

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun Aug 30	8:30 am	Worship / Baptism
	9:45 am	Meeting / Bible Study
	10:45 am	Worship
	2:30 pm	LDA—Spanish Church
MON Aug 31	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
TUE Sep 1	9:00 am	Hope Seeds Packing
	7:00 pm	LDA— Spanish Church
WED Sep 2		
THU Sep 3	7:00 pm	LDA—Spanish Church
	7:00 pm	N/A Recovery Group
FRI Sep 4	6:30 pm	AA Meeting
SAT Sep 5		
LWML MITE BOX Sun Sep 6	8:30 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Bible Study
	10:45 am	Worship
	2:30 pm	LDA—Spanish Church



Monday
September
7th

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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



Altar Flowers

FROM Carole Nelson in loving
memory of Judy Reid on her
birthday

Blessings & Blooms for 2026

Our 2026 Flower Chart is full—thank you for the overwhelming support! If you have sponsored an arrangement, please remember to take it home with you following the 10:45 service. Otherwise, please call the office to make other arrangements.

Special shout-out to **Scarlett's Flowers**, a local small business that provides us with the beautiful flowers that adorn our altar each week— at a very reasonable price. If you're looking for flowers for a special occasion—or just because—please consider supporting this local business and give Scarlett's Flowers a call!



The **Women's Book Club** selection for September is "The Correspondent" - Virginia Evans. We will have supper and discuss the book on **Tuesday, September 22, at 5:30 pm** in the church office. Bring a bite to eat and join us!

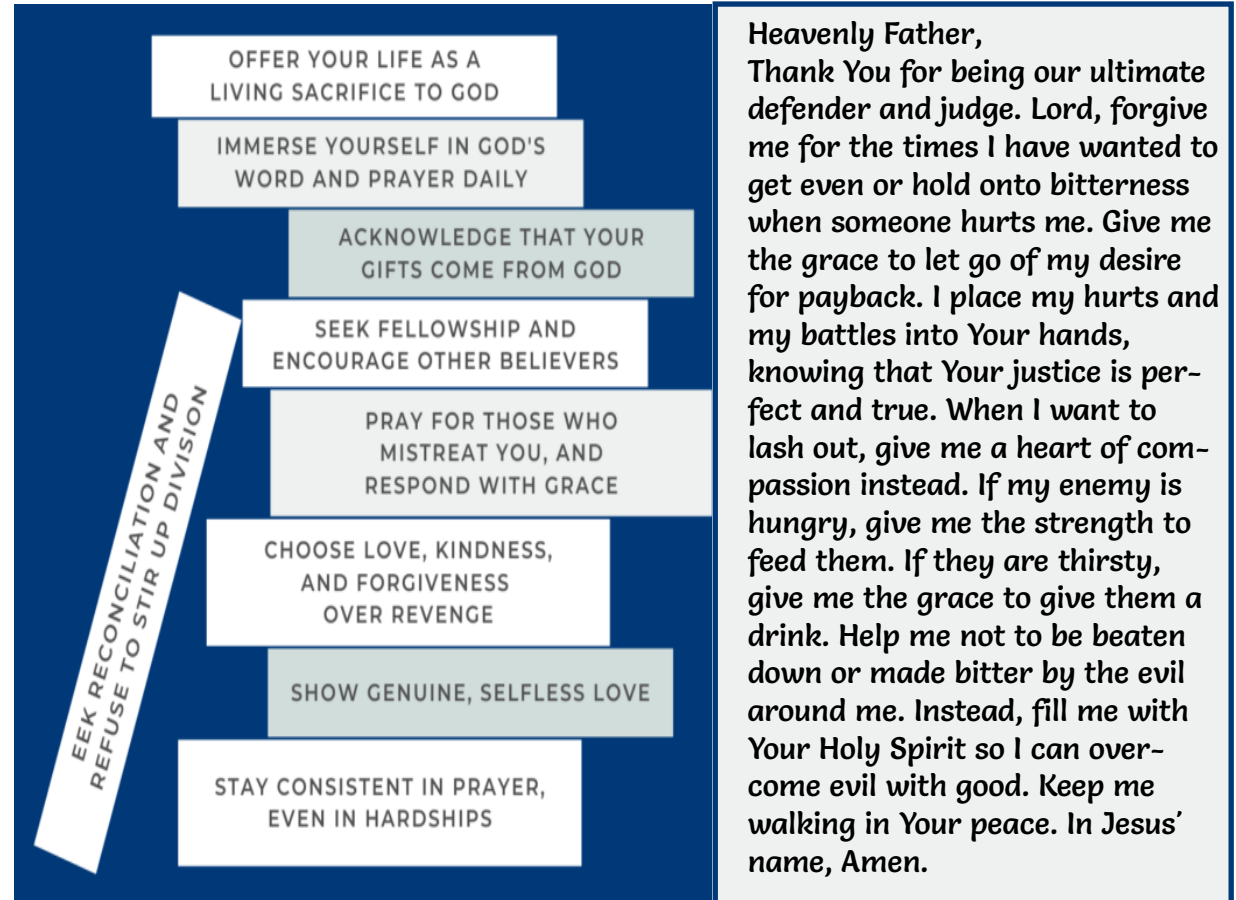


Words of
hope

Making Disciples
by Sharing God's
Compassionate Love



August 30, 2026



Heavenly Father,
Thank You for being our ultimate defender and judge. Lord, forgive me for the times I have wanted to get even or hold onto bitterness when someone hurts me. Give me the grace to let go of my desire for payback. I place my hurts and my battles into Your hands, knowing that Your justice is perfect and true. When I want to lash out, give me a heart of compassion instead. If my enemy is hungry, give me the strength to feed them. If they are thirsty, give me the grace to give them a drink. Help me not to be beaten down or made bitter by the evil around me. Instead, fill me with Your Holy Spirit so I can overcome evil with good. Keep me walking in Your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Today, during our 8:30 a.m. worship service, we joyfully welcome **Brandon Jacob Dingman** into our family of faith through Baptism. We celebrate with Brandon and his family and give thanks for God's grace and love. May Brandon continue to grow in faith and in his relationship with Christ.
Welcome, Brandon, to our church family!

ATTENDANCE Aug 23, 2026	
WORSHIP	59 / 42
BIBLE STUDY	39

Let's worship
Together

Faithful Stewards ✝ God's Gifts

Matthew 16:26 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?” He who dies with the most toy...is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's kingdom.

faith and
finances

July 2026 / Month End Financials

Contribution Income	\$58,721
Facility Usage	\$6,080
Total Income	\$64,801
Expenses	\$53,601
Net income	\$11,200

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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:

Jared	Mike Drummond
Ann Wood	Ray Winter
Polly Pearce	Lisa & Family
Walter & Barbara Mitchell	

PRAYER OF THANKS:

CANCER:

Jessi Holland	Nancy Hooker
Marisa Scarbrough	Luella Franke
Sally Cario	Becca
Suzanne Spanoudakis	Thaissa

MILITARY:

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

Sometimes I pray with words. Sometimes I just sit in the dark and let God read my silence. He's fluent in both.

Being a Servant of Christ

	8:30	10:45
GREETERS	David Dockery Joyce Labrenz	Ann Wood
READERS	Paula Raymond	Steve Wentling
USHERS	David Dockery Ken Phelps Jeff & D'Lisa Richards Joyce Labrenz	Gene Wilson
ELDERS	Jeff Richards	Steve Wentling

The greatest joy that I know in this life is

serving
the Lord.

LOOKING AHEAD: THE “BER” MONTHS

We'll soon be entering the “ber” months—September, October, November, and December! These months officially begin a countdown to the coziest and most festive time of the year—even here in Florida! So start looking for that favorite sweater!! :) As the seasons change, we look forward to autumn traditions, cooler weather (we'll see!), and preparations for the holiday season. Several church events are already in the early planning stages:

- **Pumpkins & Praise — October 17th** —Ms. Alicia is planning a fun and festive event especially for children.
- **Reformation Day, Oktoberfest & Pastor Appreciation — October 25th**— Plan to join us as we celebrate Reformation Day, enjoy some Oktoberfest fun, and show our appreciation for our pastor.
- **Quilts of Valor—honor our veterans—November 21st**
- **Christmas Wreaths & Poinsettias:** Once again, we will be offering Christmas wreaths and poinsettias for purchase. These fresh beautiful wreaths are trucked in from Wisconsin and locally grown Poinsettias will adorn our altar for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- **Christmas Giving Tree:** Our annual Christmas Giving Tree will return, providing an opportunity for our congregation to share the joy and love of Christ with others during the Christmas season.

Stay tuned for more information. If you're interested in being a part of the planning for any of these events, make a note on a connect card with your contact info and we'll be touch.

Come Join Our
BIBLE
STUDY

Led by Pastor Jim from **9:45–10:30 am**. Join us, as we grow together in God's Word, share insights, and strengthen our faith. Whether you're a regular attendee or joining us for the first time, **everyone is welcome!**