

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim & Penny Cleveland; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora; Darlene Welsh; Walt & Carolyn Trier

YOUTH GROUP meets tonight, beginning with supper at 6:00pm. Join us!

MEN'S GROUP & WOMEN'S GROUP will *not* meet in the month of October.

THANK YOU to our blood drive volunteers: Janet Burgland, Joy Lambert, and Carol McBride. The Red Cross collected 18 units, saving up to 54 lives!

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2023: do you want them? Not want them? How about a year-end giving statement? Talk to Linda LeFever ASAP!

CHURCH MAINTENANCE DAYS: Saturday, Oct. 1, and Saturday, Oct. 8. See the tables for a list of projects. Able to help? Sign up and tell us what you need!

CONFIRMATION will meet at 9:00am beginning **next Sunday, October 2.**

CHOIR REHEARSAL: next Sunday, Oct. 2, 11:30am. New voices welcome!

COLUMBIA CITY LIFE CHAIN: Right to Life of North Central Indiana is sponsoring the annual Life Chain next Sunday, October 2, from 1:45-3:00pm. For more information, talk to Vicar Woodhouse or visit www.nci4life.org.

FLC LIFE TEAM INTEREST MEETING Sunday, October 9, at 11:30am.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for an **important congregational gathering** on **Saturday, October 22**, from 9:00am – 2:00pm (lunch provided!). See the Back Page for more information—it is vital to have as many members there as possible!

CALENDAR

Sun. Sep. 25 (Trinity 15)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation 6:00pm Youth Group
Mon. Sep. 26	8:30am Discussion of next Sunday's readings
Wed. Sep. 28	8:30am Matins 9:00am Book of Concord Study (Lg. Catechism) 7:00pm Divine Service
Thu. Sep. 29	7:00pm Bible Study (Genesis)
Sun. Oct. 2 (Trinity 16)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study/Sunday School/ Confirmation 11:30am Choir

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Regarding the congregational gathering on Saturday, October 22:

The Board of Elders and Church Council have invited the Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador to spend the day with us. (He will also preach for us on October 23). Dr. Meador serves as the Assistant Coordinator of the Stewardship Ministry arm of the LCMS. These are a few different goals (there are more!) we hope to accomplish by inviting him to speak and by participating in his presentation / workshop:

1. To give thanks to God for the abundant blessings He has bestowed upon our families and our congregation;
2. To renew and encourage our Christian belief and conviction that our stewardship is not primarily of money, but of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world;
3. To consider questions like “who are we as a congregation?”, “who are our leaders?”, “where do we want to be in five years?”, “what’s working and what isn’t?”, and “what needs do we see among our people and in our community?”;
4. To make strategic, Gospel-centered plans for our family of Faith as we seek to make the best use of God’s gifts to us, both within our own congregation and as we reach out to our community.

Hear these words from your pastor who loves you and who loves this congregation: **you need to be at this meeting.** Commit to attending with your whole family. Help us plan for the future of our congregation!

****Childcare will be provided for Sunday-school age children! Parents, bring them along and attend the presentation in peace :)**

****Lunch will also be provided free of charge!**

****RSVP on the tables so we have a headcount for lunch.**

Dr. Meador has co-authored a book, *Stewardship for the Care of Souls*, that addresses many of the topics we’ll be discussing. A copy of this book is available in our church library if you’re interested!