



**Northeast Kansas
Lutheran Church Partnership
*LCMS***



JUNE, 2022

From the Pen of the Pastor

He is Risen! (He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!) Greetings, Dear Saints of the NEK Partnership, in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who said:

“I am the resurrection and the life, He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die” (John 11: 25-26)

As we enter into the Fifth week of our Easter celebration and our remembrance of our Lord’s Resurrection... I, like St. Paul in his time, can easily imagine being pulled in opposite directions.

On the one hand, I know that by virtue of the Lord’s all availing sacrifice for me on the cross, that when I die, my soul will go to Heaven awaiting my promised physical resurrection on the last day. I find great comfort in that fact, and in knowing I will then have the pleasure of seeing both my Lord and my loved ones who have preceded me in death and who died in the faith. When I consider that my physical death will also bring me an opportunity to see that “great cloud of witnesses” referred to in Scripture...the Patriarchs’, the founding Fathers, the Reformers and all the other biblical heroes...I find myself even more excited to see that great day.

Yet, on the other hand, I realize that despite the Easter message and our celebration of our Lord’s Resurrection victory over death and the promise of eternal life He has given all who believe in and follow Him, I shouldn’t covet that which the Lord promises to give to His faithful... in **His** time. My ‘longing’ for the future could lead me to be discontent with the present and actually magnify any feelings of loneliness or frustration I may then be feeling.

I imagine that as we age or perhaps lose some of the abilities and capabilities we once had, it would be easy to become disenchanted with life and consequently develop an unhealthy desire to look ahead, at our physical demise rather than to fully appreciate the present and how the Lord may be refining us through the circumstances He is allowing to exist in our lives.

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During a fairly recent conversation with Oliver Smith, a member of our beloved Lutheran Partnership, he shared with me a poem he once read and reduced to memory. I believe this poem speaks directly to the paradox I've alluded to...that of God's promise ...over/against Mankind's problems...and just how you and I might help someone as they, 'Wait on the Lord.'

The Old, the Lonely, the Forgotten

She sits there waiting patiently and wipes away a tear,
wishing that a visitor would suddenly appear.
Someone to say, "How are you?" and greet her with a smile,
someone to sit beside her and chat a little while.
It's hard for her to understand just what she's doing there,
what happened to her family and the friends who used to care?
How come she's been abandoned, like some old worn out shoe?
What crime has she committed? What bad thing did she do?
She has a warm bed to sleep in, and she's sheltered from the rain,
But there is precious little else to ease her loneliness and pain.
She's only one of many, in an 'oldster's 'home today,
who finds the price for longer life, just too high to pay.
This picture would be quickly changed, if you and I would but spend
the time to go and visit her, as a relative or friend.
Who's shut away from all the things that once were held so dear,
and needs to be reminded, that still there's someone near.
To take her by the hand and say, "How are you?" with a smile,
and then sit close beside her and just love her for a while.

Author Unknown

Go in Peace, and serve the Lord! Make someone's day! And during your visit, remind them, He is Risen!!! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!!

Pastor Mike

First Lutheran Church Pancake Feed

MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 30, 2022

311 Cedar St in church basement.

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

FREE will offering to benefit
Albany Historical Society



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Military: (F) Liam Blum, Kelsey (Blum) Holsapple, Cory Holsapple, Aaron Foist; Allan Feek, Kevin Remmers; (I) Tristan Knott, Chad O'Brien, Daniel Wheeler, Paul Reynolds Jr.; (SP) Kyle Vanness, Mary Burkett, Spencer Ernst, Bert Ernst.

Care Facilities & Shut-Ins: (F) Stan Kohlmeier, LaVonne Thieme, Rosemary Scher, Eldon Schwant; (I) Gene Rice; (StP) Carol Bauer, Betty Allen; (Z) Judy Clay, Darlene Covert, Connie Kneisel, Jaynell & Donald Robidoux, Charles Fritz, Tom Hansen.

Also in our prayers: (F) Dan Bosworth, Evelyn Goodman, Karen Aeschliman, Teagen Lueger, Julie Bauman, Darrell Schuette, Carla Bishop, Roger Riekenberg, Lisa Riekenberg, Curtis Cook, Crystal Kinkler, Melonie Creek; (IMM) Traci Rahe, Fred Meeks; (St.P) Wes Duesing, Helen Bauerle, David Bauerle, Dennis Wahlert, Chris Torrey, Doug Barrett; (Z) Debbie & Andy Trent, Sherry Hartley.

We Remember the blessed saints who now rest in the Lord, (Paul Edwards) and we pray for their families that they remember all who die in the Lord live with the Lord. (Romans 6:5)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1-Marilyn Oehm, June 1-Emma Boyer, June 1-Kevin Martinson, June 2-Dwight Edelman, June 2-Simon Heiniger, June 5-Traci Stover, June 5-Teresa Deckinger, June 5-Jon Paul Middendorf, June 6-Trinity Detweiler, June 8-Cal Gigstad, June 8-Collins Georg, June 10-Barb Mueller, June 11-Connie Kneisel, June 11-Paul Reynolds, Jr., June 11-Sydney Bosworth, June 12-Jethro Steiner, June 12-Doug Barrett, June 13-Evan Brockhoff, June 13-Kellie Brockhoff, June 13-Ron Smith, June 13-Caleb Heiniger, June 14-Nancy Manche, June 14-Kortney Stallbaumer, June 15-Cole Oehm, June 15-Scott Schremmer, June 15-Jeannie Lowe, June 17-Harlan Kneisel, June 17-Paul Middendorf, June 18-Joey Meyer, June 18-Linda Swogger, June 19-Chloe Deckinger, June 20-Larry Strahm, June 22-Shawn Georg, June 22-Chad Hinton, June 22-Levi Manche, June 25-Judy Clay, June 25-Abby Kidwell, June 26-Don Windle, June 27-Bonnie Reynolds, June 28-Marvin Kohlmeier, June 28-Lincoln Heiniger, June 30-Doris Rice

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 5-David & Julie Bauman, June 5-Bill & Kim Priest, June 10-Brian & Julie Burenheide, June 10-Kyle & Kortney Stallbaumer, June 10-Nate & Emma Boyer, June 11-Galen & Sharon Meyer, June 11-Debbie & Terry Reschke, June 15-Charles & Juanita Fritz, June 17-Wyatt & Zana DeJong, June 22-Jr & Jeannie Lowe, June 26-Paul & Linda Middendorf, June 26-Darin & Kara Georg, June 27-Kenny & Dawn Stephens, June 27-Wade & Taryn Council, June 29-Mike & Kellie Brockhoff, June 29-Darrell & Sue Schuette

SUNDAY SCHOOL



We invite all kids to come and join us for Sunday School!
Sunday School meets each Sunday morning at **9:15am** at **First and Zion**.
Sunday School at **St. Paul** starts after the service at **9:30am**.
The Zion Adult Bible Class and the **First Adult Bible Class** meet
on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. Please come join us!!

MEETINGS

JOINT ELDERS – June 13th @ 7:00pm

JOINT COUNCIL – June 20th @ 7:00pm

PARTNERSHIP ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday nights at 6:30pm
at St. Paul, following
Evening Prayer Service which
starts at 6:00pm.



Partnership Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday nights at 6:30pm
at Zion Lutheran.
Please join us!

June

VISIT THE PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE

Our website, (www.neklutherans.org), contains the history of the partnership and partnership churches, a calendar of events, recent happenings and future events.

New pictures are added frequently.

It has past copies of the newsletters and the calendar for you to reference.

Special announcements are also placed on the website.

Go to www.neklutherans.org.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH:

LYF will meet on the first Sunday of the month
unless otherwise posted.



PLEASE HELP TO KEEP US UP TO DATE:

*If you have a new phone number, address, or email address,
please make sure you send it to the Partnership office.*

You can e-mail the office at
office@NEKpartnership.org or call 785-740-0268.
The office would also like the names and addresses
of any members who are at college. Thank You!



SERVERS FOR JUNE

FIRST LUTHERAN

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

June 5th: Elders–Scott Schremmer & Allan Spellmeier, Acolytes–Tyson Detweiler & Lily Pearson, Ushers–Shaun Pearson & Mike Bulk, Greeters–Stan & Patty Remmers, Counters–Ken & Joyce Meyer

June 12th: Elders–Shane Schuette & Dwight Edelman, Acolytes–Hadden Bachelor & Tinner Bachelor, Ushers–Ken Meyer & Steve Aeschliman, Greeters–Roberta Plattner & Liz Ploeger, Counters–Vicki Edelman & Steve Aeschliman

June 19th: Elders–Kurt Detweiler & Patrick Cochran, Acolytes–Paycen Schremmer & Jethro Steiner, Ushers–John Feek & Les Trentman, Greeters–Steve & Karen Aeschliman, Counters–Heather Lehwald & Darrell Schuette

June 26th: Elders–Allan Spellmeier & Scott Schremmer, Acolytes–Millie Stoller & Tyson Detweiler, Ushers–Steve Goodman & Stan Remmers, Greeters–Jim & Lori Risinger, Counters–Stan & Patty Remmers

Altar Guild for June: Sue Schuette, Tammy Cochran, Heather Lehwald

Trustees for June: Matt Bosworth & Ed Hatheway

ZION LUTHERAN

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

June 5th: Elder–Kurt Killman, Acolyte–Remington Killman, Ushers–Leon Wissmann & Richard Clay, Greeters–Sharon Lowe & Darlene Atland, Lector–Leon Wissmann, Sound System–Derrick VanDusen

June 12th: Elder–Leon Wissmann, Acolyte–Brady Killman, Ushers–David Middendorf & Derrick VanDusen, Greeters–Sharon Lowe & Darlene Atland, Lector–Richard Clay, Sound System–Leon Wissmann

June 19th: Elder–Scott Gigstad, Acolyte–Corey Dunaway, Ushers–Bob Freese & Larry Walter, Greeters–Sharon Lowe & Darlene Atland, Lector–Jessica Gigstad, Sound System–Dwight Meyer

June 26th: Elder–Dale Strobel, Acolyte–Remington Killman, Ushers–Leon Wissmann & Richard Clay, Greeters–Sharon Lowe & Darlene Atland, Lector–David Middendorf, Sound System–Bob & Virginia Freese

Altar Guild for June: Janette Thonen, Sharon Lowe, Darlene Atland

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

June 5th: Greeters– David & Danny Bauerle

June 12th: Greeters– Mark & Becky Meyer

June 19th: Greeters– Bill Rand & Carolyn Schneider

June 26th: Greeters– Dennis & Kim Kleopfer

Altar Committee for June: Helen Hoppe, Nancy Manche, Doug Kleopfer

FIRST LWML

LWML, First Lutheran, May 3, 2022 was called to order by Tami Rutten in the absence of President Martha Pearson and Vice-President Lorene Strahm. Brenda Meyer had the opening devotion "Time well Spent" from the book "By The Way" Our lesson "Balancing Life's Challenges", the 2nd lesson of our Lutheran Woman's quarterly, spring 2022. We started our lesson by singing "Lord, Take My hand and Lead Me" which sums up the main points of our lesson.

Roll call was answered by 7 members telling about an article read in the spring quarterly. Ruth Swart read the minutes from the April meeting. They were approved as read. Carole Feek gave the treasurer report and passed copies, explaining each entry. Mites and dues were collected. Treasurer's report approved.

Reports from Carole who attended the state convention in Overland Park. Two sessions that she attended were Orphan Grain Train and AbleLight, which had been Bethesda. Sarah Kleopfer has a position of Vice-President of Special Focus Ministries. Brenda and Ruth attended the spring rally at St. Paul's. Pastor Kinney had the Bible study telling of early history/pastors. Two of St. Paul's members displayed many quilts they had made for Lutheran missions. The New Life Festive was well attended with many children. Prayer Service was discussed.

Tami told of plans for VBS. Kathy Steiner made a motion to give \$100, 2nd by Karen Kohlmeier. Motion passed. Carole made a motion to give \$75 to Daily Bread, 2nd by Kathy, motion passed. Sorry, I failed to record a motion and 2nd of giving \$100 to Memorial Day Pancake feed.

Lesson for June will be "Lost" on page 20 of our spring quarterly. Roll call will be an interesting article from the spring quarterly. Thanks Carole for making our 2022 LWML year book. Our meeting closed with saying the The League Pledge.

Ruth Swart, Secretary

ST. PAUL DORCAS

The May meeting of the Dorcas Society was held May 1, 2022 in the church basement. Nine members were present for the meeting.

Nancy led the Bible study – Fools of the Bible. Members read numerous Bible verses and much discussion took place during the study.

Nancy called the business meeting to order. Minutes and treasurers report of the April meeting were approved. Nancy thanked all who participated in the Spring Rally and a thank you note was sent to speaker Pastor Kinney.

May mite calendars and the current Kansas Sonshine were handed out and an offering for Lutherans for Life will be collected on Mother's Day, May 8.

Sarah, Kathy, Nancy and Young Women Representative, Sadie, shared their experiences at the LWML state convention in Overland Park. The mission goal set for 2022-2024 is \$155,400. Cindy will be the co-chairman for the 2024 Wichita convention with the theme – Jesus is My Anchor. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help at the convention or submit artwork for the theme can find more information on the church bulletin board.

There will be a reception for college graduate, Evan Brockhoff and eighth grade graduate, Mylia Rygaard on May 22 following church.

The next meeting will be June 5 with hostess Cindy leading the Bible study.

The meeting adjourned with the offering collected and the Lord's Prayer.

Nancy was hostess and the men joined us to enjoy strawberry-rhubarb coffecake.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

The American Heritage Girls Troop KS2315 Pioneer and Patriot units hosted a Christmas gift event for local parents December 4th, 2021. This event was held at the Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha. Sarah Brady organized and planned the event as part of her Pioneer level Harriet Tubman Award project.

Parents were free for an afternoon to wrap presents, shop for Christmas, or relax, while the kids enjoyed a busy afternoon. The activities included playing games and a craft. The kids really enjoyed retelling the Christmas story in a live nativity that they acted out. The kids had a blast, as well as the Pioneer and Patriot girls.

St. Paul Preschool

We have had an awesome school year with lots of friendships made, learning new things and growing together in faith. We didn't have any students graduating, so we are full already for next year.

We ended the school year with our picnic at Fairview Park on Monday. Wednesday we had popcorn and movie, and our zoo trip on Friday.

We are looking forward to a great school year next year. Everyone enjoy your summer.



First Preschool



This was a great year in Preschool! The kids learned so much and made a lot of progress with letters, numbers, shapes, colors, listening, and sharing. They also learned more about God through our weekly Bible stories.

The kids sang several songs about friendship at their Spring Program/Graduation on May 5th. Following the program there was a time of fellowship in the church basement, and everyone was welcome to tour the preschool classroom. We have fourteen students that will go to Kindergarten next year!

Our classes also enjoyed visiting Wayne and Carrie Grimm's farm near Morrill. The kids loved all the animals!

We would like to thank the Preschool Board, Church congregation, Pastor Dunaway, Pastor Kinney, and parents for all their support this year.



First Lutheran 2022 VBS

311 Cedar Street • Sabetha, KS



ANIMALS of God's **KINGDOM**

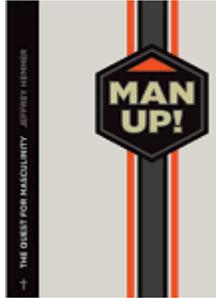
June 1st-3rd, 2022

Wed.-Fri. / 8:30-11:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION 8:00-8:30 A.M.

**Can preregister on FACEBOOK @First Lutheran Page.

NORTHEAST KANSAS PARTNERSHIP MEN'S RETREAT



Featuring Rev. Jeffery Hemmer, author of *Man Up!*

Men of the partnership ages 15-95, join us August 4-6 at the Kansas District Retreat Center in Herington, KS for a weekend of prayer, fellowship, and learning.

Pastor Hemmer will teach us about what God's Word has to say about Christ, Biblical Masculinity, what that means, and how that plays out in our lives.

Pastor Hemmer is the husband of (in his opinion) the most wonderful woman in the world, the father to the five most delightful children he's ever met, the pastor of Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fairview Heights, Illinois, assistant to president of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, a wannabe farmer, maker of some things, fixer of some other things, grower of beards, and general curmudgeon. His big truck is probably a sign of his insecurity.

Schedule

August 4th

4pm – Opening Divine Service
4:30 – Session I
5:30 – Supper
6:30 – Fellowship
8:00 – Evening Prayer

August 5th

8:00 am – Morning Prayer
8:30 – Breakfast
9:00 am – Session II
10:00 – break
10:15 – Session III
11:15 – -Break
12:15 – Noon Prayer
12:30 – Lunch
2:00 – Axe throwing contest
3:00 – Prayer
3:30 – Session IV
4:30 – Break
5:30 – Supper
6:30 – Trap Shooting
8:00 – Evening Prayer

August 6th

8:00 am – Morning Prayer
8:30 – Breakfast
9:00 – Session V
10:00 – Closing Divine Service
11:00 – Depart

Cost: \$40 per man. Covers food, lodging, and speaker fees.

Copies of Pastor Hemmer's book will be made available to any who register. Registration date: July 4th

To register: email office@nekpartnership.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30 First VBS 1:30 First LWML 6:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Bible Study	2 Week 1 visits 8:30 First VBS	3 Pr. Dunaway Day Off Pr. Kinney Day Off 8:30 First VBS	4
5 Day of Pentecost 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First 9:30 St. Paul Dorcas 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study Elder's mtg. @First	6 9:00 Staff meeting	7 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	8 6:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Bible Study	9 Week 2 visits District Convention	10 Pr. Dunaway Day Off Pr. Kinney Day Off District Convention	11
12 Holy Trinity 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study 10:00 Zion LWML	13 9:00 Staff meeting 7:00 Joint Elders	14 Flag Day 6:30 Ladies Bible Study 	15 6:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Bible Study	16 Week 3 visits	17 Pr. Dunaway Day Off Pr. Kinney Day Off	18
19 2 nd Sunday a. Pentecost Father's Day 9:15 Bible Study- Zion & First 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study Zion Elder's mtg. 7:00 First Men's Group	20 Articles Due for Newsletter 9:00 Staff meeting 7:00 Joint Council	21 Start of Summer  6:30 Ladies Bible Study	22 6:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Bible Study	23 Week 4 visits	24 Pr. Dunaway Day Off Pr. Kinney Day Off	25
26 3 rd Sunday a. Pentecost 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First – Breakfast 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study & Fellowship	27 9:00 Staff meeting	28 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	29 1:00 Communion @AC Home 6:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Bible Study	30		