



# Covenant *Tidings*

COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH | SEPTEMBER 2024 – VOLUME 60

## FROM THE PASTOR

A little background on the relationship between the Northwest Lutheran School Association and LUMIN (Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative, Inc.). Northwest Lutheran School (building and land) is currently owned by the Northwest Lutheran School Association which has two members, Berea Lutheran Church and Covenant Lutheran Church. Northwest Lutheran School began operation in 1957 and for many years was governed by a school board consisting of members of the Association congregations. In 2007 Northwest signed a management agreement with LUMIN to operate Northwest Lutheran School. Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, LUMIN handled staffing needs, HR issues and benefits, budgets and audits, maintenance and repairs, and all that was required for Northwest to participate in the Milwaukee Parental Choice program.

In 2018, the NWLSA entered into a Lease Agreement with LUMIN. The lease effectively made the Association the landlord and LUMIN the tenant for the sole purpose of operating a Lutheran School at 4119 N. 81<sup>st</sup> Street. Monthly lease payments equaled the loan with LCEF which was taken out to pay for the 2011 building addition to Northwest. When the LCEF loan was paid in full, LUMIN continued to make monthly payments directly to Berea and Covenant. For the last couple of years, we have received these lease payments from LUMIN which has been a much-welcome revenue stream.

In 2022, LUMIN approached the NWLSA with the idea of purchasing the building and land from the Association. The church councils of Berea and Covenant met together in spring of 2022 to begin discussions on this proposal. In March of 2024, the LUMIN leadership team met with the NWLSA Board to formally discuss an offer to purchase. An appraisal of the property has been done and a fair market value established. Selling the property to LUMIN requires approval from both congregations. Berea has already approved the sale. Covenant will take up this issue at a special Voters' Meeting on Sunday, September 29.

LUMIN operates 5 schools in the Milwaukee area and 2 schools in Racine. It is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. The mission statement of LUMIN reads: "Centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, LUMIN schools empowers and equips children for brilliant futures." The sale of the property to LUMIN will not change our commitment to NWLS. The students will continue to walk to Covenant each week for chapel services, the pastor will be present at Northwest to assist with religious education and faculty devotions, our outreach efforts such as Trunk or Treat and the Easter Egg Hunt will continue.

If you have questions about the impending sale of the Northwest property, please speak with Pastor Voigt or NWLSA Board members Julie Pergande and Traci Murphy. We will vote on the proposal at a Special Voters' Meeting on Sunday, September 29.

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Steve Voigt*



# Official Acts

## Ushers

### 9:30 a.m.

Phil Murphy	Jerry Anson
Eloise Humphrey	Len Ernst
Traci Murphy	Joel Johnson
Henry Weiss	Brian Maletzke
	Jim Richter

## Altar Guild

Lynda Kopp  
Georgia Cucinello  
Lisa Frederick  
Eloise Humphrey  
Leann Meyer

## Greeters

### September 1

9:30am—Tom & Jane Buck

### September 8

9:30am—Jerry & Judy Anson

### September 15

9:30am—Henry & Judy Weiss

### September 22

9:30am—Carrie Fuchsberger & Diana Lafford

### September 29

9:30am—Len Ernst & Audrey Wilde

## SPECIAL GIFTS

DCF Grant .....	\$1,769
Helping Hands Food Pantry .....	\$85
Vacation Bible School .....	\$90
VBS Mission Project.....	\$450



# Special Voters' Meeting

Sunday, September 29

Following the 9:30am  
church service

## Church Info & Staff

### **CHURCH OFFICE PHONE:**

414-464-2410

**WEB SITE:** covenantlutheranmke.com

**E-MAIL:** covenantlutheran@sbcglobal.net

**FACEBOOK:** Covenant Lutheran Church

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon. - Thurs.; 8:30am - 2:30pm

**PASTOR:** Steven Voigt

pastorvoigt@sbcglobal.net

**DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH:**

Karen Winefeld

**CHURCH SECRETARY:**

Alyssa Gottsacker

**FACILITY MANAGERS:**

Steve Dasher & Jim Richter

**CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST:** Bill Laesch

## CECC Info

**EARLY CHILDHOOD PHONE:** 414-438-9712

**E-MAIL:** covenantkids1@sbcglobal.net

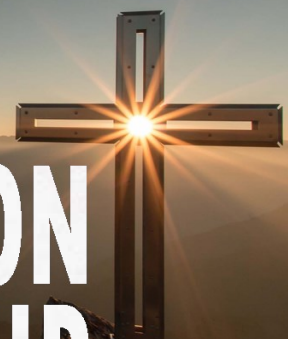
**EARLY CHILDHOOD HOURS:**

Mon. - Fri.; 6am - 6pm

**Director:** Joely Douyette



# FAMILY EDUCATION HOUR



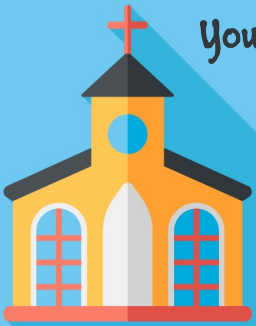
**Starting  
Sunday, September 8**

**Sunday School  
10:45 to 11:30 a.m.**

Children (age 3 to 4th grade) -  
Lower Fellowship Hall/Child Care

Jr. Confirmation (5-7th grade) -  
Neuberger Lounge

Youth (8-12th grade) -  
Youth Room



## Bible Study

**Sunday at 8:30am**

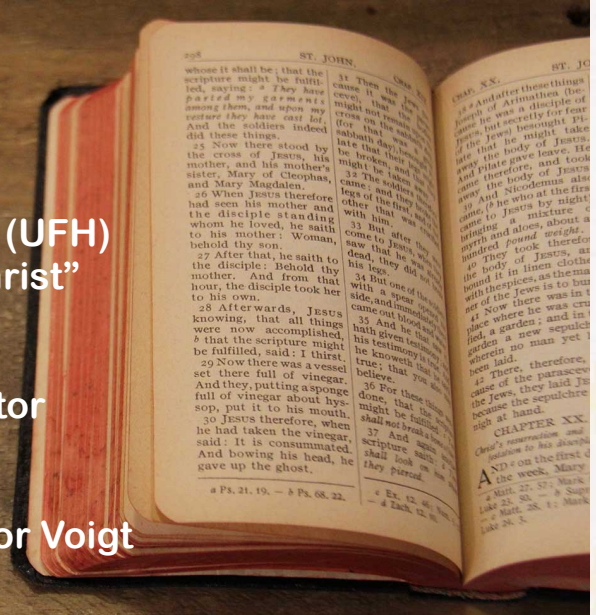
- “Exodus” led by Bob Zeman (UFH)
- “The Revelation of Jesus Christ” led by Tom Buck (Lounge)

**Sunday at 10:45am**

- “Diggin’ Deeper” led by Pastor Voigt (UFH)

**Thursday at 10:00am**

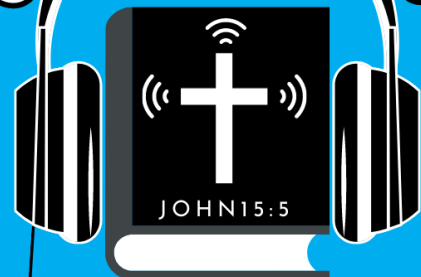
- “Bible Symbols” led by Pastor Voigt



The theme for the 2024-2025 school year at Northwest Lutheran School is “Run Your Race with Endurance.” It is based on Hebrews 12:1-2. “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with endurance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.”

During our Wednesday morning chapel services, our students and staff will have the opportunity to hear God’s Word and grow in faith. We pray that all would have an enduring faith that looks to Jesus for forgiveness, peace, and strength for daily living. Covenant members are invited to join us for chapel every Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary.

**GET CONNECTED**



JOHN 15:5





Journeys  
Lutheran School

Admission Cost:  
Player - \$25  
General - \$10

Register at  
[Journeyslutheran.org/bags-event](http://Journeyslutheran.org/bags-event)

## Volunteer Opportunities



- Become an Advocate. Moms who are not in need of housing but could use our encouragement and pregnancy support as we provide community resource referrals, a layette specifically created for her baby before the birth, and share God's loving plan for her and her baby as we share our faith.

- BLESSED AGAIN is looking for volunteers in our resale store. Currently in crucial need of younger volunteers to give our senior volunteers a break.
- In need of strong young men to help move furniture to Blessed Again. Sho off the strength the Lord gave you!

Call Deaconess Grace Rao at (414) 760-2483 with any questions about these positions.

# Birthdays

### September 1

Annika Buck  
Mary Jo Pergande

### September 2

Kyle Valdes

### September 6

Loretta Centgraf

### September 10

Mason Jacobs

### September 12

Traci Murphy

### September 13

Nicole Valdes

### September 15

Grace Brockel  
Mario Carini

### September 18

Peter Buck

### September 20

Bertha Ratcliffe  
Maverick Zoesch

### September 21

Harmony Gonzales

### September 23

Karen Carini

### September 27

Lisa Frederick  
Sharon Scott

### September 29

Oscar Vogt



# Anniversaries

### September 18

Bryon & Maria Riley

### September 19

Jim & Mary Miller

### September 24


Joe & Linda Bath

### September 30

Johnny & Heidi Zoesch



# September 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>9:30am Worship</p> <p><b>15th Sunday After Pentecost</b></p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:30am Northwest Chapel 1:30pm Communion Service &amp; Fellowship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:45am Bible Study 10:45am Choir 10:45am Sunday School</p> <p><b>16th Sunday After Pentecost</b></p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30am Northwest Chapel</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Mission &amp; Ministry Council Mtg.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:45am Bible Study 10:45am Choir 10:45am Sunday School</p> <p><b>17th Sunday After Pentecost</b></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:30am Northwest Chapel 7:00pm AA Monthly Mtg.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>21</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:45am Voter's Meeting 11:00am Brunch</p> <p><b>19th Sunday After Pentecost</b></p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:30pm Prayer Team</p>					



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