



Adult Education Opportunity

The Sacred Vessel: Shaping Hearts and Minds Through Worship

Pastor Jeff Speaks

Wednesday Nights from 7:00-8:00 PM

September 24 – December 3rd

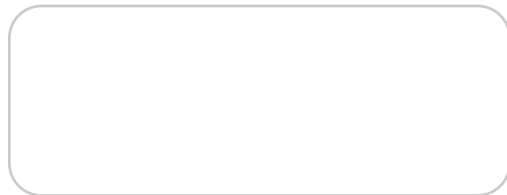
Course Synopsis:

Just what are we doing here? Every week on Sunday we gather in this space to worship

God, but how many of us have taken the time to question this practice? Why do we do this? Why do we worship in the way that we worship? Where do these practices come from? What do they do? In this course we will attempt to explore these questions by breaking down a worship service over the course of nine weeks, with each week focusing on a different practice. Through mini-lectures and group discussion, we will look at these practices from a practical, historical, and, most crucially, a theological perspective. As we explore this material together, we will be able to deepen our appreciation of worship and be more intentional about the practice of our shared faith.

If you are interested in attending this class, email Pastor Jeff at jeffspeaks.mn@gmail.com.

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Messenger



September Lectionary Readings

September 7

Deut. 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1:1-21

Luke 14:25-33

September 14

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

September 21

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

September 28

Amos 6:1, 4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

*the Lord is good
to all*
- Psalm 145:9a



Sunday School

This fall, our all-ages Sunday School launches a new “Big Faith” curriculum! We’ll start with LIFELINE (how God rescues us), then explore how God protects us and guides us. Our opening memory verse is Exodus 15:2: “The Lord is my strength and power; he has become my salvation.”

Walk & Talk Is Back!

The Walk & Talk Group is back starting on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 9:30 AM! Join us each Tuesday morning at the church, and we’ll head out together for a walk along the paved path next to Forest Blvd. We’ll go at a pace that’s comfortable for all. Come enjoy some fresh air and good company!

Linwood FunFest

Linwood FunFest (formerly Family Fun Day) is happening Friday & Saturday, Sept. 5–6! Join the fun across from Town Hall where our church will host a mini golf hole on Saturday as part of the course. Mini golf starts at 10 AM. Enjoy activities, food, and music, including our own Dave Haugen & “The Wyoming Wanderers” on Saturday afternoon from 2–4 PM on the front stage!

Stagecoach Day

Stagecoach Day is on Saturday, September 13, and our church will be joining in the fun! We’ll be participating in the parade (which starts at 10 AM) and handing out candy, followed by serving free pie and coffee at the church from 11 AM–1 PM. A shuttle will be available to take participants to the parade starting point. We’re expecting a great turnout this year, so we’ll need more pie donations than usual. Please sign up in the nook.

Game Day

We will be hosting a regular game day every third Thursday of the month at 1 PM! This is a great opportunity to spend time with old friends, meet new ones, and have some fun. No matter your skill level, we’ll find a game for you! The first Game Day will be held on September 18 in the Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation Start Up

Confirmation classes for middle-school youth will begin again on Sunday September 21st at 11:15 AM. Youth will meet with Pastor Jeff in the library for one hour every other Sunday. Parents should keep an eye out for an email from Pastor Jeff with more details. This is an important time for youth to get to explore and question the faith as they prepare to join our church. Mark it on your calendars!

From the Pastor...

September has always had a special magic to it. The summer is at an end, and we slowly fade from heat to the fall’s brisk chill and vibrant colors. More than anything, I associate it with the beginnings of the school year. As someone who has spent far too much time in school as a student and as a teacher, September feels like the beginning of a new year to me in a far more concrete way than the calendar’s new year in January. Many of you have children, grandchildren, or even great grandchildren who are starting school this week, or maybe already have. We are kicking off education in our church in a big way this September as well. Sunday School is back to a weekly affair with our own fabulous Jane Rylander at the helm. Confirmation classes for our youth will begin again shortly, as will a new adult education class I’ve designed on the meaning of worship.

Like your children and grandchildren, I’d encourage you to lean into learning this fall. Whether you take part in any official courses or not, find ways in which study and reading can enrich your faith and your life. It is of such crucial importance as we continue to grow.

Although starting school is a special time, this year it is tainted by grief over the tragedy at Annunciation Catholic School. Heartbreak, anxiety, and anger are running high in many of us. Take the time to talk to your children so that they feel safe and loved. As always, I would encourage you to pray. I do not mean only to pray for the victims and their families, although that is important. Pray also for guidance as we figure out how to make our world a place that better embodies the peace of Christ. Listen for the lure of the Holy Spirit as we attempt to discern what Christian witness and love looks like in public.

In times of darkness and uncertainty, I am grateful for all of you.



Sept. Celebrations	
Birthdays	
9-1	Joshua S.
9-2	Gay G. Mary S.
9-3	Denny H.
9-12	Cyndy J.
9-14	Lois S. Myron Z.
9-15	Val S.
9-24	Ashley E.
9-26	Jeanne L.
9-27	Norma S.
Anniversaries	
9-7	Duane & Kay S.
9-10	Rich & Linda R. Dave & Cathy W.
9-13	Rick & Wendy C.
9-16	Trevor & Abigail J.
9-17	Don & Joyce M.
9-26	Rondy & Jeannine Q.
9-28	Richard & Sandra S.

Annual Turkey Dinner

Our annual Fall Turkey Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 4 to 7 PM. Sign-up sheets will be coming soon for volunteers to roast turkeys, make pies, to help with setup activities, day of event assistance, cleanup, etc. We hope you will sign up to help! If you have any questions, please reach out to Val Verdoorn at 630-951-0384, or you can email her at valerie.verdoorn@gmail.com. Thank you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 9:30am Fellowship Time 10am Worship w/Holy Communion	2 8am Sunrise Study Group 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group 9:30am Walk & Talk	3 10 9am-3pm Stitch 'n Rip Quilters 7-8:30pm NA meeting	4 11 9am-3pm Stitch 'n Rip Quilters 7-8:30pm NA meeting	5 12 10am Grief Group 1pm Game Day	6 13 Wyoming Stagecoach Day 10am Parade begins 11am-1pm Free pie & coffee	 6 Linwood FunFest 10am Mini-golf 2pm "The Wyoming Wanderers" perform
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SERVANT SCHEDULE

Sunday School: Jane Rylander

September 7

Ushers: Donna Keacher and Chris Sycks

Greeter: Deb Muellner

Live Stream: Jason Verdoorn

Soundboard: Aiden Verdoorn

Scripture Reader: Karen Kramer

Coffee Servers: Renee Svoboda and Carol Sorensen

Communion Servers: Ed & Karen Kramer

September 14

Ushers: Ralph Magnusson and Cathy West

Greeter: Jeannine Quarnstrom

Live Stream: Betty Maloney

Soundboard: Zach Pampusch

Scripture Reader: Donna Keacher

Coffee Servers: Nancy Hebrink and Kay Sellman

September 21

Ushers: Don & Joyce Metcalf

Greeter: Lois Shannon

Live Stream: Lisa Rodacker

Soundboard: Izzy Hogate-Lake

Scripture Reader: Karen Kramer

Coffee Servers: Chris Sycks and Donna Keacher

September 28

Ushers: Craig Rylander and Linda Richnofsky

Greeter: Gay Gronlund

Live Stream: Val Verdoorn

Soundboard: Lisa Rodacker

Scripture Reader: Carol Sorensen

Coffee Servers: Carole Aalderks and Janet Rasmussen

