



PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Congregation in Mission, Community and Service

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

JULY 2018

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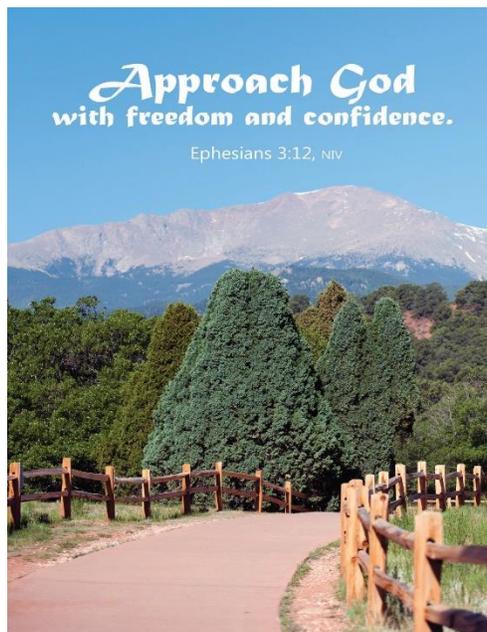
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM

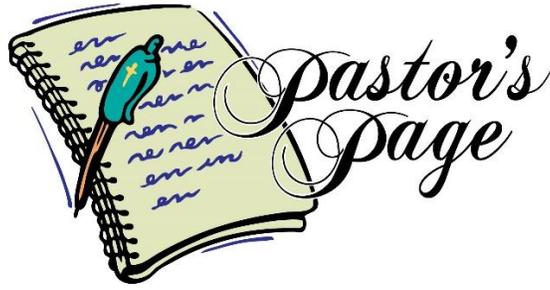
EDITOR: Mary Werth

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 9:30 AM

ASSOC. EDITOR:

WORSHIP: 10:00 AM





As many of you know, the English District – LCMS Convention has just concluded. I was re-elected as a vice president of the district, going from First Vice President to Second VP. Some have asked me how I feel about this development. Here is my reaction.

Once the four vice presidents are elected, then the convention votes to determine their ranking (1st VP – 4th VP). If memory serves me correctly, I was eclipsed on the third ballot for First Vice President by five votes. Following that development, I was elected Second Vice President.

The office of First Vice President is unique in that if the Bishop takes another call, resigns, or dies in office, the First Vice President then becomes the Bishop (unless he chooses to decline the office). If he does, then it would fall to the 2nd VP and on down the line until someone accepts. If no VP accepts the vacancy, then the First VP will become the Bishop until the next election.

As you can imagine, there is more responsibility in being the First Vice President. When God laid that office upon me three years ago, I accepted it because it was His will; now that I'm Second VP, I also accept that as God's will.

My satisfaction or contentment does not depend on being the First Vice President. I do not need to be “a heartbeat away” from the District Presidency. I have a blessed life, full of many things to be involved in. I am still a vice president of the district and will serve as I always have. Now, I can serve without the added responsibilities that come with the office of First Vice President.

I learned a long time ago in my ministry that I could approach things two ways: either I could follow the “Status” model or the “Service” model. If I chose to follow the “Status” model, I would then be preoccupied with pursuing the next “big” thing: a larger parish, a higher title or position, and so on. Rather than a fruitless “chasing after the wind,” I decided to follow the “Service” model in which I would be forced to look outside myself and instead focus on Jesus, “who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” – Matthew 20:28.

Whatever the outcome, I am glad to serve the Lord in any capacity that He chooses to use me. To Him alone belong the praise, honor, and glory!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Ben Eder



SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

JULY 2018

DATE →	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
READER	Wes Wiers	Gary Smith	Dooley O'Rourke	Eric Fellner	Tim McGuan
USHERS	Scot LaFalce * Traci LaFalce	Mike Weurch * Dianne Weurch	Eric Fellner * Gary Smith	Tegwanda Alford * Peggy Clark	Tyrone Bryant * Jim Miller
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	George Alessi	Frank Alessi	Jim O'Brien	Gary Smith	Eric Fellner
NURSERY	Amber Trimmer	Linda Eder	Ruth & Gaby O'Brien	Carol Obot	Carolyn Alessi
ACOLYTE	Seth Keef	Lily Hinterberger	An usher	Gaby O'Brien	Phil Hinterberger



Be a lifesaver

About 200 people — including 100 lifeguards — attended a pool party in New Orleans in 1985 to celebrate the first summer in memory that no one had drowned at a city pool. At the end of the festivities, the four on-duty lifeguards began clearing the area and found a fully dressed man in the deep end. Despite efforts to revive him, he died.

Just as swimming with a bunch of lifeguards doesn't guarantee safety, "swimming" with a sea of churchgoers doesn't guarantee peace. People in the pews next to you might be struggling to stay above water physically, emotionally, financially or spiritually. Be alert to ways you can serve as a lifeguard. Extend a helping hand, a listening ear and an encouraging reminder of Jesus' ultimate rescue (see Romans 7:24-25).



Abigail Size	Jul. 1
Violet Schober	Jul. 10
Delores Zeeb	Jul. 17
Sharon McGuan	Jul. 22

Jul. 12	Rod & Rhonda Mohr
Jul. 18	Robert & Violet Schober
Jul. 23	Scot & Traci LaFalce
Jul. 24	Greg & Diane Jakubowski
Jul. 25	Jim & Kathy Rodgers
Jul. 28	Jeanette & Michael Donnelly



A prayer for the 4th



Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.

—Peter Marshall, before the U.S. Senate



ESTHER CIRCLE

The ladies of the Esther Circle with the help of the gentlemen of P.A.L.s is sponsoring a Rummage/Baked Goods Sale on August 18th. Tentative time is from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will be accepting CLEAN and gently used items such as clothes, housewares, DVDs, books (no textbooks, encyclopedias or dictionaries), knick-knacks, small appliances, etc. These items can be brought to church in AUGUST. Dates and times for drop-off and other details will be announced in the August newsletter.

Please remember to turn in your pennies, Dash's tapes and canceled stamps.

There is NO meeting in July. Our next meeting will be on August 6th at 6:30 p.m.



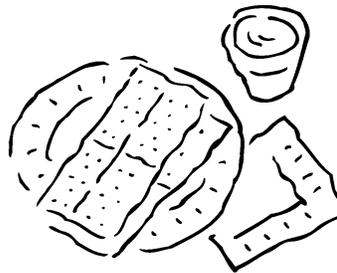
PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO P.A.L.s meeting in July.



Our annual church picnic will be held on August 12th at the Alessi's from 1 to 5 p.m. Many thanks to them for hosting us again!

God's Sabbath Rest

A 5-year-old girl was traveling with her grandmother across an arid part of Arizona. Having recently learned about the creation of the earth in Vacation Bible School, the girl was curious about what she was seeing. After a while, she pointed out into the desert and asked her grandma, "Is that where God sat while he rested?"



The things kids learn

When a 3-year-old girl came bouncing out of her nursery school at Mount Moriah Presbyterian Church, she gleefully told her mother, "We had juice and Billy Graham crackers!"

Four-year-old Tucker Jones attended Vacation Bible School which had the theme: "Discipleship and Saving Mother Earth." When his mother picked him up, she asked what he had learned. "We learned about Jesus and the 12 recycles," he proudly answered.

-From the Internet program
"You Make Me Laugh"

Precious gift

A 42-year-old man told H. Jackson Brown Jr. that his most prized possession is a shoeshine box made by his 8-year-old son at Vacation Bible School.

-Found in Brown's book,
Live and Learn and Pass It On

**REMINDER: COME TO VBS ON JULY 9TH – JULY 13TH FROM
6:00 PM TO 8:15 PM. THE THEME IS SPLASH CANYON:
GOD'S PROMISE ON LIFE'S WILD RIDE.**



Free Community Picnic - Saturday, July 7, 2018

Fun Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

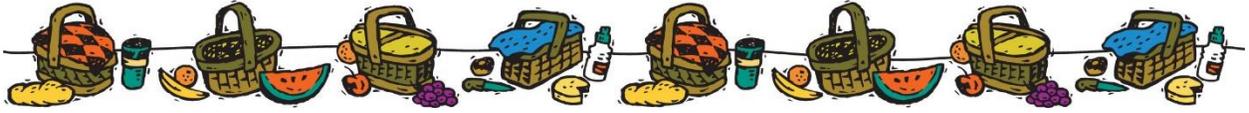
We are looking for volunteers to work the picnic. Our set-up time is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Clean-up is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. If volunteers are only able to work part of these hours, that would still be appreciated. You may call Gary or Wes with any questions.

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



!!! BOUNCE HOUSE, GAMES AND FUN !!!

[Sponsored by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod](#)



We are looking 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- cold salads (potato salad, macaroni salad, etc.) baked beans
(potato chips, pretzels - single serving bags only please)

Desserts- **NONE**

Please have any food items at the church by 11:30AM on that 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 (716 472-2926) with any questions.

Thank you.





A Voters Meeting was held on Sunday, June 10th, after the service. The windows on the front doors have been replaced. VBS was discussed. We are distributing flyers during the Community Picnic on July 7th. We were also encouraged to PRAY for a successful VBS.

The annual church picnic will be held on August 12th at the Alessi's from 1 to 5 p.m.

Our next meeting will be on September 16th.

The meeting was adjourned, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.



(How many people do you see in this cartoon?)

~~oops!~~

From a church bulletin in Fort Worth, Texas:

C: We lift them to the Lord.
 P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 C: It is right to give him thanks and prize.
 P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

In a way, that's actually right.

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“WE HEAR IN OUR OWN LANGUAGES!” (ACTS 2: 5-8)

If you had no Lutheran books – books like *Luther’s Small Catechism* or *The Good News About Jesus* – available to you in the English language, could you make do with a Russian translation?

Or what if there were no English Bible story books? Could your children use a Zulu language *Child’s Garden of Bible Stories* to learn more about their Savior, Jesus Christ?

For Lutheran churches around the world, these situations are real.

They don’t have the basic books, so vital to understanding the Lutheran faith, because no one has translated them from the English into their own languages.

Like the disciples bringing the Gospel to the people at Pentecost, you can help the Lutheran Heritage Foundation translate and publish books that explain the Bible for people – in languages they can read and understand.



YOU CAN HELP GUIDE UNBELIEVERS TO JESUS CHRIST.



Congregations, Sunday schools, Christian day schools, VBS, youth groups and men's and women's groups (LLL, LWML) actively support the work of LHF with their mission offerings. Certain fraternal organizations, such as Thrivent, will match donations and conduct projects for the benefit of

LHF. Your assistance is needed to organize such support for LHF in your own congregation.

YOUR GIFTS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF YOUR CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS WORLDWIDE!

To help translate and publish books like *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* into the languages of the world, please make your gifts payable to "LHF" and send to the address on the front of this insert.



"THANK YOU, LHF..."

FROM MADAGASCAR: "The catechism is a book of faith, a book of prayer and the basic family book. Thank you for giving us the catechism in its complete form!"

FROM TURKEY: "LHF books are a great help for the small church proclaiming the Good News and trying to teach the young Christians within our congregations."



A Dollar for Missions

One dollar, per member, per week = 1-1-1!

The English District has launched a new model for funding missions to which every congregation is invited to participate. It is completely voluntary, but we believe that as God's people see and hear what is being accomplished, specifically and directly in support and development of new missions and enhancing existing missions, more and more of us will want to be involved.

It's simple. Very simple. It is NOT burdensome, nor sacrificial. It involves every baptized member of the Body of Jesus in your congregation, from the newest baby baptized to the oldest member. It demonstrates the power of the beautiful body of Christ working together, prompted by faith. It shows how much can be accomplished by many, giving little.

Here's the plan: \$1/per baptized member/per week. Simple, right? Self-explanatory almost. Not burdensome, nor sacrificial. All can participate. Click [here](#) for more information.

Questions? Contact Rev. Derek Mathers, Mission Executive, dmathers@englishdistrict.org, or Rev. Justin Laughridge, Chair/Missions Council, at jlaughridge.ctm@gmail.com.

Summer faith practices



Be a gardener.

Dig a ditch, toil and sweat,
and turn the earth upside down
and seek the deepness
and water the plants in time.

Continue this labor
and make sweet floods to run
and noble and abundant fruits to spring.

Take this food and drink
and carry it to God as your true worship.

—Julian of Norwich, Christian mystic (ca. 1342-1416)

PUZZLE

Wonders of creation

Our Creator is in control of the entire universe!

Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)

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PSALM 147:4, NIV

Answer: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name, Psalm 147:4, NIV



Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

What you need:

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



What you do:

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER IS JULY 22ND.