



# The Messenger – October 2026



**Confirmation Sunday is  
Sunday, October 25th!**

**Congratulations to  
Spring Garden's  
2026 Confirmands!**

***Amalia Dicke      Jacob Olson***

***Jaden Pagel      Gabby Peters***

***Jillian Sjoquist***



**Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Sunday, November 1st!**

## **Choir and Hand Bells**

Thank you to the singers and ringers who have returned for the 2026/2027 music season. We have begun working on music to share in October and soon will be looking at Christmas week music. If you are interested, please consider joining us. The choir practices at 8:00 am on Sunday and Handbells 8:45 am.

For the month of October, there will not be practices on 10/04 because I am out of state and all the other events of the celebration day. Also 10/25 there will not be practice as I am flying back from Illinois very early in the morning from Chicago - pray for no delays - and gets into MSP just after 8:00 am and will drive down for church.

David



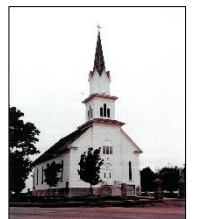
## **QUILTING OPPORTUNITIES**

The **Afternoon Quilters** will meet at 1 pm on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

The **Baby Quilt Ministry** will meet at 7 pm on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **From the 150<sup>th</sup> Church Building Anniversary Committee** **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> is the next 150th Building Anniversary** **Celebration and Rededication!**

- 9:00 am – Sunday School students and parents will be painting church birdhouses.
- 10:00 am – Communion Worship Service and Building Rededication
  - Those who are able will meet at the log cabin and process as a group to the entryway, where the rededication will take place. (If you are unable to walk from the cabin to the entryway you are welcome to sit in the sanctuary and follow along using the front display)
  - Pastor Nick and Pastor Cindy Fisher-Broin, Pastor Rod Anderson, and Pastor Dean Aponte-Safe will take part in the worship service.
  - There will be an opportunity for everyone attending to pound a nail into a beam, symbolizing the completion of the building.
- 11:00 am – Celebration Potluck Lunch
- Bell Tower Tours – Tours of the bell tower will be offered for those who would like to see the bell. A video tour will play downstairs for those who are not able to go up in the bell tower.



## **Book Chatter**

The next Book Chatter Meeting will be Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm, at the home of Carol Anderson.

They will be discussing Heartwood by Amity Gaige.

Nine Spring Garden members have entered the ministry. They are: Rev. Oscar Clauson, Rev. Maurice Swenson, Rev. John Wallace Anderson, Rev. Paul Swenson, Rev. James Chell, Rev. Ted Chell, Rev. Rodney Anderson, Rev. Cassie Sauter Anderson, and Rev. Dean Aponte-Safe.

## From the Pastor...

Sisters and Brothers,

509 years ago, on October 31, All Hallows Eve, Martin Luther, angered by the selling of indulgences to people in his community, nailed his 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg Germany. This was the start of the Reformation. Like most people of his time, and in our own time for that matter, Luther felt he needed to merit God's forgiveness and love. But he never felt that he was good enough. Even after becoming a monk. Even after trying to beat the evil out of himself. Even after spending hours in the confessional wearing out his confessor. Luther still felt unacceptable to God. In reality, none of us can ever be good enough to earn God's love. We can never pay enough to buy God's forgiveness. No amount of works on my part can make me righteous. What Luther rediscovered is that it's not about him or you or me; it's about God. One day as he read Romans 1:16-17 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, 'The one who is righteous will live by faith.'" Martin Luther discovered true freedom; Christian freedom.

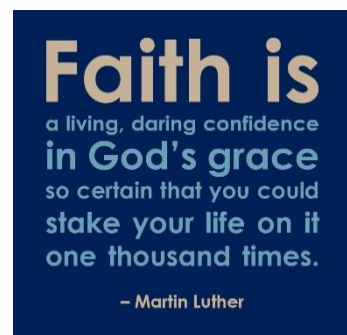
It is the righteousness of God given to us freely by grace that saves us. It's God's actions in Christ on the cross that reveal to us God's free gift of grace and love. It is God's work through the Holy Spirit that reveals God's love to us in scripture. It is God's work that saves me, justifies me, makes me righteous, not mine. Luther understood that when we try to buy our way into God's favor or work our way into God's love we are committing the old sin of the garden; when Adam and Eve ate the fruit of tree of knowledge of good and evil, thinking that it would make them like God. When we think we need to do something concerning our salvation, we are taking another bite of that fruit of self-righteousness. That was Martin Luther's great revelation. That was/is the freedom of the Christian that it is God's work. As Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast."

In 1858 a group of Lutheran Christians from Sweden came to the Cannon River Valley and began a worshipping community. After worshipping together for 17 years, they decided to build a new church building where they could gather together under God's love and grace. A beautiful place where they could bring God praise and worship. On October 4, 1876, they dedicated the new building to the glory of God. 150 years later we continue to gather in the place our ancestors built and bring praise, honor and glory to God. We continue to bring thanks and praise to God for God's love and grace.

On October 4 we will rededicate this beautiful church building to the glory of God. We will start the day with Sunday School in which we will build church-shaped bird houses. Then at 10:00 we will have the rededication service. At this service Pastors Cindy and Nick Fisher-Broin will lead our worship music, Pastor Rod Anderson and I will lead the liturgy, and Pastor Dean Aponte-Safe will be our preacher. After the service we will have a community potluck lunch. I hope you can join us as we celebrate our wonderful building and the eternal love and grace of God that we live under.

May the Holy Spirit guide us at Spring Garden Lutheran Church as we continue in God's mission and ministry of proclamation of God's love and grace in Christ our Lord for the next 150 years.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Tim



*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." ~ Galatians 6:9*

October is a time when farmers are in the midst of harvest and by the end of October many have completed it. "Reap what you sow"—at times a phrase used to warn people about their actions but is also a grand promise of fulfillment.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter begins October 1. In business and in sports, it is a pivotal time to the year's success or lack of it.

Have you made your 4<sup>th</sup> quarter financial decisions? How about your RMD's? Have you scheduled and completed your RMD's?

Do not become weary – finish strong in doing good!



### Checkbook Balances

July 31, 2026: \$11,010.74

August 31, 2026: \$12,048.55



# October 2026



| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Monday                                                                                         | Tuesday                                        | Wednesday                                                                             | Thursday                                                                                      | Friday | Saturday                                                              |
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| <br>9 am Sunday School -<br>Painting Church Birdhouses<br>10 am Communion Worship<br>Service and Re-dedication<br>11 am Celebration Potluck |             |                                                |                                                                                       | 1                                                                                             | 2      | 3<br><i>Setup for 150*<br/>Celebration Sunday</i>                     |
| 4<br><br>9 am Sunday School -<br>Painting Church Birdhouses<br>10 am Communion Worship<br>Service and Re-dedication<br>11 am Celebration Potluck                                                                               | 5                                                                                              | 6                                              | 7<br><br>Confirmation at<br>Fields of Faith<br>6:45-7 pm Fellowship<br>7-8 pm Program | 8<br><br>10 am Pastor Tim Leads<br>Service at Cannon Rivers<br><br>1 pm Afternoon<br>Quilters | 9      | 10                                                                    |
| 11<br><br>8 am Adult Choir<br>8:45 am Handbells<br>9 am Sunday School<br>10 am Worship Service<br>11:15 am Adult Bible Study<br><i>4 pm 4H</i>                                                                                 | 12                                                                                             | 13<br><br>7 pm Church Council                  | 14<br><br>NO Confirmation                                                             | 15                                                                                            | 16     | 17<br><br><i>2:30 - 8:30 pm<br/>Basement and<br/>Kitchen Reserved</i> |
| 18<br><br>8 am Adult Choir<br>8:45 am Handbells<br>9 am Intergenerational<br>Sunday School<br>10 am Communion<br>Worship Service<br>11:15 am Adult Bible Study                                                                 | 19<br><br><i>Deadline for November<br/>Newsletter Articles</i><br><br>7 pm Baby Quilt Ministry | 20                                             | 21<br><br>6:00 pm Confirmation Meal<br>6:30 pm Confirmation                           | 22<br><br>10 am Pastor Tim Leads<br>Service at Cannon Rivers                                  | 23     | 24                                                                    |
| 25<br><br>9:00 am Sunday School<br>10 am Communion Worship<br>Service/Reformation and<br>Confirmation Sunday<br><i>11 am - 1 pm<br/>Basement and Kitchen Reserved</i>                                                          | 26                                                                                             | 27<br><br>1 pm Prepare<br>November Newsletters | 28<br><br>6:00 pm Confirmation Meal<br>6:30 pm Confirmation                           | 29                                                                                            | 30     | 31                                                                    |



# October 2026 Lay Schedule



**\*\* Please find a replacement if you cannot serve on the day you are scheduled \*\***

## October 4, 2026 - 10:00 AM Communion Worship Service and Re-Dedication Service

**Ushers:** Scott & Brenda Safe

**Acolytes:** Vincent Pagel, Michael Goplen

**Lay Reader:** Lynnette Sjoquist

**Greeters:** The Brad Hovel Family

**Lay Assistant:** Ruby Sjoblom

**Missionary Support:** David & Nina Pagel

## October 11, 2026 - 10:00 AM Worship Service



**Ushers:** Scott & Sandy Hanson

**Acolytes:**

**Greeters:** Grant & Tiffany Sjoquist

**Lay Reader:** Ruthie Sjoblom

**Missionary Support:** Ryan & Jessica Gird

## October 18, 2026 - 10:00 AM Communion Worship Service

**Ushers:** Mark & Glenda Lindell

**Acolytes:** Michael Goplen

**Lay Reader:** Mark Sjoquist

**Lay Assistant:**

**Greeters:** Amy Samuelson and Lydia Samuelson

**Missionary Support:** Paul & Mary Olson

## October 25, 2026 - 10:00 AM Communion Worship Service - Reformation/Confirmation Sunday

**Ushers:** Dennis Sjoquist, Jay Olson

**Acolytes:** Caroline Sjoquist

**Greeters:** Rahn & Sue Safe

**Lay Assistants:** Confirmands

**Lay Reader:** Jody Sjoblom

**Missionary Support:** Marcia Dicke and Family

## November 1, 2026 - 10:00 AM Communion Worship Service

**Ushers:** John & Jan Olson

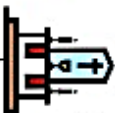
**Acolytes:** Vincent Pagel, Jax Helgren

**Lay Reader:** Amanda Wilson

**Greeters:** Tim & Julie Magalis

**Lay Assistant:**

**Missionary Support:** Martha Norstad



**October Altar Care:**  
Tim & Heidi Anderson

**November Altar Care:**  
Carol Olson, Mary Olson

## Sound System Schedule

October 4, 2026     Mark Sjoquist

October 11, 2026     Matt Wilson

October 18, 2026     Randy Benson

October 25, 2026     Glen Lundell

November 1, 2026     Mark Sjoquist

## Bell Ringing Schedule

October 4, 2026     Eric Lundell

October 11, 2026     Stan Lundell

October 18, 2026     Brian Lindahl

October 25, 2026     Randy Benson

November 1, 2026     Weston Dicke

## Run PowerPoint

October 4, 2026     Lydia Samuelson

October 11, 2026     Yvonne Salmonson

October 18, 2026     Amanda Wilson

October 25, 2026     Heidi Anderson

November 1, 2026     Bette Maybee

## Pam's Helper

October – Ruthie Sjoblom

November – Eric Lundell

## Missions Board Update



**Mark your calendars!**

**Our Annual Cannon Falls Feed My Starving Children  
MobilePack Event will be held November 6–7, 2026.**

- Sunday, October 4: Volunteer kickoff and sign-ups begin
- October Children's Sermons: *Our Noisy Coins and Quiet Cash Offering* will return throughout the month of October. Every little bit helps!
- Quilt Drawing: Back by popular demand!
- Sunday, November 1: Fundraising wraps up with our famous No-Bake Bake Sale, now renamed Sweet Relief Treat Day, where we provide you with treats in exchange for a donation to the cause.

Please join us in this wonderful ministry of feeding God's children around the world. Whether you volunteer to pack meals, make a donation, participate in the quilt drawing, or simply spread the word, every contribution makes a difference! Together, we can help turn faith into action—one meal at a time.

### **About Feed My Starving Children**

By volunteering, donating, or fundraising, your generosity makes a huge difference in the lives of thousands of children in need around the world.

At least 6,200 children die each day from hunger-related causes (UNICEF).

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.

The process is simple:

People just like you donate funds for the meal ingredients.

Volunteers hand-pack the meals.

Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world.

Kids are fed and lives are saved!



"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." – Proverbs 22:9

I am incredibly grateful to the Spring Garden community for this generous scholarship. Thank you so much for your kindness, and continued support of my education. I truly appreciate the opportunity this scholarship provides and am so thankful to be part of such a caring and supportive church community. Your encouragement means more to me than I can express!

Thank you,  
Makenna Collins



Hello Spring Garden,

I am incredibly grateful to have received a scholarship from my church. This support means so much to me as I continue my education and work toward Nursing School. I truly appreciate the generosity and encouragement of everyone who made this scholarship possible. Thank you for investing in my education and for supporting me along the way!

Josie Collins

To My Spring Garden Friends,  
Thank you so much to my Spring Garden Friends and Family for all the cards and phone calls I received. They were very much appreciated!

Sandy Sjoquist

(Sandy is moving soon and her address will change. If you would like to have her new address, please contact the church office.)



## Spring Garden Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2026

**In Attendance:** Marcia Dicke, Eric Lundell, Jay Olson, Pastor Tim Maybee, Ruthie Sjoblom, Maggie Wilson, Kaity Schroeder, Steve Haggstrom, Lynnette Sjoquist, and Treasurer – Rob Lorentz.

**Call to Order:** President Marcia Dicke called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the church social hall. Opening devotions were given by Pastor Tim.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by Steve, seconded by Kaity, and carried to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2026, council meeting.

**Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports:** Pam's report showed a total of \$119,112.69 in pledges through August 31, 2026. Rob's report showed that on August 31, 2026, the checkbook balance was \$12,048.55. A motion was made by Pastor Tim, seconded by Lynnette, and carried to approve the financial reports.

### **Pastor's Report:**

#### Education:

Sunday School: Rally Sunday will be September 13. We will have two class groups: pre-school-3rd grade and 4th-5th grade. Maggie Wilson will take the lead with the younger class, and I lead the older class. We will also have inter-generational classes on September 27, October 18, January 31, February 28, March 21, and April 18 which is Palm Sunday.

Adult Bible Study: Starting Sunday September 13, we will move the adult bible Study to 11:15-12:15 each Sunday. We will not meet on October 4, October 25, November 22, December 6, December 27, and January 3.

#### Confirmation:

1. Our 10th grade final class was on Saturday August 22 from 10:00-3:00. Those who will be confirmed this October are Amalia Dicke, Jacob Olson, Jaden Pagel, Gabby Peters, and Jillian Sjoquist. The next step is for them to schedule a meeting with me and their parents anytime between now and October 14. I recommend Council to approve these persons for confirmation.

2. Confirmation Orientation was September 2.

3. This year's Confirmation Class will start September 9 6:30-8:00 with a pizza dinner at 6:00.

#### Worship: Upcoming Sunday/Holiday Events:

1. September 13: Back inside Rally Day.

2. October 4: 150 anniversary celebration of the dedication of the church building.

3. October 25: Reformation & Affirmation of Baptism Sunday.

4. November 1: All Saints Sunday: Remember those who have died in the last year.

5. November 22: Christ the King & Decoration Sunday: We will set up our Advent and Christmas decorations.

6. December 6: Pastor Tim & Bette's open house 3:00-6:00pm

7. December 13: Christmas Program.

8. December 24: Christmas Eve & first building use 150 anniversary. Worship is service at 10:00pm.

**Building 150:** We have sent a letter inviting former pastors and pastors who have come from Spring Garden to Attend are 150th celebration on October 4. The following pastors are able to attend and participate in the worship service. Here is what each pastor is planning on doing. Pastors Nick & Cindy Fisher-Broin will lead the music, Pastor Rodney Anderson will lead the prayers of the church, and Pastor Dean Aponte-Safe will preach. Our Next committee meeting is September 16 at 5:30.

**Pastoral Acts & Calls:** In August I made 13 pastoral calls.

**Funerals:** Robert Lee Internment, Monday, August 17, at Spring Garden Cemetery.

Jessica Otto Funeral & Internment, Saturday August 29, at Spring Garden Church & Cemetery

**Pastor 2026 Vacation Dates:** February 17, 19, 20, May 27-June 2, June 30-July 2 July 5-7, August 28, September 1, and December 26-31

### **Action Items:**

1) *Transfer of funds from the money market account to the general fund:* A motion was made by Eric, seconded by Ruthie, and carried to transfer \$271.43 from the Building/Property fund to the general fund to pay for a round table in the basement classroom, and to transfer \$424.22 from the Music Fund to pay for new "All Creation Sings" hymnals.

2) *Approval of Confirmands:* A motion was made by Jay, seconded by Kaity, and carried to approve Amalia Dicke, Jacob Olson, Jaden Pagel, Gabby Peters, and Jillian Sjoquist for confirmation.

3) *Deck the Falls:* Plans for Deck the Falls were discussed. An organizing committee will be established, and the boards will ask for volunteers to serve on the committee.

4) *Approval of the Mission Endowment Fund Committee's recommended disbursement:* A motion was made by Maggie, seconded by Lynnette, and carried to approve the recommended disbursement of \$455.00 for a camp scholarship for Charlotte Ruedisili.

5) *Council approval of the reinstatement of Jason Otto, Brayden Otto, and Bailey Otto as members:* A motion was made by Kaity, seconded by Steve and carried to reinstate Jason Otto, Brayden Otto, and Bailey Otto as members of the congregation.

### **Board and Committee Reports:**

***Worship & Music***–*Ruthie Sjoblom*: There is nothing to report from Worship and Music for this month.

***Faith Formation***–*Maggie Wilson*: September 13th is Sunday School Kickoff from 9-9:45 am. September 20th during the worship service Bibles and faith boxes will be handed out to preschool, Kindergarten and 2nd graders. Sunday school teacher and confirmation guide installation will also happen that Sunday during service.

***Parish Life & Outreach***–*Kaity Schroeder*: Nothing new to report for Parish Life and Outreach.

***Church Property***–*Steve Haggstrom*: The church parking lot was crack sealed the middle of August. A congregation member scheduled that again this year and covered the cost of it. Thank you!

Various committees have been going through storage areas and rooms of the church and cleaning and re-organizing.

An overhead light has been installed in the loft that's operated with a switch.

Brad Anderson has volunteered to pull the vines growing in the pine trees around the cemetery. Thank you, Brad, for doing that.

***Stewardship***–*Lynnette Sjoquist*: Nothing new to report from Stewardship.

***Missions Board***–*Kelly Hovel*: Missions met Sept. 3rd. We discussed Feed my Starving Children - it's Nov 6 and 7th. Fundraisers for that event will be: noisy offerings, quilt raffle, and no-bake bake sale. Jessy's Toy Box will be towards Lenten time. We will participate in Goodhue County Christmas Family, and it was brought to my attention that Spring Garden usually donates \$1,500 to the Guatemala Gala. So that would need to be approved by council.

***Executive Committee***: The Executive Committee did not meet.

***Archives Committee***: There was no report from the Archives Committee.

***Mission Endowment Fund Committee***: The Mission Endowment Fund Committee met on September 8, 2026, and made funding recommendations identified in Action Item 4 above.

**Church Calendar Review:** September 9, 2026 – First night of Confirmation; September 13, 2026 – services back inside/Rally Day; September 20, 2026 – Bibles & faith boxes handed out/Sunday school teach & Confirmation guide installation; October 4, 2026 - 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the dedication of the church building; October 25, 2026 – Affirmation of Baptism; November 22, 2026 – Setting up Advent & Christmas decorations; December 6, 2026 – Pastor Tim & Bette's open house; December 13, 2026 – Christmas Program; December 24, 2026 – Christmas Eve & 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first use of the church building.

### **Agenda for Next Meeting:**

1. Deck the Falls
- 2.

### **Announcements:**

- Next council meeting: October 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
- Closing prayer in October: Ruthie
- Pam's Helper: September – Jay; October – Ruthie

**Adjournment:** The closing prayer was given by Jay. A motion was made by Lynnette, seconded by Kaity, and carried to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

Jay Olson, Secretary

*Subject to Approval*

**October 2026**



*"Building a Rural Family in Christ"*

**Church Council Members & Staff**

Pastor Tim Maybee

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|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| President              | Marcia Dicke      |
| Vice-President         | Eric Lundell      |
| Secretary              | Jay Olson         |
| Treasurer              | Rob Lorentz       |
| Financial Secretary    | Pam Davis         |
| Worship & Music        | Ruthie Sjoblom    |
| Faith Formation        | Maggie Wilson     |
| Parish Life & Outreach | Kaity Schroeder   |
| Church Property        | Steve Haggstrom   |
| Stewardship            | Lynnette Sjoquist |
| Missions Board         | Kelly Hovel       |
| Music Director         | David Roinas      |
| Custodian              | Jim Hoffman       |
| Administrative Asst.   | Rachel Benson     |

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**Confirmation Sunday**

**Feed My Starving Children**

**Adult Choir and Bell Choir**

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church Building –  
Re-Dedication Service on Oct. 4th**



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