

Bethany News

Praising God Together

June 2022

By Rev. Dr. Mark Wood

Sometimes we need the understanding of a little child to guide us. Jesus reminded us of this when He said, “whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it” (Luke 18:17). In Article XII of the Smalcald Articles, Martin Luther cited a child’s knowledge to answer the question “What is the church?” In his statement that the church is “the holy believers and lambs who hear the voice of their Shepherd,” Luther also answered another important question: “When are we the church?” There’s been a great deal written and said about what the church is ... and what the church isn’t. The statement “the church is the people not the building” is a well-worn refrain from people who have a poor understanding of the church.

It is a silly statement that is asserted as though people actually believe, unlike a seven-year-old child, that the building itself is the church. In referring to the building in which the church gathers to hear God’s Word and receive His Sacraments, we are not denying what the church is. Instead, we are reinforcing both what the church is and when we are the church. The church is the holy believers who gather around a local pulpit and altar under their Shepherd’s care. This happens in a place.

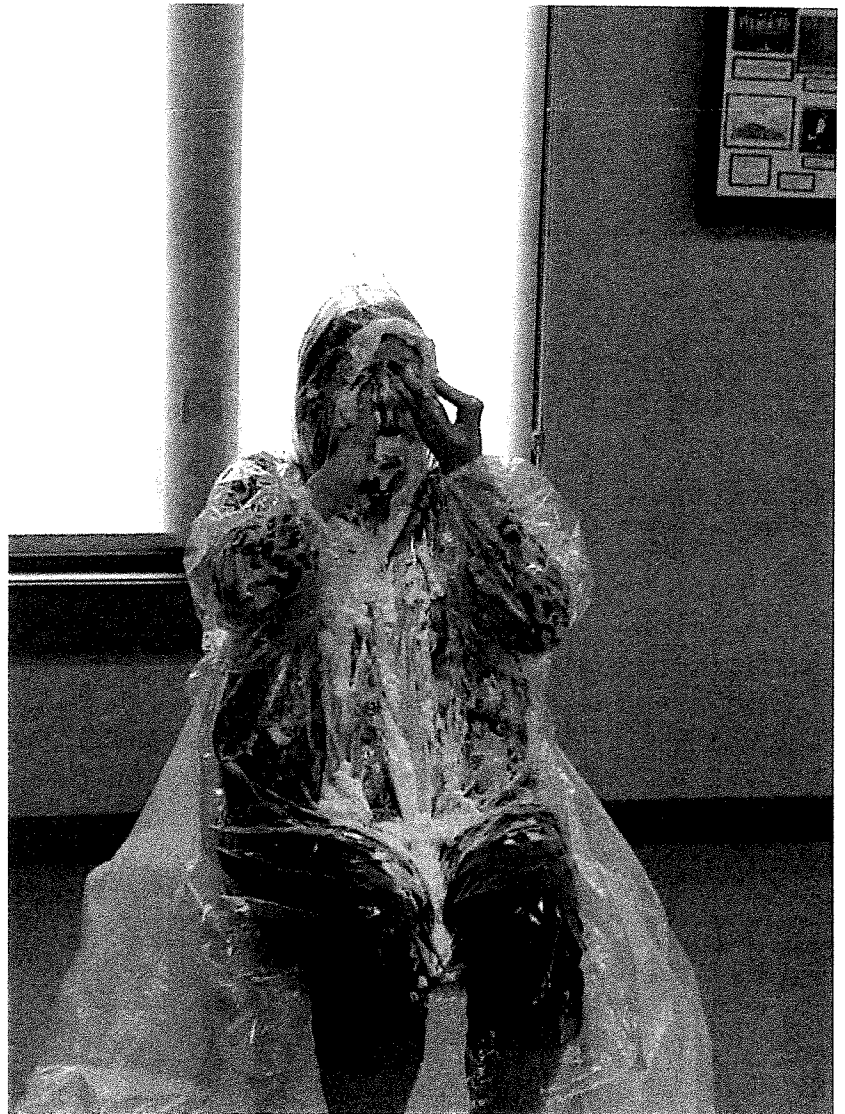
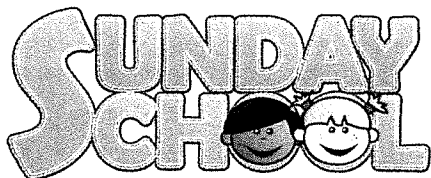
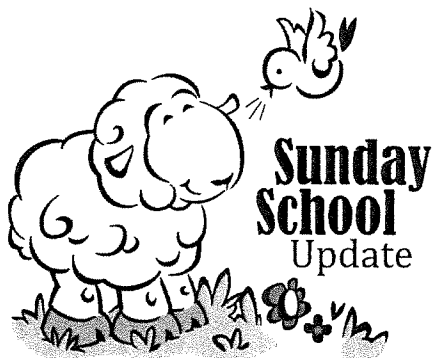
The building we call a “church” is the place where the holy believers come together to be refreshed and renewed by God’s good gifts. It is where and when we are the Church Gathered. But the church is not always gathered. Actually, the church spends very little of its time as the Church Gathered. Most of the time, we are the Church Scattered. We are the Church Scattered when we as holy believers are serving in our various vocations in our everyday lives. We continue to be the church in our workplaces, in our neighborhoods, with our families, at dance recitals and baseball practices, and wherever the Lord places us in the world. In these roles and places, the Church Scattered touches the lives of people who have no connection with the Church Gathered.

Setting the Church Gathered against the Church Scattered tears away at the fabric of the church. It is the devil’s lie that we are either the Church Gathered or the Church Scattered. The church is both, by God’s design and purpose. If we are able to come together with other believers to receive God’s gifts through His Word and Sacraments but choose not to, we are ignoring “the voice of [our] Shepherd.” If we see ourselves as the church only when we are “in the building,” we fail to heed our Shepherd’s call to be salt and light in the world through the various vocations in which He has placed us.

We are the church when we come together for the Divine Service, fellowship, Bible study and service in a local congregation. We are the church when we leave the building and disperse into our individual corners of the world, our mission field. We are the church when we are unable to meet together with other believers. Whether Jew or Greek, male or female, slave or free, together or apart, we are, by virtue of our baptismal identity in Christ, the church. A seven-year-old child knows that we are the church whenever and wherever we are “holy believers and lambs who hear the voice of their Shepherd.”

Congratulations to Dr. Rita Raverty. Dr. Raverty of the Allina Health campus in River Falls, WI, was awarded the 'Family Physician of the Year' by the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians. She is the daughter of Richard and Connie Schumann.

Sunday school ended for the year on May 22, 2022. This year's goal was to raise \$1000 to buy animals for those in need from World Vision. That goal was surpassed and almost \$1500 was raised. The current mission is partnering with Mission Central to help those in need from the Ukraine. Because the goal was met the kids got to Pie one of the teachers. Kay Hanson was the lucky recipient. Thank you to all of the teachers this year. Kay Hanson, Lisa Anderson, Sue Blumberg, Nancy Cliff and Michelle Roberson and our helpers, Natalie Anderson and Madelyn Roberson. Sunday school will resume in September 2022. Please join us in the fall for more fun. If you would like to register your child for Sunday school or you would like to donate your time as a Sunday school teacher please contact the church office at bethanylc4@hotmail.com or 651-345-2424.



Happy Father's Day on June 19th



Pentecost is on Sunday June 5th. Forms for donating toward the cost of the geraniums for Pentecost can be found in this newsletter or the narthex. Or you can contact Char Gnotke. The flowers will be planted in the outside planters after Pentecost.

Correction to the Elder schedule:

Fred Day – June 2022

Greg Holmstadt – July 2022

Chuck Holmstadt – August 2022

Roger Edwards – September 2022

Happy Birthday in June!

Lisa Bolduan 1st

Jeff Holmstadt 1st

Tony Gilman 8th

Brittany Plank 8th

Megan Selvig 10th

Spencer Solum 11th

Larry Linse 13th

Olivia Ohlhaber 13th

Greta Brand 17th

Brandon Plank 17th

Len Parrish 18th

Ken Heise 20th

Diann LaFond 20th

Robert Roschen 21st

Carla Keller 29th

Happy Anniversary in June!

Larry & Jane Linse 1st

Neil & Corrine Stehr 1st

Rex & Peg McKinnon 2nd

Nate & Lisa Anderson 9th

Tim & Heather Kohrs 11th

Len & Rose Parrish 15th

Andy & Becky Franz 19th

Rick & Michelle Solum 19th



Congratulations to Luke Roberson, who will be graduating from Lincoln High, on Sunday June 5th, 2022. Luke is the son of Chad & Michelle Roberson and he will be attending the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis in the fall.

Please join us to celebrate Luke. There will be an open house on Saturday June 4th beginning at 2pm at Luke's home located at:

34161 County Road 72, Zumbro Falls, MN 55991

Hello Families!

St. Peter's Church will again be hosting VBS this summer with Camp Omega staff planning and running the program.

Pass along the dates with others as everyone is welcome!

July 18-22, 2022

8:30-4pm for incoming 1st-6th graders

8:30-11:30am for incoming 4yr Old PreK-Kindergartens

Friday 7/22 all children from 8:30-11:30am. Friday's program is at 11:30am followed by a picnic potluck, hot dogs provided.

An email was sent out with a link for online registration. If you did not receive this email please email the office at bethanylc4@hotmail.com or Tara at St. Peter at tarakehren@hotmail.com. VBS is free of charge if you sign up before June 20th. After June 20th registration is \$20.

Students entering 7th grade and older are encouraged to serve as helpers. This group will be limited to 8. Use the same form to sign up your student helper.

Parents volunteers will be providing and serving lunches and snacks this year, like we did prior to 2020. Kids are to bring their own water bottles.

New this year: Camp Omega requires we have a 10 to 1 ration of student to parent helpers. This meaning we will need about 4 parents present to assist throughout each day. Parents will not have to plan or teach, just simply be there to help out with whatever is needed so the counselors can focus on running the program smoothly. So please consider staying for a day or half a day to help out.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns. We are so excited to provide this again this year!



**Remember the Hog Roast is coming up on Saturday August 27th
and the Annual garage sale will be in the fall, date to be announced at a later time.**

Please return this form to a member of the Altar Guild or the Church office

I wish to donate \$ _____ toward the

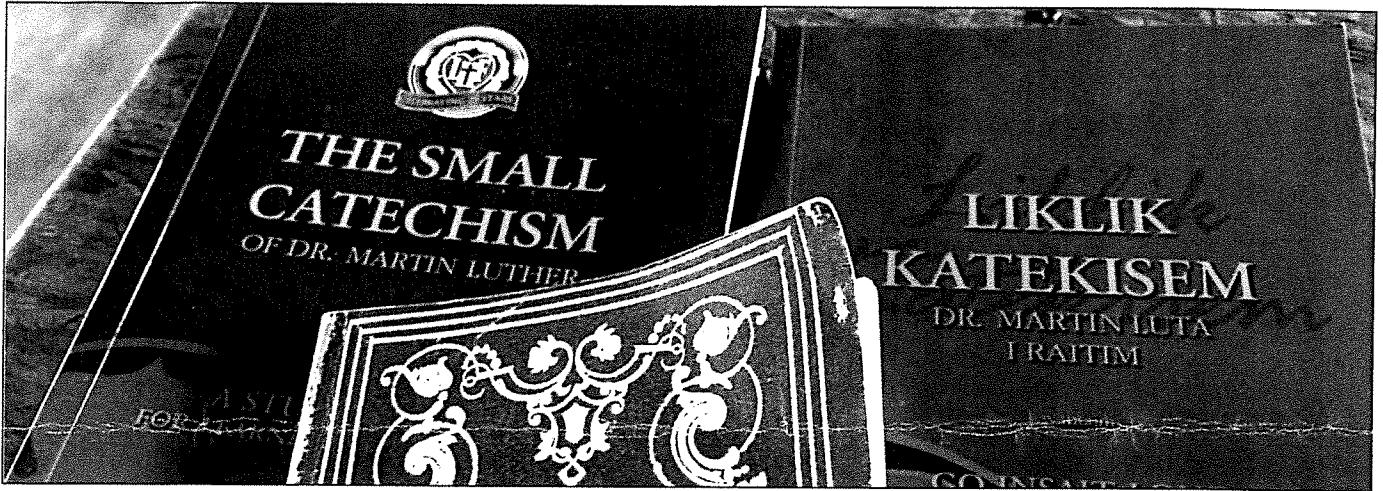
Purchase of geraniums for Pentecost Day, Sunday June 5th, 2022.

Please make checks payable to Bethany Lutheran Church.

Name _____

The Altar Guild will plant the flowers in the outside planters after Pentecost

Martin and Marie Dicke—Missionaries Serving the Asia Region



Three Large Book Shipments for Papua New Guinea

By Martin Dicke

Books are precious things, especially in Papua New Guinea. I'm happy to report that I am currently helping to coordinate three large shipments of books to PNG. Here is a list.

1) 2019 Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) Shipment—102 boxes delayed in Lae due to pandemic:

- 864 *A Statement of Faith/Tok Bilip Bilong Yumi*;
- 1,100 *The Small Catechism* (blue book above);
- 4,500 *Jesus Never Fails* pamphlets by LHF;
- 22,400 *A Simple Explanation of Christianity* (CPH).



2) 2021 Concordia Gospel Outreach (CGO) Shipment—All books printed by Concordia Publishing House (CPH). Container in truckyard at Mapai Transport awaiting transport to the Enga Province (see map on other side):

- 3,000 *120 Bible Stories*; 2,922 *Activity Book*; 216 *Answer Keys*;
- 5,208 *My First Catechism*; 4,056 *Activity Book*; 102 *Answer Key*;
- 1,000 *New Testament Story Book for Kids*;
- 1,044 *The Psalms and Gospels Book*;
- 1,753 *Devotions for Teens by Teens*;
- 640 soccer balls & 24 soccer ball hand pumps.

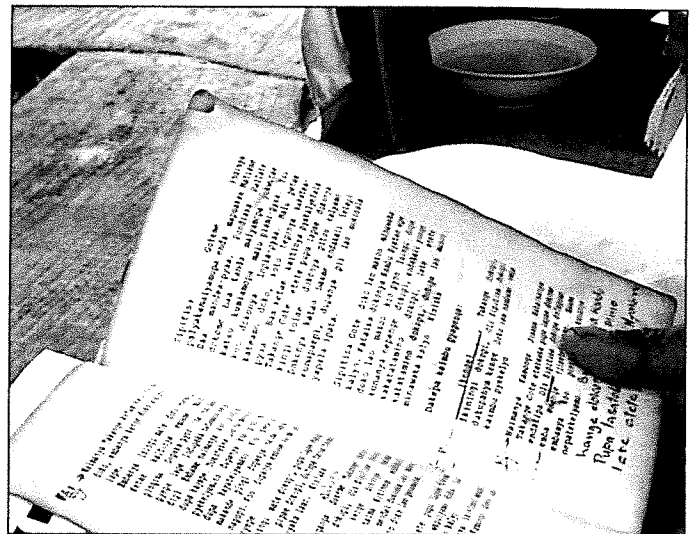
3) 2022 LHF Shipment—Six books edited last year and printed in December now in Bangkok, Thailand awaiting shipment:

- 2,000 *Small Catechism in Enga* (new publication);

- 1,000 *Enga Liturgy* (new worship resource to replace mimeograph copies—bottom right);
- 13,000 *Small Catechism in Tok Pisin* (red book above—8,000 for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG and 5,000 for the Gutnius Lutheran Church);
- 5,000 *Jisas I No Save Fel* pamphlet (new publication—see other side);
- 3,000 *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* in Tok Pisin;

- 2,000 *Small Catechism* in English (blue book above);
- TBD *A Simple Explanation of Christianity* (CPH) & *Bible Stories in Pictures* (LHF).

Thanks to Rev. Ron and Mary Anne Rall for making initial arrangements with CGO. Thanks to LHF, CGO, LWML, all their donors, and CPH for making these shipments possible. Please pray that these books arrive safely and that they are a blessing to the PNG church and all who receive them. Soli Deo Gloria!





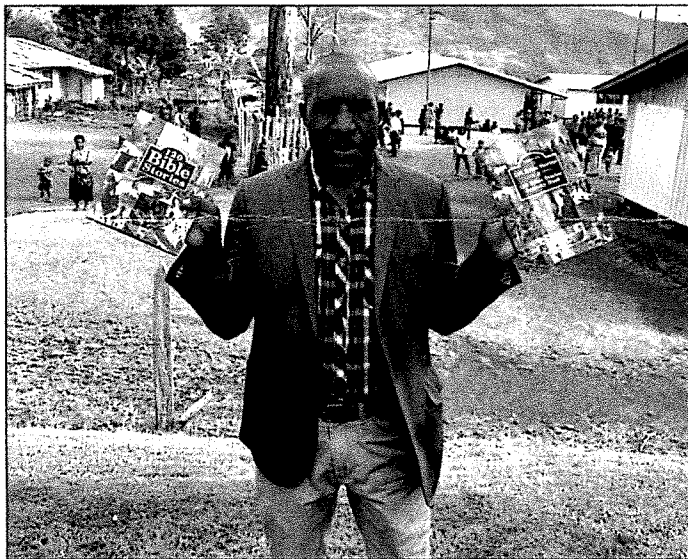
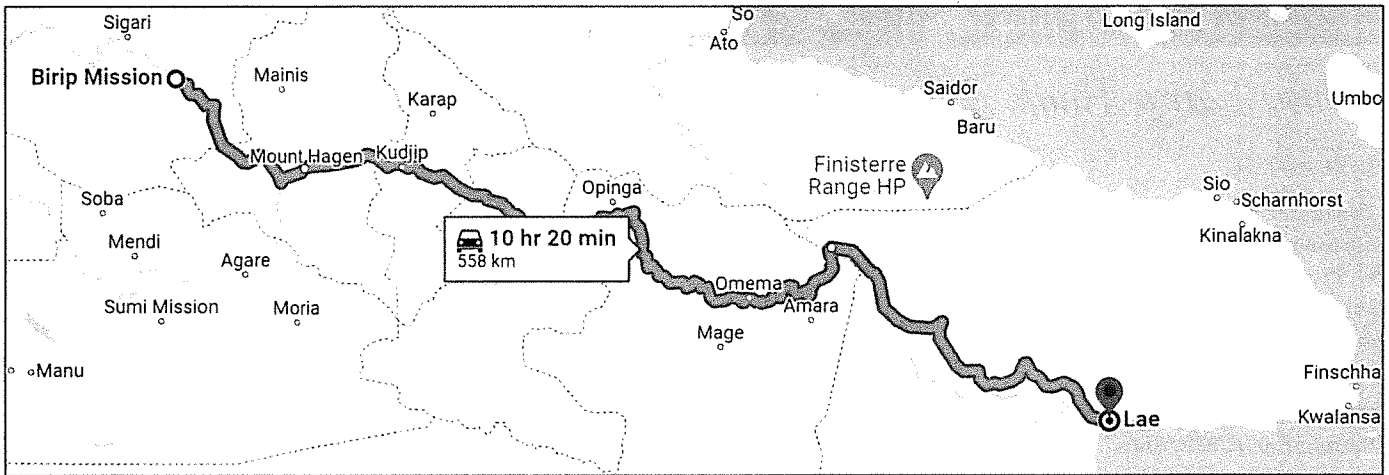
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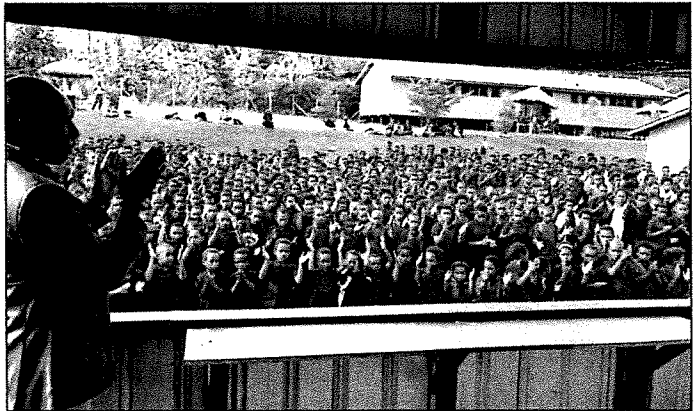
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1) A Mapai Transport truck will carry the book shipments from Lae to Timothy Lutheran Seminary, Birip; 2) One of the new LHF publications being shipped to PNG; 3) Last leg of journey—Lae to Birip; 4 & 5) David Phillips of Wamapisa Lutheran Elementary School, Yaramanda, Enga Province.



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June Worship Assistants

Altar Care: Elaine Burfeind & Nancy Kohrs

Elder: Jim Hansen

Remember in Prayer...

Please keep in your prayers:



Barb & Delmar Hinck

Ashley Sexton

Elnor Bollum

Meryl & Lois Watson

Stan & Marilyn Diercks

Madonna Thomforde

Aubrey Schafer



June Council Meeting

Council meets Monday, June 6 at 7:00PM. Let a council member know if you have a topic for discussion. Council: Jonathan Huneke, Kevin Paradis, Jim Hansen, Marty Kehren, Becca Bollum, Brock Marklevits & Paul Burfeind.



St. Peter's 150 Years!

St. Peter's will be 150 years young in 2023! We have formed a committee to start making plans for the big celebration! Stay tuned for details. Contact Becca Bollum if you're interested in helping out in any way.



Summer Worship Schedule

10:30AM Sunday Worship

June/July/August worship services will be indoors on communion Sunday's (1st and 3rd Sundays) and outdoors on non-communion Sundays. In the event of bad weather we will move indoors. Bring a chair to sit on when we are worshipping outdoors.



Youth Fundraiser - Pastor Milks A Cow

The youth who are attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, TX this summer are very close to raising enough funds for their trip. Their current goal is \$1,000. If they reach their goal Pastor Frentz will hand milk one of the Betcher cows! We will record this and post it to St. Peter's Facebook page. Please help them reach their goal!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our 2022 senior graduate, Charlie Hadler who graduates from Goodhue High School on June 3rd.

Youth Information

June Acolytes

June 5: Ethan Paradis

June 19: OPEN SPOT

*Schedules are located at the back of church.

*On non-communion summer Sundays worship will be outdoors, so acolytes won't be needed.

Youth Group Meeting

The Youth Group will have their monthly meeting at St. Peter's on June 24 after worship.



VBS 2022 - "Way, Truth, Life"

St. Peter's will again be hosting VBS with Camp Omega staff running the weekly program. July 18-22, 2022. VBS will run from 8:30-4PM Mon-Thurs, and Friday 8:30-11:30AM with a closing program & potluck at 11:30AM on that Friday. Kids going into 4yr Old PreK and Kindergarten will attend 8:30-11:30AM Mon-Fri. Parent volunteers will be needed to provide meals/snacks & helping out each day. Sign up forms have been emailed to those who attended last year. All are welcome! Contact Tara, Secretary if you didn't receive an email. We are still looking for housing for our camp counselors that week. Let Tara know if you can provide housing or contact her with questions.

Anniversaries in June

June 12: Kevin & Sharon Watson

June 13: Tony & Tiffany Betcher

June 14: Pastor Bruce & Connie Stam

June 16: Mark & Leslie Dicke

June 17: Sara & Jason Bonde

June 21: John & Elaine Diercks
Pat & Theresa Schafer

June 22: Stanley & Denise Bargsten

June 25: Paul & Elaine Burfeind

June 26: Jackie & Kevin Paradis

Giving

Mission Highlight



Our current Mission highlight is through Missions Central for the support of displaced Ukrainians affected by the Russian invasion. If you would like your offering dollars designated to this mission please put Ukraine in the memo line of your offering check.

ONLINE *giving*

We offer the option to give recurring gifts online through First Farmers & Merchants Bank. Contact Becca Bollum, our treasurer to set this up. rebecca.mellmann@hotmail.com

thank you!

Sunday School Mission Project

Thank you to all those who donated to Feed My Starving Children. They collected \$470, which is equivalent to 1,880 meals. The meals that were packaged at Feed My Starving Children were sent to Ukraine.

Sunday School

Thank you to all of our Sunday school teachers! And to Jackie Paradis for always graciously leading our Sunday school program!

Birthdays in June

June 1: June Brinkman
Marti Huneke

June 4: Brad Meyer

June 5: Jeremy Holst

June 6: Carl Bollum

June 7: Kevin Paradis

June 8: Jeffrey Buck

June 11: Matthew Kehren

June 16: Justine Kurth

June 17: Everett Hadler

June 20: Halle Kennedy

June 22: Stanley Bargsten

June 24: Barb Hinck
Mason Kehren

June 25: Dana Ryan

June 26: Kevin Hadler

June 27: Corbin Avery

June 28: Curt Bollum
Lynette Dicke

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion Graduate honored	6 1:00pm Women's Bible Study	7	8	9 District Convention	10 District Convention	11 District Convention
12 9:00am Worship	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion	20 1:00pm Women's Bible Study	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:00am Worship	27	28	29	30		

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June 19th - Greg Holmstadt

Ushers: Neil Stehr & Andy Franz

Acolytes:

Readers:

June 5th: Adam Bolduan

June 5th: Pastor

June 12th: Alana Schmitz

June 12th: Nancy Cliff

June 19th: Neveah Anderson

June 19th: Bob Roschen

June 26th: Elijah Finnigan

June 26th: Tess Holmstadt

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