

# Good Shepherd News & Notes

Seventh Sunday of Easter: May 12, 2024

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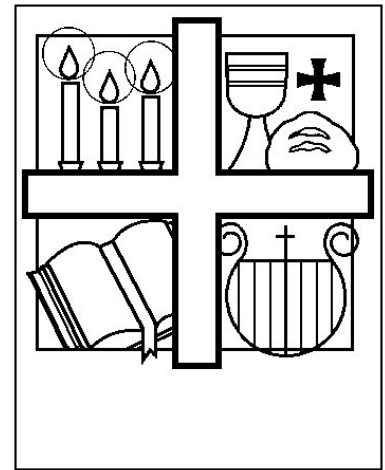
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## LITURGY EQUIPS US FOR LIFE, WITNESS, AND VOCATION

*by Leah Bromen*

The liturgy teaches us how to pray. Its prayers are drawn from the inspired prayers of Scripture — such as the Psalms — and from prayers that have been used by centuries of Christians.

Throughout the liturgy — the collects, Lord's Prayer, creeds, Confession, Kyrie and more — we are given words to pray which are based on Scripture and keep our focus outside ourselves, on our unchanging God. One of the ancient liturgical prayers, the Litany, dates back at least 1,500 years and addresses a host of spiritual and physical needs in its petitions. Whether we are young or old, are newly baptized or have walked decades in the faith, the liturgy provides models of prayer for us to imitate daily. These models ground us in an orderly approach to our prayers, even in times when we are experiencing the challenges of confusion and even chaos.

The liturgy also furnishes orderly language for witnessing. When a response to a friend's difficult life situation is "Lord, have mercy," it conveys more empathy and thoughtfulness than "I'm so sorry to hear that." When in thanksgiving we express to a family member, "Alleluia!" or "Thanks be to God!" we simultaneously confess our faith and impact the faith of another with the help of the Holy Spirit. When school children sing the Magnificat while cleaning up their school building, they profess their faith to all who are present. As we proclaim in the common Alleluia verse, based on Peter's confession in John 6: 68, "You have the words of eternal life," the liturgical expression, along with the rest of Scripture, strengthens us in our ability to confess our faith in an orderly way to those who are disorganized and disoriented by the world.

In addition, the liturgy presents the faith in an organized and structured manner, thereby equipping parents to fulfill the command of Deuteronomy 6 to teach their children. The old saying is "*lex orandi, lex credenda, lex vivendi*" — "as we worship, so we believe, so we live." When we hear, speak and sing the liturgy in each church service, we are learning the faith, which then helps us steadfastly to live it out in our lives. Parents, through the vocations of fatherhood and motherhood, can apply their knowledge of the liturgy to teach and reinforce faith at home.

Moreover, the liturgy hides God's Word in our hearts, enabling it to surface in everyday moments, as well as when words fail, or memories are clouded or long-forgotten. When we are steeped in the liturgy and Scripture, it can pour forth in a well-ordered and efficacious way from our lips in times of loss, sadness and joy. Stories abound of seniors who struggle to remember the names of their spouses, children or other loved ones, but can sing the Te Deum or recite the Lord's Prayer.

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In times such as these, we witness to our family, our neighbors, the medical community assisting a loved one, a friend on social media, and all with whom the Lord brings us into contact.

Everything we do is a confession. Just as the Augsburg Confession is a formal profession of our Lutheran beliefs, everything we speak and do furnishes a statement of our faith. When we sing the liturgy, or express "Lord, have mercy" within a sympathy card, or live out our vocations through the words and promises of Scripture contained throughout our worship, we are confessing to the world and bringing God's promises and order to our lives. The Lutheran liturgy provides a stronghold of faith that establishes us in the Word and serves us faithfully here on earth, bringing order to this disordered world.

~ posted at <http://witness.lcms.org> ~

## **KNNA PROGRAMMING**

One of the many original programs on KNNA-LP 95.7 The Cross is Bringing Back Bach. Pastor Moline brings his vast knowledge of Lutheran church music and Lutheran theology together in this program as he highlights a portion of the musical genius that is Johann Sebastian Bach. Programs are arranged according to the liturgical church year and give us a glimpse of how majestic Lutheran church music has been and can be today. Thanks for listening! If you cannot receive our programming on your radio, it is available on the internet at [www.thecross957.org](http://www.thecross957.org).

## **MAY MISSION PROJECT: APPLE OF HIS EYE MISSION SOCIETY**



Rev. Jordan Peiser introduced us on Sunday, May 5th to one of Good Shepherd's newest mission projects. In order to witness effectively and lovingly, it is important for non-Jewish people to understand the foundation of what Jewish people believe today. Check out the website at [www.appleofhiseye.org](http://www.appleofhiseye.org).

## **ACELC CONFERENCE**

You are invited to register for the ACELC Conference at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kansas City, MO on June 18-19, 2024. A range of presenters will offer their perspectives on the issues facing the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Check the ACELC (Association of Confessing Evangelical Lutheran Churches) website for updates on speakers and topics and for registration details.

## **POP CAN TABS**

Thanks to everyone who donated and continues to donate pop can tabs. The tabs are sent to Ronald McDonald house in Omaha. The money from the sale of those pop can tabs donations help pay for expenses at the house. The goal of the Ronald McDonald house is to provide a home away from home for sick kids and their families while they are in Omaha for treatment. Thanks to schools, churches, and community organizations approximately 35 million pop tabs were recycled last year. They may be small in size but they make a big impact. Why tabs and not whole cans? The tabs are smaller, paint-free, and pure aluminum, which increases their value and profit when recycled. There is a collection jar at Good Shepherd on the round table in the narthex. For more information, contact Linda Reigle.

## **THANK YOU**

All of the care in your reaching out to me while I was unable to attend church was truly appreciated. From phone calls from Vicar with offers of a home visit to the filling in for me in my duties on the altar guild that has made this church one I have truly grown to love in ways words cannot express. God has blessed me so very much. Thanks to everyone for the prayers and well wishes. Dee Crisler



## 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)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, with continued medical issues (6)
- **Elaine Egner**, that her chemo and radiation treatments would be successful (5)
- **Jerry & Lori Sidlo**, dealing with continuing health problems (4)
- **Irma Brandt**, in hospice care (3)
- **Irene**, friend of Linda Clark, being treated for lung cancer (1)
- **Grady Schutz**, great-nephew of Linda Clark, having medical issues (5)
- **Dee Crisler**, with health issues (3)
- **Linda**, healing for health issues (6)
- **Karen**, daughter of Barb Kumm, dealing with health issues (6)
- **Barb**, a friend of Shelley Kurtzer, Barb Proescholdt, and Loraine Harnett, in treatment for cancer (5)
- **Brianna Merriman**, great-granddaughter of Rich & Lorelee Novak, dealing with health and adjustment issues. (5)
- **Georgia Deubler**, recovering from shoulder surgery (3)
- **Jim & Peggy Cather**, dealing with health issues (5)
- **Rita**, mother of Rich Lichtenfeld, recovering from surgery (5)
- **Marilyn Meyer**, for a successful medical procedure (3)
- **Shirley Kalina**, experiencing health issues (4)
- **Cherie Travis**, dealing with heart issues (2),
- **Rachel Wells**, sister of Hannah Swor, with ongoing health issues (2)
- **Pearl**, sister of Loraine Harnett, with ongoing health issues (1)
- **Dan Novacek**, grandfather of Jack, Alaina and Nolan Novacek, having open-heart surgery on May 10th (1)

- **Sarah Stepp**, thanksgiving that issues regarding Rx insurance are resolved. Pray that her new prescription would be effective for her EOE. Pray also that her celiac disease would continue to be responsive to just a gluten-free diet (1)
- **Thanksgiving for the baptism of Ellie Rhyse Mackey**, daughter of Chris & Carla Mackey, on Wednesday, May 1st (1)
- **Thanksgiving for the baptism of Theodore Andrew Kaldahl**, son of Joel & Sarah Kaldahl, on Wed., May 8th (1)
- **Delores Hellwege**, friend of Karen Kammann, thanksgiving for good test results (1)
- **For those affected by the tornados** in Elkhorn, Waverly and other portions of the Midwest (2)

## SECOND ANNUAL SUMMER PARK TOUR

All families are invited to join us on our Second Annual Summer Park Tour. We plan to hold park dates every other week through the summer at various locations. These park dates are a great opportunity for fellowship and fun. Parents get an opportunity to chat while the kids run around and play.

Our remaining park date for May will be on May 21, 2024 from 10 am to noon at Mendoza Park in Lincoln. There is a sidewalk entrance near Blackstone and Benziger. The sidewalk is between houses on the west side of Blackstone. From there, you walk down 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.

Information about future summer park dates will be disseminated by text message. Please contact Amanda Civic at (402) 304-6620 with any questions, or to be added to the summer park dates text message group.

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**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— I Peter 4: 10**  
"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." The grace, the gifts, the blessings — they are all from God. We are to use them as stewards, not as owners. That means we should seek to use them in the way the Owner wants them used. So, we listen to His Word, pray for His wisdom and receive His grace..



*As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

1 Peter 4:10

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES** (May 12 thru May 18)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Tim Schellenbach	Joel Kaldahl
Dennis Von Busch	Jon McNabb
Lacey Burgess	Chad Renter
Tanya Wagner	Dee Indgjer
Brittani Jackson	Kevin Cheek
Ty Twarling	Lucy Pflanz

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Scott & Susan McKinney  
Rev. Clint & Barb Poppe  
Chris & Paulette Luebbe

## **LIFE MOMENT**

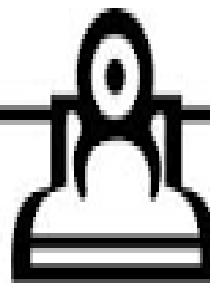
The gracious Savior brings a delightful clarity to life-and-death issues and situations. Killing and destroying belongs entirely to the work of the devil (John 10: 10). The people of God advocate and extend abundant, everlasting life to the Lord's every last little lamb. Unto all our neighbors, with both our voice and our goods (I John 3: 17), may we "come that they may have life and have it abundantly!"

## **LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY**

Good Shepherd is collecting toiletry items for the Lutheran Food Pantry in the brown box located on the round table by the south balcony stairs. Items needed are:

Toothpaste (family size & travel size)  
Shampoo (family size & travel size)  
Soap (family size & travel size)  
Toothbrushes (no battery or electric)

Thanks for your assistance in helping to fill this need for our community.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
MAY 5, 2024

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:  
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:  
WED, MAY 1: 68  
THURS: MATINS: 36  
SUN., MAY 5: 213

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:  
\$ 6,643.25

OUR OUTSTANDING MORTGAGE: \$ 1,636,542.68

Our goal is to pay off the mortgage by 2030. We need \$2,300 per week donated in principal only payments to accomplish this.

Between Jan 1 & May 5, 2024  
We have received  
\$ 31,178.04  
in principal only gifts.

Vicarage Fund Jan 1 — April 21,  
2024:  
\$ 24,586.00

## **SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:**

**DOORKEEPERS:** (Sun., May 12): 8 am: Harnett  
10:30 am: Olson  
(Wed., May 15): Cheek

**ELDER TODAY:** (Sun., May 12): Ken Knaus  
(Wed., May 15): Ken Knaus

**USHERS:** (Sun., May 12) 8 am: Stepps, RJ Huff, Stehlik  
10:30 am: Fitzgerald, Luebbe, Klutzes  
(Wed., May 15): Klutzes, RJ Huff, Kaldahl

**ACOLYTES:** (Sun., May 12): 8 am: Aaden Von Busch  
10:30 am: Gabe Moline  
Wed., May 15): Broderic Beed

**ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT:** (Sun., May 12): YunMi Kort  
(Wed., May 15): Claire Moline

**COMMUNION SET-UP:** (Sun., May 12): Paula Erickson  
(Wed., May 15): Sue Stolcpart

**COMMUNION CLEAN-UP:** (Sun., May 12): Suzie Znamenacek  
(Wed., May 15): Sue Stolcpart

**COFFEE SERVERS:** (Sun., May 12): Mark & Lori Reinke

## **POSITION OPENING**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is looking for a full time Congregational Administrative Assistant. Wide range of tasks including weekly bulletins and newsletters, scheduling visits for the pastors, answering phones and a variety of other tasks as assigned. Will work closely with the pastors in the administration of the congregation. Candidates need to be friendly, outgoing, and able to show discretion. Familiarity with Microsoft Office, database software and Google products required. Pay is \$15.40 per hour. Please submit a resume' or ask questions to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3825 Wildbriar Ln., Lincoln, NE 68516 or email to info @goodshepherd-lincoln.org.

## **CANDIDATE PLACEMENTS**

Candidate placements also occurred at CTSFW at the end of April. Our former vicar Noah Kerstein (and Jessica) will be serving at Faith Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Ill.

In addition several of our former Concordia students have received their assignments.

Armbrecht, Isaiah (and Audrey)— Our Savior Lutheran Church, Manchester IA  
Goodroad, Joseph (and Olivia) —Grace Lutheran Church, Iola, KS  
Grenemeyer, Joseph (and Faith) —Faith Lutheran Church, Parkston, SD  
St. Peter Lutheran Church, Emery, SD

Kastner, John — Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olathe, KS

Please keep them all in your prayers as they finish the academic year and prepare to relocate and begin their ministry.

## 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.

Ron Amack (at home)	Anita Armitstead (at home)
Betty Bluhm (at The Grand Lodge)	Irma Brandt (Yankee Hill Village)
Joe Burke (Bailey Pointe)	Jim & Marilyn Carr (at home)
Jim & Peggy Cather (at home)	Georgene Duer (at home)
Elaine Egner (at home)	Verneda Gerdes (at home)
Shirley Kalina (Pemberly Place)	Arlyss Ketelsen (at home)
Janet Kniep (at home)	Jerry Kohl (The Woodlands)
Tish Loomis (at home)	Lynda Mahloch (Legacy Estates)
Dorian Merritt (at home)	Brent & Cherie Travis (at home)
Cindi Olson (Country House)	Francine Poppe (Azria Health, Central City)
Dean Posner (Holmes Lake Rehab)	Marvin & Joyce Thompson (The Woodlands)
Alice Urbach (at home)	

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. Beginning on **May 8** there is a card available for **Alice Urbach** as she celebrates her **92nd birthday** and **Janet Kniep** as she celebrates her **75th birthday**. These cards will be available to sign until **Sunday, May 26th**. Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.



## MEET TREVOR FLANICK & FAMILY

Trevor Flanick was raised on a small farm in Maryland along with five brothers. He was baptized, catechized, and confirmed in the LCMS and was homeschooled throughout high school. After graduating, he attended Messiah College in PA, where he studied Criminal Justice and Psychology. Trevor also participated in Army ROTC to prepare for a military career; he met his bride, Rebekah, in college.

After marrying and graduating college, Trevor was commissioned as an active-duty Infantry officer in the Army. In the following nine-and-a-half years, they traveled and lived throughout the country. Stationed in Georgia, Alaska, and Kansas, Trevor spent some time overseas for deployments and training. In 2022, he left military service, moved the family to Ft. Wayne, IN and began the MDIV program at CTSFW. Trevor was blessed to serve as fieldworker at Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School the last two years.

The Flanicks have 3 sons: Gideon (6), Theodore (Teddy) (4), and James (2) and just welcomed twin girls — Constance and Caroline (5mo) — this past November, bringing the family up to 7.

Trevor will be completing his vicarage at Good Shepherd during the Aug. 2024 — July 2025 year. Please include Trevor & Rebekah and their family in your prayers as they transition to Lincoln, NE and Good Shepherd.