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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

- 7/07 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost w/HC
Celebrated by Pastor Matthew Cephus
- 7/14 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost w/HC
Celebrated by Pastor Matthew Cephus
- 7/21 Nineth Sunday after Pentecost w/HC
Celebrated by Pastor Matthew Cephus
- 7/28 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost w/HC
Celebrated by Pastor Matthew Cephus

Bible Studies

Gloria Dei will be taking a short hiatus from weekly Wednesday and Thursday bible studies. We will resume after Labor Day. Please watch the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletters for updates on exact return dates.



Through the month of July, the opening "solo" will be sung by the entire congregation. Song selection for those weeks will reflect the change. We will resume with solos August 4.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry – July 2024

The Rewards of Godliness

It's no secret that you can't bribe your way into heaven. No amount of good works will impress God enough to open heaven's door for their sake. "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23) and the person who "keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it" (James 2:10). Rather, salvation is "the free gift of God ... in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:23).

So, your good works won't earn you the reward of heaven. But does that mean that there are no rewards at all? Consider what the Small Catechism says in the "Close of the Commandments."

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20:5–6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands. (SC II)

God promises to bless you in keeping His commandments. What might these blessings be? Well, consider what Paul says about keeping the Fourth Commandment: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land'" (Eph. 6:1–3).

And think about what your life would be like if you went around stealing (breaking the Seventh Commandment), telling lies about people (breaking the Eighth Commandment), and generally being cruel to those around you (breaking all the commandments!). That is obviously not a blessed way to live. In fact, you'd be miserable living that way.

And Jesus says more about what is in store for those who make sacrifices for His sake: "Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life'" (Matt. 19:28–29).

So don't grow impatient in doing good. Follow the Lord who has freely given you everlasting life.



REST FOR AWHILE

Ah... summertime! People are now venturing forth to find places of refreshment and renewal. By land, air, and sea, people are going to the beach, the mountains, and making family visits. We're more than ready for a change of scenery and some time away!

In his earthly life and ministry, Jesus frequently took time away from his busy schedule of preaching, teaching, and healing. He sought out quiet time when he could be alone with his heavenly Father to reflect, think and pray. One of the appointed Gospel readings for worship this month comes from Mark 6:30-44 where we read: “And he [Jesus] said to them, ‘**Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.**’ **For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat**” (Mark 6:31). I think those same words could describe very well our own modern lifestyle. We tend to be busy, frantically rushing here and there, and so we meet ourselves coming and going. Frequently, we have “no leisure even to eat,” and so we resort to eating on the run in our cars, mini-vans, and SUVs. Sound familiar?

For many, the summer months afford us the opportunity to “come away to a deserted place... and rest a while.” Taking time out to be renewed and refreshed is not just nice, it's necessary for health and well-being. The demands of work, home, and family can at times make us feel like we're in a vice, and the pressure continues to increase. There is an extreme excess of research that clearly identifies the cause-and-effect relationship between chronic, ongoing stress and health-related issues such as hypertension, heart disease, etc. Especially in the high-stress area in which we live, where traffic and congestion can lead to road rage, it is critical to get away in order to rest and be restored in body, mind, and spirit.

The Third Commandment is all about doing just this: “**Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy**” (Exodus 20:8; Deuteronomy 5:12). Based on God's resting after his work of creation (see Genesis 2:2-3), this commandment is a reminder to us that our Lord invites us to step away from our work so that we might be re-created. In fact, the word “recreation” is a union of two words: “re,” which means to “do over,” or “repeat,” and “create,” which is “to bring into being.” God, who has brought us into being, desires that we be re-created through rest and relaxation on a regular basis. “All work and no play make Johnny a dull boy,” so goes the old saying. Actually, it makes Johnny and each one of us not just dull, but irritable, exhausted, unable to focus and enjoy God's gift of life. The Lord invites us to a better way.

The purpose of the sabbath (literally, “to rest” in Hebrew) day was to provide God's people with an opportunity to rest as well as worship. This was to be a reminder to them that in their enslavement in Egypt, there was no day of rest. Slaves did not enjoy such a privilege. With the Exodus event, God's people were set free and were commanded to observe this day of rest. Martin Luther, in his *Small Catechism*, explains the Third Commandment in this way:

“We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.” Interestingly, Luther makes no mention at all of resting, but only of worship. The twin concepts of rest and worship are at the heart of the Third Commandment, and I believe those concepts are needed now more than ever by all of us today.

In these days of summer vacation and travel, I encourage you to reflect on the words of Jesus in another part of Scripture: **“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light”** (Matt. 11:28-30). Our Lord Jesus Christ invites us to find our rest in him. May it be so with you.





Garage Sale Update . . .

Once again, Gloria Dei participated in the Annual NEighbors Garage Sales on Thursday, June 13 - Saturday, June 15. By adding Thursday, a third day, we got a jump start on sales. Again, Mary Piper was gracious enough to lend her garage to the sale. There were so many donations, that the garage was FULL and the sale items spilled over to the parking lot across the alley.

All items sold at the garage sale were donated by members, friends and neighbors. A special shout-out to **the lady's group from Living Word**. They graciously donated many great items that helped our overall sales and bottom line.

The items that were not sold were donated to local charities and thrift stores, so those items could too find new homes. Some of the seasonal items and colder-weather clothes are being stored to **start the "Fall Sale" collection**. Stay tuned for more to come on that sale! ☺

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and energy to the success of the garage sale. It was an enormous undertaking!

Thank you to all the volunteers who generously gave their time and efforts in setting up, pricing, moving items from the church basement to the garage, staging and organizing, moving tables out in the morning and back in in the evening, working the sale, feeding the workers, and for all the donations, whether big or small.

It was a huge effort to gather the items, price the items and then sell the items for three days! A BIG thank you to Mary Piper, Shirley Holzinger, Bruce and Julie Cross, Pam, Al and Aaron Morelli, Tom and Patty Lyrenmann, Verlayne Sather, Dale Raschke, Layne Betterman and Pastor Matthew for all their hard work with every aspect of the sale. Thank you to the various neighbors who stopped by to lend a hand, including Dan, Yvonne, Judy and Carol. Special thanks to all the **"sales people"** who helped with the actual selling of the donated items for three days! It takes a village!

The weather was good until Saturday. But fortunately, **Saturday's rain didn't** discourage the shoppers. The three-day sale generated approximately \$2,168, which will go entirely to Gloria Dei.

The sale is not only a great fundraiser, but a great community builder. Many shoppers stopped by multiple times on multiple days. One shopper said it was the best sale in the Northeast neighborhood sales! It was great to see shoppers seek out and find new treasures.

See you in the Fall!



Gloria Dei's Garagedale, June 13- 15





Something
for
Everyone!



Clothes,
Books, Toys,
Tools,
Oh MY!



Feeding the crew to keep them happy!





June 2, 2024 Commissioning and Installation of Joshua Orugboh as the Director of Christian Education at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Anoka.
Pictured: Rev. Jim Bender, Rev. Jon Haakana, Joshua Orugboh



It's Picnic Time!

Mark your calendars to attend the Second Annual

"Taking it to the Streets" Picnic on July 27 with Royal Family

Royal Family along with Gloria Dei's assistance will host an outreach event, outdoors on the church front lawn. What a wonderful opportunity to connect with people in the neighborhood and surrounding community and share the love of Christ. Hot dogs and burgers will be on the grill and a variety of foods and desserts will also be available. There will be music and family fun games. The picnic will begin at 3 pm, so grab a lawn chair and come to this FREE event, hope to see you there!

Watch for details in upcoming Sunday bulletins.



Ushers are Needed for the Summer Months!

If 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 with your schedule. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the front lobby of the Church.



Salo Park Summer Concert Schedule

Thursday evening concerts are back at Salo Park, from 7-8 pm at the Salo Park Amphitheater located on 39th Avenue NE between Silver Lake Road and Stinson Boulevard. In case of inclement weather, the concerts will be cancelled.

Visit www.saloparkconcertseries.com by 3 pm the day of the concert for cancellations.

St. Anthony Civic Orchestra – July 4 @ 7 - 8 pm

Celebrate America with the St. Anthony Civic Orchestra. Salo Park Amphitheater, 2601 39th Ave. NE

Everett Smithson – July 11 @ 7 – 8 pm

Everett Smithson plays soulful Zydeco, Blues and Creole music. Salo Park Amphitheater, 2601 39th Ave. NE

The Backyard Band – July 18 @ 7 pm - 8 pm

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. Salo Park Amphitheater, 2601 39th Ave. NE

Erik Christenson Band – July 25 @ 7 - 8 pm

Local duo specializing in easy listening Americana music. Salo Park Amphitheater, 2601 39th Ave. NE

Community Sing with Dan Chouinard, July 10 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

This is for all who like to sing, hum **along**, or **just tap your toes**. **It's free. Donations welcome.** Wednesday, July 10, 7:00-8:30pm, 7-8:30 pm, at Northeast United Methodist Church, 2510 Cleveland St. NE, (corner of Lowry and Cleveland). Child care provided, as well as cookies and bars.

Music in the Park

Tjärnblom, Wednesday, July 10 @ 6:30 pm

Tjärnblom, Swedish for "woodland lake flower," is a Scandinavian-style string band featuring a beautiful blend of Nyckelharpa, Octave Mandolin, Harmonium and Cello. They travel a modern "Snoose Boulevard Highway" in their musical journey, playing a repertoire of both old and new Swedish, Finnish, Minnesotan and original tunes for dancing and for listening. They've performed across the Midwest and have appeared on Minnesota Public Radio's A Prairie Home Companion show. Wednesday, July 10, 6:30-8 pm, Huset Park, 3965 Jefferson St. NE.

Kathy G & the Hot Lemons, Wednesday, July 24 @ 6:30 pm

Kathy G & the Hot Lemons features Heights residents Kathy Glascock (v), Brian Glascock (dr), Steve DeGennaro (gtr) and Dave DeGennaro (bs), as well as South Minneapolitan, Paul Porter (gtr). They play a variety of jazzy R&B, folk and rock and throw in the occasional original. Wednesday, July 24, 6:30-8 pm. Huset Park, 3965 Jefferson St. NE.

FREE Community Dinner at St. Timothy's | July 9 @ 5 pm - 6:30 pm

Join St. Timothy's and the local community on Tuesday, July 9, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm (or until the food is gone) for their drive thru community dinner. All are welcome, so please spread the word!! St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Ave. NE, Columbia Hts.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, August 2, St. Anthony Community Center, 3301 Silver Lake Road, 9 am-3 pm.

There are many appointment slots open.

Sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=SAV>.

Movies at Father Hennepin Bluff Park: **"The Marvels"**

"The Marvels," Tuesday, July 9, Father Hennepin Bluff Park, 420 SE Main Street, 9 p.m. Enjoy this 2023 American superhero film based on *Marvel* Comics. This is a Free event!

Polish Fest

Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National church will hold its annual Polish Festival Saturday, July 13, 11 am-6 pm. Authentic Polish food — golabki, pierogi, Polish sausage, sauerkraut/kapusta, hot dogs, rye bread, chips, dessert, and beverages (including Polish beer) and music will be featured. For information (763) 226 – 1626.



THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

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

Hosted by Rev. Michael Zeigler
(unless otherwise noted)

July 7 "My Pastor" (Acts 20:28)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Like sheep that need a shepherd, followers of Christ need pastors who will come looking for them when they stray.

July 14 "Words of Grace Build Us Up"
(Acts 20:32)
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola
The gracious words of God change our lives for the better, tell us of our inheritance, and remind us that we are part of a much larger family.

July 21 "Unhindered" (Acts 27 & 28)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Dr. Jeff Gibbs and podcaster Jessica Bordeleau join Dr. Michael Zeigler to talk about St. Paul's harrowing journey to Rome.

July 28 "Thus & So Spoke the Girl from Israel"
(2 Kings 5:4)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Jesus is making His people into a light for a world that's crying for help. He came to make God's light shine on us so that all people might see the face of God.



JUNE OFFICIAL ACTS

NONE

Dial-A-Devotion

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Kindness is one
thing you can't give
away. It always
comes back.

— GEORGE SKOLSKY

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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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Main Street Living TV Program

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on Channel 29/9-2 (On Comcast this is channel 10). The first half hour is a reproduction of *This is the Life*, a Lutheran Hour Ministries program made popular in the 60s, 70s, and 80s. The second half hour is a modified Lutheran worship service, which is produced locally.

For more information see the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab. For more information or to watch the program, go to mainstreetliving.com.



Special Occasions for Special People






2nd Vicki Henderson
9th Mike Panning
14th Nanc Rixe

JULY SERVANTS	
Elder: Karmon Christopherson	
Ushers	Counters
7th Tom and Patty Lyrenmann 14th Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer 21st 28th Tom and Patty Lyrenmann	7th Sandy Westling and Tom Harris 14th Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer 21st Pat Scott and Shirley Slagle 28th Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
Eternal Light	Flowers
7th 14th 21st 28th	7th 14th 21st 28th

If you sign up for flowers or candles after the newsletter is published, please let the Office know. We want to make sure that flowers are ordered and you are properly acknowledged in the announcement.

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pastor's Day Off <i>Church Office Closed</i> 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)	2	3	4th of July Church Office Closed 	5 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	6 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
7 Seventh Sunday a. Pentecost 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	8 Pastor's Day Off <i>Church Office Closed</i> 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)	9	10	11	12 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	13 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
14 Eighth Sunday a. Pentecost 10 am Worship w/HC 10:30 am Royal Family Sunday School 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	15 Pastor's Day Off <i>Church Office Closed</i> 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)	16 5 – 7 pm GDLC Council Meeting	17	18	19 10:30 am Visitation 11 am Celebration of Life ____ w/lunch 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	20 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 4 – 5 pm Living Word Board Meeting 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
21 Ninth Sunday a. Pentecost 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	22 Pastor's Day Off <i>Church Office Closed</i> 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)	23	24	25	26 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	27 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 3 – 8 pm Third Annual Taking it to the Streets 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS — JULY 1-15

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) School Ministry serves as a national voice for Lutheran schools, upholding the standards of Christ-centered schools that are academically strong and respectfully operated. Nationwide, there are 1,992 LCMS schools, which include 1,127 early childhood centers, 778 elementary schools and 87 high schools.

Remember God's work in Lutheran schools as you pray:

- 1.** for the children attending Lutheran schools, that their eyes, ears, hearts and minds would be open to God's Word.

- 2.** for Lutheran school teachers, that they would correctly divide and deliver Law and Gospel to students through real-life applications each day.

- 3.** for Lutheran school principals, who lead people to passionately embrace the witness our schools provide to the community. Pray that pastors, principals, directors and teachers would work together in God-pleasing unity.

- 4.** for pastors, who champion the Kingdom work happening in our schools. Pray that pastors would be excited to be an integral part of their school's ministry and the teaching of the children.

- 5.** for the ability of Lutheran schools to serve every child in their care. Ask that the Lord would provide the means to help schools serve children who have disabilities, who have experienced trauma or who come from families with limited resources.

- 6.** for Lutheran schools that are struggling to fill empty seats. Pray that God would revitalize their ministries, energize their staff members and bring more children through their doors.

7. for parents who support our Lutheran schools with their time, talents and treasures. Give thanks for their dedication to the mission of the school.

8. for daily opportunities for our teachers and staff to show God's mercy, love and forgiveness both inside and outside of the classroom. Pray that God would maintain our ability to practice our faith in Lutheran schools.

9. for church members who tell the story of their Lutheran school, that their recommendation might lead more students through the school's doors.

10. for the many non-Christians and exchange students who are coming to our schools. Pray that God would work through the Gospel that they will have faith in Jesus.

11. for first-year teachers, that they may apply their gifts to demonstrate grace and mercy. Pray that God would give them strength and patience.

12. for our early childhood centers that introduce young families to the saving love of Jesus. Pray that they are a faithful witness to the littlest of God's children and their families.

13. for courageous Lutheran schools willing to take calculated risks that will result in significant rewards for students. Give the leaders of these schools wisdom in their decisions.

14. for comfort and healing for school faculty and students during times of injury, illness and loss.

15. for God to raise up wise and gifted leaders who are willing to serve in administrative roles at Lutheran schools.

CAMPUS MINISTRY — JULY 16-31

The challenges to Christians on our nation's college campuses are increasing exponentially. On practically every campus, objections are increasing to the biblical worldview, Christian doctrine, traditional ethics and moral practices. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) campus-ministry arm, LCMS U, aims to encourage, support and help students, faculty and staff in their response to these challenges so they can boldly bear witness to Christ.

Remember God's work through LCMS U as you pray:

16. for the 200-plus LCMS U chapters around the country, that they would receive the support they need to effectively reach out to America's college students.

17. that more congregations and individuals would become involved with their local LCMS U chapters or start new ones.

18. for the growth of LCMS U on urban campuses and at community colleges, two fertile mission fields. Pray that the Lord would open doors to the spread of His Word in these places.

19. for all the dedicated staff and volunteers involved in campus ministry, that God would energize them for their work and use them to plant seeds of faith that will continue to grow.

20. for students starting their first year of college, that they would find a church to attend,

Christian friends and make good decisions while living away from home for the first time.

21. for the parents of college students, especially those who have an empty nest for the first time. Pray that they would find joy and contentment in the midst of life's changes.

22. that Lutheran college students would be bold witnesses to their faith in Jesus Christ, even when faced with pressure from peers and professors.

23. that young people would hunger for the certain truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not be deceived by the half-truths and lies of Satan.

24. for the 800,000-plus foreign students studying at American colleges and universities. Many come from countries where the Gospel is not freely preached. Pray that their time in the U.S. would provide the opportunity for them to learn about Jesus.



25. for the international students who came to faith while studying abroad. Ask the Lord to provide support so that they can continue to grow in their faith after they return home.

26. for busy college students, who are pulled in many directions with the demands of school, work, friends, family and other activities. Pray that they would make God a priority by setting aside time for worship, Bible study and Christian service.

27. for the development of campus-ministry programs at institutions of higher education around the world.

28. that God would bless and guide the work of all students

involved in mission work and volunteer opportunities both at home and abroad. Pray that this time would be a blessing to them and others.

29. with thanksgiving for a new school year. Pray that students and campus-ministry workers would return refreshed and with renewed dedication.

30. for recent college graduates, that they would find gainful employment as well as a church home where they can learn about God's holy Word in all of its truth and purity.

31. for all students, that God would protect them and provide people to share with them the Word of God.

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