



What's Cooking?

Dear Friends in Christ,
What's for dinner? That age old question arises anew just about every day. It can be an opportunity for creativity or it can be a burden that we would gladly release to someone else if they would take it from us.

What's for dinner? It's at once both a simple and a complicated question that leads to other inquiries. What do you have on hand? What can you afford? Do you have all of the ingredients to make something you would like to eat or will you need to go shopping? What do the others who will sit at the table like to eat? Are there any foods that you or your dinner guests dislike or can't eat? Should we just go out to eat or order in a pizza?

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Daily Readings

September 1
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 15
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 2
Deuteronomy 4:9-14
1 Timothy 4:6-16
Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48

September 3
Deuteronomy 4:15-20
1 Peter 2:19-25
Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48

September 4
Deuteronomy 4:21-40
Mark 7:9-23
Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48

September 5
Isaiah 30:27-33
Romans 2:1-11
Psalm 146

September 6
Isaiah 32:1-8
Romans 2:12-16
Psalm 146

September 7
Isaiah 33:1-9
Matthew 15:21-31
Psalm 146

September 8
Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146
(2) James 2:1-10 [11-13]
14-17 Mark 7:24-37

September 9
Joshua 6:1-21
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Isaiah 38:10-20

“What’s for dinner?” is such a universal question, that it has become, in many manifestations, the springboard for new entertainment ventures. The Food Network and other food-based television shows have turned this challenging question into a variety of different programs. Some examples...

- The show Chopped gives competing chefs a box containing three or four disparate ingredients that they must incorporate into an edible dish in a short amount of time.
- Chef Gordon Ramsey (America’s Top Chef; Hell’s Kitchen) sometimes has contestants gather ingredients for a dish, and then make them trade what they have gathered with one another.
- Guy Fieri, better known for his show, Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives, has a show called Guy’s Grocery Games where contestants have a limited time and budget to run around a supermarket grocery store, gather ingredients, and put together dishes with unusual challenges attached.

Part of the popularity of shows like these, I think, is that they share with the viewer a common challenge. What are you going to create using what you have and your Imagination?

On September 21 from 10-2:00 p.m., a group of leaders from Christ Lutheran is going have a strategic visioning session where we will attempt to lay out our priorities and goals as a congregation for the next three years. Like a cooking show, we will ask some questions before we begin...

- What do we already have on hand in terms of assets (human and financial) that we can use? (What’s already in our fridge and pantry?)
- Where do we feel God’s Spirit is leading us at this unique time and place where we find ourselves as a community? (What do we feel inspired to create?)
- How might we align our priorities for mission with the needs of our community?
- (What do those we want to invite to the table truly need and/or want?).

September 21
2 Kings 17:5-18
Matthew 23:29-39
Psalm 54

September 22
Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 54
(4) James 3:13 — 4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 23
2 Kings 5:1-14
James 4:8-17
Psalm 139:1-18

September 24
2 Kings 11:21—12:16
James 5:1-6 Psalm 139:1-18

September 25
Jeremiah 1:4-10
John 8:21-38
Psalm 139:1-18

September 26
Exodus 18:13-27
Acts 4:13-31
Psalm 19:7-14

September 27
Deuteronomy 1:1-18
Acts 12:20-25
Psalm 19:7-14

September 28
Deuteronomy 27:1-10
Matthew 5:13-20
Psalm 19:7-14

September 29
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

September 30
Zechariah 6:9-15
1 Peter 1:3-9 Psalm 5

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As part of the process, we will begin with our imaginations. Here's an example of a visioning exercise we might do...

Imagine it is 2027. As you look around during worship at Christ Lutheran Church and look at upcoming activities in the bulletin and look at the church calendar, you are pleased with the vitality of our community of faith. We have kept what is best about our congregation while intentionally reaching out in our community. Describe what you see in your mind's eye and why it makes you feel a sense of satisfaction.

Now a visioning exercise is not an exercise in fantasy or wishful thinking. I remember sometimes, when I would ask my father-in-law Bill what he wanted for dinner, he would grin and say, "Lobster Thermador"! One day, I asked him, "Have you ever had Lobster Thermador?" He admitted that he had not, but that it sure sounded like something aspire to!

Rooted in reality, yet empowered by hope, I am looking forward to this exercise.

Please consider being a part of this visioning process and/or pray for those who are participating. Ironically, there will not be any real cooking involved. We are sending out for Pizza!

Let's get cooking!

Pastor Craig

Aurora Emergency Preparedness

Join us Thursday, Sept 26th, 6:30-7:45 pm at Christ Lutheran Church, 2nd St, Aurora. This training meeting is open to all residents of Aurora! Please join us as Marion County Emergency Management will share information on what to expect and how to deal with water issues after a major earthquake. Mark Gunter (Aurora's Public Works Superintendent) will also be joining the discussion.



September 10
Joshua 8:1-23
Hebrews 12:3-13
Isaiah 38:10-20

September 11
Judges 15:9-20
Matthew 17:14-21
Isaiah 38:10-20

September 12
Joshua 2:1-14
Hebrews 11:17-22
Psalm 116:1-9

September 13
Joshua 2:15-24
James 2:17-26
Psalm 116:1-9

September 14
Joshua 6:22-27
Matthew 21:23-32
Psalm 116:1-9

September 15
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9 (9)
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 16
1 Kings 13:1-10
Romans 3:9-20
Psalm 119:169-176

September 17
1 Kings 13:11-25
Colossians 3:1-11
Psalm 119:169-176

September 18
Isaiah 10:12-20
John 7:25-36
Psalm 119:169-176

September 19
Judges 6:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Psalm 54

September 20
1 Kings 22:24-40
Romans 11:25-32
Psalm 54



Worship in the Park and Dessert Auction Recap

We were blessed with a great day at Aurora Park for our annual gathering with our friends from Aurora Presbyterian Church.

Worship in the Park and Dessert Auction: Once again, we had a wonderful outdoor worship and picnic at Aurora City Park last Sunday. The service was uplifting, the fellowship was inspiring, the food was delicious and the Dessert Auction Fundraiser for Backpack Buddies was a great success. As of Sunday, we had raised over \$3,400 in support of the program! Thanks to the many volunteers who made the day a success.



Birthdays

Conrad Pearson	1
Sally Boonstra	2
Carey Pinto	2
Laney Bakey	4
Charlie Eggert Jr.	6
Sasha Shepherd	14
Tom Kleve	16
Amy Elliott	20
Bruce Johnson	20
Mike McCue	21
Mary Wolfe	21
Teresa Netter	22
Sylvia Peter	25
Ernie Peter	27

Anniversaries

Bill & Jennie Lockett	1
Randy & Nancy Beyers	21
Jeff & Jennifer Groner	23



Worship Assistants



9/1

Reader: Burt Aus

Ushers: Burt and Judi Aus

Donut Host: Carolyn Popma

9/8

Reader: Mike Boonstra

Ushers: Dennis Lewis and
Wyatt Akin

Coffee Host: Marie Gunther

9/15

Reader: Kenton Wolfe

Ushers: Kenton and
Mary Wolfe

Coffee Host: Marvis Gilnett

9/22

Reader: Dean Pinto

Usher: George Will

Coffee Host: Helen David

9/29

Reader: Lynn Ries

Ushers: Lynn and John Ries

Mini Potluck Host:

Barb Bannister

In Our Hearts & Prayers

Prayers for	Requested by	Prayers for	Requested by
Abraham	Barb B.	Larry Marnella	Ilene Marnella
Ann Musgrove, Family of	PC	Laurie Boyce	PC
Anna (Grider) Westcott	Jim & Doris Grider	Linda Fender	Dan and Lonnie
Bankhead Family	Wyatt Akin	Lorrie D	PC
Beth Brandt	Mary W.	Lynn Bloomfield	Lonnie and Dan
Betty Gerhardt	Kenton and Mary Wolfe	Mary Wolfe	PC
Bob and Sally Boonstra	Doris Grider	Matt H	PC
Bonnie and Bruce John-	PC	Micah Akin	Wyatt Akin
Brian Wolfe	Kenton & Mary	Mike and Dixie Harms	Dan and Lonnie
Brooke	Heather W	Mike McCue	Heather Wechter
Bruce Baker	Kevin Baker	Norman Colvin	Nancy
Burt Aus	Judi Aus	Oscar D	Sam D
Carol Smith	Helen D	Piper	Heather W
Charles G.	PC	Richard Dyrdaahl	Lorrie Dyrdaahl
Colin Brown	Heather W	Rick Snell Family	PC
Cyndy Caufield	Susan W	Robert	Jordain
Dana St. Clair	Diane Schaber	Roy Steven	Joyce
Dennis Ormseth	Mary W.	Shirley Ann Andreason	Ilene Marnella
Doris and Jim Grider	Susan W	Sylvia Peter	PC
Ed Lapsley	Sharon G.	Tom Haskins	Kim M.
Ellen Paulson	Lorrie Dyrdaahl	Traci	Barb B.
Eric Wechter	PC	Vi Anderson	Judi
Evie Berg	PC		
Gayle Abernathy Family	PC		
Heather Wechter	PC		
Heidi Daniel and family	PC		
Howard & Kathy Brandt	Mary W.		
Jan G	PC		
Jerry McKenzie	Sharon G.		
Jo Miller	Kimberly Macklin		
JoAnn Caufield	Cindy C		
Joanna Painter	Dixie		
Joyce Colvin	Susan W		
Kate	PC		
Kim	Lisa		
Kimberly Kyser	Cindy C		



- Those with memory care issues and those who care for them.
- Those receiving radiation or chemotherapy.
- Those who are in hospice care.
- Our loved ones serving in the armed forces, especially those serving overseas.



In Our Synod

De-escalation Training 101 - September 4, 6:30-8:00 pm on Zoom

Is your congregation facing questions about safety concerns? This event is for all congregation leaders, rostered and lay. Whether you are just starting think about security for your church or already have a plan in place, this session is an opportunity to build your de-escalation skills with a faithful spirit. It will cover the basics and provide a brief overview of how we communicate to de-escalate, and how to identify and respond to varying levels of escalated behavior with an emphasis on safety and compassion. Presented by Mikaila Maher, LCSW, who is currently supervisor of the BOB Peer and Outreach Team at Providence. She has worked in social services serving unhoused neighbors since 2012, and has been providing de-escalation trainings since 2014. [Register to join us here.](https://zoom.us/join/0tdu2grTMuG9ypuVCD6mTI-aKXzJ6eqnaMz#/registration)

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In Loving Memory

Passing of Rick Snell

Longtime friend of the congregation, Rick Snell passed away Saturday evening after a long illness. He is survived by his wife Maria, and children Keira Will, Kimi Ring, Crystal Snell, and Charles (Richie) Snell.



Congregational Visioning

It has been a while since we have done a strategic visioning for our congregation. It the council's plan to have a visioning exercise on Saturday, September 21 from 10-2. We are hoping to have a total of 15-20 people participate. Lunch will be provided. If interested, let a council member or Pastor Craig know.



New Rails!

If you haven't already, take a look at the new hand rails at the east entrance to the church! This is one of a series of projects approved in 2022 to improve and maintain our facility.

September

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship @ 10:00 am	2	3	4	5 Aurora Emergency Preparedness Team" 6:30 to 8 p.m.	6 Wellbriety 6-8 pm	7
8 Worship @ 10:00 am Council Meeting 9:30-1:00 am	9	10	11	12	13 Wellbriety 6-8 pm	14 AA Speaker Series 5:15-8:00 pm
15 Worship @ 10:00 am	16	17 Memorial Receptions 10 am – 3 pm	18 Marion/Polk Mobile Food Pantry, Aurora Pythian Hall 3:30-5 pm	19 Backpack Buddies 10 am	20 Wellbriety 6-8 pm	21 Congregational Visioning 10 am- 3 pm
22 Worship @ 10:00 am	23	24	25	26	27 Wellbriety 6-8 pm	28
29 Worship @ 10:00 am	30	31				

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