6 youth and 5 adult teachers, another Adult Bible study kicked off, Tia Chi has started, and the book club continues to discuss a new book each month. In all of this, I have seen God at work moving our church forward with new ideas and new energy. A big THANK YOU to all of you that make these activities happen.

As the leaves fall and the days grow shorter, let us remember that God's love remains constant. In every season, He calls us to draw closer to Him and to one another. This month I encourage you to look at Romans 12:12: "Be happy in your hope. Do not give up when trouble comes. Do not let anything stop you from praying." (NLV)

I hope this verse will inspire us to remain steadfast and hopeful, no matter what challenges we may face.

Fall Blessings, Pastor Joe



# October 2025







### Choir Practice is on Thursdays at 6:00 pm.

Please contact Vicki Will, Choir Director, at 262-343-1326, if you would like to join and sing or you have any questions.



## **Worship Hours**

<u>Sunday, October 5, Communion Sunday</u> 10:00 am Worship Hour. Sermon, Rev. Joe Hackett. The Choir is singing. Communion stewards are Sue Beach, Tom Beach, and Ruth Frost.

<u>Sunday, October 12</u>, 10:00 am Worship Hour. Sermon, Rev. Joe Hackett. Children's Sunday School. Special Music by Jim McNielly and Rose Seeger..

Sunday, October 19, 10:00 am Worship Hour. Ruth Frost is in the pulpit. Choir is singing.

Monday, October 20, 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting.

<u>Sunday, October 26</u> 10:00 am Worship Hour. Sermon, Rev. Joe Hackett.

Children's Sunday School. Special Music by Phil Peters.

FYI: Please see page 4 for information on our Children's Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, and Community Book Club.



# **Lectionary Readings**

10/5 Hab 1:1-4, 21-4; Psalm 37:1-9 (Lam 1:1-6; Psalm 137); 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10



10/12 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15; Psalm 111; (Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17: 11-19

10/19 Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 121; (Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18: 1-8

10/26 Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; psalm 84:1-7; (Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65): 2 Timothy 4 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 19-14

# **Prayers and Concerns**





Oscar Jacobs Victims of Terrorism Elizabeth Joseph Victims and volunteers of natural disasters worldwide Audrey Koeper God's Providence for Israel and the

Tom and Lynn Koeper Middle East

Dan Medkalf Our Nation's Leaders Rev. Stu Merkel All military personnel and their families Stephanie Mutz Casa Bernabe Orphanage Matthew Olson Ashley Clark Julie Pagan Tom Eckert Torin Philips Morton Zimmerman Reid Shamus Lori Haley - hospice

Morgan Haley Viveca Persson, Agenta's sister Daniel Hays

Nancy

Rigmor Alexander, Agneta's sister



### **COUNCIL MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS**

### Pastor:

Christmas Eve service times will not change.

Ruth Frost will be in the pulpit on Sunday, October 19.

The Fall meeting will be Sunday, November 9.

### Treasurer:

There were three items of deposit totaling \$7946 with the \$1000 Thompson memorial left undesignated to be used at the church's discretion.

Non-recurring expenses: Music in the Park, new toilets, Lenten devotionals and business tax.

Budget is holding although fundraising is down by 28%.

### **Fellowship**

A coffee hour and Fall Meeting on Sunday, November 9.

A pot luck will be held the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Sorting of Shoe box items will be Wednesday, Oct 22. The packing party will be held at the church on October 25 at 10 am.

Serve Love Inc meal on November 24, which will be a Thanksgiving meal. Recipients will sign up in advance so we have an accurate

We have committed to 6 Love Inc meals for 2026.

Adopt a Family names will be assigned to churches beginning Oct 1 and available to our congregation at the Fall Meeting on Sunday, November 9.

### **Building and Grounds**

Steve Dolphin will be meeting with a heat/AC contractor to discuss options for cooling the church through the summer months.

A fall cleanup day may be held.



The next Council Meeting is Monday, October 20th.

### **Sunday School**

### The young people's Sunday School curriculum

On the designated Sundays (see dates below), we will gather in the lower level of the church at 10:00 am to explore the bible and foundational concepts to our faith.

We will share in the example Jesus taught us and engage in a service project – stay tuned for that.

All young people from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through high school are welcome to join us. Bring a friend! Please bring your Bible, if you don't have one, come anyway as we have some to use. There is no cost for this class.

Please contact Chris Hackett, 414-416-9444 or chackett3913@outlook.com with questions.

### **Dates / Topics**

**October 12**: 66 Books- How can I read the Bible to better understand God's Word to me? Intro to the Old Testament

**October 26**: 4 Gospels- Why do Matthew, Mark, Luke and John tell the story of Jesus in different ways? **November 9**: 21 Letters - How can I grow in faith and discipleship by reading other people's mail?

**November 23**: Congregationalism - Who are we and What are we? **December 14**: Advent and Why is Jesus our Christmas present?

**December 28: NO CLASS** 

### **Fall Adult Bible Study**

Thursdays, October 2 - November 6 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

This Bible study will be focused on the theme "All That You Have is Your Soul"

This class is intended for the participants to take action on their soul health throughout the class.

There is no way to have a healthy soul without the help of our loving God that will give us the redemption we need to have a healthy soul.

This study will be led by Jim Filicetti and have video clips, music, class discussion and independent reading and study.

Please let Jim know if you will be participating. A sign up sheet will be available at church.

### **COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB**

The dates and books for the Community Book Club are listed below.

The Book Club will meet in the church parlor at 6:30 pm.

Monday, October 27, 2025 I am Malala by Malala Yousafzi & Christina Lamb

Monday, November 24, 2025 Small Great Things by Jodi Piccoult

Monday, December 8, 2025 Christmas Book Exchange/Party Location TBD





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"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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