

ST. JOHN'S JOURNAL

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LIFE TOGETHER

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month we looked at the fall of the Northern Kingdom of Israel to the Assyrian Empire and the rise of the Samaritans. Due to the Assyrian practice of exile and relocation of peoples, the Samaritans became a people of mixed race and religious practices. Because of this mixed cultural and religious development, the Samaritans were held in suspicion and despised by the Southern Kingdom of Judah up into the time of Jesus. This month we will look at the fate of the Southern Kingdom of Judah.

The Southern Kingdom followed suit with her Northern brothers worshipping the false gods of the land of Canaan. The false gods, such as Baal, promised power and wealth for their followers. The Kings of Judah fell to this temptation. They also attempted to strengthen Judah by making political alliances with foreign kings against the power of Assyria and the rising power of Babylon. This also went against the warnings of the prophets.

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Jeremiah is an example of the prophets of Judah during this time. He warned against the worship of Baal and its despicable sacrifice of children. In Jeremiah 19 he describes this practice and the horrible result that would befall Judah when the Babylonians laid siege to the city of Jerusalem. Horrors that included cannibalism. He paid dearly for his dire warnings and was persecuted by the false prophets and the royal courts. In Jeremiah 25 he foretells the fall of Judah to Babylon and a 70 year exile.

In the 7th century B.C., Babylon rebelled against Assyria and overthrew it, becoming the predominant power in the Levant. In 586 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar II, King of Babylon, conquered Jerusalem, destroyed the Temple built by Solomon, and took captives with him to Babylon which is in the area of present day Iraq. Among these exiles were Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. Because of the harsh treatment Judah experienced at the hands of the Babylonians, Babylon became a symbol of wickedness and rebellion against God. It even became a code name for the city of Rome and its own harsh policies.

Babylon's reign did not last long. As Jeremiah predicted the exile of Judah to Babylon lasted roughly 70 years. Babylon, in turn, was conquered by an even more powerful empire further east, the Persians. The Persians were more lenient than the Babylonians. In fact, Cyrus the Great, king of Persia is referred to by Isaiah as a messiah or one anointed to fulfill the will of God. The Persians allowed Judah to return to home and rebuild the

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Prayer Concerns

Please be praying for these friends and church family members.

Those with health concerns:

- *Brian Wininger (church member)
- *Bryan Adams (church member)
- Chris Haag (brother to T. Haag, cousin to J. Love)
- David Welch (brother-in-law of Doug & Rita Denson)
- Dick McCloskey (friend of Goldman family)
- Donna McCloskey (friend of the Goldman family)
- Helen Bauer (wife of Augie Bauer)
- Jake Divine (grandson of Mary Ann Divine)
- Jane Person (friend of Duane Mann)
- Jentry Pace (great grandson of Mary Hudson)
- Ladema Welton (friend of Julinda Adams)
- Lee Sipes (brother of Tammy Wininger)
- Marg Otto (friend of Barbara Prince)
- Pam Bullock (friend of Linda Goldman and others)
- Sissy Woody (friend of Julinda Adams)
- Steve Deckard (friend of Hilbert Fuhrman)
- *Verneeda Roach (church member)

Those in the nursing home and homebound:

- *Glenn Crim (Parkview Village, Odon)
- *Phyllis Lynch (Gentry Park Center, Bloomington)
- *Verneeda Roach (Ketcham Memorial Center, Odon)

Our College/Graduate Students:

- *Alex Adams, Ivy Tech, Bloomington
- *Carson Shaw, University of Evansville
- *Isaac Eagle, University of Southern Indiana
- *Kenley Shaw, University of Southern Indiana
- *Olivia Harker, University of Southern Indiana

Our Military Personnel:

- *Kody Neukam-Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota

Other concerns:

- The spiritual state of our nation and churches
- The leaders in our nation and world
- Our church and leaders of our church
- Our sister church in Dubois and leaders
- Our own individual spiritual state
- Those experiencing war, unrest, and persecution
- Those who suffer depression & mental illness
- Staff and students at our local schools

** denotes church member*

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city of Jerusalem including the Temple. This Temple constructed by Ezra and Nehemiah will be known to history as the Second Temple and will be the base for the Temple of Herod which is the Temple we read about in Jesus' time. It is remarkable that the tiny people of God were involved with so many of the mighty empires of the ancient world. And yet God preserved them in these enormous upheavals and promises to do the same for his people today.

In Christ,
Pr. Fleace

**Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from
evil. Proverbs 3:7**

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN Hill Church

Emmanuel Lutheran Hill Church of rural Dubois, Indiana, will hold the annual homecoming on Sunday, 20 September, at 2:30 PM. Reverend Tim Kraemer of Christ Lutheran Church will conduct the service. Holy Communion will be celebrated during the service. After the service, there will be a carry-in meal in the old schoolhouse. This year we will honor the 125th anniversary of the current sanctuary. You are invited to come and join the activities at the old Hill Church.

The annual meeting of Hill Church will be held on Sunday, 4 October at 1:30 PM at the church. Thank you!

The Hill Church Cemetery Association

CELEBRATION *singers*

The Celebration Singers are well underway in their 25th year. The singers and musicians hail from all over Southern Indiana, including Dubois, Spencer, Pike, Martin, Vanderburgh and Monroe Counties. Three members from St. John Lutheran Church, Dubois, have been singing with them from the beginning. You are invited to join them at one of more of the 2026 performances:

- Sept 13 - Huntingburg UMC, 3 PM, 9/11 Patriotic Concert to benefit Shared Abundance
- Nov. 11 - William Tell Center, Tell City, IN 12 PM (EST), 11 AM (CST), Perry County Council on Aging
- Dec. 5 - St. Ferdinand Catholic, 7 PM, Christmas Concert
- Dec. 20 - St. Paul UCC, Holland, 3 PM, Christmas Concert

All programs are open to the public and more will be added soon. Check out their website at www.celebrationsingers.org.

**The steadfast love of the LORD
never ceases, his mercies never
come to an end; they are new
every morning, great is your
faithfulness. "The LORD is my
portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."
The LORD is good to those who
wait for him, to the soul that
seeks him.**

Lamentations 3:22-25

St. Michael and All Angels

Feast Day September 29

"This feast reminds us that God's creation is more infinite than we can imagine and includes elements beyond our human understanding. Angels, or messengers from God, are found in many places in scripture. We remember as Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce that she would give birth to God's Son; an angel appeared to Joseph to assure him of the same; then the host of angels as they appeared to the shepherds at Jesus' birth. The angel Michael is mentioned in the book of Daniel, as well as in Jude and Revelation. He is the angelic helper who leads the battle against the forces of evil. In Revelation Michael and his angels fight against and defeat Satan and the evil angels, driving them from heaven. They are able to win this victory because of Jesus' own death and resurrection, giving power over sin, evil and death. Tradition names Michael as the patron and protector of the Church, especially as the protector of Christians at the hour of death."

Hannah

Commemoration Day September 2

"Hannah was the favored wife of Elkanah and the mother of the prophet Samuel. She became pregnant with Samuel after years of barrenness and persistent prayer to God to allow her to bear a son (I Samuel 1:). She promised God that if she bore a son she would return him to God for service in his kingdom. When her prayer was answered and her son was old enough, she did return him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. Her prayer of thanksgiving (I Samuel 2) begins, 'My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God.' It reminds us of the

song of praise from Mary, the mother of our Lord, that we heard centuries later (Luke 1:46-55). The name Hannah, which is derived from the Hebrew word for "grace" reminds us of God's grace in answering Hannah's prayer. She is remembered for her faithfulness and for joyfully keeping the promise she made to God before her son's birth to give him back to God for lifelong service in His kingdom."

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Feast Day September 21

"St. Matthew, also known as Levi in the Gospels of Mark and Luke, was a tax collector. He was not trusted by the Jews because they were notoriously dishonest and worked as agents for a foreign ruler, the Romans. Tax collectors were considered outcasts from the Jews and unclean. Yet, Jesus chose Matthew as one of his disciples, calling him away from his occupation and wealth (Matthew 9:9-13). He was not only a disciple, but was also called and sent out as one of the twelve apostles of Jesus (Matthew 10:2-4). Later he wrote the Gospel that was granted first place in the ordering of the New Testament. In his Gospel Matthew portrays Christ as the new and greater Moses, who graciously fulfills the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 5:17) and establishes a new covenant of salvation in and with his own blood. Matthew's gospel also includes the story of the coming of the Magi, the

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Lectionary Readings for September

Please find below the daily lectionary readings for this month. Reading the Bible every day will increase your spiritual health in the same way that exercise helps you physically to stay well. We encourage you to make time in your day for the care of your soul.

- 1 1 Kings 18:1-19; Ephesians 1:1-23
- 2 1 Kings 18:20-40; Ephesians 2:1-22
- 3 1 Kings 19:1-21; Ephesians 3:1-21
- 4 2 Kings 2:1-18; Ephesians 4:1-24
- 5 2 Kings 2:19-25, 4:1-7; Ephesians 4:25-5:14
- 6 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37; Ephesians 5:15-33
- 7 2 Kings 4:38-5:8; Ephesians 6:1-24
- 8 2 Kings 5:9-27; Philippians 1:1-20
- 9 2 Kings 6:1-23; Philippians 1:21-2:11
- 10 2 Kings 9:1-13, 10:18-29; Philippians 2:12-30
- 11 2 Chronicles 29:1-24; Philippians 3:1-21
- 12 2 Chronicles 31:1-21; Philippians 4:1-23
- 13 2 Chronicles 32:1-22; Colossians 1:1-23
- 14 2 Chronicles 33:1-25; Colossians 1:24-2:7
- 15 2 Chronicles 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33; Colossians 2:8-23
- 16 2 Chronicles 35:1-7, 16-25; Colossians 3:1-25
- 17 2 Chronicles 36:1-23; Colossians 4:1-18
- 18 Nehemiah 1:1-2:10; 1 Timothy 1:1-20
- 19 Nehemiah 2:11-20, 4:1-6; 1 Timothy 2:1-15
- 20 Nehemiah 4:7-23; 1 Timothy 3:1-16
- 21 Nehemiah 5:1-16, 6:1-19, 15-16; 1 Timothy 4:1-16
- 22 Nehemiah 7:1-4, 8:1-18; 1 Timothy 5:1-16
- 23 Nehemiah 9:1-21; 1 Timothy 5:17-6:2
- 24 Nehemiah 9:22-38; 1 Timothy 6:3-21
- 25 Malachi 1:1-14; Matthew 3:1-17
- 26 Malachi 2:1-3:5; Matthew 4:1-11
- 27 Malachi 3:6-4:6; Matthew 4:12-25
- 28 Deuteronomy 1:1-18; Matthew 5:1-20
- 29 Deuteronomy 1:19-36; Matthew 5:21-48
- 30 Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15; Matthew 6:1-15

Servers for September

6 September Pentecost 15

Lector/Communion Asst: **Duane Mann**
 Acolyte: **Duane Mann**
 Communion Helper: **Karen Mann**
 Greeters: **Dick & Kay Barber**
 Nursery: **Sarah Adams**
 Color: **Green**

13 September Pentecost 16

Lector: **Tammy Wininger**
 Acolyte: **Tammy Wininger**
 Greeters: **Jim & Barb Duzan**
 Nursery: **Drew or Hannah Davis**
 Color: **Green**

20 September Pentecost 17

Lector/Communion Asst: **Karen Whorrall**
 Acolyte: **Karen Whorrall**
 Greeters: **Deron & Angie Steiner**
 Nursery: **Tammy Wininger**
 Color: **Green**

27 September Pentecost 18

Lector: **Deron Steiner**
 Acolyte: **Deron Steiner**
 Greeters: **Bill & Karen Whorrall**
 Nursery: **Barbara Prince**
 Color: **Green**

Financial Assistant: **TBD**
 Church Cleaning: **Whorralls**

Worship Service Times

September - December 2026 - 9 AM

January - April 2027 - 11 AM

May - August 2027 - 9 AM

(St. Matthew, continued from page 4)

Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes and the Our Father. He tells of the institution of Holy Baptism and gives the most explicit revelation of the Holy Trinity (Matthew 28:16-20). Not much is known of his last days and death, but we are grateful for his life and the teaching concerning Jesus in his Gospel."

The Church Mouse

Well, they finished the work in the front of the church! The new street looks really nice and I love the new sidewalks. I guess they knew what they were doing after all. But I wonder why they didn't pave the next block? It looks like it needed it. I don't know.... Nobody ever listens to a little mouse anyhow. (Not that I said anything.) 

I heard through the grapevine (of course, that is not really true because I was there to see it myself) that Ross and Sarah are having a little boy! I let myself in at the gender reveal party and found out that piece of information. Another little boy!! Yay!!!

I hope to go to the park at Dubois for church on Sunday. I hear there is going to be a feast of food after church. It should be yummy!! Maybe I'll see you there!



Our joint Thanksgiving service with our sister church, St. John Dubois Crossroads, will be at our church on Sunday, 22 November at 10 AM with dinner afterward. We will provide turkeys and drinks. We ask that you bring side dishes and desserts. What a great opportunity to worship and fellowship together with St. John Dubois!

a little lutheran levity!

***Seen in church bulletins or
announced in church services....***

Don't let worry kill you off ---
let the Church help!

For those of you who have
children and don't know it ---
there is a nursery downstairs!

Low Self-Esteem Support group
will meet on Thursday at 7 PM.
Please use the back door.

The church will host an evening
of fine dining, super
entertainment and gracious
hostility.

Chili Day is Wednesday, 4 November.

During the next two months we
will be prepping by cooking
chickens and browning ground
beef. See Duane Mann for more
details. Please plan to help in
whatever way you are able! Thank
you very much!!!



Great is Thy Faithfulness

Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Psalm 36:5

The author of this hymn, Thomas Obediah Chisholm, was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. At age 16, he began teaching school, despite the paucity of his own education. He came to Christ at age 27 under the ministry of evangelist H.C. Morrison. But Chisholm's health was unstable, and he alternated between bouts of illness and gainful employment in which he did everything from journalism to insurance to evangelistic work. Through all the ups and downs, he discovered new blessings from God every morning. The third chapter of Lamentations became precious to him: *His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness* (Lamentations 3:22-23).

Thomas later admitted there was no dramatic story behind the writing of "Great is Thy Faithfulness." While serving the Lord in Vineland, New Jersey, Thomas sent several poems to his friend, musician William Runyan, who was so moved by this one that he prayed earnestly for special guidance in composing the music. Runyan was in Baldwin, Kansas, at the time, and the hymn was published in 1923 in Runyan's private song pamphlets.

"It went rather slowly for several years," Thomas recalled. Then Dr. Will Houghton of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago discovered it, and would say in chapel, "Well, I think we shall have to sing 'Great is Thy Faithfulness.'" It became an unofficial theme song for the Institute; and when Houghton died, it was sung at his funeral.

Still, it remained relatively unknown until popularized around the world by George Beverly Shea and the choirs at the Billy Graham Crusades.

Thomas spent his retirement years in a Methodist Home for the Aged in Ocean Park, New Jersey, where he was frequently seen walking by the ocean and along town streets. Tom Rich, a resident of Ocean Park, recalls his pleasant demeanor as he dropped by the diner, sat on park benches, and fellowshiped with friends at Ocean Park's summer Bible conferences.

Thomas died in Ocean Park in 1960. During his lifetime he wrote 1,200 poems and hymns. In addition to "Great is Thy Faithfulness," he is the author of the well-known "O To Be Like Thee," and the hymn, "Living for Jesus."

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Budget Report for July 2026

General Fund: Balance on 7/1/26 \$40,940.65
 Total Receipts \$10,031.82.....\$50,972.47
 Disbursements

Salaries \$3,341.68
 Worship \$250.00
 Office \$98.29
 Utilities \$1,733.22
 Rep/Main \$200.00
 Misc. \$3,638.98

Total Disbursements..... \$9,262.17
 Balance on 7/31/26 \$41,710.30

Special Funds:

Building Fund \$24,208.78
 Good Samaritan Fund \$1,194.04
 Synod Mission Support \$00.00
 Memorial Fund \$9,286.99
 Grace LC Legacy Gift \$1,642.10

Stewardship Report July 2026

Date	Attendance	Offering
Sunday, July 05	28	\$1345.00*
Sunday, July 12	23	\$1315.00
Sunday, July 19	27	\$1485.00**
Sunday, July 26	23	\$380.00

Needed weekly to meet the budget \$1105.00

**\$60 Ice Cream*

***\$785 Purdue University Fraternity, and
 \$100 Montgomery family, \$90 Thrivent*

**Now may our Lord Jesus Christ
 himself and God our Father,
 who loved us and through
 grace gave us eternal comfort
 and good hope, comfort your
 hearts and strengthen them in
 every good work and word.**

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17



This month we have one special birthday to celebrate (members 80 years old and up). We hope you will help us "shower" Kay with love by sending her a birthday card for her special day on the date listed with her name:

**Kay Barber
 (September 30, 1944)
 214 Byron Street
 Loogootee, IN 47553**

Contact the church office if you know someone who is not listed above. We don't want to miss anyone. Thank you!!

A Prayer of Martin Luther

**Dear Father in
 heaven, for the
 sake of your dear
 Son Jesus Christ
 grant us your Holy
 Spirit, that we may
 be true learners of
 Christ, and
 therefore acquire a
 heart with a never-
 ceasing fountain of
 love. Amen.**

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Commemoration Day for Joshua	2 Commemoration Day for Hannah	3 Commemoration Day for Gregory the Great, Pastor	4 Commemoration Day for Moses	5 Commemoration Day for Zechariah and Elizabeth
6 The Divine Service 9 AM Pentecost 15	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 The Divine Service 9 AM Pentecost 16	14 Holy Cross Day	15	16 Commemoration Day for Cyprian of Carthage, Pastor and Martyr	17 Church Council Meeting 6 PM	18	19
20 The Divine Service 9 AM Pentecost 17	21 Feast Day for St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	22 St. John's Journal Items are due today. Thank you! Commemoration Day for Jonah	23	24	25	26
27 The Divine Service 9 AM Pentecost 18 Linger Longer	28	29 Feast Day for St. Michael and All Angels	30 Commemoration Day for Jerome, Translator of Holy Scriptures			

3 Sharon Hembree
 5 Brian & Tammy Wininger (A)
 James & Barb Duzan (A)
 6 Tom & Lynette Harker (A)
 7 Joan Frances Fleace Davis
 9 Chloe Qualkenbush
 10 Aquila Warren Fleace
 11 Jalisa Abel
 12 Jim & Leanne Love (A)
 15 Ross Adams

Celebrations

15 Isadora Christine Fleace
 Paisley Wininger
 Kinsley Wininger
 18 Tammy Salmon
 19 Joshua Divine
 Ron & Jackie Jones (A)

22 Annette Shaw
 Jennifer Holt
 Madeline McDonough Fleace
 24 Larry Salmon
 25 Oliver Wininger
 26 Mabel Ruth Fleace Davis
 Emmaline Fern Fleace Davis
 28 Dewey & Karen Baker (A)
 30 Kay Barber
 Matthew & Madeline Fleace (A)

Church Council

Chairperson - Deron Steiner

Secretary - Angie Steiner

Treasurer - Duane Mann

Financial Trustee - Karen Mann

Property Trustee - vacant

Worship Deacon - Tammy Wininger

Youth Deacon - Barbara Prince

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