

The Lutheran Light

“As the Body of Christ, St. Mary’s Evangelical Lutheran Church is called by the Father through the Holy Spirit to worship God and witness to others.”

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Pastor’s Ponderings



Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12

[Jesus said] And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:20

Just a few weeks ago we celebrated Mother’s Day and in a few weeks we will be celebrating Father’s Day. These days can be difficult for those folks whose parents are no longer living, those whose relationship with one or both of their parents is or was less than ideal, those who have lost a child, and those who would like to be parents but are unable to have children. Last Mother’s Day was difficult for our family because we had lost Judy’s mom the previous October and this year Father’s Day will be difficult for us because we lost my father in December. However, there is joy in our family as our son and daughter-in-law, Matt and Amy, are about to become first-time parents, and we are all anxiously awaiting his arrival. Baby Hank, as Judy has been calling him, isn’t due to arrive until after both Mother’s Day and Father’s Day have passed, but I think Amy and Matt should celebrate on both Mother’s Day and Father’s Day anyway.

As I said, these days can be difficult for many folks for various reasons. While we are anticipating the joyous birth of our grandson, for those who are unable to have children it can be difficult to find joy in life or to be able to celebrate with others who are experiencing the joys of parenthood. The scriptures give us the stories of Sarai, Hannah, and Elizabeth, each of whom were unable to bear children,

but in time, by the grace of God, were each blessed with a son. Now, we know that such miraculous births rarely happen for those who are unable to bear children, but God’s presence, comfort, and peace can help those who are suffering in this way to bear their pain and to, in time, be healed.

I can’t begin to imagine what it is like to lose a child and I hope I never have to find out, but I have walked with those who have experienced such a loss. In December 1981 my 31-year-old sister-in-law Juanita was killed in a car accident. When my mother-in-law, in her grief, said, “A mother isn’t supposed to bury her child,” it was the first time I had heard someone say that. Unfortunately, it was not to be the last time I would hear that said. Since then I have walked with a number of parents who have had to bury their children, most recently with our member Mabel Leese and her family when her daughter Shirley died in February. It never gets any easier to deal with these situations, but as with any other trial or tribulation, God promises to walk with us through these things and can help us deal with them and eventually get to the other side of them. In the 23rd Psalm, David writes, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.”

The scripture passage above, one of the Ten Commandments given to Moses by God on Mt Sinai, gives us an instruction for how we are to be in relationship with our parents.

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Pastor's Ponderings - Continued

However, we know that not everyone is raised in a home like those portrayed in such TV programs as "Father Knows Best," "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet," or even "Family Ties." For many, growing up is difficult, as parents aren't always loving and can sometimes be cruel and abusive.

The idea of honoring such parents is almost unimaginable to those who have experienced these things, and while many of us had our ups and downs with our parents, we cannot begin to imagine what life must have been like for those raised in a cruel and abusive household. While I don't believe that the pain of experiencing these things can ever truly go away, I do believe, however, that it is possible for those who have been wounded in this way to find comfort and peace in God and to experience God's love in one's life.

Let us remember then, that even as we are celebrating the joyous events of our lives, there are those in our midst who are broken and hurting. May we, as children of God and disciples of Jesus, reach out to these, our sisters and brothers, in love and compassion, that they might experience God's love through us.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Allen

From Pastor Allen and Judy Reed: It has been a privilege and a joy to be a part of this family of faith for the past sixteen months. We are so grateful for the way that you welcomed us and made us feel an important part of the St. Mary's family. While we are sad to leave, we look forward to what God has in store for us next. We will miss you all greatly and you will always be in our hearts. May God bless you as you move forward in ministry with your new pastor.

Special June Deadlines

Our Secretary will be out of the office June 14th – June 21st.

-Announcements for the June 16th bulletin should be submitted to the church office by 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 12th.

-Newsletter deadline for the July/August combined issue of The Lutheran Light remains the 3rd Wednesday of the month (June 19th).

-Announcements for the June 23rd bulletin should be submitted to the church office by 10 a.m., Friday, June 21st.

St. Mary's Mother's Day Dedications

May 12, 2019

In Honor Of...

Jill Spriggs by Suzy

Frances Crist by Jill & Suzy Spriggs

My Wonderful Mother, Kellie Scott by Gillian Scott

Dwyn Fleischer by Casey-May, Roxanne & Forest

Carrie Eyler by Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

Kelli Scott – Happy Mother's Day! You're the best! I Love You! by Ella Scott

In Memory Of...

Lynn Boughter by Grandson & Great-Grandson

Mariah Myers by Granddaughter Mabel & Family

Mary Jane Myers by Daughter Mabel & Family

Erma Foltz by Judy & Allen Reed

Sally Reed by Allen & Judy Reed

Louisa Crist by Jim & Fran

Pauline Ebaugh by Fran & Jim

Louisa Crist by Jill & Suzy Spriggs

Frances Peugh by Betty & Jim Huber

Pauline Ebaugh by Jill & Suzy Spriggs

Dorothy Huber by Jim & Betty Huber

Our Grandmothers by Jim & Fran Crist

Marie Jacobs & Margaret Fleischer by Fleischer Family

Beloved Grandmother and Great-Grandmother Naomi R. Bowersox by Susan, Taylor, Kaitlyn & Jordan.



Silver Run Community Food Pantry

located at

St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church

(Distributed from Parish House located directly behind Church, Mayberry Road Entrance)



**1st & 3rd Wednesday
of the Month**

**4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Meal
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Pantry Open**

Non-Perishable Food Items Distributed.
All Are Welcome! Donations Accepted!
Email: foodpantry@stmaryselc.org

Kid's Corner

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." Acts 2:1-4

How many of you know what this is?



It is a windsock. A windsock is a type of kite. The windsock was invented many years ago in Japan and was flown on "Boys Day." The family would hang one windsock for each son in the family on the end of a pole outside of their house and let it blow in the wind.

Where else would you possibly see a windsock? You may have seen a windsock at an airport. Windsocks are used at airports to show which way the wind is blowing to help pilots to take off and land safely. Windsocks are also used to help predict the weather.

No one can see the wind, but we know the wind is there because the windsock shows us that it is there. The wind is very important to us. What are some of the ways that the wind helps us?

- It helps to cool us off when we get too hot.
- It helps to clean the air we breathe of smoke and smog.
- It can be converted to electrical power to light our homes.

Today, many churches celebrate a special day called Pentecost. It was on the day of Pentecost that God sent his Holy Spirit to the church. The Bible tells us that the apostles were all gathered together in one place when suddenly there was a sound like a mighty, rushing wind. They saw what looked like tongues of fire that came to rest on each of them and all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.

God's Holy Spirit is somewhat like the wind. We can't see him, but we know that he is there because we can see the effects of his power in our lives. The Holy Spirit is very important to us. What are some of the ways that the Holy Spirit helps us?

- He comforts us when we are sad and alone. (John 15:26)
- He guides us in the way of truth. (John 16:13)
- He helps us when we don't know how to pray. (Romans 8:27)
- He lives inside us and gives us life. (Ezekiel 37:14)
- He shows us the good things God has for us. (1 Corinthians 2:9-11)

We are thankful for all of the ways that the wind helps us, but we are even more thankful for all of the ways the Holy Spirit helps us every day. You might say, "He is the wind in your socks!"

Dear Father, we thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to comfort, guide us, and live within us. Amen.

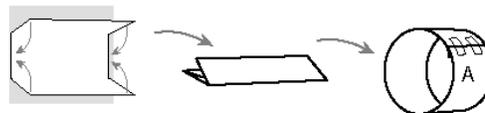
Making a Windsock

Materials

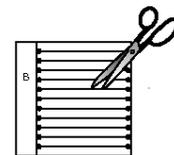
- One sheet 8 ½ X 11 inch printer or copy paper
- One piece tissue paper 28 cm X 28 cm
- White glue or paste
- Cellophane tape
- Scissors
- Single-hole paper puncher
- One Paper clip
- Metric ruler • Magnetic Compass
- 1.2 m kite string
- Wooden dowel

Procedure

1. Fold a piece of 8 1/2 X 11 inch paper lengthwise to make the border strip for the wind sock.
2. Form a loop from the strip and tape the ends of the paper together. Mark the outside edge with the letter A.



3. On the tissue paper use a marker to draw a line 4 cm from one edge and across the paper. Mark the 4 cm by 28 cm area with the letter B. (Illustrations shown not to scale.)
4. Beginning along one end of the line drawn in step 3, measure and mark a point 3 cm from the edge. Continue marking the edge with additional points each separated by a distance of 3 cm.
5. Repeat step 4 to mark points along the opposite end of the tissue paper.
6. Using the points, draw a series of lines on the tissue paper. With scissors, cut along these lines to make strips.
7. Glue edge B of tissue paper to edge A of the loop strip made in step 2. Allow time for the glue to dry.



8. Use a hole punch to punch three holes equal distance around the paper ring.
9. Cut 3 pieces of string 30 cm long. Tie one end of each string to the wind sock at each of the three holes.
10. Tie the three loose ends of the string to a single paper clip. Add an additional 30 cm length of string to the paper clip.



11. Test the wind sock by holding the single string in front of a fan.

Source: NASAexplores; Watch the Wind http://media.nasaexplores.com/lessons/01-081/k-4_1.pdf

Stewardship

It is no secret that God calls us to be generous with the gifts He has given us. Throughout the Bible, we read that just as God has generously given to us, so are we to give generously one to another. As Jesus said, “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35) and “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36).

“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34).

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let me explain.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf, in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper.

And so, He doesn’t just do it for us but gives it to us, makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God” (Matthew 19:24). “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance—a conversion of the heart—and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are, actually, to live — think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) — a new life in Him.

And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.

By Rev. Jason Braaten, Immanuel Lutheran Church – Tuscola, Ill.

<http://www.lcms.org/stewardship> (Newsletter Article – June 2018)

Vacation Bible School

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Join us for Crafts, Snacks, Games & Fun!



July 15 – 19
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Children Ages 3 – 6th Grade

**For more information, contact 410-346-7146 or
Kelli Scott - scottrk1@embarqmail.com**

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one registration form per child and return to Kelli Scott or mail to: VBS, St. Mary’s ELC, 3978 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD, 21158.

I give permission for _____, age, _____ to participate in the Vacation Bible School program “God’s Good Creation” at St. Mary’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3978 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. each evening, starting Monday, July 15, 2019 to Friday, July 19, 2019.

In the event of an emergency, please contact:

(name) _____

(phone #) _____

Please check one:

My child has **no** known food issues, allergies, medical, or other concerns requiring your attention.

My child has the following food issues, allergies, medical, or other concerns requiring your attention:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Wellness Notes

We live in a fast paced, high stress world and find less and less time to eat well and exercise. Neglecting our physical well-being affects us not only mentally, but also spiritually.

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Hearty Diet Success

DID YOU KNOW? According to the CDC, heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women – an estimated 630,000 people in the U.S. die from heart disease every year.

HEARTY DIET SUCCESS - Eating a balanced, healthy diet can help set you up for a happy heart and reduce the risk of heart disease and other heart-related conditions. Take a look at five food categories that encourage heart-health success:

1. Leafy Greens and Fresh Fruit Whenever possible, fill the crisper with spinach, kale, broccoli, and carrots. Apples, peaches, pears, and bananas are not only heart healthy, but they're also delicious!
2. Whole Grains for a Wholesome Heart When it comes to cereals, bread, rice, and pasta, choose 100% whole grain varieties whenever possible (it should be listed first in the ingredients).
3. Down low on Dairy Low-fat or fat-free milk, cheese, cottage cheese, and yogurt are preferred heart-healthy dairy options. If you sub dairy for soy— acquire versions with added vitamin A and D.
4. Healthy-Heart Fats and Oils Examples of healthy-heart fats are avocados, seafood, and nuts, and healthy oils are canola, olive, sunflower, and peanut — which are all unsaturated fats (AKA healthy fats!)
5. Power-up Proteins Your heart will appreciate a combination of meats like poultry, chicken, and lean beef, in addition to eggs, tofu, and unsalted nuts and seeds.

HEART FITNESS - Your heart will thank you if you engage in five days of at least 30 minute sessions of exercise. Research has demonstrated that the following three types of fitness are favorable for your heart health:

1. Aerobics Try walking, running, group fitness classes, such as Zumba or HIIT, to rev up your heart to an appropriately challenging heart rate to strengthen and maintain a healthy heart (wrist-heart monitors can help you achieve a desired heart-rate range.)
2. Resistance Training Try incorporating weights, resistance bands, and body resistance activities such as planks, push-ups, and dips to your fitness regimen.
3. Stretching Yoga not only helps stretch your muscles and relax your mind, but it's also great for strengthening your heart.

All information is intended to motivate readers to make their own nutrition and health decisions after consulting with their health care provider.

Go Green for 2019

Help save resources (paper, toner, and postage) by joining St. Mary's newsletter email list, you'll be emailed the newsletter each month and a paper copy will no longer be printed and mailed for your household. To join, send an email to newsletter@stmaryselc.org requesting to be placed on the list. The current issue of The Lutheran Light newsletter along with prior issues can be found at

<http://www.stmaryselc.org/pagenewsletter.html>

Newsletter Information

Deadline: 3rd Wednesday by 10:00 a.m.

Please notify the church office when:

- your committee plans a meeting or activity to be listed on the calendar.
- you have an announcement to be included in the newsletter. Online Announcement form on our website. You may also email your information to newsletter@stmaryselc.org.



Outreach & Welcome

Correction – It was reported we cleared \$553.75 from the Lions Bingo Kitchen. The correct amount is \$562.75. The amount of quarters was reported as 15. It was 51 which made the difference. - Jim Crist



Father's Day is 6/16/19. If you would like to place a special greeting which will appear in the Father's Day bulletin insert, the cost will be \$1.00 per entry.

Please place this form and your cash or check in the designated box in the overflow room.

Checks should be made out to:
St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Deadline is Sunday, June 9, 2019.

In honor of _____

by: _____

In honor of _____

by: _____

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In memory of _____

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by: _____

**Thank you for your support.
Should you have any questions, please contact the church office.**



Church & Village: Partners in Ministry June 2019

Annual Golf Tournament and Raffle - Registration is still open for the 22nd annual Carroll Lutheran Village Golf Tournament on **Friday, June 7** at The Links at Gettysburg. A few foursomes and sponsorships are still available. Raffle tickets for three \$500 cash prizes are also available at 3/\$25. Winner will be drawn on Thursday, June 6 and need not be present to win. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Ministry of Caring in support of residents who have outlived their resources. Register or purchase raffle tickets at 443-605-1068 or www.clvillage.org.

Comcast Cares Day Helps Local Youth - Carroll Lutheran Village resident and staff volunteers participated in Comcast Cares Day on May 4 to benefit the Girls and Boys Club of Westminster. Comcast **donated \$1,000** - \$20 for each of the 44 CLV and 6 Comcast volunteers who helped to clean up litter and plant flowers.

Support Group for Dementia Caregivers - Carroll Lutheran Village hosts a monthly support group for people with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and their family, friends, and caregivers. The group, sanctioned by the Alzheimer's Association, provides emotional, educational and social support in a safe, supportive and confidential environment. Facilitators are trained by the Alzheimer's Association and are licensed social workers. The group meets the 3rd Thursday of the month from 1:30pm-3pm. For information and directions to the meeting area please call 443-605-1057 or 443-605-1053.

Lay Ministry Award - Carroll Lutheran Village honored resident Kay Felder with a Social Ministry award at the Celebrate Lay Ministry Awards hosted by the DE-MD Synod on May 5. Kay serves as a greeter for the Health Care Center and at Sunday worship service. She has volunteered as a goodwill ambassador and model for the marketing department and most recently assumed a leadership role in the Women of the ELCA Bible Study. Kay accompanies Health Care Center residents to Bingo and helps them with their cards, and sometimes just sits and visits.

Wellness Center Memberships Available - The Lifelong Learning Series is on hiatus for the summer, but Wellness Center memberships are still available to community members age 60 and over. Memberships include use of the gym, pool and a variety of classes. Certified personal trainers are also available to provide coaching on proper technique, tailor a program to meet individual goals and provide ideas to add variety to any workout. Contact the Wellness Center at 443-605-1070 for details.



Excerpts from Borneo Briefings May 2019

*Newsletter from the Trozzo family,
Serving the Church in Sabah, Malaysia*

Myanmar Conference

Eric spent a week of March in Yangon, Myanmar. While there, he led a seminar on "Elements of Lutheran Identity for Asian Churches." It was sponsored by the ELCA and the Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Myanmar, a grouping of the four different Lutheran church bodies in the country, and had six people from each of the churches attend.



While there, he also had the opportunity to preach three times at two different congregations. He preached at Lutheran Bethlehem Church, a congregation that is nearly 150 years old, for both a mid-week Lent service and a Sunday morning service. He was also the guest preacher for Sunday worship with a congregation from the Lutheran Church in Myanmar.

The trip also included visits to the Lutheran World Federation's Myanmar offices to learn about the various social programs the LWF is involved in throughout the country, and to the Lutheran Church in Myanmar's seminary. The seminary is in the third floor of a large house, with a small library and two small classrooms. The first two floors are an orphanage for about 20 children, run by the church. Much of their food comes from a large garden plot beside the building that all the residents tend. During the visit there, the public water had been out for 4 days and the electricity for 2, so they decided to run a generator for a few minutes to run a generator for a few minutes to refill their water bottles and water the garden.



There was a little bit of time for some sightseeing as well. Highlights were a street food tour of the roadside markets in downtown Yangon, and a visit to the incredible Shwedagon Pagoda, a Buddhist holy site in the center of the city.

Missionary Support (not in our budget) is raised through such things as our Lenten offerings, Strawberry Festival, Christmas Bazaar, and individual donations.

Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate throughout the year, please mark as "Missionary Support".



Rosa Orta is passionate about ending hunger. "We're all equal," she said. "It's not fair that only some of us get to eat while others starve."

Last year Rosa funneled her passion into Emanuel Community Center, a nonprofit supported by the congregation of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Dallas, Texas. Through a new partnership between ELCA World Hunger and the Horizon Apprenticeship program, Rosa spent her summer working with her congregation to end hunger in Dallas.

For her, anti-hunger activism is personal.

"My family has always struggled with money since my dad left us at a really young age, but my mom still managed to take care of us," Rosa said. "One of the main things I know is that, if it wasn't for the government helping us with food stamps, I don't know what we would have done."

"Rosa appears to be shy and quiet," said Cindy Carroll, Emanuel's pastor, "but as she got involved more deeply in the life of the congregation as a Horizon apprentice, we learned that she is very smart, quick-witted and funny. Rosa always asks good questions, and she has also been very responsive and connected with the ELCA Horizon teachers and mentors, as well as people at the church. This speaks to her maturity and her values around responsibility and taking things seriously." Rosa also helped connect the center's food pantry with the Domestic Hunger Grant program, funded by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger. Steve Good, president of the Emanuel Community Center board of directors, explained the pantry's philosophy.

"Feeding a person is not enough if that well-fed person lives in a world of danger and harm," Steve said. "So we are passionate about more than ending hunger. We want to help our community eliminate the obstacles to living healthy, fruitful and enjoyable lives."

The food pantry serves about 110 families a month, distributes 40 bags of food weekly to people experiencing homelessness, and has other programs, including a community garden, a back-to-school carnival where school supplies are dispensed and a program that distributes Christmas gifts. This partnership with the Horizon Apprenticeship program and the Domestic Hunger Grants are supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger.

Emerging leaders like Rosa bring the passion, creativity and experience needed to end hunger. Working toward a just world where all are fed means investing in transformative ministries and transformative young leaders like Rosa, who will shape them.

In 2018, four congregations received Domestic Hunger Grants as a result of this new leadership development partnership - two of which were written or prepared directly by the apprentices.

Through their service, these young leaders are building the capacity of their congregations to more fully love and serve their neighbors and neighborhoods. Thank you.



Soup kitchens, food pantries and meal programs provide immediate support to those in need. Community gardens and agricultural programs help communities grow food to nourish themselves and build stronger communities.

WHAT IS AN INTEGRATED HUNGER MINISTRY?



Accompaniment of communities toward a just world where all are fed means breaking down barriers between neighbors, ensuring just laws and policies for all and addressing the root causes of hunger. **That's why ELCA World Hunger is excited to partner with ministries and projects that are transformative, holistic and integrated, providing bread for today and hope for tomorrow.**

Integrated ministries draw on the many strengths of communities to respond to need in multiple, related ways. Maybe this means providing food for families while advocating for affordable housing, building case management into a financial literacy program or providing safe space for people who are vulnerable while offering job readiness assistance. Addressing multiple causes of hunger and poverty through integrated services can make ministries and projects more sustainable and effective.

LifeLines Spring 2019

ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

2018 Year in Review

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Prayer Ventures

1 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Northeastern Pennsylvania, Montana, Southwestern Texas and Indiana-Kentucky synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in proclaiming the gospel, growing the church and doing God's work in the world.

2 Pray that our unity in Christ — across denominations and throughout the world — will strengthen us and draw others into the community of all believers who know and share God's boundless love.

3 Pray for the leaders and volunteers of summer congregational programs, that they will stir and strengthen the faith of children and youth and introduce others to the good news of Jesus Christ through day camps, vacation Bible schools and other special ministries.

4 Summer is the busy season for ELCA Mission Builders, retired men and women who share their time, construction skills and spiritual gifts to build and expand the ministry capacity and physical resources of congregations and camps across the country. Give thanks for their volunteer service and pray that their witness will inspire others for lives of service and furthering the mission of the church.

5 Remember in prayer the service and witness of the six volunteers serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program alongside our companions in Madagascar; the Rev. Kirsten Laderach, YAGM country coordinator; and the Rev. Lancelot Themba and Kwena Mkhabela, regional representatives for Madagascar, West Africa and Central Africa.

6 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Western North Dakota, Central States, Metropolitan Chicago, New Jersey and Central/Southern Illinois synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in proclaiming the gospel, growing the church and doing God's work in the world.

7 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Lower Susquehanna, Florida-Bahamas, Southwestern Washington and Northwestern Minnesota synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in proclaiming the gospel, growing the church and doing God's work in the world.

8 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Virginia, Southwestern Minnesota and Southern Ohio synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in proclaiming the gospel, growing the church and doing God's work in the world.

9 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in proclaiming the gospel, growing the church and doing God's work in the world.

10 Ask God to help youth and young adults seeking summer employment, that they will find open doors and opportunities for using

their skills and gifts. Pray that we will find ways to share our wisdom, help them network for jobs and demonstrate our support for them through words of encouragement.

11 Give thanks for the persistent work of ELCA Advocacy and for the ministries, programs and resources that enable us to use our gifts, skills and concerns for the well-being of our communities, nation and world.

12 Pray for safe travel for all those who seek renewal, learning and greater awareness of the world through vacations, service experiences and trips. Wherever we go, may our faith shine brightly through our respect and care for the people we encounter, through our care for creation and nature, and through the joy and hope we convey in our words and actions.

13 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Northwestern Pennsylvania and Southwestern Pennsylvania synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in proclaiming the gospel, growing the church and doing God's work in the world.

14 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Grand Canyon, Northern Illinois, Northeastern Iowa and La Crosse Area synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in proclaiming the gospel, growing the church and doing God's work in the world.

15 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Northeastern Ohio, Allegheny, Upper Susquehanna and Metropolitan Washington, D.C. synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in proclaiming the gospel, growing the church and doing God's work in the world.

16 Pray that we will always listen for what the Spirit is revealing to us and pay attention to how the Spirit is guiding and urging us throughout our baptismal journey.

17 Remember in prayer the many agricultural workers who travel across our nation to do the difficult and often unnoticed work of planting, tending and gathering crops so that the world may be fed. Pray that they receive fair wages and medical care, have safe housing, find support and encouragement in communities of faith, and be affirmed for their important work and service.

18 Remember in prayer those congregation members who spend seasons of the year in different areas of the country. Pray that every congregation will practice hospitality and care in sending, welcoming and involving people in worship and the life of the congregation, even if it's only temporary.

19 Today, Juneteenth, is the oldest known celebration commemorating the abolition of slavery in the United States. Pray for the end of racism, racial inequalities and hatred in our nation, for an end to all forms of slavery and human trafficking in the world, and, living in God's grace and forgiveness, that we will confess and confront our own prejudices and fears, serving as catalysts for change, reconciliation and healing.

20 Pray that, amid world events that provoke anxiety, uncertainty and a sense of powerlessness, we will assure one another of our peace with God through faith in Jesus Christ, our sure and dependable hope, strength and comfort.

21 Pray for communities that are recovering from recent natural disasters and severe weather across our nation and around the world, and for those who are still involved in the long-term work of rebuilding their lives, homes, businesses and communities. Ask for the guidance and help of the Spirit as we seek ways to be effective bearers of hope, support and encouragement for as long as needed.

22 Give praise and glory to God, who formed the vast universe and earth yet tenderly cares for humanity and our peculiarities.

23 There is no affliction or problem in life — spiritual or physical — that is beyond God's power, mercy or ability to heal. Praise God!

24 Remember our outdoor ministries and camps during this very busy time of the year and pray for God to sustain and energize staff members and volunteers so they can greet every new camper with a freshness of spirit and faith that is infectious and inspiring.

25 Remember in prayer victims and survivors of gun violence across our nation. Ask God to nurture in us the strength, wisdom and compassion we need to provide steady care and support for those who ache for healing and relief from their pain, grief, suffering, anger and fear.

26 As people of God gathered in communities of faith, give thanks for how God comes to our aid, sustains and comforts us, is present and patient with us, cares for the poor and suffering, guides us in ways of justice and peace, and invites and equips us to share in this hope-filled, life-giving work in the world.

27 The ELCA "Three Sides" podcast shares unique stories, perspectives and diverse voices of our members, congregations and global companions. Give thanks for its ministry of expanding our awareness and our understanding of how God calls and uses us in every expression of the church.

28 Pray that ELCA congregations, synods, colleges and universities, seminaries, outdoor ministries and other related organizations involved in special appeals and fundraising be successful in their efforts to start, grow or sustain ministries and programs for the sake of accomplishing God's work in the world.

29 Pray for teachers, professors and school staff who have time off during the summer, that they will be renewed, strengthened and prepared for serving their students, parents and communities when the new school year begins.

30 Pray that we will grow in understanding the freedom we have in Christ, which moves us beyond our self-interest to attend to our neighbor. Pray that our lives be guided by the Spirit to exemplify love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

June 2019

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. *	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday **	Thursday	Friday **	Saturday
<p>2 Pr. Lee Brumback 7th Sunday of Easter - White Acts 16: 16 - 34 Psalm: 97 Revelation 22: 12 – 14, 16 – 17, 20 - 21 John 17: 20 - 26 Basket Offerings – ELCA Vision for Mission Congregational Meeting Following Worship</p>	3	4	5 Silver Run Food Pantry 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Meal 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Open	6	7	1 St. Mary's Strawberry Festival 9 - 2 <hr/> 8
<p>9 Day of Pentecost - Red Acts 2: 1 - 21 Psalm: 104: 24 – 34, 35b Romans 8: 14 - 17 John 14: 8 - 27 Father's Day Dedication Deadline</p>	10 Gillian Scott Church Council Meeting – 7 p.m.	11	12 Randy Hollenbaugh Ryan Hollenbaugh June 16th Bulletin Deadline – 10 a.m.	13	14 Jill Spriggs Secretary on Vacation 14 - 21	15 <hr/>
<p>16 The Holy Trinity - White Proverbs 8: 1 – 4, 22 - 31 Psalm: 8 Romans 5: 1 - 5 John 16: 12 - 15 Father's Day</p>	17	18	19 Brooke Bennett Newsletter Deadline -10 a.m. Silver Run Food Pantry 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Meal 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Open	20	21	22
<p>23 2nd Sunday after Pentecost - Green Isiah 65: 1 - 9 Psalm: 22: 19 - 28 Galatians 3: 23 - 29 Luke 8: 26 – 39</p>	24	25 Richard Sparacino	26	27	28	29
<p>30 Patricia Lawyer 3rd Sunday after Pentecost - Green 1 Kings 19: 15 – 16, 19 - 21 Psalm: 16 Galatians 5: 1, 13 - 25 Luke 9: 51 - 62 Social Time – Christian Education</p>	<p>Anniversaries: Donald and Patricia Lawyer – 6/29/1958</p>			<p>Worship Helpers Altar Guild: Donna Reed Communion Assistant: Christina Hollenbaugh Head Usher: (vacant)</p>		

* Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. ** Office Open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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