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*In the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
may you find within these doors rest of soul, peace of heart and
strength to walk with God all the days of your life.*

September 6th, 2026

PASTOR:

ASSISTING ELDERS:

ORGANIST:

MONEY COUNTERS:

ALTAR GUILD:

Reverend Paul Williams

Keith Wright & Ron Stresman

Mrs. Kim Blais

Sharon Eder & Jean Barr

Phil Witt, Tim Witt, Dan Gorr

10:30 am

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Holy Communion “is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.” (Luther’s Small Catechism) All who partake of this Sacrament are united to the crucified and glorified body and blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16) and, therefore, must also be united to one another in doctrine (Acts 2:42). Out of love for those who are not united to us in the Faith, we follow the biblical practice of “Closed Communion”. If you are not a member in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church—Canada, her sister Synods or have met with the Pastor or Elders, we respectfully ask you to refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. We thank you for respecting our Scriptural practises.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Divine Service Setting Three with Holy Communion

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First Hymn: My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

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Hymn of the Day: O God of Mercy, God of Might

#852

Communion Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#686

Closing Hymn: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

#740

Sermon: *Seeking the Lost* Matt. 18:1-20

Lessons: Psalm 32:1-7; Ezek. 33:7-9; Rom. 13:1-10; Matt. 18:1-20

OUR PRAYERS

Please include in your prayers; Mary Ryan, Andrew, Allyson and Aria Witt, Adam, Kristen and Everett Mau, Allen Mask, Pastor David Milette, John Doering, Betty Lorbetskie and those shut-in; Dorothy Craig, and in Long-term Care and Retirement homes; Hattie Nagora (Woodingford Lodge), Leona Mau (Miramichi), Ken Biesenthal (Marianhill), Frieda Biesenthal (Pinewood), and Shirley Gorr (Heritage Manor).

If you desire prayers, please contact Pastor or the Secretary.

THANK YOU

Thanks again to Pastor Douglas for leading us in worship today while Pastor Williams is on holidays. Pastor Williams will return September 9th.

TRUSTEES MEETING

The Trustees will have a meeting on **Tuesday, September 8th at 9am.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL & APPLE FEST

It's time to kick off another wonderful year of Sunday School on **Sunday, September 13th at 9:15 am.** We are excited to welcome our children back for a new year of learning, growing, and sharing God's love. And what better way to celebrate the first day of Sunday School than with our Apple Fest following our 10:30 church service. Bring along your favourite dish, salad or dessert made with apples to share. We will also be serving hot dogs! Everyone is welcome!♥Grace Christian Education Board

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS!

Save the Date — **Sunday, October 25, 2026!** Our congregation has a very special milestone to celebrate! While we celebrated the 150th anniversary of our congregation in September 2024, this year we are celebrating 125 years in our current church building! Our first church was built in 1873 near the corner but as our congregation continued to grow, it became necessary to build a larger church. Twenty-five years later, in 1898, our present church building was built, and it has been our place of worship and fellowship ever since. We are looking forward to celebrating this wonderful history with a special anniversary worship service on **Sunday, October 25,** followed by a luncheon served by the Ladies Aid. There are many memories and stories that make our church building special, and we would love for everyone to be part of this. We are looking at updating the 100th Anniversary Booklet along with a special service and decor.

Would you like to help with the planning? If you are interested in helping organize this special anniversary celebration, please contact Peter Witt or Sharon Eder. We will then arrange a meeting for everyone who would like to be involved. Come celebrate 125 years of faith, fellowship, worship, and memories in our beloved church home!

LAST WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP: Attendance - 66 Baptized Membership - 308

<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Received</u>
General Treasury	\$1,983.00
Plate	\$ 67.00
Total General Treas.	<u>\$2,050.00</u>
Missions	\$ 72.00
Benefits Share Augsb.	\$ 600.00
Cemetery	<u>\$ 970.00</u>
Total Offerings	<u>\$3,692.00</u>

COMING UP THIS WEEK...

TUES	9:00am	Trustees Meeting
	6:00pm	LWML Meeting
	7:00pm	Elders Meeting
SUN	9:15am	Sunday School
	9:30am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service (Setting #3)/Ashick Baptism/Applefest

Ezekiel 33:7-9 "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Romans 13:1-10 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honour to whom honour is owed. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Matthew 18:1-20 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."