
Agapegram

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The LCMS Response to the Roe Decision

Indeed, children are a heritage from the LORD. The fruit of the womb is a reward from him. Psalm 127:3 EHV

In light of the landmark Supreme Court decision regarding *Roe v. Wade* and Federal involvement in abortion issues a few weeks ago, we reproduce here the remarks of LCMS Synodical President, Rev. Matthew Harrison:

Today is a monumental day, a day on which we simultaneously rejoice, pray, give thanks, lament, repent and weep. The Supreme Court reversed *Roe v. Wade* and returned the responsibility for protecting life to the states. “*Held*: The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; *Roe* and *Casey* are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives” (SCOTUS, *Dobbs v. Jackson*, 1).

“[The Lord] has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate” (Luke 1:52).

Today is also the Church’s feast day, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ. These two events are a happy convergence.

Today we celebrate the birth of the one who, before he was born, leaped in joyful Spirit-inspired confession when his mother met the mother of his unborn Lord. Today we take comfort in our Lord’s unborn forerunner and in the unborn Savior. We also rejoice at the resounding victory for life in the United States. Many of us long doubted it would ever come. The Lord has had mercy upon us, even us, sinners all, even in these times.

Today we continue to speak out against the evil of abortion, which many will continue to practice and advocate in states bent on death. Many who have been misled by the father of lies and the culture of death greet this day with weeping and gnashing of teeth. Today we continue to sing that the Lord “has visited and redeemed his people” (Luke 1:68).

Today we pray for unborn children who remain unprotected in many states. Today, in many places, the abortion industry continues to kill unborn children and welcomes those from states where such killing is illegal. Today we take comfort that by the Lord’s hand “we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us” (Luke 1:71).

Today we repent of our own lack of love for the least, the last and the lost, for mothers in need and families facing crises. Today we celebrate God’s gift of the one He sent to “go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins” (Luke 1:76–77).

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Today we recommit to love all, unborn and born. Today we receive the sunrise from on high, “to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death” (Luke 1:79).

Today we proclaim: Repent and believe the Good News that Jesus Christ, conceived by the Spirit, formed in the womb and born of the virgin Mary, died and rose for sinners. That includes all of us. Today we give thanks for John who preached repentance and pointed to the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29).

Today we lovingly invite all to listen to Jesus’ call, “repent and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15). If you have caused an abortion, the taking of life, there is forgiveness in Jesus! Don’t be hardened in sin or advocate for more sins. Today you have hope in the One whose way John the Baptist prepared. Jesus is for sinners. Come join the rest of us forgiven sinners! Jesus is for you! You need not have a bad conscience! Repent and believe the Good News of God’s love for you in Jesus.

Today we lament that the U.S. Supreme Court continues to deny the unborn the legally recognized right to life. Even though *Roe v. Wade* has fallen, states can still allow the killing of unborn children. Today we pray that more unborn will leap for joy in the womb, as St. John did.

Today, even as we rejoice, we weep that U.S. policy continues to promote abortion globally. Today we bend our knees in prayer.

O Lord, “let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream” (Amos 5:24). The Lord preceded His Son, our Savior, with a forerunner. We pray that today’s decision points ahead to the day when every state advances the cause of life and expands protections for unborn children.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Matthew C. Harrison

President

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

And so, the traditional prayers of the church continue: Thanks be to God!

And: Lord, have mercy!

For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 EHV

Pastor David



Deaconess' Musings

No Good Found...Except in Christ

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD; I have no good apart from you." ~Psalm 16:1-2

Often times we find ourselves unsure. Unsure of the world. Unsure of our nation. Unsure of ourselves. Unsure of what is yet to come. Unsure of _____ (you fill it in). We feel the need to find assurance in things, people, places, and experiences claiming to solve all our problems and fears. We take actions that further seek to find confidence in ourselves, and to rely on personal feelings and thoughts as justification. And the result? We fail. Time and time again. That once shining and gleaming assurance turns to rotten and rusty despair or pride. And the vicious cycle begins again.

However, David, inspired by the Holy Spirit, writes in the psalm that in the Lord alone is found refuge and good. That sure and certain confidence we yearn for is found in the Lord, in Christ alone. Turning away from our idols of others, things, and ourselves, we see our failings and sins against our God. In His gracious mercy, our God does not leave us mired in the deep pit of our sin. Christ stoops down and picks us up, dusts us off, and proclaims the words we need to hear the most, "Your sins are forgiven. You are mine. I died for you. I rose for you. I will keep you forever."

That, my brothers and sisters, is sure confidence. Your faith, given to you in your baptism and sustained by Holy Communion, is in that same Christ. In no other place is your confidence found. He upholds your faith, strengthens it, and keeps it firm. Do not doubt it. For if Christ, our Creator and Redeemer, promises to keep you, it is done. Finalized over two-thousand years ago across the sea.

There is no good apart from Christ. But in Him, there is the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. Amen.

~Deaconess Holly

Leap

into

Sunday School



Children's Sunday School Classes begin August 21st at 9:45 am

Lower Elementary: Meet w/Debbie Bell & Sue Blount
in Room #300.

Upper Elementary: Meet w/Kate Wells & Janet Walker
in room #301.

Youth Class: Meet w/Deaconess Holly Cox in room #213.

*"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly,"
Colossians 3:16*

Ladies

*Blessed be the Lord,
Who has delivered you.
Exodus 18:10*

Thursday Bible Study – Fall 2022 - Start-up

ROUND THE TABLE

**September 8th
3:00 – 4:30**

PLEASE JOIN US!

***** SEPTEMBER 8TH — NOVEMBER 10TH *****

The Jen Wilkin Studies have been well received and we are excited to offer another. On Thursday, September 8, we will start the first half of **EXODUS: GOD OF DELIVERANCE**.

The exodus of the Israelites shapes our understanding of the whole Bible, its themes reverberating all the way to Revelation. Exodus is the birth narrative of a nation unmistakably guided by the great Deliverer, our Lord and God.

God who delivered Israel also delivers all of those He loves. He lifts our eyes to the promised land He has prepared where we dwell with Him and worship Him as the one true God.

We hope you will join us as we grow in the Word and in our faith.

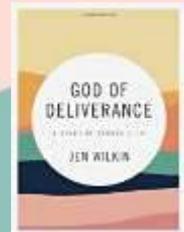
Books are available:

Amazon (\$18.99 with free shipping / Amazon Prime)

Christian Book Distributor (\$15.99 plus shipping)

Lifeway (\$15.99 plus shipping OR Bible Study Book with Video Access \$24.99)

Any religious store or bookstore.



Questions? Call or e-mail: *Margi McLain; Jan Walker; Jeanne Arkfeld; Deaconess Holly Cox or Tracy Cochell*

A Random Thought

By Bob Massa, Head Elder

Several months ago, I shared some sources I use in my daily Bible Study; however, I failed to mention that sometimes I am not as diligent as I should be and don't take the time to investigate or think about what I am reading. This occurred last week while in the study of the book of the Prophet Amos when a word that I had never seen appeared in a foot note. For some reason I was in a hurry and didn't bother to pursue the words meaning. A couple of days later in the same Bible book the word appeared again in another foot note. This time I stopped and sought its definition. The word was *Syncretistic*, and it means, an amalgamation or attempted amalgamation of different religions, cultures, or schools of thought. The Book of Amos is a warning to Israel and Judah while they are prosperous about God's judgement in part because of their Baal worship, worship of Idols, Pagan altars and shrines while still trying to keep their covenant with God. It was this attempt at a syncretistic theology which incurred God's anger because it ignored the First Commandment.

As Christians today are we different? When denominations and individuals state the Bible is out of touch and doesn't fit today's culture or lifestyles, how do we respond? What are our views on Same Sex marriages, abortion, gender changing, idols, etc.? Idols! We don't have any, or do we? For me, I need to be careful of the game of golf. Though I am not a good player it can consume a lot of my time and thoughts. Sometimes I quickly race through my daily devotions to get to the course or watch a televised match. Where does God fit in this? For others their idol might be a video game or games, their cell phones (why do we need to be on it walking down the street or driving our cars), their fantasy teams, or collectibles. These are a few of the more obvious.

An unknown word caused me to pause and to think about my life and how God truly is in it. That's probably why the Holy Spirit encourages me to do daily Bible study and to investigate words and phrases I don't understand.



*"Every word of God is pure;
He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him." Proverbs 30:5*

STARTING SOON—DINNER FOR SIX— SUPPER CLUB

This will be a dinner hosted by one person who will provide the main course and others assigned will bring sides to compliment the main dish. The people will be randomly assigned. What a wonderful way to get to know more people in the church. Please sign-up on the ***Dinner For Six*** sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Any questions contact Jeanne Arkfeld 614-499-2298 cell or jeanne.arkfeld@gmail.com



Please Note this is separate and different from Dinner @ 6:00 which is dinner at a local restaurant.

Ministry of the Month: Our Youth

1 Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

We are so fortunate to have teenagers in our church! Over the past several months you have had the opportunity to look at the bulletin board outside of the youth room to be introduced to our teens. Have you taken the time to speak to them about their interests? Asked how things may be going? Or considered how you might get involved with these interesting kids?

Our church may have a small youth group but the beauty in that is we have the opportunity to build meaningful relationships. I am certain that each of you reading this can think of a special adult who helped you grow and mature when you were a teenager.

If you would like to go beyond conversations with our youth, consider joining the Youth Board. We have space for anyone who wants to help us grow our program.

This month we will be highlighting upcoming events on our calendar for the youth. Jump in! Have some conversation and experiences with our teens. Through relationships we can strengthen our youth so that they confidently can serve *as examples of believers*.

When we, as members of our church family, pour into these teens we are helping them see Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church as **their** church, not just their parents'. Please reach out to me via email, phone call, or any Sunday morning if you would like more information about how you can get involved with these amazing kids.

Andrea Toussaint
Director of the Youth Board

Fighting the Violence

by Kerry Blount

It's definitely popular, at least among some Christian groups, to decry the potential effects of the poison of violence the media is steadily feeding our children. But where's the follow-through? And what about the potential effects for us as adults? Are we somehow immune to the gore? Experts repeatedly warn about a troubling desensitization to violence that accompanies an "entertainment" diet filled with hyper-realistic trauma, death, and destruction. But tens of millions, including "dyed-in-the-wool" Christians, persist in consuming—and letting their children consume—the sounds and images of egregious, senseless violence as their preferred brain food. After all, "it's just a movie; just TV; just a game; just the way life is."

Yes, some say that's just the way it is. But it's not the way it has to be. It's actually our choice how to feed our minds and hearts and those of our children. When the Holy Spirit inspires the Apostle Paul to write "...whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things" (*Philippians 4:8*), the One who died for us is trying to tell us something important. Think for a moment how our entertainment options would change if we used His list to judge acceptable content and inform our choices and those of our children. Ask yourself: Was the last "entertainment" I paid for something that He would recommend?

"But that approach would make me miss all the best movies and my favorite shows," you might say. If so, you would be judging "best" by a measure other than God's, and perhaps declaring your preference for the very things He asks us avoid (*see Galatians 5:19-21*).

Like any addiction, the unrecognized addiction to violence is hard to break at any age. But a few simple steps, when consistently applied, can help. For one month, try this: Turn off the TV programs full of violence and the games and streaming movies full of mayhem. Turn on some music (the non-violent kind). Take your kids to the park and play with them. Read to your children, and if needed, explain the scary and violent parts. Take a friend to a concert. Walk your neighborhood with your family and wave (or even speak!) to your neighbors. Buy a few extra groceries and invite the couple across the street to your house for hot dogs and potato salad. Volunteer at the school, at the library, at Habitat for Humanity, or at any of the many ministries here at Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church. None of them are violent. Non-violent activities abound, but you have to seek them out, and you have to deliberately select them over the easy and powerful temptation of slickly-packaged violence that's on sale everywhere.

A recently published book about a boy, a mole, a fox, and a horse has the mole asking the boy, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" "Kind," says the boy. Be assured that consuming a steady diet of all kinds of violence will not lead the child toward his goal. It won't lead your child—or you—to that goal either. So take some simple steps—make a start—to disrupt a society-wide addiction to violence. And now you're fighting the real enemy with real actions that can lead to real consequences for the worldly cult of violence. And let your courage soar, for He has overcome the world.

Father, make us bold to confront the cult of violence in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Comfort Dog News

One thing that personally brings me much joy is the love that is shown to Seth by people in our community nearly every day. For instance, Seth visits the Prisma Health Cancer Center every Monday morning followed by a visit to Oconee Memorial Hospital. Everyone always asks how old is Seth? So we mentioned that Seth was turning 5 on July 10. The morning following his birthday he received a basket chock full of goodies - treats, bandanas, bones, and toys. On our next visit, he received a rather large stuffed squid and another bandana! Aside from physical gifts for Seth, we often hear from the nurses at the hospital that Mondays are more bearable because they know Seth will visit. When he shows up at the nurse's station, they all take a quick break from their work and pet Seth. The smiles and look of happiness on their faces, make us feel like what we are doing is a blessing to them. We know we can't take away their stress or heavy workload but for a few minutes, we can offer that little break, that moment of joy, and perhaps a minute of stress relief!

Our visits to assisted living facilities are also places that the residents express their love for Seth. The picture below basically shows how much he is loved. He gets hugged, kissed and petted all over. It is amazing that some residents who initially said they either didn't like dogs or would rather not pet him, are suddenly petting him that even the staff are amazed. As one ministry partner said, Seth knows his job and he does it well.

I think I can speak for those on the team that our "work" is a blessing not only to us but to so many special people we meet along the way. We are grateful for Seth who is always willing to go and share some joy in hot weather, cold weather, rain or shine! To that I say, thanks be to God for sending us this precious dog and allowing us to serve our neighbor alongside him!

To God be the Glory,
Kyra Carbone, Top Dog



Seth and his new stuffed squid!



Receiving the love!

VOLUNTEER WITH US
AT OUR
BACK TO SCHOOL
BASH

August 6, 2022, 3:00 PM-7:00 PM

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HOSTED BY **Fostering Faithfully**

Email
fosteringfaithfully@gmail.com
 to volunteer!



Help us celebrate and support foster, kinship and adoptive families in our community. Join us August 6, 2022 from 3:00 PM-7:00 PM for the @JockeyBeingFamily Back to School Bash. From setup, to check-in, to passing out fully-stocked backpacks—we need YOU to help make this school year the best one yet! Contact Kim Singleton at fosteringfaithfully@gmail.com or sign up here and you will receive an email with details:

<https://forms.gle/RRzaUS24vUWwvPPS8>
 #JBFBBacktoSchoolBash

NOTE: We are not advertising the location, but will send an individual email to everyone who signs up to serve.

BACK TO SCHOOL
BASH

Calling for Donations
 School Supplies Needed to Fill
 150 Backpacks for Foster,
 Kinship and Adoptive Children

Drop off at Upstate Children's
 Center, 905 E Main St.,
 Walhalla or email
fosteringfaithfully@gmail.com
 for pickups

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Items Needed for each Backpack

Composition Notebooks-4	Crayons-Box of 24
Folders-4	Markers-Box of 12
Pencils-12	Glue Sticks-Pack of 2
Colored Pencils-Box of 12	Rulers-1
Erasers-2	Highlighters-4
Pens-12	

Deadline-August 1, 2022, 5:30 PM



Keeping Watch

“And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.” Luke 2:8

I have long been moved by the mental image of the devoted shepherds keeping watch over their sheep as the Lamb of God, who would ultimately keep watch over us all, was born just over the hill from them in the little village of Bethlehem. That image has often drawn me to ponder the characteristics of a good shepherd, one who consistently leads the flock to safe places to graze and to drink, one who prepares and secures the sheepfold as a place of refuge, and one who courageously protects his sheep in the face of danger.

Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church has been blessed by a Pastor/Shepherd who, in service to the Great Shepherd, seeks to lead us in these safe pathways. One of the primary mechanisms he uses to do so is the ESLC Safety Committee, which recommends congregational policy and practices for the safety and security of *all* who attend ESLC and participate in activities in our facilities. This group of dedicated men and women has helped strengthen our facility from intrusion in numerous ways, provided safety training for the Council, the Elders, and other program leaders, provided shelter-in-place locations and equipment around the building, and trimmed foliage and expanded lighting in the parking lot to improve nighttime safety.

At the same time, ESLC has been blessed with a growing flock of children and youth involved in various activities (Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, service projects, Christmas and Easter activities, and others). The congregation came together as a whole in 2018 to acknowledge the need to provide for their safety while engaged in these pursuits. As a result, ESLC has developed Child/Youth Safety policy and procedures that incorporate various “due diligence” measures to ensure that we maintain a safe environment for them. Such measures include background checks and training for their teachers and assistants, periodic safety training, first aid kits in every classroom, evacuation plans, designated shelter-in-place locations, and safety monitors to check the facility and respond to emergency calls for assistance.

Keeping watch, and ensuring our ability to continue doing so, does not have a termination date this side of Heaven. To be effective, these efforts require routine investments of time, effort, and resources to maintain and enhance the safety of the entire congregation and those we seek to introduce to the joy of the Gospel. Given the importance and the breadth of these tasks, ESLC needs your hands to hold up those of our Pastor, on whom this responsibility rests. **We need Safety Committee participants, Child/Youth Safety Committee participants, Safety Monitors for the coming Sunday School year, and others who will help us “keep watch” over the souls—young and old—entrusted to this community of God’s people in Seneca. Come help us. For more details or to serve please contact Dan Arkfeld or Kerry Blount. Thank you.**

Wonderful Summer in Haiti Pas Bonbon Church & School

The following is from Pastor Walta sent to all of us at Eternal Shepherd:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am so glad to write you today. I pray that all is well, no matter how things are turning around in this sinful world, and in Haiti. Words are not sufficient to express to you my gratitude and thankfulness for all you are doing for us in Haiti. Even during suffering and hardships in Haiti, we continue to trust our God and believe in His promises.

The pictures below are Pastor Samuel and one of the students with Luther's Small Catechism provided to them in French by ESLC. We supplied 50 of these books along with 50 Bibles, also in French. Our goal is to have enough so each child has their own set of books. Below is a picture of one of the VBS classes. Some meet inside and others outside under tarps.



For lunch the children have spaghetti. For dinner they have Rice, Beans, and Chicken. Each meal is set up for 320 children. From our gardens, we use plantain, and we use our fruits for juice. Thank you!



We really appreciate what you are doing for us in Haiti. In the name of the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and School in Pas Bonbon and in my own, I thank you so much for all of you.

God will continue to bless you! He will continue to bless the Central-Plateau. The peace of God which surpasses all understanding will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

In Christ,
Pas Bonbon



Operation Christmas Child Update:

I always like to share whenever God shows me how much He's the One *actually* in charge of this ministry! On July 17th, while I was dressed as a giant Shoebox, I met DeDe Riddering who was visiting our church from Westminster, SC. She told me that she works with the organization "Days for Girls" which is dedicated to sewing reusable feminine pads and donating them for use by women and girls around the globe.



Imagine my joy to learn that there's a group whose mission it is to make reusable pads for girls around the world, and we send reusable pads in our shoeboxes! Meeting her was no coincidence. That was ALL God! It seems to me that there could be a way that our ministries could help, and benefit from, each other. I'll be attending a get-together on July 28th to learn more from DeDe about what they do, and find out if there's a way that we might be able to work together in the future.

Thank you to everyone who donated to help support the ministry of Operation Christmas Child during our 7th Annual "Christmas in July" fundraiser. Being featured as the Ministry of the Month in July allowed me to answer questions from many of you and provide information and stories to inspire you. The funds received will go toward shipping costs, and purchasing the remaining supplies that will be packed in the shoeboxes at our Packing Party, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th. I would also like to thank everyone who donated pill bottles to the ministry so we can make up and send 'Fishing Kits' to the 10-14 year old boys this year. We would love to collect your bottles going forward and will place a collection box next to the large Shoebox display in the fellowship hall for your convenience! Please remember that you can continue to donate to this ministry, online or by check, throughout the year. We can always use the money, and would be most grateful! As you can see, God continues to lead and bless this ministry to accomplish His plans. If you have any questions, or would like to get involved with Operation Christmas Child in some capacity, please contact Terri Baumann at (864) 882-4386.

~ Good News! Great Joy!

Honduras News: *Prayer request* - If you have ever considered a mission trip please **pray** about being part of our **mission to Honduras, Nov. 5 – 12, 2022**. We presently do not have enough folks expressing a desire to be part of the fall team and if we don't have more we will probably have to cancel the trip. We will have to make a decision by the middle of August, so please pray about this now. Team meetings must begin and flights scheduled by September to ensure seats.

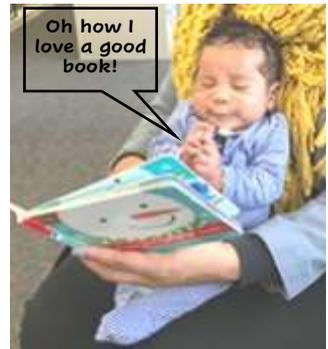
The mission is much like we experienced in the past but on a somewhat limited basis. The brigades will be in local churches with medical, dental, some optical, and children's ministry as before plus installing water filters in homes. The need is still there but the government is new and still trying to find its way in certain areas, of which missions are one.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to join our mission to the people of Honduras.

*Dios te bendiga (God bless you),
Pastor Ray Ramsburg*

Volunteers Needed for BabyRead

*BabyRead is an early literacy program dedicated to low-income families in Oconee County. Volunteers are needed to read one-on-one to moms and their babies or toddlers at public venues twice a month for one hour each time. Covid options are available which don't require face-to-face contact. We are, also, looking for volunteers in management, leadership, and administrative positions. To become a **BabyRead** volunteer, call (864) 643-8083 or visit www.babyread.org.*



Scrip Cards are available and make great gifts as well as earn money for Eternal Shepherd at the same time. Please note we have Publix, Ingles and Walmart gift cards available. For orders please contact **Beckie Rau** at (864) 944-6096. After the order is received one of the Scrip ladies will contact you to make arrangements for delivery. Scrip Card Team: **Beckie Rau, Libby Dunlap, Elisabeth Baker & Sue Hauser**. ~Thank you for your support.



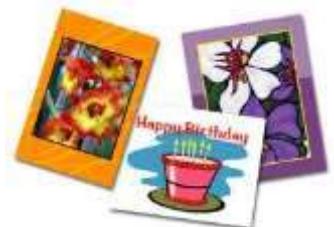
ON-LINE GIVING Remember you can give on-line. Just go to our church website at www.eternalshepherd.org and click on the On-line Giving bar in the top right corner on the homepage. ~Thank you for your faithful support.



FOOD BANK NEWS: Please help us in collecting preferred needed canned, or boxed grocery items each month to help restock the Golden Corner Food Pantry's shelves. **August's** preferred product is "**Canned Meat**" (Please place items in one of the trash cans marked Food Bank down by the main Fellowship Hall). ~Thank you for your generosity and support.



CARD CART NEWS! - If you have a chance, stop by the **Card Cart Ministry Display in the Fellowship Hall**. You might find a card that is just perfect for someone you know! There is a wide variety for all kinds of occasions and the price is perfect!!! \$.50 for all cards and \$5.00 for a box of 12 found on the bottom of the cart.



Hospitality Happenings for August

8/7 – Monty & Julie Moore

8/14 – Kerry & Sue Blount

8/21 – Cecil & Cara Murray

8/28 – Mark & Sandy Kunkel



Sign up to serve. For the new members, this means setting out the coffee supplies and making coffee. If you would like, different treats can also be served, whether pre-packaged or homemade is entirely up to you—but not a requirement. **Sign-up on the calendar which is located on the bulletin board behind the coffee pot in the fellowship hall.** Also, if you are not comfortable for the first time, just let Skip and I know, and we will be happy to help you on that day. --*Thank you, Colleen Wakeman*

If you would like to serve on the hospitality board, please contact me ~Colleen Wakeman

August Birthdays

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| 1 – Jeff Williams | 16 – Nicole Beattie |
| 2 – Marie Schmidt | Beverly Zwahlen |
| Laura Scott | 17 – Nancy Hucker |
| 3 - Jim Andrews | Herb Schmidt |
| Alice Ramsburg | Peggy Voeltz |
| 4 – Amelia Bunning | 18 - Neal Beck |
| Cassidy Ray | 19 – Kory Keefer |
| 5 – Angie Hamilton | Lois Kieninger |
| Glenda Krabbe | 20 – Dian Opfer |
| Rev. Phil McLain | 21 – Amanda Wolber |
| 6 - Joshua Madden | 24 – Alec Todd |
| 8 – Phyllis Wells | Denise Zirbel |
| 10 – Josh Hammer | 26 – Barton Wyatt |
| Michael Johnson | 27 - Matt Wilson |
| 11 – Tracy Keefer | 28 – Mac McCrary |
| 12 – Garrett Davis | 29 – Christian Getchell |
| Janet Moriarty | Anthony Wilson |
| 14 - Ginger Barthel | 30 – Jason Stupke |
| Steve Christensen | Ray Wyatt |
| 15 – Rev. George | 31 – Brett Lucas |
| Coffman | |
| Rick Lucas | |



August Anniversaries

- 2 – James & Arline Ray
- 3 – Bill & Joanne Smith
- 6 – Jerry & Charlene Seiff
- 8 – Chris & Cindy Gibson
- Ben & Joan Kan
- 9 - John & Tracy Cochell
- Leo & Amy Rebholz
- 12 - Wayne & Sara Gugel
- Jim & Beverly Zwahlen
- 13 - Gary & Patty Smith
- 16 – Rick & Nancy Stockman
- 20 - Mike & Laura Scott
- 21 - Bill & Ginger Barthel
- Jim & Jody McKibben
- 23 – Jon & Barbara Wilken
- 26 – Eric & Karen Schmidt
- 27—Chad & Angie Hamilton
- 28 – Frank & Lois Kieninger
- 30 - Skip & Colleen Wakeman
- 31 – Jim & Janet Walker



SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS

In June the following gifts were given:

In loving memory of *Sami Johnson*
the Comfort Dog Ministry receive a gift of \$150.00,
and the General Fund received a gift of \$25.00

In loving memory of *Micky Louderback*
the General Fund received a gift of \$25.00

In loving memory of *Sue Rysinski*
the Comfort Dog Ministry received a gift of \$150.00,
and the General Fund received a gift of \$50.00

In loving memory of *Billy Schulz*
the Flower Fund received a gift of \$50.00

Other Gifts:

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$70.00

The Elders Fund received gifts of \$224.10,
and a gift of \$600.00 from CCCF Grant

The FCC Baby Bottle Drive Fund received gifts of \$727.01

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and a gift of \$500.00 from Blessings Shared Grant

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$1,205.00

The Honduras Mission Fund received gifts of \$600.00

The Little Lambs Preschool Fund received a gift of \$96.80

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$370.00

The Property Contingency Fund received a gift of \$1,000.00

The Mission Quilt Sewers Fund received a gift of \$250.00

The Safety Committee Fund received a gift of \$250.00

The Youth Fund received gifts of \$100.00

The Youth LCMS National Gathering 2022 Fund received gifts of \$891.30

STARLIGHT AT TAMASSEE

We are a residential program for mothers with elementary age children (8 and under upon admission), who are currently in recovery from substance use with a duration of 18-24 months. We can accept women who currently have their children, are pregnant, or seeking to gain custody of their children. During the program, moms will work through Christ-based curriculum in a faith centered program. The first year will be focused on healing, parenting, and fostering a strong bond with their children. The second year will be focused on education and job skills while moms learn budgeting, save for the next step, and life skills. Children will attend our on-site day care or academy for school aged children. For more information contact us.



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Memory Verse Games



Memorizing Bible verses is a great way to get God's Word into our hearts and minds.

Memory-Verse Memory Game

What you need:

- Index cards (two for each word in the Bible verse)
- Crayons and markers
- A Bible verse

What you do:

1. Choose a different color for each word in the verse. Write that word on two different cards. (Non-readers can draw pictures.)
2. Mix up the cards and spread them out (face down) on a table or floor.
3. Players take turns trying to uncover cards that match. For extra difficulty, try finding the word pairs in the order they appear in the verse.

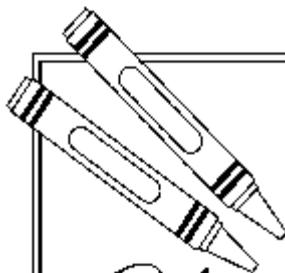
The Vanishing Memory Verse

What you need:

- Dry-erase board, markers and eraser
- OR chalkboard, chalk and eraser
- OR large piece of construction paper, pen and self-stick notes
- A Bible verse

What you do:

1. Write down the verse and read it (alone or with a partner).
2. Take turns erasing (or covering with self-stick notes) one word at a time. Then read the verse, remembering what word went in each blank.
3. Eventually, the board will be blank, and you'll be able to recite the whole verse!



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Upon your hearts

The Bible is the perfect guidebook for living God-pleasing lives. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 (NIV) tells us how to remember the Scriptures.

Use the picture clues and Word Bank below to finish the verses.



1



2



3

WORD BANK

children	road
commandments	sit
down	talk
foreheads	tie
hands	up
hearts	walk
home	



4



5



6



7



8



9



10



11



12



13

"These (1) _____ that I give you today
are to be upon your (2) _____. Impress them on your
(3) _____. (4) _____ about them when you
(5) _____ at (6) _____ and when you (7) _____
along the (8) _____, when you lie (9) _____ and when
you get (10) _____. (11) _____ them as symbols on
your (12) _____ and bind them on your
(13) _____."

Answers: (1) commandments (2) hearts (3) foreheads (4) talk (5) sit (6) home (7) walk (8) road (9) down (10) up (11) tie (12) hands (13) face

SERVICE TIMES

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
(Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship Service
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)



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