

**SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY**

**Rev. Lester Wolfram, Pastor**

**Rev. Justin Woodside, Pastor**

**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**September 15, 2024**

**Divine Service Setting One** **LSB 151**

**Opening Hymn “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”**  
**LSB 849**

**Hymn of the Day: “Christ, The Lord of Hosts, Unshaken”**  
**LSB 521**

**Offertory: “Create in Me A Clean Heart”** **LSB 956**

**Distribution: “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”** **LSB 545**

**“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”** **LSB 623**

**Closing Hymn: “Oh, For A Thousand Tongues”** **LSB 528**

**WELCOME!!** We are glad that you have joined us this morning as we lift up our hearts and voices in response to God’s great gift of forgiveness and life in Christ Jesus. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book and introduce yourself to Pastor Les Wolfram and Pastor Justin Woodside.

**AT SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH,**

we celebrate the Lord’s Supper in the confidence that we receive, along with the bread and wine, our Savior’s true body and blood “through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins.” Besides individually receiving Christ’s free gift of forgiveness in this sacrament, all those who commune make a confession of the faith that we believe and teach in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. To commune at this altar is to accept the doctrinal position of this congregation. Because of that common confession, we invite those who are members at sister Missouri Synod Churches to join us at the Lord’s Table. If you would like more information on our understanding of the Lord’s Supper, please visit with Pastor Wolfram or Pastor Woodside.

**Introit**

*Psalm 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24*

Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,\*  
all you who wait | for the LORD!  
But I trust in you, | O LORD;\*  
I say, “You | are my God.”  
My times are | in your hand;\*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my  
perse- | cutors!  
Make your face shine on your | servant\*;  
save me in your | steadfast love!  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,\*  
all you who wait | for the LORD!

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

Whether you are mourning the death of a loved one who died several years ago or the more recent loss of a family member, you are invited to Take Heart In Your Grief. Sessions will take place on six Sunday evenings at Shepherd of the Valley from 6:30-8:00 PM beginning October 6. Take Heart In Your Grief will give you the opportunity to connect with others who share your experience even as you are given hope in Christ. Pastor Marcis and Pastor Wolfgram will lead the discussion based on the booklet, Take Heart In Your Grief, authored by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann.



Contact Pastor Wolfgram if you have questions or would like to attend.

The next Men's Network study will take place on Saturday, September 21, at 8:00 am at Bethel Lutheran Church. Join us for breakfast, fellowship, and study of God's



"Now is the time for interested mentors and families of mentees to sign up for the program, and receive information on the upcoming training sessions (September and October). More information to come!"



**Building Healthy Families:** It's been said here are two kinds of people in the world: those who wake up and say, "Good morning, Lord!" and those who wake up and say, "Good Lord, it's morning!" *Which are you?* It is usually true that mood follows message. How we feel emotionally results from how we think about what is happening. The next time you are having a difficult day, stop and check your thoughts. Listen to what you are telling yourself. Challenge and then replace negative, untrue self-statements with the truth. (Hint: look for truths from the author of life Himself in your Bible). LFS counselors are available to help you learn to change negative thought patterns, replacing them with truth. **Lutheran Family Service**  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



MAIN STREET LIVING—LCMS TV Program—

Sunday Mornings @ 10 AM

KBMY Xtra / Bismarck Channel 17.3 Midco Channel 594

10:00 AM: worship service led by area pastors 10:30 AM:

"This Is The Life" program To watch these programs at any time and see upcoming schedules go to [www.mainstreetliving.com/north](http://www.mainstreetliving.com/north).

**Sep 15<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Matt Thompson, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, and St. John's Lutheran Church, McClusky, ND, presents the message: **"Words for Good"** based on James 3:1-12. *This is the Life* program: **"Conspiracy of Silence"** - A husband and wife come to grips with a terminal illness.

**Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Rev. Kirk Peters, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hazen, ND, presents the message: **"Jesus is THE Greatest!"** based on Mark 9:30-37. *This is the Life*: program: **"Big Account"** - An advertising agency art director learns the impact of his work on his family and others.

The Hang Out will meet at Shepherd of the Valley on Saturday, September 21st at 4:30. Adults in their 20'-40's are invited to gather for a pot bless meal, Bible study, games, and great conversation.



**Martin Luther School Anniversary Kick-Off Saturday, September 28th 2:00-5:00**

We will enjoy music, games, and fellowship on the NEW PARKING LOT (weather permitting). Food trucks will be available for concessions. We'll have a bounce house, barrel rides for the kiddos, and other fun activities. LUTHER LION will also be present! School tours will also be available for anyone wanting to learn more about MLS.

30 Acts of Service:

What better way of giving thanks for our 30th anniversary than by serving others and sharing the love of Christ? Our students will celebrate by offering 30 acts of service during the school year. We'll share these with the congregations as they take place. Who knows? We might be serving at YOUR church for one of these events!

"\$30 for 30 years"

You are invited to help celebrate the 30th anniversary of Martin Luther School and to give a one-time gift of \$30 in thankfulness and celebration for our 30th anniversary. MLS will announce the total amount received at the kick-off on September 28th.



The Tuesday morning Bible study will resume this week at 10:00 am as we continue our study of the Gospel according to John. There will be bible study at 6:00 pm.

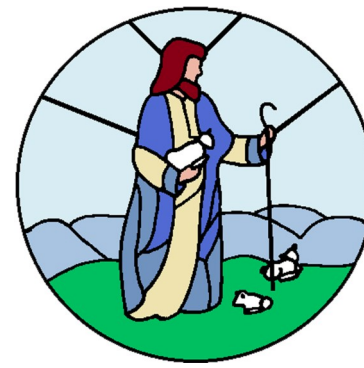


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# Sept. 15 - Sept. 28

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>15</b> <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Middle School Youth	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	<b>18</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Worship <u>6:00pm</u> Confirmation <u>7:00pm</u> Wisdom Warrior Training # 1	<b>19</b> <u>6:30pm</u> Elders	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <u>8:00am</u> Men's Network <u>10:00am</u> Trustees <u>4:30pm</u> Hangout
<b>22</b> <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Senior High Youth	<b>23</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Women's Bible Study	<b>24</b> <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	<b>25</b> <u>6:00pm</u> Worship <u>6:00pm</u> Confirmation	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <u>5:00pm</u> Dvorak Wedding	<b>28</b>



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“A church family that shares, nurtures, and lives our faith in Christ”

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## THE WEEKLY FYI

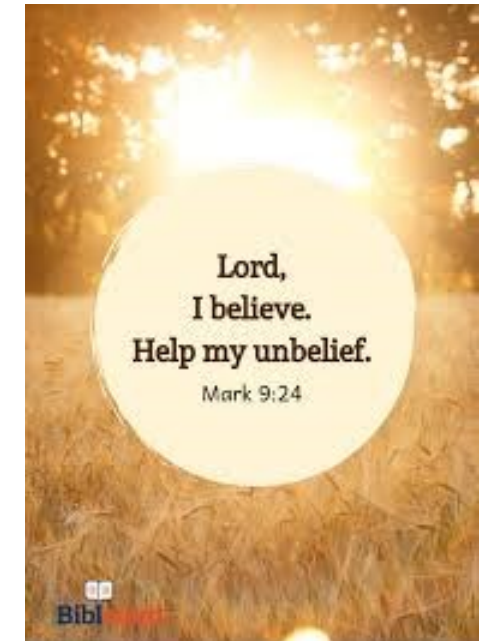
### THOSE SERVING TODAY

**Preacher:** Rev. Lester Wolfgram  
**Liturgist:** Rev. Les Wolfgram  
**Elder:** Dick Dever  
**Accompanist:** Denise Wolfgram  
**Acolyte:** Sylvia D.

**Worship Times**  
**6:00 PM Every Wednesday**  
**9:00 am Sunday Divine Service (livestream)**  
**10:30 am Education Hour**

### Stewardship Thought

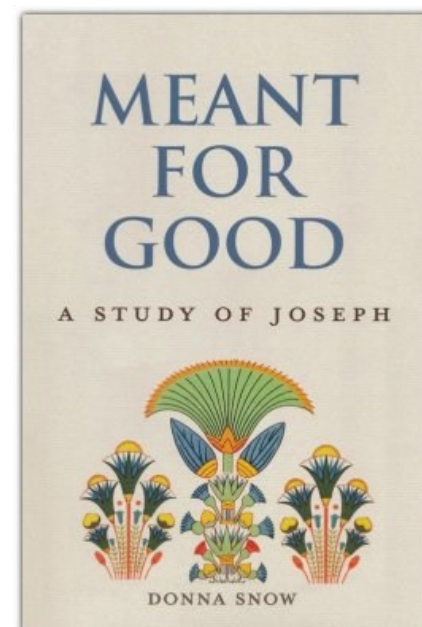
Mark 9:24 – “Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’” Haven’t we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith: He still has pity, and He still blesses the man. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith, as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.



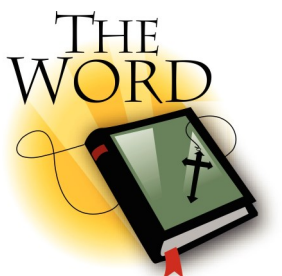
### Iowa Flooding

The focus for human care for the third quarter of this year is support for congregations in Northwest Iowa that suffered severe flood damage in recent weeks.

“Meant For God: A Study of Joseph” will continue for ladies in the congregation on Monday, September 23rd, at 6:00 pm. We hope you will join us!



**Sun:** 2 Kings 6:1-23, 2 Kings 6:24-8:29; Phil. 1:21-2:11  
**Mon:** 2 Kings 9:1-13, 10:18-29, 2 Kings 13:1-18:8; Phil. 2:12-30  
**Tue:** 2 Chron. 29:1-24; Phil. 3:1-21  
**Wed:** 2 Chron 31:1-21; Phil. 4:1-23  
**Thu:** 2 Chron. 32:1-22, Hos. 1:1-14:9; Col.1:1-23  
**Fri:** 2 Chron. 33:1-25, Jonah 1:1-3:11; Col. 1:24-2:7  
**Sat:** 2 Chron. 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33, Nah. 1:1-3:19; Col. 2:8-23



# DIAPER DRIVE SEPT 15 & 22, 2024

COME HEAR ABOUT THE  
MISSION WORK 9/22/24 AT  
ZION, 9:45AM.



## Bible Orphan MINISTRY

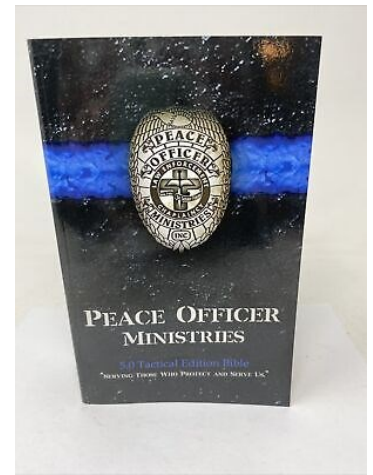
What: Diaper Drive, All size Infant and Adult

When: Sunday Sept 15 & Sunday Sept 22, 2024

Where: Please bring to your church; Will be taken to Orphan Grain Train for shipping to Ukraine.



Rev. Steve Lee from Peace Officer Ministries will be at Shepherd of the Valley on Sunday, September 29, to talk about his work as a law enforcement chaplain and his plans to unveil the latest edition of the Peace Officer Bible. He is bringing 1,000 Peace Officer Ministry Bibles to North Dakota in October.



## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH LOCK-IN

GRADES 5-8

OCTOBER 4-5, 2024

10:30PM-6:00AM

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

GROUP GAMES, ICE BREAKERS,  
FREE TIME & MORE!

*IF YOU CHOOSE TO SLEEP YOU MAY BRING  
A PILLOW OR SLEEPING BAG (OPTIONAL)*

**QUESTIONS, CONTACT: RUSS WEIXEL**



Please join us for the annual Bunco Night on Friday, October 11 from 6:00-8:30 pm. Beverages provided. Bring a snack to share. See you there!

-stewardship committee