

September, 2025

August Worship Assistants
Ushers: Thelen Family
Altar Guild: Marcia Wheeler
Acolytes: TBA
Tech Assistant: TBA

God's Left Hand

A 6-year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. "Look at the gorgeous leaves!" Grandma exclaimed. "Just think, God painted each one of them just for us!"

"Yep," said her grandson, "and he did it left-handed."

Perplexed, Grandma asked, "Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty?"

"Because," said the boy matter-of-factly, "we learned in Sunday school that Jesus sits on God's right one."

Plan to attend Worship Sunday, September 14. "Festeburg" from Wartburg College will be here participating and singing. Don't miss out!

Mon, Sept. 1

LABOR DAY
CHURCH OFFICES ARE CLOSED
 1-2 pm Lord's Cupboard is open
 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open

Tue, Sept. 2

12:00 Tuesday Together Time potluck - the community is invited
 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study
2:00 pm Worship at Timberland – all are welcome!

Wed, Sept. 3

5:30-7:15 Confirmation meal and class
 7:30 – 8:30 pm HS Youth Group

Thu, Sept. 4

Fri, Sept. 5

Sat, Sept. 6

Sun, Sept. 7

12th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion
 10:00 Fellowship
 10:15 Bible and Brew

Sun, Sept. 7:

Scripture: Janis Heeren
 Greeter: Travis & Jennifer Arnold Family
 Treats: Evangelism/Stewardship Board

Mon, Sept. 8:

10-am Coffee in the Chapel
 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open
7:00 pm Church Council

Tue, Sept. 9

12:00 Tuesday Together Time – **for the community**
 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study

Wed, Sept. 10:

5:30-7:15 Confirmation meal and class
 7:30-8:30 pm HS Youth Group

Thu, Sept. 11

Fri, Sept. 12

Sat, Sept 13

Sun, Sept. 14

13th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:00 Worship with Bibles for Students
FESTEBURG CHOIR
 10:00 Fellowship
 10:15 Sunday School
 10:15 Bible and Brew

Sun. Sept. 14:

Scripture: Festeburg Members
 Greeter: Ralph and Mischelle Hardy
 Treats: Brunch

Mon, Sept. 15:

10-am Coffee in the Chapel
 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open

Tue, Sept. 16:

12:00 Tuesday Together Time – **for the community**
 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study

Wed, Sept. 17

3:30-5:00 Wednesday Kids
 4:00-4:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
 4:30-5:00 pm Children's Tone Chimes Rehearsal
 5:30-7:15 Confirmation meal and class
 7:30-8:30 HS Youth Group



Thu, Sept. 18:

Fri, Sept. 19:

Sat, Sept 20

Sun, Sept. 21

14th Sunday after Pentecost
Mission Sunday:
Northeastern Iowa Synod
 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion
 10-am Fellowship
 10:15 Sunday School
 10:15 Bible and Brew

Sun. Sept. 21:

Scripture: Aiden Miller
 Greeter: Joseph Leahy & Nicole Ferguson Family
 Treats: Wheelers, Sharers

Mon, Sept. 22:

10-am Coffee in the Chapel
 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open

Tues, Sept. 23

12:00 Tuesday Together Time – **for the community**
 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study

Wed, Sept. 24

3:30-5:00 Wednesday Kids
 4:00-4:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
 4:30-5:00 pm Children's Tone Chimes Rehearsal
 5:30-7:15 Confirmation meal and class
 7:30-8:30 pm HS Youth Group

Thu, Sept. 25

Fri, Sept. 26

Sat, Sept 27

Sun, Sept. 28

15th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:00 Worship with Kid's Church
 10-am Fellowship
 10:15 Sunday School
 10:15 Bible and Brew

Sun. Sept. 28:

Scripture: Dylan Miller
 Greeter: Lori Peterson
 Treats: Koehn Family

Mon, Sept. 29:

10-am Coffee in the Chapel
 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open

Tue, Sept. 30:

12:00 Tuesday Together Time – **for the community**
 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study



September Birthdays

- 1 Anna Christensen
- 2 Julia Johnson
Larry Tjernagel
- 5 Paula Ray
Aven Martensen
Isaac Martensen
- 6 Sheri Muller
- 8 Jessica Knutson
- 10 Gary Tjernagel
- 11 Roger Barkema
Nolan Martensen
- 13 Jenna Erickson
- 14 Charlie Reiter
Shirley Isebrands
Griffin Neilson
- 15 John Schlafke
- 16 Sterling Ray
- 17 Sharon Dahl
- 21 Tiffany Hilfiker
Troy Knutson
- 24 Kay Lynn Hildebrand
Carol Carlson
- 25 Guinevere Dial
Jayson Schlafke
- 27 Ava Corbin
Jianna Bryant '18
- 30 Jan Miller

September Anniversaries

- 1 Don & Doris Rastetter
Brian & Anna Christensen
- 2 Dan & Jennifer Nibe
- 5 Dave & Julie Lutjen
- 11 Danny & Kris Waugh
- 25 Nic and Shelli Johnson
- 26 Jeff & Lily Scott
- 27 Robert & Heather Thelen

From **LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA:**

ACROSS THE STATE, LSI LIFTS UP HUNDREDS OF IOWA CHILDREN, ADULTS, AND FAMILIES THROUGH A WIDE BREADTH OF SERVICES.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTERVENTION SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

LSI's expert therapists provide mental health care, in-person and virtually, to children, couples, families, and adults on a flexible schedule that meets each client's needs.

LSI Behavioral Health Intervention Services social workers provide regular in-home visits to children with severe emotional or behavioral disorders, providing families with activities and tips to improve healthy communication, anger management, and decision-making.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES LSI parent educators empower parents and expecting parents through in-home visits and education to ensure children are hitting their developmental milestones.

They also connect families to resources like parenting support groups and community supports like affordable housing, local food pantries, and career development programming.

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

LSI walks alongside Iowans with disabilities as they build their independence. Our Services for People with Disabilities provide a range of service, from occasional respite care, to direct support professionals offering 24-7 supervision or hourly care.

LSI's newest program, Host Homes, provides an innovative shared living opportunity for adults with disabilities, who may thrive in a private family home with more one-on-one support from an LSI independent contractor.

FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION In 30 western Iowa counties, LSI Foster Care and Adoption recruits, licenses, and supports foster and adoptive parents to ensure every child has a healthy support system.

LSI's recruiters provide initial orientations for families, guide them through the licensing and training process, and serve as a shoulder to lean on for foster and adoptive families.

IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Iowa has a long legacy of welcoming former refugees and immigrants as they build their new lives in the U.S.

LSI's Refugee and Immigrant Services team empowers and supports families by providing education, family wellness, and career development programming.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center campus in Waverly provides 24-hour mental health treatment for some of Iowa's most vulnerable children and teens.

Youth associates and specialists on campus provide children with the safe, positive, and therapeutic environment they need to thrive. An on-campus therapist provides trauma-informed care to the children and teens through individual, group, and family sessions.

FAMILY CENTERED SERVICES LSI is a selected provider for these crisis stabilization and family preservation services through Iowa's Department of Human Services.

Using evidence-based practices, LSI's family support specialists work closely with families who are at risk of neglect or child abuse, empowering them through strengths-based approaches that build on a family's own skills and strengths.

LSI proudly serves Iowans in all 99 counties through our services of Mental Health, Early Childhood, Foster Care & Adoption, Global Greens, People with Disabilities, and Immigrant & Refugee Community Services. We serve individuals of all ages, from families with newborns navigating the early stages of parenthood, to Refugee and Immigrant elders, as well as children at every stage of development. Our heart beats for the people we serve. We empower families and communities by recognizing and honoring the strengths and gifts of every individual.



Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and [Facebook.com/LSI.Iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.Iowa).