



Thanks for all who helped at our Summer Vacation Bible Schools and other events. Join us as we head into fall with more to do!

THE VOICE OF OUR REDEEMER & ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCHES

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Services: Saturday 5 PM in Kampsville
& Sunday 9A.M. with Sunday School: 10:15 A.M.

September/October 2026

Matthew 18:12-14—“What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go looking for the one that wandered away? ¹³ If he finds it—Amen I tell you—he rejoices more over that one sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not wander away. ¹⁴ In the same way, your Father in heaven does not want even one of these little ones to perish.”

In the first two Sundays of September we'll be reading most of Matthew 18, including the verses above.

There is a lot of information there, but central to Jesus' message in this chapter is the fact that we, like sheep, do stray.

When we stray that doesn't change Jesus' love for us, but it does mean that we need to be sought out. That is something the early section of Matthew 18 makes famously clear. This is the chapter that explains how serious sin is (“If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away.” -18:8)

It also explains that wandering sheep don't return on their own. (“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his sin just between the two of you.” -18:15a)

The good shepherd seeks the lost not to destroy or punish them, but to bring them home rejoicing. So, we are told to forgive also our sinful brother. (“Not seven times, but I tell you as many as seventy-seven times.” – 18:22)

We need to repent of sin and boldly share forgiveness mirroring the forgiveness we each daily receive from Jesus.

May God grant that we be a church known for this.

- Pastor Steve

Sunday School & Confirmation

Hopefully, we will soon have more children in our school year classes. We do have volunteers ready to teach most Sundays, but we need students. Until that changes older students continue to be welcome to join us in Adult Bible study. Kampville families and others who need help with teaching their children the faith at home please see us for useful books and supplies from our libraries.

Confirmation

We began early this year. Anyone who is interested in Small Catechism instruction is encouraged to talk to Pastor. We're starting out confirmation every other Sunday from 11:30-1 on a trial basis this year.

LYF (Grades 7-12)

We will hope to meet soon and make plans for this coming school year.

College Addresses

If someone from your home is at college or recently moved please give the church an address for them so we can continue to care for them (sending Newsletters, cookies etc).

Notes for Kampsville members:

We will offer a Sunday 10:30 AM Service on September 27th (as Pastor will be out of town). Old Settlers Days weekend (October 10-11), we're planning a Sunday service at 7:45 AM. We can use as many helpers as are able to help with the church's fundraiser tent on Saturday and Sunday during the lunch hour. (Pastor will be teaching confirmation at that time on Sunday.)

Bible Study Options for everyone:

- ☐ The Sunday morning Adult Bible study is finishing reading the letter to the Romans.
- ☐ The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study will resume meeting only from 9:30 to 10:30 AM on September 9th.

Ladies Aid – (Joyce Grizzle)

Ladies Aid will resume on September 21 at 1 pm. Welcome to Karla Lero our new member! Church members and guests enjoyed lunch at Alfonzo's in July and also went back to the fellowship hall for bingo. Thanks to Secret Santa for paying for lunch! **September 11-12** will be the District Convention at Metro East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville. Sandy and Joyce will be attending as voting delegates. **LWML Sunday** on October 4th will have our members helping with the service. We will also host a brunch after the service.

The zone fall workshop will be October 17 at Dorsey. The ingathering will be for Concordia Seminary food bank. We will have a box at church for donations.



Come and see the great work being done by our trustees and helpers around the new ramp!

Carrollton Voter's Meeting: will be September 2nd at 6 PM.

Meeting times for Church Council, Elders, ... are on the calendar. Transfer these to your calendars and watch the Sunday Bulletins for any specifics.

Our attendances for the past two months were:

	7/5 10:30A	7/11- 12	7/19 10:30 A	7/25- 26	8/1-2	8/8-9	8/15- 16	8/22-23
5 PM	14	16	12	10	10	8	10	12
9AM	34	35	27	24	39	31	37	33

Worship Assistants for Sept./Oct.

We are continuing not having official greeters, ushers and acolytes assigned for services (but as Confirmation resumes any volunteer acolytes could certainly help out).

You can call Pastor (cell number 217-204-6576) and make arrangements for a private communion if you are unable to attend our services in person.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP PLANS:

5th & 6th- 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 13:1-10 Establishing Authorities

12th & 13th - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 14:1-12 Accepting the Weak

19th & 20th –17th Sunday after Pentecost

Phil. 1:12-14, 19-30 From the first day until now

27th – The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Kampsville service Sunday at 10:30 AM

Rev. Martin Schnare -guest preacher

OCTOBER WORSHIP PLANS:

3rd & 4th – The 19th Sunday after Pent./LWML Sunday

1 Peter 4:1–12 Keeping the Line

11th –20th Sunday after Pentecost

Philippians 4:4-13 The Lord is near.

7:45 AM Kampsville service – Old Settlers

17th & 18th -Saint Luke's Day

Luke 10:1–9 Seventy-two Others

24th & 25th —Reformation Sunday

Matthew 11:12-19 A Friend of Sinners

Happy Birthday!

9/1 Tammy Kessinger
9/3 Matt Steinacher
9/4 John Tepen
9/8 Karen Droste
 Sandy Purcell
9/9 Cathy Davis
9/12 Hannah Rusten
9/15 Darla Sexton
9/16 Kathy Harms
 Tricia Ulery
9/18 Cody Tepen
 Mark Struble
 Judy Riechmann
9/19 Tom Edwards
9/21 Scott Epps
9/22 Allen Darr
 Amiah Johnson
9/23 Michelle Coonrod
 Dewain Freand
9/24 Mable Thuer
9/27 Katerina Sasieta
9/29 Terri Howland
 Jim Jones
9/30 Shanie Snyder

10/6 Edward Schmidt
10/8 Cody Reif
10/10 Adriane Baker
 Tad Droste
10/18 Brian White
 Betty Large
10/20 Megan Jacobsen
10/24 Amanda Johnson
10/25 Bea Quandt
 Dorothy Ray
10/28 Alexandra Flatt

Happy Baptismal Birthday!

9/1 Jonathan Edwards
9/5 Kaitlyn Baker
 Evan Rahe
9/8 Richie Ulery
 Ed Johnson
9/9 Kelly Stott
9/10 Thomas Edwards
 Kris Lehr
9/13 John Tepen
 Sofia Droste
9/14 Maria Sasieta
9/21 Steve Jacobsen
9/26 Emily Struble

10/2 Joyce Grizzle
10/6 Katerina Sasieta
10/7 Remington Stott
10/11 Cathy Davis
10/12 Darla Sexton
10/13 Kelli Rahe
 Rick Grizzle
10/17 Kenzie Jones
10/18 Kathy Harms
10/23 Cody Tepen
10/25 Dewain Freand
 Bea Quandt
10/26 Roy Becker
10/31 Ed Schmidt
 Amanda Johnson
 Shanie Tittsworth
 Amiah Johnson

ZION BETHALTO IS PROUD TO HOST

AN EVENING OF MUSIC, POETRY, AND HOPE



TANNER OLSON & BLAKE FLATTLEY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

FAMILY SHOW 5PM-5:30PM

(AIMED FOR AGES 9 AND UNDER)

SOCIAL HOUR 5:30PM-6:30PM

(W/APPETIZERS AND DESSERTS)

MAIN SHOW 6:30PM-8PM

(ALL ARE WELCOME)

Including a **NEW** Perdy Song by Zion's own Pastor Brundell

THIS EVENT IS FREE THANKS TO THE GENEROUS PARTNERSHIP
OF THE LUTHERAN FOUNDATION!

ENCOURAGE. LAUGH. LIVE.



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Anyone interested is invited to this night out at our sister church, Zion Lutheran in Bethalto. This might be a good chance for our youth to take a short trip and maybe have dinner and a show (if that Friday night isn't busy with other things).

September 2026

Services with Holy Communion every Saturday at 5 PM in Kampsville & at 9 A.M. every Sunday in Carrollton Bible Study every Sunday at 10:15 A.M.		1	2 6 PM Church Voters Meeting	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study	10	11	12
13 11:30- 1 Confirmation Class	14	15	16 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study	17	18	19
20 11:30- 1 Confirmation Class	21 1 PM Ladies Aid Meeting	22	23 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study	24	25	26
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4 LWML Sunday	5	6 2 PM Food Pantry Meeting in Fellowship Hall	7 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6 PM Church Council meeting	8	9	10 NO 5 PM Kampsville Service – Old Settlers Days
11 7:45 AM KAMPSVILLE Service – Old Settlers Days 11:30- 1 Confirmation Class	12	13	14 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study	15	16	17 LWML Fall Workshop at Emmaus Lutheran in Dorsey
18 Newsletter items are due for November & December	19 1 PM Ladies Aid Meeting	20	21 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 1-3 We host Food Pantry	22	23	24
25 Reformation Sunday 11:30- 1 Confirmation Class	26	27	28 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6 PM Elders Meeting	29	30	31