Why we sing *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* is to hear the call to carry God's grace into the world. Written by Cuban Pentecostal pastor José Aguiar, the hymn comes from a Latin American Christian context in which following Christ is understood as a calling to participate in God's work of healing and renewing the world. Its simple, lively melody gives the sending words an unmistakable sense of movement: having gathered, worshiped, and received God's grace, we are sent back into the world. The text emphasizes the responsibility of those who are sent and makes that calling explicitly communal: *we* are sent. As we reflect on covenant, faithfulness, and whom we will serve, this hymn reminds us that our response is lived out in service: as ordinary people, we are invited to share God's grace with the world, trusting God to guide and strengthen us along the way.

GriefShare is held on Monday afternoons from 3:30 – 4:45 pm at the Ecumen Meadows. You are welcome to join at any time.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes: Shoeboxes are an expression of God's love to a child and are sent throughout the world. Boxes are packed with school supplies, personal care items and new toys. This is an ongoing project and several items have been collected. The following are items still needed to fill boxes to meet our goal of 50 boxes to be packed on Sunday, November 8. *Socks, stuffed animals, pencils, toy cars, small toys: yo-yo, slinky, puzzles, balls, games, reusable dinner ware: plates, cutlery, glasses, water bottles, Wow items: dolls, soccer ball with pump, friction vehicles, Cash: shipping postage and Gospel Booklet, $10/box*

The Coat Closet: The Coat Closet opened on October 1. Winter coats and warm boots are an ongoing need in our community. We are prepared to meet those needs due to abundant donations received since March of this year. However, we anticipate a need for additional men's small coats and youth coats sizes 8-16. With a storeroom available, donations will be accepted throughout the season, and we will be prepared when the temperature drops and the snow arrives.

MN West Student Food Cupboard: MN West College has established a food cupboard located by the Administrative Offices, Worthington Campus. The purpose is to provide easy to prepare food items for MN West students. We have donated a portion of our March Food Drive to this effort. As students return, the cupboard needs to be frequently restocked. We will be collecting the following items during October to support the college students' needs: *mac and cheese, canned fruit, pasta kits, protein bars, instant potatoes, tuna, can vegetables, breads, other nutritious snacks and easy prep meals*

Reminder to wear red on Sunday, October 25 for Reformation Sunday.

Congratulations to Nathan Faragher & Taylor Bryngelson, who were married in Sioux Falls on October 17. Please keep them in your prayers.

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October 18, 2026 – Joshua Renews the Covenant (* = please stand)

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SUNDAY SERVANTS

ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR Ryan McGaughey
ACOLYTE: Miles Hein
SOUND: Ethan Nixon
POWERPOINT: Glenda Lais
ORGANIST: Nancy Hofstee
VAN DRIVERS: 10-18 Midg White (360-3215)
10-25 Larry Woodbury (360-2689)
GREETER: John & Nora Leinen
LIVESTREAM: Becca McGaughey
COFFEE: Robert & Bonnie Bents & Miles & Ady Hein

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 83 Attendance a year ago: 133
Attendance Last Wednesday: 20 Livestream: 297

Members: Gary Frodermann, Ardys Jacobson, Grace McGaughey, Laura Christensen, Bob Benson, Linda Towne, Mike Vosburgh, Logan Waldner, Shirley Frisch, Erin Schutte-Wadzinski, Wadzinski Family, Leroy Merkel, Alvin Kuehl, Dennis Zierke, Kathy Summers, Glenda Lais, Val Veen, Zach Kempema, Gayle Huehn, JoAnn Kruse, Charlene Wachter, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen
Members in Nursing Homes: Joan Tofteland
Members in Care Facilities: Jean Black, Rosann Boots, Karen Lewis, Jean Bender
Family Members & Friends: Gordy Moore, Brad Milbrath (son of Vickie Milbrath), Bishop Charles Anderson, Mikeayla Engidaw, Connie Ness (friend of Vickie Milbrath), David King (friend of Kevin & Pam Fleming), Verna Hill, (mother of Mary Ingenthron), Avrey Smith (brother of Austin Peters-Smith), Aaron & Amy Koob (nephew of Dale & Debbie Koob), Rita Knutson, Wendy Frodermann (family of Eric & Lisa Milbrath), Rachael Felske (granddaughter of Karen Buchman), Suzy Wilson (cousin of Gayle Huehn), Ken Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing and Nancy Hellstrom), Vickie Bierman (sister of Lisa Waldner), Darlene Vaala (grandmother of Tiffany Neugebauer), Debbie Schannaw (daughter of Gayle Huehn), Rick Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing & Nancy Hellstrom), Kelly Reeves & family (Friend of Lisa Waldner), Maghan Fleming (Daughter-in-law of Kevin & Pam Fleming, Mark Richards, Joe Christensen (son of Nora Leinen & Gene Christensen), Butch Zeiner (Valerie Veen's brother), Josh Hansen (Mary Ingenthron's son)
Our service men and women and Love INC

FELC SCHEDULE FOR October 19-25, 2026

Monday – 19	9:00AM	Bulletin Deadline
	3:15-4:45PM	GriefShare @ Ecumen Meadows
Tuesday – 20	7:00AM	Early Risers Bible Study
	6:00PM	Finance Team
	7:15PM	Church Council
Wednesday – 21	4:00-5:15PM	KFC (Kids for Christ)
	5:15PM	Meal
	6:00PM	Worship
	6:30-8:15PM	Confirmation
	6:30PM	Sanctuary Choir
	7:15PM	Youth Group
Thursday – 22	4:00PM	Centennial Hall Reserved
Friday – 23		Pastor's Sabbath Day
Saturday – 24		
Sunday –25	8:00AM	Grace Lutheran Worship
	8:45AM	Sunday School
	9:30AM	Worship – Reformation/Confirmation

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Tegan Murray by Jeff & Evelyn Murray.
(Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)

Flowers on the altar are from the Celebration of Life for James Casper that was held on Saturday, October 17 and in memory of Barb Waage by Alan Waage and family.

REMINDER: On Sunday, November 1, 2026, the time will change from Daylight Savings Time.

Sunday, November 1, 2026 will be our All Saints Service. We will be remembering all the members that have passed this last year. We will light one candle for all the saints of loved ones and friends that have passed. A letter has been mailed to the families with more details. Blessed be their memories!

Early Risers Bible Study will be moving to Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am starting on Wednesday, October 28.