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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 1 Seventh Sunday after Easter

*June 8 Pentecost Sunday (Joint Service 10:30 am) with
Guest Pastor Paul Biebighauser preaching the sermon
Potluck Lunch following service*

*June 15 Second Sunday after Pentecost – **Father's Day***

June 22 Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Heavenly Father, thank You for Your perfect care of us. You know us, our weaknesses, and needs, and You supply all we lack. Thank You for fathers who reflect Your compassion as they care for their families. Give all fathers wisdom and patience. Guide them into the choices that You know are best. Help them lead their families to know You through Your word.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry | Newsletter Article – June 2025

Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship

The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at the hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing" (LSB 691). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.

- The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26–28).
- He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15).

Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.

- Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.
- But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.

- Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.
- This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

- Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does He cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and KEEPS us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel.
- The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Him!

COME, HOLY SPIRIT

About a year ago, I had a conversation with someone who asked me about the Holy Spirit. This individual grew up in church as a Lutheran, and yet, was uncertain about who the Spirit is and what the Spirit does. Maybe you find yourself asking similar questions, and if so, you're not alone. There are two great mysteries in the Christian faith: the Incarnation of God becoming human ([John 1:1-14 ESV - The Word Became Flesh - In the - Bible Gateway](#)) and the Holy Trinity, one God in three Persons, revealed at Jesus' baptism ([Matthew 3:13-17 ESV - The Baptism of Jesus - Then Jesus came - Bible Gateway](#)). With many other Christians throughout the world, we confess our faith in the Apostles' Creed, which is divided into three articles, each confessing one of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The First Article focuses on God the Father, and the work of creating and sustaining all things, seen and unseen. The Second Article focuses on God the Son, and the work of redemption through his life and ministry, his death and resurrection. So far, so good.

We look around us and see the work of God the Father in the glory of earth, sea, and sky. Especially in the beauty of this spring/summer season, we rejoice in the good gifts of the Father's creating hand that has brought all things into existence, ourselves included. Creation itself is something concrete as it engages all of our senses. The cross of Jesus is a silent but constant reminder to us of all that God the Son has done for us and for our salvation. Through the shedding of his blood on the tree of the cross, we have been restored to a right relationship with our heavenly Father. The cross also is something concrete – a visual reminder – that points us to this sacrifice of love. But what about the Holy Spirit? This is where things become much less concrete and much more abstract. Although Scripture records some concrete things on the Day of Pentecost ([Acts 2 ESV - The Coming of the Holy Spirit - When - Bible Gateway](#)) like the rush of a mighty wind and tongues of fire resting on the disciples, the person and work of the Holy Spirit seems much more fluid and abstract.

In the life of the Christian Church, the Day of Pentecost is celebrated exactly fifty days after Jesus' resurrection. Pentecost is the fiftieth and final day of the great fifty days of Easter. This year, the Day of Pentecost will fall on Sunday, June 8. The Christian year revolves around three main festivals, each celebrating one of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity. Christmas celebrates the gift of God the Father in giving his only Son. Easter celebrates the resurrection of God the Son in rising from death and the grave. Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of God the Holy Spirit upon Christ's people. There are many customs and traditions associated with Christmas: Christmas trees, Christmas cards and carols, gifts and special meals. Easter also has customs associated with it: dyeing of Easter eggs and egg hunts, Easter baskets and chocolate treats. But what about Pentecost? The commercial world has bypassed this festival, perhaps because the Holy Spirit is too abstract to put onto a greeting card. And maybe this is a good thing. Pentecost is something of a blank slate which we are free to develop into whatever special customs and traditions that are appropriate. How will we celebrate this great festival?

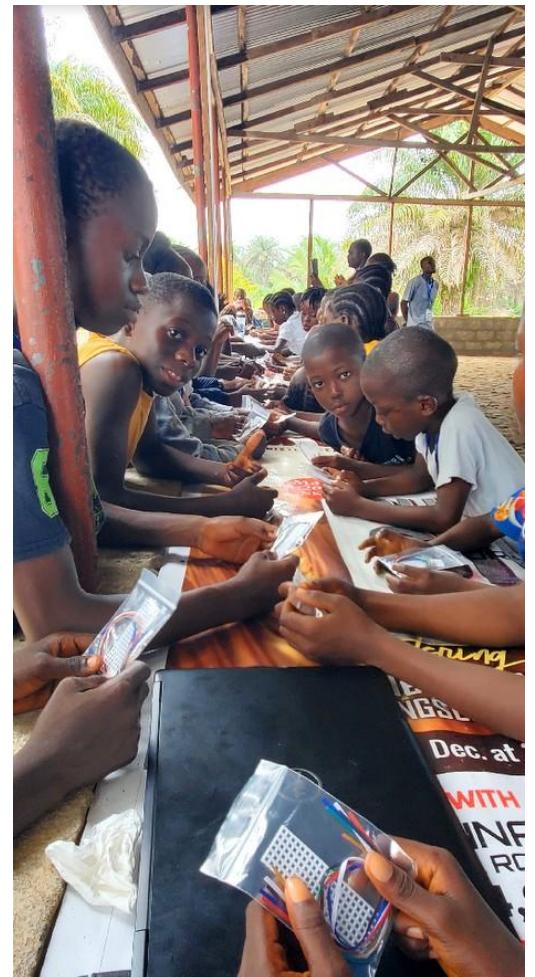
Getting back to that person's question about the person and work of the Holy Spirit, I believe one of the best answers to this question is what the reformer, Dr. Martin Luther, wrote in his explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith" ([3rd Article | Book of Concord](#)). There it is: "the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel." That's what the Spirit does: calls to us through the Word that is read, taught, and proclaimed, drawing our hearts and minds to faith in Jesus and all that he has done for us. Clothed in Jesus' own righteousness, we are spotless and blameless to stand before the Father. This is what the Holy Spirit and Pentecost are all about. The ancient prayer of God's people is one we still pray today: "Come, Holy Spirit, come, and fill the hearts of your faithful people with the fire of your love."

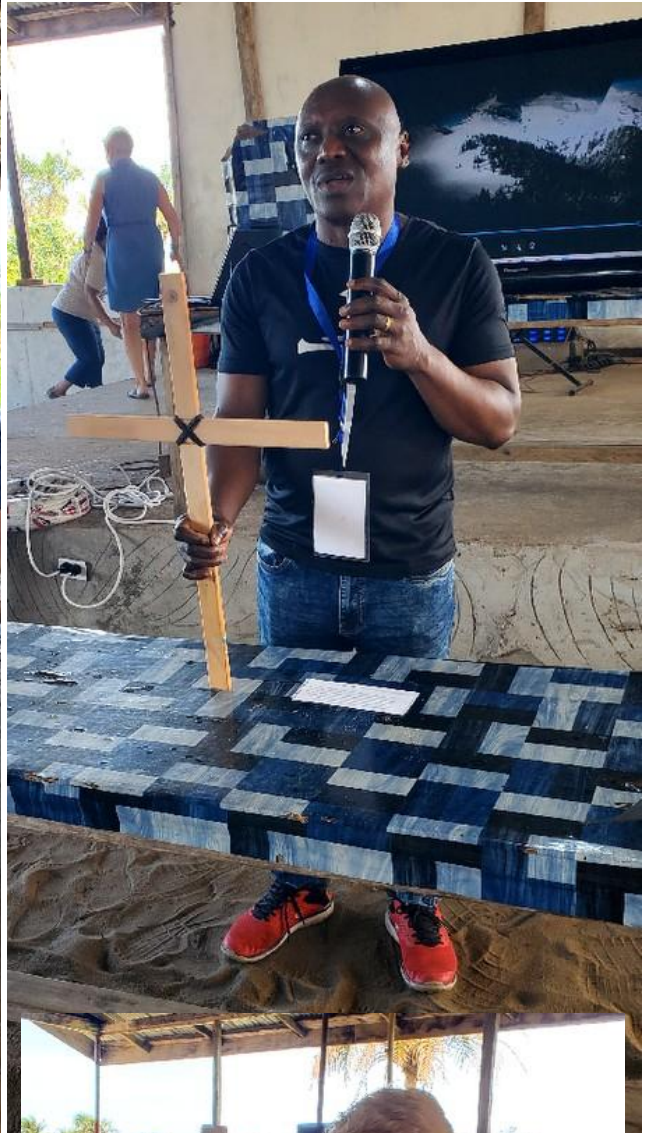
A blessed Pentecost to you through the fire and power of the Holy Spirit.

Mission Trip to Liberia April 21– May 16, 2024

Pastor Matthew and Patience, along with missionaries from Minnesota, hosted 500 kids for a five-day Youth Care International VBS Camp, which included cooks, counselors and teachers. Also during the trip, there were five days of outdoor evening services, and 11 people were baptized.









Gloria Dei May/June Offering WILL GO TO THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD SHELF

The May/June Mission Offering is staying close to home in 2025!

The funds collected **during this year's** Spring Offering will go directly to the Central Avenue Salvation Army, at 2727 Central Avenue NE, Minneapolis.

Use the May Mission Offering envelope to make a monetary donation OR you can help fill our "grocery chart" (NON-PERISHABLE FOODS ITEMS ONLY, PLEASE).

Your donation will help those in our community who need food. With the spike in requests for help, ongoing public support is needed to help ensure that services are available. **Whenever there is a need in Minneapolis, you'll find the Salvation Army!**

If you are in need of food, contact your local Salvation Army to find out where and how to receive a free box of groceries.

It is only through the generosity of people that The Salvation Army can continue to provide services to those who are in need. Thank you to everyone for your generous giving!

Lift Update!

The NEW lift has successfully passed all inspections and is now fully operational. When using the lift, **always use the "call" button to open the door**, never pull door open. The door will close automatically in 20 seconds. Once the door closes, maintain constant pressure on the "Up" or "Down" button to keep the lift in operation. Please note, the lift will stop if the button is released. Please read posted instructions carefully and thoroughly before use.

This was a big investment for our small congregation, so a BIG thank you to everyone who so generously donated to this special project. It would not have been made possible without those generous donations. The old lift served us for over 25 years; let's hope the new one lasts even longer!

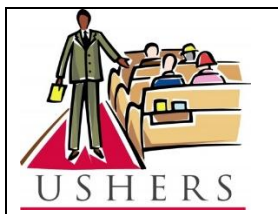


SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS – During the hot summer months when people are drinking more canned beverages, remember to save those cans! Bring in your aluminum **cans to support the mission of the Church Council's choosing.**

Thank you for your help in collecting cans.

If you would like to help beautify Gloria Dei, for the Sunday Services, flowers can be purchased **from Pletcher's Floral** for \$28/bouquet + \$12 delivery fee (OR you can pick them up). You can also bring in your own flower arrangement – think your backyard garden or the neighborhood farmer's markets – both are great resources for summer bouquets. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in entryway of the Church. Candles are also available at \$6 per Sunday.





Can You Help?

Ushers are always needed, especially in the summer months! If your schedule permits and you are available to usher during any of the Sunday services during the summer months, please mark yourself down for the Sunday that works best for you. The sign-up sheet for Ushers is on the bulletin board in the front lobby. **THANK YOU**



Gloria Dei will participate in the Annual Northeast Garage Sales!

It's not too early to start gathering those unwanted items.

If you have clutter you would like to donate to the garage sale, now is the time.

Mary Piper is planning a garage sale in conjunction with the Annual NEighbors Garage Sale! The sale will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 12 – 14. If you have items you would like to donate to be sold **at the garage sale, please bring them to Mary's house on or before Sunday, June 8 (2955 Benjamin Street NE, leave them at the side garage door).** All proceeds will be donated to Gloria Dei. If you have an interest in helping with any aspect of the sale, please let the office know OR speak with Mary directly – many volunteers are needed to make this sale a success. All help is welcome – a little or a lot! All items not sold will be donated to the local area thrift stores.

***The Fourteenth Annual NEighbors Sale Days are Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14
8 am to 5 pm (hours may vary at individual locations). Rain Date Sunday, June 15***



Heights Citywide Garage Sale – June 6 - June 8

The annual Columbia Heights citywide garage sale is scheduled for June 6-8. Most sales are open 8 am – 5 pm, but check individual sales for exact times. Maps will be available at www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/garagesale. New this year, Murzyn Hall will be open on Sunday, June 8, from 10 am to 2 pm for those unable to host a garage sale at their location.

Free community meals at Gustavus Adolphus

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, 1509 27th Avenue NE, serves free community meals on the first Saturday of each month. Meals are served in the church basement from 5:30-7 pm. The next meals will be served June 7, with additional meals scheduled for July 5, Aug. 2 and Sept. 6

Free community dinners at St. Timothy's | June 10 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 825 51st Ave. NE, in Columbia Heights, serves a free community dinner the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). Free and everyone is welcome! Please spread the word!! Info: 763-571-9721.

Free Community Meal – June 12 @ 5 – 6 pm

Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Avenue NE, holds a free Community dinner every second Thursday of the month, from 5-6 pm. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming dates are June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11.

Northeast Senior Luncheons - June 10, at Logan Park - Main entrée includes: BBQ cheeseburgers, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, potato chips, and Cole slaw. Ice cream treats for dessert. Unlimited coffee, regular and decaf and water. Served at 11:30 am – Cost is \$10 per lunch/pay upon arrival. To reserve your seat, call Logan Park Rec Center at 612-370-4927. Logan Park is located at 690 13th Ave NE.

Vital Living: Senior Planet Tech - June 2 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Gather in the ESNS Tech Lounge Mondays and Wednesdays, 11 am-12:30 pm. Classes are free, but an RSVP is a must. June 2 class will focus on Passwords, Passkeys and More.
East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 Second Street NE. Registration: 612-787-4086 or VitalLiving@esns.org.

Nicollet Island Walking Tour

Nicollet Island, or Wita Waste in Dakota, lies just above St. Anthony Falls, next to downtown Minneapolis, and is the site of the first bridge anywhere across the Mississippi River. The 40-acre island was developed as a microcosm of early Minneapolis, with water-powered factories, storefronts, block-long rowhouses, a mansion district and a neighborhood that still stands as a sampler of the 19th century residential architecture. The tour walk is about one mile, and with a few modifications, is ADA accessible. The tour guide is Chris Steller, a Nicollet Island resident who has been leading walking tours of the island for more than 25 years. Saturday, June 14, 10 am-12 pm.

Reservations at <https://www.preserveminneapolis.org/walking-tour-calendar>.



AUDUBON FARMERS MARKET

The Audubon Neighborhood Association hosts a weekly farmers' market. It features local vendors offering locally grown produce, herbs, and flowers. The Northeast Market Garden is now a vegan farmers market. They are also going plastic-free, saying goodbye to single-use plastic bags once and for all. The Markets is scheduled to start June 5 with live music by Guitarist Peter Ruddy and is located at 2800 Johnson Street NE – across from the Hollywood Theater.

“Slow down” at Audubon Farmers Market Garden

Audubon Park Neighborhood Association will sponsor summer “slow down” activities at the Northeast Farmers Market Garden at 28th and Johnson Street NE. Seniors & Caregivers Tea Sundays: 11 am-1 pm, June-Sept. Garden Club Volunteer & Social Tuesdays: 4-7 pm, June-Sept. Audubon Farmers Market Thursdays: 4-7 pm, June-Oct. Decompression Sessions Music After Work Fridays: 5-7 pm, July-Sept.

Northeast Minneapolis Farmers Market: Every Saturday, Rain or Shine, runs May 10 – October 11, 9 am-1 pm, St. Boniface Church Parking lot, 629 Second Street, corner of University Ave & Seventh Ave NE. northeastmarket.org



Theater Latté Da presents "Passion" - June 4 - July 13

Set in 1860s Italy, a gripping, fiery love triangle ignites when a dashing army captain is transferred to a remote military outpost. Giorgio, already in a passionate, clandestine affair with Clara back home, enters the sights and heart of Fosca, a fragile woman who turns out to be capable of adoration and desire unlike **anything he has ever known**. This **Best Musical Tony winner, one of Stephen Sondheim's most unforgettable**, is an exultantly dramatic journey of love, desire and obsession. June 4-July 13.

(Previews: June 4-6; opening: June 7). Ritz Theater, 345 13th Avenue NE. Standard Tickets start at \$36 and are on sale now. Group, student and other discounts are available. Tickets and show times at latteda.org, by phone at 612-339-3003 or in person Tue.-Fri. 12-5 pm at the Ritz Theater box office.

River Rats Water Skiing Shows

The River Rats water skiing team is back on the Mississippi River, providing free shows on Thursday nights throughout the summer. Pre-show at 6:30, performance at 7 pm, until August, when pre-show starts at 6:15 and performance at 6:45. Dates are June 5, 12, 19 and 26; July 3, 10, 17, 23 and 24 (Aquatennial warmup and performance) and 31; Aug. 8, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28.

Celebrate Northeast Parade – June 17, Starts at 6:30

The Celebrate Northeast Parade on Tuesday, June 17, 2025. The parade is the largest one-day event in Northeast Minneapolis drawing 5,000 people to Central Avenue. Be a part of this 96-year tradition by having an entrant in the parade, becoming a volunteer, or simply enjoying the fun with neighbors, friends, and family. Click the tabs above for more information.

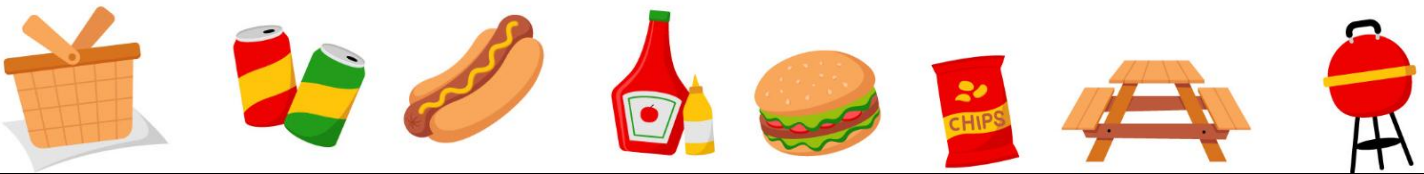
Questions? Send us an email parade@mplschamber.com.

Columbia Heights Jamboree

The Columbia Heights Jamboree hosted by the Columbia Heights Lions Club is an annual city-wide summer festival celebrating the local excellence, achievement, and talent. The Columbia Heights Lions have hosted the Jamboree since 1974.

Visit <https://www.columbiaheightslions.com/> for all the latest information. The 2025 Jamboree dates are June 25-29.

For further information or to share suggestions, contact the Columbia Heights Lions at columbiaheightslions@gmail.com.



Mark Your Calendars for the Fourth Annual Taking It to the Streets!

On Saturday, July 19th, the Royal Family and GDLC will host the annual "Taking It to the Streets" event. It will be held on the church's front lawn, starting at 3 pm. Join us for food from the grill, desserts, live gospel music, dancing, games, and a bouncy house. Bring your friends and family. This free event is open to everyone. See you there!





Salo Park Concert Series

Thursdays at Salo Park in St. Anthony Village

Time (all shows): 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

JUNE 26 – DAD JOKE BAND

Dad Joke is a five-piece rock band consisting of members of the St. Anthony Community. Though mainly focused on classic and alternative rock, they also explore blues, country and alternative country.

JULY 3 – ST. ANTHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA

Patriotic and summer pop music from the St. Anthony Civic Orchestra!

JULY 10 – VINNIE ROSE

An Acoustic guitarist and vocalist who covers a wide variety of musical styles. In addition to his own compositions, Vinnie is fluent in the musical stylings of some of the greats.

JULY 17 – ROSE DUFFY backed by PAUL BARRY BLUES BAND

Sax player Rose Duffy, backed by harmonica ace Paul Barry and his Blues Band will play a danceable mix of Chicago and West Coast Jump Blues.

JULY 24 – THE DOUBLE DOWN DAREDEVILS

Bluegrass and Americana music

JULY 31 – THE BACKYARD BAND

The Backyard Band specializes in fun, danceable rock 'n roll and country music drawing on decades of experience playing in rock bands, folk groups, jazz combos and bar ensembles.

AUGUST 7 – ECUADOR MANTA

An Andean band that has created their unique music style by using the traditional rhythms from Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and Columbia; combining them with more contemporary Latin and Caribbean rhythms.

AUGUST 14 – FABULOUS FAIRLANES

The Fairlanes are a popular a capella doo wop quartet that sings familiar music from the 40s, 50s and 60s.



THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 a.m.

Hosted by Rev. Michael Zeigler
(unless otherwise noted)

June 1 "God's Gumbo" (John 17:20-21)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Church is like a pot of Louisiana gumbo, a diverse stew bound together by the power of Jesus' love.

June 8 "Ticket Stubs Turned to Joy" (John 16:20)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Holy Spirit calls us to turn from the darkness of a self-centered life and come into the light of Jesus' self-giving love.

June 15 "Nothing He'd Rather Be Doing" (Psalm 8:4)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is a tireless Searcher with an affinity for finding lost people.

June 22 "Should I Be Worried About the Devil?"

(Luke 8:26-39)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Germán Novelli Oliveros

The devil is real, but rather than fretting about the evil he can do, we rejoice in all that Christ has done to defeat him.

June 29 "Honest to God" (Job 1:21)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Book of Job can teach us something about prayer and about how we can talk honestly to God, covered by Jesus.

"CARRY OUT A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS,
WITH NO EXPECTATION OF REWARD, SAFE
IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT ONE DAY
SOMEONE MIGHT DO THE SAME FOR YOU."

- PRINCESS DIANA

Time of Grace

Time of Grace connects people to God's grace—his love, glory, and power—so they realize the temporary things of life don't satisfy. However, through Jesus we have access to the eternal God—right now and forever.

Pastor Mike Novotny

Pastor Mike Novotny has served God's people in full-time ministry since 2007 in Madison and, most recently, at The CORE in Appleton, Wisconsin. He also serves as the lead speaker for Time of Grace, where he shares the good news about Jesus through television, print, and online platforms.

Sundays KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 AM

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MAY OFFICIAL ACTS

None

"IN OUR PRAYERS" & "REQUESTED PRAYERS"

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, prayer requests can be made by calling the office, speaking with Pastor Matthew directly OR filling out a prayer request card. All requests will be added to the prayer list in the weekly bulletin. If you have any updates to the current list, please call the office at 612-781-1989 with your update. Thank You!

Dial-A-Devotion

There is a new devotion and prayer each day.
Call 651-429-0078 and follow the prompts.



June Special Events



<i>Happy Birthday!</i>		<i>Happy Anniversary!</i>	
2 nd	Verlayne Sather	25 th	Daniel & Katie Beth Carlson
15 th	Meridel Christopherson	28 th	Tom Harris & Pat Vogel
<p align="center">JUNE SERVANTS Elder: Karmon Christopherson</p>			
Ushers		Counters	
1 st		1 st	Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli
8 th		8 th	Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
15 th		15 th	Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather
22 nd		22 nd	Sandy Westling and Tom Harris
29 th	Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer	29 th	Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
Candles		Flowers	
1 st		1 st	
8 th		8 th	
15 th		15 th	
22 nd		22 nd	
29 th	Shirley Holzinger – Sister Vicki's birthday, July 2	29 th	
<p align="center">If you sign up for flowers or candles after the newsletter is published, be sure to let the office know. We want to make sure that flowers are ordered and you are properly acknowledged in the bulletin notes. Thanks!</p>			

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Seventh Sunday a. Easter 10 am Worship Service w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship w/HC 6 pm NA	2 Church Office Closed 7 pm Beginners Alanon (downstairs) 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs)	3	4 11 am Bible Study	5	6 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	7 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
8 Pentecost Sunday 10:30 am Joint Worship w/HC With Guest Pastor Paul Biebighauser Preaching Potluck Lunch following service 6 pm NA	9 Church Office Closed 7 pm Beginners Alanon (downstairs) 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs)	10 	11 11 am Bible Study	12	13 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	14 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
15 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY Second Sunday a. Pentecost 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	16 Church Office Closed 7 pm Beginners Alanon (downstairs) 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs)	17 5 – 7 pm GDLC Council Meeting	18 11 am Bible Study	19	20 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	21 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 4 – 5 pm Living Word Board Meeting 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
22 Third Sunday a. Pentecost 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	23 Church Office Closed 7 pm Beginners Alanon (downstairs) 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs)	24	25 11 am Bible Study	26	27 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	28 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
29 Fourth Sunday a. Pentecost 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	30 Church Office Closed 7 pm Beginners Alanon (downstairs) 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs)		NOTE: Bible Study will be taking the summer off, no classes in July or August		Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 3014 McKinley Street NE, Minneapolis Ph 612-781-1989 www.gloriadeilcms.org info@gloriadeilcms.org	

Gloria Dei Garage Sale (June 12 – 14)



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC — JUNE 1-30

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) officially began work in the Dominican Republic in 2004. Over the years, a group home was established to care for orphaned children with disabilities; congregations and mission plants were started; and a deaconess-training program was launched. The LCMS seminary in Santiago, Dominican Republic, trains students from around the Latin America region.

Remember God's work in the Dominican Republic as you pray:

- 1.** *for the seminary students who will enter the seminary this fall, that they would be able to acquire their student visas and other documentation needed to study in the Dominican Republic.*
- 2.** *for seminary students and their families, that they would have a smooth transition to life in a new place away from family and friends. Praise God for these dedicated students who are willing to leave home to obtain a solid theological education.*
- 3.** *that God would grant the seminary students determination and endurance, so that they might be diligent in their studies*

and make the most of their education.

- 4.** *for the women studying to be deaconesses, that the theological coursework and intensive practical experience would form them into capable and effective deaconesses.*
- 5.** *that God would grant strength to our deaconesses as they support the work of pastors by caring for the poor, the marginalized and the sick.*
- 6.** *with thanksgiving for all the faithful and generous people who have prayed or given of their time or treasures to make the seminary and mercy center a reality.*

7. *for the seminary professors, that they would be well-prepared to impart wisdom and knowledge to their students.*

8. *that the Spanish-language theological library at the seminary would be well used and a blessing to the students and faculty.*

9. *for the families of the professors, that they would adapt easily and find joy in a new country and culture.*

10. *for Lutheran congregations in Latin America, that they would be prepared to care for and support their pastors physically, mentally and spiritually.*

11. *for seminary students who are serving vicarages, that they would learn much from their experience and be better prepared for their future ministry.*

12. *for all the missionaries and leaders of the Dominican church, that they would discern God's*

will so that they can build a firm foundation for the church for generations to come.

13. *that God would raise up individuals and congregations to support our LCMS missionaries in the Dominican Republic.*

14. *that God would supply faithful and capable men and women to serve as missionaries, both in Latin America and around the world.*

15. *with thanksgiving for faithful men and women who have given up the comforts of home and family to faithfully serve on the mission field.*

16. *that many in the Dominican Republic would hear God's Word and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray that they would attend worship each Sunday to receive the Word and Sacraments.*

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17. *that God would grant health and safety to all missionaries and their families.*

18. *that the Dominican Christians would continue to study God's Word and be strengthened to live faithfully and serve their neighbors in love.*

19. *with thanksgiving for the willingness of the Dominican people to hear and learn God's Word. By God's grace, the LCMS has established congregations and mission stations around the country.*

20. *that God would raise up many Lutheran school teachers and school administrators — especially from among the Dominican congregations — to meet the needs of the large number of eager students.*

21. *that the families of our Lutheran school children would also hear God's Word and be brought to faith.*

22. *with thanksgiving for the large and ever-growing number of students seeking education in our Lutheran schools in the Dominican Republic.*

23. *that the Lutheran mission churches in the Dominican*

Republic would continue to grow and mature through regular worship and Bible study.

24. *with thanksgiving for the many faithful Christians who regularly worship in our mission congregations.*

25. *with thanksgiving for Hogares Lutheranos El Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd Lutheran Home), which provides a safe and nurturing facility for young people with developmental disabilities.*

26. *that God would grant patience and endurance for the faithful workers who care for the group home's residents. Praise God that He has used these wonderful young people to teach the Dominican Lutheran church about His love and mercy.*

27. *with thanksgiving that the residents of Hogares Lutheranos El Buen Pastor have become active members of the local Lutheran church, where they are eager to hear God's Word and to serve in any way possible.*

28. *with thanksgiving for the willingness of faithful and gentle caregivers who serve the residents of Good Shepherd Lutheran Home.*



29. *for all the mission work throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.*

30. *with thanksgiving that we are one in Christ with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Latin America.*

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