

	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Communion Assistants	Communion Set-Up
October 4	Ron & Sue Brooks	Victor & Helen Kurth	Karen McGregor	Carol Severson Sharon Litynski	Victor & Helen Kurth
October 11	Brad Matthes Ron Brooks	Pat & Karen McGregor	Ross Heilman		
October 18	Brad Matthes Kevin Leffel	Sharon Litynski	Sharon Litynski	Donna Krahmer Helen Meschke	Bob & Meridel Kellogg
October 25	Ron & Sue Brooks	Myrna Chamberlain	Helen Meschke		



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2nd – Tony Miller
3rd – Lee Young
4th – Barb Riessen
5th – Victor Kurth
6th – Vivian Ziegler
12th – Vicki Youngerberg
14th – Don Peterson
15th – Michelle Pilgrim
21st – Becky Miller
22nd – Micah Deutsch
24th – Ruth Heilman
28th – Eric Litynski
28th – Erika Pierson
30th – Charles Bye

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

4th – Kevin and Sandy Leffel
26th – Gene and Vivian Ziegler
28th – Dave and Rebecca Blum



BACKYARD BASH



SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 COUNCIL MINUTES

Members Present: Clark Diel, Reinhard Riessen, Donna Krahmer, Marilyn Anderson, Jerry Roust, Meridel Kellogg and Rebecca Blum and Pastor Aaron Deutsch.

President Marilyn Anderson **called the meeting to order** at 11:00 AM.

Pastor Aaron provided a **devotion** titled “*The God Who Helps,*” referencing Exodus 2 and 3.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the agenda. **M/S/P**

Minutes: August regular meeting minutes were approved and filed. **M/S/P**

Treasurer’s Report: Report was approved and filed. **M/S/P**

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Aaron reported that he will be out of the office October 4–7 to attend the 26th Annual LCMC Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa. He expressed great appreciation to everyone who helped with the church cleanup days and the successful Augustana District Women of the Word Gathering. Pastor Aaron is pleased to see fall Bible studies and small group gatherings return to the schedule, and he is excited to teach the older students’ Sunday School class on Sunday mornings following worship.

Committee Reports:

- **Benevolence/Stewardship:** The Benevolence Committee will meet soon to review the church's benevolence recipients before the start of the new fiscal year.
- **Education/Evangelism/Outreach:** No action items. The Backyard Bash was well attended and enjoyed by all, and the committee will now turn its attention to planning fall service projects.
- **Personnel:** Reinhard reported that he met with Pastor Aaron for his performance review, noting that feedback from the council regarding the pastor’s performance was largely positive.
- **Property/Facility:** No action items.
- **Worship:** No action items.

Old Business: Planning for the 2026–2027 fiscal year, which begins October 1, is underway. The Nominating Committee is actively working to secure nominees for open positions on the church council. The council reviewed the draft budget for next year, which reflects a 3.375% increase. A motion was made to approve the draft budget for inclusion in the Annual Meeting booklet for congregational approval. **M/S/P**

New Business: Pastor Aaron reported that Vicki’s laptop is failing, as it is well past its expected lifespan. To ensure she can continue performing her essential duties, the device requires timely replacement. A motion was made to allocate up to \$1,500 for a new laptop. **M/S/P**

The meeting **adjourned** at 11:40 AM and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

FINANCES

ACCOUNT BALANCES
as of August 31, 2026

Checking Account	\$36,610.81
Savings Account	\$12,449.80
Money Market	\$37,648.82
Building Loan	(\$58,392.75)

AUGUST 2026

Income	\$31,754.90
Expenses	(\$17,952.87)



October 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11:30am: EEO Committee	2	3
4 9:30am: Worship	5	6	7 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm: Adult Bible Study	8 9:00am: Men's Bible Study	9	10
11 9:30am: Worship	12 11:00am: Morning Prayer	13	14 11:00am: Church Council Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women's Bible Study 2:00pm: Worship Committee 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm: Adult Bible Study	15 9:00am: Men's Bible Study	16	17
18 9:30am: Worship	19 11:00am: Morning Prayer 6:00pm: "The Table" College Bible Study	20	21 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women's Bible Study 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm: Adult Bible Study	22 9:00am: Men's Bible Study	23	24
25 9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Annual Meeting	26 11:00am: Morning Prayer	27	28 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women's Bible Study 5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm: Adult Bible Study	29 9:00am: Men's Bible Study	30	31

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LCMC NATIONAL GATHERING

Pastor Aaron will depart following worship on Sunday, October 4, to attend the 26th Annual Gathering and Convention of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ at Lutheran Church of Hope in Des Moines. Centered on the theme "Unleashed," this year's convention will explore the depth of freedom in Christ. Through worship, breakout sessions, and fellowship, attendees will examine what it truly means to live in divine freedom, considering what we have been freed from and what we are freed for. Pastor Aaron will return on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 7, in time for evening church activities.

REFORMATION SUNDAY AND ANNUAL MEETING

On Reformation Sunday, October 25, we mark the 509th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Addressing the sale of indulgences, pastoral care, and the saving grace of God, these statements sparked the movement known as the Protestant Reformation. **Everyone is invited to wear red, the liturgical color for the day, to worship.** Following the service, Resurrection Lutheran will hold its 2026 Annual Meeting, and all voting members are encouraged to attend.

OCTOBER GOSPEL TEXTS

October 4: Matthew 21:33-46
October 11: Matthew 22:1-14
October 18: Matthew 22:15-22
October 25: John 8:31-36



SALT GROUPS

SALT (Scripture and Life Together) groups offer an intentional, small-group space to build deeper relationships, share life's joys and struggles, and grow together around God's Word. These small groups meet monthly for regular fellowship and community. If you are interested in connecting with a group, please speak with Pastor Aaron to find the right fit.

WOW CONFERENCE

