



+Christian Symbol+

BURNING BUSH

In Exodus 3, God speaks to Moses from a bush that is burning but not consumed. When Moses asks what he should say if the Egyptians question who sent him to lead the Israelites out of slavery, God states, "I AM WHO I AM." Centuries later, when people wonder who Jesus is, his answers hint at his divinity: "I AM the light of the world; I AM the good shepherd; I AM the bread of life" and, perhaps most profoundly, "Before Abraham was, I AM" (John 8:58). On Pentecost, God's Holy Spirit comes upon the apostles as fire. Thus the burning bush is a powerful symbol of God's presence echoed through time.

CHAPEL NEWS

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**BY LEARNING
YOU WILL TEACH;
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— LATIN PROVERB

WE LOVE OUR HEROES!

Our annual summer program was a big success this year. We were fortunate enough to have Paramus Volunteer Fire Company #1 come with their fire truck. All brave souls took rides up in the bucket! The fireman that came were very helpful and knowledgeable and we appreciate their service to our town. The weather did not cooperate for our annual barbecue the next night, so our dinner became a pizza party! But the weather did not affect our yoga class, which helped us all care for our bodies so that we could be heroes for others.

It may not look like it's a lot of work, but this event couldn't happen without some very dedicated workers. Much thanks go to Jan Behnke, Carrie Ralston, Terry Calise, Anne Carman, and Margarete Denicola. Their efforts were extremely appreciated. Talk about heroes! These ladies are the best. Thanks also to all those who attended. And if you weren't able to attend, there's always next year!



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SEASONS OF CHANGE, SIGNS OF GRACE



"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22, NASB).

As autumn begins, we watch the world transform before our eyes. Leaves change color, the air turns crisp, and a new rhythm settles in. In these seasonal shifts, we are reminded of God's faithful hand over all of creation.

Genesis 8:22 assures us that the cycles of nature — seedtime and harvest, summer and winter — are part of God's ongoing promise. Each season speaks of His order, care, and presence. Autumn, in particular, invites reflection. Just as the trees release their leaves, we are called to let go of what no longer serves us and make space for renewal.

This season also marks a return to routines — school schedules, church programs, and community events. As we step into new responsibilities or revisit familiar ones, may we do so with gratitude and trust. God is not only present in the harvest but in the quiet letting go.

Let this autumn be a time to embrace God's steady rhythm, find beauty in change, and rest in His faithful promises that never cease — even as the world around us shifts.



Patrick, Noyes "Bart" Bartholomew, Dolores Brickman, Charlie Brown, Tony Calise, Karin Carlough, Mike Chapman, John Claehsen, John Cutler, Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Carol Daley, Carol Doyle, Amber Faison, Krista Fuchs, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Fred Hesse, Pat Kelly, Dennis & Jennifer Kruk, Kaitlyn Kruk, Carol & Hugh Lally, Dolores Lowack, Marie Lupinski, Linda McFate, Jennifer Pinto, Doris Robinson, John Schaefer, Cathy & Roger Schramm, Tina Smith & Family, Dave Splieth, Marge Tomaselli, Lenny van Dam, the Vega Family, Devin Vega and Janice & Dave Wedderman

Those who can't be with us... Carol DeMott, Al & Barbara Frielink and Irma Weishaupt

BIBLE QUIZ

Timothy was a young man who became a trusted companion and co-worker of the apostle Paul. Which of the following statements is not accurate?

- A. Timothy's mother and grandmother taught him the Scriptures.
- B. Paul considered Timothy his spiritual son.
- C. Timothy was born in Rome and raised as a Roman citizen.
- D. Paul wrote two New Testament letters addressed to Timothy.

Answer: C (See Acts 16:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:5; 1 Timothy 1:2)

SEPT

Volunteer Schedule

SEPT 7 10:00am
Lay Assistant Bob Denicola
Worship Leader Chris Nilsen
Usher Margarete Denicola
Altar Guild Lore Braun

SEPT 14 10:00am
Lay Assistant Carrie Ralston
Usher Terry Calise
Altar Guild Linda Polise

SEPT 21 10:00am
Lay Assistant Pam Sakala
Worship Leader Chris Nilsen
Usher Anne Carman
Altar Guild Linda Polise

SEPT 28 10:00am
Lay Assistant Pat Berinato
Usher Linda Polise
Altar Guild Lore Braun

Counter Chris Nilsen

BIRTHDAYS

Deb Witte 9/5
Pat Berinato 9/15
Rosemary Chandra 9/15
Al Frielink 9/22
Pam Sakala 9/25
Marge Tomaselli 9/25
Bill Jaichner 9/27
Dot Keller 9/30
Calvin Denicola 9/30



SEPTEMBER 2025

Church (CH)
Fellowship Hall (FH)
Family Room (FR)
Office Building (OB)

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
7 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Council Meeting (OB) 11:15am	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13
14 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	15	16	17	18	19	20 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
21 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Endowment Meeting (OB) 11:15am	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24	25	26	27
28 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	29	30				

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