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Friends of St Ansgar's, 9/28/26

As the leaves change color outside the church office window while I write this note, I have pondered about the many ways that God has been at work in our congregation the past month. Change, whether big or small, is not easy. Whether it be changing a format of a newsletter, going through an office administrator transition, or collaborating for the first time with another church in confirmation, change takes time to get used to. And, it is a huge reality of our faith in God. God's movements in the world aren't static. God enacts change in creation, and we are a part of this.

Our upcoming Old Testament lesson from Isaiah 5 speaks to this. Using the image of a vineyard, the author lays it out bluntly: God doesn't just keep using the same vines over and over. God is not afraid to clear out, and try planting differently to get better grapes. While change can be scary, in the midst of change, we have the promise that God is there. God is there to guide, comfort, and give new life through change.

In Christ,

Pastor Andrew
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Some pictures from our last 2026 Outdoor Service:

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October 2026 Announcements

October 2026 Globe Offering

Thank You to all of you who contributed to the Global School supplies offering. We collected a total of $512.00. With that donation we were able to purchase 100 hats and gloves. 200 hand sanitizer, 300 Sanitary Latex-Free gloves, bottles of wound cleaner, bandages and reusable ice packs, In addition to a few more headphones. Thank you again.

Feed My Starving Children will be the St. Ansgar's Globe Offering for October. Your donation will help purchase meals for the upcoming FMSC Mobile Pack event in Cannon Falls on November 6-7. Please remember to write "Globe Offering, FMSC" on your offering envelope or check memo. Thanks for supporting this event.

Help end childhood hunger!

Prayer List

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Linda Rifenberick, Sue Samuelson, Cindy Hayward, Larry Duncan, Chuck Bracken, Glenn Schultz, Jerry Taube, Maddie and Family, Roger Hardy, and Gloria Peters

First Communion

On Sunday, October 25, we will be celebrating First Communion with some of our K-5 and Confirmation students. Please join us for worship that day as we celebrate this milestone with our youth!

Adult Forum Veterans Program

Plans are beginning for the 2026 St. Ansgar's Veterans Day Program on November 15th . Our updated Veterans Day program will include our slide show along with a coffee hour program following worship. We will have a speaker (TBA) present briefly at the coffee hour. New inductees will be recognized into our Honor Roll which is at 62 currently. The committee would appreciate refreshments from the Congregation for the coffee hour. A signup sheet will be in the Church lobby for signup. Congregational Military Veterans who have not been recognized for their military service are encouraged to pick up a Military Recognition Form from the office or from John Hobert. Forms and 2-3 photos are due back to John by Friday, November 6th to be recognized this year. Nominees may be Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard, Army Reserve, Coast Guard, Space Force, or other branches of the military. Nominees may be living or deceased to be honored by their families. Nominees do not have to have been deployed overseas as many Vets served their country in the Homeland. Previous St. Ansgar's Veterans Honor Roll recipients are encouraged to attend church services and the coffee hour to celebrate their service to our country and welcome new inductees into our Honor Roll.

Additional questions to this year's Veteran's Program may be addressed to John Hobert at (Cellular/Text) 507-298-1147 or (Email) jhobert@frontiernet.net.

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2026 Financial Requests for Endowment Funds
The St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church Endowment Committee is accepting requests from standing committees and members of the congregation for their annual distribution. If your group or committee has a financial need for something to enhance the ministry at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, please fill out a form and return it to the church office by October 16, 2026. The Endowment Committee will decide on requests submitted and let you know if they are able to honor your request.

October 2026 Serving Schedule

	Reader	Ushers	Computer/Livestream	Altar Guild	Counters	Communion Servers
10/4	Maxine R.	Liz, Deb, & Bob	Bob & Paul	Deb N. & Mindy S.	Gary & Cheryl H.	Shari, Tony, Cathy H.
10/11	Cathy H.	John, Curt, & Paul	Bob & Doug	X	Charlie & Maureen	Megan H, Paul J., Kris S.
10/18	Kris S.	Kirk, Dallas, & Linda	Bob & Paul	X	Kris S. & Deb S.	Sue, Bev S., Shari
10/25	Paul J.	Jeff, Maureen, & Charlie	Doug & Eastin	X	Megan H. & Paul J.	Robin M, Bob D, Ann R

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October 2026 Calendar

St Ansgar's Calendar, Holidays in United States — Oct 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2 Pastor Out of Office	3 7am - Community Men's
4 9:30am - Worship w/	5 6:30pm - Worship and	6	7 6pm - Confirmation	8	9 Pastor Out of Office	10 7am - Community Men's
11 9:30am - Worship w/ 10:30am - Oktoberfest	12 4pm - Finance Meeting	13	14 6pm - Confirmation	15	16 Pastor Out of Office	17 7am - Community Men's 10am - Pastor out of
18 Pastor out of town 9:30am - Worship w/	19	20 6:30pm - Church Council	21 6pm - Confirmation	22	23 Pastor Out of Office	24 7am - Community Men's 12pm - First Communion
25 9:30am - First 9:30am - Worship w/	26	27	28 5:30pm - K-5 Faith Night 6pm - Confirmation	29	30 Pastor Out of Office	31 7am - Community Men's