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*A Congregation in Mission, Community and Service*

# *PILGRIM'S PROGRESS*

**JUNE 2017**

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## +Christian Symbol+



### Sevenfold Flame

Tongues of fire are a common symbol of the Holy Spirit, based on the Pentecost events of Acts 2. However, when seven flames are depicted together, they also represent the seven gifts of the Spirit as named in Isaiah 11:2-3: wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord and delight in the fear of the Lord (sometimes paraphrased "joy in the Lord's presence").

### Pentecost Power

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit descended onto Jesus' disciples. While they were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish festival of Pentecost, the disciples saw flames among and on them, heard a rushing wind and began talking in many languages. As a result, the disciples were able to share the good news of Jesus in the native tongues of all the pilgrims assembled in the city.

Even today, the power of the Holy Spirit fuels the "flame" that ignites Christians' outreach efforts. Only by the Spirit's power can we know Christ and make him known throughout the world.

Poet William Blake (1757-1827), who's been described as a passionate, Pentecost kind of person, wrote this poem about the Spirit's power:

Unless the eye catch fire,  
The God will not be seen.  
Unless the ear catch fire,  
The God will not be heard.  
Unless the tongue catch fire,  
The God will not be named.  
Unless the heart catch fire,  
The God will not be loved.  
Unless the mind catch fire,  
The God will not be known.

### Pentecost Passion

Nineteenth-century evangelist Dwight L. Moody was walking down a New York City street, thinking about a sentence he'd heard: "The world has yet to see what God can do with a man who is wholly yielded to him."

Suddenly Moody felt a great yearning and cried out, "O God, make me that man!" He was so overwhelmed with God's love and with heartfelt passion to reach lost people that he had to stop at a friend's house to rest.

In *Birth of the Body*, Ray Stedman says this is what Luke is talking about when he describes the events of Pentecost. "When John the Baptist predicted that Jesus would come and baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire, he meant that there would be an unexplainable passion about the church." As we feel the Pentecost passion, let's yield ourselves wholly to God and see what he does with us!



## SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

### JUNE 2017

DATE →	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25	
READER	Wes Wiers	Mary Werth	Sue Holway	Dooley O'Rourke	
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### A hymn's long journey

The beloved hymn “How Great Thou Art” came together across many years and miles. In 1885, when Swedish preacher Carl Boberg wrote a poem titled “O, Great God,” he probably never dreamed he’d hear it performed years later to an old Swedish tune. Or that a Russian version would impact Stuart Hine, an English missionary to Poland, several decades later. Hine penned his own English version, resulting in the now-familiar lyrics.

From “the rolling thunder” echoing off the Carpathian Mountains, to the “woods and forest glades” of Romania, to powerful conversions to Christianity, Hine was inspired to craft each verse. Sometimes the Holy Spirit takes time to complete a work, and that journey is as important as the destination.



# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Rod Mohr	Jun. 3
Mike Wuerch	Jun. 9
Marie Curcie	Jun. 10
Robert Schober	Jun. 10
June Pfohl	Jun. 13
Jim Rodgers Sr.	Jun. 18
Scot LaFalce	Jun. 25
Betty Yesny	Jun. 26
Diane Jakubowski	Jun. 27
Mary Werth	Jun. 28



# JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Jun. 17	Gary & Karen Smith
Jun. 22	Paul & Sue Holway
Jun. 29	Alan & Kathy Kornacki



## ESTHER CIRCLE

May's Pot Faith meal was a great success. We all enjoyed a delicious meal and great fellowship. A total of \$57 was donated to the Concordia Seminarian fund. A round of applause and thanks to all who cooked, baked, donated, or helped clean up!

During the months of June and July, we will be collecting men's and women's flip-flops for the City Mission. We are hoping to collect 100 pair of women's (sizes - medium, large, and X-large) and 100 pair of men's (sizes - large and X-large). You can drop them in the totes that are in the back of Church.

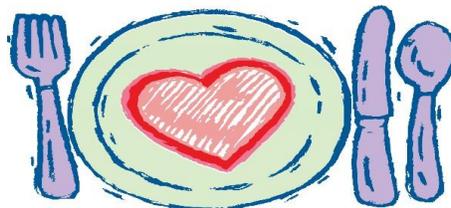
June 17<sup>th</sup> is our annual baked goods sale. It will be held outside from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Baked goods can be dropped off at church from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. We need your help to make this sale a success.

The next meeting will be held on June 12th at 6:30 p.m. All women are invited to attend.



## MEN'S GROUP

The P.A.L.s will meet on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 8 a.m. to prepare for our July 1<sup>st</sup> Community Picnic.



## COMMUNITY DINNER

By the time this is read, the Community dinner on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, will probably be past. It was TACO NIGHT, with hard tacos, taco bowls, chicken burritos, fruit salad in a bowl, tossed salad and assorted desserts and beverages. (This dinner is sponsored by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.)



## Community Picnic - Saturday, July 1, 2017

We are looking for helpers to work at our picnic and for some help with food items. Please check the list below to see where you could help.

We will provide hot dogs, burgers, sausage, buns, beverages and ice cream.

### Items needed

Side dishes- German potato salad, baked beans, perogies, Ambrosia, etc.  
**(potato chips, pretzels /single serving bags only please)**

Desserts- **NONE**

Please have any food items at the church by 11:30 AM on Saturday. If you are not able to bring your food to church, we can have it picked up. Please call Gary (716 348-4096) or Wes (716 874-6956) with any questions.

Thank you.

**There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.**

**\*\* This is a free social event for everyone. \*\***

**BOUNCE HOUSE, GAMES AND FUN**

Sponsored by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

# Community Picnic Volunteers

## Saturday July 1, 2017 Sign Up

Food

Workers

What kind

Set UP

Event

Clean Up

Name

Of Sides

10AM-1PM

1PM-5PM

5-7PM

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(from an LHM Ambassador newsletter)

## International Highlight

On April 4, at a ceremony held at the Lutheran Hour headquarters, with a live webcast, the launch of the digital evangelism project for Latin America, Vivenciar.net, was launched. In addition to guests and Lutheran Hour staff, the event was attended by Pastor Dr. Nilo L. Figur, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, and also with the participation of Lutheran Hour Ministries team from the United States via Skype.

This project involves offices throughout Latin America and is being developed in Portuguese and Spanish, coordinated by Flavio Knopp, to reach people who speak these two languages around the world.

The general idea is to have a web portal dealing with topics that are part of people's daily lives, offering guidance and opening a channel of communication with a team of trained people to present a Christian approach on these topics.

Once this communication has begun, the goal is to show that faith in Christ can change people's lives, always aiming at a connection with the Church. All the communication will be done online in a platform specially developed for this.

The project is in its initial phase, and you can know the first themes by visiting [www.vivenciar.net](http://www.vivenciar.net). Take a look, browse and divulge. May God bless this opportunity to bring Christ to the nations, and nations to the Church through digital means.

## Stay Informed

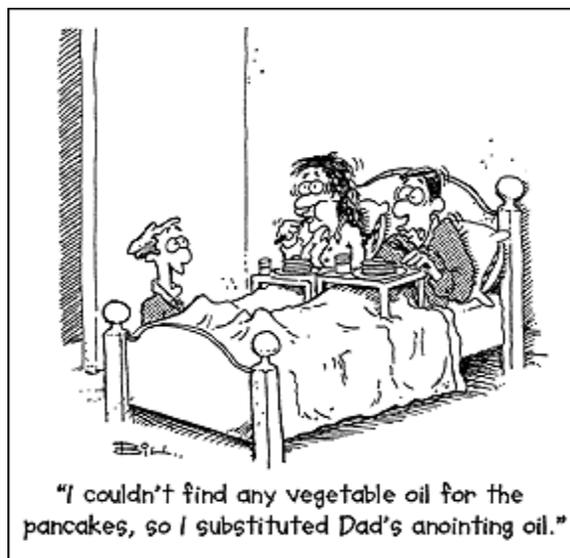
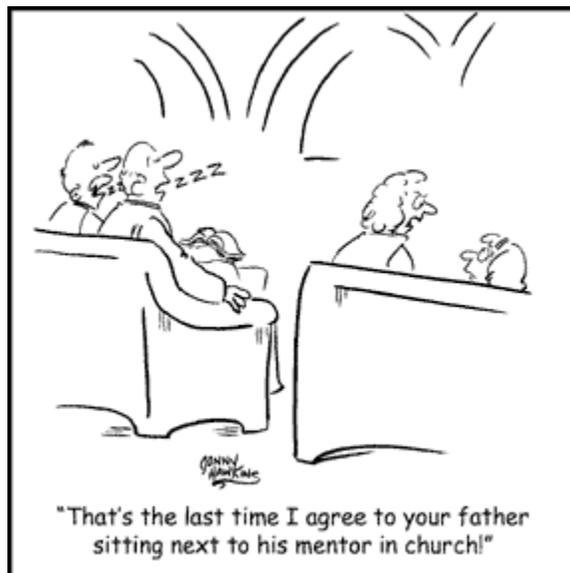
Do you receive the informational newsletters from LHM? If you want to stay up to date with the most recent LHM information, please subscribe to the newsletters. Go to - <https://www.lhm.org/newsroom/> - to sign up. I encourage you to request the "Men's Network News" and "Ministry Update Newsletter".

## LHM DAILY DEVOTIONS MOBILE APP

Do you know that you can access Lutheran Hour Ministries' Daily Devotions on your mobile device by using the new Daily Devotions app? Share it with your family and friends!

- Inspirational Scripture-based messages at your fingertips every day
- Season-themed devotions during Advent and Lent
- Read the devotion text or listen to the audio version
- Share the devotion with a friend using Twitter, Facebook or e-mail

To download the app visit <https://www.lhm.org/apps/>.



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Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

**What you need:**

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



**What you do:**

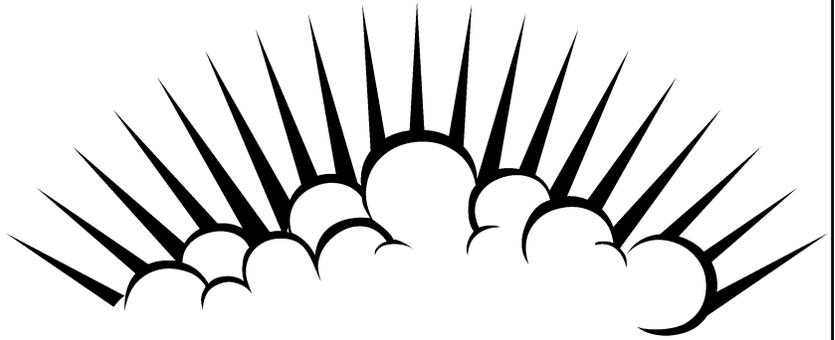
1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift — and a hug!



## Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

*Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.*



"H\_ w\_ll c\_ll \_ \_t t\_ m\_,"

'Y\_ \_ \_r\_ m\_ F\_th\_r, m\_

G\_d, th\_ R\_ck m\_ S\_v\_ \_r.'" "

Ps\_lm 89:26, N\_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JULY  
NEWSLETTER IS JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>.**