

SEPTEMBER

Silverstreet Lutheran Church

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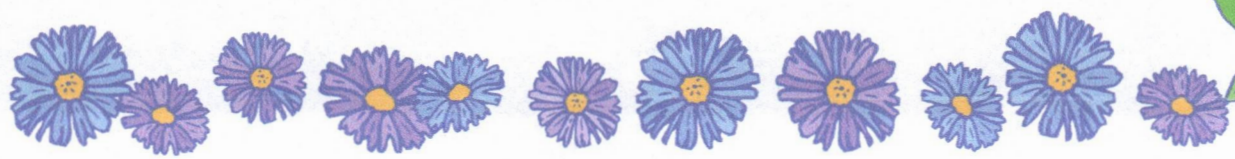
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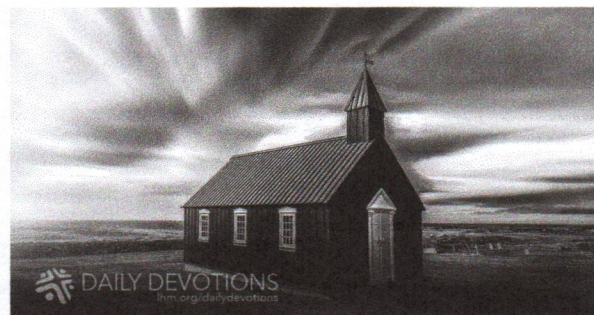
**Christ is the Word! Live it!!**

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"Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when  
steeple are falling. Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling, Calling the young and old  
to rest, But above all the souls distressed, Longing for rest  
everlasting.



"We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own  
habitation, He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation. Were we but two His  
name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell With all His grace and His favor."

We may imagine steeples falling and spires crumbling everywhere, even though the church buildings that support those towers are still standing. In many places, church attendance has dwindled. The pandemic kept people away, and many have not returned. The tempting voices of the world drown out the bells that summon people to worship. A growing segment of the population is sometimes referred to as "nones" because they mark "none" as their choice of religion on surveys.

Yet the nones are still "souls distressed." They long "for rest everlasting," even if they are unaware of, or deny, that distress and longing. They are not really nones—as if they did not exist. They are people loved by God, people for whom Jesus died and for whom church bells "still are chiming and calling."

The church may be a building, but it is much more than that. "We are God's house of living stones." All who trust in Christ for salvation are the "temple of the living God" (2 Corinthians 6:16b). It is not the bells in church steeples that ring out the Good News, but our own voices calling out in witness as our lives reflect Jesus' love. We invite others, including the nones, or however they may define themselves, to find rest in Jesus, who suffered and died on the cross for their sins and who lives to grant them forgiveness, hope, and eternal rest.

Church buildings, with spires and steeples intact, are still standing. We love to gather for worship in those beautiful structures and long to see them filled with people. Yet wherever we are, we are the church, the living, breathing, actively loving body of Christ. In the power of the Spirit, an offered prayer, a quiet word of encouragement in Jesus' Name, and the proclamation of the truth of the Gospel ring out louder than crashing steeples or ringing bells. We may not be able to keep up with a loud, tempting, and rapidly changing culture, but we know and proclaim an unchanging truth. Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and in Him alone we have life and hope! It is a message that will not be silenced.

**WE PRAY:** Jesus, help my voice to ring out with the Good News of salvation. Amen.

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***HOMECOMING CELEBRATION***

***Golden Age Sunday***

***October 8, 2023***

***10:00 a.m. Sunday School***

***11:00 a.m. Worship Service***

***Join us as we welcome back as a guest Pastor***

***Pastor Arden Hallman.***

***WELCA will be hosting a catered meal.***

***Spread the word to all family members, past members and friends.***

**Bits 'N Pieces.....**

**Church Council – September 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Please note date change and time change.**

**LMM – Will meet September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Cooks for this month are Jay Piersol & Nick Piersol. All Lutheran men are invited.**

**2024 Budgets – Committees should begin work on their proposed 2024 budgets. Final proposals need to be given to the stewardship committee no later than September 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**WELCA Heartland Conference – September 10<sup>th</sup>- Heartland Conference fall meeting will be at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>. Guest Speaker will be Pastor Bobby Morris, Old Testament Lutheran Theological Seminary Professor, who will provide the program, entitled **The Fifth Gospel**. Please make plans to attend this afternoon of Christian fellowship and worship.**

**Homecoming/Golden Age Sunday – October 8<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Arden Hallman will be the guest Pastor. Mark your calendars and spread the word.**

**Holy Land Travel Opportunity – “Five gospels record the life of Jesus. Four you will find in books and the one you will find in the land they call Holy. Read the fifth gospel and the world of the four will open to you.” – St. Jerome (347-420 A.D.)**  
Rev. Bobby Morris (Mt. Pilgrim, Prosperity and Old Testament professor at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary) will be teaching an “Advent Pilgrimage Into the Fifth Gospel” this December 4-16. Pastor Bobby has traveled and taught in the Middle East since 1998 and is excited to offer this travel experience at a special price and special time of year and with the special opportunity to travel and interact with some of our students from Southern Seminary in Columbia, as well as pastors and individuals from across the SC Synod.  
Following is a link to the information/registration page online, where you will also find an orange button/link to download the full brochure:  
<https://www.jcbs.org/tours/jc23120423m56135> You may also contact Pastor Bobby Morris at 803-271-2777 or [bobbymorris@outlook.com](mailto:bobbymorris@outlook.com)

**Reuben Backpack Food Program – The SOW Committee will again be sponsoring at-need students at Reuben Elementary School during the 2023-2024 year with the Reuben Backpack Food Program. Distribution of the packed bags will begin September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to assist with delivering the food bags to Reuben please let Anna Bedenbaugh know. Through letters from families, as well as messages of appreciation from the school administration, this program has made a difference. Your monetary donations help support the children of the community.**

**Manna House – Food pantry is accepting monetary donations which can be sent to Manna House, c/o Sue J. Mitchell, 2210 Timber Lane, Newberry, SC 29108. Food supplies are currently low. Nonperishable food items are being accepted as well as dish and laundry detergent. There is a basket in our Narthex that you may put your donations in and the SOW Committee will take them to Manna House for you. For info call (803) 321-2155.**

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MEMORIALS FOR AUGUST 2023

Nannielene Nichols

Celia Dodgen



# WELCA Dates

Circle II

Sept. 13th

3:00 pm

Hostess

Leader

Louella Brehmer

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Circle IV

Sept. 5th

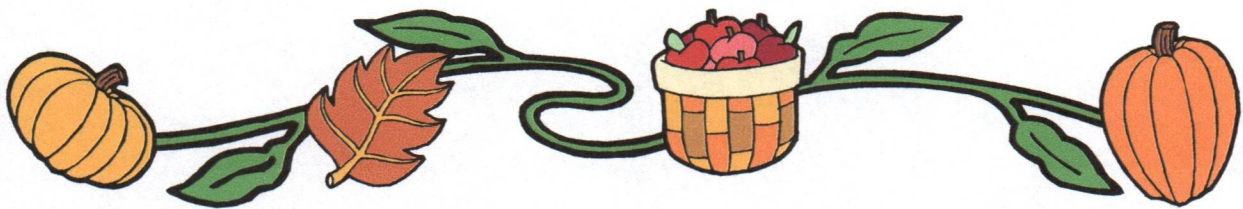
7:00 pm

Hostess

Leader

Mary Willingham

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WELCA would like to invite & encourage all  
women of the church to join a circle.  
This is a wonderful outreach program.

## SERVING GOD IN SEPTEMBER 2023

*If a conflict arises and you cannot serve on the appointed date, please find a replacement. Each person and their duty is vitally important to the worship service. \*Head Usher \*\*Greeter. Thank you for serving.*

### Ushers

Nick Piersol\*  
Shannon Bowers\*\*  
Terry Bryant  
Brandy Wix

### Communion Steward

Mike Willingham

### Offering Tabulators

Alana West  
Leland Epting

### Locking of Church

Alana West

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		<u>Acolyte</u>
Sept	3	Owen Bowers
	10	Owen Bowers
	17	Jackson Parker
	24	Jackson Bowers



		<u>Crucifer</u>
		Cooper Piersol
		Cooper Piersol
		Karsen Wix
		Karsen Wix

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		<u>Lay Reader</u>
Sept	3	Nancy Ruff
	10	Jan Piersol
	17	Dell Miller
	24	John Coleman



		<u>Altar Flowers</u>
		Patsy & Leland Epting
		April & Terry Bryant
		Jay & Lindsay Piersol
		Helen & Dalton Shealy



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### **Happy Birthday to the following.....**

Sept	2	Lorie Brown	18	Helen Shealy
	7	Harper Piersol	19	Cayce Lybrand
	11	Clayton Michael Smith	20	Grace Pingleton
	12	April Bryant		Anne Shealy
	14	Jay Piersol	24	Louella Brehmer
	16	Dalton Shealy	25	Karla Gilliam
		Betsy Smith	26	Joan Perry
	17	Judy Ann Floyd	30	Emma Jewel Piersol



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### **Happy Anniversary to the following.....**

Sept	1	Shirley & Maffett Fant
	8	April & Terry Bryant
	12	T.C. & Shannon Bowers
	30	Bill & Judy Ann Floyd



*Anyone missing? Please let us know! We want to recognize everyone! Also if you see an error, please contact Mary Willingham (944-9191.) Thank you!!*

# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 9 am Choir 10 am Sun Sch 11 am Worship/ Communion	4	5 7 pm WELCA Grp IV	6	7	8	9
10 8:30 am Council 9 am Choir 10 am Sun Sch 11 am Worship	11	12	13 3 pm WELCA Grp. II 7 pm LMM	14	15	16
<b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b> 17 9 am Choir 10 am Sun Sch 11 am Outdoor Worship	18	19	20	21	22	23 WELCA Steak Supper 5-7 pm Drive-Thru
24 9 am Choir 10 am Sun Sch 11 am Outdoor Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30