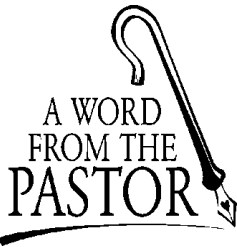


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THE MESSENGER



"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins."
Isaiah 42:25

Dear Friends in Christ,

Here at the beginning of the summer season let me share a light hearted story

Jim was getting ready to leave a meeting at a hotel. He started looking for his keys. They were not in his pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing.

Suddenly he realized he must have left them in the car. Frantically, he headed for the parking lot. Now, his wife has scolded him many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. But his theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. Her theory is that the car will be stolen.

As he burst through the door, her came to a terrifying conclusion, her theory was right. The parking lot was empty.

Jim immediately called the police. He gave them his location, confessed that he had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then he made the most difficult call of all, "Honey," Jim stammered; he always call her "honey" in times like these. "I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen."

There was a period of silence. Jim thought the call had been dropped, but then he heard her voice.

"Jim", she barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was Jim's time to be silent. Embarrassed, he said, "Well, then you better come and get me."

She retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this policeman standing here that I have not stolen your car."

Whether we are young or old, it is easy to forget. The one thing we shouldn't forget is that God loves us . . . cares for us . . . and forgives us. We might forget about God from time to time, but God doesn't forget us. The only things God forgets, because of Christ, is our sins.

*In Christ,
Pastor Smiles*

WORSHIP

In June we begin the Season of Pentecost. It is sometimes called the “long green season” because the liturgical color for the Sunday’s after Pentecost is green (and this season lasts well into October). During this “Non – Festival “ time of the church year our readings and hymns and messages reflect on various themes based on Jesus’ earthly ministry and on the general teachings of the Apostles’ .

We’ll have a couple of Guest Pastors in June while Pastor Smiles takes some vacation time. We thank them for leading our worship services.

The Day of Pentecost

	May 31	7:30 pm Order of Service- - Outdoor- Divine Service Setting 1 (Printed Out) Holy Communion is offered Elder Mel Hansen Ushers M/M Dave Niven	Elder Assistant Dan Riske
<i>Reach out</i>	June 1	A bi- monthly Communion Service for those who have difficulty coming to the front of church for the Lord’s Supper or wish to avoid large crowds, but want to attend worship	
	June 4	10:15 am Order of Service- - Divine Service Setting 1 (Pg 151) Holy Communion is offered at the Altar Level Elder Wayne Wendt Ushers M/M Ken Bernard Acolyte Britney Much	Elder Assistant Ken Jorgenson Greeters Teri & Kirstin Scherneck

The Holy Trinity

	June 7	7:30 pm Order of Service- - Outdoor- Creative Worship (Printed Out) Elder Ryan Poppy Ushers M/M Doug Draeger	Elder Assistant Shannon Hansen
	June 11	10:15 am Order of Service- - Creative Worship (Printed Out) Elder Arnold Heideman Ushers Todd Olsen II/Dan Teuscher Acolyte Mikenna Wegener	Elder Assistant Don Hanson Greeters M/M Michael Timm

The Second Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 6)

	June 14	7:30 pm Order of Service- - Inside – Come to His Table (Printed Out) Holy Communion is offered at the Floor Level. Rev. Cliff Kesson will be Guest Pastor Elder Merlin Becker Ushers M/M Gary Schoen	Elder Assistant Jeremy Olsen
<i>Reach out</i>	June 15	A bi- monthly Communion Service for those who have difficulty coming to the front of church for the Lord’s Supper or wish to avoid large crowds, but want to attend worship. Pastor John Schmidt will be Guest Pastor.	
	June 18	10:15 am Order of Service- - Inside – Come to His Table (Printed Out) Holy Communion is offered at the Floor Level. Rev. Cliff Kesson will be Guest Pastor Elder Steve Handrich Ushers M/M Randy Greunke Acolyte Alyiah Weed	Elder Assistant Keith Timm Greeters M/M John Drath

The Third Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 7)

June 21	7:30 pm Order of Service- - Inside – Prayer and Preaching (Printed Out) Rev. Paul Alliet will be Guest Pastor Elder Mel Hansen Ushers M/M Jerry Timm	Elder Assistant Paul Timm
June 25	10:15 am Order of Service- - Prayer and Preaching (Printed Out) Rev. Paul Alliet will be Guest Pastor Elder Wayne Wendt Ushers Tyler Pynenberg / Hunter Wendt Acolyte Maleah Pirk	Elder Assistant Dan Hedtke Greeters Kay Peterson / Paula Spindler

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 8)

June 28	7:30 pm Order of Service- - Outdoor- Divine Service Setting 3 (Printed Out) Holy Communion is offered Elder Ryan Poppy Ushers M/M Todd Olsen	Elder Assistant Dan Riske
July 2	10:15 am Order of Service- - Divine Service Setting 3 (Pg 184) Holy Communion is offered at the Altar Level Elder Arnold Heideman Ushers M/M Rod Beyer Acolyte Mikayla Much	Elder Assistant Ken Jorgenson Greeters Audrey Partika / Charlotte Thomack

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, ask someone to take your place. And PLEASE call the office (920)596-3241 to let the Church Secretary know when you exchanged with someone else.

Thank You

Have You Moved?

If you or someone you know has moved or will be moving, and the address or telephone number has changed, **PLEASE** inform the church office. The newsletter is not forwarded when we have a wrong address. It is returned to us and we have to pay extra postage.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

FINANCES God Bless all who are able to give! Our ending balance currently does not look so good, but realize that many of our expenses are not due until the end of the month or later and we are only at mid-May as this is being written. In addition, we did open and deposit the money into a savings account for access, if necessary. According to budget, we need to bring in around \$13,000 per month. This month, approximately, we have brought in only \$10,000 so far and summer break is just beginning. With summer, we know unfortunately that our attendance declines. We will plan accordingly and God's grace will see us through!

Checkbook Balance (as of 5/15/17): \$9,394.88
 Monies to Designate (memorials/fundraisers): \$2,653
 Upcoming Expenses/Payroll & Benefits: \$6,900.54
 Missions Collected: \$1,028.16
 Project Fund Collected: \$280.00 (200 toward parking lot)
 Ending balance: -\$1,466.82

GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS



Youth and Family Ministries

MT. OLYMPUS JUNE 27. We'll be going to Mt. Olympus for our annual summer youth outing. Those youth group members who sold enough pizza and cookie dough last fall and this spring go for free. For others the cost will be \$14.00. Each person may bring one friend. If you want to bring more than one friend, check with Pastor. We leave at 7:30am and return around 6pm.

OLD CAR SHOW HELPERS. We thank all who volunteered! Admission, parking permits, food coupons and other information should be coming in the mail soon.

THRESHEREE HELPERS NEEDED . . . The Tresheree Food Stand on Friday on the Tresheree Grounds and the Food Stand on the Church Grounds on Sunday for the parade requires a lot of people to make it run smoothly. We encourage this year's NYG Participants and their families to help out. We especially encourage those SMYL and LYF that are thinking of attending the next Gathering (2019) to help if the can. Signup sheets will be put in the narthex and a reminder will be put on facebook.

Sarah Circle

Thank you to all who attended the Sarah Circle luncheon in May! It was a beautiful day with good fellowship and delicious food!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION CLASS 2017!



Dawson Lee Werth	Riley Karl Krenke	
Samuel Travis Olsen	Logan Ray Jorgenson	
Brystal Virginia Beyer	Reese Layne Poppy	Kassidy Rose Timm
Grace Ann Johnson	Abigail Margaret Riske	Brianna Christine Brown

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Save the Date!! This year's Vacation Bible School will be held on the week of **August 7th - 11th**. Hope to see you then! Thank you to Tina and Karina Wickman for leading VBS this year!

FROM ZACH VOSS:

Beloved brothers and sisters of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. It has been a year of ups and downs but God has led us to this new crossroad in life. My academic studies are ending and my vocation as a Pastor will soon begin! As you know I received my call Tuesday, April 25th to St. John's Lutheran in Homestead, IA and Good Shepherd Lutheran, Wellman, IA. Graduation is May 19th and I will be ordained and installed on June 15th! Time has flown by and before this new period of transition takes place, I would like to once again express my heartfelt thanks for all your prayers and support along the way. I can't wait to formally except my call after graduation and begin serving as an under-shepherd of the Good Shepherd in the Lutheran Church. Thanks again and please keep us in your prayers. God bless and his peace be with you, for Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

In Christ,
Zachary and Kendra Voss

P.S. My ordination and installation service is at 3:00 pm on Sunday, June 18th at St. John's Lutheran Church, Homestead, IA.

MISSION TRIP EXPERIENCE

Corey and Michelle Niven recently took a mission trip to the Honduras, which was organized by "Living Waters". They wrote:

It was an amazing week for us in Honduras. Corey and I experienced sharing Gods love in a whole new way. While our hearts broke for certain conditions we saw there, we spent the week with our hearts being so filled with joy that we left with them overflowing with blessings. The well was completed after drilling 145 feet, but most importantly lives were blessed with the experience we shared together. While time was spent drilling and repairing wells, we also got time to go into school and teach bible and hygiene lessons to the children. The first morning in the village we circled up around the drill site with the people of the village. We all held hands to pray and were told God brought all of us there at that moment, at that time, to serve each other and not only bring clean water, but the living water of our Savior Jesus Christ. It was in that moment that Corey and I knew we were supposed to be there. Of course, we had doubts, and I thought, "How can God use me?" but it was clear that God designed love to be communicated in so many ways without even speaking the same language. Of course, our experience would not have happened without your love, support, and prayers. So again, thank you for being a part of bringing this well and water to this community. These moments of serving will always be engraved in our hearts.

Much love, Corey and Michelle Niven- Honduras 2017

DISTRICT & SYNOD NEWS



New Resources on the NWD Website

Resources are always being added to our website. The new Colloquy Grant Application for teachers wanting to take the coursework required to become rostered is there, as well as a new School Board Orientation document. Check for other items at nwdlcms.org

Prayers, generosity enable LCMS mercy efforts after 2017 storms



Spring 2017's severe storms have affected Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations and their communities in the Midwest and Texas. Once again, prayers and continued generosity from people across the Synod have equipped congregations to share Christ's mercy in the aftermath.

[Read Reporter Online story](#)

You can help:

- **Pray** — [Join in prayer for all who suffer from disasters](#)
- **Give** — [Support disaster relief and recovery](#)
- **Volunteer** — Locations are assessing needs and planning relief work. Call the LCMS Church Information Center at **888-843-5267** for opportunities

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CAMP LUTHER GIFT CERTIFICATES!! Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your children or grandchildren? Consider a Camp Luther gift certificate. These certificates can be purchased for any amount and may be used for Camp Luther programs and at our canteen. Call Camp Luther at 877-264-CAMP and talk to MaryAnn to order yours today.

GIVE TO CAMP LUTHER - You play a vital role in the ministry of Camp Luther through your contributions. Your gifts make it possible for Camp Luther to enhance and expand programming, maintain care for wonderful facilities and property and reach out in love to those who couldn't afford to attend camp on their own. Thank you for your generous support of this important ministry that touches and transforms thousands of lives each year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Visit www.campluther.com/donate today.

CAMP LUTHER TO OFFER SUMMER COTTAGES AT KEWEENAW BASE CAMP

Camp Luther is excited to offer four units available for rental this summer at Keweenaw Base Camp. Units are available Friday to Friday. Each of these units are comfortably furnished with all that you need for a relaxing stay in the Keweenaw. They have fully stocked kitchens with everything you need to prepare meals during your stay and gas grills for your evening cookouts. Each also has a wood stove to take the edge off of those cool Keweenaw nights. The units are available Friday to Friday from June through August. Book your cottage through Camp Luther by contacting Janette "Swoops" Marien (janette@campluther.com or 715-891-4064) or visit www.campluther.com and click on the "KBC Summer Vacation Rentals" tab at the top of the page.

CAMP LUTHER GOLF CHALLENGE

Golf for a purpose this summer and help raise funds for Every Kid to Camp.

Join us June 23 at 8:00 am at Rhinelander's Northwood Golf Club. This is an outstanding event for men, women, couples, and youth, with great prizes, great food, and great fellowship. The 2017 Hole-in-One Contest, sponsored by Eagle River Ford, will feature a 2017 Ford Truck! There are also various hole contests, putting contest, freebies and a reception and awards ceremony. Register online at www.campluther.com.

LABOR DAY RETREAT AT CAMP LUTHER

September 1-4, 2017

Relax and let Camp Luther plan your next holiday weekend. Enjoy a flexible and relaxing schedule with your family and other families. Activities include pontoon rides, kayaking, trail biking, swimming, volleyball, disc golf, Bible study, campfire devotions and much more. Start a new family tradition this year! Register at www.campluther.com.