

The Crusader

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8:30 am Praise Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship

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The Pastor's Desk:

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Dear Beloved in Christ:

June 2026 is already in the books. And now we are entering July. Summer continues to race on providing us with all kinds of opportunities to spread the Gospel of our Salvation through Jesus Christ. Of course, we all know that July is the month where we celebrate our Independence Day on the 4th, and rightfully so! And this year is our 250th Anniversary of existence! Let it also be a time to remind us that we daily should celebrate our dependence on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for all things. Let us remember to do what the apostle Paul shared with us in **(Philippians 4:6-7)**, *“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* We need Him! We are completely dependent on Him and Jesus is ALWAYS there with and for us! He promised it to us. **(Matthew 28:20)** – Jesus said: *“... And I will be with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

Every breath we take, every beat of our heart, all that we are, all that we ever will be, and all that we have, are all gifts from God's grace to you and me and all of us. You and I are so blessed and it is not by any of our own doing that we are. It is all by His doing. Remember: *“you, [we], can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!”* **(Philippians 4:13)**. This, therefore, gives us the ability to do as **(Proverbs 3:5-6)** tells us which is to: *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path.”* Or as another translation says: *“He will make your path straight.”*

And isn't it so wonderful that our true independence from the enemy in this world comes from our dependence upon He who spoke the universe into being and who knew our names before the very foundation of the world!

May you have a most blessed, dependent, and safe July this year of 2026! Always remember:

**Together,
We Love, Serve,
Encourage and Grow
in the Family of Christ
Here and Throughout
the World!**

**“Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.”
“Thanks be to God.”**

God's Blessings Always

Rev. Donn Woolweber

EVANGELISM JULY 2026

When opportunity knocks – open the door! Have you ever asked yourself, “Why didn't I invite them?” or “Why didn't I make them aware?” Each week, the information sheet provides a phone number that you should be made aware of. Simply phoning 800-876-9880 (option 3) provides a message that could be a help to someone. The week of June 14th provided a message on the subject of anxiety and the week of July 21st was about depression. Now there are two subjects you or a friend of yours could use some insight. (Previous messages can be requested) Plant the seed! You are not necessarily trying to make a Lutheran out of them, but trying to bring the person into a closer relationship with the Lord. The Holy Spirit will take it from there.

Upcoming Events:

- July 5th and July 19th Holy Communion at both Services
- Movie Night Every Tuesday in July @6:30 pm
- Friends Supporting Friends@11:00 am Mondays
- Thursday, July 9th@1 pm Book Club
- Saturday, July 11th@ 6:30 pm Bunco
- Saturday, July 18th@10 am Seaford 250th Celebration
- Tuesday, July 21st@2 pm Lay Ministry Meeting



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| July 5 | Donna Hassman |
| July 12 | Kathy Williams |
| July 19 | Russ & Carol Taylor |
| July 26 | Carol & Dan Schreffler |

Please join us in a day of celebration!!

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CHRIST LUTHERAN AND LWML TABLE AT THE 250TH CELEBRATION FOR DOWNTOWN SEAFORD JULY 18TH

- We need people to set up and tear down the table and tent, plus the popcorn machines. Set Up, **10am** Tear down, **9pm**
- We need brave people to do face painting on children
- We will need people to hand out popcorn and water
- We need people to talk about our Movie Night, VBS, BSSP, Book Club, Women's Bible Study, & Friends Helping Friends Grief Group Also the church itself. So, we will need talkers, or just a few people handing out flyers.

THERE WILL BE A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX WITH SLOTTED TIMES. PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR CHURCH'S PLACE IN THIS COMMUNITY!

Food Shelf Newsletter Article July 2026

Joshua 24:15 declares, "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

A total of 256 non perishable food and healthcare items were donated to Love INC.

We assisted one neighbor with her car insurance payment. Monthly, we provide GrabNGo lunch supplies (bread, lunch meats, cheese, peanut butter and jelly and oranges). High priority items needed include: body wash, shampoo and conditioner, single-serve water flavoring (especially with electrolytes), granola bars, condensed soup with pop-top lids, canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, oatmeal, pasta sauce, instant potatoes, canned meals (spaghetti-O's etc, with pop-tops), and canned tuna/beef/chicken.

If you'd like to make a monetary donation, it can be placed in the offering plate with the envelope marked "Food Shelf". Checks can be written out to Christ Lutheran Church with "Food Shelf" on the memo line.

Thank you for your continued support. Every donation made blesses both the recipient and the giver.

FOOD SHELF TEAM

Linda Boone

Carl Boone

Janet Moore

LUTHERAN LAYMENS LEAGUE

Just a reminder. Our fall clothing drive begins in mid-August. The hope is that everyone will sort through their closets and drawers and sort out items no longer used. You may leave the clothing in Luther Hall after August 15th. Advertising will begin about August 19th for the free give-away on Labor day. Receipts for clothing will be available for anyone that desires one. If you have any questions contact Don Miller 302-258-6367.

July 2026 BSSP News Article



The BSSP Program will host its summer Vacation Bible School program on August 3rd – 7th. The theme is “Rainforest Falls – Exploring the nature of God”. Students will sing, pray, and learn through Bible stories, Jesus is a faithful friend we can always trust!

A light dinner will be served from 6-6:30 p.m. and class is from 6:30-8 p.m. Come and meet new friends, do creative crafts, have surprising adventures, and music. Come join the fun and bring a friend.

If you are thinking about getting involved and helping with BSSP, this would be a good time to give us a try. VBS is a lot of fun! Leona will be looking for members of the congregation to help with the preparation, serving and clean-up of one evening meal. We have many individuals who have helped for several years and keep coming back. Please prayerfully consider helping this year.

For more information and to register, call Leona at 302-245-4328 or Donna at 302-629-4183.



July Birthdays

- 01 Michelle Nuss
- 02 Kathi Payne
- 03 Catherine Mackler
- 06 Fran Hassett
- 07 Tim Pianka
- 11 David Kiefer
- 12 Eileen Halfmann
- 13 Carol Taylor
- 14 Janet Moore
- 17 Will Hiller
- 19 Robert Schmick
- 26 Henry Tift
- 29 Aaron Morris
- 29 Patricia Laiacona
- 30 Karen Wackett

July Anniversaries

- 06 Tom & Pat Laiacona
- 28 Kevin & Karen Wackett
- 29 John & Janet Filling

Stewardship

Romans 6:13 – **“Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.”**
 Everything we have — even our own existence, our very selves — is a gift from God to be used for His purposes.

God has called you to be His own and has given you tasks to perform in home, in church and in society. How will we serve Him today?

The Blessings of Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings throughout the church and community.

- Congregations carry out Christ's commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12 RSV) in a powerful and practical way.
- Pastors have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to minister to hurting people.
- Laypeople nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others.
- People who are hurting have a caring Christian presence to provide emotional and spiritual support.

In short, Stephen Ministry helps carry out the mission of the church. Call Aileen Watkins at 302-930-7070 if you want to know more.

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| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun | |
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| 6 11 am Friends Supporting Friends | 7 | 8 | 9 1:00 pm Book Club | 10 Office Closed | 11 6:30 pm BUNCO | 12 8:30 am Praise Service 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service Food Shelf Sunday | |
| 13 11 am Friends Supporting Friends | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Office Closed | 18 250 th Anniversary of Our Country! Celebration in Seaford Church will have a table 10 am-9 pm See signup sheet in Narthex | 19 8:30 am Praise Service w/Communion 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service w/Communion Mile Box Sunday | |
| 20 11 am Friends Supporting Friends | 21 2 pm Lay Ministry Meeting | 22 | 23 | 24 Office Closed | 25 | 26 8:30 am Praise Service 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service | |
| 27 11 am Friends Supporting Friends | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Office Closed | | | |