

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, September 6th, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: "He Leadeth Me"

Scripture reading: Matthew 16:18-20

Ephesians 5:15-21

Confession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

Baptism

Communion

Praise Team: "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

"Jesus Loves Me"

"The Love of God"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon: "A Powerful Proclamation"

I John 1:1-4

Benediction

Hymn: "My Faith has Found a Resting Place"

Postlude

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Baptism of

**Ridge Jones Orlando**

Birthdate: June 22, 2026

Parents: Ryan and Kailynn Orlando

Siblings: Goldie, Walker

Grandparents: Bob and Sue Orlando, Scott and Tina Cryder

Sponsors: Jared and Kynsey Mathre

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is  
old he will not depart from it" Proverbs 22:6

Upcoming Events:

Wed: 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle's

Fri: 9am Ladies Prayer Group

Sun: 8:30 Fellowship

9am Sunday School

10am Worship service

Church Picnic

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21  
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Life Groups will resume the week of September 13th. The series will be "Ecclesiastes—Life is Worth Living". We are still in need of a host for the Yorkville area. Please see Dave Christian for more information. (815) 474-0440

Rally Sunday is Next Week! Sunday School and all of our fall activities will resume that week.

- Following the worship service, we will be having the Annual Church Picnic. It will be potluck. Last names ending in A-I can bring salads, J-P can bring hot dishes, and Q-Z can bring desserts. Of course, if you have a "signature" dish, you may bring that as well! The church will provide chicken, table service and beverages. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to help us know how much chicken to order.

September is a big month for the church. **Newsletters** are available at the Welcome Center and the South exit (and in your email). All of our classes and activities are listed there, as well as details to the upcoming changes in the bulletin format. Please take one so that you can be informed!

The **Ladies Bible Study** will meet on Thursdays for an 8 week course in the book of Ruth beginning September 17th at 9:30am in the library. Signup sheets are at the Welcome Center.



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“A Powerful Proclamation”
I John 1:1-4

The church has been given a very powerful message to proclaim to people. Our text encourages us to boldly proclaim truth.

I. We Proclaim a _____ vv. 1,2

II. We Proclaim with a _____ vv. 3,4

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I think about the butterfly effect often, the idea that if one little choice I made was different—if I had sent my college application to a different school, if I had played hooky at the FLBC Missions Spotlight week, if I hadn't embraced mentorship and leadership from my professors who all encouraged me to pursue missions—that I wouldn't have been walking the streets of Lviv, Ukraine, this morning.

The Lord is the best composer, and He specializes in orchestrating our lives. What started with membership at Westaker Free Lutheran because of my parents led to applying and attending FLBC, which led to working with the World Mission Prayer League because of the Missions Spotlight week, which led me here to Lviv, Ukraine, where, coincidentally, I work and serve alongside Tomasz and Miriam Chmiel, fellow alumni twenty-two years my senior.

In thinking back to my time at FLBC, I clearly see the path God paved to lead me directly here to Ukraine. Not only through the "butterfly effect" orchestrating, but through the very tangible mentorship and education I received. I can think of many biblical and faith-based questions I've been asked here that I wouldn't have answers to without the generals in theology and biblical history I took. I think of behaviors and lessons I wouldn't have learned without my electives in youth ministry and missions, and even my worship leading extracurricular. There are also conversations I'm having with girls I'm discipling that mirror exact conversations I was having and questions I was asking my professors just two years ago. Because of their patience and openness to my doubts and struggles, I am now able to lead my girls through what I was led through. Even on a personal level, I can reflect and lean on the training and education I received and further study and encounter the Lord.

Through FLBC, I was given countless opportunities, connected with countless leaders, mentors, and friends, and took countless steps in my relationship with the Lord and in my walk towards biblical knowledge, maturity, and service. While I trust that the Lord would have guided my steps for His glory regardless, I am deeply thankful He led me this way, bringing me exactly down this path and exactly to this place!

Miss Ellen Dalager
FLBC Alumni, Class of 2024
Minneapolis, Minnesota

AFLC Promotion for September is the Bible College

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Helmar exists to be a:

***Soul-Winning, Disciple-Making,
Burden-Bearing Church***

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Spiritual Disciplines Sheet

9-6-2026

Hide God's Word in your Heart

"We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ."

Colossians 1:28