



# Acts of Faith

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**St. Michael and All Angels** is celebrated in the church on Sept. 29th. Who is Michael, and why does he matter to the church? Although Michaelmas as a calendar date and as a celebration within the church is unfamiliar to many people today, *Time* magazine (Sept. 18, 2008) reported that not only do most Americans believe in angels, but 55 percent of Americans believe they have personally been helped or saved by a guardian angel.

Chronologically, the first time that Scripture mentions an angel is after Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden of Eden, shortly after creation. This reference presents the cherubim as a mighty warrior with a flaming sword, a far cry from cute, harmless baby cherubs that frequently appear in popular culture. The last reference to angels is in the Book of Revelation at the end of the world. Sandwiched in between these references are other instances where angels appear at key moments in Jesus' life: announcing His birth, ministering to Him after Satan's temptation and being present both at His resurrection and ascension into heaven. In short, the angels were present at the key moments when Jesus was saving His people from their sins.

The word angel comes from the Greek *ángelos*, which means "messenger." An angel literally is a messenger from the Lord God, both human and supernatural. However, in Rev. 2:1, 8, 12, 18 and 3:1, 7, 14, the word *angel* refers to a pastor. The primary task of an angel, human or supernatural, is to be a messenger for the Lord, delivering the Lord's judgment and His Gospel.

In the Scriptures, angels always act as the Lord's messengers, speaking His Word or carrying out His actions, bringing judgment or salvation. Paul writes in Gal. 1:8, "If we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed." That means that an angel of the Lord will not speak or deliver to you anything contrary to or different from the Holy Scriptures, particularly regarding our Lord, Jesus Christ.

St. Michael and All Angels has been celebrated since the 12th century. At the time of the Reformation, the Lutherans revised the celebration of former holidays and saint days in order to give greater prominence to the work of Jesus. St. Michael and All Angels was retained in the Lutheran liturgical calendar because it was seen as a principal feast about Christ. In fact, Philip Melancthon, a colleague of Dr. Martin Luther, even wrote a hymn about St. Michael and All Angels (*LSB* 522, "Lord God, To Thee We Give All Praise").

St. Michael and All Angels commemorates the great battle in heaven between Satan and his evil angels and St. Michael and the angels of the Lord. The readings (Dan. 10:10–14; 12:1–3; Rev. 12:7–12; Luke 10:17–20; Matt. 18:1–11) describe how the Lord used Michael and the angels to deliver His people from the accusations of Satan. Because Jesus took all of Satan's accusations against us on Himself when He went to the cross, Satan has nothing more to say to the Lord about us or about our sins. Every evil deed, every sin, every impure thought or intention was placed upon Jesus. Now Satan is not only silenced but is cast down from heaven, never more to stand before the Lord to deliver slander or accusation against His people.

So how did St. Michael and the Lord's angels battle Satan and his demonic forces? With supernatural fireballs and weapons of mass destruction? No. Michael and the angels used the very same weapon the Lord has given to us: the Lord's Word and the name of God that was given to us in our Baptisms. In Jude 9, as Michael battled Satan, he said, "The Lord rebuke you."

The celebration of St. Michael and All Angels reminds us of how the Lord delivered us from the lying accusations of Satan. As Martin Luther's great Reformation hymn "A Mighty Fortress" confesses, "One little word can fell him." That one little Word is *Jesus* and the forgiveness He gives us.

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Worship Schedule  
 9:00 AM, Sunday Worship Service  
 Adult Bible Class, 10:15 A.M.

**September's Calendar**

- Sept 01 **12th Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship with Holy Communion**
- Sept. 02 Labor Day Observance
- Sept 08 **13th Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship with Holy Communion**
- Sept 09 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Sept 10 Oktoberfest organizational mtg. 6:30
- Sept 13 WOF Meeting 9:00AM
- Sept 15 **14th Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship with Holy Communion**
- Sept 16 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Sept 19 Elders Mtg. 6:30 PM  
Church Council 7:00 PM
- Sept 22 **15th Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship with Holy Communion**
- Sept 23 No LifeLight Bible Study
- Sept 24 LWML Fall Rally 9:00 AM Galesburg
- Sept 29 **St. Michael and All Angels Sunday  
Worship No Holy Communion**
- Sept 30 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM

**Altar Guild Schedule**

Sept 01	Kari Tavares	Green
Sept 08	Sharon Larson	Green
Sept 15	Marilyn Sturtevant	Green
Sept 22	Mary Hahn	Green
Sept 29	Kari Tavares	White

**Weekly Ushers:**

- 1st Sunday: Gary Hahn & Kevin Hull
- 2nd Sunday: Eric Cervantez & Nick Leezer
- 3rd Sunday: Nick Philips & Randy Stockner
- 4th Sunday: Mike Leezer & Wendell Hier

**Elders List:**

- Wayne Becker: 309-853-8783
- Kevin Hull: 309-852-0801
- Ron Larson: 309-853-5111
- Mike Leezer: 309-286-3014
- Ted Sturtevant: 309-853-8203
- Wendell Hier 309-853-8388

**Lutheran Hour Ministry Radio Program**

Station	City, State	Freq.	Day & Time
WKEI	Kewanee, IL	1450 AM	Sun 5:30 AM

**REMEMBER:** Please contact the office and inform us of any changes of name, address, marital status, e-mail, phone, and cell phone.

**Those For Whom We Pray:** Please include the following in your thoughts and daily prayers.

**Our Faith family:** Cari Bridgewater, Betty Godke, Tootie Godke, Bonnie Nuding, Nancy Tudder, Cheryl Snyder, and Heidi Heinrich.

**Friends:** Jeff Bowman, Karen Wright, Judi Umbarger, Rev. Burnell Eckhardt and family, Glen Quart, Rev. Ken Wegener and all military personnel and first responders.

**Inactive Members:** Pray the Holy Spirit bring them to the understanding of their need to be in regular worship in church on Sunday, and that we as their brothers and sisters in Christ would reach out to them.

**CID:** Our campus, prison, deaf, and Hispanic missions in the District need your prayers and support.

**R.I. Cir:** St. Matthew, Milan, and Trinity, Coal Valley, are calling shepherds to lead their congregations. Pray that God grant these congregations patience, wisdom, and discernment in this process.



**Prayer Requests:** Have someone or something that you would like Pastor Weber to include in either his personal prayers or in our public Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request, place in an envelope, and leave it in the office or hand it to Pastor.

**Memorial:** Thank you for the \$420 from the Fred Stapel memorial and from those donors to remember Fred.

If you have an article, a thank you, an idea, a suggestion, or a request for the next newsletter, give the information to the church office or send an e-mail to hahn.gary@comcast.net before October 21, 2019.

### September Birthdays

Joshua Carpenter	9/01
Ronald Larson	9/06
Bradley Cook	9/14
LaJean Breedlove	9/17
Donna Becker	9/18
Rachael Damm	9/18
Olive Cervantez	9/20
Christian Clapper	9/21
Mary Duncan	9/22
Justin Carper	9/24
Addyson Hicks	9/26
Theo Tavares	9/26

### Baptism Dates

Bradley Cook	9/14
William Croegaert	9/14
Heidi Heinrich	9/12
Laura Heinrich	9/07
Layne Stapel	9/20
Kaitlyn Tudder	9/01
Mark Tudder	9/08
Ryan Tudder	9/01
Andrew Yarger	9/20

### Wedding Anniversaries

Deborah & Jim Woods	9/01
Judy & Donald Bridgewater	9/13
Bonnie & Jim Nuding	9/18
Marilyn & Ted Sturtevant	9/18

**Women of Faith:** The ladies will be meeting on Thursday, **September 13**, at 9:00AM. Yvonne Wegener will be hostess and lead a devotion. Pies will be prepared for the upcoming Oktoberfest dinner. All ladies are invited to attend. Bring a brown bag lunch with you.

LWML Grant #1 for the 2019-2021 biennium is Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya. This grant will provide funds for the installation of water harvesting equipment (rain gutters and tanks), filters, hand wash stations and clean water storage in Kenya Lutheran schools and orphanages. The children in Kenya struggle to have water in their schools and often walk miles each day to gather water. The water they gather is not necessarily clean water. Very often, the children must leave school and walk to the local water source. Mission Grant, Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya, will provide clean water and the Living Word by expanding the clean water project to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) schools and orphanages. Women of Faith invite you to bring your mites to support this mission grant project. Mites will be gathered on Sunday, September 1st.

**The 74<sup>th</sup> Annual LWML Rock Island Zone Fall Rally** will be on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Galesburg, IL, located at 1372 W. Fremont St., Galesburg. Registration and coffee will begin at 8:30am in the all-purpose room, with the Rally starting at 9:00am in the sanctuary. All registrations, including the Pastor, will be made through each society. Deadline for the registration is September 16, 2019. The registration fee, which will include lunch, is \$10.00 per person. Please let Mary Hahn know if you are planning to attend.



Rally speaker will be Laura Strattman, our CID District's Human Care Chairman. She is a pastor's wife, lives in Chapin, IL, and has a passion for mission projects. Everyone attending the Rally is invited to participate in an in-gathering of items that will be given to Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank. **A congregational collection box will be placed at Faith for members to contribute baby diapers, wipes, or monetary gift.**

**LifeLight Bible Study** will start again on September 9th at 1:00 PM. This study will be on *Jeremiah/Lamentations*. Each 9 week session will go from 1:00–2:30 PM with fellowship at the end. Please contact Gary Hahn, or leave a note in the office if you are interested in joining this nine session study as study guides need to be ordered prior to the class.

**Have a Safe and Happy Hog Days 2019!**

**"Can't Stop the Squealin"**



**Church Council Happenings:** The Elders have formulated a second letter to those members that did not respond to a letter last spring inquiring about their desire to remain a member of this congregation due to their relocation or other absenteeism. Again, Elders are indicating our Christian concern and asking them to respond about their desire for church affiliation. The Treasurer reported a general fund balance of \$24,044.07 and a designated fund balance of \$19,934.03. The trustee reported the elevator needed a new circuit board and it has been replaced, but the elevator must be inspected and new State Fire Marshall certification obtained. No final cost has been determined, but the repair is expected to be about \$2000. A new water heater has been installed, and faucet repairs are being done. The water backflow preventer has been flushed per City of Kewanee requirements.



**New members:** Chairman Bill Croegaert is once again asking our members to submit names of people in the area that you know are not attending church regularly, and we will invite them to Faith Lutheran. Pastor is willing to hold adult and /or youth Catechism instruction for those interested in becoming LCMS members. The class will be tailored to your schedule and situation.



*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1Thessalonians 5:16-18*



The Council has approved the annual Oktoberfest dinner at Faith, and set the date for October 17, 2019. A committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10th, at 6:30 PM to assign tasks and organize the affair. All volunteers are encouraged to attend.

The proceeds this year are designated for congregations in the RI Circuit, Christo Rey in East Moline, and Faith in Kewanee.

We welcome members and the general public for a donation of \$10.00 per meal which includes bratwurst sausage, German potato salad, and German sauerkraut, dessert, and drink. Meals to-go will be available. Donated desserts (i.e.. pie or cake) are much appreciated. Helpers are needed to make this a successful project. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex later.

**CID News:** *Bring Giving Home* is a Stewardship and Mission Education emphasis unfolding in CID during the rest of 2019 and 2020. At each of these, pastors and lay leaders from a Circuit's churches will have the opportunity to gather for an evening meal, followed by a couple of hours of presentation and discussion. The workshop will feature Stewardship teaching and discussion. The pastors and lay leaders will be challenged and encouraged to unfold Stewardship emphases in their congregations during 2020.

The Rock Island Circuit workshop is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 30, 2019, at Immanuel, Rock Island. Three Faith Council members are planning to attend. Anyone interested in attending should contact Pastor by September 15. A meal will be served at 5:30 PM and presentation starts at 6:30 PM.

**Records Update:** Faith would like to update its membership records. Forms are available in the Narthex to provide basic information. Please take one per household, fill them out, and hand them to an usher. Feel free to take forms for other family or friends are not in church and ask them to mail the sheets back to the church. A new church directory will be printed after the information is compiled.

**STEWARDSHIP:** It is not by chance that one of the first words young children learn is “mine!” It is, instead, a window into human nature, which is and remains essentially self-centered. One main job of parents is to teach their children not always to put themselves first and to be concerned for others, instead. Still, that driving sense of “mine” abides into adulthood and lies at the root of so much human misery in the world.

One main purpose of Biblical stewardship is to remind ourselves that nothing we have is truly “mine,” because everything we have and are is a gift of God. As we place our trust in God, it frees us from the fear that I will not get what is “mine” and frees us to put the gifts God gives us to work for our needs and the good of our neighbors. To give away a portion of what God first gives us undercuts that instinctive sense of “mine” and fosters confident generosity toward others in its place.