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JULY

2023



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

- 7/02 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost w/HC**
Celebrated by Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus
- 7/09 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost w/HC**
Celebrated by Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus
- 7/16 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost w/HC**
Celebrated by Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus
- 7/23 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost w/HC**
Celebrated by Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus
- 7/30 Nineth Sunday after Trinity w/HC**
Celebrated by Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus

Wednesday Services & Bible Studies

Gloria Dei will be taking a short hiatus from weekly Wednesday services and bible studies. Please watch the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletters for updates on when they will return.



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – July 2023

Go ... Sell All You Have?

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And he replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me” (Luke 18:18–22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, “No!” But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, every-thing we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn't excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What's more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don't let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

From the Desk of Pastor Martin Cornes . . .

A few weeks ago my family and I went to the Boundary Waters, canoeing from Ely up to the boarder of Canada, Basswood Lake. If you have been there, you will know what an amazing experience it is. To be out in nature, to see the amazing scenery, the lakes, bald eagles, the turtles. To be in a place where you can clearly see the stars in the night sky, to be able to stop and be quiet in the day and not hear in the background the hum of traffic! It was a great trip.

But, that doesn't mean it's an easy trip. Often, when places are worth getting to, the journey can be tough. The real truth is that the mosquitos were horrendous. And on the first day after canoeing five hours, we then spent the next two hours trying to find a camp site that was vacant, which was a little frustrating! And the first night we got no sleep because our camp was surrounded by moose poop, and our food bag was tied in a tree only 10 feet away from our tents, which was a nice invite for the bears! But, it was a great trip, with many lasting memories for me and my family.

Our time here at Gloria Dei has been an amazing journey for me, my family, and I am sure, many of us at Gloria Dei. What great memories we have made together! We know it hasn't always been easy though. Covid certainly brought its fair share of challenges. But, as we have tried to stay faithful to the Lord, we have seen Him lead us through.

I have also been blessed to have been your pastor for the last 3 ½ years. As your Pastor, I was called to be the spiritual overseer of this congregation, called to lead you on this mission trip. And I have tried to lead you and model Jesus to you. I have tried to get to know you and your needs, and make sure you are spiritually fed, by teaching you from God's Word. And I have sought to lead you, and to pray with you and for you. I have sought to point you to Jesus, to follow Him alone and to be faithful to Him and His leading in your life and in the life of the church.

Folks, for the last 3 ½ years, as I have been at Gloria Dei, we have been on a journey. The Lord led me here to walk with you on this journey which some of you have been on since the very beginning, for over 70 years, and you will continue on this journey that the Lord is leading you on, well after I have left.

As children of God, we are also, like the Israelites, on a journey towards the Promised Land. And, as we have seen, sometimes that journey has been, and will be tough. It seems that each step of the way, life brings its own special surprises which can knock us down or can be used to strengthen us in our faith. We are at one of those times now, as you folks at Gloria Dei step forward, into some uncertainty as to the future plans the Lord has for you. And I also step forward with some trepidation, into pastures new at The Alley church in Cottage Grove.

For forty days the spies investigated the land and then, on their return, the twelve spies report back to Moses and Aaron, and whole congregation of Israel. Their report started off sounding very promising, and they even remembered to bring back fruits of their mission journey, a huge cluster of grapes, and carried it on a pole between two of them, along with figs and pomegranates. The land really did "flow with milk and honey." The Lord had promised that when he led them out of slavery in Egypt they would be led into a land, the Promised Land, and it would be a wonderful blessing to them. Yes, with many wonderful fruits, but also so much more than that. A land where they would see the fruits of God being a blessing to them and other nations, as long as they stayed faithful.

As the Lord brought me here to Gloria Dei we all have been so very blessed to see the many fruits which have been produced. The Holy Spirit has produced fruit here! The fruit of faithfulness as we have seen your spiritual growth as you have grabbed hold of God's word - as we came along for services and Bible study and studied *The Story* together, and then a year through Mark's Gospel looking at the life of Jesus, and then the life of Moses in Exodus.

And, as we have been given the chance to mentor and disciple DCE students from Concordia St Paul, you are continuing to see the fruit of your labors as these workers are sent out from here, just like Sarah, sent out to be a missionary in Costa Rica, and Josh Orugboh serving in Hugo and Devan in Wisconsin.

We have been blessed to see the fruit of love and kindness as we have reached out to those in our congregation, those who have recently joined us, and also our brothers and sisters in Living Word, and Pastor Matthew and Royal Family congregation. And we have reached out with love to those in the neighborhood around, even last weekend with the Garage Sale.

Your fellowship with each other has been wonderful, and we have been so blessed to see the fruit of growth in our numbers here at Gloria Dei. And remember, this was fruit which was produced even during Covid! And can I remind us of the wonderful financial fruit which we continue to see as the Lord blesses us and reminds us that He will provide all our needs.

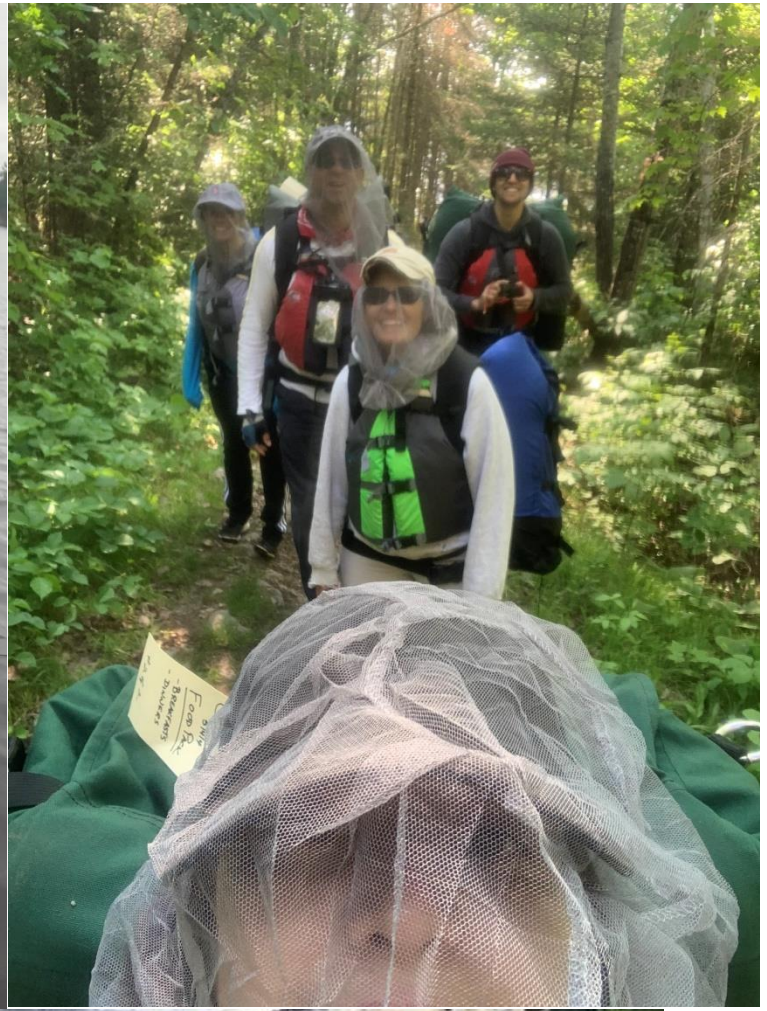
And we have been blessed to see the fruit of joy and goodness as you have grabbed hold of the outreach and mission opportunities, faithfully collecting food each week for the Salvation Army, as well as financial donations and school supplies. Each Christmas you have blessed many people with gifts given out locally and across the world. You folks made sandwiches for the homeless, and amazed many with the packs and jeans for the homeless and those recently out of prison. You have blessed our shut-ins with baskets of love, as well as roses. This is the fruit of your missionary journeys.....!

Like Joshua and Caleb though, we are to remember that the Lord is with us. Just because your pastor is moving on, it does not mean that the Lord is moving on. This time will even make you stronger! After all, if our journey isn't tough at times, why would we actually have any need for God to be walking with us? Caleb and Joshua followed the Lord with their whole hearts. Because of their faith, they will be brought into the land along with their descendants. It is the same Lord whom we all follow and are called to stay faithful to.

Caleb took the lead with Joshua by his side as the spies were sent out, but 40 years from this point, as the new generation of Israelites are preparing to move into the Promised Land, Moses' assistant, Joshua will become the one to lead them. Hoshea, whose name means "salvation", was changed to Joshua, which means "the Lord is salvation." Later in the Old Testament, Joshua's name was spelt 'Jeshua', which is identical in the Greek New Testament to 'Jesus.' Jesus who is our savior, and our friend, and who promises to be with us always.

And God will give Joshua a command for him to remind the people – a command to keep their eyes fixed on God, to keep their feet firmly standing strong on God's word, and to move forwards with boldness and with courage letting the Lord lead them. And this is the same Bible verse, the same command, which I leave with you. Trust in the Lord, that He is with you, and with me as we take the next step in our journey of faith with Jesus by our side.

... I will not leave you or forsake you.... Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the *LORD* your God is with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9



Mark Your Calendars - You are Invited!!

On Sunday, August 13, at 2 pm, Pastor Martin will be installed at The Alley Church. Everyone is invited to attend. The Alley is located at 8944 Indahl Avenue South, Cottage Grove. A reception will follow.



Thank you to everyone who attended the special Sunday service on Sunday, June 25 and shared in Pastor Martin's last Sunday with Gloria Dei.

The day was perfect, from beginning to end. There was a great turnout at the 10 am service, the celebratory luncheon had a great variety of dishes everyone brought in to share and the dessert table was plentiful!

Thanks also to Pastor Matthew Cephus and Royal Family for the continued support and blessings.





Garage Sale Update . . .

Gloria Dei participated in the Twelfth Annual 2023 NEighbors Garage Sales on Thursday, June 15 - Saturday, June 17, by adding a third day, we got a jump on sales. As we did last year, we were fortunate to have the sale in Mary Piper's garage and surrounding yard (across the street from the church).

All items sold at the garage sale were donated by members, friends and neighbors. Special thanks to Jim Kautz and a friend, who were able to organize a trailer full of vintage items to donate, from the friend's Aunt who recently passed away.

The items that were not sold were donated to local thrift stores, in order to find new homes. All the summer clothes will be packed up and sent to Liberia. Some of the seasonal items were saved to start the "Fall Sale" collection. Stay tuned for more to come on that sale! ☺

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the garage sale.

Thank you to all the volunteers who generously gave their time and efforts in setting up, pricing and working the sale and for all the donations, whether big or small; including hangers, bags, display tables and hanging racks, which helped to promote a great presentation.

It was a huge effort to gather the items, price the items and then sell the items for three days! A BIG thank you to Mary Piper for the use of her house, yard and garage. Thank you to Shirley Holzinger, Tom Lyrenmann and Verlayne Sather and for all their work in setting up each morning and to Layne Betterman for last-day demo and cleanup. Special thanks to Shirley for supplying food for the first two days and Mary for pizza on the last day. Thanks to Mary's neighbor for doughnuts from Sarah Jane's Bakery. Thank you to all the "sales people" who helped with the selling of all the goods – Pam and Aaron Morelli, Patty Lyrenmen, Diana Sigety and McCarthy. Thank you to Katie Beth for posting our sale on social media. Thanks to Mary's neighbor, Lorraine, for her help in wrapping and packing up leftover glassware and various other neighbors who stopped by to lend a hand. It takes a village!

The sale was huge success, and this year's profits doubled last year! Rain held out, which although needed, was definitely a factor for success. **The three-day sale generated approximately \$2,080, which will go entirely to Gloria Dei.**

A few highlights from our "shoppers" – one customer was thrilled to find patio chairs for staging a home for sale; one customer found cereal bowls so her friend would finally have some bowls. One person took a large dog kennel to donate to an animal rescue.

The sale not only is a great fundraiser, but a joyous event which created a village to help our community. To see shoppers seek out and find new treasures was very satisfying.



The Happy Crew!





Taking a much needed lunch break!



Showing off the merchandise

Ushers are Needed for the Summer Months!

If you are available to usher during any of the Sunday services during the summer months, please mark yourself down for the Sunday that works best with your schedule. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the front lobby of the Church.

Join Us! It's Picnic Time!

Mark your calendars to attend the Second Annual "Taking it to the Streets" Picnic on July 22 with Royal Family

Royal Family along with Gloria Dei's assistance will host an outreach event, outdoors on the church front lawn. What a wonderful opportunity to connect with people in the neighborhood and surrounding community and share the love of Christ with our neighbors. Hot dogs and burgers will be on the grill and a variety of foods and desserts will also be available. There will be music and family fun games. The picnic will begin at 3 pm, so grab a lawn chair and come to this **FREE** event, hope to see you there! Watch for details in upcoming Sunday bulletins.



FREE Community Dinner at St. Timothy's | July 11 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Join St. Timothy's and the local community on **Tuesday, July 12, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm** (or until the food is gone) for their drive thru community dinner. All are welcome, so please spread the word!! St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Ave. NE, Columbia Hts.

River Rats Waterski shows are now through August 31

The Twin Cities River Rats are back in action, waterskiing on the Mississippi River nearly every Thursday evening through August 31, with some Tuesdays, Wednesday and Fridays thrown in. The "stage" is south of the Broadway Bridge. 6:30 pm Pre-Show, 7 pm Main Show, until August 15, when the Main Show moves up to 6:45. See <http://tcriverrats.com/schedule> for dates and show times. Free.

St. Anthony Civic Orchestra Summer Pops Concerts

The St. Anthony Civic Orchestra, under the baton of Carl Jensen, will present pop concert on Thursday, July 6, 7 pm, is at the Salo Park Amphitheater, 39th Ave. NE between Silver Lake Rd. and Stinson Blvd. If it rains, the concert will move to the St. Anthony Community Center.

Salo Park Summer Concert Schedule

Thursday evening concerts are back at Salo Park, from 7-8:15 pm at the Salo Park Amphitheater located on 39th Avenue NE between Silver Lake Road and Stinson Boulevard. In case of inclement weather, the concerts will be cancelled. Visit www.saloparkconcertseries.com by 3 pm the day of the concert for cancellations.

July 6: St. Anthony Civic Orchestra

July 13: Phil Kitze Band (blues rock)

July 20: Backyard Band (Hits of yesterday & today)

July 27: Erik Christenson Duo (Americana)

August 3: Michael Monroe (Minnesota acoustic music maker)

August 10: The Reynold Philipsek Trio (original and jazz standards)

Father Hennepin Park celebration

The re-do of Father Hennepin Park is finished, and the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board plans to celebrate with a concert on **Tuesday, July 11, 6:45 pm**. MPRB representatives will give brief remarks and host a ceremonial ribbon cutting before the first Music in the Parks concert on the new stage. Local R&B artist Barlow will perform, followed by a special movie outdoor movie screening of "The Upside" from the Twin Cities Black Film Festival. Free weekly concerts will take place on the new stage next to Stone Arch Bridge throughout July and August. Movie screenings will follow concerts every other Tuesday through August: July 25 ("The Italian Job"), Aug. 8 ("Hoodwinked") and Aug. 22 ("Mr. Right").

Nutritious Meals Delivered

Eastside Meals on Wheels delivers meals to homebound persons living in Northeast and Southeast Minneapolis, and St. Anthony Village. Contact Eastside Meals on Wheels at 612-277-2529 or via email at info@eastsidemeals.org to register or volunteer.

Volunteer Delivery Drivers Needed!

What do delivery drivers do?

Drivers deliver lunch to clients on one of our routes, approximately 40 minutes long. They deliver the hot lunches ready at the Eastside Meals on Wheels office at 11:15 am to eight to ten clients in their service area—zip codes 55413, 55414, and 55418. Delivery drivers hand the meal to the client in person and assist them if necessary. As a driver you will get to know the clients on your route and tell us if you notice anything wrong or different with them. We keep an eye out for our clients.

How often would I need to deliver meals?

You can select the amount of time you'd like to commit: one day per week, once a month, or twice a month. We provide delivery training and help learning the route.

East Side Neighborhood Services
1700 Second Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413

612-781-6011 <http://www.esns.org>

Lutheran Night at the Twins vs. Detroit Tigers – August 15!

The annual Lutheran Night at the Twins will take place on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 as the Twins take on the Detroit Tigers! The Minnesota Twins are excited to announce their annual Lutheran Night at Target Field with groups of 20 or receiving discounted tickets and may, if interested, participate in the Lutheran Night National Anthem Choir! It's also a "Dollar Dog" night and family value concessions are available for certain sections.

Groups of 20 or more will receive:

- Affordable, group discounted tickets seated together
- Group welcome message on the scoreboard
- Members of the group may participate in the Lutheran Night National Anthem choir

Lower Level Group Seating

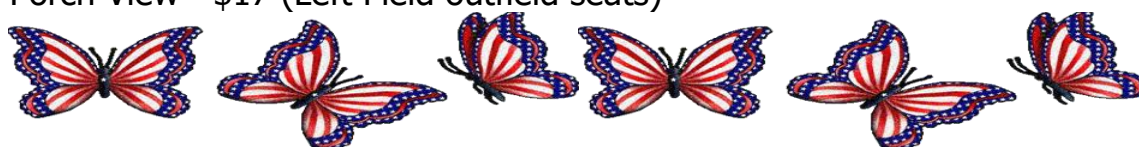
Field Box Mid- \$37 (Third base line seats); Overlook- \$36 (Right Field overhang seats); Left Field Bleachers- \$30 (Left Field outfield wall seats)

Club Level Seating

Legends Landing - \$45 (Club level seating along third base line, all you can eat ballpark fare)

Upper Level Seating

Home Run Porch View - \$17 (Left Field outfield seats)



THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 a.m.

Hosted by Rev. Michael Ziegler
(unless otherwise noted)

July 2 "Give Me Life?!" Matthew 10:39

Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock
Finders, weepers; losers, keepers: Pastor Keith Haberstock talks about finding life by losing it, for the sake of Christ.

July 9 "Lean Into the Villain's Story" Romans 7:24

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Jesus changes the way we see ourselves and others, even our villains. He died and rose for them, too.

July 16 "Two Mindsets" Romans 8:1-7

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The Law of God is a test that judges all who take it. The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus passed the test, in our place.

July 23 "Pulling for Others" Romans 8:31-39

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
How did two young men start out with similar circumstances but end up in such different places? Was it the choices they made or the pull that others had on their lives?

July 30 "If It Seems Slow, Wait for It" Habakkuk 2:3 Romans 10:9

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Some ideas spread slowly. That doesn't make them bad ideas. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about God's slow solution to setting a broken world right.



JUNE OFFICIAL ACTS

NONE

Congratulations!

Shirley Holzinger has now officially taken over the responsibilities of the Social Ministry Committee as the chairperson. Thank you to Meridel Christopherson who was the previous chair.

Dial-A-Devotion

There is a new devotion and prayer each day.
Call 651-429-0078 and follow the prompts.

CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS AS OF

May 31, 2023

May Total Income	\$8,495.99
May Total Expense	\$9,901.66
May Net Loss	\$1,405.67

YEAR TO DATE

1st Quarter Net Gain	\$3,038.77
2nd Quarter Net Gain	\$9,207.03
YTD Net again	\$12,245.80

Time of Grace

Time of Grace connects people to God's grace—his love, glory, and power—so they realize the temporary things of life don't satisfy. However, through Jesus we have access to the eternal God—right now and forever.

Pastor Mike Novotny

Pastor Mike Novotny has served God's people in full-time ministry since 2007 in Madison and, most recently, at The CORE in Appleton, Wisconsin. He also serves as the lead speaker for Time of Grace, where he shares the good news about Jesus through television, print, and online platforms.

Sundays KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 AM

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www.timeofgrace.org/subscribe

Main Street Living TV Program

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on Channel 29/9-2 (On Comcast this is channel 10). The first half hour is a reproduction of *This is the Life*, a Lutheran Hour Ministries program made popular in the 60s, 70s, and 80s. The second half hour is a modified Lutheran worship service, which is produced locally.

For more information see the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab. For more information or to watch the program, go to mainstreetliving.com.

Kindness is one
thing you can't give
away. It always
comes back.

— GEORGE SKOLSKY

Special Occasions for Special People



2nd Vicki Henderson
9th Mike Panning
14th Nanc Rixe
23rd Wyatt Kruse
31st Michelle Bryz-Gornia

13th Erik and Michelle Bryz-Gornia




JULY SERVANTS

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers		Counters	
2 nd	Open	2 nd	Tom & Patty Lyrenmann
9 th	Open	9 th	Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
16 th	Open	16 th	Sandy Westling and Tom Harris
23 rd	Open	23 rd	Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather
30 th	Open	30 th	Pat Scott and Shirley Slagle
Eternal Light		Flowers	
2 nd	Shirley Holzinger – Sister Vicki's birthday, July 2	2 nd	Open
9 th	Open	9 th	Open
16 th	Open	16 th	Open
23 rd	Open	23 rd	Open
30 th	Open	30 th	Open

If you sign up for flowers or candles after the newsletter is published, please let the Office know. We want to make sure that flowers are ordered and you are properly acknowledged in the announcement.

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS — JULY 1-15

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) School Ministry serves as a national voice for Lutheran schools, upholding the standards of Christ-centered schools that are academically strong and respectfully operated. Nationwide, there are 1,992 LCMS schools, which include 1,127 early childhood centers, 778 elementary schools and 87 high schools.

Remember God's work in Lutheran schools as you pray:

- 1.** for the children attending Lutheran schools, that their eyes, ears, hearts and minds would be open to God's Word.
- 2.** for Lutheran school teachers, that they would correctly divide and deliver Law and Gospel to students through real-life applications each day.
- 3.** for Lutheran school principals, who lead people to passionately embrace the witness our schools provide to the community. Pray that pastors, principals, directors and teachers would work together in God-pleasing unity.

- 4.** for pastors, who champion the Kingdom work happening in our schools. Pray that pastors would be excited to be an integral part of their school's ministry and the teaching of the children.
- 5.** for the ability of Lutheran schools to serve every child in their care. Ask that the Lord would provide the means to help schools serve children who have disabilities, who have experienced trauma or who come from families with limited resources.
- 6.** for Lutheran schools that are struggling to fill empty seats. Pray that God would revitalize their ministries, energize their staff members and bring more children through their doors.

7. for parents who support our Lutheran schools with their time, talents and treasures. Give thanks for their dedication to the mission of the school.

8. for daily opportunities for our teachers and staff to show God's mercy, love and forgiveness both inside and outside of the classroom. Pray that God would maintain our ability to practice our faith in Lutheran schools.

9. for church members who tell the story of their Lutheran school, that their recommendation might lead more students through the school's doors.

10. for the many non-Christians and exchange students who are coming to our schools. Pray that God would work through the Gospel that they will have faith in Jesus.

11. for first-year teachers, that they may apply their gifts to demonstrate grace and mercy. Pray that God would give them strength and patience.

12. for our early childhood centers that introduce young families to the saving love of Jesus. Pray that they are a faithful witness to the littlest of God's children and their families.

13. for courageous Lutheran schools willing to take calculated risks that will result in significant rewards for students. Give the leaders of these schools wisdom in their decisions.

14. for comfort and healing for school faculty and students during times of injury, illness and loss.

15. for God to raise up wise and gifted leaders who are willing to serve in administrative roles at Lutheran schools.

CAMPUS MINISTRY — JULY 16-31

The challenges to Christians on our nation's college campuses are increasing exponentially. On practically every campus, objections are increasing to the biblical worldview, Christian doctrine, traditional ethics and moral practices. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) campus-ministry arm, LCMS U, aims to encourage, support and help students, faculty and staff in their response to these challenges so they can boldly bear witness to Christ.

Remember God's work through LCMS U as you pray:

16. for the 200-plus LCMS U chapters around the country, that they would receive the support they need to effectively reach out to America's college students.

17. that more congregations and individuals would become involved with their local LCMS U chapters or start new ones.

18. for the growth of LCMS U on urban campuses and at community colleges, two fertile mission fields. Pray that the Lord would open doors to the spread of His Word in these places.

19. for all the dedicated staff and volunteers involved in campus ministry, that God would energize them for their work and use them to plant seeds of faith that will continue to grow.

20. for students starting their first year of college, that they would find a church to attend,

Christian friends and make good decisions while living away from home for the first time.

21. for the parents of college students, especially those who have an empty nest for the first time. Pray that they would find joy and contentment in the midst of life's changes.

22. that Lutheran college students would be bold witnesses to their faith in Jesus Christ, even when faced with pressure from peers and professors.

23. that young people would hunger for the certain truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not be deceived by the half-truths and lies of Satan.

24. for the 800,000-plus foreign students studying at American colleges and universities. Many come from countries where the Gospel is not freely preached. Pray that their time in the U.S. would provide the opportunity for them to learn about Jesus.



25. for the international students who came to faith while studying abroad. Ask the Lord to provide support so that they can continue to grow in their faith after they return home.

26. for busy college students, who are pulled in many directions with the demands of school, work, friends, family and other activities. Pray that they would make God a priority by setting aside time for worship, Bible study and Christian service.

27. for the development of campus-ministry programs at institutions of higher education around the world.

28. that God would bless and guide the work of all students

involved in mission work and volunteer opportunities both at home and abroad. Pray that this time would be a blessing to them and others.

29. with thanksgiving for a new school year. Pray that students and campus-ministry workers would return refreshed and with renewed dedication.

30. for recent college graduates, that they would find gainful employment as well as a church home where they can learn about God's holy Word in all of its truth and purity.

31. for all students, that God would protect them and provide people to share with them the Word of God.

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