

24/7 Toll-free Phone-In Worship available at
1-888-975-5536

September 2026

Today and everyday,
God is with you and loves you!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Grandparents are a gift from God!		1 6:00 WELCA Tri Church Evening Bible Study at St. John's	2 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Worship Service	3 5:00 Bell Choir Practice	4 Pastor is off. <i>Jill is off.</i> Office open 8:00 a.m. - noon	5
6 9:00 Worship Service Phone-In Worship 1-888-975-5536 <i>Have a safe holiday weekend.</i>	7 Office Closed 	8 9:30 Worship at Morningside of Sterling 10:30 Pr. Bree at Tri Church mtg. at St. Paul 11:30 BBT at Arthur's Deli 2312 E. Lincolnway, Stlg 6:00 Action Bible Study	9 9:00 Pr. Bree at Central Conference, Emmanuel, Paynes Point 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Worship Service	10 7:45 p World Suicide Prevention Day Vigil at Grandon Civic Center, Sterling	11 Remembering 9-11 Pastor is off. 	12 9a-1p Pr. Bree at Faith Lutheran Church, Rochelle for Synod Council mtg.
13 Grandparents' Day Noisy Offering for LSSI <i>Last day to donate school supplies</i> 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Directory Pictures 10:15 Sunday School/Faith Formation 10:15 Choir Practice 10:15 Homebound Care Team mtg 3:00 Worship at Parkway Ctr. Phone-In Worship 1-888-975-5536	14 6:00 Tri Church Menz Group at St. John's	15 9:00 WELCA Tri Church Bible Study	16 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Worship Service led by Pastor Kathy 5:30 Tri Church Family Group at St. Paul	17 <i>Pastor Bree is off and on vacation. If you have an emergency pastoral care need, thru 9/19, please call Pastor Kathy at 815-590-0974.</i>	18 Pastor is off.	19 9:00 WELCA Convention New Life Lutheran Church 249 N. Bolingbrook Bolingbrook, IL 1:00 Fiesta Day Parade in Sterling & Rock Falls
20 7:45 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Directory Pictures 10:15 Sunday School 11:00 Tri Church Confirmation at St. John's Phone-In Worship 1-888-975-5536	21 Council Reports Due <i>Pastor Bree is on vacation. If you have an emergency pastoral care need, thru 9/23, please call Pastor Kathy at 815-590-0974.</i>	22 <i>PB is on vacation.</i> 6:00 Action Bible Study 	23 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Worship Service	24 11:30 Area Clergy Luncheon at Willy's 5:00 Bell Choir Practice 6:30 Council mtg.	25 Pastor is off. <i>Pastor Bree is on vacation. If you have an emergency pastoral care need, thru 9/26, please call Pastor Tammy at 815-414-1758.</i>	26 Pastor is off.
27 Noisy Offering for LSSI 9:00 Worship Service 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 6-12th grade Roadside Cleanup 4:00 Birthday Buddies Cookout at LSSI Group Home Phone-In Worship 1-888-975-5536	28 Messenger Mailed 5:30 CLEO at TBD <i>Pr. Bree is at Professional Leaders Conference from Sept. 28-30.</i>	29 11:30 BBT at Benny's 2511 Locust St. Sterling	30 9:00 Quilting 4:00 Worship Service led by Pr. Zack Mapes	O God, your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. --Psalm 63:3		

For emergency pastoral care Sept. 28 - 30, please call or text
Pastor Zack Mapes at 217-381-9092.

Thank
You

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
I want to thank everyone who attended the Wednesday night worship on July 29th. I know how much work was put in by everyone involved, beginning with a text chain that began in late May or early June, continuing with the work involved in crafting the worship format, until the day itself, when a host of people did all the set-up from chairs to snacks.

I have two admissions to make, I was completely prepared to receive my Diakonia graduation certification and cross through the mail and secondly, how overwhelmed I was during the service. The reality of the day, was yes, I was being recognized, but more importantly, how truly successful the Tri-Church program has become and how the extended invitation to other churches in the area shows the impact of when we “church together”. There were at least 8 different congregations represented that evening and when more than 50 voices are raised in song and receive Holy Communion together it shows without question that Christ himself is present among us.

For my St. John’s family, thank you, you will always be home for me, you are the foundation of who I am. For the Tri-church, thank you, we are more than just Lenten worship and shared Confirmation and these types of events prove this. For 1st Lutheran and Trinity who I am honored to serve, thank you for making the trip, it meant more to me than I can express.

Pastor Jana, Pastor Barb, Doug and Somar thank you. Together we are the body, doing good works in Christ name, never doubt this fact.

With my deepest gratitude and thanks,
Shawn Wolfe,
SAM for Trinity Lutheran, Milledgeville & First Lutheran Jordan Churches

Thank you to Pastor Bree and the congregation that sent cards for my 80th birthday. —*Judy Lehman*

THANK
YOU!

Altar Guild

Aug. 29 - Sept. 4 Tracy DeVries
Sept. 5 - Sept. 11 Pauline Moeller
Sept. 12 - Sept. 18 Sally Schumaker
Sept. 19 - Sept. 25 Linda Wolber
Sept. 26 - Oct. 2 Sharon Dietz / Kris Hill



Ushers

Sid Attig, need volunteers

Greeter

Need Volunteers weekly or monthly.

Door Manager

Readers

Sept. 6 Breckon Sandrock
Sept. 13 Ronda Borgmann
Sept. 20 Stacey Hackbarth
Sept. 27 Eli Attig

Acolytes

Sept. 6 Oden Scanlan
Sept. 13 Ethan Schumaker
Sept. 20 Altar Guild
Sept. 27 Evelyn Scanlan

Communion Assistants

Sept. 6 Alex Attig, Scott Attig, Shannon Schutz
Sept. 13 Mary Foskitt, Kelly Schaefer, Pam Shoffner
Sept. 20 Deb Keaschall, Scott Attig, Alex Attig
Sept. 27 Deb Cervantes, Ronda Borgmann, Shannon Schutz

Sound

Sept. 6 Kayla Hackbarth
Sept. 13 Breckon Sandrock
Sept. 20 Jack Sandrock
Sept. 27 Alex Attig

Sign up on the table outside the church office to lend a helping hand!
Greeter, Door Manager, Ushers, and Flower Sponsors are needed. Check the sign-up sheets on the table outside the office or contact the church office for details. Thanks in advance for your help!