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John Marriott
"God, Whose Almighty Word"
ELW #673

John Marriott (1780–1825) was an English poet and clergyman. Marriott was born at Cottesbach, in 1780, and educated at Rugby, and Christ Church, Oxford. He was the second of two who obtained honours in the schools in 1802, the first year in which there was a public examination for honours at Oxford. He was also Student of Christ Church, and for about two years a private tutor in the family of the Duke of Buccleuch. The Duke presented him to the Rectory of Church Lawford, Warwickshire. This benefice he retained to his death, although his wife's poor health compelled him to reside in Devonshire, where he was successively curate of St. Lawrence and other parishes in Exeter, and of Broadclyst, near Exeter, where he died on 31 March 1825. His published works include a volume of *Sermons* which he issued in 1818, and a posthumous volume of *Sermons*, published by his sons in 1838. His hymns were never published by himself, nor in book form by any one. His best known hymn is "Thou, whose almighty word", which is usually sung to the tune "Moscow", based on a melody by Italian violinist, Felice de Giardini, who was resident in Russia's second city. Marriott was a close friend of Sir Walter Scott who spoke of him in the second canto of 'Marmion' as someone with whom he could talk about poetry.

Source: Wikipedia

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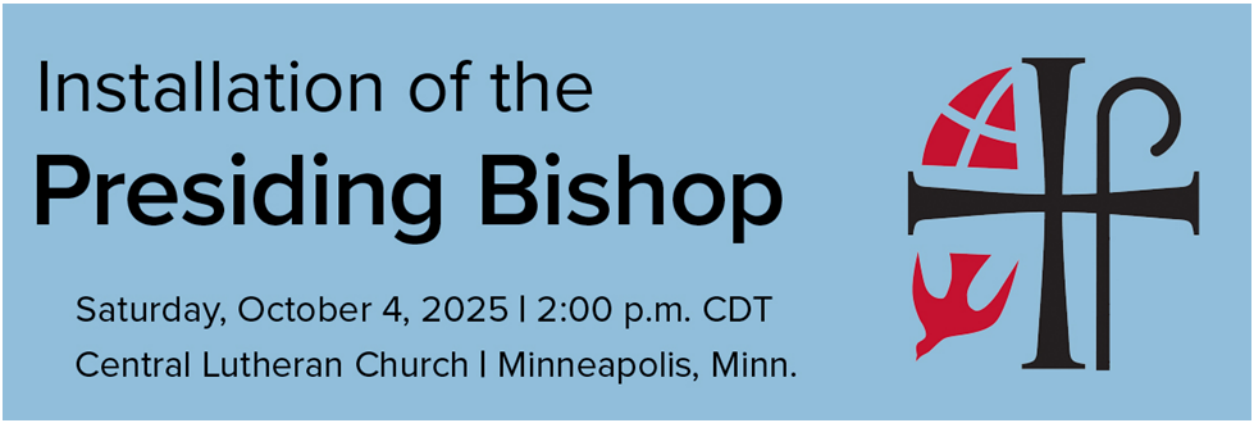

The presiding bishop installation is open to the public, and tickets are not required. **Doors open at 1 p.m. Central time, and worship begins at 2 p.m.**

A public reception to greet the new presiding bishop will be held at Central Lutheran following the installation.

Complimentary parking will be available on Oct. 4 at the Central Lutheran parking facility. Visit Directions & Parking - Central Lutheran Church to find directions to the church and information on parking.

The Hilton Minneapolis is offering a limited number of hotel rooms for Sept. 30–Oct.6 at a discounted rate of $175 per night. Visit BP Hilton hotel self-pay to make your reservation; the discounted rate will be available through Sept. 4 or until the room block is full, whichever comes first. The Hilton Garden Inn Minneapolis Downtown also has a limited number of hotel rooms for Oct. 3 and 4 at a discounted rate of $129 per night. Visit this self-pay link to make your reservation. Room availability may be limited due to the Twin Cities Marathon taking place the following day.

A live video stream of the installation will be available for those unable to attend.



Yehiel Curry
to serve as fifth presiding bishop of the ELCA

When Yehiel Curry considers his vision for the future of the church, he sees an important distinction. “Part of the work is naming it,” he said, “but that next phase is embodying it.

“When we’re talking about casting a vision, I think people want to be part of a vision because they want to share in the process. But they typically will also share in the burdens as well. So part of my vision is [about] those things we’ve lifted up as a church that we said we need to do, we’re going to do, and find a way to bring more people to the table so that we might embody that work instead of it just being a written document.”

Curry, who was elected July 30 to serve a six-year term as ELCA presiding bishop, knows something about embodying a vision and discerning a call.

Before he became a pastor, then a bishop, then the chair of the Conference of Bishops, and now presiding bishop-elect, he was a social worker, then a teacher, then in sales. “I went from being a social worker to a teacher in the same community where I was helping those families, and in both cases, what I learned is passion is very important. And if you can align a person’s passion with a need, then it doesn’t feel like work sometimes. (Excerpt taken from Living Lutheran.org)

Choir and Chime Notes

Practice will resume on September 7th after Worship Service.

Treasurer's Report
Jay Andrews

Incoming July 2025	$3,792.50
Expenses July 2025	$6,527.09
Net Income (Loss)	$(2,734.59)
Income, Year to Date 2025	$62,960.84
Expenses, Year to Date 2025	$62,079.23
Net Income (Loss)	$ 881.61



Friendship Club

COME- visit with friends.

Join us for Friendship Club on September 11th (Thursday) at 12:30pm for potluck, music, devotion, fun, and fellowship!

No reservation needed. Just show up! Bring a friend!

Entertainment by Deb Leininger.

"Happily we bask in this warm September sun, which illuminates all creatures."
— Henry David Thoreau



Rally Day September 21

Kick off for Sunday School, begins on September 28th.



Make-A-Smile cards for Lena Living Center

Each month we will send cards to the Lena Living Center. This is a ministry to share the love of Christ to the residents in the nursing home. We are responsible for 10 cards each month. If you would like to help with this ministry, just bring cards to church by the 10th of each month. Please sign and include short note and words of encouragement. Our hope is to make them smile! Questions? Contact the church office.

Thank you for all the little and big ways you've pitched in.

Highlights from July 10th Church Council Meeting

Agenda Review: The Agenda for the evening was reviewed. Having no additions or corrections, the Agenda was approved as presented.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report was presented to the Council. Having no additions or corrections, the report was approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jay Andrews presented his report. The current account is $164.94 in the black but the over-all Budget to date is $$3,344.67 in the red. The Treasurer also reported that at this time we have a $900.00 credit on the gas bill. He noted that the July gas bill is showing a $721.00 credit. Having no other questions for the Treasurer, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Thomas Mosbo stated that the major event in June was the Synod Assembly. There was a presentation by the ELCA World Hunger, in honor of it's 50th year. World Hunger is working hard to reduce hunger in the United States and throughout the world. Upcoming event is the baptism of Maverick Martin on July 27, 2025 during morning worship. Pastor has also been busy with his regular duties. The Pastor's Report was approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Worship and Music Committee: The committee will be having a meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025.

Learning Committee: The committee is working on getting Sunday School started in the fall with Rally Day on September 21, 2025. They are working on finding teachers for Sunday School. Also upcoming on December 14, 2025 will be the Christmas Program during morning Worship Service.

Finance Committee: The Committee met on June 30, 2025 and has made a recommendation to the Council which will be discussed under New Business.

Property Committee: The Fellowship Hall will be repainted. The work to prepare the Fellowship Hall for painting will be started shortly and Mr. Shane Redding will be doing the painting.

Having no other reports, the Council approved the reports as presented.

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Fun Fact;

The birthstone for September is sapphire, which is a precious gemstone typically blue in color but can also come in other colors like pink, yellow, and green. It is believed to symbolize wisdom, loyalty, and truth, and has been associated with royalty throughout history.

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Highlights from July 10th Church Council Meeting

New Business:

Finance Committee Recommendation: The Finance Committee sent a recommendation to the Council requesting that $20,000.00 be sent to the Synod for World Hunger Relief. Currently the Northern Illinois Synod is conducting a Synod wide appeal to raise money for World Hunger Relief with an anonymous donor who will match dollar for dollar any amount raised up to $100,000.00. The Finance Committee would like to take $20,000.00 out of the Special Funds Endowment Fund for this purpose. Pastor Thomas Mosbo noted that the ELCA World Hunger Relied is one of the top charities which has one of the largest percentages of funds taken in that goes directly to helping people and a limited amount is used for organizational administration. After discussion; the Council agreed with the Finance Committee and approved donating $20,000.00 to the ELCA World Hunger appeal.

Having no other business before the Church Council, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by
Janis Kurth
Church Council Secretary

Holy Cross Day, September 14th

According to Christian tradition, the True Cross was discovered in 326 by Saint Helena, the mother of the Roman Eperor Constantine the Great, during a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was then built at the site of the discovery, by order of Helena and Constantine. The church was dedicated nine years later, with a portion of the cross. One-third remained in Jerusalem, one-third was brought to Rome and deposited in the Sessorian basilica Santa Croce in Gerusalemme (Holy Cross in Jerusalem), and one-third was taken to Constantinople to make the city impregnable.

The date of the feast marks the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335. This was a two-day festival: although the actual consecration of the church was on 13 September, the cross itself was brought outside the church on 14 September so that the clergy and faithful could pray before the True Cross, and all could come forward to venerate it.

Source: Wikipedia.

We lift up our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Marilyn Fulfs, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Gene Medeke, Demetrio Velazco, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy and Pat McCluskey. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the families and friends of Albert Scheider, Alex Leamon and Ron Watson.

Prayer Chain

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, please call the Church Office to submit your request at 815-369-5552. We are also looking for anyone who would like to join the prayer chain. We send prayer through phone chain and e-mail. You pray individually and pass it on to the next person in the prayer chain. God hears our prayers.

We are looking for volunteers at the Le-Win Food Pantry

We need 1 adult or2 youth volunteers for the next GS volunteer dates are October 25th and December 27th from 8:20am-11:30am.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, there is a Sign-up sheet is located in hallway by Fellowship Hall or let the church office know.

Thank you for supporting the feeding ministry.





9-01 Tim Tessendorf
9-01 Marcy Schwartz
9-03 Joshua Prochl
9-04 Colton Brinker
9-10 Brianna Andrews-Velazco
9-11 Nina Mueller
9-11 Michael Geiseman
9-14 Eric Runkle
9-16 Duane Fox
9-17 Alexis Martin
9/21 Anna Andersen
9-24 Sally Huber
9-27 Andrew Martin
9-28 Makenzie Meier
9-30 Ryan Huttenlocher
9-30 Grayson Albright

If we missed your birthday (or someone in your family) please call the office so that we may update our records!



The International Day of Peace

It is often called World Peace Day, is celebrated worldwide on September 21st each year.

Established by the United Nations in 1981, this day is dedicated to promoting peace among nations and people. These efforts highlight the significance of the month of Sept. in fostering global harmony.

Source: Amazing Facts Home.com

LENA FALL FESTIVAL 2024
SEPTEMBER 5TH AND 6TH

Good Shepherd will be having a Hospitality Tent at the festival. We are looking for volunteers to greet folks in the hospitality tent.

This year Candy donations would be appreciated to toss candy from the truck in the parade

Sign up sheets for both are available by Fellowship Hall.



A **BIG** thank you to the Men's Group for everything you do. Here's to the Men's Group, those dedicated generous men who give selflessly of their time, talent and treasurers.

Thank you for supplying the meat for the potluck after the outdoor service, you did an amazing job of cooking the meat and setting up tables, chairs and the piano for the outdoor service.

Thank you for making the out door worship a **BIG** success.

The Worship Committee and members of the congregation.

Our Purpose Statement

"As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

All women of the ELCA are members of WELCA and are welcome at all of our Good Shepherd, synod and churchwide activities.

The Northern Illinois Synod Global Mission Committee encourages and supports the ELCA model of accompaniment in all our relationships with Christians around the world. Specifically, our companion synod/dioceses are the North Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania and the Arcot Lutheran Church of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry, India.

Debra J. Quinn is a member of the NIS Global Mission Committee as well as a board member of the NIS Women of the ELCA as the Northeast Conference Representative and as Discipleship Chair. Deb is passionate about the work of both of these groups. Last January she traveled to India with Bishop Stacie Fidlar and others from our synod.

In August Deb arranged a prayer gathering via Zoom with women from Arcot Lutheran, Tanzania ELC and the NIS WELCA board. Thanks to technology and Deb's diligence this gathering came together across time zones and continents. Some of the women from the various organizations have met in the past either when NIS members have traveled outside of the United States or as international guests at a WELCA event in the United States. It was touching to see each other's faces in real time and fun to hear the accents of people from such diverse areas.

Last month in this newsletter the NIS WELCA resolution pertaining to the Arcot Lutheran Church Women's Fellowship Desk was featured. Next month the 2021 NIS WELCA resolution supporting Women of the North Central Diocese in Tanzania will be featured. We are truly living our purpose statement.

Women of the ELCA

2025 ANNUAL CONVENTION

RESCUE, REDEEM, RESTORE

"Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

- Psalm 82:4

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Registration and Coffee at 8:00 am

First Lutheran Church
225 South 3rd St, Rockford

All women in the Northern Illinois Synod are welcome to attend the 2025 Annual Convention ***Rescue, Redeem, Restore*** *on Saturday, September 20, at First Lutheran Church in Rockford. We will be joined by our keynote speaker Heidi Provo, Anti-Human Trafficking Case Manager and Certified Peer Recovery Specialist for Remedies Renewing Lives I- Rise Program. We are thankful for the Rev. Julie Monnard, Assistant to the Bishop for our morning message. Check out the website for registration details.*