

# September Newsletter

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## From The Pastors Desk: On The Sabbath

*Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.*

Summer is officially over. Vacations are mostly done with and we are back to regular schedules. Does it feel like summer went by really fast? Maybe by now you are craving consistency, craving a schedule, desperately wanting to not be packing for a trip or running the kids to yet another camp. Did you remember the Sabbath day in the past few months? Did you keep it holy? Now, you will hear these questions and respond in a couple of different ways.

**Response 1)** yes. I was in my regular pew weekly (or almost weekly). I was attentive to the Word and never distracted.

**Response 2)** kind of. I remembered the Sabbath day when I could, but life kept me busy.

**Response 3)** nope. Honestly, summer is my time to throw out the schedule and I rarely knew what day it was.

And then there are the feelings that go along with those responses: pride, guilt, shame, and maybe even determination to do better.

So what is the Sabbath day all about and why are we told to remember it and keep it holy? You see, Jesus says in Mark 2:27 "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

The Sabbath day was created not as another way to keep you in line, not as another way to guilt you or shame you. Rather, God tells us to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy so that we deliberately take a moment to hear His Word. Either we stop

to hear His Word or He will stop us so that it gets through to us.

Life moves so fast. Having a child now has made that notion even clearer to me. Days and weeks pass it seems in the blink of an eye. It is easy for us to get caught up in the minutiae of life and neglect to slow down and re-center ourselves on the One who gives us the day to day. Eventually, it all piles on and comes out in the form of anxiety and worry. We get weighed down by the burden of life; weighed down by our choices; by our sinful selves.

Which is why God commanded us to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Because we cannot survive without His Word. We need His Word injected into our ears and hearts on a regular basis.

As Luther explains in his Small Catechism, remembering the Sabbath day and keeping it holy means "we should fear and love God so that we do not despise the preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it."

Remembering the Sabbath day isn't about making sure we have checked the box like it is a task on a to-do list. Remembering the Sabbath day is about turning us back to Christ; hearing His Promise placed firmly in our ears, hearts, and minds. The promise that He has called you His very own. He will not forsake you. He will renew you and lead you to walk in His way and delight in His will.

This is most certainly true.

*Pastor Max Whitehead*

# September Calendar

## Wednesday, September 03

2:00 PM Bible Study  
 3:45 - 5 PM Jr. VCIS  
 5:30 PM Confirmation Meal, Class @ 6:00 PM  
 7:30 PM VCIS

## Sunday, September 7 - Rally Sunday!!

8:00 AM Council Mtg  
**9:00AM Worship Service**  
**10:15 AM Sunday School**  
 1:00 PM Bible Study (Bethany Church)

## Monday, September 8

2:00 PM Circle Group  
 7:00 PM Food Pantry Mtg

## Wednesday, September 10

2:00 PM Bible Study  
 3:45 - 5 PM Jr. VCIS  
 5:30 PM Confirmation Meal, Class @ 6:00 PM  
 7:30 PM VCIS

## Sunday, September 14

**9:00AM Worship Service**  
**10:15 AM Sunday School**

## Wednesday, September 17

2:00 PM Bible Study  
 3:45 - 5 PM Jr. VCIS  
 5:30 PM Confirmation Meal, Class @ 6:00 PM  
 7:30 PM VCIS  
 7:30 PM Bible Study @ Daneville Inn

## Sunday, September 21

**9:00AM Worship Service**  
**10:15 AM Sunday School**

## Wednesday, September 24

2:00 PM Bible Study  
 3:45 - 5 PM Jr. VCIS  
 5:30 PM Confirmation Meal, Class @ 6:00 PM  
 7:30 PM VCIS

## Sunday, September 28

**9:00AM Worship Service**  
**10:15 AM Sunday School**

# Worship Helpers

## Sunday, September 7

Reader .....Karen Larsen  
 Acolytes .....Ryker & Barrett Larsen  
 Communion Helper ..... Riley Gall  
 Live Stream .....Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

## Sunday, September 14

Reader .....Faydra Christensen  
 Acolytes .....Chloe & Braxton Sorensen  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

## Sunday, September 21

Reader .....Karen Larsen  
 Acolytes ..... Nora & Eden Rudd  
 Communion Helper ..... Kaleb Huber  
 Live Stream .....Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

## Sunday, September 28

Reader ..... Mitch Larsen  
 Acolytes .....Ainsley & Beau Hanten  
 Live Stream ..... Praise Band  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Praise Band

# Ushers & Cleaners

## September Ushers

- ❖ Bud & Tammy Zimmerman,
- ❖ Justin & Tonya Rudd,
- ❖ Brandon & Kelli Zimmerman

## Cleaners Aug 24 - Sep 6

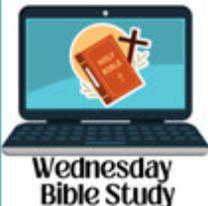
- ❖ Elaine Lee,
- ❖ Brenda Lee,
- ❖ Kaye Lee,
- ❖ Katie Smit,
- ❖ Morgan Myrvik

## Cleaners Sep 7 - 20

- ❖ Kaye Lee,
- ❖ Faydra Christensen,
- ❖ Tena Johansen

## Cleaners Sep 21 - Oct 4

- ❖ Tammy Zimmerman,
- ❖ Tonya Rudd,
- ❖ Kelli Zimmerman,
- ❖ Amy Christensen,
- ❖ Emily Thompson



You're invited to participate in the Bible Study at Parsons Insurance, which is also conducted online via Zoom. Join Us!

**Topic:** Weekly Lectionary

**URL:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5453946071>

**Date:** Wednesdays, 2:00 PM

**Meeting ID:** 545 394 6071



# Looking Ahead to October



## Wednesday, October 1

2:00 PM Bible Study  
 3:45 - 5 PM Jr. VCIS  
 5:30 PM Confirmation Meal, Class @ 6:00 PM  
 7:30 PM VCIS

## Sunday, October 5

8:00 AM Council Mtg  
**10:30 AM 150th Anniversary Bethany  
 Worship Service**  
**10:15 AM Sunday School**  
 1:00 PM Bible Study (Bethany Church)

## Wednesday, October 8

2:00 PM Bible Study  
 3:45 - 5 PM Jr. VCIS  
 5:30 PM Confirmation Meal, Class @ 6:00 PM  
 7:30 PM VCIS

## Sunday, October 12

**9:00AM Worship Service**  
**10:15 AM Sunday School**

## Monday, October 13

2:00 PM Circle Group

## September Scripture Readings

**Sep 7:** Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 1, Philemon 1:1-21, Luke 14:25-33  
**Sep 14:** Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Psalm 51:1-10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10  
**Sep 21:** Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13  
**Sep 28:** Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31



## GALATIANS BIBLE STUDY

This Bible study takes place on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Daneville Inn. the more engaging the discussion will be. For additional information, please contact Pr. Max.



To give on-line, please scan this QRCode or visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z8FH/home>



# Viborg Lutheran Youth Ministries

## CONFIRMATION - JRVCIS - VCIS

### CONFIRMATION - GRADES 6-8

5:30 Meal, 6:00 Time to Learn

Beginning Sep 3, 2025

Here we are at the doorstep of another year. This year we will find ourselves wrapping up lessons involving the Small Catechism and delve into lessons straight out of Scripture itself. We will continue to visit the nursing home once a month too!

We do have a favor to ask the congregation though: for you, the congregation, to help serve our students supper. If you could stay and help serve the kids the meal that you provide, that would be wonderful! Feel free to get a group together to serve the kids. Things are always more fun when done as a group.

### JRVCIS

Grades 1-6 • Wednesdays, 3:45 - 5:00 PM

Beginning Sep 3, 2025

We are gearing up for another fun year! This year we will be doing things SLIGHTLY differently. We will have a theme for the entire year and even spend some time at the nursing home once a month sharing songs with the residents there!

This year's theme is "The Water of Life." I am very excited to roll this out with the kids. We will have a couple of new volunteers helping us out this year! It's going to be a great year.

Similar to the confirmation meal situation, I am asking for your consideration to help feed the kids. Everybody tends to play and listen better when they have had a little snack! So I have created a spreadsheet to help serve our kids. If you could stay and help serve the kids the snack that you provide, that would be wonderful! Feel free to get a group together to serve the kids. Things are always more fun when done as a group.

\*If you want to provide a meal but cannot stay and serve it, that is okay too!

### VCIS

Grades 8-12 ~ Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Beginning Sep 3, 2025

A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE!! No formal announcement has been made on a Sunday morning yet, but we are registered for a Mission Trip in 2026.

Here is all of the information!

**Dates:** July 25- August 2

**Cost:** \$800/person

**Location:** Boston, MA

**Trip Type:** City Mission Trip

**Promo Video:** <https://nextstepministries.com/mission-trips/boston-massachusetts/>

**Organization:** Next Step Ministries

**How We Serve:** One of the oldest cities in the United States, Boston is known for its rich colonial history, diverse neighborhoods, iconic sports teams and beautiful architecture. Here, your students will have the opportunity to be a part of meaningful construction projects that help support organizations in the greater Boston area that are already pouring back into their own community.

**Distance:** 1,574 miles

**Road Time:** 22hr 54min

**Travel Time (approx. not including overnight stop):** 28hr 37min

**Midpoint Stop:** Zion Lutheran Church, Fairport Harbor, OH

We held a viewing party on August 10th where the Youth watched promo videos for 7 different locations. After some discussion, this is where we landed. We are so excited to go on another Mission Trip and have a sense of direction for all of our fundraising! Pay attention to the announcements and social media for pop up fundraisers that will come about.

Over the past year, the upperclassmen were usually pretty good at cleaning up whatever leftovers there were from the Confirmation supper. Moving forward, I will put it out there for another person/group to serve the VCIS! It can give us another opportunity for youth/congregational group communication and bonding. Let me know if you can serve this rambunctious group of teens.

Thank you for the continued support of all of these groups! It's been fun for me to get to know these kids and to continue to grow the various programs. I am excited to keep growing this ministry!

Spring Valley  
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Join us for the Spring Valley Circle group! We meet on the second Monday of each month at 2:00 PM for fellowship, delicious desserts, and to explore the teachings of God's Word. Everyone is welcome to join us!



**WE HAVE  
MOVED**

Have you moved? Or has your information changed? If so, we'd like to know! Please send your new/updated information to [svlc.office@svlcvib.org](mailto:svlc.office@svlcvib.org)



**!!! EMERGENCY NEED !!!**

**THE FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED  
OF ALL GROCERY ITEMS!**

Anything you can contribute would be very much appreciated. We do have a fridge and freezer for cold storage items such as meats and cheeses. Thank you so very much in advance!