

## PASTOR IS STILL VACATIONING



*gone camping* →

We will send Pastor's Page and  
an updated Calendar,  
when he returns.



PRAY for Our Country And Our Leaders!

Happy Birthday America!

Lord, thank you for blessing & preserving our land. "Keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generations."

(LSB, p. 313)

"Lord God of hosts, stretch forth Your almighty arm to strengthen and protect those who serve in the armed forces of our country. Support them in times of war [and conflict], and in times of peace keep them from all evil. Giving them courage and loyalty. Grant that in all things they may serve with integrity and with honor."

(LSB, p. 314)

"Lord, support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail."

(LSB, p. 313)

"O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments . . . And that we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord . . . And Savior." Amen.

(LSB, p. 313)

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YouTube Patriotic Music

<https://youtu.be/leSa1q9QYzA?si=BHM3rBcoS03g2nag>

(Hold Down Ctrl + Click on Link Above)



### IMPORTANT Calendar NEWS

- **Special Voter's Meeting**— July 14th at noon for the  
Single Purpose: Updating the Proposed Budget

- Men's Quarterly Breakfast  
—July 13, 2024 at 0800am (Denny's on Douglas & I-40)

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### **Medical Alert**

Received from Genentech, maker of Cathflo Activase (alteplase) - a thrombolytic used to Prevent Blood Clots in Stents and Central-Venous Access Devices. AKA a Clot Buster.

“The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the potential risk of impact on the Sterility of Cathflo Activase (alteplase) and the voluntary recall of two batches of Cathflo Activase (alteplase)”

“Batches 3618873 and 3618858”

What to do If you or someone you love uses this injectable medication,  
- please contact your pharmacist or physician immediately/SJ

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### NEWS



**Announcement**— On June 19, 2024, Baby Boy Kyson Ryan Zeckser was born to Matt & Ashley Zeckser. Big Sister is Kinsley, Grandma is Gwen Zeckser, and Great Grandmother is the late Mary Lois Zeckser.



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1. Enter Your EMAIL ADDRESS

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Your Email Address can be added or updated by the Church Secretary, if it is not currently in the database.

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And at Least 2 of the Following SPECIAL CHARACTERS:

Capital Letters, Numbers, Symbols

Please help Good Shepherd Update the Online Directory!

Check your information and send corrections to Church Office.

Email: [secretary@gslok.org](mailto:secretary@gslok.org) Thank You!

[YouTube Music](#) (Hold Ctrl + Click on Link)

[Luther's Morning Prayer](#) (Carl Schalk choral setting, Concordia River Forest) 3 years ago.

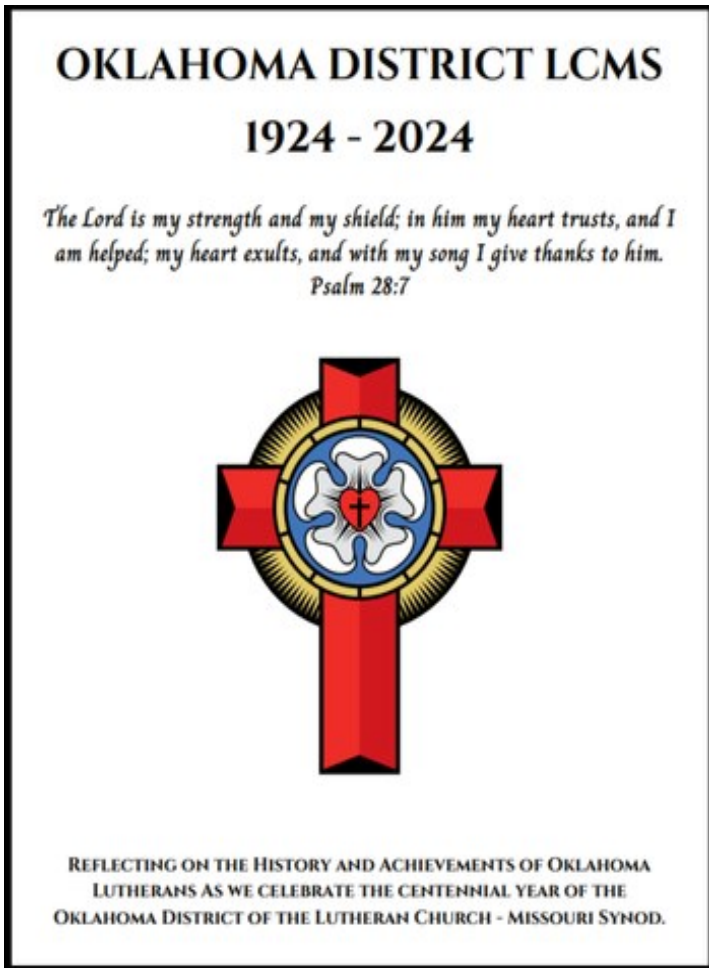
<https://youtu.be/2uUyHAj0ZLw?si=GfLdg0RcDV9tXYqB> (Virtual LSM Choir—pandemic)



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**Good Shepherd Members who attended the 100th Anniversary Celebration in Okarche on May 19th**

- Rev Ron & Cindy Simpson;
- Janet Quiram;
- David & Marilyn Alsip;
- Denise, Daniel, & Peter Ewing;
- Taylor, Alexander, & Brenda Williamson;
- Norma Johnson (97th Birthday);
- Bonnie Wood;
- John Powell;
- Deb Oliver;
- Manny Vasquez;
- Gwen Madden;
- Steve & Lynnice Hamlin;
- Taneya & Zoey Dossey;
- Gene & Dana Johnson;
- Ellanie, Evie, & Samantha Johnson;
- Marguerite Christman

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**NEWS—Young Adult Group** met for lunch on May 18, 2024. Attending were Steve & Grace Pendley, Jared Stanfill, Josh Grundmann, Daniel & Peter Ewing, Melody Carter, Bruce Powell & Destiny, Max Carroll, and Brent Billins.

Next meeting is Sunday, June 23, 2024, (2-4 pm) in Fellowship Hall. Games & Ice Cream for all who attend.

## Oklahoma District LCMS Upcoming Events

**Lutherhaven Retreat Center 2024 Continuing Education Program** June 17-19. Dr. Carl Fickenscher will be the featured presenter.

**Trinity Lutheran, Broken Arrow**, is hosting a **Continuing Ed Class** this summer, Tuesday, July 16 - Thursday, July 18. Rev. Dr. Robert Daniel Macina is the instructor for "The Divine Service in the Old Testament." Details and registration can be found [here](#).

**National 24** in New Orleans (national LCMS youth workers conference) July 21-24 with complementary YG registration for adults who attend. More info [here](#).

**Tulsa Area Lutheran Picnic** will take place September 15th.

**2024 Oklahoma District Pastors' Wives Retreat**, September 20-21, 2024, St. Crispin's Conference Center Wewoka. View the announcement and details at [www.oklahomalutherans.org](http://www.oklahomalutherans.org).

**LCMS Youth Gathering, "Endure"**, July 19-24, 2025 in New Orleans. More info [here](#).

(The Oklahoma District is always looking for stories about mission, fellowship, and ministry events and activities at your congregation to share.) Please send them to [commsokdistrict@gmail.com](mailto:commsokdistrict@gmail.com).

Visit [www.lcef.org/term-note/](http://www.lcef.org/term-note/) for the latest rates on LCEF Term Notes.

Also, please forward this newsletter to fellow church members and friends to share the news. They can sign up to receive it monthly on the home page of [www.oklahomalutherans.org](http://www.oklahomalutherans.org).

[Watch](#) the **Oklahoma District 100th Anniversary Worship Service**; Read the Oklahoma District 100th Anniversary History Book [here](#). Download the pdf version of Anniversary Book at:

[oklahomalutherans.org/  
oklahoma\\_district\\_history](http://oklahomalutherans.org/oklahoma_district_history)

### CAMP LUTHERHAVEN 2024

#### Awesome Science

#### America's National Parks: A Creation Tour

**Camp Lutherhaven** — Retreat Center, in the Oklahoma Panhandle, has set their dates for summer camp! The theme Awesome Science will give campers the opportunity to learn more about our National Parks and creation. Dates are July 21-26.

Date: July 21-26, 2024 (Until noon on Friday)

Cost: \$75 per camper

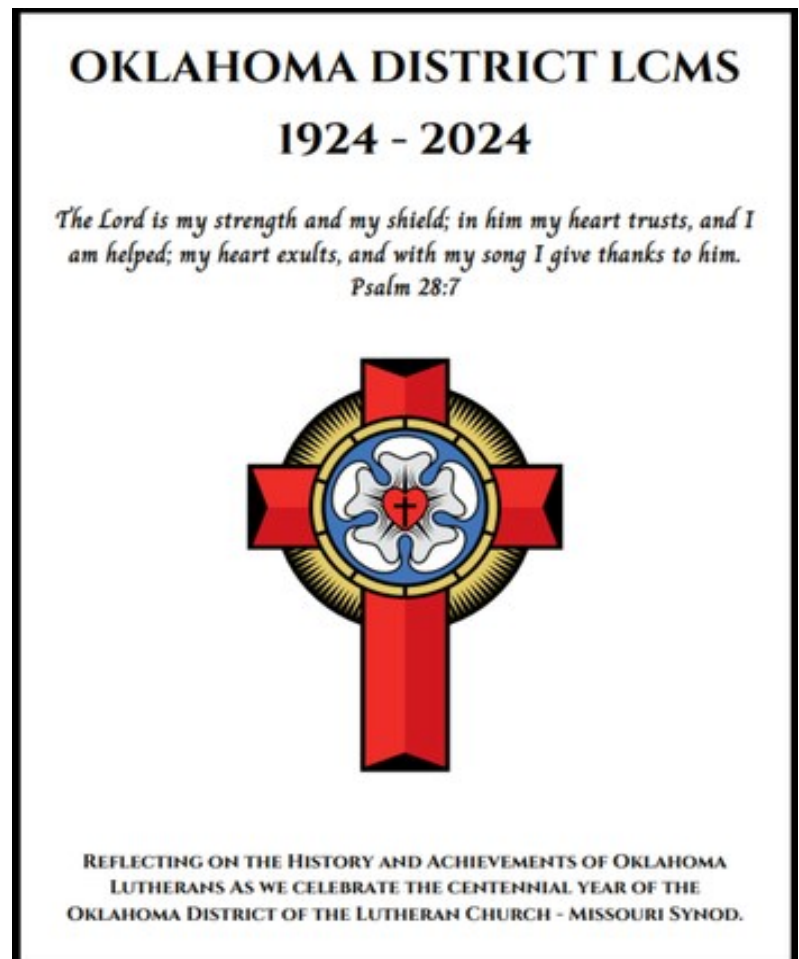
Place: Lutherhaven Retreat Center, Oklahoma

Contact e-mail address before camp:

[wescoattmd@gmail.com](mailto:wescoattmd@gmail.com)

Contact phone number before camp:

Pastor Mark Wescoatt (Cell: 580-651-9101)



**Miracles for Millie** 5/28/24

Millie received her final chemo of the interim maintenance 1 phase! 🙌 her numbers still weren't the best, so they gave her the same dose of chemo that she received last time. Next up—Delayed Intensification (DI). This phase is known to be as intense as it sounds and honestly gives me so much anxiety. DI is so intense that it has to be broken up into two different parts with a break in between to allow Millie's body to recover. Her numbers will plummet. She will lose her hair. Inpatient stays are common and to be expected. This phase will start on June 11th and will last approximately 8 weeks.

I hate cancer. I hate that Millie's only summer as a 4 year old will be spent this way. We've deemed this the "summer of little things" and are finding joys and glimmers in the small things. Today's joy was the Moana bandaid Millie got after they de-accessed her port.

Please continue to pray for our sweet Millie girl. Pray that any lingering cancer cells continue to be destroyed and that they will never ever return. Please pray so hard for her during these upcoming 8 weeks. Pray for our anxieties and our hearts as we prepare to watch her go through some really tough things. Pray that she would have such a beautiful long life and future ahead of her. Sometimes I still don't know what to pray, but I know God hears the prayers and cries of my heart. Thank you so much for your continued prayers, love and support. We truly wouldn't survive this without you. Through this entire journey, Millie has been so incredible and has so much joy in the midst of her circumstances. God is so, so good! Bontempo Family.

From: Facebook "Miracles for Millie"

Millie is small but BIG Prayers are Needed!



Miracles for Millie (pg 2) 6/18/24 Millie did not make counts again today. Her ANC is still too low so we will try again next week. She has also developed a heart murmur and will have an echocardiogram next week to check it out. Feeling defeated and at a loss for words. I know this is all to be expected, but it doesn't make it any easier. (From Facebook.com)

Many people have been asking about how to help Millie, specifically how to donate blood products in her name. One way is to donate through your closest OBI location. They have a program where you can donate in Amelia's name and that will give credit towards her future transfusions! While this will credit Millie—the blood donations will certainly help all of those needing these life saving transfusions. When your child has experienced a hemoglobin as low as 2.6 and platelets as low as 15—you really start to understand the importance of these blood products. Thank you to all who donate or are considering doing so. It truly does save lives, including our sweet Millie girl.

<https://www.ourbloodinstitute.org>

6/26/2024 Amelia didn't make counts—again—for the third time. Her ANC was 740 and it needs to be 750 to proceed with treatment. I know it seems odd to be disappointed that Millie wasn't pumped full of chemo today, but the sooner we start, the sooner this intense phase can come to an end.

Timing isn't new to us. During our season of infertility—timing was everything. During our season of IVF—timing was everything. During Millie's diagnosis and treatment—timing has been everything. During so many circumstances in our life—timing has been everything. Waiting is hard and sometimes it's down right gut wrenching. Learning to trust that God's timing is perfect even when it doesn't fit the timeline we want is hard. I'm choosing to trust that God is working and moving on behalf of our sweet Millie girl in ways that we can't see but can always trust. Millie has been rescheduled for Friday morning, and regardless the results, trusting that God will sustain us. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

From: Facebook "Miracles for Millie"

**BIG Prayers Needed!**







Lutherhoma Camp Clean up by GSLC Trail Life Troop (Memorial Day Weekend)  
 "Thanks to Trail Life Troop 4077 for all your hard work cleaning the camp grounds!"

**Trail Life News**

**We extend a warm welcome to the Brock family, including Anne, sons August & Emerick, and Adam Brock, who has become one of the Troop Leaders. In July, we are having a planning meeting for the 2024-2025 Troop Calendar. Anyone & Everyone is invited to participate. We will use this time to plan adventures for the boys and discuss funding for the activities we choose. We will have a Troop Open House on the same day as the School's open house. Also, during the summer, our Troop meetings are on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month. On August 19th, we will resume meeting weekly. Thank you, Taylor Williamson**

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Thoughts from the Pew  
 Deb Oliver  
 "The Power of Prayer"

Every week there is a list of people in the bulletin, who are asking for prayers for themselves, relatives or friends. The list is extensive and often looks too long to get through. But we read it and take note because Jesus told us to ask. [In John 16:23, Jesus says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." (ESV)]

Is there another reason to keep up this practice of prayer? Can we do something for someone who is suffering? Our culture seems hung up on what the "experts" and science says. There are actual statistics proving the power of prayer. [Prayer has been shown to increase] the rate of survival among cancer patients, the time needed for recovery is lessened, and pain & frustration of going through operations & treatments ease up tremendously. Prayer works and we should be pleased when someone asks us to pray for them, whatever the reason.

Isn't it wonderful to not feel helpless, when someone we love is going through a difficult time. Jesus has thought of our every need and supplied a solution. [Let's use His solutions]. ASK, SEEK, KNOCK [Luke 11:9 "And I tell you, Ask, and it will be given to you; Seek, and you will find, Knock, and it will be opened to you." (ESV)] Please, Remember to Notify the Church Office, when prayer requests are no longer applicable!

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Growing in Christ (by Bible Study Editor Katy Gifford)

# Growing in Christ



BY BIBLE STUDY EDITOR KATY GIFFORD

**Opening Prayer:** Lord Jesus, through Your own life on earth and through Your Word, You have given us a model of how we can grow in You. Send Your Holy Spirit to work in us as we learn more about the Father's will for our lives while we grow in You ... and with our brothers and sisters in Christ. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

Read **Ephesians 4:15-16**. In these verses what are we told to do? \_\_\_\_\_

**Time to Share:** We all learn from others. It may be those we know — friends, family, acquaintances — or it may be someone from the Bible. How did this person grow in faith? How has God has used that person to encourage you in your own growth in Christ?

Throughout Scripture we learn of God's people and how they have grown in faith. God calls people to serve Him, not according to their personal standing, but according to what He can do through them. These individuals grow, but they also join with others so they can be built up and build up others. Read the Scripture narratives below, discuss how each person grew in faith, and how their service edified or built up God's family.

**Samuel:** Skim 1 Samuel 2-3. **Read especially 2:18-20, 26 and 3:19-21.**

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**Jonah:** Skim Jonah 3. **Read specifically 3:1-4.**

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**Daniel:** Skim Daniel 6. **Read specifically 6:10-11.**

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**Samaritan Woman at the Well:** Skim John 4. **Read especially 4:27-30.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Paul:** Skim Acts 9. **Read specifically 9:17-20.**

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**Timothy:** Read 2 Timothy 1:5-6. \_\_\_\_\_

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How do you grow in Christ? Your list may contain reading God's Word, having an active prayer life, giving of time in service, and attending worship. But do we grow alone? Are we supposed to live with just ourselves? Certainly not. We, like those we read about, live and grow in Christ as the Body of Christ: in which we live, serve, and grow! How are we told to live and grow as God's children in these verses?

**2 Peter 3:18** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Colossians 2:6-7** \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Corinthians 12:12, 27 \_\_\_\_\_

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2 Corinthians 4:13 \_\_\_\_\_

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We, indeed, grow as we are fed by God's Word, receive the Lord's Supper, and are in fellowship with other Christians. As we build each other up in the Body of Christ, we grow in knowledge, in faith, and in grace. Thanks be to God!

**Time to Share:** Take some time to share opportunities you have had in which the Holy Spirit grew faith in you. These could be private times or times shared with others. Then, consider how you could encourage those in your congregation to join you in activities through which God would allow them to grow in Christ as well. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Closing Prayer:** Lord Jesus, You came to live among us and left us with forgiveness and eternal life. Work in our hearts and minds as we live with Your people. Help us to see where we can build each other up in the Church so that we all may grow in faith. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Sing or read together "Fruitful Trees" (LSB 691).

Katy and her husband, Pastor Dan, live in Wheaton, Minnesota (LWML Minnesota North District). Together they praise God for the opportunities for their five grown children and their families to encourage one another as a part of the Body of Christ, even as they are spread out across the country.



Do you recognize any of these folks from GSLC?



Picture taken June 2023, at the LWML

Convention in Milwaukee, WI. Son of GSLC Rev. Kyle McBee, Marguerite, Kyle's wife Cayleigh, and adopted daughter.





## “You’re Really Into This”

June 21, 2024



*Acts 16:30-31 - Then he [the Philippian jailer] ... said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."*

This devotion pairs with this weekend's Lutheran Hour sermon, which can be found at [lhm.org](http://lhm.org). Paul McGowan likes to talk about "Hi-Fi Evangelism." Hi-Fi stands for "high fidelity." For a music recording, Paul says it refers to a sound system of such quality that you can hear the breath of the jazz saxophonist, or the overtones of guitar strings as their reverberations move through a room. Listening to Paul McGowan talk about hi-fi—you learn that he's *really* into high-end audio. He calls himself an "audiophile"—an audio-lover in pursuit of perfect sound reproduction. And he aims to spread the "gospel" of hi-fi, one listener at a time. But he cautions other zealous hi-fi evangelists, because it's "easy to overwhelm newcomers with jargon and technical details." Amongst themselves, audiophiles can get carried away, going on about "sample rate" and "bit depth," subwoofers and converters. But the evangelist, McGowan says, should "keep it simple and relatable." Share stories about your first high-fidelity experience. Share your passion, and invite others into "a world where music isn't just background noise, but a journey of discovery, emotion, and unparalleled clarity."

Luke, the author of the book of Acts and the Gospel that bears his name, is also called an "evangelist." His account of all that Jesus began to do and continued to do follows some of the lines of Paul McGowan's evangelistic advice. Luke tells a story—a very long and passionate story—comprised of several smaller scenes. Acts 16 is one of them. Among other things, this chapter is about "salvation." Luke uses the root word for "saved" three times in chapter 16. But it's not abstract discourse about the idea of salvation. Luke *shows us* salvation—how it happens, what it looks like, and what it does to people. Acts 16 may not answer many of the theoretical questions about salvation that come up when Bible-lovers get together (they'll have to go to the Bible's letters for that). But Luke is an evangelist. Salvation isn't just an idea for him. He is inviting us into a world where salvation is more than religious background music in an otherwise noisy secular life.

In Acts, salvation is when the Holy Spirit brings an enduring moment of life-changing clarity into someone's life, clarity that comes through simple trust in Jesus. Luke shows us salvation: how Jesus saves us for hospitality and community, like what the households of Lydia and the Philippian jailer experienced. Luke shows how Jesus saves us for an unpredictable, life-long journey of discovery, like what Paul and his traveling companions came to know.

How might the Holy Spirit be leading you and others into a hi-fi experience of salvation this week? Remember, we don't need to "sell" anybody on Jesus. Let's just keep it simple—share our stories and our passion, and expect Jesus to give us more to share, to lead us into deeper clarity, hospitality, and community, so that we can spread *His* high-fidelity Gospel, one listener at a time.

**WE PRAY:** Dear Jesus, thank You for saving me. Help me to share Your salvation with others. Amen. (Written by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker for **The Lutheran Hour**.)

### Reflection Questions:

1. Read Acts 16. How does Luke describe the Holy Spirit's work in verses 6-10? Why is this significant?
2. In verses 11-34, there is *planned* evangelism and *unplanned* evangelism. What helps you be better prepared for both?
3. In verses 35-40, the apostles don't evangelize, but they do challenge the city leaders to be better in their vocations (even as unbelievers). Where does God give you the opportunity to do likewise?

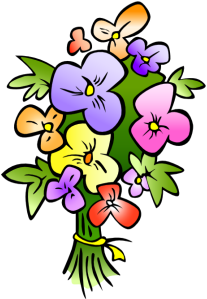
# 3 Billion People Don't Know Jesus!



# July 2024

## Happy Birthday America!

*Happy Birthday*



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| 7/1 Rick Hudson           | 7/4 Jeff Cunningham  |
| 7/5 Helen Stelling        | 7/6 Melody Carter    |
| 7/6 Kathy Webie           | 7/8 Sheila Striegel  |
| 7/15 Brenda Flessner      | 7/17 Maxwell Carroll |
| 7/17 Gene Johnson         | 7/18 Gabriel Bowen   |
| 7/18 Jennifer Dunn        | 7/18 Mark Webie      |
| 7/21 Marguerite Christman | 7/23 Dave Barghols   |
| 7/24 Gail Marlatt         | 7/25 Lynn Cunningham |

## Baptismal Anniversaries

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| 7/2 Gary Kuschnereit | 7/4 Vivian Bingman        | 7/4 Jeff Cunningham |
| 7/7 Tammy Batchelor  | 7/16 Logan Ashford        | 7/22 Helen Stelling |
| 7/25 Peggy Tarr      | 7/29 Marguerite Christman | 7/31 Norma Johnson  |



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Congratulations & God's Richest Blessings to Maycee Nicole Johnson and Mason Thomas Wamhoff upon your Baptisms on 6/9/2024

## Wedding Anniversaries




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| 7/1 Kent & Ruth Allesbrooke | 7/2 Jeff & Paula Anderson  |
| 7/2 Jim & Gail Marlatt      | 7/6 Doug & Tammy Batchelor |
| 7/14 Gene & Dana Johnson    | 7/22 John & Julie Ashford  |
| 7/24 Dave & Hazel Barghols  |                            |

**FREE FOOD— On Wednesdays, 3-6 pm in GSLC Family Life Center  
(1 Bag per Family) From Mid-Dell Food Pantry Extras  
Come, get it, or the Pigs will have a Feast!**



# JULY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>THE LUTHERAN HOUR</b> every Sunday at 8:00a - 94.1FM, or 9:00a - 89.5FM or 800AM or Sirius-XM 131, or online at	<b>1</b> 5:30p TRAIL LIFE	<b>2</b> 10:30a Staff Meeting 1:00p <b>TABS</b> — Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study 6:00p Elders 7:00p LWM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Birthdays of America!!!	<b>5</b> 6:00a <b>WEBS</b> — Week End(ing) BS	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:00a Worship w/Communion 9:15a Bible study/SS 10:30a Worship w/Communion	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:30a Staff Meeting 1:00p <b>TABS</b> — Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study	<b>10</b> 75th Anniversary Mtg. (time TBA)	<b>11</b> 6:00a <b>TAMBS</b> — Thursday AM Bible Study 9:00a Mary Circle Bible Study	<b>12</b> 6:00a <b>WEBS</b> — Week End(ing) BS	<b>13</b> 0800a—Men's Quart- erly Breakfast Denny's I-40 & Doug- las; VBS Debriefing mtg— 11:00a—4:00p
<b>14</b> 8:00a Worship 9:15a Bible study/SS 10:30a Worship 11:30a Parish Education 12:00p <b>Special Voter's Mtg.</b>	<b>15</b> 5:30p TRAIL LIFE	<b>16</b> 10:30a Staff Meeting 1:00p <b>TABS</b> — Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study 4:00p Parochial Education	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00a <b>TAMBS</b> — Thursday AM	<b>19</b> 6:00a <b>WEBS</b> — Week End(ing) BS	<b>20</b> 10:00a OK District Disaster Response
<b>21</b> 8:00a Worship w/Communion 9:15a Bible study/SS 10:30a Worship w/Communion 12:00p Council Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:30a Staff Meeting 1:00p <b>TABS</b> — Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00a <b>TAMBS</b> — Thursday AM Bible Study 9:00a Mary Circle— Quilting	<b>26</b> 6:00a <b>WEBS</b> — Week End(ing) BS	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:00a Worship 9:15a Bible study/SS 10:30a Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:30a Staff Meeting 1:00p <b>TABS</b> — Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study	<b>31</b> Lutheran Witness - Deadline (8/1/24)	Ministry Support through tithes, offerings, and donations can be given by either PayPal or credit or debit card. To access go to <a href="http://www.gs/cmwc.com">www.gs/cmwc.com</a> scroll down to "Help Our Cause" and click on "Donate Now."	700 N Air Depot Blvd Midwest City, OK 73110 Phone: 405-732-2585 Fax: 405-732-7872 E-mail: secretary@gslok.org (for emergencies, after hours, et al.)	SUBMISSION DEADLINES Weekly Bulletin 12pm on Thursdays