



Zion Lutheran Monthly

June 2021

Pastor's Corner

Where do (should) my sins go?

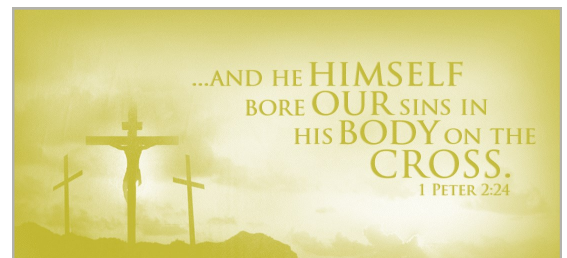
*I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious till not a spot remains* LSB #606

Our sins can bother us. Our sins should bother us. Sins that we have done are troubling. Sins done to us are just as troubling. All of those sins should trouble us.

What do we do with those sins? That may seem like an odd question, but ask yourself, “*What do I do with my sins?*” Some people try to ignore their sins. But sin has a funny way of surfacing over time. Some people try to drink their sins away as if enough alcohol or drugs can numb their pain. But sin is terrible at being numbed away, the pain always seems to come back. Some people try to think of their sins lightly, as if they aren’t that bad, or aren’t that significant, when compared to other people’s sin. But on the day of judgment all of those sins will weigh heavily upon God the Father, who won’t stand for any sin, or sinner, to stand in His presence.

So, maybe ask yourself, “*What do I do with my sins?*” Consider that for a moment. But now, consider a slightly different variation of that question, “*What could I do with my sins?*”

The hymn stanza at the top of this article has a suggestion for what to do with our sins. We don’t have to try and ignore our sins, Jesus doesn’t. After all, Jesus was well aware of our sins and willingly died for all those sins. Whereas we may try and numb ourselves in all kinds of ways from the pain of sin, Jesus refused to be comforted on the cross. He embraced every single sin against God in His crucifixion and He did that all for you. We may try and think of our sins lightly, by always thinking of others as being “worse” sinners than us. But Jesus died on a cross for all sin, whether “great” or “small” - all of our sins are released from us.



We don’t have to try and bear the load of our sins all by ourselves. By ourselves, we are not able to bear their load. But Jesus Christ can, and Jesus Christ has, and Jesus Christ will for all eternity. There is no sin so great and no sin so small that you can’t lay it at the feet of Jesus Christ. He takes them all onto Himself for you. Our hymn stanza at the top truly says it best!

— Pastor Grimenstein

Chairman's Report

A Busy Summer at Zion!

We're gearing up for quite a busy summer at Zion. First, please attend the Voter's Meeting on **June 27th between the services at 9:15** to ratify the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. This is a critical Voter's Meeting to ensure we have an operational budget passed and in force beginning July 1st. Please attend to hear the Budget Committee presentation and understand how our ministries operate financially. As members, it's our responsibility to be informed and engaged.

There are a lot of projects the trustees will be managing this summer. The kitchen renovation is the largest and will be happening after June 27, probably lasting well into July. The vertical facing panels of the bridge leading to the school wing, and those outside the classrooms are going to be painted with RhinoShield. There will be a new concrete walkway around the school building and a new deck entrance built behind the school with an added security camera for that entrance. There will be new carpeting for the classrooms at the school. We're hoping to get the concrete cross cleaned and sealed. I'm sure some other things might pop up; so you can see we're going to have a busy summer.



Our preschool wrapped up what I'll call a victorious year managing the covid crisis in fine fashion. We learned a lot of lessons and while we don't want another crisis, in some ways it may have been a blessing in disguise. The Board of Ed, Tracey and all of our staff fought a really good fight. Pastor's Chapel Services for the children helped keep the Lord anchored in the minds of young impressionable children and that foundation will serve them well.

We still have some preschool Summer Boost classes during June and Vacation Bible School prior to most of the construction activity. The ministry is always in motion at Zion! We are really blessed as a congregation. Praise the Lord. The Holy Spirit is at work at Zion no matter the obstacles and tests the "foe" might present. This church has been a rock throughout the last year's covid issues and now that the covid restrictions are waning, come to the altar of our God. Enjoy the music, singing and hearing the Word in truth and purity.

Have a wonderful summer and keep in touch with Zion via the EBlasts, Newsletter and website if you're not in town. If you have questions please call the church office.

In the month of June we remember D-Day. Father's Day is in June. The summer solstice is in June, which is the day with the longest number of daylight hours. Happy Father's Day to all the dads! Pray for the souls of the unchurched and all Christians on the planet, our LCMS Missions overseas, our District and Zion. The laborers are few! The work is difficult. Have faith. There is hope. Love the Lord your God. He hears you. Isaiah wrote in chapter 26: "Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock." Amen.

~ Paul Klemash

Welcome to our Newest Members

On Sunday, May 23rd, Gretchen Schinkel and Mary Lynn Littler became members of our church family. If you haven't had an opportunity to meet them yet, be sure to welcome them to our fellowship!

Gretchen Schinkel and her husband David live in North Huntingdon and have two children: a daughter, age 21; and a son, age 19. Gretchen is an RN, working in allergy & immunology, as well as per diem for Excela Health. She enjoys Zion's solid Bible study, faithful preaching and administering of the sacraments, and the friendly environment.



Mary Lynn Littler moved to Collier Township a few years ago. She was a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Moon for 25 years. She and her husband, Jim, have been married for 35 years. They have two adult sons, Ryan Littler, who lives in Tampa, FL and Zach Littler, who is a Specialist in the Army and stationed at Fort Bragg (located in NC). Mary Lynn and her husband love to play golf, for fun and competitively. She is excited to meet other members of the congregation and to explore the various ministries and programs at Zion

Bridgeville Area Food Bank

This month's collection for the Bridgeville Area Food Bank is Sunday, June 13th. The "items of the month" are paper products.

You are also welcome to help at the food bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45 am and 12:00 pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church. As more families are struggling with the ongoing effects of the pandemic, please continue to support the Food Bank with your donations and volunteer service!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The last day of Sunday school classes is **June 20th**. Classes resume on **Rally Day – Sept. 12th**.

The Sunday school is blessed with amazing and caring members who dedicate their time to the Christian education of Zion’s youth.

THANK YOU! . . .

- * Sunday school teachers for your dedication to teaching and sharing God’s Word with Zion’s young people, both virtually and in person. Your service is a blessing to Zion!
- * Preschool parent helpers for assisting our preschool teachers.
- * Deborah LaJeunesse for managing the nursery roll for Zion’s little ones.
- * Mike & Michele Wallace for leading and organizing Zion’s youth group.
- * Carolyn Wible for mailing birthday cards with special messages to all Sunday school children.
- * Tess Carter for creating a one-of-a-kind, Christmas video masterpiece.
- * The congregation at Zion for their continued support of the Sunday school and VBS programs.

Thanks to Our
Sunday School
Teachers!



June Lessons & Teachers

Dates	Lessons	Pre - K	1 - 2	3 - 6
		Rm 205	Rm 208	Rm 206
June 6	Hope in Hardship—Joseph	Barb Oechslein	Megan Meyer	Mike Wallace
June 13	Fiery Directions—Moses	Megan Glasser	Megan Meyer	Mike Wallace
June 20	The Egypt Exit—Exodus	Barb Oechslein	Megan Pasquini	Mike Wallace

COVID Updates

- **Face masks** are optional.
- All children may **wash or sanitize hands** before entering and upon leaving their classroom.
- **No food or water** will be provided. Water fountains are closed. Parents can send a labeled water bottle, if necessary.

Vacation Bible School

June 21 – 25 from 9am – noon
Register ONLINE today!

Registration is quick and easy right from Zion’s website under the “VBS” tab — ZLCB.org/VBS.

The VBS team is developing a safe environment for both students and volunteers. Volunteers are still needed in areas such as the nursery and guiding children to VBS stations. If you would like to help or have any questions, you can contact Katie Gielarowski at sundayschool@zlc.org, or in person. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can share Christ’s love with His children!





Bethesda Lutheran Communities is a national organization providing homes and other services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that celebrated its 115th anniversary in 2019. Headquartered in Watertown, Wis, Bethesda strives to become a central point of connection that unites people who have disabilities with communities and provides essential resources to help them live their lives to the fullest. The organization offers more than 300 programs across the country, and is guided by Christian faith. For more information, go to <http://www.bethesdalc.org>.

Become a Shared Living Provider to a Person with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities

Are you looking for an opportunity to respond to the calling of your heart to serve others? Does the idea of providing companionship, help and care to a person with intellectual and developmental disabilities tap into a passion deep within you? Would you welcome a chance to work from home and earn a professional, tax-free wage?

As a Christian organization that provides homes so that people with developmental disabilities can live the lives they want, Bethesda seeks people whose hearts prompt them to open their homes to others.

Shared Living Provider Options

Our Shared Living Arrangements, also known as Host Homes, Life Sharing, Family Caregiving and Family Homes, provide a family-like, supportive environment for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Bethesda matches people seeking a new home environment with an individual, couple or family in the community who wish to share life experiences with a person with a disability.



If your Heart is Big Enough, your Home will Be, too

Bethesda is growing our network of Shared Living Homes across the United States.

Become a shared living provider to a person with intellectual and developmental disabilities, with support from Bethesda. Learn more about [Shared Living Providers](#).

Shout Out to Students



Highlighting the academic awards, scholarships, and extra-curricular achievements of Zion's students in Kindergarten through College.

Jenny Fitzgerald graduated in May from the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing with honors (Magna Cum Laude and Sigma Theta Tau nursing honors society). She was a part of the first nursing class to graduate from the Greensburg campus. This summer she will begin working as a nurse in the cardiology department at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.



Lauren Liberatore and her horse, Oreo, earned three 1st Place ribbons, one 2nd place ribbon, and one 3rd place ribbon at a horse show on May 1st at South Park Horse Show Arena. Lauren has been riding since she was eight years old, and been with Oreo for the past five years. Her focus is English style riding, English pleasure and equitation, although she also does some hunter style over fences.

Michael Grimenstein will graduate from South Fayette High School on June 11th, 2021. While a student at SFHS, Michael was the Vice President of National Honor Society, was a member of the SF Foundation for Excellence, volunteered with Paralyzed Veterans of America, and served in the Pittsburgh Battalion of the US Naval Sea Cadet Corp. Michael swam with the SF Varsity Swim Team and is a 2 time WPIAL qualifier. He currently holds the school record in the 100 Freestyle. Michael was also a member of the national training team of Pittsburgh Elite Aquatics and was an Eastern Senior Zones Championship and USA Swimming Speedos Sectionals qualifier. He is a lifeguard at the Upper St. Clair Recreation Center and a private chemistry tutor. In the fall, Michael will attend SUNY Maritime College, where he will major in Naval Architecture with a minor in Naval Sciences. He will swim on the Men's Swimming and Diving Team and has applied to train with the New York City Unit of the NROTC. He hopes to serve someday as an officer in the U.S. Navy.



Anna Gresh will graduate from Upper St. Clair High School on June 9th, 2021. At USC, Anna enjoyed singing in the choir, as well as participating on the swim and track teams. In the Fall she will attend Miami University in Oxford, OH to study science, most likely Biology. She looks forward to lifeguarding this summer at Woodland Hills Pool in St. Clair.



What About... Christian Families

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christian families face enormous pressure in our world today. It is important that they have a good understanding of what God intends for the family and how they best can respond to the many challenges that confront them.

What does God say about families in His Word, the Bible?

In the beginning, God created men and women to live together with one another as husbands and wives, and through their marriages to bring children into the world. We read in Gen. 2:22-24: "The Lord God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man. The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called "women," for she was taken out of man.' For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." Our Lord Jesus Christ affirmed the divine institution of marriage during his earthly ministry (Matt.19:5)

Through the Apostle Paul, the Lord revealed that Christian husbands and wives are to love and serve one another, modeling before the world the love Christ has for His bride, the church. In Ephesians 5, St. Paul wrote: "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior.

"Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her to make her holy... In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of His body.

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' This is a profound mystery— but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband" (Eph.5:21-33).

In this powerful description of marriage, there is no room

For husbands to "lord it over" their wives, nor for wives to disregard their husband's role. The key is mutual submission to and love for one another.

Parents are to provide discipline with love and compassion, doing what is best for their children. We read in Eph. 6:4 "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Children are to honor and obey their parents, as the Lord commands, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.' 'Honor your father and your mother' - which is the first commandment with a promise—that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth" (Eph. 6:1-2).

What are some cultural trends impacting families?

As we review what the Bible says about families, we quickly realize how far many of our cultural trends are from God's will for families.

Christian families are bombarded by signals which contradict God's Word. Movies, music, magazines, books and especially television inundate us with wrong messages. The signal is sent that a sexual relationship outside of marriage, or before marriage, is perfectly natural, or that even homosexual lifestyle is merely an alternative to "traditional" marriage. Children are led to believe that being disobedient and disrespectful to parents is normal, even amusing, or that the elderly are to be viewed as a burden, or subjects for humor. So much of popular culture appeals to humanity's most sinful inclinations, and encourages them in a barrage of images and words.

The pressure on our young people to do whatever is necessary to be "popular" is sometimes difficult for parents to understand and appreciate. They may be caught up in destructive lifestyles and behaviors, encouraged by popular music, which encourages rebelliousness and disdain for life and the dignity of their fellow human beings. As our teenagers grow older, they are given the impression that "living together" without marriage is perfectly acceptable. How tragic it is when their own families do nothing to resist this behavior!



What About...

Christian Families

Men in our culture are encouraged to indulge their lusts and selfish desires. So little respect or attention is given to the man who wishes to be a faithful husband or father. How many children today grow up without a responsible father in the home? The horrendous consequences of this trend will only become greater as we move into the future.

Women too are pressured to take a dim view of what God has given them. They are pressured to view childbearing as less than fulfilling, something only to be tolerated, rather than enjoyed as a gift from God. They too face temptations to disregard God's expectations for them when they are wives and mothers, or to view marriage as something to be abandoned when it becomes convenient for them.

Yes, we surely do recognize that popular cultural trends often convey messages totally contrary to our Lord's Word and His will for Christian families. This needs to be recognized and resisted.

How can a Christian family deal with today's challenges?

Openly facing the issues is the first step. Pretending that problems do not exist will certainly not help. Nor will it do for a family simply to hope that they will not be faced with problems. Ignoring reality will not make it go away.

It is crucial for Christian parents to spend both quality and quantity time with their children. Reading with their young children, discussing the questions they have and being there to support and encourage them is extremely important.

Husbands and wives need to take time out of busy and hectic schedules to simply talk to one another, discussing the needs they have and the problems they are experiencing, working together to grow in their love for one another, and for their children.

More importantly, Christians need to pray for the Lord's blessing on their marriages and families, asking God to forgive them for their sins and failures, and then turning to the Lord's mercy through their Savior Jesus Christ.



Christian families need to make every-Sunday worship an absolute priority. As families are gathered by God around His Word and Sacraments, they receive forgiveness, life and salvation—the strength they need to cope with the challenges of daily life.

What role do daily devotions have in Christian families' lives?

One of the most important things a family can do is spend time together in the Word of God. Key ingredients for the family's devotional time are the Scriptures, the hymnal and the Small Catechism. These are excellent resources for meaningful time together in the Word of God.

Parents should begin reading the chief parts of the Small Catechism with their children when they are young, helping them learn the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed, and then working on the explanations, building as time goes on.

Parents need to discuss their faith with their children, pray with them and encourage them in love to do what is right, not hesitating to say "no" when necessary. And always, parents will want to be a model of the Heavenly Father's love in Christ Jesus.

How can parents help children resist temptations?

Parents often overlook the very important role they play simply by the way they themselves handle life. A parent can provide an important role model for his or her children.

If a man constantly displays a harsh and fierce temper at home, uses foul language and acts disrespectfully towards his wife, it is little wonder why his son would grow up with similar attitudes and behaviors. If a woman constantly gripes and points out every fault, again, there is little surprise when her children do the same when they grow up.

Christian parents need to model the faith, both to their children and others around them. St. Paul wrote that a Christian marriage is to be an image of Christ's love for the church. This is both an awesome responsibility and a joyous privilege.

-Dr. A. L. Barry
Past President, The LCMS



Zion's Forward in Faith Kitchen Campaign June Update

Thank you to all who attended our April Voter's Meeting & Luncheon to hear about the progress of our Kitchen Campaign. At that time, we had raised just under \$50,000 in our Forward in Faith Kitchen fund. **Our current total is \$57,000 as of June 1st!**

A big THANK YOU to all those who have supported the kitchen campaign thus far. May God bless our efforts over the next month as we make the final push toward our campaign goal of \$100,000 . Our campaign will end on June 27th, with remodeling work scheduled to begin on June 28th.



Let's work together for a strong finish on June 27th!

Dear Zion friends,

Thank you so much for the expressions of sympathy and prayers that you offered for us following my father's passing. They are a reminder of the many ways God blesses us through each other as the body of Christ!

*In Him,
Bill Bishop and family*



News from area congregations

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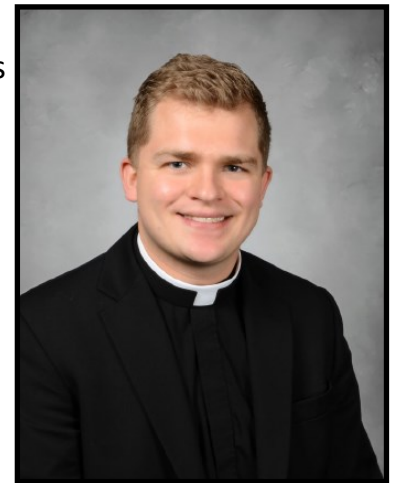


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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN Clarksburg New Pastor for St. John's St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clarksburg, WV, one of our region's new mission congregations and one of only 5 LCMS congregations in the entire state of West Virginia, is receiving a new pastor. Stanley Lacey, a fourth-year seminarian at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN, was assigned to be the congregation's pastor at the annual call service at that seminary on Tuesday, April 27.

Pastor-elect Lacey follows Pastor Amadeus Gandy, who left St. John's in October to serve as a full-time chaplain in the United States Air Force in Alaska. A native of Alabama, he has a BA in Music (Minor: History) from the University of Alabama. He grew up a Roman Catholic but became a Missouri Synod Lutheran while courting his wife Payton. They were married in 2015 and currently have three children. He vicared last year at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Imperial, NE.



The Lacey family looks forward to becoming part of their new community, enjoying the beauty of West Virginia, and getting to know their new church family. He is excited to begin serving the people of St. John's and reaching out to this region of West Virginia with the Holy Gospel and Christian love. He earnestly desires your prayers as he begins the work that our Lord Jesus has given him to do as a minister in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

Pastor-elect Lacey will be ordained and installed as Pastor of St. John's Church in Clarksburg, WV by Bishop Hardy on Tuesday, June 15, at 6:00 p.m. We do hope you will be able to attend. Please pray for Pastor-elect Lacey and his little flock and their mission. We also strongly encourage you to please consider supporting this work with your offerings as well. St. John's is located at 125 Meigs Ave in Clarksburg. (Mail to P.O. Box 709, Clarksburg, WV 26302).

June Service Participants

Date	Time	Acolytes
June 6	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Will Schrag Christian Bonacci
June 13	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Elder Kate Lemonovich
June 20	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Decklan Pasquini Sam Bishop
June 27	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Will Schrag Christian Bonacci

	Elders	Altar Guild	8:00 am Ushers	10:30 am Ushers
June	Bob Schmidt, John Gielarowski	Janet & Marian Oelschlager	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier	Dan & Tracey Harris, Mike Kozak, Ed Malachosky
July	Jim Neill, Mike Kroeger	Clara Hayes, Sandy Bryant	Brian & Megan Pasquini, Wayne & Barb Oechslein	John & Kari Gresh, Andy & Dwight Weldon

Parents ...



A Nursery Room for children 3 and under is now available on Sundays in the lower level near the Fellowship Hall (Room 101). Parent supervision is required as there are no nursery volunteer attendants at this time. In addition, the Family Care Room in the back of the sanctuary is equipped with a nursing chair and changing station items.

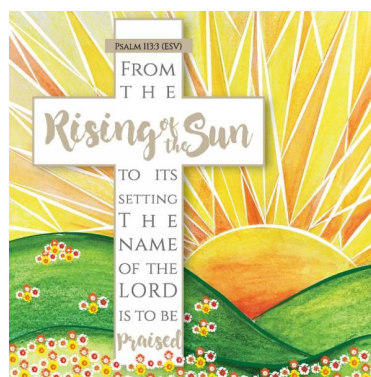


JUNE

Birthdays

2nd – Elsie Dalla Piazza
 2nd – Carrie Lemonovich
 2nd – June Malachosky
 6th – Jim Oelschlager
 7th – Josh Gielarowski
 8th – Janet Oelschlager
 11th – Rachel Grimenstein
 12th – Harry Davis
 12th – Mason Glasser
 14th – Maura Goodge
 15th – Janet Zreliak
 18th – Jean Ma
 18th – Ben Meyer
 18th – Lucas Meyer
 19th – Mary Lou Rilee
 24th – Claire Lemonovich
 24th – Elizabeth Lemonovich

24th – John Lemonovich
 24th – Kate Lemonovich
 25th – Sarah Ali
 25th – Megan Richards
 26th – Nadene Hartman
 27th – Lois Dittmer
 28th – Kim Erbrecht
 28th – Faith Wallace
 29th – Gladys Cimarolli




JUNE



Anniversaries

6th – Jim & Rose Oelschlager
 11th – Rich & Ruth Trudel
 19th – Ken & Carol Wuerthele
 21st – Pastor & Tevia Grimenstein

23rd – Bill & Nancy Koester
 23rd – Brent & Marianne Miller
 25th – Mike & Linda Kroeger



June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 7:00 pm Service of Prayer & Preaching	3 7:00 pm Elder's Meeting	4	5	
6 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult/ Teen Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	7 7:00 pm Trustee's Mtg	8	9 7:00 pm Service of Prayer & Preaching	10 7:00 pm Council Meeting	11	12
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