
Fall Into...Lutheran Education

This year for our annual Elders' Retreat at the Abbey of the Hills, one part of our study will be based on the book *Built on the Rock: The Healthy Congregation* by Ted Kober. Mr. Kober has been an Elder, a Church Reconciler, and a speaker at Ambassadors of Reconciliation for four decades. He has worked with LCMS congregations and Districts concerning every level and degree of conflict that one could imagine. With all those years of experience, he has noticed a pattern that is always present as a distinguishing mark in what he refers to as healthy congregations. That pattern is a significant congregational presence in group Bible throughout any given week. When less than 20% of the average number of people in worship attend a weekly group Bible study offered by their congregation he sees an unhealthy church. When Bible study attendance is over 20% of average weekly worship attendance he sees healthy congregations. I have heard him talk about the importance of regular Bible study for years. Repeatedly, he presents the data and the anecdotal stories that demonstrate how Bible study attendance makes and keeps congregations healthy. The health of the congregation then shows itself in the way people respond to conflict in their lives and in the life of the congregation. The statistics and evidence regarding attending Bible study on a regular basis are both irrefutable and entirely biblical. "For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). In John 8:31-32, we also hear, "If you abide in My word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

With all this in mind, it is fall, and we are beginning a new year of Lutheran education. Sunday School and Confirmation are beginning. Our Couples' Bible Study will begin again. In addition, we have weekly Bible studies on Sunday morning and Thursday afternoon. We also have LWML and Men's Club studies once a month. There are so many opportunities at Emanuel to be in God's Word together. As your pastor I am asking you to fall into Lutheran education – pun intended – and join us for one of our many Bible study opportunities here at Emanuel. We will grow together in our understanding of Scripture, and we will become closer to one another as we are in the Word together. And as mentioned above, in addition to strengthening our own individual faith in Christ Jesus, Bible study strengthens us as a church family, making for a healthy congregation. Have a wonderful fall everybody. See you in Bible study.

In Christ, Pastor Davis

Please join us for any of our Bible Study Options:

Sunday morning following church and social time in the Fellowship Hall.

Thursday afternoon at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall

First Saturday of each month at 9am – Men's Group

First Sunday(starting Oct. 4) of each month at 5pm – Couples Bible Study

Second Tuesday of each month at 1pm – LWML (LOW) Topic Study

Ladies of Emanuel Meeting Highlights

The Ladies of Emanuel (LWML) warmly invite all women of the congregation to our next meeting on Tuesday, September 8th at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our September study topic will be "God's Heart-Changing 'No'" (found on page 22 of the Quarterly Magazine). Our last meeting was on August 11th. Pastor led topic "Blessing in Disguise..." Hostess was Joyce Kasuske. Brandy Blauert became a new member. We were very happy to welcome her. On September 19th the Milbank Zone Fall Rally will be here in Milbank and we will meet at the Orphan Grain Train at 9:30 to pack Mercy Meals and then return to the church for lunch at Noon. Our August focus was to focus on our Missionary that we are supporting Rev. Daniel Conrad. Joyce Johnson and Donna Zubke will be filling candles. Hostess for September will be Regina Rethke and Linnea Schwandt. Coffee will be served on September 6th by Diane Dauwen and Joyce Johnson. Please join us for fellowship, study, and community!



LWML Milbank Zone

Servant Event

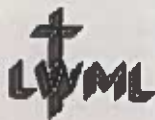
Meet at Orphan Grain Train in Milbank
Saturday, September 19, 2026

- Work at the Grain Train packing Mercy Meals, sorting clothing, and assemble kits
- Ingathering: Items or cash for Orphan Grain Train (or new underwear which is not often brought)
- Go to Emanuel Lutheran Church for lunch, business meeting, election, devotion, and installation of officers
- Voting for Zone Officers: President, VP Christian Life, VP Gospel Outreach



9:30 AM: Registration, coffee, and work assignments
12:30 PM: Break for lunch, going to Emanuel church in Milbank
Registration: Cash gift to Orphan Grain Train for shipping or supplies

Host group: Emanuel Lutheran of Sisseton
Everyone is invited to attend: bring friends, relatives, and neighbors!

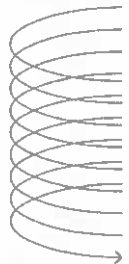


TECH HELP

Are you going somewhere warmer this Winter? Do you want to watch our Worship Services on YouTube? Do you know where to find our bulletins and announcements on our website?

Bring your phone, tablet, laptop to church on September 20th and we will help you find our pages! We don't want you to miss anything while you are away!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
10:30 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



ONLINE SURVEY



Fellowship Survey – we currently have a fellowship survey up on our website and social media accounts. Hardcopies are available on the communication shelf.

Please take time to complete. Thank you

<https://www.elcmilbank.org/fellowship-survey>



Relief for Human Need Worldwide

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN(OGT) COLLECTION CENTER MILBANK

Bobbie Biermand and her husband from Mansfield, SD brought seven working sewing machines to OGT on August 26th. Joyce Kasuske delivered baby quilts to local hospitals in August. Many babies are expected and they need quilts to give to the families. On August 27th we loaded a semi-truck with 40 sleep mats, 2 pallets of Mercy Meals, 13 bicycles, and then we filled the rest of the trailer with pallets of wonderful miscellaneous items. We give thanks and praise to God for the dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of our donors.

Our annual fundraiser will be October 18th from 11:00-1:00, we will serve our traditional German Sausage Dinner featuring Waldner's sausage, buttered potatoes, sauerkraut and assorted desserts. Come enjoy a wonderful lunch, browse our silent auction, and help support our ongoing mission. We truly appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you there!



**Hours Tuesday 3-5pm Wednesday & Saturday 10-Noon
101 W 12th Ave - Milbank**



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Sunday, October 18th
Serving 11:00-1:00

Emanuel Lutheran Church
701 S. First St. Milbank, SD

Silent Auction and Free will
offering designated to
Orphan Grain Train

Sunday School Information

We are excited to announce that the 26-27 Sunday school will kick off on Sunday, September 13th at 10:30. Please join us downstairs for Family Day (Rally Sunday).

Pastor Davis will kick things off with a devotion. After, the children will be able to meet their teachers and see their classroom. We are planning to have games, a craft and even a light lunch!

If any families would like help with transportation getting their children to Sunday School and back, please reach out to Brandy, an Elder, or a Board of Education member.

****Please note – new Sunday School hours are from 10:30-11:30****

We are looking forward to a great year! If you have any questions, please reach out to one of the Board of Education members - Misty, Wanda and Tina

We will be handing out Bibles during church on September 13th to the 3 year old PreK Sunday School Class (Beginner's Bible) and the 2nd grade (Faith Alive Bible).



Thanks for a great Vacation Bible School this year!

Confirmation classes will begin on September 16th from 3:30-5:00. Grades 5th-8th

If you did not attend the confirmation meeting and you have a child in that grade range, please stop by the church office or talk to Pastor Davis. Thank you.



MILBANK HOME MEAL DRIVERS AND HELPERS

We are responsible for delivering meals

September 28-October 30th

Sign up today on the communication shelf or in the
church office!

Join Us Singers and Handbell Players

Church Choir and Handbells will be starting up again in September.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Choir - September 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Handbells - September 16th at 5:30 p.m.



Fraud Awareness Seminar

September 9, 2026
7:00 p.m.
Emanuel Lutheran
Fellowship Hall

Fraud is an escalating threat that affects everyone. It is no longer a question of if you will encounter a scam, but when.

Please join us for a Fraud Awareness Seminar featuring guest speaker Natalie Christians. Natalie will share real-world examples of modern fraud, strategies for staying calm under pressure, and immediate steps to take if you are targeted.



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YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF EVENT



904 E 4th Ave, Milbank

Unity Health &
Fitness Pool

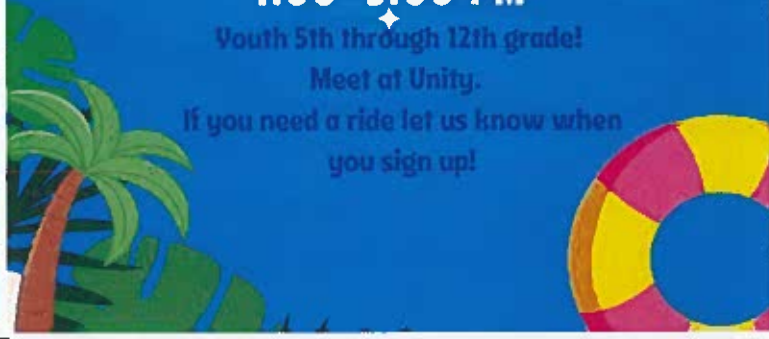
SEPT. 13TH

1:00-3:00 PM

Youth 5th through 12th grade!

Meet at Unity.

If you need a ride let us know when
you sign up!



ADOPT A GRADUATE

If I "adopt" a graduate, what will I have to do?

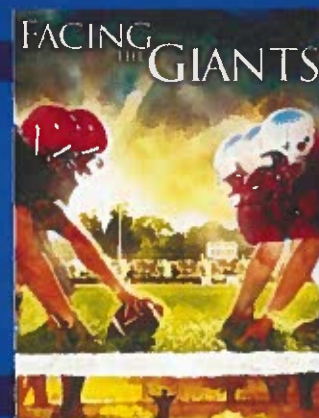
Pray! Perhaps the greatest gift you can give to your adoptee is to be a prayer warrior for him/her.

Encouragement Letters. Send a hand-written note once a month. These can be supportive, encouraging, funny, etc.

Birthday Card. We'll let you know when the student's birthday is, so that you may send a card.

Care Packages. The evangelism committee will send a care package to your adoptee twice a year. These are not intended to be elaborate and expensive, but heartfelt and unique (ex: gas card, candy, cookies, etc.). If you wish to include something in this care package from you personally, we will be sure to include it!

MOVIE NIGHT



SEPTEMBER 19

Fellowship Hall

STARTS AT 7 PM



Happy Birthday in September

Adelman, Tenley L.	1-Sep
Pinkert, Alexis L. (Lexi)	1-Sep
Seezs, Jeremiah J. (Jerry)	1-Sep
Holtquist, Brenda	2-Sep
Tostenson, Kristin L.	2-Sep
Adler, Keo	3-Sep
Butzin, Jason M.	3-Sep
Koepke, Summer M.	3-Sep
Priebe, Caroline J.	4-Sep
Mueller, Raynelle	5-Sep
Davis, Karrie	6-Sep
Dietmeier, Lori A.	7-Sep
Dockter, Daethal	7-Sep
Athey, Derek M.	8-Sep
Berry, Joy	8-Sep
Jurgens, Kellie J.	8-Sep
Sime, Brock	8-Sep
Wollschlager, Reed	8-Sep
Angerhofer, Kevin S.	9-Sep
Nicholson, Joett A.	10-Sep
Linngren, Jack D.	11-Sep
Myers, Charles (Chuck)	11-Sep
Robinson, Logan	11-Sep
Skovbo, Lee R.	11-Sep
Greiner, Jacob B.	12-Sep
Wagner, Adalyn J.	12-Sep
Tietjen, Travis	13-Sep
Wollschlager, Harper	13-Sep
Underwood, Hailey R.	14-Sep
Vangsness, Mason	14-Sep
Wollschlager, Dakota	14-Sep
Schell, Sandra K. (Sandy)	15-Sep
Determan, Holly J.	16-Sep
Mueller, LaVonne	16-Sep
Pauli, Cheryl	16-Sep
Street, Jennifer	16-Sep
Hunt, Jennifer M.	17-Sep
Bauer, Peyton R.	18-Sep
Dragt, Kenneth D.	18-Sep
Gilbertson, Troy	19-Sep
Hunt, Finley A.	19-Sep
Karges, Matthew A.	20-Sep
Purcell, Maria	20-Sep

Wilde, Evelyn J.	20-Sep
Adelman, Crystal J.	21-Sep
Riley, Jordan C.	23-Sep
Seehafer, Ronnie R.	25-Sep
Reil, Ryker W.	26-Sep
Sackreiter, Teresa M.	26-Sep
Schellberg, Katie M.	26-Sep
Schwandt, Leeah A.	26-Sep
Mielitz, Richard R.	27-Sep
Radil, Elizabeth A.	27-Sep
Rethke, Leslie E.	27-Sep
Schultz, Lyle	27-Sep
Reyelts, Rodney	28-Sep
Wojahn, Jedidiah D.	28-Sep
Schwandt, Julie	29-Sep
Ebsen, Crystal	30-Sep
Essington, Halli	30-Sep
Gibson, Susan K.	30-Sep
Richardt, Eliana E.	30-Sep

Happy Anniversary in September

Loeschke, Wayne and Tracy L.	4-Sep
Meyer, Nancy and Wayne	5-Sep
Selken, Annie R. and Kyle A.	6-Sep
Coomes, Kayla A. and John T.	8-Sep
Keller, Adam D. and Elly	8-Sep
Schultz, Lyle and Phyllis I.	9-Sep
Haliburton, Timothy J. and Kim M.	11-Sep
Hoffenke, Arvid and Irma R.	11-Sep
Olson, Darris and Megan	12-Sep
Morton, Stacy G. and Jessica L.	13-Sep
Riley, Michael J. and Holly A.	13-Sep
Klemm, Kevin and Michelle R.	14-Sep
Zubke, Christopher R. and Natasha M.	15-Sep
Bolin, Ricky and Julie	17-Sep
Athey, Derek M. and Talia B.	18-Sep
Seehafer, Brady and Jimmie R.	18-Sep
Larson, Evan D. and Rachel M.	19-Sep
Mueller, William (Bill) and Raynelle	20-Sep
Pinkert, Paul D. and Alicia M.	20-Sep
Dragt, Wayne A. and DeeAnn K.	24-Sep
Anderson, Jerry and Jenelle	28-Sep
Loeschke, Alexander W. and Rylee	28-Sep

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
September Special Mission is Mercy Meals		1	2 9am Mercy Meal Packing 2pm Mid-week Worship with Holy Communion 8pm AA Meeting	3 9am Mission Sewing 11am Worship Service at St. Williams Care Center 1pm Bible Study	4	5 5pm Worship Service at Our Savior's Wilmot 6:30 Carlson/Rethke Wedding
6 9am Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship fol- lowed by Bible Study	7 6pm Cub Scouts in Basement	8 1pm - LOE (LWML) Meeting 5:30pm - Youth Board 6pm - Evangelism, Education, Steward- ship Meetings 6pm Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall	9 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Fraud Awareness Semi- nar in Fellowship Hall 8pm AA Meeting	10 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Fraud Awareness Semi- nar in Fellowship Hall 8pm AA Meeting	11 8am Fellowship Hall Reserved by R Loeschke 9am Bible Study—Men's Group 5pm Worship Service at Our Savior's Wilmot	12 8am Fellowship Hall Reserved by R Loeschke 9am Bible Study—Men's Group 5pm Worship Service at Our Savior's Wilmot
13 9am Worship Service 10:30 First Day of Sunday School/Family Day 10:30 Fellowship followed by Bible Study 1-3pm Youth Group at Uni- ty Health—Swimming 5-12th grades	14	15	16 2pm Mid-week Worship with Holy Communion 3:30-5 Confirmation Class 5:30 Handbell Practice 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 8pm AA Meeting	17 11am Worship Service at Park Place 1pm - Bible Study 2:30 Worship Service at Wilmot Care Center 4pm Christian Service Council Meeting	18 Elders' Retreat 9:30 LWML Fall Servant Event at OGT Bldg 5pm Worship Service at Our Savior's Wilmot 7pm Movie Night— Fellowship Hall	19 Elders' Retreat 9:30 LWML Fall Servant Event at OGT Bldg 5pm Worship Service at Our Savior's Wilmot 7pm Movie Night— Fellowship Hall
20 9am Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30-11:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship fol- lowed by Bible Study 10:30 Church Service Tech Phone and Tablet Training	21 6pm Cub Scouts	22	23 2pm Mid-week Worship with Holy Communion 3:30-5 Confirmation Class 5:30 Handbell Practice 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 8pm AA Meeting	24 1pm - Bible Study October 1 9am Mission Sewing 11am Worship Service at St. Williams Care Center 1pm Bible Study	25 Newsletter Articles Due to office.	26 5pm Worship Service at Our Savior's Wilmot VanHoom/Karges Wed- ding
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