

Good Shepherd News & Notes

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AFFIRMING GOD'S GIFT OF MARRIAGE by Pastor Thomas Goodroad

Because the month of June has been proclaimed and widely celebrated in our communities as "Pride Month" that seeks to confess what the world believes about marriage, we as your pastors wanted to prepare a statement that affirms what God's Word teaches, and therefore what we believe, teach, and confess, about God's gift of marriage. This is that statement. Our intent with this statement is to proclaim that, out of the many and various ways He blesses us, marriage is among the chief blessings which God has bestowed upon us (Psalm 127, 128; Proverbs 31: 10-31).

We, the undersigned pastors, confess boldly and confidently, in unity of faith and in fellowship with one another, God's good gift of marriage as it is taught in the Holy Bible, which is God's Word breathed out by the Holy Spirit. In order to uplift and extol this blessing from God and to teach those who God has put under our watch as His undershepherds, we publicly recognize and uphold that the following points are taught in God's Word and therefore are unequivocally true and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3: 16):

- I. Marriage is an institution created by God for humans before the fall into sin (Genesis 2: 24; Matthew 19: 4-6).
- II. Because it comes from our God, who alone is holy Himself (Revelation 15:4), and because it was instituted before the fall, marriage is itself a very good and holy institution (Genesis 1: 31) in the eyes of God. Marriage should therefore be held in honor by all (Hebrews 13: 4)
- III. Marriage is defined by God as one man leaving his father and mother and holding fast to his wife, the two becoming one flesh (Genesis 2: 24). This alone is marriage in the eyes of God. All other unions are therefore definitively outside of God's Will (Exodus 20:14; Leviticus 18; Romans 1: 26-28; I Timothy 1: 8-11).
- IV. Marriage is a picture of Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:25-32). Because it is the role of the Church to submit to Christ (Ephesians 5: 24) and Christ took upon Himself the role of Redeemer of the Church and gave himself up for it (Ephesians 5: 23, 25), it is the God-given role of wives to submit to their own husbands as to the Lord (I Corinthians 7: 1-5; Ephesians 5: 22, Colossians 3: 18; Titus 2: 3-5; I Peter 3: 1-6) and of husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the Church (Ephesians 5: 25-30), giving themselves up for them, loving them (I Corinthians 7: 1-5; Ephesians 5: 25; Colossians 3: 18), and living with them in an understanding way (I Peter 3: 7).
- V. Marriage is given to us by God for the primary purpose of fulfilling God's blessing and command to be fruitful and multiply (Genesis 1: 28; 8: 13-17) and for the secondary purpose of companionship and mutual uplifting (Genesis 2: 18, 23-24; Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10; Isaiah 62: 5; I Corinthians 7: 2-5). *(over)*

Because the above points are found and taught clearly in the Holy Bible, we as His people are bound by our faith to believe them and hold to them as the inspired Word of God over and against all teachings found elsewhere.

Signed, the following pastors of the Lincoln South Circuit

Rev. Ron Benson
Rev. Jeffrey Bloom
Rev. Art Brinkmeyer
Rev. Keith Burk
Rev. Tim Gall

Rev. Tom E. Goodroad
Rev. Andrew Greer
Rev. John Kunze
Rev. Dustin Lappe
Rev. David Loesch

Rev. Adam S. Moline
Rev. David Muench
Rev. Clint K. Poppe
Rev. Verdell Schramm
Rev. Maynard L Toensing, Jr.

KNNA PROGRAMMING: AT HOME IN YOUR HYMNAL

One of the many original programs produced by KNNA-LP 95.7 The Cross is At Home in Your Hymnal. This program is designed to do just what it says, help you to be more at home with your hymnal, either during the worship service at church or in personal and family devotions at home. Topics include the theology of worship, funerals and funeral planning, a study of the Divine Service, and many, many hymn studies. If you are not able to receive KNNA on your radio, you can listen via the internet at www.thecross957.org. Thanks for listening!

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. Curt Christiansen and his crew will also be broadcasting the conference live on KNNA.

OWLS - FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors) will meet again on Friday, June 7 at 2 pm. Bring a drink for yourself and a snack to share. Please feel free to join in the fun and enjoy some great fellowship. You may also bring a favorite game to teach others to play. So far, the group has learned to play Hand and Foot, Pitch, and Mexican Train. For more information, please contact Marilyn Meyer or Linda Reigle.

THURSDAY SCHEDULE

If you are available on Thursdays in the early afternoon, Good Shepherd is offering an opportunity to participate in a **Matins Service at 12:30 pm, Bible Study (I Peter) at 1 pm and helping with quilting at 2 pm**. You may also come earlier and help to fold Sunday's bulletin. Questions? Call the church office at (402) 423-7639.



FLOWERS

We celebrate today with Bob & Sondra Rathjen their 65th wedding anniversary on Friday. The flowers today were given by Bob & Sondra in thanksgiving to God for His blessings throughout their lives together. Thanks to the Rathjens for this witness and including Good Shepherd in their celebration.

"The more alien the Christian message becomes to an increasingly unbelieving culture, the greater will be the temptation not to say the things our culture needs to hear." Klemet I Preus, The Fire and the Staff (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO) 2004, pg. 333.



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 (1)
- **Leena Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, with continued medical issues (4)
- **Elaine Egner**, that her maintenance treatments would be successful (2)
- **Jerry & Lori Sidlo**, dealing with continuing health problems (2)
- **Irma Brandt**, in hospice care (1)
- **Irene**, friend of Linda Clark, being treated for lung cancer (5)
- **Linda**, healing for health issues (4)
- **Karen**, daughter of Barb Kumm, dealing with health issues (4)
- **Georgia Deubler**, recovering from shoulder surgery (1)
- **Cherie Travis**, dealing with heart issues (6)
- **Rachel Wells**, sister of Hannah Swor, with ongoing health issues (6)
- **Pearl**, sister of Loraine Harnett, with ongoing health issues (5)
- **Dan Novacek**, grandfather of Jack, Alaina and Nolan Novacek, recovering from open-heart surgery (5)
- **Sarah Stepp**, thanksgiving that her most recent endoscopy was clear. Meds and a gluten-free diet are working. Her next scope is not likely for 2 years. Follow-up will be in Dec. 2024. She is currently having some joint pain likely due to side effects of meds (4)
- **Ellie Mackey**, grand-daughter of Linda Clark, with an upcoming medical procedure (2)
- **Grady Schutz**, great-nephew of Linda Clark, with continuing medical issues (2)
- **Mike Rogers**, husband of Linda Clark's co-worker, who had a stroke (3)

- **Dale**, brother-in-law of Tish Loomis, recovering from a double knee replacement (1)
- **Barb**, a friend of Loraine Harnett, Shelley Kurtzer, and Barb Proescholdt, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer (2)
- **Reva Von Busch**, recovering from surgery (1)
- **Lois Kirchoff**, having kidney stone removal, June 4 (2)
- **Glenna**, sister of Helen Snook, having health issues (1)
- **Bryan Prenosil**, recovering from hip surgery (1)
- **Thanksgiving for the blessings during 65 years of marriage for Bob & Sondra Rathjen** (1)
- **Thanksgiving for the baptism on Sunday, June 9th of Zariah Zimmerman**, daughter of Aaron & Anna Zimmerman (1)
- **The families of Brandy & Jamie Wheeler**, friends of Terry & Deb Princ, who with a friend were killed in an accident recently (2)

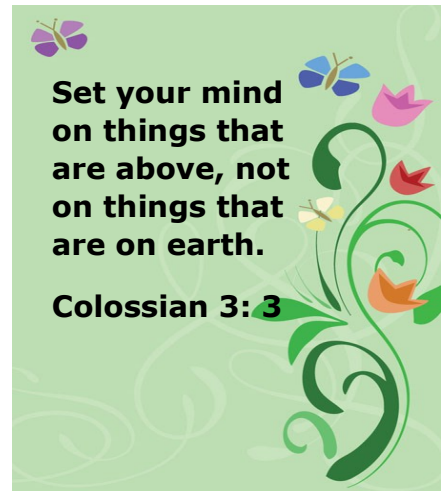
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The LCMS estimates a decrease from 6,000 to 3,000 pastors serving our congregations over the next 15 years. Luther Classical College, however, anticipates 10-20 young men enrolling in its pre-seminary track each year. This will make a substantial positive impact on our congregations, considering that each of our seminaries currently enrolls around 40 residential students each year. In addition to this, Luther Classical College will prepare energetic and classically trained teachers and musicians and other pious laity with the zeal to participate in congregational life and faithfully to pass down the Gospel to the next generation of Christ's disciples.

Thanks to all the supporters of Luther Classical College during our past Mission Project of the Month opportunities. Your donations have been appreciated. Classes at LCC are scheduled to begin in the fall of 2025.

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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 attempted excuses ... and then come home to the Lord in humble repentance.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (June 9 thru June 15)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Bella Marcano Jon Bliss
Peggy Cather Jim Cather
Frieda Ehrich Maurice Deubler
Jenny Prenosil

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Rev. Adam & Elizabeth Moline
Gary & Myrna Heckman
Bob & Sondra Rathjen
Andrew & Jeana Wood

LIFE MOMENT

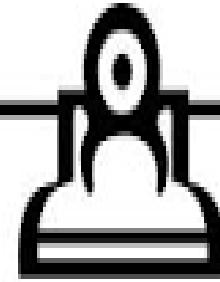
Jesus Christ embodies the God who abides beside us in our ailments and frailties. Our incarnate and crucified Savior suffers with and for those who cannot sustain or save themselves. He regards even human beings beset by weakness or sickness high enough to take on our condition Himself (Hebrews 5:7-9). The Gospel just leaves us no room for abortion or assisted suicide.

LADIES OF GOOD SHEPHERD

Please join our LWIM group for lunch on Wednesday, June 19th. We plan to meet for lunch at 11:30 at Metal Grill, 5500 S. 56th St. #8 (Edgewood Shopping Center). There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex so that we will know how many ladies to expect. Please join us!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRAW

Register online to be a donor on Friday, June 21st. The blood draw will be at Good Shepherd in the fellowship hall from 8 am — 2 pm. Schedule your appt. to donate at RedCrossBlood.org and enter Good Shepherd Lutheran.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION JUNE 2, 2024

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED, MAY 29: 57
THURS: MATINS: 26
SUN. JUNE 2: 228

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:
\$ 7,006.00

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 & June 2, 2024
We have received
\$ 32,238.04
in principal only gifts.

Vicarage Fund Jan 1 — June 2,
2024:
\$ 24,831.00

Painting Fund May 26—June 2:
\$ 1,650.00

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Sun., June 9): 8 am: Indgjer
10:30 am: Sidlo
(Wed., June 12): Brodbeck

ELDER TODAY: (Sun., June 9): Rich Lichtenfeld
(Wed., June 12): Rich Lichtenfeld

USHERS: (Sun., June 9) 8 am: Von Busch (A & A), Kaldahl, Stehlik
10:30 am: Perrin, Luebbe, Princes
(Wed., June 12): Klutzes, Kaldahl

ACOLYTES: (Sun., June 9): 8 am: Job Ehrich
10:30 am: Gabe Moline
(Wed., June 12): Declan Reinke

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Sun., June 9): YunA Kort
(Wed., June 12): YunMi Kort

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Sun., June 9): Dee Crisler
(Wed., June 12): Karen Huff

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Sun., June 9): Shiela Turek
(Wed., June 12): Karen Huff

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., June 9): Joel & Sarah Kaldahl



JUNE MISSION PROJECT: VBS IN VENEZUELA

Our project for the month of June will be to collect funds to purchase materials and food for Vacation Bible School in Venezuela. The children will be provided with materials to learn about Jesus and food to nourish their bodies. For more information, talk with Ramon Marcano. It is hard for us living in American to imagine how difficult life can be in some other countries. Please pray about this opportunity to share what we have with others who are not so fortunate and to teach them about a God who loves them.

NARTHEX/SANCTUARY/FELLOWSHIP HALL PAINTING PROJECT

The interior painting project has begun. You may have noticed that the narthex has been refurbished recently. Ramon and his crew have done a great job. The total cost for all three areas will be approximately \$14,500. We have received some donations but so far the cost for Part One — The Narthex — has not been covered. There are some envelopes labelled, "Donations for the Painting Project" on the bulletin table if you would like to donate towards the cost.

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER

Thank you for giving Kailyn the opportunity to choose life for baby Kimberly. Kailyn has found purpose in motherhood. She says, "I was meant to be a mother. It was hard for us to accept the pregnancy with all the financial burdens we faced. But now when I look at her, she is such a light." Because of you, thousands of women will give birth to their own little lights. Thank you for being there for the next scared woman who needs your help.

Gratefully, Sarah
Women's Care Center

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 **June 2nd** there is a card available for **Jim Cather** as he celebrates his **birthday** and **Peggy Cather** as she celebrates her **birthday**. These cards will be available to sign until **Wednesday, June 12th**. 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.