

THE MUSTARD SEED



Please Join Us

Adult Bible Study - 9:00 am

Worship - 10:30 am

Fellowship - 11:30 am

October 5

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Wide Communion Sunday

Scripture: Luke 17:5-10

Message: "Some Words About Faith"

October 12

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Speaker: Tom Caflisch

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

Message: "Jesus Crossed the Boundry"

October 19

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Women's Service

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9 &

Ephesians 2:10-19

Message: TBD

October 26

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14

Message: "A Tale of Two....."

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Welcome to the month of October. The season of fall and the month of October used to be some of my favorites in my younger years. I love looking at the beautiful fall colors and I enjoy the cooler (not cold) temperatures. Today I prefer spring but I still really enjoy the fall.

Isaiah 55:12 states, "The mountains and hills will burst out into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."

I must say I have never heard mountains and hills burst out into song or trees clap their hands, but I have seen them put on a colorful display. I hope you are able to take some time to just enjoy the wonderful colors that are a part of the October and fall scene.

One of the things my wife and I have done for a few years now is take a weekend in October to go and enjoy the fall colors up North. We will be doing that again this year and I am looking forward to it.

I encourage you to remember to pause a moment to say a prayer of thanksgiving when you are able to experience some of those fall colors.

Serving Christ with you,

Pastor Bruce

Word Wide Communion Sunday- October 5

We Christians are one people, having one Father as Creator and Sustainer, one Savior and Redeemer, one Holy Spirit to unite and inspire us to do God's work. On October 5, World Communion Sunday, we celebrate this unity.

There is a unity in the church of Jesus Christ as we celebrate the Holy Communion. We remember that God seeks to unite believers in a special way through Jesus Christ. God brings new life to humans who receive Jesus as their Savior and seek to imitate his life in their living. The Holy Communion is a celebration of the new life we have received from Christ and share with people around the world.

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Pick Up Your Mum(s)

Mums were delivered to church on Sunday, September 28. If you placed an order and have not picked yours up the flowers are available at church. There is a sheet indicating what color you ordered if you do not remember. Please make sure you make payment and indicate that your payment is for mums.

Adult Bible Studies

Thursday Adult Bible Study

Our Thursday Adult Bible Study has returned to meeting at 9:00 am. During October, we will read and have a discussion about the Psalm that is on the schedule for the following Sundays "Call to Worship". We are also considering using "Lectio Divina" during the study of the Psalm.

Sunday Adult Bible Study

We will begin weekly Adult Bible Study on October 5 and plan to continue every Sunday at 9:00 am. A few volunteers may rotate leading the class. We are open to suggestions from the attendees as to what topic(s) to have us focus on. To start us off, the topic for Sunday October 5 will be "The Fruit of the Spirit".



We will begin to offer lessons on October 12. The youth will be excused, along with the teacher, immediately following the Children's message. Lessons being used are coming from "The Sunday School Store" and the first 4-week series will be "Friend Request". Lessons include a reading, a small craft, coloring page, and word find provided, so there is no need to develop the lesson on your own.

Paige Michels will be coordinating the schedule of teachers who have volunteered to lead. This list includes; Paige, Michelle Larkins, and Trey Coller. We are open to other volunteers. Please contact Paige if you would like to be added to the rotation.



On October 12 you can experience the excitement of the children going from pew to pew with their offering buckets. Yes, it is noisy — that sound of all the coins being dumped into the collection buckets and the children shaking the buckets to hear the sound of clinking coin against coin! It's loads of FUN — for the children and the congregants alike. You'll see so many smiles on faces as coins/bills are collected and as folks give generously to fill the buckets!

This special offering is happening once again after the children's message on Sunday, October 12 with the proceeds from this offering going to the DeForest Area Needs Network.

Women's Service

Join us on Sunday, October 19 as the Women's Fellowship lead worship. If you would like to participate in this service please contact Marty Karow.

Bakeless Bake Sale

The Women's Fellowship is asking for your support for a successful "Bakeless Bake Sale." NO BAKING, NO SELLING NO PICKUP OR DELIVERY DATES, and NO MERCHANDISE to sell. What a DEAL!!! Please contribute to the Women's Fellowship, between October 19-October 26. Indicate on check memo line: "Women's Fellowship Bakeless Bake Sale."

thank you

- Terry Miller and Jerry Mayr: Our gratitude for keeping the lawn well-maintained.
- Peg Landgraf, Toni Reigstad, Shirley Block and Mike and Michelle Larkins: Thank you for hosting fellowship gatherings.
- To everyone who supported the youth camp fund: Thank you for purchasing mum plants.
- Cheryl and Jerry Mayr: Appreciation for sponsoring the mum sale.
- Shirley Block, Ken Glienke, Peg Landgraf, and Toni Reigstad: Thank you for your work in cleaning the church facilities.



Happy Birthday

11 – Crosby True
19 – Cheryl Mayr
21 – Pam Schultz
23 – Steve Quam
26 – Bryan Sobek
27 – Addison Vanderbloemen

Happy Anniversary

5 – Jerry & Cheryl Mayr
7 – Nick & Brittany Blecha
15 – Steve & Vicky Gouldthorp
15 – Ross & Amy Gilbertson

CHURCH COUNCIL & POTLUCK

Sunday, October 26



Church Council & Potluck

Immediately following worship, we will share in Fellowship as we enjoy our potluck luncheon and follow it with the Church Council meeting.

The focus of this Council is the review of the year to date numbers and the annual budget projected for 2026. In addition, we elect new Board members from a list of nominees to replace those who will be completing their term.

This Fall we will need to elect 2 Elders and 3 Trustees. Elected board members will be inducted in January to serve a 2-year term. If you wish to be considered - please reach out to one of the current board members.

Joint Board Meeting Recap

The Joint Board met on September 23rd, led by Pastor Bruce. This was not a Call Process meeting and we addressed a number of topics.

A large focus of the board meeting was a review of all of our events and fund raisers at Christian Faith in order to identify if there were some that we should not continue. We are aware that some members feel we have too many events.

After discussion, we decided to drop the Potato Bar for lack of participation and we learned that this year's mum plant sales will be our last that is offered by Cheryl and Jerry. As both of these benefit the Youth Ministry, we decided it was time to increase the cost of our pop and bottled water from 50 cents to \$1.00 each. It has been nearly impossible to purchase pop for less than 50 cents. The increase in profits from pop and water sales will more than make up for what was earned in the two dropped activities.

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SEPTEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Church Cleaner Coordinator: Peggy Landgraf	Worship Hosts Coordinators: Jerry Mayr & Bob Hudecek	Call to Worship	Scripture Reader	Fellowship Host
Oct. 5	Peggy Landgraf	Ken Glienke & Paul Vanderbloemen	John Scepanski Psalm 37:1-9	Cheryl Mayr Luke 17:5-10	Cheryl & Jerry Mayr
Oct. 12	Peggy Landgraf	Dakota Mayr & Jerry Mayr	Bob Hudecek Psalm 66:1-2	Paul Vanderbloemen Luke 17:11-19	Marlene Sobek
Oct. 19	Peggy Landgraf	Doug & Shirley Block	Peg Landgraf Psalm 122	Marty Karow Philippians 4:4-9 Ephesians 2:10-19	Joyce Simon, Ken Glienke & Kay Kinderman
Oct. 26	Kristi Thering	Bob Hudecek & Jerry Mayr	Marie True Psalm 84:1-7	Shirley Block Luke 18:9-14	Church Council Potluck

Financial Report as of August 31, 2025

If you have questions about this information, please feel free to speak with a Trustee. Thank you to Joel Caulum for compiling this report.

GENERAL FUND

	Month of August	YTD
Plate Collections & Fundraisers	\$8,245.50	\$58,104.58
General Fund Expenses Owed	\$17,787.14	\$59,818.34
Difference (+ or -)	-\$9,541.64	-\$1,713.76 (through Aug. 31)

BUILDING FUND

	Month of August	YTD
Monthly Debt Service	\$1335.32	\$9,347.24
Plate Collection/Fundraisers	\$1215.00	\$12,436.27

Ministry Volunteers

As part of our recent Fall Kick-off, we offered an opportunity for anyone willing to participate during worship to sign up to be added to the schedule rotation. We were looking for Worship Hosts, Scripture Readers and Call to Worship leaders.

The schedules have gone out for the remainder of the year and we recognize that some may no longer wish to be included - if so, please let Kari Caulum know if you are a Scripture Reader or Call to Worship Leader and/or Bob Hudecek or Jerry Mayr know if you no longer wish to be included as a worship host before the next schedules come out at the end of December.

Kari is also looking for volunteers who are tech savvy to be trained for livestreaming of our worship services. If you feel you are a candidate to help out and are comfortable with technology - please reach out to Kari.

Joint Board Meeting Recap- continued from pg. 4

It was also decided that we will always advertise where proceeds will go - whether to CFMC or if to missions. Another suggestion was to have Joyful Noise offerings quarterly starting in 2026.

Budget Committee and Nominating Committee board representatives and possible members at large were identified as preparation is beginning for the Fall Church Council meeting. We also noted that the Ministry sign ups did not have many names added as Fellowship Hosts, Scripture Readers and Call to Worship. It was suggested that we check if Kari is able to offer a link for people to both confirm that they wish to remain on the existing lists as well as offer an opportunity to drop off the schedules.

The Livestream of our Worship services is undergoing changes with some recently installed new equipment and there are some bugs to work out. We also identified the need to train a few others to be able to run the livestream when Kari is not there. If you wish to be trained - please let Kari know.

Security of our church - especially during worship services was briefly discussed. We will begin to lock the side door near the office before worship begins and our current plan is to have the ushers lock the glass doors in the main entry approximately 15 minutes after the start of worship.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Socialize with Us!



LOOKING AHEAD

Daylight saving time will end on Nov. 2, 2025 at 2 a.m., at which time it will reset to 1 a.m.

WATCH FOR MORE INFO

Thanksgiving Dinners

Volunteers are needed for Thanksgiving Meal preparation and delivery for shut in's on Wednesday, November 26th. It's a fulfilling opportunity to be part of this mission.

Poinsettias

Our Sanctuary will once again be beautifully adorned with poinsettias this Christmas. Poinsettias will be purchased from Klein's Garden and Gifts. Orders will be due November 10. Please keep watch for pricing information to come out soon.
