



# September Newsletter

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## Individual Gifts by Pastor Maxwell Whitehead

What gifts do you have? Think about that for a moment. And if you can't think of anything right now, then that is your assignment for the month. I guarantee that everyone has special gifts or talents. But don't take my word for it. Paul says this in his letter to the Romans: *"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us..."*

You see, far too often we focus on the gifts that others have out of jealousy or envy. We have thoughts like "they are so good at xyz, they never have to practice," or "it must be nice to have such a useful talent."

Sometimes it isn't jealousy or envy though. Sometimes we notice the gifts of others and find ourselves in a place of self-loathing or depravity. "I wish I was as talented as him/her," "I could never be as skilled as them," "I don't have any talents, gifts, or skills that could be glorifying or helpful to others."

Hear this again: "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us..." then Paul finishes the clause with, "let us use them."

When we get caught up in seeing what others have and what we don't have, we get stuck in a place of disappointment, perhaps even despair. It is hard for us to see what God has given to us, gifts, talents, or otherwise. God has

given each of us a different set of gifts. We don't always recognize them as gifts, but they are gifts nevertheless. And they are to be used!

You don't have to be in the spotlight to have gifts that ought to be used. You don't have to be a star athlete, a professional musician, or a public speaker. You have been given gifts according to

the grace God has given you, use them! If you do not know what your gift is, take a few days - the month - and do some self-reflection. Pay attention to how it is that you are called to serve others or take care of this place God has given us to call home. Pay attention to what friends and family might ask for help with. Better yet, ask them, and be ready to respond in kind with an affirmation of a gift that they might have.

I promise you this: as God has called you His very own, so too has He given you a set of gifts

that are for you to use. God has called you for a reason. Even if you don't know what that reason is or what gifts He may have imparted on you, know that according to the measure of faith God has assigned, and by His grace, you are called to serve as one of His Chosen People.

This is most certainly true.

*Pastor Maxwell Whitehead*

*"6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;<sup>7</sup> if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;<sup>8</sup> the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness."*

~ Romans 12:6-8

# September Calendar

## Sunday, Sep 03

8:00 AM Council Mtg  
9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)

## Wednesday, Sep 06

2:00 PM Bible Study  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM VCIS

## Sunday, Sep 10

9:00 AM Worship Service (Traditional)  
10:15 AM Rally Sunday & 1st Day of Sunday School!

## Wednesday, Sep 13

2:00 PM Bible Study  
3:45 PM Jr. VCIS  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM VCIS

## Sunday, Sep 17

9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)  
10:15 AM Sunday School

## Wednesday, Sep 20

2:00 PM Bible Study  
3:45 PM Jr. VCIS  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM VCIS

## Sunday, Sep 24

9:00 AM Worship Service (Contemporary)  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
6:00 PM Book Study with Ellie

## Wednesday, Sep 27

2:00 PM Bible Study  
3:45 PM Jr. VCIS  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM VCIS

# September Worship Helpers

## Sunday, September 03

Reader ..... Kellie Zimmerman  
Acolytes ..... Volunteer  
Communion Helper ..... Carston Mellem  
Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

## Sunday, September 10

Reader ..... Mitch Larsen  
Acolytes ..... Emily Ludens & Katie Spangler  
Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

## Sunday, September 17




Reader ..... Kellie Zimmerman  
Acolytes ..... Kaleb Huber & Ryker Larsen  
Communion Helper ..... Lilly Huber  
Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
Music ..... Annet Kropuenske

## Sunday, September 24

Reader ..... Faydra Christensen  
Acolytes ..... Lincoln Mellem & Braxton Sorensen  
Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
Organist/Pianist ..... Praise Band

# September Ushers & Cleaners





## September Ushers


 Bud & Tammy Zimmerman  
 Justin & Tonya Rudd  
 Brandon & Kelli Zimmerman

## Cleaners September 3 - 16

 Kaye Lee,  
 Faydra Christensen,  
 Tena Johansen

## Cleaners September 17 -30

 Tammy Zimmerman,  
 Tonya Rudd,  
 Kelli Zimmerman,  
 Amy Christensen,  
 Amanda Goergen



To all who helped clean during general cleaning on August 3rd! You're awesome!



Looking for volunteers to help with confirmation quilts!! Let Linda know if you would like to help.

# September Scripture Readings

**September 03** - Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 26:1-8, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-2  
**September 10** - Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-2  
**September 17** - Exodus 14:19-31, Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21  
**September 27** - Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20



The Spring Valley Ladies group traveled to Pipestone, MN in July to catch the Looney Lutherans Show!

## Looking Ahead To October

### Sunday, Oct 01

8:00 AM Council Mtg  
 9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)  
 10:15 AM Sunday School  
 6:00 PM Book Study with Ellie

### Wednesday, Oct 04

2:00 PM Bible Study  
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS  
 5:30 PM Confirmation  
 7:00 PM VCIS

### Sunday, Oct 08

9:00 AM Worship Service (Traditional)  
 10:15 AM Sunday School  
 6:00 PM Book Study with Ellie

### Wednesday, Oct 11

2:00 PM Bible Study  
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS  
 5:30 PM Confirmation  
 7:00 PM VCIS



**STARTING SEPTEMBER 03  
 WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE AT 9:00 AM**



The October Newsletter Deadline is September 24. **Please submit the reader schedule by September**

**DEADLINE**

**21** for inclusion into the September 24 bulletin.

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# Hello September



**Fundraising EVENT for HomeComing**  
**SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**

Location: DBS Hall in Viborg. Everyone should furnish baked goods or one pie or 9x13 pan of dessert.  
Group 2 works from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and  
Group 1 works from 1:00 until completion.  
Fundraiser for Spring Valley Women's Group.



### Potential Thrivent Projects!

We have projects for which we are seeking funding assistance:

1. Parsonage Touch Ups (OSLC)
2. The VCIS Haunted House Fundraiser

Learn how you can help by scanning the QR code or visiting:

<https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>

