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*A Congregation in Mission, Community and Service*

# *PILGRIM'S PROGRESS*

**JUNE 2024**

PASTOR: Rev. David Walsh

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM

EDITOR: Mary Werth

BIBLE STUDY: 9:00 AM

ASSOC. EDITOR:

WORSHIP: 10:00 AM





It is important to study history. There are many reasons for this, like not repeating mistakes of the past, discovering the family you were born into, or in the case of Church history learning about the heritage which you were baptized into. For us, the History of God's people goes all the way back to creation, where God made man and the world that we live in. Through our history we learn about the fall into sin, in which God lays down the promise that he would one day send His Son ("enmity", Genesis 3:15) into the world to reunite God with His people. We learn about the Israelites; the people God chose to separate from a world filled with those who had turned against Him. The Israelites, though God's people, were not perfect by any means and constantly rebelled against Him, and the Lord punished them by putting them into captivity, they repented, He rescued them, put them back into the promised land, and the cycle would repeat. This cycle kept occurring until the Lord, at His appointed time, sent Christ into the world to fulfill the promises of Genesis 3:15, and won salvation for us on the cross. Since then, Christ has sent His apostles, and afterwards pastors into the world to proclaim the Gospel to God's people. Over the course of 2000 years there have come false teachers who have separated the church via false teachings. This caused the reformation in the 1500's leading to our expression of the faith in Lutheranism.

In the early 1800's Lutheranism came to America, making its way to Buffalo NY in the late 1830's. For instance, there was an entire Lutheran denomination known as the "Buffalo Synod." The Synod was formed in 1845 but over time, a short time, it saw its churches leave, some to the Wisconsin Synod, some to the LCMS, and the remaining churches in 1930 joined with the American Lutheran Church which is now a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). In fact, there is a cemetery in Cheektowaga, in which J. A. A. Grabau, the Synod's founder, is buried alongside the other leaders and lay people of the Synod. But the LCMS has a long history in Buffalo. For instance, one of the founding churches of the LCMS is located in Buffalo, that being First Trinity Lutheran Church, the current building being in Tonawanda, but its first building was in downtown Buffalo built in 1840.

There is so much more to our Lutheran History here in Buffalo NY. If you are interested in learning about this rich history, I invite you to come to Bible study on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6PM when my friend, Pastor Matthew Schettler, will instruct us on this History.

My prayers are with you all. Christ blessings

Rev. David J. Walsh



## **SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE**

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

### **JUNE 2024**

<b>WEEKEND OF</b>	<b>Jun. 1-2</b>	<b>Jun. 8-9</b>	<b>Jun. 15-16</b>	<b>Jun. 22-23</b>	<b>Jun. 29-30</b>
<b>READER</b>	Ruth Whitmer/Tim McGuan	Doreen Griebel/Carolyn Alessi	Rhonda Mohr/Tyrone Bryant	Ruth Whitmer/Sharon McGuan	Rhonda Mohr/Richard Loster
<b>USHER</b>	Melody Keef/Jim Hartz	Jim Hartz/Dooley O'Rourke	Mike Wuerch/Dianne Wuerch	Eric Fellner/Melody Keef	Tegwanda Alford/Jim Hartz
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT (Sun)</b>	Eric Fellner	George Alessi	Jim Hartz	Tyrone Bryant	Eric Fellner

### **BIBLE STUDY**



On Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm, Pastor Matthew Schettler of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fredonia will lead our Tuesday night Bible study for that evening. The topic will be on the History of Lutheranism in Western NY.



## 2024 SUNDAY COUNTERS SCHEDULE Weekly Rotation

Date	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Lead Counter	Jim Hartz	Voters Meeting	Dianne Wuerch	Mike Wuerch	Carolyn Alessi
Counter	Ruth Whitmer	No Counting	Kathy Kornacki	Dolores Zeeb	Kathy Farkas

If you are unable to count the date you are assigned, please let Dianne Wuerch know.



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<b>Donna Vogel</b>	<b>Jun. 1</b>
<b>Rod Mohr</b>	<b>Jun. 3</b>
<b>Mike Wuerch</b>	<b>Jun. 9</b>
<b>Marie Curcie</b>	<b>Jun. 10</b>
<b>Robert Schober</b>	<b>Jun. 10</b>
<b>Janie McClain</b>	<b>Jun. 14</b>
<b>Jim Rodgers Sr.</b>	<b>Jun. 18</b>
<b>Madelyn Alessi</b>	<b>Jun. 26</b>
<b>Diane Jakubowski</b>	<b>Jun. 27</b>
<b>Carrol Rust</b>	<b>Jun. 27</b>
<b>Mary Werth</b>	<b>Jun. 28</b>

**Jun. 17      Gary & Karen Smith**  
**Jun. 22      Paul & Sue Holway**



**Every Good Gift & Every Perfect Gift Is From Above...**

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## **ESTHER CIRCLE**

This month's meeting will be on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 pm at church. All women of Pilgrim are welcome to attend. After a brief business meeting, we will be discussing chapters 11-16 from the book Joining Jesus on His Mission.

**REMINDER:** Dash's receipts go to Sue Holway; cancelled stamps with a 1/2-inch border to Sharon McGuan and mites (loose change) to Karen Smith. Thank you for your continued support for this mission outreach.

Thirty-one women signed up to attend the Ladies' Brunch on June 1<sup>st</sup>. An in service gathering of donations was collected for Concordia Mission's outreach to nursing homes. A report on the brunch will be in the July newsletter.

Summer begins in June. As we enjoy the warmer weather, outdoor activities with family and friends and the longer days, reflect and give thanks for God's creation. AMEN!

Carol Obot



## **LWML DISTRICT CONVENTION**

The LWML Eastern District will be celebrating their 40th Biennial Convention on June 14-16, in Mars, PA. "Rooted In Christ", based on Colossians 2:6-7, will be the theme of our convention worship, Bible study and deliberations. The important business of this convention is to select District officers and Mission Grants for the next biennium. We pray all will be done to God's glory. Pilgrim members planning to attend are Carol Obot, Sharon McGuan, Tim McGuan, Pastor Walsh and Buffalo Zone's Young Woman Representative to the convention, Margaret Walsh. We pray all attending will be blessed.

Thank you to everyone at Pilgrim who supports the Esther Circle and LWML through your prayers and Mites!



**Thank you for Supporting the Tee Shirt Collection for South Sudan!**

Thank you to everyone who brought in Tee Shirts for South Sudan. We will be able to send three or four large boxes to Akour's village. We will let you know when all the shirts have been received. Thank you!



**SAVE THE DATE - IT'S PICNIC TIME!**

The newly created Activity Committee is planning a Congregational Picnic on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, at Pioneer on the Lake in Angola, NY. We welcome everyone to attend. The event will begin with worship at 11:00 am in the Chapel In the Woods overlooking beautiful Lake Erie. A picnic will follow at Veterans' Pavilion. The pavilion overlooks the lake and is near Hickman Hall facilities. The congregation will have the use of camp facilities for the afternoon. We will be asking for help with worship, food prep and some games. (See the weekly bulletins for more information as it becomes available.)



**Pioneer is seeking**  
**Volunteer Gardeners**  
**Calling all Gardeners!**



If you enjoy gardening and would like to do so in a beautiful setting on the lake, Pioneer on the Lake is asking for volunteers to come to camp on Tuesdays beginning May 28th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. You may come on your own, or as a group from church. Bring your gloves and small gardening tools. Pioneer has a shed with larger tools available for your use. When you arrive at camp, go to the registration house. Someone from Pioneer will greet you and help you get started. Bring your bag lunch to eat on chairs overlooking the lake. If you are interested, please contact Sharon McGuan 716-803-3767. Sharon and Tim will be going to this event at least two Tuesdays a month. Let us know if you would like to come along! Or contact Sharon at [salmcg23@gmail.com](mailto:salmcg23@gmail.com) so she can notify camp staff to greet you.



## **An ode to dads**

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree,  
the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea.

The generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night,  
the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight.

The joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed,  
the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add,  
He knew his masterpiece was complete, and so, he called it ... Dad.

—Author unknown

## **Marriage advice across the ages**

June is the beginning of a popular wedding season. So, here's some marriage advice from across the centuries. Clearly, sometimes it depends on context.

- "It is impossible to keep peace between man and woman in family life if they do not condone and overlook each other's faults but watch everything to the smallest point. For who does not at times offend?" (Martin Luther, 16<sup>th</sup> century)
- "Watch yourself, be the first to ask pardon if you both err, and guard against the little piques, misunderstandings, and hasty words that often pave the way for bitter sorrow and regret." (Louisa May Alcott, 19<sup>th</sup> century)
- "The ear is the center of all relationships. It's not the heart, it's not the mind, it's the ear. Listening is the beginning and the end." (Henry Winkler, 21<sup>st</sup> century)

On the other hand ...

- "In every good marriage, it helps sometimes to be a little deaf." (Evelyn Ginsburg, mother-in-law of a Supreme Court justice, 20<sup>th</sup> century)

And above all:

- Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. (St. Paul, 1<sup>st</sup> century, in 1 Corinthians 13:4-6, ESV)



## SUPPORT LHM'S MINISTRY BEYOND YOUR LIFETIME

The Hoffmann Society is a group of around 2,500 members who have generously remembered Lutheran Hour Ministries in their estate plans and professed that they want to be a part of our mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church* even after they have passed on to their eternal glory. These faithful believers are a key part of LHM's future planning and ensure that the Gospel is shared with future generations.

Dr. Oswald Hoffmann served as Speaker of **The Lutheran Hour**® from 1955 to 1988. During his decades of ministry work he presented the hope and truth of the Gospel to millions worldwide. Members of The Hoffmann Society are honoring and continuing this work of pointing people to the cross, in their own lives and beyond.

Anyone who has given a planned gift such as a charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, life insurance, stock gift, or a named endowment fund, or have LHM listed as a beneficiary in their will, trust, or insurance policy, automatically becomes a member of The Hoffmann Society.

Members of The Hoffmann Society have several things in common: a desire to share Christ with people in their neighborhoods and around the world, a passion for ministry programs that reach out to people in a new and different way than ever before, and a vision for the next generation hearing the Gospel message. They know that their support of Lutheran Hour Ministries and their membership in The Hoffmann Society is a way to be involved in ministry.

Many people have included LHM in their final plans and have not yet shared this decision. If you are one of these people, please let us know! For more information, or to tell us LHM is in your estate plans, contact LHM's gift planning staff by email at [lhm-gift@lhm.org](mailto:lhm-gift@lhm.org) or over the phone at 1-877-333-1963.

# Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO — \$100,000

## About This Mission Grant

The LCMS receives frequent requests from other Lutheran church bodies around the world to share theological knowledge and doctrinally sound practices. Supporting and expanding theological education is one of LCMS's key mission priorities to ensure there will be well-educated pastors to lead these congregations.

Very few of these church bodies have the resources to send students to the United States for advanced studies and there is a need for seminary professors who have advanced theological degrees to instruct and mentor pastoral students in their home countries.

God has equipped our seminary professors to fill this gap. International students will come to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, to complete advanced degrees, and they will return to their country to train pastors who will then shepherd their local churches. This grant will provide aid to international students completing their advanced degrees.



Rev. Aiji Komiyama is a Ph.D. student from Kobe, Japan. A pastor in the West Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, he earned a Master of Divinity degree from Kobe Lutheran Theological Seminary in 2011 and a Master of Sacred Theology degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., in 2020. From 2011-17, he served as pastor for Kita-Suzurandai Lutheran Church (Kita-Suzurandai, Japan). After he earns his Ph.D., he will become a professor at Kobe Lutheran Theological Seminary.



Wondimu Mathewos Game is a Ph.D. student from Hawassa, Ethiopia. He earned a bachelor's degree in theology before coming to Concordia Seminary, where he earned an M.A. in 2021. He has taken part in planting 25 EECMY churches and more than 35 outreach centers/local missions in Ethiopia. "The EECMY is a mission church," he says. "We need the theological foundation that I'm getting here at Concordia Seminary to equip the church for this mission work."



Futao Liu is a Ph.D. student from Kaifeng, China. In 2021, he earned a four-year M.A. in theology from the Cross-cultural Ministry Center at Concordia University, Irvine, Calif. After earning his Ph.D., he hopes to share the Gospel according to Lutheran doctrine in Asia, with a possible focus on evangelizing to those living in Asian countries with significant Mandarin-speaking populations.

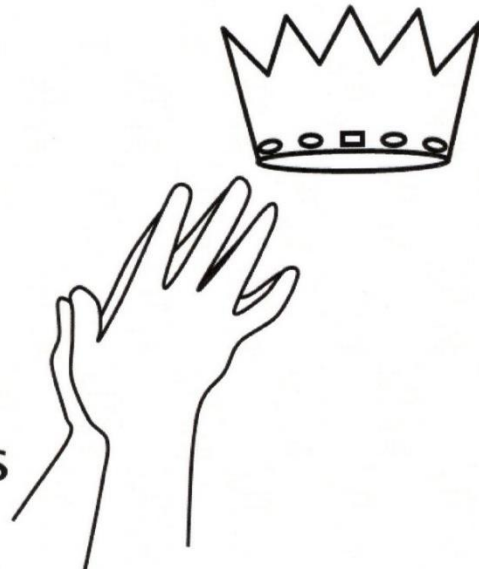


# Lord's Prayer Word Search

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