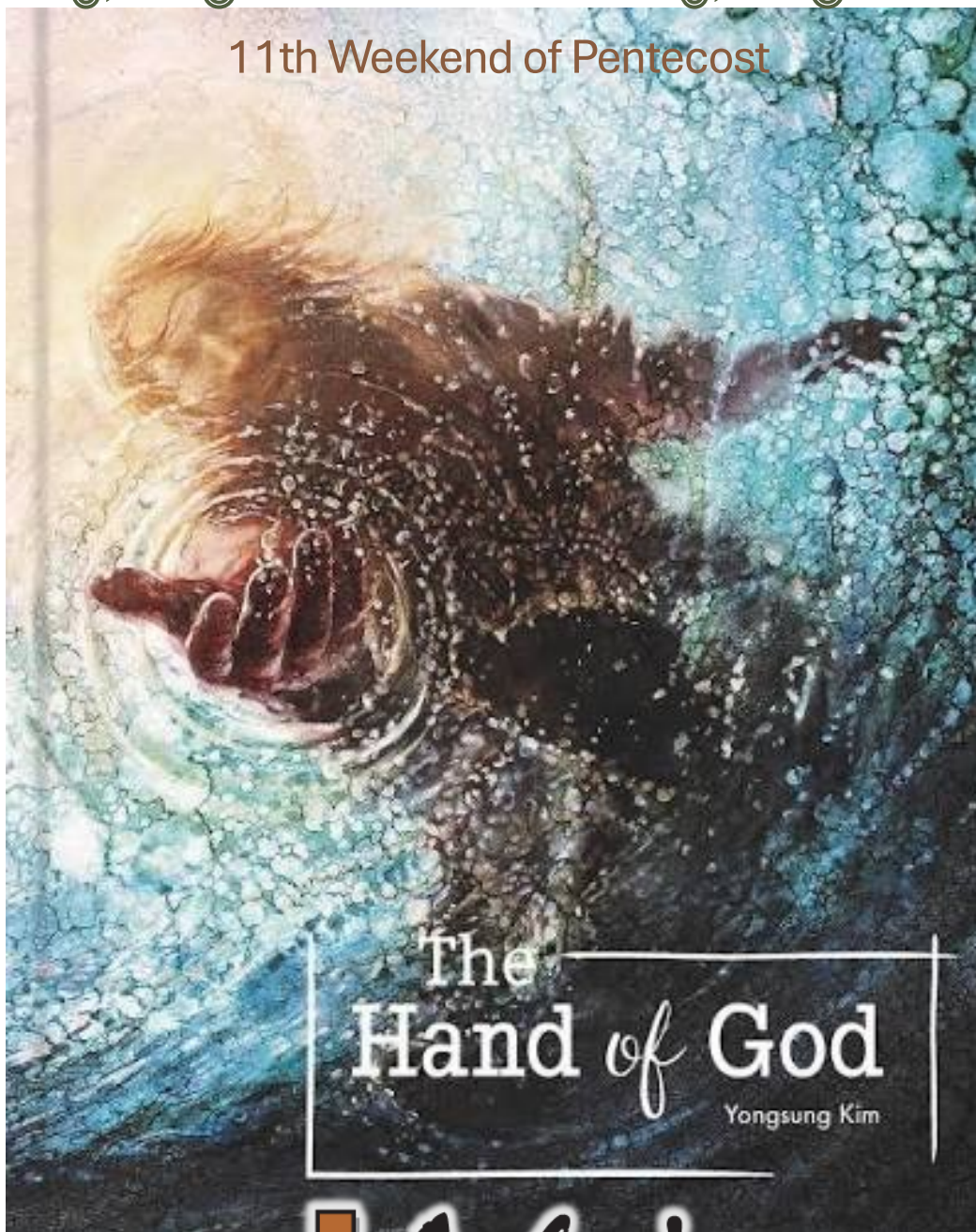


Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9, 2026

11th Weekend of Pentecost



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UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of
August 9-16

Sunday	9:00am Worship
Tuesday	9:00am-3pm LWR Workday
Wednesday	9:00am-3pm LWR Workday
Saturday	5:00pm Worship
Sunday	9:00am Worship



Our Sharing Pantry



You are cordially invited to help us

Celebrate our 40th Anniversary!

1986 - 2026

SUNDAY, August 16, 2026

Ice cream social 2:00 – 4:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church

235 S. Green Street, Somonauk, IL 60552

We look forward to seeing you and your family!

Thank you for your support!



Offering 8/1 and 8/2	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$2,325.00	\$118,660.19
Capital Fund	\$100.00	\$15,218.71
Funeral Luncheon	\$150.00	\$286.01
Phyllis Zoellner Memorial	\$25.00	\$100.00
Lois Spizzirri Memorial	\$25.00	\$100.00

**Evelyn Smith has moved.
Her new address is:
Cedarhurst Senior Living of Yorkville
4040 Cannonball Trail Room 232
Yorkville, IL 60560**

Prayer Requests

Mary Bark
Mary Carlson
Lance Davenport
Judy Erickson
Lee Gehrke
Sharon Goode
Karol Grandgeorge's
daughter, Lisa

Mike Hamer
Scott Horsch
Mary Ann Hulon
Anna Judge
Rhea Lumsden
Linda Martin
James Moris
Lonnie Murray
Kay Nelson

Jeanette Pfeifer
Roger & Helen
Shelly
Lynn Skryzpiec
Family of Lois Spizziri
Rosemary Underwood
Jackie Wendland
Cindy Westbrook
Susan White
Family of
Phyllis Zoellner

Dates to Remember

Month

Date

Occasion

AUGUST

16

SHARING PANTRY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ELW 836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓢ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Ⓢ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓢ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Prayer of the Day

P: O God our defender,

C: **storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen .**

Please be seated.

A: The **First Reading** comes from Genesis Chapter 37 vs 1-4, 12-28

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A: Our Psalm today is Psalm 105 vs 1-6, 16-22, 45b

¹ Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;

make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

² **Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

³ Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

⁴ **Search for the strength of the Lord; continually seek God's face.**

⁵ Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

⁶ **O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

¹⁶ Then God called for a famine in the land and destroyed the supply of bread.

¹⁷ **The Lord sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**
¹⁸ They bruised his feet in fetters; his neck they put in an iron collar.
¹⁹ **Until his prediction came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him.**
²⁰ The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free,
²¹ **setting him as a master over his household, as a ruler over all his possessions,**
²² to instruct his princes according to his will and to teach his elders wisdom. ^{45b} Hallelujah!

A: The Second Reading comes from Romans Chapter 10 verses 5-15

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to St. Matthew the 14th Chapter

C: **Glory to you O Lord.** **Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 574 Here I Am, Lord

Apostle's Creed

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and
he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

P: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: ... Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us offer to each other the sign of peace.

Offering

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

P: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn :



Eucharistic Prayer

P: Gathered at and around the Lord's table, we remember with thanksgiving that *"In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.'* Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'*"

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray together the words our Savior gave us:

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Please be seated. The usher will direct you when to come forward for Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is served.

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn W&P 126 Sing Out Earth and Skies

Pastor & Assisting Minister process to back of sanctuary during Sending Hymn.

Dismissal

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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