

Good Shepherd News & Notes

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CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?

by Jeni Miller

When it comes to life or death stuff, it's pretty important to understand why you believe the way you do. Right? Right. Lutheranism is chock full of life or death stuff.

LCMS Lutherans are different from other denominations and even other Lutherans. (The good different, though.) Although unity would be nice, the reality is that we cling solely to God's Word for everything we believe. That's why asking a question like, "Why can't we all just get along?" isn't all that helpful. Do we really *want* to get along if it means sacrificing the best parts of what we believe and confess about life or death stuff?

Since you'll inevitably be asked — probably roughly 89,652 times in your life — what sets LCMS Lutherans apart from other denominations, here's a road map to help you navigate those conversations while boldly sharing the faith.

SCRIPTURE: It always comes down to the Bible, doesn't it? What a church believes about God's Word is going to impact ev-er-y-thing else they confess. This is where you start.

Consider what others believe about the Bible. Is it fully God's Word, without error, like we believe? Or do they believe it just "contains" God's Word while other parts are negotiable? It's simple: If another church doesn't believe that the Bible is truly and fully the Word of God, we don't have the same foundation.

ORIGINAL SIN AND JUSTIFICATION: Are we sinful? How long have we been sinners? What can we do about it, or better, what has been done about it? This distinguishes LCMS Lutherans from other denominations pretty easily. We confess that we are by nature sinful and are dead in that sin, unable to free ourselves and in desperate need of Christ's salvation. (Check out Psalm 51 and Ephesians 2.) Original sin is not a doctrine confessed in every Christian church, however. Some Christians believe that we are not born sinful while others believe that original sin disappears at our Baptism. For LCMS Lutherans, that sin is present from Day 0 and sticks with us. That's why we need Christ's forgiveness every day, every hour, every second.

SACRAMENTS: Now we come to another big difference between LCMS Lutherans and other folks: how we view Baptism and the Lord's Supper. What do others con-

fess about what Baptism and the Lord's Supper actually do, if anything? Are they simply a symbol or sign of faith? Or rather, the actual forgiveness of sins, as LCMS Lutherans confess? Is Christ present bodily (for real) in the Lord's Supper or not? This flows from what we believe about the Bible and sin and justification. It's all wrapped up . The Sacraments are the Gospel applied, the way in which the Gospel is made yours. It literally comes into contact with you because it's living and active. But if it's just a symbol, as others may say, then it's not living or active.

SO . . . The common myth is that doctrine divides us and only focuses on our differences. The truth is that the whole point of doctrine is to unify so that we all have a common teaching we all stand behind. No pretending. Whatever proclaims Christ — whatever proclaims the Gospel — that's what LCMS Lutherans are about. We pray for the day that all other Christians see the Gospel as the center of their doctrine too, so that we can all be united as one.

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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 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, 1715 S. Jefferson St, 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.

JUNE VOTERS' MEETING

The annual voters' meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 27th at 7 pm. Some items of discussion will be the budget and election of officers. Questions may be directed to Joe Ehrich, Pastor Poppe, or Pastor Moline.



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 (6)
- **Joyce Thompson**, in rehab at The Cove, following surgery for a broken hip (1)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, as she recovers from surgery for a cochlear implant (5)
- **Joyce Aupperle**, in hospice care at home (6)
- **Loraine Harnett**, recovering from knee surgery on May 11th (5)
- **Tanya Schlamann**, former member of Good Shepherd, preparing for a possible lung transplant (3)
- **Rick**, brother of Jimmy Stepp, who will be having a hip replacement soon (6)
- **Patricia Ann Baxter-Nuner**, friend of Terry Fitzgerald, recovering from a knee replacement and following infection (4)
- **Ray & June**, parents of Deb Burow, for success in upcoming surgeries (4)
- **Michael**, cousin of Barbara Kumm, whose son was born at 30 wks. due to pre-eclampsia. Please pray for Dominique's recovery (4)
- **Olga Wilhoite**, friend of Barbara Kumm, who fell and fractured a vertebrae (5)
- **Greg Kurtzer**, recovering from surgery (1)
- **Clarice Mackey**, mother of Chris Mackey, hospitalized in Washington following surgery (2)
- **Mark Tallman**, former boss of Linda Clark, in treatment for pancreatic cancer. (2)
- **Stella Nuckels**, sister of Marc Huff, having back issues (2)
- **Jerry Alm**, father of Dee Chrisler, recovering from a fall (2)
- **Alan**, son-in-law of Arlene Nelson, dealing with cancer in his thyroid (1)

- **The son-in-law of Lynda Mahloch**, recently diagnosed with cancer (5)
- **Lowell Clifford**, grandfather of Ashley Ehrich, dealing with broken ribs following a fall. (5)
- **Ron Graphenteen**, recovering from surgery on May 31. (3)
- **Betty Bluhm**, who will be getting a new pacemaker on June 16. (3)
- **Janet Kniep**, dealing with swelling in her legs. (3)
- **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. (3)
- **Ruth Brisbois**, having eye surgery on June 6. (3)
- **Teri Firestone**, friend of Holly Herrod, recovering from foot surgery (1)
- **Sarah Stepp**, for healing from her celiac disease. Prayers that her new medication will promote healing where it is needed. (1)
- **Bob McClellan**, dealing with health issues (1)
- **Thanksgiving for Nathan & Kathryn Pennington**, who were married on Sat., June 17th and for Nathan's call as Director of Parish Music at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Washington, MO.

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.

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT—Luke 14: 19– “And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused’” The things of this world tempt us to cast aside the things of God. The things of this world demand our attention, time, finances, etc. But Jesus invites us to the feast — what could be more important than this gracious invitation? Today’s parable invites us to examine our own priorities and excuses, and then come home in humble repentance to the Lord who invites us.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (June 18 thru June 24)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Aimee Baumann	Marilyn Herman
Blake & Clare Macklin	Lisa Klutz
Adelaide Ehrich	Ron Amack
Evelyn Smith	Sofia Poppe
Amanda Civic	Mike Schnell
Pastor Luke Russert	Candy Kimes
Natalie Steinhauser	

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Maynard & Joannie Michel
Pastor Albert & Gretyl Bader
Frank & Janice Densberger
Joel & Sarah Kaldahl
John & Cindi Olson
Michael & Allison Fredrick
Ryan & Rebekah Pavlish

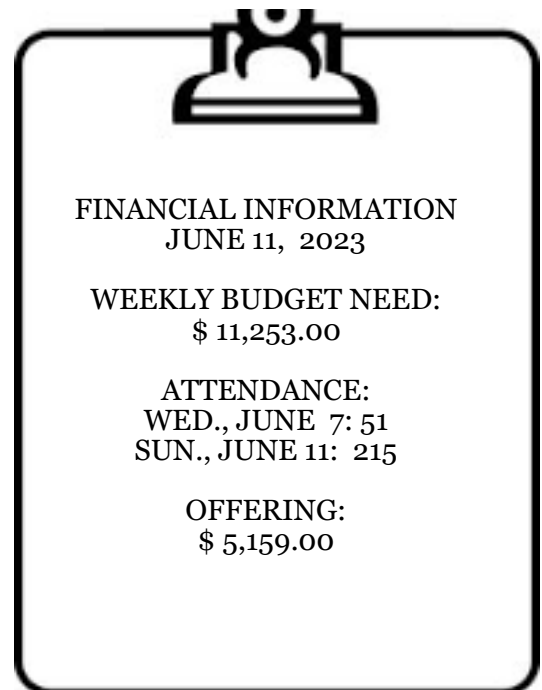
LIFE MOMENT

“Have confidence in God. Jesus Christ died for you, and Jesus Christ lives for you. . . By faith in Christ, enjoy real life without that constant covetousness which makes life a living hell for so many people. By faith in Christ, know once and for all what this means: A man’s real life in no way depends upon the number of his possessions. A man’s life does not consist of the abundance of the things he possesses.”

Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman

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
VBS FOR
VENEZUELA**

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Wed., June 14): Don & Peg Olson
(Sun., June 18): 8 am: Brent & Jan Stehlik
10:30 am: David Perrin
(Wed., June 21): Scott & Dee Indgjer

ELDER TODAY: (Wed., June 14): Wayne Gudgel
(Sun., June 18): Wayne Gudgel
(Wed., June 21): Dale Meyer

USHERS: (Wed., June 14): Von Busch Family
(Sun., June 18): 8 am: A & A Von Busch, Schnell, Wilkens
10:30 am: Klutz, Eckhoff, Fitzgerald
(Wed., June 21): Huff, Kaldahl, Schmidt, Pfeister

ACOLYTES: (Wed., June 14): Kyler Cover
(Sun., June 18): 8 am: Sawyer Shubkagel
10:30 am: Gabe Moline
(Wed., June 21): Ethan Von Busch

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Wed., June 14): Brileigh Twarling
(Sun., June 18): Chloe Lichtenfeld
(Wed., June 21): Chloe Theewen

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Wed., June 14): Sue Stolcpart
(Sun., June 18): Celia Taylor
(Wed., June 21): Marilyn Meyer

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Wed., June 14): Sue Stolcpart
(Sun., June 18): Deb Grimmette
(Wed., June 21): Marilyn Meyer

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., June 18): Don & Peg Olson

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.

CAMP LUTHER SUMMER 2023 (Heirs: Titus 3: 7)

Your camper will discover what it means to be an heir of Christ. In Titus 3: 7 we are taught that by His grace, we become heirs of eternal life. Through studying God's Word, chapels, and campfires, they will explore how and why we receive the greatest inheritance of eternal life. The month of June is booked but **there are still a few openings in July**. Information brochures on the camps and how to register are available on the bulletin table in the narthex.

FLOWERS

The flowers provided for last Sunday, June 11th were given in thanksgiving by Bob & Sondra Rathjen for their blessings on their 64th wedding anniversary. We thank Bob & Sondra for adding beauty to God's house on this special occasion.

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. **We currently remember Joyce Thompson who will celebrate her 90th birthday on July 8th. A card will be available to sign until Sunday, July 2nd.** 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.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN FISH FEED

St. John's Lutheran Church, 11400 Panama Rd., Crete, NE will be hosting a benefit fish feed on Sunday, June 25th from 11 am—1 pm at Kramer Hall. The menu will include fish, brats, potatoes, onions, salads, desserts, and drinks. There will be a free-will offering which will be given to Orphan Grain Train to help with operating expenses. Also accepted will be good clean clothing, shoes, toys, quilts, non-breakable housewares, school supplies, and health items. Funds donated will be supplemented by Thrivent Financial.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Lutherans for Life National Conference will be October 11-13, 2023 at the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport in Erlanger, Kentucky. After daily conference sessions at the hotel, you can visit the Creation Museum with the newly expanded "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" exhibit, and the Ark Encounter. For more information or to register for the conference go to LUTHERANSFORLIFE.ORG/CONFERENCE. For questions contact: Erika Peterson, Event Coordinator at EPETERSON@LUTHERANSFORLIFE.ORG or at (515) 382-2077.

WEBSITE FOR ORDINATION

If members from Good Shepherd are not able to travel to Kearney, MO for Pastor-Elect Goodroad's ordination, it is supposed to be aired live on YouTube. There is a link on the Trinity Lutheran website they can click on. Website is <https://www.trinitykearney.org/>