



Loving God & Our Neighbors Reverently & Radically

As far as times of transition go, at least for me and my family, this one has proven to be more than trying. And, despite all my best and most efficient efforts, our home closing here in Indiana is facing an unforeseen delay that might keep me from arriving in Peoria for a couple more weeks beyond when I had hoped.

It is disappointing when something doesn't go according to our plans, isn't it? Sometimes it feels hopeless to navigate this life. But often blessings simply come in the form of the good company of the Spirit in the midst of all the trials and tribulations of life.

In addition to all that comes with packing up our life and preparing to relocate, we also have faced the challenge of dealing with our daughter Emma's mental health crisis. She spent 9 days at an inpatient facility specializing in autistic children. She started on a program of medication, which has helped control her violent outbursts and severe mood swings, but she still requires a lot of managing.

I share about these challenges not only to help explain why I am unfortunately not there with you all quite yet, but also to seek your prayers. If you are a praying disciple of Jesus, one who calls on his name, one who has known the work of the Holy through prayer, your soon-to-be pastor needs your prayer support. Prayers that all outstanding issues will work out, that all matters of timing might be divinely orchestrated, that all will stay safe and well, and that our coming arrival will be a joyous one for all! We are so grateful for your prayers.

I believe deeply in a theological concept I call "for, not to". That life, even our challenges, happen for us and not to us - that God is calling us always towards blessing and making opportunities of every situation.

I am eager to be with you all, and as always will travel with the Spirit - for what other choice is there?

Blessings, Adam



Food Pantry

In September, items donated will be going to Redeemer Lutheran. Any non-perishable items are much needed.

Thank you!



August Giving

DMF	\$1258.33
Center for Prevention of Abuse	\$250
- Duck Race	



Stewardship

We must remember we are stewards of what God has provided for us, not owners.

- Joyce Meyer



Creation Care Tip

Library of Things:

Instead of buying tools or gadgets you'll only use once, borrow from a local "tool library" or start one with friends or church members.



Sunday Morning Study - September "Life Lessons from James" led by Kevin Wolfe

Kevin Wolfe will be offering a four week study of Max Lucado's study entitled "Life Lessons from James." "Do your Monday actions reflect your Sunday worship? How about your claims to faith? Is your life full of noticeable changes and actions? James, the half-brother of Jesus, wasn't impressed with talk. He knew that a life of faith was all about actions that revealed a difference in a person's life. For him, it was not that works save the Christian, but that they mark the Christian. in his letter, he boldly deals with the practical issues of faith not bound by culture or place. He whas the importance of living a genuine life. His message is bare-knuckled as he encourages, challenges, and confronts, offering constructive words and admonitions to live out our faith."

Join Kevin for a four-week study, exploring such "lessons" as Growing Through Trials, Taming the Tongue, Speaking Well of Others, and more. A copy of the book with complete lessons will be available for all participants.



Responders Class led by Becky Sisk

In the Responders adult Sunday School class, we use Wired Word lessons each Sunday, 9-10 am. We examine current events from the point of view of the Bible and our faith. Our topics are current and often challenge us in new ways. Come join us!

Office Closed

The office will be closed on **Monday, September 1st** in observance of Labor Day. In case of emergency, please contact Mason Fitch.



Save Your Containers!

We now have a place to take potluck food which means we need your plastic containers! We can use containers of all kinds - butter, cottage cheese, sour cream, etc. Please bring them into the kitchen, but please bring them in CLEAN.



Halloween Candy

Early in October, the Disciple Women group will be filling Halloween bags, and they need your help! Please bring in small, individually wrapped candy. We need as much as we can get; it takes more than you think to fill the number of bags we've committed to. Thanks!



Summer Music 2025

It's time to show off your musical talent! Whether you sing or play an instrument, we want to hear your gift. Every Sunday during the summer months we are looking for someone (or a group of people) to play the special music during worship. The sign up is available on Heather's door, or you can call the office. If you have any questions, please reach out to Heather.



Name Tags

We are asking everyone to begin - again - to wear their name tags. This helps visitors and new members get to know us just a little better. If you do not have a name tag, please signup at the information desk and one will be made for you.



FELLOWSHIP

September Birthdays

Geraldine Runkle	9/8
Judy Leeper	9/9
Karen Merrick	9/15
Dan Cox	9/16
Lisa Best	9/17
Kyle Cheatham	9/18
Oliver Truelove	9/18
Victoria Truelove	9/18
Jake Cohen	9/19
Shirley Fuchs	9/19
Frank Wheeler	9/24
Patrick Payne	9/28



September Anniversaries

Hannah Fitch & Olivier Assaf-Chauvin	9/2
John & Lisa Best	9/19



Disciple Women September 19th @ 12pm

Join us for our first gathering of the 25/26 year! We will hear from Katie Alsop, the Community Engagement and Development Coordinator for Ronald

McDonald House of Peoria. From her, we will learn about the organization, what some needs are, the impact it has, and a mission project we can do. Bring a sack lunch, dessert is provided! Sign up at the info desk or in the app!



Tasting Peoria - Avanti's September 11th @ 6pm

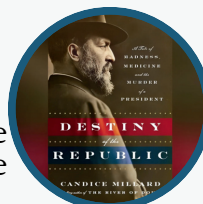
At The Blue Duck, they aim to deliver a familiar and approachable product in exciting and unexpected ways. In this case, that product is barbecue. In addition to traditional barbecue plates, they offer their house-smoked meats in a unique variety of appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches, tacos, and rice bowls.



Book Club Destiny of the Republic September 18th @ 6pm

"Destiny of the Republic" by Candice Millard is a historical account of the assassination of President James A.

Garfield, focusing on the events surrounding his death four months after his inauguration. The book details the assassination, the desperate medical efforts to save him, and the political machinations that followed. We will meet at Monical's in Washington.



Movie Night Wicked Part 1 September 24th @ 6pm

Wicked: Part I follows Elphaba, a young woman with extraordinary powers and green skin, as she forms an unexpected friendship with the dazzling Glinda at Shiz University. Together, they discover that the magical land they live in is far more complicated than it first appears.



Potluck September 28th

Please sign up if you can help with prep and/or cleanup. Bring your own tableware to help reduce waste.



SERVING SCHEDULES

Date	Presiding Elder	Table Elders	Deacons	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Greeters	Counters
9/7/25	Roger Baker	Frank Wheeler Kathleen Wheeler	Geraldine Runkle Alice Jury Cheryl Davis Tom Davis Chris Carrico	Kevin Wolfe	Natalie Woods	Jerry & Val Hornbacker	John & Lisa Best
9/14/25	Kevin Cheatham	Connie Sinn Dave Sinn	Geraldine Runkle Alice Jury Cheryl Davis Tom Davis Chris Carrico	Kate Spielman	Natalie Woods	Jerry & Val Hornbacker	Steve & Monica Hinrichs
9/21/25	Kathleen Wheeler	Kevin Cheatham Steve West	Geraldine Runkle Alice Jury Cheryl Davis Tom Davis Chris Carrico	Larry Weber	Natalie Woods	Jerry & Val Hornbacker	Jim & Beth Smittkamp
9/28/25	Steve West	Beth Cox Kevin Wolfe	Geraldine Runkle Alice Jury Cheryl Davis Tom Davis Chris Carrico	Becky Sisk	Natalie Woods	Jerry & Val Hornbacker	Steve West Ralph Tegg

Date	Friends with Jesus	Growing Disciples	The Open Table
9/7/25	Jenny Tripses	Be Gibson	Kevin Wolfe
9/14/25	Chere Peters	Connie Julien	Kevin Wolfe
9/21/25	TBD	Kathleen Wheeler	Kevin Wolfe
9/28/25	Linda Rex	Kathleen Wheeler	Kevin Wolfe

CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Labor Day Office Closed	4pm - Prep Chorus (FH) 4pm - Youth Chorus 6pm - PACC (SL/N) 6pm - Peoria Players	10:30am - Bible Study 5pm - Dungeons & 6pm - Peoria Players	6pm - Peoria Players 5pm - TAMIL	7am - Private Group 9am - PlayPen Sports 2pm - Peoria Players	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9am - Studies/Adult SS 10:30am - Worship Serv 12pm - Elders Meeting 7pm - Private Group	2pm - Faith in Justice 6pm - Peoria Players 6pm - Personnel Meeting	12pm - Disciple Women 1:30pm - Christian Ed 4pm - Prep Chorus (FH) 4pm - Youth Chorus 6pm - PACC (SL/N) 6pm - Peoria Players	10:30am - Bible Study 5pm - Dungeons & 6pm - Peoria Players	6pm - Peoria Players 6pm - Tasting Peoria (Off Site) 5pm - TAMIL	7am - Private Group 9am - PlayPen Sports 10:30am - MLT Meeting	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9am - Studies/Adult SS 10:30am - Worship Serv 11:45am - Personal 11:45am - Worship 12:30pm - IGSI/MA 7pm - Private Group	6:15pm - Stewardship 7pm - Administrative	4pm - Prep Chorus (FH) 4pm - Youth Chorus 6pm - PACC (SL/N) 6pm - Peoria Players	10:30am - Bible Study 5pm - Dungeons & 6pm - Peoria Players	6pm - Book Club (Off Site) 6pm - Peoria Players 5pm - TAMIL	7am - Private Group 9am - PlayPen Sports 2pm - Peoria Players	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9am - Studies/Adult SS 10:30am - Worship Serv 11:45am - Mission & 12:30pm - Jubilate 1pm - Sanctuary Choir (S) 7pm - Private Group	6pm - Peoria Players	4pm - Prep Chorus (FH) 4pm - Youth Chorus 6pm - PACC (SL/N) 6pm - Peoria Players 6:30pm - Cluster	10:30am - Bible Study 5pm - Dungeons & 6pm - Movie Night (S) 6pm - Peoria Players	5pm - Wedding Rehearsal 6pm - Peoria Players 5pm - TAMIL 5pm - Wedding Cox (SL)	7am - Private Group 9am - PlayPen Sports	
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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FCC Meetings/Events

External Meetings/Events

Out of Office

Holidays

Office Closed



MISSION DASH 5K 2025

WHO: ILLINOIS VALLEY CLUSTER
WHAT: 5K WALK/RUN/BIKE
WHERE: ROCK ISLAND TRAIL
WHY: SCHOOL DESKS IN DR CONGO
WHEN: SEPTEMBER 13TH



REGISTRATION FEE: \$25

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 10TH