



September Tidings 2025

Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Lambs of Christ Preschool



"CUTTING THROUGH THE JARGON"

I came across the following credited to a Dyrk Schingman from Oregon State University. "After several years of studying and hard work, I have finally learned the scientific jargon. The following list of phrases and their definitions will help you to understand that mysterious language of science and medicine."

"IT HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN"..... I didn't look up the original reference
"A DEFINITE TREND IS EVIDENT".....This data is practically meaningless
"THREE OF THE SAMPLES WERE CHOSEN FOR DETAILED STUDY".....The other results didn't make any sense
"TYPICAL RESULTS ARE SHOWN".....This is the prettiest graph
"THESE RESULTS WILL BE IN A SUBSEQUENT REPORT".....I might get around to this sometime, if pushed/funded
"IN MY EXPERIENCE".....Once
"IN CASE AFTER CASE"Twice
"IN A SERIES OF CASES"Thrice
"IT IS BELIEVED THAT" I think
"IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT".....A couple of other guys think so too
"CORRECT WITHIN AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE"Wrong
"ACCORDING TO STATISTICAL ANALYSIS"Rumor has it
"A STATISTICALLY ORIENTED PROTECTION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE FINDINGS"A wild guess
"A CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF OBTAINABLE DATA"....Three pages of notes were lost when I knocked over a glass of soda
"A HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT AREA FOR EXPLORATORY STUDY".....A totally useless topic selected by my committee
"IT IS HOPED THAT THIS STUDY WILL STIMULATE FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN THIS FIELD".....I quit

My favorite two have to be:

"IT IS CLEAR THAT MUCH ADDITIONAL WORK WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THIS PHENOMENA OCCURS"I don't understand it
"AFTER ADDITIONAL STUDY BY MY COLLEAGUES".....They don't understand it either

Schingman certainly speaks "tongue in cheek." But there is a ring of truth to what he says. Given enough "jargon" you can say whatever you want and make it sound good. It is true also in the realm of religion. Statements are made: "The Bible contains the Word of God." While it sounds good, what it really means is: "Not all the Bible is true or accurate and I want to pick and choose." Another is: "The Book of Jonah teaches us a good lesson" which means: "It's not really true but it makes a good story." Also I have heard: "The Bible was written a long time ago, to a different culture." Which means: "I can rationalize my immoral behavior because the Bible does not pertain to me."

Are you able to sift through all the "jargon" disseminated in the world and find the truth? In the Introduction of An Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism we find the following questions and answers that bring clarity in an age that makes the truth fuzzy.

2. *Where is God's truth about our Savior Jesus Christ?* "This truth is made known in the Bible: the Old Testament which promises the coming Savior; and the New Testament, which tells of the Savior who has come." (John 20:31 "These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have eternal life.")
4. *What is the key to the correct understanding of the Bible?* "Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, is the heart and center of the Scripture and therefore the key to its true meaning." (2 Tim. 3:15 "From infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.")
5. *How is human reason to be used in understanding Holy Scripture?* "A. Holy Scripture is given in human language. To determine what it says, we need to apply the rules of language, such as grammar and logic. It is right to use reason as a servant of the text, but the guidance of the Holy Spirit is essential for its proper understanding. B. Unlike other books, Holy Scripture is God's Word and truth." (1 Thess. 2:13 "When you received the Word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men of as it actually is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe.")

As we look toward the beginning of our confirmation ministry we realize that the study of God's Word is not just for the young preparing for the day when they will publically confirm the faith into which they were baptized; it is a time for all of us to renew our study of the Scriptures. God's Word is not just something that "sounds good," but the Truth, the Words of life for now and for eternity.

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HOLY COMMUNION EVERY SUNDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE/HOLY COMMUNION EVERY
MONDAY AT 6:00 PM -CALL 402-826-4359
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

Fellowship Time: Sunday 10:00 AM
Sunday School & Bible Classes: Sunday 10:15 AM
Blue Valley Food Pantry – The 1st Sunday of month
Special Mission Offering – The 2nd Sunday of month

Midweek Classes 6:00 pm
Every Wednesday Sept. – May for Grades 5-8.
(Unless otherwise announced.)
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Baptisms 8-11-2025:
Rosie Grace Hamilton,
Daughter of Wesley & Carly Hamilton

8-17-25
Colin Dale Meinke,
Son of Scott & Annie Meinke

8-24-25
Harlan Ray O'Toole,
Son of Connor & Haydyn O'Toole





Lambs of Christ Tidings

September 2025

Can you believe that summer is over and school has started back in session. We had our Preschool Open House on August 11th and it was great to see the returning preschoolers again and welcome our new families. Monday August 18th was our first day of preschool.



Some important dates coming up for us here at Lambs are Monday September 1st- No Child Care – Labor Day,

Tuesday September 9th – Class Picture Day, Monday September 15th- No Preschool-Child Care Open, Tuesday September 16th Breakfast with Lambs, Sunday September 21st Sing in Church-Prayer Partner Introduction

Food Bank Collection & Donations:

The September Food Pantry collection will be Sunday, September 7 and Monday, September 8, but food may be dropped off anytime during the office hours. We collected 155 lbs in July. Our total for the year is 1,022 lbs.

The following items are in short supply: diapers, wipes, laundry detergent, toilet paper, dish soap, shampoo, and hygiene products for women.

If you know someone who needs food or if you do, please contact the Blue Valley Food Pantry at (402) 826-2376 ext. 2 on Tuesdays and Thursdays



Food Pantry Sunday

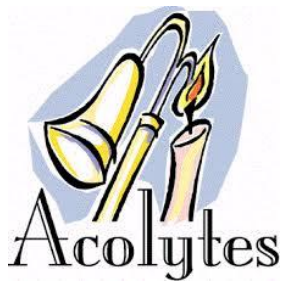
Sept 7 & 8

MidWeek

Mid-week Parent/Student Meeting: Wednesday, Sept 3 will be a mid-week parent/students meeting for grades 5th-8th at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We will go over expectations, meet the teachers/students, and you may purchase materials for classes.



Mark your calendars for ***Rally Sunday on September 7th!*** Bibles will be handed out to third graders and catechisms to 5th graders during the 9:00 service. After church, from 10:30 - 11:30, (***Please note the time change for this day only***) there will be games and prizes for PreK-6th grade to kick off the new Sunday School year. We would like the 7-12th graders to help with the games if possible. Students will also meet their teachers during this time. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please join us for this fun morning! Sunday school classes will start September 14th and run from 10:15 - 11:15.



Acolytes:

Sunday, Sept 7: Makayla Muff & Emerson Henning

Sunday, Sept 14: Makayla Muff & Emerson Henning

Sunday, Sept 21: Phoebe Wittstruck & Garrett Vyhnalek

Sunday, Sept 28: Phoebe Wittstruck & Garrett Vyhnalek

Video Presenters

Sunday, Sept 7: Cameron Vyhnalek

Monday, Sept 8: Deb Brixius/Jamie Girmus

Sunday, Sept 14: Cole Frerking

Monday, Sept 15: Deb Brixius/Jamie Girmus

Sunday, Sept 21: Mike Malone

Monday, Sept 22: Deb Brixius/Jamie Girmus

Sunday, Sept 28: Zane Wittstruck

Monday, Sept 29: Deb Brixius/Jamie Girmus

Online Streamer

Sunday, Sept 7: Cameron Vyhnalek

Sunday, Sept 14: Travis Frerking

Sunday, Sept 21: Mark Meysenburg

Sunday, Sept 28: Brandon Draeger

Greeters

Sunday, Sept 7: Jim & Marilyn Heitman

Sunday, Sept 14: John & Connie Lentell

Sunday, Sept 21: Dave & Patty Bauer

Sunday, Sept 28: Mike & Elynn Malone, Jane Fahrnbruch

Lay Readers

Sunday, Sept 7: Alexa Kraus

Sunday, Sept 14: Vicki Meysenburg

Sunday, Sept 21: Dawn Draeger

Sunday, Sept 28: Helen Naber

Coffee Servers

Sunday, Sept 7: Wilma Chrastil

Sunday, Sept 14: John & Connie Lentell

Sunday, Sept 21: Loren Henning

Sunday, Sept 28: Clyde & Helen Naber

Altar Flowers

Sunday, Sept 7: Dennis & Carol Pomajzl in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary

Sunday, Sept 14: Paul, Brittany, & Milo Sunneberg

Sunday, Sept 21: Lynn Steuer

Sunday, Sept 28: Craig & Tonja Vyhnalek & family

Anyone wishing to provide flowers
for a special occasion can call
Emmy Boden at 402-641-2151



September Birthday's



- 1 – Mary Kent, Noah Sysomphone
- 3 – Graydon Meredith-Walker
- 5 – Colten Johnson, Jenna Schuerman
- 6 – Arnold Henning
- 7 – Rodney Hillgren
- 8 – Adam Kuss, Amy Melichar, Sheri Ostermeier, Alberta Renken
- 9 – Carter Rezny
- 10 – Daniel Fette, Joanna Schellhorn, Blake Yost
- 11 – Skylar Kirk
- 12 – Travis Chrastil, Jeff Dittmer, Christopher Hansmeyer,
Jodi Henning, Jessie Schellhorn, Haleah Schuerman
- 14 – Doug Henning, Grant Juricek, Mark Kalkwarf, Tim Keller, Nicholas Kovar,
Emmett Pieper, Jalen Swiler
- 16 – Travis Frerking, Alexa Kraus
- 17 – Keaton Draeger, Rhett Harms, Traci Phipps, Jason Svarc
- 18 – Kynleigh Draeger, Katie Odvody
- 19 – Patty Bauer, Donna Kraus
- 20 – Jacob Harms, Drew Rische, Olivia Warta
- 21 – Cameron Koll, Dayna Reyes
- 22 – Brooklyn Nolting, Dallas Underwood
- 23 – Taryn Shaw, Lucas Smith
- 24 – Jane Fahrnbruch, Christopher Koll, Andrea Piening, Jay Stinson
- 25 – Derek Pohl
- 26 – Karlee Henning, Linda Henning, Janice Rockenbach, Delaney Splichal
- 27 – Maximus Connell, Dorothy Henning
- 28 – Rachael Biar, Matthew Brauer, Josh Hessheimer, Connor O'Toole
- 29 – Brooks Piening, Zane Wittstruck
- 30 – Trey Marquardt, Lauren Znamenacek