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How can you go for weeks at a time without the words and body and blood of Jesus?

That's the question I want to ask people who only show up once in a while for church. How do you continue in the faith in a world that is constantly seeking to pull you away from Christ and His truth to other spiritualities and so-called wisdom? Once a week seems barely enough in this battle for our hearts and minds and souls. Beaten down by sin and Satan, we constantly need the nourishment and the medicine that is given in Jesus' Word and in His Sacraments. We need this to stay alive spiritually and to retain the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16). In your physical life, you wouldn't skip eating for days and days because "life is crazy right now." That

would be counterproductive. How is it any different to go for weeks and weeks without the Bread of Life and the Medicine of Immortality given by Christ?



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Only in Jesus is there the comfort and strength and hope and mercy that you are seeking. And Jesus is specially present for you in divine service. Gathering with your fellow believers is important.

"Where two or three are gathered in My name, there I am in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). "... (Let us) not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the [Last] Day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:25). "Let the word of Christ

dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” (Colossians 3:16).

Come to church. Come to Bible class. See the difference being immersed regularly in the Word of Christ can make in your life. He is your Wisdom who gives meaning to your existence.

“Seek the Lord while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near.
Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the Lord,
And He will have mercy on him;
And to our God,
For He will abundantly pardon”
(Isaiah 55:6-7)

-Pastor Koch

Resting in our Lord's Care

Many of the Psalms do not just get us to meditate in God's presence; they also help us to relax and entrust ourselves to Him. As we meditate on Psalms, our concerns, our very selves, are handed over to God; we let go and let God take over; we rest in silence before Him and wait on Him.

This happens, most obviously, in Psalm 131:

“O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.
O Israel, hope in [or wait for] the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.”

This is a psalm of ascent, a psalm that was prayed by pilgrims as they traveled from their homes to the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem. The person who prays this

psalm is, most likely, a woman, a mother who is bringing her child with her on a journey to the temple. The child is a toddler, old enough to be excited by the prospect of a long journey, but not old enough to understand what is going on, let alone travel by foot along the way. So her mother carries her child with her, either in a sling, or, more likely, on her back. Since her mother carries the child, that child is unstressed and calm, happy to be with her mother and enjoy each stage of the journey with her.

This mother compares herself and all God's people to that child. She rests in the arms of her Lord and lets Him carry her along through life. She isn't worried about herself and anxious about her own importance. Her Lord has her in His arms; He knows where He is taking her. He has many good things in store for her along the way and at the end of the journey. So she can relax and wait for the journey to unfold. She can live unstressed and hopeful

because the success of her journey depends on Him and not on her. She is so happy with this arrangement that she invites us to join her in her journey. We, as we meditate,

relax and let Him take over the management of our journey through life.

(John Kleinig, Grace Upon Grace, CPH, 141-142.)

The New Binary: Moralistic Therapeutic Deism

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Richard is the pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Minot, North Dakota.

The Cold War Binary

After World War II, America entered a standoff with the Soviet Union. And so, what emerged was a political binary between democratic America and the communist Soviet Union. Alongside this binary between America and the Soviet Union, a religious binary also developed: “Christian America” versus the “atheistic Soviet Union.”

As a result of this Cold War binary with the atheistic Soviet Union, America fortified itself as Christian. In 1956, approximately 96% of Americans identified as Protestant or Catholic—essentially Christian, as Gallup classified the population at the time. Church attendance reached its historic Gallup peak of 49% in both 1955 and 1958. In fact, the phrase “under God” was added to the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954, in part to reinforce this binary against the godless Soviet Union. The contrast was clear: America was understood as a nation under

God, while the Soviet Union represented atheistic materialism.

Things Have Changed

Today, the Soviet Union no longer exists. And now, Russia can point to surveys showing that roughly 70% or more of its population identifies as Orthodox Christian, compared with America at 62% identifying as Christian. Indeed, one could make the provocative argument that, at least by certain outward measures of religious identity and

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public morality, Russia now appears more Christian than America—something that would have been almost unimaginable during the Cold War.

For example, Russia has constitutionally protected marriage as between a man and a woman, making same-sex marriage illegal. Furthermore, Russia has adopted policies that deliberately support the traditional nuclear family and encourage larger

families. Families with a third or subsequent child may receive 450,000 rubles toward paying down an existing mortgage. And while Russia tragically allows abortion on request through twelve weeks, it is much more restricted after twelve weeks than in the United States.

Thus, the old Christian America versus atheistic Soviet Union binary is no longer present. Russia can no longer simply function as the godless opposite against which America defines itself as Christian.

Atheism Is Not the Greatest Threat

America's old religious threat is also no longer straightforward atheism because the old binary is gone. In fact, atheists constitute only about 5% of America's population. And even if the old binary were still valid, one would expect that as American Christianity declined by roughly 30 percentage points from the 1950s to today, atheism would have picked up much of that loss. But it hasn't, showing that it is no longer the great threat against Christianity. What, then, is the greatest threat to Christianity?

The New Religion

Moralistic Therapeutic Deism (MTD) is found to a significant degree among approximately 38% of Americans. That means it has made major inroads into Christianity itself. That is to say, even though 62% of Americans consider themselves Christians, many of those same Americans also hold beliefs associated with MTD. In fact, a large majority of those

substantially influenced by MTD still identify themselves as Christian.

Now, we cannot simply subtract one percentage from another and determine with certainty how many Americans actually hold to historic Christianity. The surveys measure different things. But it is entirely possible that the percentage of Americans who actually hold to recognizably historic Christian doctrine is far lower than 62%—perhaps even below 25%—depending on how historic Christianity is defined and measured.

Thinking Biblically

In the Old Testament, two things happened repeatedly with the nation of Israel: apostasy and syncretism.

As is seen in 2 Kings 21, there was outright apostasy—a rejection of the Lord God. And when the people of Israel rejected the Lord God, they did not flee to nothingness or atheism. No, they *exchanged* the Lord God for the gods of their pagan neighbors: Baal, Asherah, and so forth. Apostasy is more of an “either/or” mentality: reject the Lord God and replace Him with Baal.

In other cases, such as in 2 Kings 17, the people of Israel did not reject the Lord God outright, but they also *shared* the gods of their pagan neighbors. They went the way of syncretism.

Syncretism is more of a “both/and” mentality: keep the Lord God and embrace Baal at the same time.

To the point: MTD tends to be much more syncretistic. That is, MTD borrows the language of Christianity. It speaks about

God, prayer, heaven, love, being good, and sometimes even Jesus. It borrows much of Christianity's language and outward framework but then blends it with the spirit of the age. More specifically, in MTD, God becomes someone who mainly wants people to be nice, happy, and successful. Sin becomes little more than making mistakes or failing to be kind. Salvation becomes the assumption that good people go to heaven. Prayer becomes calling upon God when life becomes difficult. Jesus may still be mentioned, but His atoning death and resurrection are no longer central.

With MTD, Christianity becomes less about sinners being justified by grace through faith on account of Christ and more about being a decent person, feeling good about oneself, and receiving divine assistance when needed. Consequently, MTD does not usually say, *"I reject God."* Instead, it says, *"Of course I believe in God."* And that is precisely the problem. If one upholds the old Christian America versus atheistic Soviet Union binary, he may assume that the majority of America is still Christian and that things are essentially okay. However, the grave mistake is assuming that if a person uses the language of God, he is therefore a Christian.

Conclusion

The church today must know what Moralistic Therapeutic Deism is and recognize that the old Christianity-versus-atheism binary is no longer sufficient or applicable for understanding the religious landscape in America. The Christian Church can no longer assume that if a person says, *"I believe in God,"* he means that he believes in historic Christianity. He may be saying the exact same words while

believing as a Moralistic Therapeutic Deist. This is why Christian doctrine matters now more than ever.

Atheism still exists. But one of the greatest challenges facing Christianity today is not necessarily a worldview that openly rejects God. It is a worldview that uses Christian language, retains the word "God," and yet quietly

replaces historic Christianity with something else. Alas, if the church fails to recognize MTD and continues to think only according to the old Christian-versus-atheist binary, it may deceive itself into believing that the times are much better than they really are.

The goal is no longer simply to get a person to believe in God over atheism, but to ask: *Exactly who is this God you believe in?* Furthermore, the danger is no longer merely that people will say, *"There is no God."* The greater danger may be that they will say, *"Of course I believe in God,"* while this god they

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believe in requires no repentance, provides no atonement, justifies no sins, and denies the need and deity of Jesus Christ. That is not historic Christianity. It is something else

entirely—something masquerading as Christianity and syncretizing itself with the Christian faith. It is Moralistic Therapeutic Deism.

The LCMS Foundation: Estate Planning

Jerry said to his friend Paul, “I just came from the doctor. I don’t like conversations at the doctor’s office. I get so tongue tied. I forget about what I wanted to ask the doctor. I’m trying to think about what certain words mean and before I know it, I’m being ushered out of the office without talking about everything I needed to discuss.”

Paul replied, “I know what you are talking about. It’s the same reason that I have not been getting my estate plan updated. When I get around legal people, I hear words like codicils, per stirpes and in vivo. I get so stressed about keeping it all straight that I put it all off for another year.”

Legal terms and carefully crafted documents all have very important purposes in our estate plans. Sometimes, the difference between a contested estate and non-contested estate may come down to the proper use of these words. In truth,

that may be stressful for you. That’s why it is important to start talking about your goals, thinking and praying, before facing that stress head on. That is where working collaboratively with an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Your counselor is a fellow believer who wants to stand alongside you, to assist and encourage you in expressing your wishes clearly. Once that is achieved, the counselor will assist in sharing that with your attorney so you can be confident that all your desires are known. In the process, you can gain a new friend, sharing life in Jesus. To get started, contact Craig Toerpe, Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation to facilitate this legacy conversation or other questions you may have regarding how you can faithfully provide for your family and financially support the Lord’s work at 262-707-3005 or craig.toerpe@lfnd.org

Official Acts

Transfer In: June Peterson from Bethlehem Lutheran Church (LCMS) Wales, WI , by action of voters’ assembly on September 13, 2026.

Ladies' Guild News

The next meeting of the Guild will be on Tuesday, October 13th. All ladies of Mt. Zion are welcome to join us in the council room.

A Food Drive for the Hope Lutheran Church food pantry will take place during the month of November, and the Fall bake sale will be held the weekend of November 7-8. Donations of non-perishable food items and homemade baked goods are welcome. Watch the bulletin for more details.



October: Barbara Cooper and Brenda Kalchbrenner
November: Marlaina Socha and Coral Taylor

October Ushers & Communion Assistants Schedule

Sunday, Oct. 4	9 AM	Jason Leon	Communion Assistant – Rhett Nowotny
Sunday, Oct. 11	9 AM	Levi Frusti	Communion Assistant – Dan Kohlmeier
Sunday, Oct. 18	9 AM	Andrew Brondos	Communion Assistant – Joe Beiler
Sunday, Oct. 25	9 AM	Blake Taylor	Communion Assistant – Dan Kohlmeier

Saturday Ushers

Saturday, Oct. 3	5 PM	Joe Beiler
Saturday, Oct. 10	5 PM	Eric Lawson
Saturday, Oct. 17	5 PM	Kyle Wendtland
Saturday, Oct. 24	5 PM	Matt Kalchbrenner
Saturday, Oct. 31	5 PM	Jake Tietzen

November Ushers & Communion Assistants Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 1	9 AM	Brayden Nicholson	Communion Assistant – Rhett Nowotny
Sunday, Nov. 8	9 AM	Jacob Frusti	Communion Assistant – Joe Beiler
Sunday, Nov. 15	9 AM	Jason Leon	Communion Assistant – Dan Kohlmeier
Sunday, Nov. 25	9 AM	Blake Taylor	Communion Assistant – Rhett Nowotny
Sunday, Nov. 29	9 AM	Andrew Brondos	Communion Assistant – Dan Kohlmeier

Saturday Ushers

Saturday, Nov. 7	5 PM	Eric Lawson
Saturday, Nov. 14	5 PM	Kyle Wendtland
Saturday, Nov. 21	5 PM	Matt Kalchbrenner
Saturday, Nov. 28	5 PM	Brayden Nicholson

Thanksgiving Eve 6:30 PM Joe Beiler

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to the following Mt. Zion members:

October

3rd Megan Taylor
3rd Rachel Koch
4th Joan Ringe
11th Rebekah Frusti
13th Caroline Tietzen
16th Carol Povlick



20th Rebekah Kohlmeier
20th Miriam Wieting
24th Nicholas Siniard
26th Amy Lawson
26th Blake Taylor
28th Elizabeth Wieting
29th Jim Hertel

November

3rd Debra Klein
6th Douglas Czerwinski
13th Andre Williams
14th Simone Seitz
15th Sara Kohlmeier
15th Hannah Wieting
16th Clara Ellis



16th Bradley Stack
21st Sharon Czerwinski
21st Carol Snodgrass
22nd Lisa Michalek
24th Jonathan Bell
26th James Halverson
29th Coral Taylor

Happy Anniversary to the following couples:

October

23rd Blake & Coral Taylor (33)



November

11th Jeremy & Kim Tietyen (26)

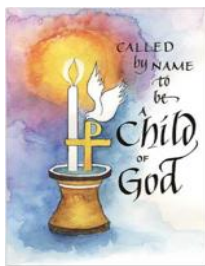
26th Phil & April Leon (21)

16th Bob & Deborah Turzai (41)

Baptismal Anniversaries

October

1st Judith Beiler
1st Brenda Kalchbrenner
1st Eric Lawson
3rd Megan Taylor
3rd Rachel Koch
8th Rhett Nowotny
14th Rebekah Frusti



14th Carolyn Nicholson
15th Christie Halverson
19th Jodie Awe
21st Miriam Wieting
22nd Nicholas Siniard
29th Kathleen Rowell
31st Blake Taylor

November

1st Laura Koch
1st Amy Lawson
3rd Elizabeth Wieting
8th Janis Allen
10th Rebekah Kohlmeier
10th Carrie Trotter

15th Matthew Kalchbrenner
15th Debra Klein
20th Caroline Tietyen
24th Jonathan Bell
24th Hannah Wieting

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voters' Meeting
September 13, 2026

President Joe Beiler called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. 28 voting members were present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the June 2026 Voters' Meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Andrew Brondos presented a written report for August 2026. Andrew stated that he was a little concerned about our actual operating funds being at \$4,263. He would like to see that amount over \$10,000. Pastor encouraged us to be consistent, faithful givers. The report was approved as printed.

President's Report: President Beiler had nothing to report, since he had just been elected president.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Koch thanked Joe Beiler for his willingness to serve as congregational president. He said that Andrew Brondos would give a brief report on the synodical convention that was held in July, where President Harrison was re-elected for his final term.

Pastor stated that he will be leading a tour to the Holy Land at the end of October and beginning of November. Pastor Wieting and Rev. Dr. Aaron Moldenhauer will cover the two Sundays that he will be gone.

He reminded, encouraged, invited, and exhorted us to attend Sunday morning Bible class, which begins next week. We should be life-long learners of Scripture. He reported that three young ladies are attending First Communion classes, and there is one student in Confirmation instruction.

Convention Delegate's Report: Andrew Brondos served as our circuit's lay delegate to the synodical convention in July. He stated that the key items of the convention were the discussions on how to deal with the shortage of pastors in the synod and reestablishing the Commission on Worship to give guidance on worship practices. The highlight for Andrew was the mission work taking place in our synod and the international representatives who were in attendance.

Membership Changes

Transfer in - June Peterson from Bethlehem Lutheran (LCMS), Wales, WI

It was moved, seconded, and approved by the assembled voters to accept June into membership.

Board Reports

Elders: Elders had nothing new to report.

Trustees: Michael Halverson thanked Jeremy Tietyen and Bill Halverson for all of their work installing new siding and replacing the roof on the shed.

Michael has not moved forward with the installation of the new drinking fountain due to the fact that he is not sure how to handle replacing any tiles that might need to be removed.

He would like to set a date for a Fall grounds clean-up in New Business.

Education: See Pastor's report.

Outreach: Judy Beiler has chosen some new dates for pickle ball and will be advertising them soon.

Old Business: None

New Business: Pastor Koch noted that Wisconsin Department of Transportation is planning to construct more noise barriers. They will be holding an Open House meeting to get input as to which of the four proposed projects that they should move forward with at this time. The meeting will be between 5 and 7 pm on Thursday, October 1st, in the Council Chambers at Greenfield City Hall. If you are able to attend on behalf of the church, it would be appreciated.

Scott McIntosh left money from investments and a life insurance policy to the church, and Pastor and the trustees met and decided that it would be appropriate to use the money to replace our parking lot. A bid from Merit Asphalt was presented which includes removing the old parking lot and back sidewalk, extensive reconstruction, repaving, and re-striping. The question was raised regarding considering concrete instead of asphalt. It was moved, seconded, and approved to get two estimates for concrete. It was moved, seconded, and passed for a special voters' meeting to be held on Sunday, September 27th, for a final vote on the project. After 20 minutes of discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed, with one

dissenting vote, that if the concrete estimates come in under \$280,000, we will go with concrete. If the bids are higher than that, we would proceed with the Merit proposal. If both concrete estimates are under the \$280,000, the trustees are authorized to make the final decision.

It was then moved, seconded, and passed, to strike the motion scheduling a special voters' meeting.

The Fall clean-up of the property will take place on Saturday, October 10th at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your tools to help clear brush and prepare for the parking lot project.

A motion to adjourn was passed at 11:27 a.m. Pastor Koch closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Kohlmeier
Congregational Secretary

**Saturday,
October 10th
9:00 a.m.**
Bring your tools and join us!



Dear members of Mt. Zion,

At last Sunday's Voters Meeting (September 13, 2026, the congregation decided to undertake a major project—the replacement of our seriously aging parking lot. Among several bids to do the regrading and resurfacing, Merit Asphalt was chosen by the Trustees as the company to recommend. After some discussion, it was decided that bids for a concrete parking lot should also be acquired and considered if they were within 20% of Merit's proposal of \$231,000 for the project. Those bids were sought and turned out to be in a range approaching \$400K. So according to the motion passed by the Voters Assembly, we will be going with the asphalt parking lot replacement with Merit.

The reason this project is even possible is because of a large life insurance policy received from Scott McIntosh at his passing that was left to the church in the amount of \$229,000. Scott also left another significant investment account to Mt. Zion of ~\$98,000. Seeing that Scott was one who gave careful attention to the building and grounds of Mt. Zion, it seemed fitting to use his gifts for this purpose. We thank and praise God for providing for this need through Scott's faith-inspired generosity, and for the example he gave of using his financial resources for godly purposes.

All of the sidewalks along the parking lot and to the back entrances will also be replaced as part of the project. This concrete work will be done on September 28th and 29th, weather permitting. The replacement of the parking lot itself is scheduled for the week of October 12th and should be completed in 5 days (Monday – Friday)—again weather permitting. The project will include not only removing and replacing the old asphalt but laying down a better foundation base of stone underneath ranging from 8 – 12" in depth.

If you have any questions about this project, please feel free to speak with me or one of the Trustees. And give thanks to God for how He provides for all our needs in both body and soul!

In Christ,

Pastor Koch



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Presiding Minister:

Rev. M. D. Peters

Preacher:

Rev. Peter C. Bender



Daily Bible Readings

October

Oct. 1	Deut. 2:16-37 Matt. 6:16-34	Oct. 17	Deut. 15:19--16:22 Matt. 13:44-58
Oct. 2	Deut. 3:1-29 Matt. 7:1-12	21st Sunday after Trinity	Deut. 17:1-20 Matt. 14:1-21
Oct. 3	Deut. 4:1-20 Matt. 7:13-29	Oct. 19	Deut. 18:1-22 Matt. 14:22-36
19th Sunday after Trinity	Deut. 4:21-40 Matt. 8:1-17	Oct. 20	Deut. 19:1-20 Matt. 15:1-20
Oct. 5	Deut. 5:1-21 Matt. 8:18-34	Oct. 21	Deut. 20:1-20 Matt. 15:21-39
Oct. 6	Deut. 5:22--6:9 Matt. 9:1-17	Oct. 22	Deut. 21:1-23 <i>Deut. 22:1--24:9</i> Matt. 16:1-12
Oct. 7	Deut. 6:10-25 Matt. 9:18-38	Oct. 23	Deut. 24:10--25:10 Matt. 16:13-28
Oct. 8	Deut. 7:1-19 Matt. 10:1-23	Oct. 24	Deut. 25:17--26:19 Matt. 17:1-13
Oct. 9	Deut. 8:1-20 Matt. 10:24-42	Reformation Sunday	Deut. 27:1-26 Matt. 17:14-27
Oct. 10	Deut. 9:1-22 Matt. 11:1-19	Oct. 26	Deut. 28:1-22 Matt. 18:1-20
20th Sunday after Trinity	Deut. 9:23--10:22 Matt. 11:20-30	Oct. 27	Deut. 29:1-29 Matt. 18:21-35
Oct. 12	Deut. 11:1-25 Matt. 12:1-21	Oct. 28	Deut. 30:1-20 Matt. 19:1-15
Oct. 13	Deut. 11:26--12:12 Matt. 12:22-37	Oct. 29	Deut. 31:1-29 Matt. 19:16-30
Oct. 14	Deut. 12:13-32 Matt. 12:38-50	Oct. 30	Deut. 31:30--32:27 Matt. 20:1-16
Oct. 15	Deut. 13:1-18 Matt. 13:1-23	Oct. 31	Deut. 32:28-52 <i>Deut. 33:1-29</i> Matt. 20:17-34
Oct. 16	Deut. 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28--15:15 Matt. 13:24-43		

Treasurer's Report

August 2026

Beginning of Month Balance			
Receipts		Expenses	
Plate Offerings	\$735.00	Salaries/Wages	\$7,564.14
Weekly Envelopes	\$5,085.00	FICA	\$384.34
Electronic Offerings	\$10,015.08	Utilities	\$1,523.66
Communion/Altar	\$25.00	Pension & Insurance	\$3,167.16
Missions	\$125.00	Car Allowance	\$307.70
Gift & Memorial	\$229,767.03	Continuing Education	\$35.91
Buck of the Month	\$121.81	Church & Parsonage Maintenance	\$252.00
Germany Tour	\$1,500.00	General Insurance	\$3,539.00
Flowers	\$30.00	Dues, Subscriptions, & Fees	\$229.21
Interest	\$1.62	Office Supplies	\$97.34
		Postage	\$7.00
		VBS	\$43.34
		Prepaid Expenses	\$721.65
		Gift & Memorial	\$8,712.76
Total Receipts for August 2026:	\$247,405.54	Total Expenses for August 2026:	\$26,585.21
Restricted Funds in Checking as			
Communion/Altar	\$321.65	Congolese Outreach	\$500.00
Missions	\$2,265.19	Mt. Zion Care Team	\$359.48
Gift & Memorial	\$246,256.40	Pastor's Home Equity Fund	\$3,900.00
Buck of the Month	\$2,596.57	New Window Fund	\$1,210.00
Outdoor Painting Fund	\$0.00	Water Fountain Fund	\$2,350.39
Germany Tour	\$18,250.31		
Operating Fund as of 8/31/26			
	Beginning of Month Balance	\$61,452.91	
	Receipts	\$247,405.54	
	Expenses	\$26,585.21	
	End of Month Balance	\$282,273.24	
	Restricted Funds	\$278,009.99	
	Actual Operating Funds	\$4,263.25	
Year-To-Date Change in Account			
	Year-To-Date Receipts	\$440,270.77	
	Year-To-Date Expenses	\$178,568.72	
	Change in Account Balance	\$261,702.05	
Submitted by Andrew Brondos,			
Treasurer			

October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Private Confession & Absolution: Sat. 4:15-4:45 Sun. 8:15-8:45 or by appointment			1 1 st Communion Instruction – 6:30 pm	2	3 Halverson/Madson Wedding – 2:30 pm Divine Service –5 pm
4 Divine Service – 9 am Bible Class & Sun. School – 10:20 am	5	6 Confirmation Class – 2 pm	7 Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Pastor	8 1 st Communion Instruction – 6:30 pm	9 Abraham	10 Fall Clean-up 9 am Divine Service–5 pm
11 Philip the Deacon Divine Service – 9 am Bible Class & Sun. School – 10:20 am	12	13 Ladies' Guild - 1 pm Confirmation Class – 2 pm Elders - 6:30 pm Council – 7 pm	14	15 1 st Communion Instruction – 6:30 pm	16 Men's Retreat – Luther Mem. Chapel	17 Ignatius of Antioch, Pastor & Martyr Men's Retreat Buck of the Month Divine Service –5 pm
18 St. Luke, Evangelist Buck of the Month Divine Service – 9 am Bible Class & Sun. School – 10:20 am	19	20 Confirmation Class – 2 pm	21	22 1 st Communion Instruction – 6:30 pm	23 St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus and Martyr	24 Divine Service–5 pm
25 Dorcas (Tabitha), Lydia, and Phoebe, Faithful Women Divine Service – 9 am Bible Class & Sun. School – 10:20 am	26 Phillip Nicolai, Johann Heermann, & Paul Gerhardt, Hymnwriters	27	28 St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles	29	30	31 Reformation Day
Holy Land Trip						

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