



# Mabel First Lutheran Church Scheie Lutheran Church



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## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024 NEWS

### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE-SEPTEMBER

#### Sept. 1, 15, 22 & 29

8AM Worship at Scheie-fellowship following on Sept. 1  
9:30AM Worship at Henrytown  
11AM Worship at Mabel First-fellowship prior

**Sept. 8** 9AM Ecumenical Worship at the stage on the Steam Engine Grounds--No Worship at individual churches

Sept. Ushers (MFL): Joe Larson (chair), Robert & Sharon Peterson

### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE-OCTOBER

#### October 6, 13, 20 & 27

8AM Worship at Mabel First—Coffee & fellowship following  
9:30AM Worship at Scheie-fellowship following on Oct. 6  
11AM Worship at Henrytown

Oct. Ushers (MFL): Steve (chair) & Donella Darrington, Lynn Sollien

*The Lord's Supper/Holy Communion will be celebrated during worship at Henrytown, Mabel First and Scheie on Sept. 1, Oct. 6 and Oct. 13. Affirmation of Baptism with Holy Communion will be held at Mabel First & Henrytown on October 27<sup>th</sup>.*

## PARISH INFORMATION

### SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The three churches have completed and submitted their ministry site profiles and the search committee has met with Pastor Barb Streed, assistant to the Bishop, to discuss the next steps in the process of calling a an ordained pastor to our parish.

Watch this space for updates as the committee has more information. Please note that due to confidentiality protocols, updates will seem vague until a candidate is recommended to the congregations. Thank you for your ongoing prayers.

Search Committee members

Henrytown: Rochelle Middendorf & Joey Recio  
Mabel First: Dorothy Coons & Steve Darrington

Scheie: Dick Engrav & Gerald Peter

There is an opening for 1 Youth Member

Blessings Joy  
Hope Life  
Love Peace  
Happiness Faith

# CONGREGATION INFORMATION

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR CARLA at #507-493-5293 or pastor@mabelfirst.org  
for PASTORAL CARE

## PASTORAL ACTS

### JULY & AUGUST

**Baptisms:** Carter Stortz (Henrytown)

**Funerals:** Paul Olson (Scheie)

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### BEREAVEMENT

Family & friends of  
Larry Hoff, Paul Olson,  
Arlene Westrud, Marilyn Dahl Torgerud



### IMMEDIATE HEALTH CONCERNS

Rick Bjertness, Dorothy Gjerdrum, Joyce Graves, Lynell Nemitz, John Westby

### LONG-TERM HEALTH CONCERNS/CARE

Gary Adams, Gwen Allen, Leona Amdahl, Dean Garness, Keith Halverson, Shelly Henry, LeeAnn Howard, Ellen Mae Johnson, Lois Johnson, Rosemary Ketchum, Helen Larson, Ryan Lee, Les Myhre, Violet Pederson, Penniann Ramirez, Lynn Sollien, Dacia Sorum, Janice Spande, Bob Stoskopf, Marlene Wisland

### SERVICE MEMBERS

Anna Erickson, Brady Erickson, Gregery Johnson, Luke Johnson, Adam L Johnson, Jeannie Vick

### ONGOING PRAYERS

Mabel First Lutheran, Scheie Lutheran, Henrytown Lutheran, MFL Prayer Box, Mabel Area Food Shelf, Ukraine, Parish Search Committee

### STUDENTS AFFIRMING THEIR BAPTISM

Nolan Garnesss, Gage Hosting, Mason Swenson, A.J. Torres, Kaden Tripp, Anders Wicklund, Josh Whitney

## MFL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

\*Steve Darrington, treas. 563-735-5816  
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*Position Open*

## SCHEIE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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Nancy Engrav 507-493-5021  
\*DeeAnn Erickson, treas. 507-493-5233  
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Adam Olson 507-450-6066  
Carolyn White 507-493-5111

## PARISH BOARD

\*denotes MFL and Scheie members of the Parish Board. Henrytown members are Brock Bergey, Jen Dowling, Rochelle Middendorf, and Fay Garness.

## SEARCH COMMITTEE

Henrytown: Rochelle Middendorf & Joey Recio  
Mabel First: Dorothy Coons & Steve Darrington  
Scheie: Dick Engrav & Gerald Peter  
There is an opening for 1 Youth Member

### Pastor's Sabbath: Monday

#### Pastor's Office Hours: (barring emergency)

**Tuesday** 10AM-12PM at Mabel First (except 2nd Tuesday)  
**Wednesday** 10AM-12PM (at Henrytown on 1st, 2nd, 5th) (at Mabel First on 3rd & 4th)  
2-4PM (at Mabel First on 1st, 2nd, 5th) (at Henrytown on 3rd & 4th)  
**Friday** 10AM-12PM at Mabel First (except 4th Friday)

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INFORMATION

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sunday School** will begin on **October 6** for Mabel First and Scheie students in grades pre-K-6. Classes will be held at 9am at Mabel First again this year. We're looking forward having your children join in the excitement of learning about Jesus and our faith.

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation class (grades 7 & 8) beginning - **September 18<sup>th</sup> @ Henrytown.** (brief meeting w/ parents following class that evening)

Class schedule (4-6PM)

1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays @ **Mabel First**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays @ **Henrytown**

(If you have a 7th or 8th grader & have not yet received an email from Pastor Carla, please contact the office.) Thank you!

### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

**October 27, 2024**

Please celebrate and pray for our young people as they take this next step in their faith journeys.

8AM @ Mabel First

Nolan Garness, son of Jodie & Travis

Gage Hosting, son of Laura & Josh

Mason Swenson, son of Tina & Matt

A.J. Torres, son of Monica & Chris Aasum

Anders Wicklund, son of Melissa & Chris

Josh Whitney, son of Jen & Jon

11AM @ Henrytown

Kaden Tripp, son of Amber & Chad

*MFL students will meet @ 5:15PM on Wednesday, October 23rd to go through the service.*

### STEAM ENGINE DAYS YOUTH MOO-MOBILE

The Sign-up Genuis link is live on facebook! Please review open slots if you haven't already done so. We were thinking it might be easier doing families. At least 1 adult and 2 kids per shift. Money earned will be going towards future activities for the youth at MFL and Scheie. This invitation is also available for the older youth as well. Thank you for all your help with this project!

*1 (2hr) slot filled = 1 elective credit as part of confirmation.*

One of the co-chairs will help open and close.

Co-Chairs: Monica Aasum, JoAnne Aasum and Melissa Wicklund.

## MABEL FIRST LUTHERAN INFORMATION

### STEAM ENGINE DAYS

The Steam Engine Days Food Stand has been an important fundraising event for many years. Recently, profits from and donations toward this activity have resulted in \$6,000 to help others and meet our budget. An informal fundraising effort is underway to secure donations to match this amount without the work and effort required to make the food stand profitable. Please prayerfully consider a donation to the Steam Engine Fund at least in the amount of your previous donations of time, food, supplies and/or money. To do so, write Steam Engine Days in the memo line of your check or on your offering envelop. A thermometer poster has been placed in the entry of the church to show progress toward our \$6,000 goal. We hope you appreciate having one less thing on your plate during and before Steam Engine Days.

### WELCA

Mabel First WELCA will serve coffee and cake during coffee hour at **Green Lea Senior Living** on **September 16** to celebrate residents with September birthdays. Join in the fellowship and celebration.

Next **WELCA meeting** will be **October 3** at 9 AM with Rachel Circle as hostess.

Phoebe Circle is responsible for **flowers, coffee and cookies** in September and Rachel in October.

MFL has **Meals on Wheels** September 23-27 (Phoebe) and October 21-25 (Rachel).

The annual **Cookie Walk** will be at Mabel First on December 14. Donations will be requested soon. Please notify Jean Blagsvedt or Janet Sanden by October 20 if you have a donation for the raffle.

## MABEL FIRST LUTHERAN COUNCIL

### July 30, 2024 Meeting Highlights (July and August Meetings were combined)

- Clarified previous council minutes to note that the insurance coverage transfer to North Star Mutual Insurance Company was for *church property* while Workman's Compensation Insurance remains with Church Mutual as needed information was not received in time to make the transfer before payment was due.
- **M/S/P** to appoint Mike Gjere, Robert Peterson, and Steve Darrington as authorized signers for the Franklin Templeton Cemetery Fund account. Bank employees are working with the Cemetery Association to update information and gain access to this account. Discussion regarding work needed to bring accounts and status of the Cemetery Association up to date. **M/S/P** to loan \$3,000 to the Cemetery Association to pay current expenses with the understanding it will be paid back when accounts are properly updated and accessible.
- **M/S/P** to install leaf guards on the gutters at the parsonage—estimate \$800.
- Property and Management
  - ◊ Progress is being made on landscaping at the parsonage, identifying the cause of the leak in the basement fellowship hall, and trimming the shrubs at the church.
  - ◊ Authorized elevator repair has not been completed as they plan to schedule it when in the area.
- Youth & Education
  - ◊ Monica Aasum is managing the sign-up for youth and parents to work at the Moo-Mobile during Steam Engine Days
  - ◊ Joint Scheie-Mabel First Sunday School classes will begin in October.
- Worship and Music
  - ◊ Worship on August 18 will be an ecumenical service featuring Greg Wennes sponsored by the Area Council of Churches n Canton at the Fest Tent as part of the Canton Day Off celebration.
- The Ministry Site Profile developed by the Executive Committee based on consultation with members and collaboration with the Parish Board has been completed and was reviewed by the council members. **M/S/P** to approve the profile as presented and submit it to the Synod.
- Secondary authorized signers are needed for the church checking account. **M/S/P** to authorize Louise Kleiboer as an authorized signer for the church checking account. A third person will be added at a later meeting as the suggested person was not present to agree to that.
- **M/S/P** to change the September meeting date to September 11 at 7 pm.

### LANDSCAPING CHALLENGE

Landscaping has been completed and leaf guards have been ordered for the gutters at the parsonage to help prevent water problems from rain storms. Total cost of these projects was approximately \$2,800. \$1,000 has been donated to help meet this expense with a challenge to others to provide additional funds for this along with their ongoing donations. Any funds received in excess of the cost would be targeted for landscaping of the church property when that is begun. To donate to this, write a check to Mabel First Lutheran with "landscaping" in the memo line or place cash in an offering envelop and write "landscaping" in the space under Improvement Fund. Thank you.



SCHEIE INFOMATION

Scheie has **Meals on Wheels** September 3-6, September 30-October 4 and October 28-Nov. 1.

**Readers** of Lessons during worship are needed. Please contact Carolyn White if you are able to do this. Persons willing to serve as **ushers** or **communion assistants** are also needed. Please contact a council member if you are willing to serve in this way.

The church will be holding a **raffle in November**. To provide a donation, please contact Trudy Horihan, Dick Engrav, or Gerald Peter. Everyone is encouraged to help with ticket sales when they are available.

There will be no congregation council meeting in September. Next meeting will be October 13 following worship.

SCHEIE LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Greetings from the Scheie Council.

Fall is upon our doorstep. Our individual churches working together as a Parish have begun our search for a minister. Each church has two individuals on the call committee. Our representatives are Gerald Peter and Dick Engrav; Nancy Engrav as our alternate. Thank you for volunteering.

We are working on the raffle; tickets will be available soon and encourage all our members to help with sales. It was decided that the drawing will be in November. Thanks to all who already have donated to the raffle. If there is anyone who would like to donate money for the raffle, may contact Trudy, Dick, or Gerald.

We are still looking for a nominating committee since there were no volunteers at our annual committee. Please consider volunteering. We need 3 volunteers.

The council recognizes that our church home needs some care both inside and out. The entrance is in need for a painting. The ramp's railing is peeling. The rain gutters were/are full and in need to be taken care of. Some areas are in need of gutters. Inside also some TLC at some point. The basement carpet is in need of cleaning. The Sanctuary carpet could use some spot cleaning. The long time problem of mold in the basement on the wall as you are coming down the steps; west wall where there once was a coat rack needs to be washed down. These are just a few of the many needs. Council is looking into these concerns.

Scheie's Sunday School will be held once again with MFL at Mabel 1st Lutheran. Thank you MFL. Sunday School will begin in October. 3rd grade bibles will be handed out at this time.

If you are interested in the Columbarium or interested in donating to it, please contact Neil Halverson for information. Interest from our members is important to know if this project moves forward.

Scheie's delivery of Meals on Wheels: September 2 - 6 and September 30 - October 4th and October 28 - November 1. Thank you to all of our volunteers.

Reminder there will be no church at our church Steam Engine Days weekend. All are encouraged to attend at the grounds.

Day light savings time begins November 3rd.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Paul Olson. Also to the family and friends of Larry Hoff. Larry was Loretta Halverson's brother.

Enjoy your fall and keep God in your life.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Marsden.

OTHER—COMMUNITY EVENTS

<b>Sept. 7 &amp; 8</b>	7:00 am to Noon	Hesper Lutheran serving breakfast on Steam Engine Grounds
<b>Sept. 11</b>	7:00 pm	Burr Oak Lutheran Church Bazaar and Raffle at the church
<b>Sept. 22</b>	4:00 to 7:00 pm	Grace Lutheran Church (Peterson) Meatball Supper at the church
<b>Oct. 6</b>	8:30 am to 12:30 pm	Newburg Methodist Church serving Dad's Belgian Waffles at the American Legion in Mabel

## FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR:

*Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.*

*<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup> because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:1, 16-18)*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our heavenly Father and Jesus Christ the Lord and Savior. Amen.

Ironically, early Autumn is often focussed on renewal. As nature outside is winding down, Sunday School is re-starting, school is once again in session, confirmation classes are beginning. Even those of us who are far removed from the academic calendar, catch ourselves in the excitement of a new school year.

There is often a sense of hope and newness that accompanies a new school year. Plans and dreams for the next several months emerge. Nine months of the year fall into almost a syllabus-like order. We see hope in the structures and new beginnings in the schedules. Most students experience some nervousness, but also some excitement when a new school year begins. There is both trepidation and anticipation in taking that next step.

That hope and newness extends into our individual lives and into our expression as a community. Both the fear of the unknown and the hope of what the unknown might bring are present in our communal lives. God is making us new each and every day – as individuals and as a community of believers. God makes each day like the first day of school. We look forward with both excitement and nervousness.

We are now again at a point in our joint venture of taking another step in our journey. The parish has been formed, the call committee has been formed, paperwork is complete and submitted, and we wait with both trepidation and anticipation for the next step in the journey. Like a new school year, we embark on this journey one step at a time. We cannot guarantee what tomorrow will bring and there will certainly be surprises along the way.

We can guarantee that the Lord will continue to be present and guide us to do the will of God. "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:9) God will provide and lead us to ventures yet unknown – and will journey with us each and every step of the way.

The grace and peace of God keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

In Christ,  
Pastor Carla

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)*