

September 2024



The Messenger

Fall Ministry Season Begins - Pastor Mike Mirakian

September marks the beginning of our new ministry season, and we trust God will continue to bind our church together in loving fellowship and help each of us grow in faith in the coming days. Let me encourage you to make time in your schedule to participate in one or more of our ministries this fall.

Sunday School resumes on September 8 and will be led this year by several experienced and gifted teachers. The group studies the Bible and explores topics of interest to our spiritual lives, engaging in encouraging and insightful conversation. We will begin with a study of the Old Testament prophet Elijah and how his experiences speak into our culture. Sunday School meets in the adult classroom at 9:00 a.m.

I lead the **Pastor's Bible Study** each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. We will begin meeting September 5, picking up where we left off in the Gospel of Luke. In addition to digging into God's word, we share meaningful conversations about current events and topics relevant to life today.

Women's Fellowship meets each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the adult classroom. This group will resume meeting on September 3 under the faithful leadership of Colleen Felts. All women in the church are welcome to join in this time of studying God's word and encouraging one another in faith.

The **Tuesday Morning Prayer** group gathers year-round at 8:30 a.m. to pray over needs in our church family. This small but faithful group believes in God's grace and power to heal and renew. We lift up prayer requests submitted to the church as well as the needs of our city and world.

Sunday morning **Worship** takes place at 10:15 a.m. throughout the year. We sing, pray, read God's word, share ministry updates and enjoy the blessing of fellowship together. If you can't join us in-person, our worship services are live-streamed on the church website, Facebook and YouTube.

On Sunday, September 8, we will gather after worship for our **Church Picnic**. This year's picnic will be held in the dining hall, and we invite each person or family to bring a side dish to share along with the fried chicken and drinks provided by the church. This annual time of fellowship helps us celebrate the beginning of the fall ministry season.

Some members of our church family have participated faithfully in these ministries for years, and we always welcome others to join us. Spiritual growth accelerates when you share meaningful time with other believers. We worship together. We pray together. We read God's word together. And together we are shaped more and more into the image of Jesus our Savior.

In addition to these scheduled ministry events, let's also not forget to **care for one another**. Phone calls, text messages, visits, notes in the mail and friendly greetings on a Sunday morning help everyone feel loved. We pray for each other. We offer help in times of need. We share meals together. We love one another in practical and encouraging ways. Broadway has always been a loving congregation, and that will continue as we each care for those around us.

Scripture assures us, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27). I hope you will engage often and joyfully in our ministries and fellowship this fall. As you do, we will all be blessed by the Spirit's work in and through each member of our church family.



Birthdays

5	Arline Gredenius Bob Rehnberg Patty Torres
10	Kathy Almond
12	Anders Gredenius
13	Perry Gregory
14	Marcia Johnson Jonathan Torres
16	Ron Miller Linda Evans
17	Don Leather
21	Bob Schweiger Erica Schweiger
23	Louise Peterson
24	Jean Drews Annette Retzlaff
30	Barbara Burwell



Anniversaries

2	Randall & Laura Ann Price
4	Ryan and Kara Woodrow
8	Dan & Laura Schweitzer
11	Robert & Barbara Rehnberg
14	Emily & Brian Lorbach
15	James & Jill Page
16	Wayne & Carolyn Augenson
27	Keith & Kathryn Holmertz

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will resume with the final five sessions from the spring series, "Jesus and Women" by Kristi McLelland. Following that series, we will study Season 4 of **The Chosen**. Join us for a time of prayer, study and fellowship. Please call Colleen Felts with any questions. (815-222-3826)

Serving in September

Counters:

Gene Felts & Sue Warren

Head Usher:

Bob Schweiger

Remember in Prayer

The family of **Chris James** who passed away in July.
Joan Boettcher recovering from a fall.

Sunday School

This fall, the Sunday School class will be led by several gifted teachers through Bible study and topical discussions. The fall schedule will begin with Pastor Mike teaching a two-week session on Elijah the Prophet. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m., beginning September 8.

Pastor's Bible Study

Each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Mike leads this interactive and challenging Bible study. This fall, the group will continue exploring the Gospel of Luke, picking up in chapter 11. Join us for warm fellowship, thoughtful conversation and spiritual encouragement. Pastor's Bible Study begins September 5.

60 Plus

Join 60 Plus for lunch on Tuesday, September 17th, 11:30 AM at Sophia's Family Restaurant, 5467 Bridge Street, Roscoe, IL. Please call Sue at church 815-399-9296 or give Karen Holmertz your reservation by Sunday, September 15th. Also let her know if you need a ride. Remember to invite others to join us.

Carol Circle

Monday, September 9th is the next meeting of Carol Circle. We will meet at Louise Peterson's home at 11:30am for a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share. There will be a time for fellowship, devotions and prayer requests. Let Carolyn Augenson know if you are able to join us.

Leadership Team Update

- Pastor Mike will be preaching on Jesus' parables in September.
- Barb Rehnberg presented a book to the church in memory of her son Brian. The book has photos and descriptions of the images in our stained glass windows. It will be made available near the windowsill in the NE corner of the sanctuary.

September

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<p>1</p> <p>10:15 Worship</p> <p>11:45 Vida Eterna</p>	<p>2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HAPPY LABOR DAY</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30 Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:30 Women's Fellowship</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:30 VE prayer & worship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30 Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 Worship Annual church picnic</p> <p>11:45 Vida Eterna</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:30 Carol Circle at Louise Peterson's</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:30 Women's Fellowship</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:30 VE prayer & worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:30 Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 Worship LT Mtg.</p> <p>11:45 Vida Eterna</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30 Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:30 Women's Fellowship</p> <p>11:30 60 Plus at Sophia's Restaurant</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:30 VE prayer & worship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:30 Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 Worship</p> <p>11:45 Vida Eterna</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Messenger news due in the office</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30 Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:30 Women's Fellowship</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:30 VE prayer & worship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:30 Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
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Annual Church Picnic

All are invited to the fall picnic on September 8 after church. Bring a dish to pass. It can be hot, cold or a dessert. The ovens will be on to keep warm things warm. The church will furnish beverages, table settings and chicken. It will be a great time to reconnect after the summer. Please register on the sign up sheet in the narthex or call the church office. This will help us know how much chicken to order.

Mission Report

This month please pray for **Covenant Youth of Alaska (CYAK) and Rockford Police Chaplaincy.**

“CYAK was formed in 1992 through the Evangelical Covenant Church of Alaska in response to the struggles of Alaska Native youth who have some of the highest rates of suicide, teen pregnancy, and sexual abuse in the country. Today CYAK ’s team spans across the state and country working with churches and ministries to champion the cause of ministry to young people in Alaska. They focus on ministering to students between the ages of 12 and 25. One program they have is Aarigaa. This ministry offers a safe place for young adults to gather and feel comfortable. Each group meets weekly for Bible Study, games, shared meals, and fellowship with one another. Another ministry is Regional Youth Events which serve as weekends of encouragement and growth for junior and senior high schoolers throughout the school year. They enjoy a weekend of crazy games, great fellowship, and an opportunity to hear the gospel message.” For more information see www.cyak.org.

Rockford Police Chaplaincy consists of volunteers to provide support to first responders and their families, and others involved in tragedy throughout Rockford.