

September 13, 2026



St JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission Statement:

"TO KNOW CHRIST and TO MAKE HIM KNOWN"

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and confidence that the Lord here offers to us His body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His word and promise, repent of all sin, and seek to follow Him in godly living. The Lord's Supper is a public statement of our unity and agreement in the Christian faith. If you hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and yet desire to receive the sacrament, we ask that you first speak with the Pastor. For those who wish to prepare for attending the Lord's Supper, you will find some questions and answers from Luther's Small Catechism in the hymnal on page 329. If you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please alert an usher. We also have a gluten free wafer with wine and a wafer with grape juice for communion. Please let Pastor or an Elder know if you prefer one of these options before the service. For families with young children, you are welcome to use our Infant room. It has a speaker (so you can still be a part of the service) there are toys, changing table please help yourself if the need arises. It is located across from the restrooms at the end of the hallway.

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Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Our World, Our Country, Our President and Government Leaders. All our Military Personnel, Police, Firefighters & EMT'S, who are there for us in times of crisis.
Eastern District President Rev. John Pingel

Our Missionaries: Chad & Jami Bader - Guatemala

Our Seminarian: Ryan Philpot

Recent Prayer Requests:**Prayers for healing:**

Garrison Ball, Pat Bode, Johnny Burgess, Ashley Button, Jan Carter, Deb Curtis, Jim Doan, Steve Donato, Christy Fessler, Kathy Foos, Jim French, Stan Gregory, Darwin Hale, Beulah Hand, Ashley Hendley, Christine Hoffkins, Lee Kistner, MaryLou Leverenz, Virginia Meller, Bob Miller, Ed Morehouse, Sugar Newman, Michalina Nichols, Nancy Porcellio, Savy Ritzel, Andy Schock, Debbie Scordo, Logan Sommer, Bruce Sullivan, Sharon Thomas, Debbie Turbeville, Andrew Walch.

ASSISTED LIVING & NURSING HOMES

Tom Elphick, Dale Jennejahn, Larry Koss, Donna Ophardt, Cathy Saar

SERVING US TODAY:

Pastor:	Christian Bode
Elders:	Jonathan Marriott 8:30, Jim Krygier 11:00
Trustees:	Brian Rath 8:30, Wendell Grimm 11:00
Musicians	Lillian Meyer 8:30 Praise Team 11:00
Greeters:	Greg & Gay La Due 8:30 John & Dawn Hurd 11:00
Altar Guild:	Katharine Bockstedt, Mary Phillips
Readers:	Kirstin Penders 8:30 Carol Delong 11:00
Finance:	Tracey Unterborn
Ushers:	Dave Bader, Phil Hurlbutt, Randy Paap, Paul W. W Rath 8:30 Larry Hueser, Jim Raymond 11:00

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"Forgive As You've Been Forgiven"

September 13, 2026

8:30 AM Service



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✠ PREPARATION ✠

WELCOME - Sharing of God's Peace & Announcements

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

HYMN "Shepherd of Tender Youth" LSB 864 v. 1-3

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Since we are here assembled to hear God's Word, to call upon Him in prayer, and to receive the body and blood of Christ, let us first think of our unworthiness; confess before God our sins of thought, word, and deed; and acknowledge also that we, by our own strength, cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature or the sins we have committed. Therefore, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy and grace of our heavenly Father, seeking and imploring Him to behold us through Jesus Christ, saying:

People: **God have mercy on me, a poor, sinful being, forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and grant to me the Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful ways; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, I pray. Amen.**

Pastor: God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to life everlasting. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, in Your goodness You acted with patience toward us sinners and delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. Grant to us patience with the erring and grace to forgive one another as You have forgiven us, presuming nothing but in all things holding fast to Jesus Christ; through Him who died that we might live and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PSALM *Psalms 103:1-12*

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

People: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Pastor: who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

People: ⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15–21

("Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin.")

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell

down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 14:1-12

(Each of us must give an account before the Lord our God.)

14 As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived

again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–35

(“Forgive your brother from your heart.”)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant

released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Where Charity and Love Prevail" LSB 845

SERMON

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs.

Silence for prayer

Pastor: Grant us, O Lord, wisdom to consider the manifold sins Your grace has forgiven and courage to show this forgiveness to others in Your name. Keep us from being stingy with the mercy You have so generously shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord, and teach us not to count the cost of forgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give boldness to Your church, that we who know the Gospel of Jesus Christ crucified and risen proclaim it to the ends of the earth. Bless the pastors who faithfully deliver these gifts to us in Word and Sacrament and the church workers who serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Deliver us, O Lord, from the burden of those who would lead us without the wisdom and counsel of Your Word and give to us in this land and throughout the world leaders who will act with integrity and justice to all. Bring peace to the troubled regions of our world and help us to work together for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless this congregation and all missions and mission fields with an abundance of Your Holy Spirit, that the work of Your kingdom would prosper among us for the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Deliver, O Lord, the troubled in mind, the wounded in body, and those whose spirits despair, that by Your healing and strength they endure the day of their trial and be kept safe in Your arms to everlasting life... Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give Your blessing to the homes in which Your people dwell, to the married and single, to those with children, and to those whose desire for a child has not been fulfilled, that in every place and at every time we rejoice in Your goodness in ordering all things for our good. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Deliver us, O Lord, from every temptation that would befall us and teach us to lean upon Your strength and to

be covered with the righteousness of Christ when the devil comes seeking whom he may devour. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: The days are coming, O Lord, when all will be held to account before You. Grant us faith through these difficult days that we be brought to everlasting life, joined with the faithful who have lived and died in Christ and know Your perfect peace. Give comfort to all who grieve... Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Silence for meditation

Pastor: You know our needs and have promised to give us all things needful for this life and to bring us to everlasting life. Grant us also grateful hearts that we be cheered by Your mercies, new every morning, and live and rest in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from

evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN “Shepherd of Tender Youth” *LSB 864 v. 4, 5*

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OPENING SONG

THE LORD'S PRAYER (IT'S YOURS)

Verse: Father let your kingdom come (holy, holy)
 Father let your will be done (holy, holy)
 On Earth as in Heaven
 Right here in my heart

Repeat Verse

Chorus: *Give us this day our daily bread
 Forgive us forgive us
 As we forgive the ones who sinned
 Against us forgive them
 And lead us not into temptation
 But deliver us from the evil one
 Let your kingdom come*

Repeat from beginning

Bridge: **It's yours (it's yours)
 All yours (all yours)
 The kingdom the power
 The glory are yours**

**It's yours (it's yours)
All yours (all yours)
Forever and ever
The kingdom is yours**

Repeat Verse 2x

On Earth as in Heaven
Right here in my heart

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People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

Pages 4, 5 in bulletin

EPISTLE

Romans 14:1-12

Pages 5, 6 in bulletin

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Pages 6, 7 in bulletin

SONG OF PRAISE

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

Sing alleluia! Amen!

Let your prayers and praises ascend.

Lift up your voices and sing,
to our Lord God, our Savior and King!

Here brought together by grace;
We are gathered as friends in this place.

*Refrain: And assembled as one in the name of the Son,
Lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,
And proclaiming the Lord; All our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.*

Man walked alone and in need;
without faith, hope, or promise or creed.

Wandering aimlessly lost,
unaware of the staggering cost;
That God in His mercy would save,
all His people from death and the grave. *Refrain*

Lord, teach us how to proclaim,
all Your goodness, Your love, and Your name!
Lord, teach us how to forgive,
and in love, teach us, Lord, how to live.
Raising our voices in song,
help us tell all the world we belong. *Refrain*

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SERMON

CREED *Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the

prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

FREELY FREELY

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

*Chorus: He said, Freely freely you have received
Freely freely give
Go in My name and because you believe
Others will know that I live"*

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to

Chorus

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PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+++ THE LORD'S SUPPER +++

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL, SAVIOR

(based on Jeremiah 17:14)

Wonderful, Merciful, Savior; Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would've thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men,
O, You rescue the souls of men.

*Chorus: You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore;
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
O, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper; Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
O, we've hopelessly lost the way. *Chorus*

Almighty, Infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne;
O, we're falling before Your throne. *Chorus 2x*

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I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS (MUNICH)

I lay my sins on Jesus
The spotless Lamb of God
He bears them all and frees us

From the accursed load
I bring my guilt to Jesus
To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious
Till not a spot remains

I lay my wants on Jesus
All fullness dwells in Him
He heals all my diseases
My soul He does redeem
I lay my griefs on Jesus
My burdens and my cares
He from them all releases
He all my sorrows shares

I rest my soul on Jesus
This weary soul of mine
His right hand me embraces
I on His breast recline
I love the name of Jesus
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord
Like fragrance on the breezes
His name abroad is poured

I long to be like Jesus
Meek loving lowly mild
I long to be like Jesus
The Father's holy child
I long to be with Jesus

Amid the heavenly throng
To sing with saints His praises
To learn the angel's song

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THERE IS A REDEEMER

There is a Redeemer; Jesus, God's own son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Refrain: Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer; Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.
Refrain 2x

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

LET IT BE SAID OF US
(based on II Tim. 4:7)

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
that with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given,
that we fought the good fight, that we finished the course,
knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

*Refrain: Let the cross be our glory, and the Lord be our song,
by mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
'til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.*

Let it be said of us; We were marked by forgiveness,
we were known by our love and delighted in meekness
We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call,
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all.

Refrain

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Birthdays Week:

Today – None

14th Linda Marshall, Nancy Mason, Joe Parker

15th None

16th Clayton Leverenz, Pat Suhr

17th Kara Lessord, Luke Rath

18th None

19th None

Tithes and Offerings:

Attendance & Offerings: 9/06 - 8:30 AM 96 11:00 AM 31.

Amount Received: 9/06 \$8689.17

May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness.

Calendar of Events for the Week of 9/13-9/20/2026

SUNDAY	9/13	8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study & SS 11:00 AM Worship / Communion
MONDAY	9/14	5:30 PM Gym Reserved 6:30 PM Dorcas Mtg.
TUESDAY	9/15	5:30 PM Gym Reserved 6:45 pm Hand Bells
WEDNESDAY	9/16	9:00 AM Finance 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Gym Reserved
THURSDAY	9/17	2:00 PM Mission Meeting 5:30 PM Gym Reserved
FRIDAY	9/18	5:30 PM Gym Reserved
SATURDAY	9/19	
SUNDAY	9/20	9:30 AM Worship

Pastor Bode will be out of town 9/15 – 9/21.

*(There will be no Tuesday Prayer Group and Bible study or
Wednesday Zoom Bible study)*

**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!**

Just a reminder that there are **hearing devices** in boxes in the back of church that can be used if you are having trouble hearing the service. Batteries are changed and they are ready for your use.

Worship News for September

The Sundays after Pentecost continue through September.

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

Kiwanis Spencerport is looking for new members. This organization meets twice a month at 6pm at Slayton Place in Spencerport. The meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The core focus of this group is community service projects, raising funds, and volunteering time to support the needs of children, and youth programs. If you are interested in learning more about it, please contact Jodie Farley at 585-281-3924.

The Mission Team knows that it is only 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.

"Crosses for Christ" update. The team has painted and distributed approximately 75 crosses!! Location emails have slowly trickled in. In order to make this a little simpler, we have posted a sheet on the board in the annex. If you have taken a cross, please take a minute to list your street and town/city/state on the sheet. Hoping to see crosses across the county, state and maybe even the country!!!

Because of the recent influx of donations, we are suspending accepting new donations for the time being. As soon as the room is cleared, we will let you know for any last-minute rummage items. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lutheran Hour September 20, 2026 "High Bar to Clay Jar"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

In Jesus, we don't need to compare ourselves to anyone else. Instead, we are free to better appreciate them. Matthew 20:16 www.lutheranhour.org, or 107.1 FM, Sundays at 8:00 AM, Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 10:00 AM

REMINDER:

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

Thrivent members: The Mission Committee would appreciate your help. If you'd like to write a grant to fund shopping for an upcoming outreach in Rochester, please see Marilyn Rowell (585-278-4993) or any committee member. You have two opportunities per year to write grants and they are easy to do online or by phone! Thanks.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY

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Andy Smith - 964-3772 / asmith240@rochester.rr.com

Seth Bolon	Thomas Harley	Joel Hebert	Jacob Knapp
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Reserves: Kevin Smith

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Michael Cappuzzo	Kyle Ketcham	Aaron Kruger
Raymond Nichols	Riley Robinson	

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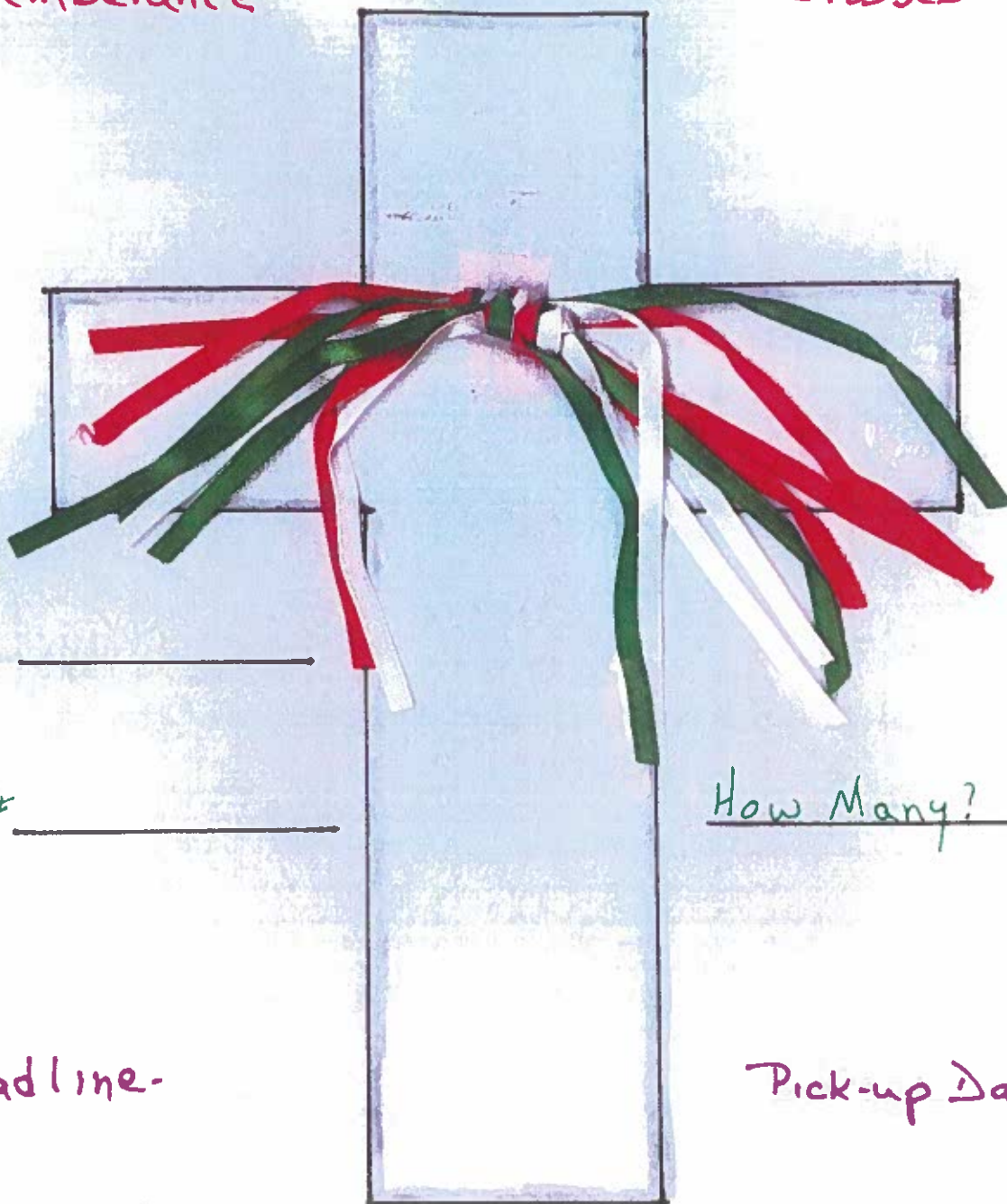
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Derek D. Wilson

Remembrance

Crosses



Name _____

Phone # _____

How Many? _____

Deadline-

Pick-up Date

9-30-26

Sunday, Nov. 1, 26

\$15.00

Between services

I am
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you always

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