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GLAD TIDINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

RALLY DAY!

Welcome! Enjoy coffee fellowship in the parish hall after worship, hosted by the Deacons. The congregation is invited to bring refreshments to share. Large print hymnals are available on the bulletin table. Ask an usher or me if you need our **family comfort room**, with baby changing table and rocking chair. Restrooms are located outside the parish hall doors.

Today, I continue my *Amazing Children of the Bible* message series with “**The Boy with Loaves and Fishes.**” We will join in prayer for healing on the 25th anniversary of 9/11. Sunday School begins after the commissioning of the teachers, helpers, and elders and the children and backpacks are blessed. Please stay for a **potluck brunch after worship**, organized by Year of Christian Fellowship. It's ok if you didn't bring food; there will be plenty to eat, and you won't want to miss the fellowship. Thank you to our volunteers!

Next Sunday, we will have the joy of baptizing **Valentina Bella McMaster-Castro**, daughter of Jahn and Savannah Castro, and great granddaughter of Roy McMaster.

Our Book Group is reading ***One Summer in Savannah*** by Terah Shelton Harris, to be discussed at 7 p.m. on Sept. 16 at the manse (3 Oakfield Rd., St. James). The author will be joining us! Sign up on the bulletin board in the hall or let Isabel Buse know if you plan to come.

Kathy Seymour invites us to buy school supplies for children in need. Here is the list:

Box of 12 colored pencils
2 pocket folders
Glue sticks
Blunt, rounded tip scissors
30 cm / 12-inch rulers

Handheld pencil sharpeners
Large erasers
Unsharpened pencils with eraser
Box of 24 crayons
Pencil pouch

God bless us with joy and peace!

Pastor Karen



Please pray for...



- Carol Miller's daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Armando Crecco, cancer
- Valentino Olivera, great-grandchild of Tom and Marci Deakins, brain surgery
- Cathy Kelleher, chemo, preparing for cancer surgery
- Kathy Seymour, cancer
- Sienna, a young child with cancer spreading, not responding to trial meds
- Bill Brenner, Lisa Hubbs' father, suffering from Parkinson's and other health challenges



Happy Birthday!



September 15 - Stella Arnold
September 16 - Peg Holthusen, Janet Lipinsky, Melanie Smith
September 17 - Daniel Davidsen
September 19 - Debbie Rosenberg
September 20 - Giuliana Prianti
September 27 - Tom Deakins
September 30 - John Canning



Recent Messages from the Pastor's Blog



Daniel

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/09/08/amazing-children-of-the-bible-series-daniel/>
Sept. 6, 2026

Little Maid of Israel

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/09/01/amazing-children-of-the-bible-series-little-maid-of-israel/>
Aug. 30, 2026

Josiah

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/08/25/amazing-children-of-the-bible-series-josiah/>
Aug. 23, 2026

Solomon

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/08/18/amazing-children-of-the-bible-series-solomon/>
Aug. 16, 2026

David

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/07/26/amazing-children-of-the-bible-series-david/>
July 25, 2026

Samuel

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/07/19/samuel/>
July 19, 2026

Miriam

Amazing Children of the Bible Series
<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/07/13/miriam/>
July 12, 2026