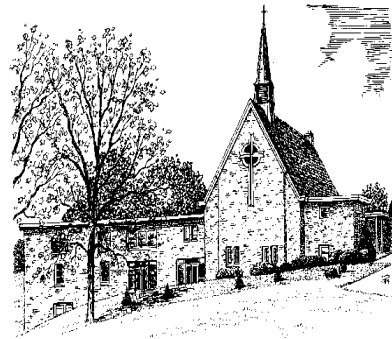


The King's Business

October, 2026

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The Pastor's Page

One of the more practical resolutions adopted at this year's Synod convention addressed something that has become a common part of our lives: the way Christians speak, particularly through social media. Resolution 10-04A, "To Seek Unity and Peace in the Synod and to Establish a Practical Statement for God-Pleasing Use of Digital Communications," calls upon the members of our Synod to consider carefully how we use both our tongues and our keyboards.

Because the issues involved here are far more fundamental than social media. Jesus prayed for the unity of His Church. And He told His disciples that the world would recognize them as His disciples by the love they have for one another. Paul likewise urges Christians to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph 4:1-3). Unity is ultimately a gift from God, something for which Christians should humbly pray.

That makes the Eighth Commandment especially relevant. "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor." Luther explains that this means more than simply avoiding outright lies. We are to "defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way." The Large and Small Catechisms also warn us against gossip and slander, and teach us to address accusations through appropriate and orderly channels. These principles apply whether we're standing in the church narthex, sitting around the kitchen table, or holding a phone in our hands.

Yet social media presents particular temptations. A person can publicly criticize someone they've never

spoken to privately. An accusation can be shared with hundreds of people before anyone has determined whether it's true. Fake accounts make it possible to attack another person's character without even putting your name behind the accusation.

None of this means that Christians must remain silent when something is genuinely wrong. The Eighth Commandment doesn't forbid correcting sin, exposing false teaching, or making legitimate accusations. It does, however, govern how we do these things. There are proper channels for addressing disputes, particularly within the Church. Broadcasting our disagreements on social media can easily bypass those channels, make reconciliation more difficult, and turn a misunderstanding between two people into a spectacle involving hundreds or thousands of others.

To be blunt, social media is a terrible place to express disagreement. It's terrible for the quality of the conversation that it allows, and it's terrible for the temptation it presents to engage in slander and abuse. If possible, our goal should always be to engage in civil, respectful, in-person conversation. Bearing with one another in love by forgiving. Speaking well of one another. Praying for one another. Seeking peace. Explaining everything in the kindest way. The resolution passed by the Synod urges us all to commit ourselves anew to guarding not only our tongues, but our keyboards, so that we "speak the truth in love." And it was absolutely right to do so.

Before we repeat something about another person, we should ask whether it is true. Before we post a criticism, we should ask whether it is necessary, charitable, and appropriate. Before joining an online

argument, we might consider whether a private conversation would accomplish something better. And when we are tempted to assume the worst about another person, we should remember that the person on the other side of the screen is not merely an opponent or a profile picture. He is our neighbor.

Our goal is not simply to have nicer conversations. Division and bitterness among Christians can hinder the Church's witness to the world and impede the proclamation of the Gospel. Therefore, we have every reason to pray for the unity and health of Christ's Church and to let His Word govern the way we speak about one another. Whether face-to-face or through a screen, Christians are called to speak truthfully, respectfully, and lovingly, remembering that our words are always spoken before God and to people for whom Christ died.

God's Blessings to You This Month

- Pastor Ketelsen

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School: for age 3 – 5th grade is meeting in the Sunday School Room. They are on break for the summer.

Youth Class for junior and senior high is not meeting at this time.

Adult Bible Study: meets Sunday Mornings at 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the large classroom on the main floor. They are on break for the summer.

Bibles and Bar-B-Q Men's Bible Discussion Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Thursday Morning Breakfast Bible Study: meets on Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. at 87 Diner. Please join us for food, fellowship, and study.

Copies of sermons are available. If you missed a service, or just want to reflect on one, copies are available at ImmanuelBoonvilleMO.church, our church website. You can also find hard copies in the red folder in the church Narthex. Please help yourself, and feel free to share with friends or shut-ins.

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Kindergarten Teachers: Stefani Ketelsen

Glenda Gerhardt

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Custodian: Cora Linneman, Tiffany Bowers

Production/Distribution of Newsletter: Patty Mangels

Sunday Service - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:15 a.m.

Fellowship Time - Fifth Sundays 10:15 a.m. as

announced

Lord's Supper - 9:00 a.m. - 1st & 3rd Sundays & Festivals

Midweek Services - 6:30 pm on Wednesdays during

Advent & Lent

Kindergarten

All Day Kindergarten

(Pre-registration required)

Preschool

3-5 year olds

Mon-Wed-Fri, 8-11am & 12-3pm (4 & 5 year olds)

Tues-Thurs, 8-11am & 12-3pm (3 year olds)

(Pre-registration required)

Office Hours

Tuesday & Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thursday - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

September 15, 2026

Call to Order: President Gene Cummins called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Ketelsen opened the meeting with prayer.

Acceptance/Amendments of Agenda: No amendments to the agenda are offered, the agenda is accepted without dissent.

Approve Council Minutes of July 28, 2026: Craig Meyer motions to approve the July meeting minutes. Gaven Linneman seconds the motion, and it carries.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ketelsen presents a verbal report:

- Tom Loesing's funeral will be held on Friday.
- Confirmation class is still being planned.
- New bible studies series have been started for the men's Wednesday night study and the Sunday morning class.
- The materials for Advent have been received.

Reports of Officers:

- a. **President's Report:** No report.
- b. **Vice President's Report:** No report.
- c. **Secretary's Report:** No report.
- d. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kim Toellner is not present but written financial reports are provided and reviewed.
- e. **Elder's Report:** No report.
- f. **Board of Property:** Chair Adam Templemire presents a verbal report:
 - i. Watkins Roofing came to inspect the new roof leaks and they sealed some areas that were found.
 - ii. Specialized Mechanical will be submitting a new quote for the boiler repair.
 - iii. Bids are still pending for painting of the downstairs exterior doors.
 - iv. The invoice for the landscaping work was \$400 more than the original quote as additional work was done to the south entry area and the north side.
- g. **Board of Christian Education/LYF:** Chair Jasmine Campbell is not present; Pastor reports Sunday school has resumed.
- h. **School Board:** Chair Gayle Linneman is not present, no report.

- i. **Board of Stewardship/Outreach:** Chair Gaven Linneman reports the church picnic will be October 4. There will be an offering for youth taken.

Craig motions to approve the board reports. Billy Mac Wells seconds the motion, and it carries.

Unfinished Business:

- a. **Church picture directory:** Billy Mac provides information from Universal Church Directories. Craig motions that we proceed; Gaven seconds. The motions carries.

New Business:

- a. **Church insurance:** Insurance is due in October. There is a 12% increase in premium. Coverages and deductibles will remain the same.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: Gaven motions to adjourn and Adam seconds the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Closing Prayer: Pastor asked everyone to join in praying the Lord's Prayer.

Attendees: Pastor Ketelsen; Gene Cummins; Billy Mac Wells; Craig Meyer; Gaven Linneman; Adam Templemire and Tammy Meyer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Meyer

Church Council Secretary

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have learned so much already! We made a cardstock person of ourselves. We put faces and hair on the front and picked out an outfit we liked. Then on the back side we put out brain, heart and bones! We also filled out a Family Tree and talked about our families. We filled out a form entitled All About Me. After updating our bulletin board, we were able to take the unit home.

We have also been learning the sounds of the letter in the alphabet. We have learned how to line up, sit down and play with our friends. Our picture day when very well. We identified opposites/same and positional words like up/down, over/under, in/out, behind/in front.

We like school and love our friends and teachers. Thank you to Immanuel for praying for us and helping wherever they can.

Our upcoming units for October:

Feelings	Apples
Colors	Fall Harvest
Farm Animals	Pumpkins & More
Fire Safety	

Upcoming chapel stories for October

The Birth of Moses
 Giving of the Law
 Battle of Jericho
 Ruth

Pastor Ketelsen's upcoming chapel stories:

Sixth Commandment (Good Samaritan)
 Seventh Commandment (Adam & Eve)
 Eighth Commandment (Zacchaeus)
 Ninth/Tenth Commandments (Lilly of the Valley)

Upcoming Events in October

October 5th & 6th Firefighters
 October 16th & 19th NO SCHOOL (Fall Break)
 October 28th & 29th Fall Festival Party 10 a.m.
 October 30th – Nov. 3rd NO SCHOOL

Children August & October Birthday

Geneviese & Annie Mae

KEEPING UP WITH KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is off to a wonderful start as we settle into our daily routines. We tried to beat the heat. We took extra water breaks and had afternoon recess inside.

In the classroom, we have been busy building strong foundations in reading. Students are learning letter names and sounds. The beginning to blend consonants and vowels, then recognizing them in simple words. It is exciting to watch their confidence grow.

We have also been exploring God's creation through a hands-on project, creating life-size paper bodies. These bodies help them learn basic anatomy. They are working on having a better understanding how their body parts are designed by God to work together. It has been a joy to see curiosity, growth, and enthusiasm in our classroom each day. Thank you for your continued support as we learn and grow together.

In HIS Service,
 The Kindergarten Team

STEWARDSHIP/OUTREACH BOARD

Remember that the annual Church Picnic will be on Sunday, October 4th. Following the worship service will be games and activities for the children until lunch time,

between 11 and 11:30 a.m. This year's picnic will be a fish fry, hosted by the Fellowship committee. There will be chicken strips available, as well. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or dessert. If your last name starts with A – L, please bring a side dish, and if your last name starts with M – Z, please bring a dessert. Join us for fun and fellowship.

In September, *The Lutheran Layman* mentioned that September 28th was "Good Neighbor Day" and mentioned two websites, nationalgoodneighborhood.org and hopefulneighborhood.org, that are good resources for ideas for the 2027 SHINE! project.

In the Thrivent newsletter there are examples of fundraisers that may be of interest. On page 3 there are two articles of interest. Have you heard about Savannah Bananas Baseball? Thrivent has, and you can check out Banana Ball at thrivent.com/centralstates-events. Also of interest is Thrivent and KC Sporting Soccer, which can be found at thrivent.com/skc-thrivent.

There were nine prayer requests in September, and in the month of August there were four prayer requests.



Walnut Grove Historic Tour will be Sunday, October 11th from 3:30 – 5:30 pm, at 1006 Locust Street, Boonville, MO. Dive deep into the vibrant history of Boonville by stepping back in time with lively historic re-enactments. Donation admission appreciated.



The suggested donations in the month of October for the NHN Food Pantry is cash donations for Thanksgiving meals. As always, any non-perishable canned and boxed goods are welcome, as well as cash or C&R gift certificates. Food Pantry envelopes are available in the Narthex. **Please make checks to *Neighbors Helping Neighbors*.** Thank you for your generosity.

**NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS
DISTRIBUTION**

Tuesday, October 6th, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
 Tuesday, October 13th, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, October 20th, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
9/27 9a Worship 10:15a Bible Study & Sunday School <i>School Children Sing During Worship</i>	9/28	9/29	9/30	10/1 7a Breakfast Bible Study	10/2	10/3
4 9a Worship/HC <i>Church Picnic after Worship</i>	5	6 1p Ladies Bible Study 7p Elders	7	8 7a Breakfast Bible Study	9 <i>Fellowship Hall- All Day Rehersal Dinner</i>	10 <i>9a Visitation & funeral for Earl Mangels</i>
11 9a Worship/ Baptism 10:15a Bible Study & Sunday School	12	13 1p - Ladies Bible Study	14 6p Bibles & BBQ Men's Group	15 7a Breakfast Bible Study	16 <i>No School</i>	17
18 9a Worship/HC 10:15a Bible Study & Sunday School 11a-2p Zion <i>Turkey Dinner</i>	19 <i>No School</i>	20 No Ladies Bible Study 7p Council <i>Pastor to MO District All Church Workers Conference</i>	21 <i>Pastor to MO District All Church Workers Conference</i>	22 7a Breakfast Bible Study <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	23	24 <i>1p-5p - Party in Fellowship Hall</i>
25 <i>Reformation Day (Observed)</i> 9a Worship/HC 10:15a Bible Study & Sunday School	26	27 1p Ladies Bible Study	28 6p Men's Bibles and BBQ Group	29 7a Breakfast Bible Study	30 No School	31 <i>Reformation Day</i>

Those Serving the Church

Service:	Organists:	Readers:	Security Team	Acolyte
10/4	Tammy Poulsen	Craig Meyer	David Scott	Ryan Toellner
10/11	Diane Cummins	Penny Cain	Christian Stock	Landon Scott
10/18	Tammy Poulsen	Julie Thacher	Adam Templemire	Sam Thacher
10/25	Gladys Moore	Penny Cain	Louis Stock	Lane Toellner
Altar Guild	Susan Templemire	Brandy Templemire	Elder: Kyle Thacher	

CHURCH STATISTICS

Date	Worship	Sunday School/Youth/ Adult Bible Class
8 / 2	75	NA/NA/17
8 / 9	51	NA/NA/14
8/16	69	NA/NA/15
8/23	38	NA/NA/14
8/30	78	Fifth Sunday Fellowship
YTD Income with and Other Income as of 8/30/26		\$192,088.94
YTD Expenses as of 8/30/26		\$175,591.51

You are encouraged to take time to visit with, or send a card to, those members who are no longer able to attend regular church services. How wonderful it must be to know you are remembered, prayed for, and someone has taken some of their precious hours to visit with you. Addresses for the care facilities are shown below. The Church Office can help you with other addresses when requested.

MEMBERS SHUT-IN OR IN NURSING HOME**Nursing Home:****Bristol Manor –**

Raeola Walker, 1290 W. Ashley Rd., Room 110,
Boonville, MO 65233

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**Transfer out:** None**Transfer in:** None**Reaffirmed:** None**Confirmed:** None**Baptism:** None**Deceased:** Tom Loesing, Earl Mangels**2026-2027 Officers**

President – Gene Cummins

Vice President – Billy Wells

Secretary – Tammy Meyer

Treasurer – Kim Toellner

Chair of School Board – Gayle Linneman

Chair of Board of Property – Adam Templemire

Chair of Board of Stewardship/Outreach – Gaven Linneman

Elders:

Craig Meyer, Tim Derendinger, Jason Linneman, Kyle Thacher, and Louis Stock

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH**

October 12	Gabriel and Jessica Frederick
October 14	Donna and Randy Vollmer
October 15	Steven and Rhonda Gibson
October 17	Christian and Michelle Stock
October 20	Howard and Sharon Embry
October 30	Bobby and Karen Schnetzler

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

October 1	Kenneth Derendinger, Jr. Gloria Stephenson Olivia Gholson
October 3	Ashley Templemire
October 7	Stephen Chenault Marta Fahrenbrink
October 8	Bryan Imhoff Kenneth Lane Derendinger
October 9	Christian Stock
October 11	Vina Gerhardt
October 13	Ashtyn Ayers
October 14	Lorne Lawson
October 17	Adam Templemire
October 19	Larry Lawson Cody Waibel Mabel Schrader Rose Rodriguez
October 20	Arlene Loesing
October 22	Gilbert Mangels
October 23	Josephine Schlichting
October 25	Dana Mangels Garret Leutung
October 26	Patricia Stock Sharon Thoma Randal Strough
October 30	Aiden Meyers
October 31	Kylie Woodward Callie Leeling Peyton Taylor

Zion Lutheran School
56th Annual

TURKEY DINNER

& Silent Auction w/ Country Store & Raffle

SUN, OCTOBER 18, 2026

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Zion Lutheran School Gym, Lone Elm, MO
10 miles south of Boonville on Hwy B

DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT!

Turkey & Dressing • Mashed Potatoes & Gravy • Green Beans
Fruit Salads • Spinach Salad • Sweet Potatoes • Tea, Lemonade, Coffee
And our **FAMOUS HOMEMADE PIES!** (sugar-free options available)



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