

September 2026 Newsletter

Sundays

Spanish service 8:30 am

Worship Service 9:30am

Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30am

Tuesdays

Celebrate Recovery
meetings 5-8pm

Wednesdays

Woman's Bible study 5pm
Confirmation class 5pm



Office Closed

Labor Day

Sept 7th

BIRTHDAYS

Harry Beard 9/16

Mike Austin 9/23

Bill Rose 9/23

Emme Jones 9/26

Garrett Greesley 9/27

ANNIVERSERIES

Travis & Stephanie Jones 9/12

MEETINGS

9/14	Elders	6pm
9/21	Education	6pm
	Finance	6:30
	Tech & Comm	7pm

Junior confirmation

classes

For 6th 7th & 8th graders

Start Sept 9th at 5pm

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What God says about Communion/Lord's Supper

John 6:52-56ESV

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ **For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.** ⁵⁶ **Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.** ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

1Corinthians 11:23-32ESV

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "**This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**" ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**" ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ **Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.** ²⁸ **Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.** ²⁹ **For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.** ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ **But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.** ³² **But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.**

Matthew 26:28ESV

²⁸ **for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

Most people think that the Lord's Supper is sharing a meal with our Lord Jesus. After you have read "What God says about communion," I hope you now believe you are having a meal of our Lord Jesus who gave His Body and Blood to be food of forgiveness and remembrance of how and why Jesus Christ gave up His Body and Blood for us.

Our Lord Jesus Christ did not die on the cross to just give us food and drink. Christ gave Himself up to suffering and dying on the cross to forgive all of our sins. And this, Christ did out of the love of our God who brings salvation to all whom He calls. Though God calls all to be His adopted children, only those who listen to the Holy Spirit and believe will inherit eternal life. One also has to realize that eternal life is also eternal relationship with our benevolent and loving God.

The question that most people have is, "Why cannot everybody take communion?" First realize that one does not need communion to be saved and have eternal life and relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. There are serious qualifications in God's word before one can take the Lord's Supper. Again Read "What God says about communion."

These qualifications are why we (LCMS) have Catechism for our youth, new members who do not know Christ, and new members who come from different denominations. Not all denominations correctly teach the seriousness of taking the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior.

Without the proper knowledge and teaching of the Lord's Supper we would be allowing people to take it to their judgement. This is not in our hearts to see one be judged. This also brings judgement upon the pastor serving the Lord's Supper.

James 3:1 ESV Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that **we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.**³

This is not about us or you, but rather about what our God wants for all believers.

John 3:17 ESV ¹⁷ **For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.**



Logansport Fall Zone Gathering

Intricately Woven

September 12, 2026, at St. James Lutheran Church

800 Cincinnati St., Lafayette

Concordia Cafeteria – enter through door #11

Registration and Refreshments – 9:00-9:30 am ET

Program – 9:30-12:00

Presentations by

Michelle Bauman, Former Director of Y4Life and

**Pastor Michael Salemink, Former Executive Director, Lutherans for Life Lunch –
12:00-1:00**

Bravely Women's Health is our ingathering recipient. Most needed items:

- **Bibles** (NIV Beautiful Word Bible or NIV Busy Mom's Bible, both available on Amazon:
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/0310453429/>
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/0310454085/>)
- **New or gently used children's clothing** (newborn through 5T)
- **Monetary donations**

**Please RSVP to Angela Lukens at lwml@stjameslaf.org or 812-430-4957
by September 1. See you there!**

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Psalm 139:15

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 CR 5-8pm	2	3	4	5
6 Spanish 8:30 C-Worship 9:30 Sun School 10:30	7 Labor Day Office closed	8 CR 5-8pm	9 Conf class 5pm Women's Bible study 5pm	10	11	12 LWML-at St James in Lafayette
13 Spanish 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sun School 10:30	14 Hickory Creek Bible study 10:30am Elders 6pm	15 CR 5-8pm	16 Conf class 5pm Women's Bible study 5pm	17	18	19
20 Spanish 8:30 C-Worship 9:30 Sun School 10:30	21 Education 6pm Finance 6:30 Tech & Com 7pm	22 CR 5-8pm	23 Conf class 5pm Women's Bible study 5pm	24	25	26
27 Spanish 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sun School 10:30	28	29 CR 5-8pm	30 Conf class 5pm Women's Bible study 5pm			C-Communion offered +Sacrificial Sunday- extra giving opportunity

Our Fish Fry is Thursday October 1st 4-7pm

