

September - October 2026

**Newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran
Church, ELCA**

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The Lamplighter



We are a church family who worships together, serves our neighbors, and shares the love and grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Church Family,

Apparently, I've started a trend of not doing a newsletter over the summer months (this is the second year in a row). But with fall approaching, and many new events coming up, at the very least, it is helpful to publish a calendar for everyone.

This coming Saturday is our yearly, "God's Work, Our Hands" day and we'll be feeding the volunteers who help with this important community effort. We have a couple of non-church members helping this year and we greatly appreciate everyone who contributes salads, desserts, chips, condiments, etc. and those putting together sandwiches, serving, and cleaning-up. Thank you!

Another area of note for the newsletter is our financial status (see page 3). Thanks to many generous contributors, our finances are looking very good at this point in the year. You all are amazing, and I am so grateful to each one of you for all you give of your treasure, and through your time and talents.

The part of the newsletter I most look forward to are articles written by members other than me! Usually, Lyn Walters graces us with her words of wisdom and thoughtfulness, but this time, Lori Simpson has stepped in (see page 5). Lyn asked Lori to fill in while Lyn is recovering at

Sacramento Rehab Hospital. Please keep Lyn in your thoughts and prayers!

Another thing I would like to highlight is the Suicide Vigil coming up on Sept. 30th. It's important to reach out to people suffering from depression and suffering in physical ways that may lead them to contemplate suicide. If you know anyone at risk, please refer them to me and I will connect them with the appropriate people and resources. I will be at the vigil on behalf of the Feather River Food Coop, but also in my capacity on the Behavioral Health Commission and as a pastor. I'd love to see you there.

The Greenville Gathering on Oct. 4th is another way to reach out to neighbors in our community. Many are still recovering from the Dixie Fire. Some folks have been able to rebuild but others are still struggling. Our sisters and brothers in Christ at the Methodist Church in Greenville are still hoping to rebuild their church building as a community center. Let's go and support the people who are working to revitalize their community.

Fall is one of the most beautiful times of the year. I hope you will take time to be outside and enjoy God's amazing creation. Also take the time to be with people in the community as well. Reflect God's light and love with everyone you meet.

-In Christ's love, Pr. Kendrah

CALENDAR: September 2026



Mon. 9/7 Labor Day

Tue. 9/8 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am

Wed. 9/9 Farmers Market at Rich Bar 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Wed. 9/9 Community Supper at CUMC 6:00 pm

Sat. 9/12 We host Labor of Love lunch – prep 10 am at OSLC, serve Noon at Pioneer Park

Sun. 9/13 Church Council meets 10:30 am

Mon. 9/14 Dress-a-Girl meets at OSLC 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Wed. 9/16 Senior Summit Vet's Hall 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Sat. 9/19 Synod Budget meeting 9 am on zoom

Tues. 9/22 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am

Wed. 9/23 Community Supper at CUMC 6:00 pm

Wed. 9/30 Suicide Vigil at Dame Shirley Plaza 5:30 to 7:00 pm



September Birthdays

Lori Simpson	29
Lyn Walters	29
Kari O'Reilly	30

September Anniversaries

Cindi & Matt Eckert	17
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Chair Yoga meets Wednesdays at 11 am in our Fellowship Hall

Women's Bible Study for September - October 2026

The Women of the ELCA Bible Study we began on September 8th is entitled, "I am worthy," written by Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. There are three sessions, as follows: 1. I am created in God's image (No matter what anyone else says), 2. I am more than one thing, 3. I am because you are. We will see if each session takes up one or two meetings together. Upcoming Bible Study dates for the next two months are: Sept. 22nd, Oct. 13th, and Oct. 27th.

CALENDAR: October 2026

Sun. 10/4 Greenville Gathering 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sun. 10/11 Church Council meets 10:30 am

Tues. 10/13 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am

Wed. 10/14 Community Supper at CUMC 6:00 pm

Mon. 10/19 P.E.O. Women meet in fellowship hall Noon to 3:30

Sun. 10/25 Reformation Sunday

Tues. 10/27 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am

Wed. 10/28 Community Supper at CUMC 6:00 pm

Fri. 10/30 Safe Trick or Treat downtown Quincy 3:00 to 5:30 pm



October Birthdays

David Levine	16
Tom Heaney	26
Heron Albrecht	28
Acer Albrecht	30

October Anniversaries

Grant & Cindy Edwards	15
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Financial Secretary's Report through August 2026

by Karla Burnworth

Month	Regular Plate Offering	Hall Rental	Recycling	Office Supplies	ELCA World Hunger	Farmer's Market	C.A.N. Food Pantry	PCIRC Homeless Fund	Pastor's Emerg-ency Fund	Total
Jan.	\$ 4,087.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 15.62							\$ 4,119.62
Feb.	\$28,787.00	\$ 8.00								\$ 28,795.00
Mar.	\$ 6,913.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 37.41		\$270.00					\$ 7,227.41
Apr.	\$ 4,467.00	\$ 35.00			\$570.00	\$ 250.00				\$ 5,322.00
May	\$ 6,260.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 31.82				\$ 290.00			\$ 6,627.82
June	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 3.00							\$10,000.00	\$ 12,253.00
July	\$12,920.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 11.30	\$ 75.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 255.00		\$ 13,398.30
Aug.	\$ 5,160.00	\$318.00	\$ 57.10	\$ 50.00			\$ 45.00			\$ 5,630.10
Totals	\$70,844.00	\$471.00	\$ 153.25	\$125.00	\$840.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 255.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 83,373.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Treasurer's Report through August 2026

(Budget vs. Actual) by Kathy Osher

GENERAL EXPENSES:		BUDGET	June 2026	July 2026	Aug 2026	YTD Spent	BALANCE
	Bank Check Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Household Expenses	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
	Insurance - church building	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,438.00	\$62.00
	Office Expenses (includes web domain)	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	-\$53.81	\$866.70	\$1,216.24	\$283.76
4% of regular offerings	Sierra Pacific Synod (Tithe)	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.00
Registration for 2 people + hotel	Synod Assembly	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$130.00	\$70.00
	Taxes	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	Worship Musician (65 services, \$75 per)	\$4,875.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$375.00	\$3,075.00	\$1,800.00
	Worship Supplies	\$750.00	\$135.89	\$84.80	\$20.59	\$679.89	\$70.11
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES		\$15,675.00	\$435.89	\$330.99	\$1,262.29	\$9,539.13	\$6,135.87
PASTOR COMPENSATION							
	Housing	\$15,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Salary (+\$7,812.40 Pastor's pre-tax) *	\$30,025.00	\$2,516.82	\$2,516.82	\$2,516.82	\$20,134.56	\$9,890.44
TOTAL PASTOR COMPENSATION		\$45,025.00	\$3,766.82	\$3,766.82	\$3,766.82	\$30,134.56	\$14,890.44
		\$52,618.50					
PASTOR EXPENSES							
	Continuing Education	\$100.00	\$111.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$140.75	-\$40.75
	Mileage (.7250/mile)	\$1,000.00	\$26.83	\$25.01	\$61.63	\$314.35	\$685.65
(Health, Dental, Retirement)	above) *	\$26,000.00	\$2,163.64	\$2,163.64	\$2,163.64	\$17,309.12	\$8,690.88
	Substitute Pastor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PASTOR EXPENSES		\$27,100.00	\$2,302.22	\$2,188.65	\$2,225.27	\$17,764.22	\$9,335.78
UTILITIES							
	Electricity	\$1,600.00	\$110.81	\$111.66	\$124.95	\$1,060.73	\$539.27
	Garbage	\$400.00	\$44.17	\$39.52	\$39.52	\$231.56	\$168.44
	Heating	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,529.40	\$1,470.60
	Telephone	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
	Internet	\$1,400.00	\$109.00	\$109.00	\$109.00	\$872.00	\$528.00
	Water & Sewer	\$900.00	\$70.91	\$85.47	\$94.84	\$590.30	\$309.70
TOTAL UTILITIES		\$7,600.00	\$334.89	\$345.65	\$368.31	\$4,283.99	\$3,316.01
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$95,400.00	\$6,839.82	\$6,632.11	\$7,622.69	\$61,721.90	\$33,678.10

Plumas County Women's Cancer Support Group Fundraiser



On Friday, October 2nd, FRC will be hosting the rodeo competition. They very generously offer the Women's Cancer Support group the proceeds of the 50/50 raffle.

In addition, they will be hosting a table of baked goods. They are hoping for donations of cupcakes and other goodies from as many home bakers as possible. Please let Chris Peters know if you are able to donate. She can pick up items the day before or in the morning or early afternoon on Friday, if you are unable to come to the rodeo.

Chris will send out a reminder as the time gets closer. Please consider donating. They have been able to financially support members of this group thanks to this fundraiser.

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FROM HUNGER TO HOPE

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- INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED SNACKS, DRINKS, FRUIT CUPS
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SEPTEMBER 1ST-25TH

THIS SEPTEMBER WE'RE SHINING A LIGHT ON THE LINK BETWEEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND FOOD INSECURITY. DONATIONS SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES AND HELP BUILD A SAFER, HEALTHIER PLUMAS COUNTY. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT PLUMAS COUNTY SCHOOLS.

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

BINS WILL BE PLACED AT:

- FEATHER RIVER FOOD CO-OP (QUINCY & PORTOLA)
- GROCERY OUTLET
- PLUMAS RURAL SERVICES
- PLUMAS BANKS (QUINCY & PORTOLA)
- LEONARD'S MARKET (PORTOLA)



www.PlumasRuralServices.org



Harvest Season

by Lori Simpson

It is the first day of September as I write this. The air has turned cool, and the wind is blowing through the pines. I love to hear the wind blow through the pines, it reminds me of the voice of God, a calm, reassuring, peaceful sound.

The autumn season is upon us. Many look forward to cozy warm clothes, hot drinks that may include pumpkin spice, football, apple picking, and a holiday season ahead that includes the birth of our Lord.

We see the colors of trees and vegetation change into a spectacular array of yellow, orange, red, and brown. Light rain usually arrives, clearing off the dust and refreshing the air. These are days to remember and cherish as the land prepares for rest after the harvest. Farmers and gardeners reap their work of preparing, planting and caring for farms and gardens during spring and summer.

The bible has many verses speaking of seasons and harvest. Here are some to reflect on.

Genesis 8:22 - “While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.”

Matthew 9:37 - “Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;”

Matthew 13:23 - “But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

John 4:36 - “And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.”

Galatians 6:9 - “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

As we enjoy the season of harvest, colors, and thankful celebrations, may we remember to do good works with peaceful and kind hearts as we work to give God our very best life harvest!



Plumas County Public Health is pleased
to announce the return of the
Senior Summit

Seniors, families and caregivers are invited to spend the day learning from the area hospital CEOs, Public Health Services, Medicare and MediCal Services, Medical Q&A panel, and many other programs available to our senior community.

Lunch will be provided and BINGO!

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2026
9:00 AM- 1:00 PM**

QUINCY VETERANS HALL

Additional information and how to
sign up coming soon!



Plumas County
Public Health Agency
GROWING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



HIGH SIERRA ANIMAL RESCUE
PINTS FOR PUPS

September 13th 3-7pm

A fundraiser for rescue dogs!

The Brewing Lair- Locally crafted drinks

Ricochet Cafe Truck- Delicious Food

Lost Sierra Wine Co- Lovely wine

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Lost Sierra Food Project (Rugged Roots Farm) News

If you have been following along this summer, you know that we've had a challenging growing season. Two things are true right now; the farm is abundantly beautiful with fall crops, school field trips, and full farm stands...AND our nonprofit is in a difficult financial position with heavy grant dependency. Three of the grants that have helped grow and sustain us are sunseting. Despite many applications, we haven't secured the next round of funding.

Now is the time to support LSFP and our small farm endeavor. The good news is that there are several ways to contribute to our community project right now.

If you are a Co-op shopper, **September is our "Round-up at the Register" month.** Every time you shop this month, you have an opportunity to donate to our successful programs like Farm to School, paid high school internships, and Farm Camp. Thanks to **Feather River Food Co-op**, this fundraiser is open until September 30th.

Love flowers? Attend our **fall floral workshop** and fundraiser on **Thursday, Sept 17th at 5:30pm.** There are limited spots. Register today by visiting our website: lostsierrafoodproject.org.

Lastly, bring your family and friends to the **Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, October 3rd.** This is our biggest fundraising event of the year and sales this year are extra important. We aim to keep prices fair for working families. Help us spread the word to make this the best pumpkin patch yet!