

Weekly Announcements for the week of September 28th, 2025

Scripture Verses for September 28th

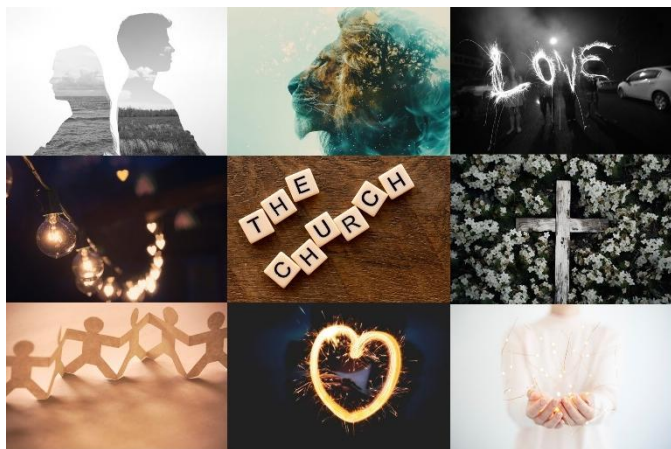
- Ezekiel 37:26-28
- Acts 2:42-47
- John 14:15-26

Scripture Verses for October 5th

- Psalm 19
- Hebrews 4:11-13
- Luke 4:16-22

Message Series: The Church

Ever thought to yourself, why would/should/do I go to CHURCH? As a pastor, I've even wondered that some days. So what is the local church for? Why does it exist? How is it all apart of God's plan? We get a taste of what things looked like for the early church in Acts chapter 2. Join us this fall as we do a deep dive into the purpose and plan for local churches and how God is using them to bring His kingdom here on earth. Embark on an adventure with us as we explore how God uses the community of believers together to create a family where you are known and loved, experience generosity, challenged to step out of your comfort zone, and find unity. In a life full of ups and downs called to do life together. You're not alone!!



Thank you to Options for Women for the lovely plant donated in honor of 75th anniversary

College Game Night: Sunday Sept 28th

6:00-7:15 PM If you are a college student, we would love to have you come by LMC to mix in for a game night prior to the student-led Bible Study on Sunday, September 28th @ 6:00 PM. Let's get competitive!



Trunk or Treat is Coming Up Sunday, October 27th from 4:30 - 6:00 pm!

We are excited to be hosting this incredible community event again this year! We are expecting 400 people, including our community helpers - police, firefighters, EMTs, and much more! There are lots of ways to help! Check out the **signup sheets at church or [online](#)**.

- First and foremost, we need your **prayers!**
- **We need trunks** - cars, trucks, SUVs, classic cars and motorcycles for the main event! We will even provide the decorations if needed.
- **We need lots of candy** and fruit snacks! (We almost ran out last year!)
- **We need volunteers!**
- We need Bibles, Devotionals, Kids' books, and Thrivent t-shirts for the Freebies Table!

Please contact April Rixmann if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.



Bags for the Homeless

We are starting to notice the chill in the air at night now, and that makes me think about the homeless. As a congregation, we are hoping to take donations for specific items that we can assemble into “Bags for the Homeless.” The bags will be available for the congregation to take (free of charge) and keep in your vehicle. If you see a homeless person or someone that could use the bag, we are hoping you feel free to hand it to them, find out their name, and offer to pray for them. Below are the items we will be collecting. (Place them in the box in the LMC entryway):

Socks, Gloves, Hats, Handwarmers, Band-Aids, Washcloths, Soap, Energy Bars, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Hand Sanitizer, Gift Card (Fast Food)

The Sunday school kids will be packing the bags on **November 2nd**. Please have items to LMC by **Wednesday, October 29th**.



FREE Campus Meal- October

We are in need of food donations for our next campus meal will be **Taco Bar**:

- **Wed, October 1st**
- **5:00-6:30 PM**

Students, please bring your friends and come enjoy a free home cooked meal. LMC, thank you for always being so generous and helping us with this ministry by providing food. Below is the link for the sign-up: [Campus Meal Taco Bar](#)

Food Drive for SOS

We have an opportunity to come alongside our Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Servant of the Shepherd Church. We have been notified that their food pantry is really low and in need of some specific items:

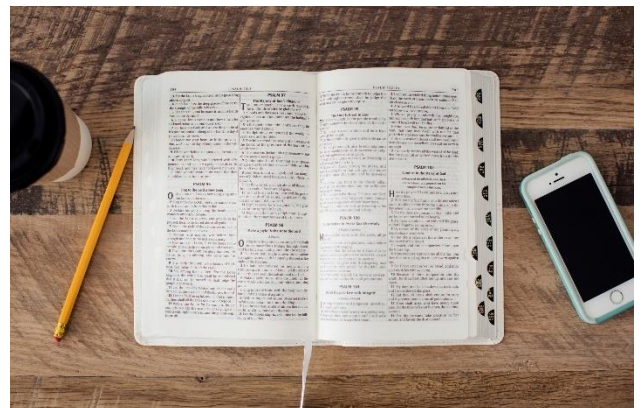
- Toiletries
- Cleaning Supplies
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Soup
- Cereal
- Spaghetti noodles and sauce

We will have our cart for the food shelf in the LMC entry designated for SOS during the month of September. Thank you to everyone willing to help with feeding those in need.



College Bible Study

We are so excited to invite the students back to LMC for **two options** for Bible Studies. **Thursday evening at 7:00 PM** mentored by Monica Bylander along with Steve & Jacky Rolf. **Sunday evening at 7:30 PM** student-led study mentored by Micah Thompson. LMC, we could use your help in providing snacks for the Thursday night Bible Study. The sign-up sheet is in the fellowship Hall on the table. Thank you for supporting this important mission field!





Coffee for a Cause! We are serving “Promised Grounds” coffee on Sunday morning during “Sweet Jesus” time. We will have the coffee available for purchase (whole bean only). Proceeds will go toward C4 continents missions and every ounce sold is an ounce of clean water for someone in a 3rd world country through “Filters of Hope!” [BUY HERE](#)



Babysitters Needed! We want to support the Young’ish Adult group by providing childcare for the 90 minutes that they meet on **Tuesdays**. If you are able to assist, please sign-up [HERE](#). For any questions, please contact [Chad Schuermann](#).

Youngish Adult Missional Community:

If you are a young’ish adult and have been looking for a Bible study group, and/or some fun folks to hang out with that also love Jesus, check out the LMC Young’ish Adult Group! They are now meeting every week on Tuesdays at 5:00 for a meal and then study, beginning around 6 pm. We will be diving into *Practicing the Way* by John Comer Mark Comer as we learn practices for Following Jesus everyday. Want to know if this group is right for you? Call/text Brandon: (715) 781-6063 or Bekah: (612) 806-6718. Childcare is provided.

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!



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.





Raise Right Cards: Gifting that gives back!

Find gifts for everyone on your list while raising funds for Luther Memorial. Shop gift cards from over 750 top

brands. Whether you buy the gift cards to give as presents to family and friends, or to use them to buy your gifts— Luther Memorial earns with every gift card purchased. You may also pick up a retailer list and order forms at the Raise Right table on Sunday mornings. You may also order cards in the church office. Refer to the dates below for ordering dates. Scan the QR Code to order from the entire online catalog.

This Week at Luther Memorial:

Sunday 9/28	8:00 AM Sunday Worship 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Sunday Worship 6:00 PM College Game Night 7:30 PM Unashamed UWRF Study
Monday 9/29	2:00 PM Ellen & Brian MC @ LMC 6:30 PM Slate Missional Community 7:00 PM Brace Missional Community
Tuesday 9/30	11:00 AM LMC Staff Meeting 9:30 AM Women's Journey Team Service Project for SOS 5:00 PM Young'ish Adult Group 6:30 PM Ross Missional Community
Wed 10/1	8:30 AM Mid-Week Connect 5:00 PM FREE Campus Meal 7:00 PM PRAY C4
Thursday 10/2	8:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM College Bible Study
Saturday 10/4	7:30 AM Men's Journey Team
Sunday 10/5	8:00 AM Sunday Worship 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Sunday Worship 7:30 PM Unashamed UWRF Study

Worship Assistants: September 28th

September 28th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Praise Team	Praise Team
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Chad Schuermann	Chad Schuermann
USHER	Ryan Schumacher	DeAn Krey
GREETER	Glenn & Donna Badje	Ward Family
CLICKER	Jeff Meyer	Felix Wahlquist
ALTAR FLOWERS	Jo & Bud Ayres 59th Anniversary	
READER	Bob Johnson	Lilly Elfe
VIDEOGRAPHER	Ben Wurdell	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Heide Bishop & Lise Klingler	
FOOD SHELF	Heidi Riese	
ALTAR GUILD	Jacky Rolf & Linda Kirk	
LAWN MOWING	Brent Bishop	
SWEET JESUS	Tony Bylander & Family	

Worship Assistants: Oct 5th, 2025

October 5th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Anita Slate	Anita Slate
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Kris Strub	Kris Strub
USHER	Tony Bylander	Sandy Bowen
GREETER	Wurdell Family	Candy Bettendorf
CLICKER	Greg Wurdell	Levi Schuermann
ALTAR FLOWERS	Pat & Wayne Armstrong Anniversary	
READER	Kris Strub	Trevor Wahlquist
VIDEOGRAPHER	Gabe Wurdell	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Tony Bylander & Linda Kirk	
FOOD SHELF	Anita Slate	
ALTAR GUILD	Catherine Elzinga & Michael Guell	
LAWN MOWING	Dan Halverson	
SWEET JESUS	Thompson Family	

75th Anniversary Planning committee thank you.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the planning committee. Each member took on their responsibilities with dedication and handled them independently, contributing to the success of our event.

Jeannie Mulhern identified the need for a new directory, and Linda Nowak, Linda Kirk, Carole Shuster, Donna Badje, Pat Armstrong, and Monica Bylander collaborated to bring it to fruition.

Carole Shuster, Linda Kirk, and others worked closely with Kilkarney Hills to ensure we had everything needed for a wonderful celebration day, including coordinating the menu.

Linda Kirk, Marilyn Anderson and others put in great effort to provide communion supplies.

Donna Badje coordinated with Ptacek's for the cake and cupcakes, overseeing their delivery and payment.

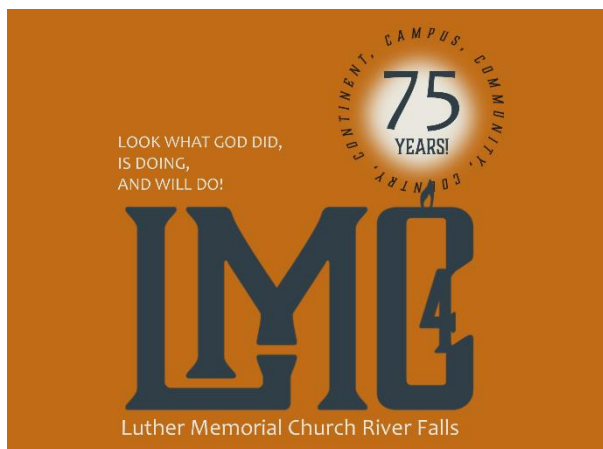
Pat Armstrong and her sister Donna Wittek created beautiful centerpieces that added a special touch to the event.

Everyone came in on Saturday afternoon to help set up, and also came in Sunday morning at 8 am for the final touches.

Beyond these specific contributions, all committee members actively participated by asking thoughtful questions and offering suggestions—such as "What should we do to...?" or "How do we make sure this happens...?"—demonstrating a shared commitment to excellence.

In addition to the committee, many others helped make the day a celebration of God's work at LMC and in the C4 for the last 75 years, and going forward as well. Thank You, Danke, Gracias, Merci, Grazie, Kittos!

Sally Martin



Dear Brothers in Christ of Luther Memorial Church (letter from Pastor Luis)

Today we turn to you with a deep sense of thanksgiving and joy in the Lord. As we commemorate this **75th anniversary**, our hearts bow in gratitude to God for your faithfulness and also to you, who have been a channel of blessing for so many lives in Costa Rica. Every step we have taken together reflects that this covenant is not just a human bond, but a divine gift that has brought hope, transformation, and salvation to our community. Marriages that previously lived in a free union have now been formalized in the Lord; young people who did not have opportunities can now access studies; And children who in other churches did not have a leading role are now being instructed in the Gospel through motivational methods that excite and captivate them, awakening in them a deep desire to continue learning. The testimonies of many parents who tell how their children cry because they do not want to be late for a lesson, and even sick people want to attend church, because they love to be in the house of God, are moving. Today we also have machines to create our own books and materials, the fruit of the generosity of **Luther Memorial Church**. Many people have received Jesus' mercy through the **food bank**, a project that was made possible by your financial support. Likewise, **student scholarships** and so many other aids—too many to list at this point—have deeply blessed our community. Added to this is the effort and sacrifice that you make on each trip to Costa Rica, filling each person who participates in the activities with joy and love. We understand the great work involved in organizing these visits, and therefore they are for us another reason to celebrate and thank you on this anniversary. In addition, something that fills us with hope is to see how **God is raising up people willing to serve**. He himself is showing, even through dreams, that together with Luther Memorial Church, new churches will open in Costa Rica, extending their hands and projecting the Kingdom of God. You are not just allies, but chosen instruments that God is using with us to raise up faithful workers and multiply the work of the gospel. Today we celebrate together God's **great mercy** in allowing **Luther Memorial Church** to reach its 75th anniversary of ministry. Along this journey, countless souls have been reached and saved by the gospel of Christ. Receive a fraternal embrace and our sincere gratitude,

- Your brothers of Iglesia Unión y Fuego, Costa Rica.