

Good Shepherd News & Notes

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THE ECUMENICAL CREEDS: A BRIEF HISTORY

by Rev. Dr. William Weinrich

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The traditional title "Apostles' Creed" reflects the old legend that each of the twelve apostles contributed an article: twelve apostles, twelve articles (already in Ambrose, c.AD 350: "Symbolum of the Apostles"). Our Apostles' Creed in its present, authoritative form is first attested by Abot Pirminius of Reichenau (c. AD 753). How Pirminius received this form of the Creed is unknown, but it represents the final form of the Old Roman Creed whose history can be traced to the middle of the second century.

The earliest creedal form we know was very simple, containing only five articles: "in God the Father almighty; in Jesus Christ, our Savior; and in the Spirit, holy, the Paraclete; holy church; forgiveness of sins" (*Epistula Apostolorum*, c. AD 140). It is doubtful that a baptismal creed was ever this simple. Yet these five elements remain constant. Others were added through local circumstance or to oppose heresy. We may mention four:

1. Early creeds combined the Spirit and Mary under one action: "born from the Spirit and from Mary the Virgin." The addition of "conceived by the Holy Spirit" appears in the fourth century (Augustine).
2. The consistent attribute of the Church is "holy." The word "catholic" (meaning "universal") was added in the fourth century to combat the Donatists, a North African sect which claimed that it alone was holy.
3. Opposition to Donatism is probably the reason behind the later addition of "communion of saints."
4. "The resurrection of the *flesh*," or less frequently "of the *dead*," was the most common way early on of expressing the wording. We now know it as the "resurrection of the *body*."

The trinitarian form of the Apostles' Creed is evident: "I believe in God ...and in Jesus Christ...and in the Holy Spirit." The trinitarian structure is probably originally derived from, and certainly reflects, the commission of Jesus to His disciples (Matt 28: 19). Following the Gospel account, the Apostles' Creed and its antecedents were baptismal creeds, which in our sources may be found either as questions addressed to those being baptized or as declarative confessions of baptismal faith. Creeds used at baptism were local, and so this history of the Apostles' Creed is characterized by a multitude of baptismal creeds, which often vary in number and content of the individual articles. (*see page 2*)

Only as the Church demanded conformity in its central liturgical forms did these variations give way to a standard text such as that evidenced by Pirminius.

Baptismal creeds were also popular for daily devotion. A creed close to that of Pirminius is found in the *Psalter of Aethelstan* (ninth century). The Creed was originally recited in the hourly offices, and during the Reformation it was incorporated into the Divine Service. Obviously it served well also in catechisms, as we see in those of Martin Luther. *(to be continued)*

taken from The Lutheran Witness (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) Sept. 2017, pg. 17.



MAY MISSION PROJECT

In December of 2020 Women's Care Center opened in Lincoln, NE on S. 48th St. The center provides counselling, medical care, tangible support, adoption referrals, parenting classes and self-sufficiency training. It also offers free ultrasounds and pregnancy tests. Donations of \$84 support one mom and her precious baby through counselling and an ultrasound. Donations of **new** diaper bags, changing table pad covers, baby toys, baby monitors, baby clothes (sizes newborn—2T), sea bands (to help with morning sickness; available at Walgreens, CVS or on Amazon), and Peggie Pops (available at Walgreens and Walmart) are also accepted. Questions can be directed to the director, Sarah Williams at (531) 500-4981. All donations are tax-deductible. If you have picked up a baby bottle to fill, please return it to the pink tote in the narthex.

UPCOMING FAMILY PARK DATES

The May park dates were a success, and we are looking forward to more park dates in June!

All families are invited to a park date on June 6, 2023 from 10 am—noon at Mendoza Park. There is a sidewalk entrance near Blackstone and Benziger. The sidewalk is between houses on the west side of Blackstone. From there, you walk on the path to the playground. There is a shelter with picnic tables near the playground. Please feel free to bring your own picnic and stick around for lunch.



We will also be gathering for a park date on June 20, 2023 from 10 am—noon at Pioneers Park We will meet at the playground equipment. Please feel free to bring your own picnic and stick around for lunch.

We plan to continue holding two park dates each month through the summer. Please keep an eye on the News and Notes for July dates.

Contact Elizabeth Moline at (701) 640-7989 or Sarah Kaldahl at (660) 238-7327 or Amanda Civic at (402) 304-6620 with questions.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION INFORMATION

Pastor-elect Thomas Goodroad will be ordained at his home congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church in Kearney, MO on Sunday, June 25th at 4:30 pm. Pastor Poppe will be preaching at this service. Pastor-elect Goodroad will be installed here at Good Shepherd on Sunday, July 9th at 4:30 pm with a potluck supper to follow the service. Please bring a main dish and a side dish. Cake and drinks will be provided.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639. Your request will appear for 6 weeks. If you would like to keep it on the prayer list, you may

call during the 6th week to renew it.

- **Barb Poppe**, with short-term memory issues (3)
- **Joyce Thompson**, in rehab at The Cove, following surgery for a broken hip (5)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, as she recovers from surgery for a cochlear implant (3)
- **Donna Stepp**, mother of Jimmy Stepp, having dizzy spells. Pray that doctors would be able to find and treat the cause. (5)
- **Ken**, brother of Jimmy Stepp, dealing with low oxygen levels in his blood (5)
- **Lula Hinzemann**, 100 year old cousin of Barbara Kumm, who fractured her hip (6)
- **Joyce Aupperle**, in hospice care at home (4)
- **Loraine Harnett**, recovering from knee surgery on May 11th (3)
- **Tanya Schlamann**, former member of Good Shepherd, preparing for a possible lung transplant (1)
- **Rick**, brother of Jimmy Stepp, who will be having a hip replacement soon (4)
- **Patricia Ann Baxter-Nuner**, friend of Terry Fitzgerald, recovering from a knee replacement and following infection (2)
- **Lynda Mahloch**, having eye surgery on Mon., May 30th. (1)
- **Ray & June**, parents of Deb Burow, for success in upcoming surgeries (2)
- **Michael**, cousin of Barbara Kumm, whose son was born at 30 wks. due to pre-eclampsia. Please pray for Dominique's recovery (2)
- **Olga Wilhoite**, friend of Barbara Kumm, who fell and fractured a vertebrae (2)
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- **The son-in-law of Lynda Mahloch**, recently diagnosed with cancer (2)
- **Lowell Clifford**, grandfather of Ashley Ehrich, dealing with broken ribs following a fall. (2)
- **The family of Bob Tallent**, uncle of Jimmy Stepp, who was taken to his eternal home recently (1)
- **Thanksgiving for the birth of Ellie Rhyse Mackey**, daughter of Chris & Carla Mackey. (1)

LWML SCHOLARSHIPS

LWML South District is taking applications for students attending an LCMS University or Seminary with plans to enter a church worker vocation.

Scholarship applications are available at our website @lwmlnesouth.org

Applications must be **postmarked or received online by June 1, 2023**. Send to Eileen Zentner, 71565 648th Ave., Shubert, NE 68437 or ezentner515@gmail.com.

ALL WOMEN INVITED

Good Shepherd's LWIM ladies wish to invite all women of the congregation to join us for lunch. We are meeting at Olive Garden, 6100 O St. (Gateway Shopping Center) on Monday, June 19th at 11:30 am. There will be a sign-up sheet at the table under the LWML banner in the narthex.

SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for Pastor Poppe's Retirement Party on Sunday, August 6, 2023. We will be celebrating his 26 years of faithful service to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and to His Lord and Savior, Jesus. E-mail invitations have been sent out with full details for you to RSVP. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Kaldahl at 660.238.7327.

"Some people come into our life as blessings. Some come into our lives as lessons."

Mother Teresa

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT—Acts 2: 1— “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place” Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival, taking place around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was an image and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to carry out through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and eternal, we stand only by His grace.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (May 28— June 3, 2023)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Todd Pennington	YunMi Kort
Maddy Wagner	Alayna Peters
Paulette Luebbe	Braxton Jones
Kacy Totenhagen	Brynlee Jones
Chelsea Richardson	Nolan Beal
Marc Huff	

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

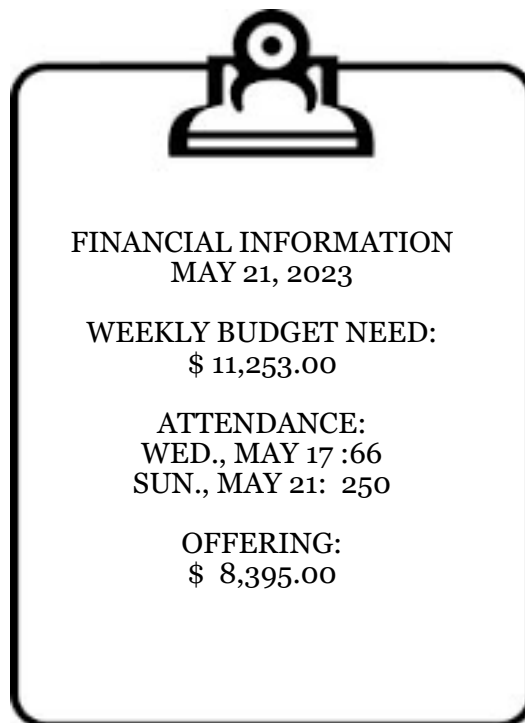
Nicholas & Tracy Bauer
Kiel & Katie Buhr
Mark & Sara Nispel
Joseph & Olivia Goodroad
Brian & Karolyn Husa
Greg & Shelley Kurtzer

LIFE MOMENT

Jesus became incarnate as embryo, fetus and teenager, infant and adult. In this way He consecrates humankind of all ages, appearances and abilities. The Good Lord comes close in skin and bone, the same as ours. He remains near with muscle and blood like we have. He humbly bears these sicknesses and gently carries these sorrows of ours. Jesus has crucifix-ed God on you, ever the servant and once-for-all sacrifice.

RETIREMENT PARTY DISPLAY

Photos with or of Pastor Poppe will be included in a display for his retirement party in August. Please e-mail any photos you may wish to submit to fellowship@goodshepherdlincoln.org. The more pictures, the merrier! Questions? Contact Sarah Kaldahl at (660) 238-7327.



JUNE 2023

MISSION PROJECT

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SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Wed., May 24): David Perrin
(Sun., May 28): 8 am: Brent Stehlik
10:30 am: Peg Olson

ELDER TODAY: (Wed., May 24): Curt Christiansen
(Sun., May 28): Mark Reinke
(Wed., May 31): Mark Reinke

USHERS: (Wed., May 24): Von Busches (A, A, D, &R)
(Sun., May 28): 8 am: Indgjers, R J Huff, Kaldahl
10:30 am: Novaks, Fitzgerald, Eckhoff
(Wed., May 31): R.J. Huff, kaldahl, Schmidt, Perrin

ACOLYTES: (Wed., May 24): Braxton Beed
(Sun., May 28): 8 am: Nolan Keller
10:30 am: Sam Perrin
(Wed., May 31): Broderic Beed

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Wed., May 24): Ruby Lichtenfeld
(Sun., May 28): YunA Kort
(Wed., May 31): Yun Mi Kort

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Wed., May 24): Marilyn Meyer
(Sun., May 28): Corie Christiansen
(Wed., May 31): Dennis & Reva Von Busch

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Wed., May 24): Marilyn Meyer
(Sun., May 28): Christine Brugger
(Wed., May 31): Dennis & Reva Von Busch

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., May 28): Bryan & Sandy Prenosil

MAIN STREET LIVING

On Sunday, May 28th, Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck,, President of the North Wisconsin District LCMS will be presenting the Pentecost message. For those who are unable to join us at Good Shepherd on May 28th, celebrate Pentecost with Main Street Living, Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck, and the Main Street Living choir.

THANKS

We thank Tim Pobanz for his willingness to lead us in hymns and liturgy with the organ in the absence of Connie on May 21st, 24th and 28th. We appreciate your sharing with Good Shepherd.

SOUNDBOARD VOLUNTEERS

Additional volunteers are needed to operate the soundboard during services on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639 if you are interested. There will be a training session for volunteers later in the summer.

GOOD SHEPHERD SHUT-IN MEMBERS:

Several of our shut-in members have requested to be listed in the News & Notes in order that members might pray for them. Below is the beginning of an answer to this request. Further developments are in our thoughts.

Ron & Janet Amack (at home)
Joyce Aupperle (at home)
Betty Bluhm (at The Grand Lodge)
Joe & Sharon Burke (at home)
Jim & Peggy Cather (at home)
Elaine Egner (at home)
Shirley Kalina (Pemberly Place)
Janet Kniep (at home)
Tish Loomis (at home)
Bob McClellan (Gateway Vista)
Cindi Olson (Country House)
Dean Posner (Holmes Lake Rehab)
Alice Urbach (at home)

Anita Armitstead (at home)
Irma Brandt (Yankee Hill Village)
Jim & Marilyn Carr (at home)
Georgene Duer (at home)
Verneda Gerdes (at home)
Arylss Ketelsen (Savannah Pines)
Jerry Kohl (The Woodlands)
Lynda Mahloch (Legacy Estates)
Dorian Merritt (at home)
Francine Poppe (Azria Health, Central City)
Marvin & Joyce Thompson (The Landing)
Don Wiese (Southlake Village)

On the tall table next to the pro-life display is a way for you to send birthday and anniversary greetings to our shut-in members. There are cards to sign or you may write a short note to those having birthdays and anniversaries in the current month. During the early days of June **Alice Urbach will be celebrating her 92nd birthday, Janet Kniep will be celebrating her 75th, and Nancy Velasquez will be 76 years old.** Cards for these people will be available to sign **until May 28th.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRAW

The next Red Cross Blood Draw at Good Shepherd will be on Friday, June 23rd from 8 am—2 pm in the fellowship hall. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Good Shepherd Lutheran to schedule an appointment.

FURTHER UP & FURTHER IN

Using the words of C. S. Lewis, Max McLean presents a multi-media theatrical event at the Kauffman Center in Kansas City, MO on Saturday, June 3rd. Topics explored are:

- What convinced Lewis of the divinity of Christ.
- Why the BBC gave him a huge audience to deliver wartime talks that would become "Mere Christianity."
- How Hitler influenced the writing of the "Screwtape Letters".
- How his profound insights on prayer, heaven and the Second Coming of Christ influenced "The Chronicles of Narnia."

For more information on getting tickets or joining a group to attend, call or text Nik Sandman at (402) 904-1576. Children under 4 are not admitted. This presentation is recommended for ages 13 and older.