

Good Shepherd News & Notes

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THE ECUMENICAL CREEDS: A BRIEF HISTORY

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THE NICENE CREED

Originally the Nicene Creed Was not a creed to be recited in the liturgy, but a “rule of faith” intended to state the orthodox truth against the heresy of Arius. Hence, in its original form the “rule” begins in the plural: “We believe,” referring to the bishops gathered at Nicaea (AD 325). When later the “rule” was confessed in the liturgy and became the creed for Baptism in the East, the singular form, “I believe,” became common.

To protect the transcendent and changeless oneness of God against pagan polytheism, Arius claimed that God was “utterly alone, without beginning, alone eternal.” What made God to be God was His otherness from all other beings.

The implication, however, was that even the Word of God—Jesus—was not true God, but a creature, born from the will of God. In willing (=creating) His Word, God *became* Father of the Son (+created Word). Arius erroneously taught that the Jesus of the Gospel stories, therefore, is not God the Son become man, but the created Word become man. As Athanasius observed, if Arius is correct, then Jesus cannot be our savior in the sense of giving us *eternal life*. For unless Jesus is God incarnate, eternal life is not His to give; otherwise, to be united with Christ is not to be united to the living God.

The formula, or statement, of the Council of Nicaea specifically opposes the Arian heresy. At the end there is a series of “anathemas” condemning certain statements made by Arius, such as: “[theWord] was not before he was begotten” or “he is from a different essence [than that of God the Father]” of “the Son of God is created, changeable.” The bishops at Nicaea opposed such claims with statements that confess the *unity* of God, the *eternal* distinction between Father and Son, and the *equality in divinity* of Father and Son. “We believe *in one* God, the Father ... and *in one* Lord, Jesus Christ.” This *one* God exists in a *distinction of persons*, the Father and the Son. The Father and the Son are each in their personal reality *equally true* God; “The Son of God begotten from the Father as only Son, that is from the essence (=deity) of the Father.” So, the Son is “of the same essence with the Father,” “true God from true God.”

Concerning the Holy Spirit, the council at Nicaea said only, “and in the Holy Spirit.” In the face of doubts about the Spirit’s deity, the Council of Constantinople (AD 381) added assertions that confess the Spirit’s full deity: “Lord,” “Giver of Life,”

"proceeds from the Father," "with the Father and Son is worshipped." The addition "proceeds from the Father *and from the Son*" first appears in AD 589 at the Third Synod of Toledo (Spain). The filioque ("and from the Son") gained allegiance through the West until it was officially added to the Creed in Rome in 1014.

The Nicene Creed was first introduced into the Eucharist by Peter the Fuller, Patriarch of Antioch (AD 476-488). In the West the Creed was introduced at Toledo (AD 589), to be sung before the Lord's Prayer.

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JUNE MISSION PROJECT

The mission project for the month of June is the support of Pastor Franco and his efforts to host Vacation Bible School for the families of his congregation in Venezuela. Your donations will help them to feed the children and purchase materials needed. For more information, talk to Ramon Marcano.



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 (4)
- **Joyce Thompson**, in rehab at The Cove, following surgery for a broken hip (6)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, as she recovers from surgery for a cochlear implant (4)
- **Donna Stepp**, mother of Jimmy Stepp, having dizzy spells. Pray that doctors would be able to find and treat the cause. (6)
- **Ken**, brother of Jimmy Stepp, dealing with low oxygen levels in his blood (6)
- **Lula Hinzemann**, 100 year old cousin of Barbara Kumm, who fractured her hip (7)
- **Joyce Aupperle**, in hospice care at home (5)
- **Loraine Harnett**, recovering from knee surgery on May 11th (4)
- **Tanya Schlamann**, former member of Good Shepherd, preparing for a possible lung transplant (2)
- **Rick**, brother of Jimmy Stepp, who will be having a hip replacement soon (5)
- **Patricia Ann Baxter-Nuner**, friend of Terry Fitzgerald, recovering from a knee replacement and following infection (3)
- **Lynda Mahloch**, recovering from eye surgery (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 (3)
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- **The son-in-law of Lynda Mahloch**, recently diagnosed with cancer (3)
- **Lowell Clifford**, grandfather of Ashley Ehrich, dealing with broken ribs following a fall. (3)
- **The family of Bob Tallent**, uncle of Jimmy Stepp, who was taken to his eternal home recently (2)
- **Thanksgiving for the birth of Ellie Rhyse Mackey**, daughter of Chris & Carla Mackey. (2)
- **Ron Graphenteen**, recovering from surgery on May 31. (1)
- **Betty Bluhm**, who will be getting a new pacemaker on June 16. (1)
- **Janet Kniep**, dealing with swelling in her legs. (1)
- **Noah & Taylor Lichtenfeld**, who were recently married. (1)
- **Dawn & Tom Vontz**, sister & brother-in-law to Dee Indgjer. Tom is on a kidney transplant list at UNMC & Mayo. Dawn is giving a kidney through a paired donation. (1)
- **Ruth Brisbois**, having eye surgery on June 6. (1)

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.

"If you look at the world, you will be distressed, If you look within, you will be depressed, but if you look at Christ, you will be at rest.

Author Unknown

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT—Isaiah 6:3 – “And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!’” Behold the threefold Name of God! Here in Isaiah the angels cry “Holy, holy, holy” to praise and acknowledge the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are baptized into this Name. We have been made a part of God’s family. Now, we are called to live in harmony with our new family, to be godly and live in God’s image. As God is loving, kind and generous, so are we all called to be.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (June 4 thru June 10)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Logan Fisser	Lyn Heng
Casey Swett	Janet Kniep
Alice Urbach	Peg Olson
Chloe Lichtenfeld	Caleb Seymour
Michael Masur	Ingrid Ehrich
Tarrin Roth	Ben Civic
Jon Bliss	Sarah Kranz

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

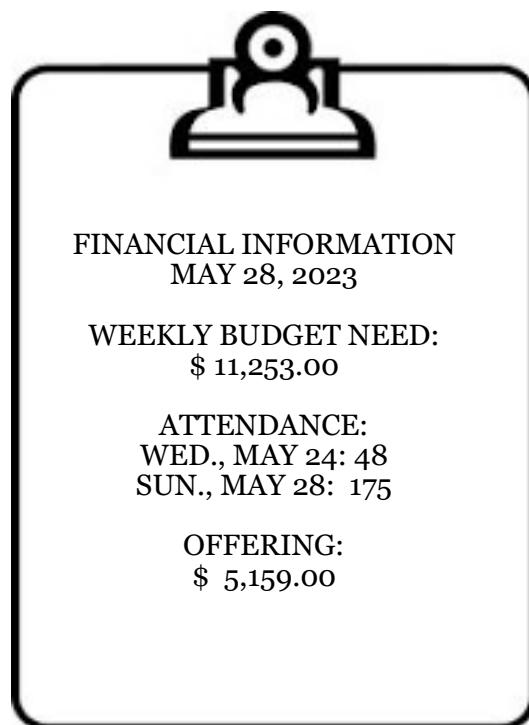
Don & Peg Olson
Chris & Melissa Peters
Brent & Jan Stehlik
Rev. Adam & Elizabeth Moline

LIFE MOMENT

Almighty Triune God, thank You for Your amazing love for us. Thank you that you have rescued us from ourselves and that You have made us Yours through Christ dying on the cross for our sin and rising again to give us eternal life. Thank you for Your Holy Spirit, which calls us and opens our eyes and minds and hearts to respond in faith to Your message of salvation. And bless us this day as we cling to You and as You hold us up in the palm of Your hand and in the grip of Your grace.

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 31): Indgjers
(Sun., June 4): 8 am: Tim, Jen & Caraline Higgins
10:30 am: Lauren Georgeson
(Wed., June 7): Ruth Cheek

ELDER TODAY: (Wed., May 31): Mark Reinke
(Sun., June 4): Chad Renter
(Wed., June 7): Joel Kaldahl

USHERS: (Wed., May 31): R.J. Huff, kaldahl, Schmidt, Perrin
(Sun., June 4): 8 am:
10:30 am:
(Wed., June 7):

ACOLYTES: (Wed., May 31): Broderic Beed
(Sun., June 4): 8 am: Rhett Bauer
10:30 am: Zach Von Busch
(Wed., June 7): Clark Ehrich

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Wed., May 31): YunMi Kort
(Sun., June 4): Abigail Durr
(Wed., June 7): Adelaide Ehrich

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Wed., May 31): Dennis & Reva Von Busch
(Sun., June 4): Deb Burow
(Wed., June 7): Arlene Nelson

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Wed., May 31): Dennis & Reva Von Busch
(Sun., June 4): M. Marshall/Nancy & Sara Stepp
(Wed., June 7): Arlene Nelson

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., June 4): ?

THANKS

Thank you to all who have donated so generously to the Women's Care Center. There are pink baby bottles for donations in the Narthex if you would like to continue giving support. There is a pink tub to return the baby bottle donations to as well.

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)
Arluss 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.