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SEPTEMBER 2026 - MESSENGER

“Unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11).

As I write, Angela and I are waiting for news of the birth of our grandson. Today our daughter, Skylar, goes into the hospital for a scheduled induction. When, exactly, this little one will be born, we don't know. But it will be soon. And we trust that as soon as it happens, we will receive word of it.

That's how it is with good news. It spreads quickly. You don't want to keep it to yourself, because it's just too good to hide it.

As Christians, we know all about this. As soon as God's Son came into the world, He sent a heavenly messenger to announce the birth to the shepherds: “I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11). And upon hearing this, the shepherds did what you would expect: they went and shared the good news. They simply could not keep it to themselves.

Now, did those shepherds fully understand what this all meant? Not likely. But then again, neither do we. God's plan of salvation has facets that we cannot really comprehend. But we understand enough. We understand that this Child who was born to Mary and Joseph is God's Son, that He was holy and without sin, and that He journeyed to our world to rid the human race of all of its sin.

This is the so-called Good News of the Gospel, that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

So, how do we share it?

By showing and telling. When I was in grade school, we used to have show and tell. We would bring in an object of some kind and explain it to our

class. And as believers in Christ we share the Good News by what we do and say, with our words and with our actions.

By the power of the Holy Spirit. But we cannot do this by ourselves or in our own strength. The first disciples of Jesus needed the infilling Spirit of God in order to spread the Gospel of Christ. And so do we. Without Him, we can do nothing.

Together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. But we also need one another to do this. Jesus did not send His disciples out alone, because they were much better together. And so are we. As the Body of Christ, we are more effective in connecting people to Jesus than we would ever be on our own.

Just as we have received the Good News of Jesus, may we share the Good News with others!

Knowing Christ and making Him known,

Pastor Chris

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Church Office Deadlines:

For the weekly Sunday bulletin Wednesdays @ Noon. (Mondays @ Noon if it is a holiday week) For the Monthly Messenger the deadline is the 15th of every month.

For Church Council meetings: the Wednesday before the Sunday meeting date. Email: stjohnhamlin@outlook.com

Due to Pastor's busy schedule, if you make an appointment with him in passing, please confirm the appointment with MaryAnn in the Office. Thank you!

Worship News for August/September

The Sundays after Pentecost continue through August and September.

There will also be one service on September 20th at 9:30 AM.

BOOK CLUB

We are starting up again on Thursday, 9/10. We will be reading "Remarkable Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. Books are available in the Office.

The Mission Team knows that it is only August/September, but we are thinking ahead. In addition to our regular Christmas decorations, we have decided to make Remembrance crosses. We will take orders starting September 6th until the 21st and have them ready by the first of November. At that time, we start to take orders for the Christmas decorations.

Card Ministry is looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to send get well cards to those on the prayer list monthly. It can be done at a time of your choice at church or at your home. Please contact Kathy Begemann 317-0859 or Linda Tubolino 755-7633. Thank you very much!

“Crosses for Christ” are again available in the annex. Let others know that Christ lives in your home by displaying a cross in your yard. Remember to let us know, via email, the address so we can map them. Feel free to take one for your friends, neighbors, and family!!!

Donations made be brought into the facility for the Fall Festival (Rummage Sale). Lower-level door in the South parking lot will be unlocked on Saturdays from 10:30 to 6:00 PM and on Sundays from 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - If you have a friend or relative who is going through a “tough time” and would appreciate a prayer shawl, please call the church office or Cherie Rockow at 964-3179 or Cindy Smith 964-3772. If you would like to join us in this ministry, patterns and yarn are available. Call Cherie or Cindy for information.

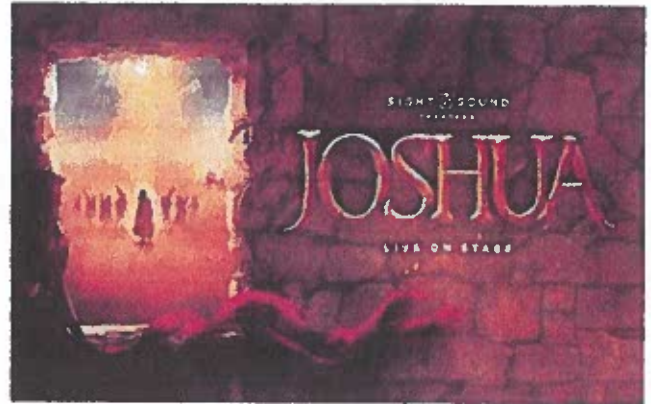


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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – "JOSHUA" IN LANCASTER

**Monday
September 21,
2026
TO
Wednesday
September 23,
2026**



	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$980.00	\$750.00	\$675.00
TRAVEL PROTECTION PRICE PER PERSON:	\$71 Basic \$92 Enhanced	\$59 Basic \$79 Enhanced	\$59 Basic \$79 Enhanced

DEPOSIT: \$200 Deposit Due at time of booking. FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE 75 DAYS BEFORE TRIP – JULY 8, 2026

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Joshua at SIGHT & SOUND in LANCASTER

Day 1: Travel to Hershey, PA where our first stop will be the Hershey Chocolate World. Enjoy a factory tour ride that takes you from harvesting cocoa beans to the production of Hershey's Chocolate. Our second stop will be Founders Hall, a stately monument dedicated to Milton & Catherine Hershey. Next, enjoy a self-guided tour of the Hershey Story Museum, a state-of-the-art facility that allows visitors to explore the history of Hershey in an educational and immersive environment. Next, we will check into our hotel for a two-night stay at the Best Western Intercourse, PA. Dinner will be included tonight at Miller's Smorgasbord.

Day 2: After an included breakfast at the hotel, we will visit Kitchen Kettle Village, a place for relishing a Lancaster, PA hospitality experience. Lunch will be on your own. Next, we will head to Sight & Sound Theatre for an afternoon performance of JOSHUA. BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS! From the banks of the Jordan River to the towering walls of Jericho, JOSHUA is a miraculous adventure for the whole family! Experience one of the most redemptive stories of the Bibles as it comes to life in this brand-new original stage production. After the show, we will head to Hershey Farm Restaurant for an included smorgasbord dinner.

Day 3: After an included breakfast at the hotel, we will visit the Bird in Hand Farmers Market. The market features a variety of locally sourced products, homemade foods, and gifts. Lunch will be on your own before departing for home. Comfort stops will be made enroute home.

7:00 AM DEPART: ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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7:00 PM RETURN: ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Approximate time, dependent upon weather and traffic)

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BIRTHDAYS

September 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ROBERT KELSO	2 LISA BAKER RON GOLTERMANN DAVID ROSE	3	4 CHRISS ANDREWS	5 BRIAN ZUGEHOER
6 EUNICE BAASE	7 Labor Day VJ SCHARPING	8 EMILY ATHANS	9	10 GREG LA DUE	11 Patriot Day ROY LA DUE CHRIS LYONS	12
13	14 LINDA MARSHALL NANCY MASON JOE PARKER	15	16 CLAYTON LEVERENZ PAT SUHR	17 KARA LESSORD LUKE RATH	18	19
20	21	22	23 Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox)	24	25 LORI LESSORD	26 JONATHAN MARRIOTT JILL SCHARPING
27	28 LILLIAN MEYER	29	30 DANIEL LEVERENZ			

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FACILITY SCHEDULE

September 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 AM PRAYER GROUP 9:45 AM BIBLE STUDY 5:30 PM GYM RESERVED 6:45 PM HAND BELLS	2 9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5:30 PM GYM RESERVED 7:00 PM ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	3 5:30 PM GYM RESERVED	4 5:30 PM GYM RESERVED	5
6 8:30 AM / 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICES	7 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 5:30 PM GYM RESERVED	8 8:30 AM PRAYER GROUP 8:30 AM FINANCE 9:45 AM BIBLE STUDY 5:30 PM GYM RESERVED 6:45 PM HAND BELLS	9 9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5:30 PM GYM RESERVED NO ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	10 1:00 PM BOOK CLUB 5:30 PM GYM RESERVED	11 Patriot Day 5:30 PM GYM RESERVED	12
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