

THE WEEK AHEAD

|               |                                 |                        |
|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| SUN<br>Oct 18 | 8:30 am                         | Worship                |
|               | 9:45 am                         | Bible Study            |
|               | 10:45 am                        | Worship                |
|               | 2:30 pm                         | LDA—Spanish Church     |
| MON<br>Oct 19 | <b>CHURCH OFFICE<br/>CLOSED</b> |                        |
| TUE<br>Oct 20 | 9:00 am                         | Hope Seeds Packing     |
|               | 5:30 pm                         | Book Club—Office       |
|               | 7:00 pm                         | LDA— Spanish Church    |
| WED<br>Oct 21 | 9:30 am                         | Family Music Class     |
|               | 12:15 pm                        | Next Gen Music - FH    |
| THU<br>Oct 22 | 7:00 pm                         | LDA—Spanish Church     |
|               | 7:00 pm                         | N/A Recovery Group     |
| FRI<br>Oct 23 | 6:30 pm                         | AA Meeting             |
| SAT<br>Oct 24 | 9:30 am                         | Oktoberfest Décor Team |
| SUN<br>Oct 25 | REFORMATION                     | SUNDAY                 |
|               | 8:30 am                         | Worship                |
|               | 9:45 am                         | Bible Study            |
|               | 10:45 am                        | Worship                |
|               | 2:30 pm                         | LDA—Spanish Church     |

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## Altar Flowers

FROM Jan Hinz in honor of George Schraufnagel's Birthday!

**WiFi**  
password: Hope4you



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### Our Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. James M. Krach  
**Music Ministry:** Dorothy J. Feldman  
Aaron Schiavone  
**Ministry Support:** Alicia Schiavone  
**Office Admin:** Cindy Stewart

whatever you ask  
in prayer, believe and  
you shall receive

MATTHEW 21:22



Small (15") Wreath—\$16  
Large (20") Wreath / Cross—\$20

Our annual fresh wreath sale returns!!  
Delivered to you from Wisconsin!! Sign up



NOTE: If paying by check, please write "Wreath Sale" on the memo line.  
If paying with cash, please place your payment in a yellow pew envelope,  
include your name and drop in the offering plate.

Words of hope

Making Disciples  
by Sharing God's  
Compassionate Love



October 18th, 2026



Honor those who are  
your leaders in the Lord's work.  
They work hard among you  
and give you spiritual guidance.  
Show them great respect  
and wholehearted love  
because of their work.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (NIV)



Plan to join us on Sunday, October 25th  
We'll celebrate Reformation Day with a Potluck Oktoberfest and show our  
appreciation for our Pastor Jim. One joyful day filled with worship, song,  
good food and fun! Sign-up sheets are in the narthex!!!  
— WE NEED A HEAD COUNT —



| ATTENDANCE<br>Oct 11, 2026 |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| WORSHIP                    | 50 / 42 |
| BIBLE STUDY                | 30      |

Let's worship  
Together

### Faithful Stewards ✝ God's Gifts

**October 18 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Matthew 22:21** – “Then he said to them, ‘Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’” So what is Jesus saying? Doesn’t everything belong to God? Yes — and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God, and He has work for us to do with what He has given us in the home, in the church and in society.

faith and  
finances

| Financial Summary Through 9/31/2026 |          |           |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
|                                     | MTD      | YTD       |
| Contribution Income                 | \$29,455 | \$373,061 |
| Facility Usage                      | \$7,635  | \$63,200  |
| Total Income                        | \$37,090 | \$436,261 |
| Expenses                            | \$37,142 | \$409,201 |
| Net income                          | (\$52)   | \$27,060  |

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### PRAYER AND CARE MINISTRY

Please help us keep our prayer list current and meaningful. Names on the **Health/Healing and Cancer lists** remain for three weeks; please resubmit if continued prayer is needed. We will continue to pray weekly for those serving in the military. If you have a prayer need, **we want to know and pray with you**. Thank you for being a caring church family that faithfully prays for one another.

### HEALING/GENERAL:

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Lindsey       | Steve        |
| Mike Drummond | Polly Pearce |

### CANCER:

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Dixie               | Bill              |
| Dan Lee             | Marisa Scarbrough |
| Luella Franke       | Becca             |
| Thaissa             | Sally Cario       |
| Suzanne Spanoudakis |                   |

### MILITARY:

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Sean Keene             | Hannah Balsbaugh |
| Tyler Zielinski        | Rusty Howe       |
| Brandon Soto-Fernandez |                  |

### How Can YOU Be A Good Steward of God's Blessings?

God blesses each of us in many wonderful ways—with our time, talents, resources, and opportunities to serve others. Next week, we'll share a brief **questionnaire** inviting everyone to consider how they might help support our church and its ministries. Remember—every gift of time, talent, and treasure makes a difference as we work together to serve God and our church family.

The core of stewardship is  
*love*

### Being a Servant of Christ

|                 | 8:30                                                                        | 10:45       |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>GREETERS</b> | Don & Paula Raymond                                                         | Ann Wood    |
| <b>READERS</b>  | Paula Raymond                                                               | Ann Wood    |
| <b>USHERS</b>   | David Dockery<br>Bill Koch<br>Ken Phelps<br>Bob Bellittera<br>Paul Maechtle | Gene Wilson |
| <b>ELDERS</b>   | Bob Bellittera<br>Dan McCallum<br>Jeff Richards                             | Doug Wilson |

THANK YOU  
FOR SERVING WITH A  
*willing heart &  
joyful spirit.*  
YOU ARE A BLESSING!

|                  |        |                                            |                  |
|------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------|------------------|
| A Look Ahead ... | Oct 25 | REFORMATION<br>DAY<br>Potluck & More       | Sign Up<br>TODAY |
|                  | Nov 1  | LWML Sunday                                | 8:30 am          |
|                  | Nov 14 | LWML Meeting                               | 9:00 am          |
|                  | Nov 21 | Quilts of Valor<br>w/Lunch                 | 11:30 am         |
|                  | Nov 25 | Thanksgiving Eve<br>Worship                | 6:30 pm          |
|                  | Nov 28 | Campus / Church<br>Christmas<br>Decorating | 9:00 am          |



WE ARE  
BLESSED  
TO BE A  
BLESSING  
TO OTHERS.

IT'S HARD TO  
GET IN SHAPE  
SPIRITUALLY  
IF YOU  
ONLY WORK  
OUT ON SUNDAY

**REMINDER:**  
**"God hears the prayers we cannot find the words to say."** - Oswald Chambers

Sometimes, the most powerful prayers are the ones we cannot find the words to speak. When your heart is too heavy or your mind is too overwhelmed, silent prayers are completely heard and understood.