



The Cross Word September 2024

From Pastor Lisa

Friends in Christ,

Greetings and apologies! Some of you have been asking if there's a CrossWord this month! That's my fault. We got a late start due to my absence just as the program year kicked off. But we're glad to hear that you miss being "in the know" and hope this update will fill you in on things going on and others that are coming up!

Pastor Lisa

In the Footsteps of Paul Trip update

If you are interested in the Footsteps of Paul tour March 18-29, 2025 with Pastor Lisa and other friends from LCC, now is the time to get your registration in! Be sure to add a note if you are interested in the three day extension to Istanbul. If you have questions or need information, ask Pastor Lisa! We have room for more travelers! Friends and family are welcome. We have registration packets on the table near the front door. Or, you can scan the QR code on the posters scattered around the church and fill out the registration online, or go to the website www.EliasTours.com.

Now is Your Time to Shine!!

Calling all experts or budding artists! The seasons are changing and so should our bulletin board as well. If you would like to create one with an autumn theme, or rally day, or harvest, or Reformation, let us know! We enjoy the many and varying styles of art our members show. Materials can be provided or their purchases reimbursed. Let the office or Pastor know of your willingness, and thanks!

God's Work/Our Hands + Altar Focus for September

Rally Sunday is also "God's Work, Our Hands" day, and we like to choose a project to serve others. This year we will join forces with several other churches to support the efforts of Bridges of Hope and Ministry on the Margins to expand their "Fresh Start Kits" for those reentering society from incarceration. Trinity Lutheran is spearheading this new project, which will expand the need for these backpacks to about 40 each month. You can help by providing items on the list or a backpack (please purchase the one they request – QR code is in this newsletter). If you are a Thrivent member, you can also apply for an Action Team grant to accomplish even more. This need will be ongoing, so you can bring items even beyond September, and we will get them to Trinity for assembly. It takes a village. Thank you for your assistance!

Confirmation Syllabus September 2024 – May 2025

All Large Group sessions will be held at 7:00 PM in the LCC multi-purpose room unless otherwise noted.

Parent meeting dates are TBD

Note: The syllabus is subject to minor changes

Date	Time	Subject
2024		
September 4	7pm	Confirmation Orientation (Grades 6, 7, 8 students, parent, and leaders)
September 11	7pm	Rally Wednesday- Small Group Night
September 18	7pm	Large Group Night
September 25	7pm 7pm	Large Group- Service Project 9th Grade Mentor/Mentee Meeting- The Five Promises
October 2	7pm	Large Group Night
October 9	7pm	Small Group Night
October 16		No Confirmation meetings- Fall break
October 23	7pm	Large Group Night
October 30	10am	Large Group Night
November 6	7pm	Large Group- Special Topics
November 13	7pm	Small Group Night
November 20	7pm	Large Group Night
November 27		No Confirmation meetings- Thanksgiving Break
December 4	5pm	Advent Dinner #1 (6 th graders serve)
December 4	7pm	Large Group- Service Project Night
December 11	5pm	Advent Dinner #2 (7 th graders serve)
December 11	7pm	Small Group Night
December 18	5pm	Advent Dinner #3 (8 th graders serve)
December 18	7pm	Large Group Night
December 25		No Confirmation meetings

Jesus and Me- Sunday Schedule

Date		Gospel	Theme / Story
Sept. 15	1	Mark 8:27-38	Peter's Faith
Sept. 22	No School		
Sept 29	2	Mark 9:38-50	Share God's Love
Oct. 6	3	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus Blesses The Children
Oct. 13	4	Mark 10:17-31	A Camel through a Needle
Oct. 20	No School		
Oct. 27	5	Mark 10:46-52	Jesus Heals Bartimaeus
Nov. 3	6	Mark 12:28-34	The First Commandment
Nov. 10	No School		
Nov. 17	7	Mark 13:1-8	The Temple's Destruction
Nov. 24	8	John 18:33-37	Pilate Accuses Jesus
Dec. 1	No School		
Dec. 8	9	Luke 3:1-6	John Prepares the Way
Dec. 15	10	Luke 3:7-18	John the Baptist
Dec. 22	No School		
Dec. 29	No School		
Jan. 5	11	John 1:1-18	Jesus is the World
Jan. 12	12	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Jesus is Baptized
Jan. 19	No School		
Jan. 26	13	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus Goes to Nazareth
Feb. 2	14	Luke 2:22-40	Simeon and Anna
Feb. 9	15	Luke 5:1-11	Jesus Calls Disciples
Feb. 16	No School		
Feb. 23	16	Luke 6:27-38	Abide in Love - John 15:19-17
Mar. 2	17	Luke 9:28-36	Jesus is Transfigured
Mar. 9	18	Luke 4:1-13	Jesus is Tempted
Mar. 16	No School		
Mar. 23	19	Luke 13:1-9	Parable of the Fig Tree
Mar. 30	20	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	The Prodigal Son
Mar. 30	Tentative date for Peeps Bible Dioramas after church		
Apr. 6	No School		
Apr. 13	21	Luke 22:14-23	Palm Sunday/Holy Week: Suffering
Apr. 20	No School		
Apr. 27	22	John 20:19-31	Thomas Answers Jesus
May 4	23	John 21:1-19	Breakfast with Jesus
May 11	24	John 10:22-30	The Good Shepard - John 10:11-18

Worship on Wednesdays- Wednesday Schedule

Date		Gospel	Theme / Story
Sept. 18	1	Mark 8:27-38	Peter's Faith
Sept. 25	No School		
Oct. 2	2	Mark 9:38-50	Share God's Love
Oct. 9	3	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus Blesses the Children
Oct. 16	No School		
Oct. 23	4	Mark 10:35-45	James and John
Oct. 30	5	Mark 10:46-52	Jesus Heals Bartimaeus
Nov. 6	6	Mark 12:28-34	The First Commandment
Nov. 13	7	Mark 12:38-44	The Widow's Offering
Nov. 20	8	Mark 13:1-8	The Temple's Destruction
Nov. 27	No School		
Dec. 4	9	Luke 21:25-36	Keep Awake – Mark 13:24-37
Dec. 11	10	Luke 3:1-6	John Prepares the Way
Dec. 18	11	Luke 3:7-18	John the Baptist
Dec. 25	No School		
Jan. 1	No School		
Jan. 8	12	John 1:1-18	Jesus is the Word
Jan. 15	13	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Jesus is Baptized
Jan. 22	14	John 2:1-11	Jesus Turns Water to Wine
Jan. 29	No School		
Feb. 5	15	Luke 2:22-40	Simeon and Anna
Feb. 12	16	Luke 5:1-11	Jesus Calls Disciples
Feb. 19	17	Luk 6:17-26	The Beatitudes
Feb. 26	18	Luke 6:27-38	Abide in Love - John 15:19-17
Mar. 5	No School		
Mar. 12	19	Luke 4:1-13	Jesus is Tempted
Mar. 19	No School		
Mar. 26	20	Luke 13:1-9	Parable of the Fig Tree
Apr. 2	21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	The Prodigal Son
Apr. 9	22	John 12:1-8	Mary Anoints Jesus
Apr. 16	23	Luke 22:14-23	Holy Week: Suffering
Apr. 23	No School		
Apr. 30	24	John 20:19-31	Thomas Answers Jesus
May 7	25	John 21:1-19	Breakfast with Jesus
May 14	26	John 10:22-30	The Good Shepard – John 10:11-18

Partnership of:



FRESH START KIT MINISTRY

Every resident leaving the Youth Correctional Center and the ND State Penitentiary receives a backpack filled with items to help ease the stress of reentry.

Fresh Start Kits include:

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Bodywash
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Razor & Shaving Cream
- Water Bottle
- Fingernail Clipper
- Socks
- Hat & Gloves
- \$25 Gift Card to Target or Walmart

Link for Backpack:



SCAN ME

This is the backpack we are requesting you use and only in **black**.

Check out our Target registry!

There are some examples of the items we need on the registry but feel free to shop from other places (Walmart, Dollar Tree, etc.)



SCAN ME

Dear Friends in Christ,

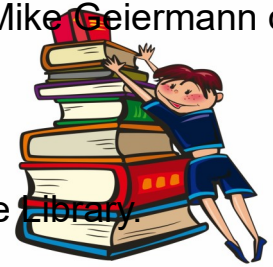
A note from your Treasurer

I joined the LCC Council in 2011 and was given the General Financial Operating portfolio to oversee. I worked closely with several new Treasurers over the next four years. In 2015, I was appointed Treasurer and have tried to serve the congregation since.

I have had the honor and privilege of serving the Church of the Cross for a number of years. I believe a successor should be found who will continue the Treasurer's duties. Communicating with the Council, I will continue to function as Treasurer until a new Treasurer has been fully trained and is ready to complete all responsibilities.

Any LCC member who has an interest in accounting or bookkeeping, enjoys working with numbers and wants to serve the congregation in an exciting and important manner, should indicate their interest to Pastor Lisa, Council Present Mike Geiermann or Council Vice President Mike Humann.

Art Wheeler



Book Club Choices: Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 1:30pm in the library.

September: The Women by Kristin Hannah

October: Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

November: The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Palaki

Fall New Member Class

Are you interested in joining Church of the Cross, or hearing more about it? Let Pastor know of your interest, and she will check schedules for what will work best for the group for a new member class!

Blessing of the Backpacks & Installation of Teachers

Kids, bring your backpacks – already busy being useful! – to worship on Sunday, Sept. 15 or Wednesday, Sept. 18. Church School teachers and Confirmation leaders will also be installed! Hope you all can be there!

Faith and Politics Movies

Sundays, Sept. 15 and 22 from 3 pm – 5:30 pm: Movie screenings of Postcards from Babylon and Bad Faith, followed by discussion, at the Bismarck Public Library, room A. Together we'll explore the use of faith in politics, the origins of Christian Nationalism, and what being a Christian means to each of us. Co-hosted by multiple denominations in Bismarck, including Bismarck UCC, Faith Lutheran Church, and McCabe Methodist.

<u>Sun</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>2024</u>	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	10:00	River Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7
	11:00	Coffee Hour	Labor Day Office closed		Confirmation Orienta- tion Grades 6,7,8 7pm	AA Mtg. 8pm	Wired Word 1:30pm	Men's Bible Study 10am
8	Rally Day		9	10	11	12	13	14
	10:00	River Worship	Needlework Group 9am	Baby Care Kits 10a	Rally Day Book Club 1:30pm Potluck Living Water Service School, Confirmation	Quilting 1 Church Council 6:30 AA Mtg. 8pm	Wired Word 1:30pm	Men's Bible Study 10am
	11:00	Potluck						
	F & C	Grp 1						
15	10:00	River Worship	16	17	18	19	20	21
	11:00	Blessings of Backpacks	Needlework Group 9am		Women's Bible Study 9am Book Club 1:30pm Supper, Living Water Ser- vice, Blessings of Back- packs School, Confirmation	Gather Bible Study 10:30am Quilting 1pm AA Mtg. 8pm	Wired Word 1:30pm	Men's Bible Study 10am
	11:00	Coffee Hour						
22	10:00	River Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
	11:00	Coffee Hour	Needlework Group 9am Knitting 4 Others 1p		Supper, Living Water Service Confirmation	Quilting 1pm AA Mtg. 8pm	Wired Word 1:30pm	Men's Bible Study 10am
29	10a	River Worship	30		Sept. Altar Focus: Fresh Start Kits			
	11:00	Coffee Hour	Needlework Group 9am					



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E-News

Worship Times:

Wednesday Worship
6:15pm (School year)
Sunday Worship
The River Service
10:00am

Lisa Ahlness, Pastor

Office Hours:

M -TH 8-4pm
Fri. 8-noon School Year
Summer Hours 8—noon
Mon.—Fri

Making Jesus Known by Sharing our Gifts