

Light of Christ Lutheran Church



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Sunday School at 10 am (During school year)
Coffee Hour at 10 am - Services at 11 am

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Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, fire departments, and EMTs around the country. Prayers for our family, friends, and community. Pray for persecuted Christians in all places. Prayers for Ukraine. Prayers for nursing home and assisted living residents as well as shut-ins.

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MEMBERSHIP – Talk to Pastor Kevin if you are interested in becoming a member of our church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to “come and see”.



ONLINE OFFERING now available!



We now offer ONLINE OFFERING on our church website. Just go to www.locw.org and look at the bottom of any page. Click the button to securely give to the general fund of Light of Christ. Thank you!

IT IS IMPORTANT that the church has your correct contact information, cell phone numbers, home phone, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversary, etc.



Bible Study
September 13th & 27th
at 7:00.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

During the previous month, our congregation has prayed for...

Please continue to pray for *Maylin Bell and Clint Cooper, and the family of Sigrid Halstead.*



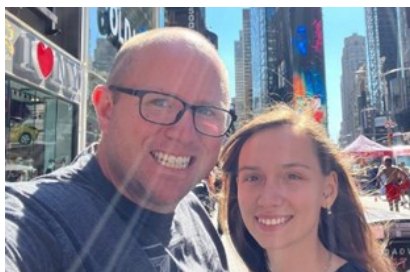
If you have anything for the bulletin or newsletter, you can send it to the following email address:
kevinbeard@gmail.com.

WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. GROUP starts back up on Sept. 6th at 7 pm. All women of LOC are encouraged to attend their meeting and Bible Study.



PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT

(Aug 22nd) Bible Day Camp in the city of Bila Church for children and youth with disabilities. Today was Flag Day in Ukraine, many kids drew flags on their craft bracelets. Tomorrow is Ukrainian Independence Day. Thank you for all your prayers. It has been a great week so far.



Joy 4 Ukraine is the ministry of Pastor Scott Yount and his wife Lena in Billa Tserkva, Ukraine. If you would like to support Pastor Scott and Lena and their ministry in Ukraine, you can give online by going to the following link.
<https://SONetwork.org/give/>

SEMINARY SUPPORT - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS) is the seminary for the AALC. They have begun a fundraising campaign, **SOLA 500**, to financially support their work of training up future pastors for the AALC. You can support them at www.alts.edu/sola_500



FUNDRAISING WEEKEND for the ALTS (American Lutheran Theological Seminary) We will spotlight the AALC Seminary next weekend, Sept. 3rd. Please consider donating to help raise up the next generation of faithful pastors!



LOC monthly breakfast will start up again on September 9th at 9:00am at the church. Come and join us for some good food and fellowship!

Worship Services, Bible Studies, Bulletins, and Newsletters are online!

Light Of Christ Website: locw.org
Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston

CONFIRMATION STARTING IN SEPTEMBER!



For students entering the 7th and 8th grade. TLC starts on Sept 6th at 4 pm. LOC starts Sept 13th at 3:30 pm.

PASTOR VACATION – Pr. Kevin will be in Minnesota from Sept. 14th to 18th. You can call his cell phone at 701-580-7030 if you need anything during that time.



SEPTEMBER 2023 READINGS				
DATE	1 ST LESSON	PSALM	2 ND LESSON	GOSPEL
Sept 3 rd	Jer 15:15-21	Psa 26	Rom 12:9-21	Matt 16:21-28
Sept 10th	Eze 33:7-9	Psa 32:1-7	Rom 13:1-10	Matt 18:1-20
Sept 17	Gen 50:15-21	Psa 103:1-12	Rom 14:1-12	Matt 18:21-35
Sept 24	Isa 55:6-9	Psa 27:1-9	Php 1:12-14, 19-30	Matt 20:1-16



CHURCH PARAMENT DONATIONS We have purchased paraments for the Altar, Pulpit, and Lectern. Please consider donating!

Cost for four sets: \$7500.00

We've raised \$4600 so far!

Please write "Parament" in check memo area...

THE SUNRISE WOMEN'S CLINIC in Sidney MT offers free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and parenting classes, bible studies, baby items such as diapers, wipes, clothing, etc. Sunrise offers love, support, and spiritual guidance. Thank you for supporting them!



YFC "CAMPUS LIFE" - Pr. Kevin is volunteering at YFC and working with high school students.

Middle School at the Innovation Academy, Mondays - 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

High School Lunches from Noon to 2 pm -

"Campus Life" meetings Mondays - 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Open Youth Center: Fridays 1-5 pm at the Campus Center. Gr. 7-12.



LOC COUNCIL MEETING will be on **Sept. 5th** at **5:30 pm.** Light meal followed by our meeting.

JOINT LOC / TLC WORSHIP SERVICE and POTLUCK on Sept. 24th at 10 am.

Will be held at the Jed & Melissa Rider ranch. Bring your own lawn chairs and a dish to share if you're able.

13975 45th St. NW, Alexander - Directions: On top of Indian Hill near the truck scale, turn onto County Rd 4, turn right at 2nd house on the right.



There will be no Sunday School on Sept 24th because of the Joint LOC / TLC worship service.



We had 3 baptisms in July!

BLUE SERVICE GROUP
(Mar, June, Sept, Dec)

Darrin Baker & Jolyssa Marquart
Ted and Peggy Bearce
Dick and Coreen Beard
Kelsey Ginther
Steve and Renee Ginther
Tommie and Amy Giordano
Scott and Melissa Heller
Coleen Johnson
Gary and Bev Quale
Nick and Jessica Quale
Stan and Amy Reep
Jed and Melissa Rider

Thank you for serving!

STEPHEN's MINISTRY!

Pastor and Renee G. have completed the Stephen Ministries Leadership training! We found the training very informative and are excited for our congregation to be part of this uplifting ministry. Stephen Ministry is a wonderful service for people who are hurting and need someone to talk to and care about them. We are looking forward to begin training volunteers in our church this Fall.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

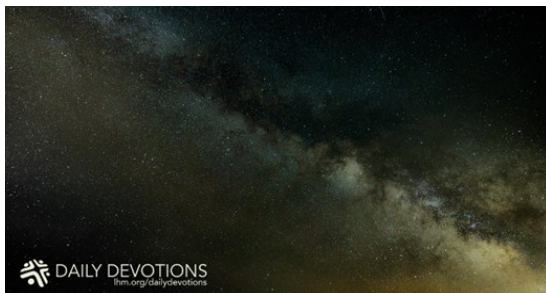
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Josh Olson9/11
Tommie Giordano.....9/25
Jonas Giordano9/26

ANNIVERSARIES

Roger & Jody Bearce9/8
Dick & Coreen Beard..... 9/15

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary,
please let the Pastor know.



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

DEVOTION from LHM.ORG

Matthew 16:13-20 - Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

It's an important question Jesus asks the disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" He starts with the easier question—what other people think—and gets the usual potpourri of answers. Of course people were speculating. And they were coming up with answers based on a combo of Jesus' miracles, wild rumors, and even prophecies they remembered from the Old Testament.

But the disciples stand in a better place to answer this question. After all, they've been living with Jesus for months, even years at this point. They have more to go on than just His public teaching and miracles. They've seen Him in daily life—how He reacts to annoyances,

what happens when He's tired, what He does when someone the world considers worthless approaches Him for a favor. And so Jesus asks them, too: "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter, always the first to open his mouth, gives the answer: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus praises him! Not for being so smart or clued-in, however. No, He says to him that God the Father has given him this understanding and faith. Because no matter how well we think we know Jesus, it's going to take God's Spirit to give us the faith to truly grasp it: "Yes, this is our Messiah. Yes, this is the Son of God."

And Jesus faces us with this same question even today. "Who do you say that I am"—this ordinary hard-working Man, dusty from travelling, tired from teaching and healing, who speaks the words of God? This Man, beaten and humiliated, hanging naked on a cross? This Man, buried in a borrowed tomb? This Man, risen from the dead, never to die again—full of joy and promising everlasting life to everyone who trusts in Him?

And our lives answer Him: Yes, You are our Lord and our Savior, the One we count on in every time of trouble. You are the Son of God and the Son of Man, the One who rules the universe at God the Father's right hand. You are the One who is our hope and our joy even in the darkness, because You will never leave us and never forsake us. You are Jesus, and we are Yours.

WE PRAY: *Dear Lord, thank You for making Yourself known to me. Amen.*

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Kari Vo.



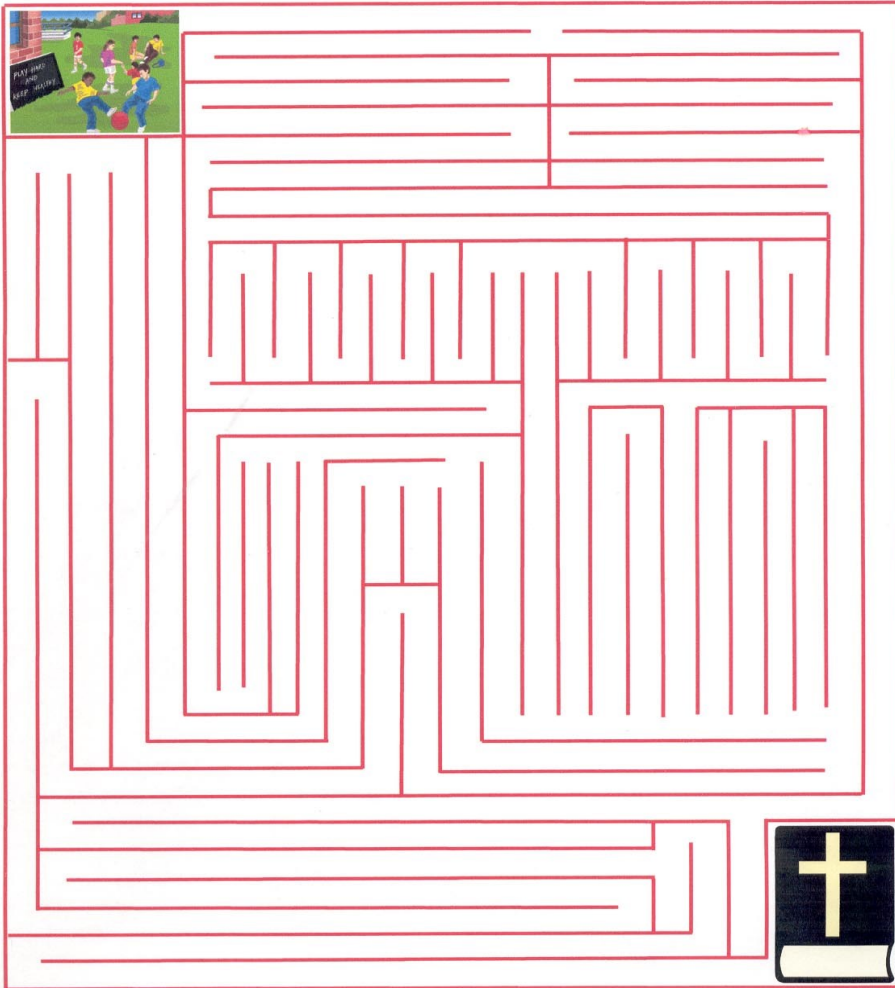
Bible Trivia & Game page

The Bible is the most popular book ever written?

- A. True
- B. False

Stay True!

Stay on the path and follow the word of God.



Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.

— Ephesians 4:32

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Find these words from this week's lesson and Bible verse:

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CHRIST	FORGIVING	ONE	JESUS

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 11am Worship Communion.	4	5 5:30pm Council Mtg.	6 7:00pm Women Of Life	7	8	9 9:00am Breakfast at the church.
10 10am Sun- day School. 11am Worship Communion.	11	12	13 4:30pm Confirmation. 7:00pm Bible Study	14	15	16
17 10am Sun- day School. 11am Worship NO Commun	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 10am Sun- day School. 11am Worship. Next Service Group meets.	25	26	27 4:30pm Confirmation. 7:00pm Bible Study	28	29	30
						Trivia answer A. True

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