



# Zion Lutheran Monthly

July/August 2021

## Pastor's Corner

### Be Still My Soul

There was once a man who lost everything. He was a farmer and lost all of his livestock. He had many children, and he lost them as well. He even lost what good health he had left. He lost everything. In spite of all these losses, in spite of all these hardships, this man had the most unique, faith-filled response I've ever heard. He said, "*The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.*" This man, Job, did lose a lot. At the same time, though, Job rested his life in the hands of God trusting God to carry him through it all.

I doubt most of us would respond the same way Job did. Maybe we would, maybe at certain times we could, but I have to admit, it may be challenging for us to say "*blessed be the name of the Lord*" when we are facing serious challenges. That may not be our natural response, but it could be. In the face of loss, disease, and death, what comfort will we find in fury, or anger, or pain? Wouldn't it be much better to rest ourselves in the hands of God?

What Job went through always strikes me. Few of us will ever suffer such complete losses like Job did, although some of us will face similar situations.

The question for us though is this, "*How will you react when those times do come?*" We could allow our grief in this world to swallow us alive, sapping our love for others, sucking out our will to live, crumbling our desires to even enjoy life. Thanks to Christ, though, the opposite could occur. Instead of folding inward upon ourselves and our grief, we could fall back into the arms of our loving God; the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and the redeemer of all creation. There is a particular hymn in our hymnal entitled "Be Still, My Soul" which does an excellent job guiding us into those loving arms of our God. When faced with loss, with physical pain and with death, the hymnist says this:

*Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*      LSB #752 st. 1

Pains in this life will come. That is an unfortunate promise. The question, though, is this, "*Where will you go when those pains come?*" Thanks be to God we have a loving Savior in Jesus Christ who invites us to come to Him.

— Pastor Grimenstein



# Chairman's Report

## Things are Heating Up this Summer at Zion

Hopefully, as a member of our church you were able to attend the Voter's Meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup> to ratify the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget for your church and preschool. Our budget is posted online and it has grown to three quarters of a million dollars over the years. We have been blessed, and the Council thanks you for your support. On July 25<sup>th</sup> please attend the regular quarterly Voter's Meeting to hear the various reports from the Boards and Committees that serve all of the membership's interests in your Christian community.

During July, (and possibly leaking into August a bit), there will be quite a lot of construction activity at the church/preschool campus. Please try to mind the areas that might be impacted by this activity. The most extensive situation will be the kitchen renovation. Again, thank you for supporting the fundraiser to make this happen; after 50+ years, it was needed and a lot of work was done by the engaged members who brought this to fruition.



"Engagement" and participation is something we all need to consider as we move toward the coming nomination process to fill various slots on Boards and Committees, as well as Officer positions at your church. There are a lot of opportunities to serve at Zion. Please



consider being an active and engaged "member" and not just "belonging" to Zion, (as I wrote in this forum at the beginning of 2019, 30 months ago).

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy the gift of your life. God loves you. Take a peek at Ephesians 6:10-20 and consider Paul's admonition to us. As he signs off in this letter, he's identifying the foes, showing us what our defenses to evil should be, and encouraging us to pray and persevere. So, let's keep the Christian Church on earth, our LCMS missions and our District churches, and your home at Zion in our prayers over the next few months as the temperatures get hotter and we keep our faith strong, our worship robust and voices raised in song and praise. Enjoy being a Christian. We have been blessed...!!!

— Paul Klemash



**Join us for a Movie Night under the stars!**

We will be showing the movie Soul  
Friday July 16th (rain date Saturday July 17th)

Arrive at 7:30pm—Movie starts at 8:00pm

Light Snacks & Drinks provided  
BYOB—Bring your own Blanket & (Adult) Beverage!!

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### Bridgeville Area Food Bank

The July collection for the Bridgeville Area Food Bank is Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. The “items of the month” for July are COOKIES. The August collection for the Food Bank is Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. The “items for the month” are CRACKERS.



Items may be placed in the wicker receptacle in the narthex near the coat rack. Many families in our area are in need due to the financial downturn. Please continue to support the Food Bank with your donations and volunteer service!

# Sunday School & VBS

Sunday School classes have ended for the summer months.  
Classes will resume on Rally Day – Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.

## VBS at a Glance: The Week in Pictures

We had an amazing time at Rocky Railway Vacation Bible school, imagining what it is like to ride a steam engine train through the majestic Rocky Mountains. 86 children and 50 volunteers learned about how the power of Jesus helps us and gives us hope! Most importantly, we talked about the gospel, the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ for all people.

We exceeded our goal of \$500.00 and collected \$827.10 for the Little Lambs Lutheran Preschool in Belize! It was a truly outstanding week for all who participated.



In our VBS Storytelling station, the team brings Bible stories to life for the children.

This year stories centered around the apostle Paul who "sailed on a ship" during a storm (*shown top left*). God promised Paul that everyone on the ship would be safe, and Paul encouraged everyone on board with God's promise, which gave them hope.

On Wednesday, children met disciples Peter and John, and a lame man asking for money. Through Peter and John, God healed the lame man. Peter and John were bold talking about Jesus and were even thrown in jail for it (*bottom left*). But that didn't stop them! Eventually, they were set free. We can have courage to talk about Jesus with others, too!



Later in the week, we saw a dramatic shadow play (*shown right*) with narration describing Jesus' passion in the Garden, his suffering and crucifixion, and glorious resurrection on Easter. Children were told that Jesus did all of this because he loves each one of them. What an impactful way to share the Good News with children!



To see more pictures of Rocky Railway VBS and a summary of what we did every day, visit the home page of Zion's website: [www.zlcb.org/vbs](http://www.zlcb.org/vbs)

## ... VBS at a Glance

In addition to the Bible Storytelling station, each day our kids enjoyed KidVid cinema, where they watched videos with children from around the world who are trusting God despite challenges in their lives. They went to Imagination Station where they made kid-friendly "science" projects that related to the daily Bible theme. They enjoyed daily singing, games and snacks, in addition to opening and closing skits and lessons from both VBS Director Katie Gielarowski and Pastor Grimenstein (along with Rocky Railroad "Engineer" aka John Gielarowski).

On our last day, we took the opportunity to thank Director Katie Gielarowski for leading our VBS program for the past 15 years! Thank you Katie for your dedicated service to Zion and God's children!



# Shout Out to Students



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



Pictured from L-R ...

**First Row** – Will Schrag, Elizabeth Lemonovich, Claire Lemonovich, Kate Lemonovich, Michael Dyczewski, Daniel Grimenstein.

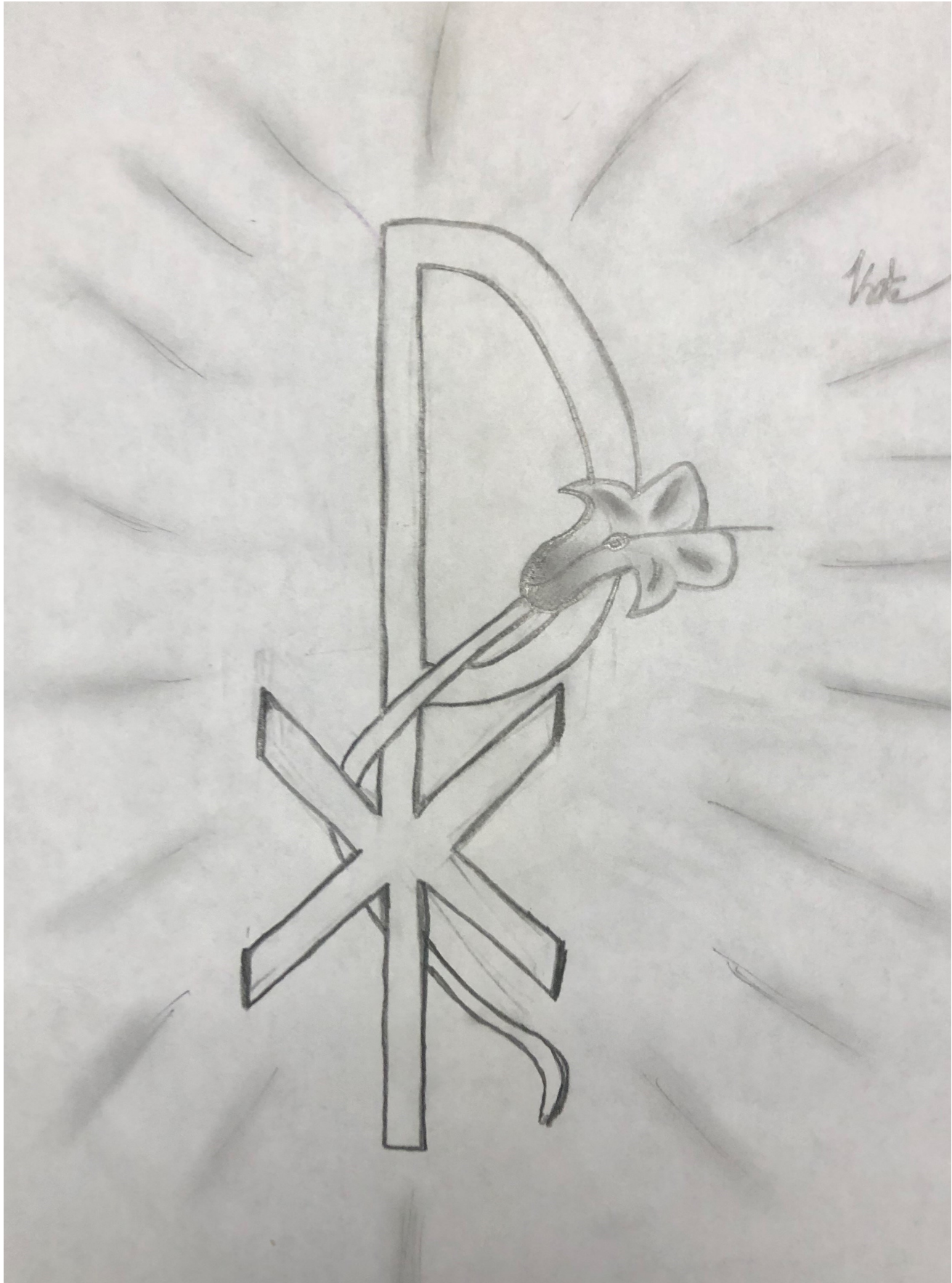
**Second Row** – Johnny Lemonovich, Sam Bishop, Jenna McCoy, Gianna Kragel, Anna Gresh, Jeremy Dyczewski, Decklan Pasquini.

**Third Row** – Jack Bishop, Max Gresh (in Roman Guard costume) Luke Lemonovich, Susie Haviland, and Lilia Schmidt. Not pictured ... Augie Bishop

Our student helpers are a key part of the success of Zion's Vacation Bible School program each year. During this year's Rocky Railway VBS held in June, student helpers aged 12 to 20 served as Crew Helpers, Storytellers, Check-in Greeters, Nursery Helpers, and Games Helpers. A big thank you goes out to our student volunteers!



*CALLING ALL PARENTS: If your son or daughter has received special academic or extra-curricular accolades for their activities in school, sports teams, volunteer organizations, community clubs, etc., let us know! Forward a brief description of the achievement to Susie in the church office and we'll include it in the following month's newsletter.*



*Pencil drawing by Kate Lemonovich, age 13.*

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MINISTRIES 2021 FASHION LUNCHEON

# Pearls and Lace

Save the New Date!

Saturday, October 23, 2021

Butler Country Club, 10 a.m.

Join a group of our Zion ladies at this luncheon to support the mission of Concordia Lutheran Ministries, our local, Lutheran senior care provider. For details and ticket information, please contact Zion member Janet Zreliak at [zreliak@aol.com](mailto:zreliak@aol.com) or 412-921-1668.

## Luther says . . .

“I wait for the Lord.” — *Psalm 130:5*



There are some people who want to show God the goal and to determine the time and the manner and at the same time suggest how they wish to be helped. If things do not turn out as they wish, they become fainthearted or, if they can, they seek help elsewhere. They do not wait upon God; instead God is supposed to wait for them and be ready at once to help them in the way they planned.

But those who truly wait upon God ask for grace, and they leave it free to God's good pleasure how, where, and by what means he shall help them.





## Zion's Forward in Faith Kitchen Campaign Final Update

We are pleased to announce that we have met our Campaign Goal of \$100,000! Thanks be to God!!!

Over the past several months it's been wonderful to see folks come together to support this campaign. The kitchen remodeling work has begun, and is projected to be completed by the first week of August!

God's blessings,  
Forward in Faith Committee

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*Dear Zion friends,*

*Thank you so much for the expressions of sympathy, kind words of understanding 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 Always,*

*Janet and Larry Zreliak*





What About...

## Fellowship in the Lord's Supper

Fellowship in the Lord's Supper is the basis for the practice of "close" or "closed communion." (The phrases "close communion" and "closed communion" refer to one and the same practice). This pamphlet will help you appreciate, understand and explain to others the practice of close communion.

### What does God teach in His Word?

"Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body.' Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.' " (cf. Matt. 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–25; Luke 22:14–20; 1 Cor. 11:17–29).

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42).

"Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Cor. 11:26–29).

### What does the Lutheran church believe about the Lord's Supper?

The Lutheran church believes, teaches and confesses that the Lord's Supper is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and to drink. We hold that the bread and the wine in the Supper are the true body and blood of Christ and that these are given and received into the mouths of all who commune. Those who believe the promise: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. This promise, along with the bodily eating and drinking, is the main thing in the Sacrament.

The Lutheran church rejects and condemns incorrect understandings of the Lord's Supper, such as the view that

the sacrifice of the Mass delivers man from his sins, or that the substance of the consecrated bread and wine is actually changed into the body and blood of Christ. We also reject and condemn the view that in the Lord's Supper the true body and blood of Christ is not received by the mouth of the communicants, under the bread and wine, but is received only spiritually in the heart by faith, or that the bread and wine are only symbols of the far-distant body and blood of our Lord.

### How is it an expression of church fellowship?

While the Lord's Supper is always a personal matter, it is never a private matter. That is an important truth that is often overlooked. Those who commune at the same altar are thereby declaring publically that they are united in the doctrine of the Apostles (Acts 2:42). Therefore, fellowship in the Supper is church fellowship. This is what is taught by Holy Scripture in 1 Cor. 10 and 11. Here is how one of our church's teachers explained this truth:

"As there is but one bread, one loaf, from which we eat, so we who are eating of this loaf are one body. The eating of one and the same loaf of bread unifies us to one body. Our participation in the Lord's Supper is a public profession on our part that we are not only in fellowship with Christ, but that we also are in fellowship with those with whom we commune at the Lord's Table. We all eat the same bread, the body of Christ. Through that act we indicate that we belong together. All of us Christians who in the Lord's Supper eat the body of Christ and drink His blood present ourselves as one spiritual family. What we eat and drink together, Christ's body and blood, ties us together more closely than the bonds of blood. We declare ourselves to be brothers and sisters in Christ. Upon this Bible passage do we base the saying, 'Altar Fellowship is Church Fellowship.'

"This passage in Corinthians strikes a crushing blow at unionism. To admit those who believe differently to our Communion, and so to our church fellowship, is a contradiction in itself. For those who approach the same altar together profess to be one—one in all points of Christian doctrine and practice—while in



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reality they disagree. It would be shameful hypocrisy on our part if we would have those who actually profess a different faith than we do join us at the Lord's Altar" (Stoeckhardt, *1 Corinthians*, p.60–61).

### What is the Lutheran church's motive for practicing close communion?

Our Synod's Commission on Theology and Church Relations offers the following helpful explanation of why we practice close communion:

"Close communion seeks to prevent a profession of confessional unity in faith where there is, in fact, disunity and disagreement. It would be neither faithful to the Scriptural requirements for admission to Holy Communion (1 Cor. 11:27ff; cf. 10:16–17) nor helpful to fallen humanity if the Christian Church welcomes to its altars those who deny or question clear Scriptural teachings.

"The reasons for the practice of close Communion are often misunderstood by Christians who have been accustomed to an 'open Communion' policy. In a tract titled, *Why Close Communion?* the rationale for the practice of close communion is explained in this way:

'So it is not that a Lutheran congregation wants to bar fellow saints from the blessings of the Eucharist when they practice Close Communion. It is not that they want to be separatistic, or set themselves up as judges of other men. The practice of Close Communion is prompted by love and is born of the heartfelt conviction, on the basis of Scripture alone, that we must follow Christ's command. This means refusing the Lord's Supper to those whose belief is not known to us. It is not showing love to allow a person to do something harmful, even though he may think it is for his own good. It also means if they are members of a Christian body which departs from the full truth of the Scripture in some of its doctrines, that we must not minimize the evil of this false teaching by opening our fellowship to any and all Christians who err in the faith' [Deffner, *Why Close Communion?*, p.14].

"In keeping with the principle that the celebration and reception of the Lord's Supper is a confession of the unity of faith, while at the same time recognizing that there will be instances when sensitive pastoral care needs to be exercised, the Synod has established an official practice requiring, 'that pastors and congregations of the LCMS,

except in situations of emergency and in special cases of pastoral care, commune individuals of only those synods that are now in fellowship with us. By following this practice whereby only those who are members of the Synod or of a church body with which the Synod is in altar and pulpit fellowship are ordinarily communed, pastors and congregations preserve the integrity of their witness to the Gospel as it is revealed in the Scriptures and confessed in the Lutheran confessional writings.'"

"The Office of the Keys is less than faithfully exercised when admission to the Sacrament is granted to all who come to the altar regardless of their faith and congregational and/or denominational affiliation. The practice of open Communion renders it difficult, if not impossible, for church discipline to be exercised in a way that honors the ministrations being carried out by those to whom the responsibility of spiritual care for a member of God's flock has been entrusted" (Heb. 13:17; cf. John 20:22–23; Acts 20:27–28; 1 Cor. 4:1–2. *Theology & Practice of Lord's Supper*, pp.21–23).

### Conclusion

On the basis of God's Holy Word, our Lutheran church continues to practice the ancient, Biblical and confessional practice of close communion as an opportunity to give joyful witness to our unity in the true faith. We practice close communion with the belief that this is what the Lord would have us do as we faithfully administer His body and blood in His holy Sacrament. Close communion is not a practice unique to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. It is also practiced by the majority of Christians in the world who are members of the Roman Catholic and Orthodox communions.

Hopefully, this brief explanation will help you, or someone else, understand that our love for our Lord and His Sacrament, and our love for the individual, is the reason why we practice close communion.

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

# 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Festival

Sunday, July 25, 2021

12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Lund Care Center Backyard, 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023

Kids Fishing Derby & Activities

Pittsburgh Doo Wop Big Band, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Haven Apartments Open House, 1-3 p.m.

Car Cruise, 12:30-3 p.m.

Worship Service at 4 p.m. featuring  
Rev. Jack Hartman, Director of Chaplaincy Services,  
Concordia Lutheran Ministries

Summer Picnic Themed Menu



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# July/August Service Participants

	Elders	Altar Guild	8:00 am Ushers	10:30 am Ushers
July	Jim Neill, Mike Kroeger	Clara Hayes, Sandy Bryant	Brian & Megan Pasquini, Wayne & Barb Oechslein	John & Kari Gresh, Andy & Dwight Weldon
August	Brian Pasquini, Bill Bishop	Megan Pasquini, Diana Schmidt, Barb Oechslein	Shane Bryant, Bill Schrag, Ken Schrag, Tim Sheldon	Mike Kozak, Susie Bishop, Anna Gresh, John Lemonovich

	Acolytes	Time
July 4	Elder Elder	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
July 11	Sam Bishop John Lemonovich	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
July 18	Decklan Pasquini Christian Bonacci	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
July 25	Noah Wallace Elder	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
August 1	Will Schrag Christian Bonacci	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
August 8	Noah Wallace Lizzie Lemonovich	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
August 15	Decklan Pasquini Sam Bishop	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
August 22	Will Schrag Sam Bishop	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
August 29	Elder Elder	8:00 AM 10:30 AM



# JULY

## Birthdays

2 London Killinger

2 Shelley Killinger

3 Karen Bauer

5 Timothy Albert

8 Roxanne Burgh

8 Richard Trudel

9 Florence Boehme

11 Clara Hayes

12 Mamie Papeaka

14 Dominic Dibert

15 Brad Boyle

15 Bob Liberatore

16 Tim Albert

16 John T. Gielarowski

18 Emily Trentini

19 Anna Grimenstein

19 Robyn Reihner

20 Paul Hayes

21 Evelyn Gielarowski

22 Roger Diederich

28 Payten Ciccone

30 Tess Conner

31 Nathaniel Howcroft

*Take my life and let it be,  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in endless praise.*

*LSB #783*



# JULY

## Anniversaries

7 Harry & Eileen Davis

7 Vince & Ginny Kimberland

17 John & Katie Gielarowski

24 Ben & Megan Meyer

26 Paul & Nancy Klemash





# August

## BIRTHDAYS

2 Carrie Albert

2 Anna Gresh

5 Darla Rockovich

8 Paul Klemash

9 Pam Trentini

10 Sean Carthy

10 Matt Liberatore

12 Jenn Fitzgerald

13 Sam Trentini

14 Paula Jones

14 Bill Koester

15 Jason Trentini

19 Jack Bishop

20 Lynn Carthy

21 Matthew Oelschlager

22 Pippa Carter

22 Jane Lenhart

23 Tevia Grimenstein

25 Ed Malachosky

25 Megan Meyer

25 Gretchen Schinkel

30 Bernie Blanco

31 Mitchell Fitzgerald



# August

## ANNIVERSARIES

3 John & Tracey Coyle

6 Tom & Lynn Carthy

6 Max & Jean Ma

11 Ken & Bethany Schrag

22 Ronald & Betty Valentino

24 John & Kari Gresh



29 David & Mary Hutula

30 Bob & Diana Schmidt

31 Bill & Susie Bishop



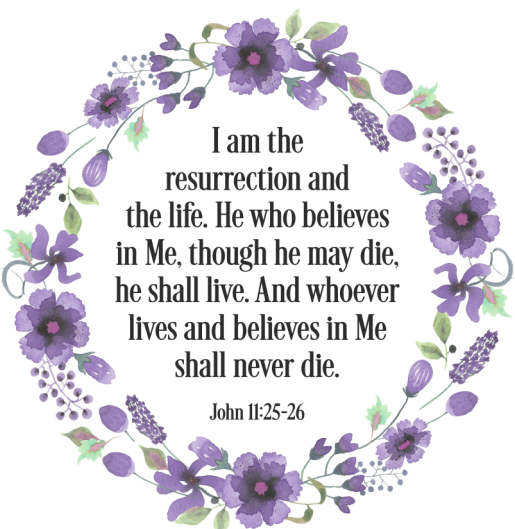
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11 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult/ Teen Bible Class 10:30 am Worship  <b>FOOD BANK COLLECTION</b>	12	13	14 7:00 pm Service of Prayer & Preaching	15	16 7:30 pm Outdoor Movie Night	17 7:30 pm Outdoor Movie Night (RAIN DATE)
18 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult/ Teen Bible Class 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Intro to 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering (lunch provided)	19	20	21 7:00 pm Service of Prayer & Preaching	22		
25 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult/ Teen Bible Class 10:30 am Worship  All-Church Voters' Meeting after second service	26 7:00 pm Board of Education Mtg	27	28 7:00 pm Service of Prayer & Preaching	29	30	31





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