



Weekly Announcements for the week of Aug 2nd & 9th, 2026

Scripture Verses for August 2nd

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
- 1 Samuel 3:1-8
- John 11:30-36

Scripture Verses for August 9th

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
- Genesis 18:9-15, 21:1-7
- John 16:16-24

Message Series: A Time For...

We have officially hit the end of school and the beginning of summer. Its *time* for baseball games, cookouts, vacations and so much more. There really is a *time* for everything under the sun, and that's exactly what we will be diving into this summer in our teaching series on Sunday mornings through the book of Ecclesiastes. Join us as we seek to understand and dive deep into God's timing for so many of the things we experience on this side of heaven.



Send Monica Your "God at Work" Stories! No story too small!

Feel free to write them in to my email:

ministrycoordinator@lmcrf.org or stop by the church office and we can record the story.

Campus Kickoff Party!

We are so excited to announce the upcoming Campus Kickoff party to welcome back the college students.

- September 2nd, 2026

- 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

We are planning quite the event with a FREE FOOD TRUCK, gift card giveaway, dessert extravaganza, games and more! **But we could use your help, LMC!** [HERE](#) is a sign-up sheet for volunteer hours, and dessert donations. **We will also be asking for \$10 gift card donations.** (The Raise Right table in the Fellowship Hall during Sweet Jesus Time is a great way to donate the gift card funds, but feel free to stop into the LMC office as well). We will also have postcards available to advertise the event, so if you know a good place to post it, or a college student to hand it to, please feel free! Help us welcome back the college students so we can continue our outreach to the Campus (our 1st "C" in the "C4").



Tools for School (Aug 17th-18th)

School is right around the corner! We have partnered with "Tools for School" for many years, and we have a chance to do it again. All school supplies are welcome, but there is a greater need for the following items:

- **Quality Backpacks** (Need to last all year- Examples: High Sierra, Adidas, Nike, Land's End)
- **Ticonderoga Pencils**
- **Dry Erase Markers**
- **Pencil Top Erasers**
- **Large Glue Sticks**
- **Wide Ruled Composition Notebooks**
- **TI-30XIIS Scientific Calculators**

Volunteers are also needed to make this event happen. The sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the table in the LMC entryway. We need help with set-up, and chaperoning students through supplies Monday, Aug 17th & Tuesday, Aug 18th. It's a wonderful opportunity to make a child's school year special.



Water Games at LMC!

On **Monday, August 17th from 6:30pm - 7:30pm** is a fun, free, event we call "**Water Games.**" On LMC's front lawn we'll have water guns, water lasers, balloons, kiddie pools, and slip n slide for PreK - 5th grade students. Parents are welcome to sit back, connect with one another, and enjoy the evening. If you have a desire to get wet, you are more than welcome. We do ask that parents remain present for this one-hour event. Following our water games, families can enjoy an ice cream treat.

Grab a Brat and Stay for **FREE** Fun and Treats! August 4, 5-7p



Event Location: Ptacek's 1121 S Main St, River Falls

Tuesday Aug 4 5 - 7 p

Police * Fire * EMS * Bounce House
Free Family-Friendly Activities
Free Treats and Refreshments

YOUTHerans to Valley Fair

- **Date: Thursday, August 13th**
- **Time: 9:00am - 5:30pm**
- **Cost: \$50 payable via check (to LMC) or YOUTHeran account**

All YOUTHerans and friends are invited to a day at Valley Fair amusement park in Shakopee. The group will meet at LMC. Chaperones will drive and stay with participants in the park. The fee also includes an all-day beverage pass.

Permission/Code of Conduct forms are available in the fellowship hall and attached to the announcements. Friends are always welcome.

The signup due date (payment and permission form) is Friday, August 7th. Questions? Contact Chad Schuermann.



Summer Women's Book Club!

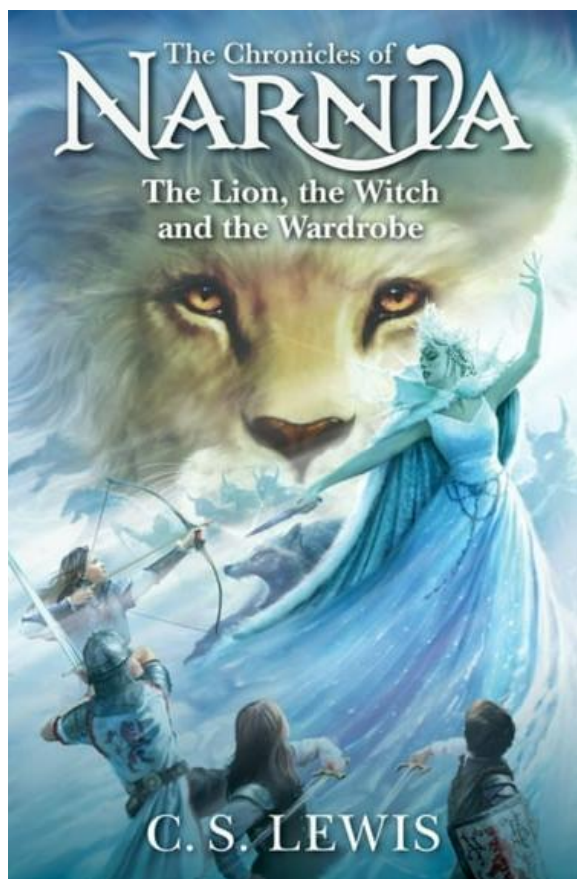
Summer is a great time to join a book club! We will be reading *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* and welcome all women who are interested in joining us. We will be meeting at **9:30 AM on the first and the third Tuesdays of each month**. Our next meeting will be **August 4th**. Please have read through Chapter 56 for that meeting.

Intergenerational Bible Study: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.

Children going into 5th grade through adult are invited to join us as we take an adventure in C.S. Lewis', "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe," during Bible study hour on Sundays. Please join us in experiencing spiritual realities: sin, faith, Christ, atonement, sacrifice, redemption and more through this classic. Below is the reading/study schedule.

UPDATE: Since there is so much content in the final chapters of the book, we will be taking one chapter each week until completion.

- August 2nd - Chapter 15
- August 9th - Chapter 16
- August 16th - Chapter 17



All-Church Camping Weekend

Summer is here and LMC is going to host the second annual all-church camping outing. The weekend will be filled with games for all ages, a campout potluck, and worship around the campfire on Saturday night. **August 14th-16th** we have reserved the **group camping loop at Highland Ridge Campground in Spring Valley**. If you are interested in camping for the weekend, the cost will be **\$50 per campsite for the weekend**. Please reach out to Brandon Fouks or the office to reserve your site. More details to come!

Youtherans in Summer

Youth in 6th - 12th grade are invited to join us as we intentionally build Christ focused friendships.

- August 12th - Trip to Valley Fair
- August 26th 6:30pm -8:00pm - Campfire Conversations (Halverson Home)
- Sept 9th 6:30pm - 8:00pm - Campfire Conversations (Schuermann Home)



LMC Softball Team Schedule 2026

Date	6:15 PM	7:30 PM
8/3/26	No Games	
8/10/26	LMC vs St. B's (Field 2)	

Opportunity to Submit Prayers to

Pastor Chad: Submit a prayer to Pastor Chad with this [LINK](#) or scan the QR Code. All prayers will be anonymous unless indicated otherwise. If you'd like the church to pray for them, please indicate that. The power of prayer is SO GREAT!

Annual Feed My Starving Children RF Event:

- **September 8 & 9**
- **Tattersall Event Center**

Volunteer Registration Dates:

- July 15: Early registration opens for donors who made a financial gift before July 15. (A separate email with the registration code will be sent later this week to this email if you don't already have it.)
- August 1: Public volunteer registration opens.

Thank you for helping us make our third annual FMSC MobilePack in River Falls an incredible community event. Together, we can make a difference for children around the world! Have a blessed and safe community-oriented festival weekend,

The River Falls Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Planning Team:

- Kim Johnson
- Joanie Branigan
- Jeff Walch

Note: we do have a [facebook page](#) if you want to follow.



Giving at LMC: We recognize we have givers from every generation at our church, so whether you're still writing a check faithfully, or if you give online, we're excited to announce we recently added four new ways to give using digital wallets:

1. PayPal
2. Apple Pay
3. Google Pay
4. Venmo



When you go to the Give Now Link, Choose my account and then payment method. You can then choose from your bank account (ACH) or one of the other above methods listed above.



Mission Corner

The 2026 Costa Rica Mission Team is identified below. We will be going to Costa Rica from August 5-11, and ask that you would pray for each of us that:

1. God would guide our preparations for this trip.
2. God would protect us from Satan and his temptations.
3. God would keep us healthy before, during, and upon returning from our trip.
4. God would guide our every action while in Costa Rica that all we do might please Him and bring glory to His name.
5. God would use us to increase His Kingdom in Siquirres, Costa Rica and surrounding communities.

Costa Rica Mission Team 2026

Monica Bylander	Courtney Lussier
Tony Bylander	Jaren Spridco
Brody Reiter	Emma Statz
Justin Sabatke	Emma Eisele
Dafney Yates	Quentin Schultz

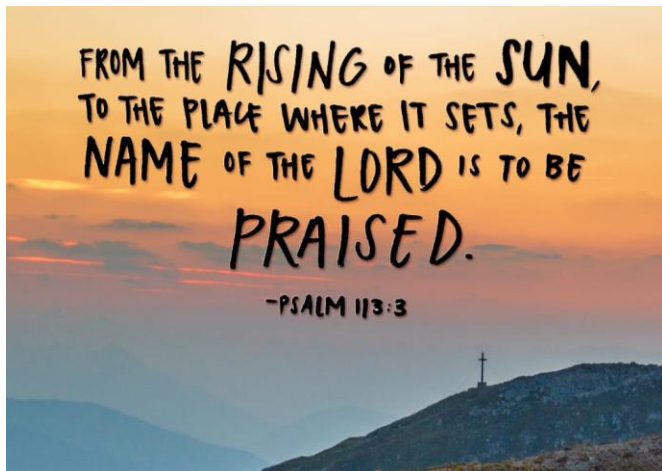
During this trip we will be conducting Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Teen Ministry, Youth Ministry, Celebration Sunday, and Food Distribution. We need to purchase materials for each of these ministries, especially the Food Distribution ministry where we visit individual homes, meet the folks living there, pray over them, and leave them with bags of food which will feed their family for a week. If God is calling you to support this trip financially, please make your checks payable to Luther Memorial/Costa Rica Missions.

God bless you for your support of this exciting ministry in Siquirres, Costa Rica.

-Quentin Schultz-Foreign Missions Coordinator

This Week at Luther Memorial:

Sunday 8/2	8:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Worship Service
Monday 8/3	5:30 PM Elfe Missional Community 6:00 PM AA Meeting @ LMC 6:30 PM Slate Missional Community 7:00 PM Brace Missional Community
Tuesday 8/4	9:30 AM Women's Book Club 11:00 AM LMC Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Chad's Zoom MC
Wed 8/5	3:00 AM Team to Costa Rica 6:17 AM IRON 27:17
Thursday 8/6	9:00 AM Quilting Life Group
Sunday 8/9	8:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Worship Service
Monday 8/10	6:00 PM AA Meeting @ LMC 6:30 PM Slate Missional Community 7:00 PM Brace Missional Community
Tuesday 8/11	11:00 AM LMC Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Chad's Zoom MC
Wed 8/12	6:17 AM IRON 27:17
Thursday 8/13	9:00 AM YOUTHerans to Valley Fair
Saturday 8/15	9:00 AM Quilting Life Group
Sunday 8/16	8:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Worship Service



Birthdays this week at LMC:

Bill	Gnatzig	8/2
Kris	Strub	8/4
Jeff	Dunn	8/7
Joe	Barbey	8/7
Kuda	Wittmer	8/7
Griffin	Jacobson	8/7
Tommy	Thompson	8/9
Cate	Bylander	8/11
Tate	LaGesse	8/11
Barbarba	Newgaard	8/11
Teddy	Miller	8/11
Andrew	Strub	8/12
Shane	Larson	8/12
Carolyn	Rundle	8/13
Travis	Dietrich	8/14
Carole	Shuster	8/14
Karin	Dunn	8/15

Worship Assistants: August 2nd

August 2nd	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Anita Slate	Anita Slate
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Chad Schuermann	Chad Schuermann
USHER	Michael Guell	Quentin Schultz
GREETER	Jeff Meyer Family	Halverson Family
CLICKER	Michaela Munger-Gullicksen	Terry Ross
ALTAR FLOWERS	In honor of Brenda Drinken's mother	
READER	Lindsey Dietrich	Pat Pierce
VIDEOGRAPHER	Curt Leighty	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Linda Kirk & Greg Wurdell	
FOOD SHELF	Chris Stumpf	
ALTAR GUILD	Catherine Elzinga & Denise Guell	
LAWN MOWING	Brent Bishop	
SWEET JESUS	Turchin Family	

Worship Assistants: August 16th

August 16th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Sandi Kovatch	Sandi Kovatch
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Chad Schuermann	Chad Schuermann
USHER	Marv Klingler	Tony Bylander
GREETER	Pat & Susan Pierce	Elaine Sorenson
CLICKER	Jill Wurdell	Levi Schuermann
ALTAR FLOWERS	Gene & Linda Kirk 65th Anniversary	
READER	Lise Klingler	Heidi Riese
VIDEOGRAPHER	Gabe Wurdell	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Tony Bylander & Pat Pierce	
FOOD SHELF	Chris Stumpf	
ALTAR GUILD	Catherine Elzinga & Denise Guell	
LAWN MOWING	Terry Ross	
SWEET JESUS	Halverson Family	

Worship Assistants: August 9th

August 9th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Praise Team-Jenna	Praise Team-Jenna
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Christina Rolf	Christina Rolf
USHER	Andy & Kris Strub	Pat Pierce
GREETER	Dietrich Family	Hannegraf Family
CLICKER	Greg Wurdell	Mason Turchin
ALTAR FLOWERS	Gene & Linda Kirk 65th Anniversary	
READER	Jill Wurdell	Heide Bishop
VIDEOGRAPHER	Ben Wurdell	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Heide Bishop & Lise Klingler	
FOOD SHELF	Chris Stumpf	
ALTAR GUILD	Catherine Elzinga & Denise Guell	
LAWN MOWING	Tommy Thompson	
SWEET JESUS	Anne Ross	

Worship Assistants: August 23rd

August 23rd	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Praise Team-Lori	Praise Team-Lori
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Chad Schuermann	Chad Schuermann
USHER	Greg & Jill Wurdell	Nick Turchin
GREETER	Bob Kamish	Sandy Brace
CLICKER	Jeff Meyer	Curt Leighty
ALTAR FLOWERS	Gene & Linda Kirk 65th Anniversary	
READER	Bob Johnson	Donna Taranto
VIDEOGRAPHER	Michaela Munger-Gullicksen	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Pat Armstrong & Sally Martin	
FOOD SHELF	Chris Stumpf	
ALTAR GUILD	Catherine Elzinga & Denise Guell	
LAWN MOWING	Greg Wurdell	
SWEET JESUS	Lana Meyer	

SCHOOL SUPPLY EVENT

For River Falls School District
Families In Need

Location: First Congregational Church
110 N Third St



AUGUST 17 4:30PM-6:30PM SUPPLIES, SHOES & PICNIC MEAL

AUGUST 18 10:00AM-NOON SUPPLIES & SHOES

*First National Bank RF(through their 5K Fundraiser) donates all the shoes for the event-shoes cannot be guaranteed for every child

- To register, the parent/guardian and student must be in attendance
- Event volunteers will assist the students with supplies & shoes.
- Due to limited event space, parents/guardians will wait for their student on the main level of the church.

Thank You to our amazing sponsors, event partners & volunteers
We couldn't do this without you!

