

News of Peace



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Christian Symbols

Scepter and Crown



The scepter & crown are symbols of a king's authority. In Christian tradition, they represent Christ's triumphant rule over all. The final Sunday of the liturgical year is Christ the King Sunday, when we celebrate this very thing. Hebrews 1:8 (NIV), echoing the book of Psalms, reads: "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom."



Grapes

Grapes are most often associated with the sacrament of Holy Communion. They also symbolize the fruitfulness of Christian life. Many Bible stories, including "Exploring Canaan" (Numbers 13), mention grapes.

In light of the wave of LGBTQ+ activity, all of which falls under the umbrella of homosexuality, a grievous sin in the Bible, I thought that this article recently prepared by our MO District President, Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, would be very appropriate to share.

The Two Become One Flesh: God's Gift of Marriage

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27).

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, they shall become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24).

The Biblical view of God-given sex and the one-flesh union of man and woman in marriage elicits an angry and at times violent reaction in many corners of our society today. Sadly, what is lost is the beauty, intentionality, and order of God's creation of man, woman, and marriage as foundational for His earthly creation as Genesis 1 describes, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.'"

God's creation of men and women as distinct is according to His design and purpose. Dr. John Kleinig's recent book, *Wonderfully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body*, should be read by every Lutheran layperson, as well as each church worker. Dr. Kleinig helps to deepen our understanding and appreciation for the uniqueness of men and women and how they complement one another as God intended in the one flesh union of marriage. Permit me to share these extended quotes.

"It would be good for Adam if he had a physical 'helper' and a 'partner' (Gen 2:18, 20), but it would also be good for God, because by relying on each other they would learn to rely on him. On the one hand, it was good for Adam to have someone to help him in his work, a coworker



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and collaborator, so that there would be a division of labor between them in a common enterprise. On the other hand, and much more enigmatically, it would also be good if that helper would also be his ‘partner,’ a ‘fit companion’ for him. In Old Testament Hebrew, this rather unusual term is not used elsewhere as a noun, but only as a preposition for what is ‘in front of’ or ‘opposite’ a person or thing. Here it describes a partner who corresponds with him as his opposite, his proper match; she is meant to be his counterpart who will complement him, his other half who will be both like him in some respects and yet unlike him in others. Together they will round themselves off and sharpen each other physically and mentally, so that they will fit together well and work well together as they keep on adjusting to one another” (p. 32-33).



“In their convivial union the two of them become ‘one flesh.’ Oddly, that unusual term remains unexplained. It is a riddle that plays on the paradox that, in this case, one plus one is one. While the focus of this saying is on the body, it includes the whole person. It alludes to their physical union in marital cohabitation, their sexual union as husband and wife, and to their procreative union that results in the birth of a child as the foundation of a new family. Their two bodies become one flesh, even though they still remain separate from each other. . .

They complement each other bodily in a common life where they are meant to work together as interdependent partners. Nothing could be more physical than that! Little could be more wonderful than that! Their marital, sexual union is the culmination of God’s creation of them as a man and woman” (p. 34-35).

“These days, we usually envisage marriage as an intimate, personal relationship between a man and a woman who love each other. It is that! But it is also much more than that, because it involves the bodies of a man and a woman who not just interact with each other personally, but also cohabit with each other in the same place. Like the home that they establish by their sexual union, it is a place for them to be with each other bodily, a physical state of being for them. So traditionally, marriage was called an estate, a divinely instituted order that provided a safe place for their sexual union to be protected, nurtured, and to thrive” (p. 158).

May these words deepen your understanding of God’s precious gift of sex and marriage as His means of sustaining His creation. What a blessed gift and blessing God ordained in His creation of male and female and the one-flesh union of marriage!

Prayer: Most gracious God, we give thanks for the joy and blessings that You grant to husbands and wives through the gift of marriage. Assist them always by Your grace that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their marriage vows, grow in love toward You and for each other, and come at last to the eternal joys that You have promised; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Submitted by Pastor Gary Brandt



- July 5 Rhonda Stalcup
- July 5 Tom & Carol Croft
- July 7 Donald Springer
- July 9 Jeff Hedberg
- July 9 Wanda Johnston
- July 15 Dawn Hedberg
- July 16 Chuck Kral
- July 18 Carol Murrell
- July 19 Will & Rhonda Stalcup
- July 20 Vicki Stauch
- July 21 Rev. Richard Anderegg
- July 26 Sharon Gilliam
- July 31 Cindy Kaminski

If grace depends on our cooperation then it is no longer grace.

Martin Luther



Phone Number

Do to unfortunate circumstances we had to change the church’s phone number. The **new number** is **573-836-8141**.

Church Office Schedule

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon.



Devotion of the Month

But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you My power, so that My Name may be proclaimed in all the earth. Exodus 9:16

Almost all of us have dreams for the future, don't we? Some of those dreams will become reality; some we will never see attained. Knowing that, I was fascinated to hear about the dream of a very successful man: Robert Woodruff.

Woodruff is not a household name, but the product he endorsed is. Woodruff was president of Coca-Cola from 1923 to 1955, a 32-year span. His dream, which he stated immediately after World War II, was this: "In my lifetime I want everyone in the world to have tasted Coke." Nobody can say that he didn't shoot high in his aspirations.

But I wonder if wanting everyone in the world to taste colored, sugared, flavored water is the best thing to which a human being can aspire.

Certainly there are people who have smaller goals, and there are more than a few who have no goals at all! But that's not the way I, or you, ought to live our lives. It's not the way the Lord wishes us to pass our days which He has given to us. He wants His people, in thanksgiving to His Son, to leave the world a better place than they found it. He wants them to exit this world having accomplished something. He wants them to share the story of salvation they have been given in Jesus. How did the Lord say it?

He said, "For this purpose I have raised you up, to show you My power, so that My Name may be proclaimed in all the earth." So, where does this short devotion lead? With all due respect to Robert Woodruff, might we not be forgiven if we were to modify his dream just a little?

This seems an honorable motto: "In my lifetime, I want everyone in the world to meet the Savior. To that goal, I am willing, every day, to pray for one specific person who does not know Jesus." * Now, that's a dream worth dreaming; that's a goal to which a Christian can work. Won't you join me?

The Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to make it my goal to tell others about You and share the story of Jesus' sacrifice with them. May the Holy Spirit touch their hearts so they may repent and become one of Your saved children. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

*You need not have a specific name of an individual to agree to this idea. Just select a city -- any city on any map -- and pray for an unbeliever in that place whom the Lord knows and you do not. In Christ I remain His servant and yours,

Pastor Ken Klaus Speaker emeritus of The Lutheran Hour® Lutheran Hour Ministries who went to his heavenly home on March 23, 2023.

From a devotion originally written for "By the Way"

Directory Correction

Please make the following change to Kyle Wright's email address. The address should read wrightonw@msn.com

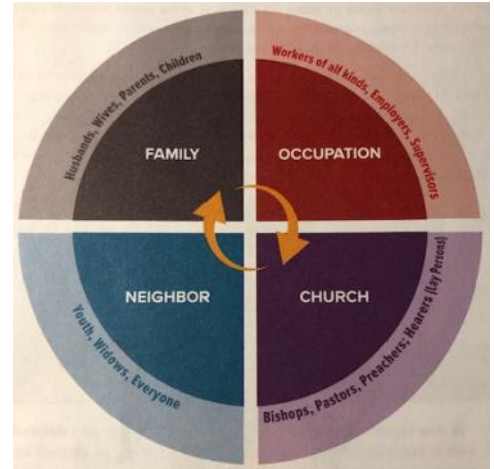
Every One His Witness

Witness Extends the Outreach of the Congregation

Not only do we need the church, but our congregation also needs us. As an organization, a congregation has limited connections in its community. There are certainly ways in which the congregation can attract and connect with nonchurched people, but they tend to be limited. Outreach events, programs, services, and so on do bring some people to the congregation's location or enable the congregation to connect with some people in other locations of the community. But as an organization, a congregation's reach doesn't usually extend very far. The members of the congregation can always reach further than the

congregation as an entity. Individual members are active and involved in workplaces, classrooms, family gatherings, neighborhood events, sports, hobbies, civic organizations, and so much more, that the congregation has no role or means of gaining entry. When we, as members of a congregation, make use of the relationships that the Lord has provided to us through our vocations to invite and connect our friends, family members, co-workers, and other people in our lives, the reach of the congregation goes much further than it can through organizational outreach effort.

The Table of Duties in Luther's Small Catechism Addresses our Vocation



by Mark Wood director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry

Welcome New Members

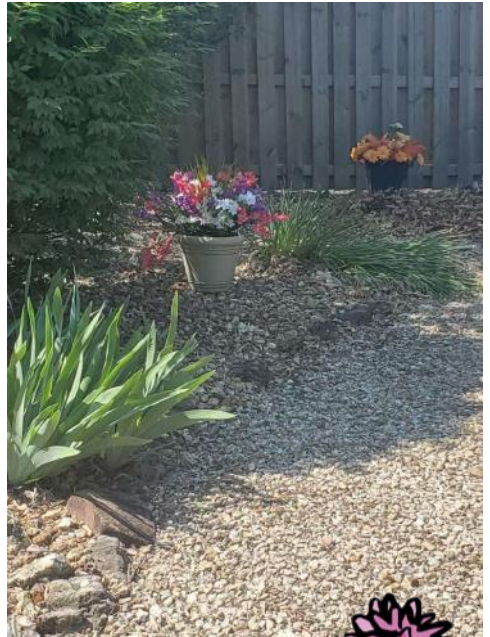


We welcome new member Rebecca Epperson by Reaffirmation of Faith on Sunday, May 28, 2023.



We welcome new members Tammy Snell and Kyle Wright by Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 28, 2023. They are pictured here with Pastor Brandt. Welcome to everyone.

Recently Carol, Diane, Peggy and Pat cleaned the cemetery garden and placed new artificial flowers in the flower pots. Thank You for doing a great job!! Photos taken by Peggy Callahan and Carol Murrell.





Irma Irene Trego

April 17, 1926 to June 15, 2023

Irma Irene Trego, daughter of Oscar and Lena Viola (Rumsey) Strawn, was born on April 17, 1926 and departed this life on June 15, 2023. At the time of her passing, Irma was ninety-seven years, one month and twenty-nine days of age.

Irma was raised in Hutchinson & Kensley, Kansas and later graduated from Rock Island High School in Illinois. She eventually became a Tupperware Lady, and quickly became a manager! She received many awards throughout her career as well as a new Station Wagon-Go Trego Tigers!

On January 18, 1945, in Norman, Oklahoma, she was united in marriage to George William Trego and to this union, five children were born. Together they shared seventy-one years of marriage.

Irma made a profession of faith and was a charter member of

Peace Lutheran Church; where she assisted in many areas from the beginning.

In her spare time, she enjoyed knitting, sewing, crocheting, reading, playing card games & dominoes and cooking. She had a special talent for quilting cathedral windows, crocheting scrubbies and doing the chicken dance!

She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother & great-great grandmother and a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate her life and her accomplishments and will treasure the memories she created for her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Trego; and two sons, Martin & Lawrence Trego.

She is survived by her children, Steve (Libby) Trego, Cheryl (Barry) Gipson and Carol

(Steve) Botch; five grandchildren, Jayneen (Shawn) Scheffler, Alison (Patrick) Mero, Anna (Michael) Gorman, Paul Botch (Belinda Backous) and Alissa (Tony) Johnston; eleven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, July 6, 2023 at Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, IL with Pastor Robert Hagen officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Peace Lutheran Church and mailed to Allee-Holman-Howe Funeral Home, 15 Clint Ave, Camdenton, MO 65020.

A June 20 service was held at the Allee Homan-Howe Funeral Home in Camdenton with only family present.

*And everyone who lives
and believes in me
shall never die. John 11:26*

Six Fundamental Principles of Natural Law

It was noted previously in Romans 2:14-15 that Paul states, “Gentiles who do not have the law... they are a law unto themselves” and “they show that the law is written on their hearts.” From this passage, six fundamental principles can be stated.

1

Natural law is instinctive.

Those who do not have the law do so by nature. From this statement we get the term ‘natural law’. It’s a part of our genetic code. We do not need to use logic to be aware of it, the knowledge is just there.



2

Natural law is singular and universal.

Notice Paul is treating moral law as being one singular entity. The content of all of them are one and the same. Gentiles do not have a different moral law from the Jews who have the revealed law. The content of the moral law, whether by revelation or instinct, is one and the same.

3

Natural law includes both tables of the Law i.e., the existence of God and our responsibility to others.

C. S. Lewis in his book Mere Christianity (37-39) explained that if a moral law exists, then a lawgiver must also exist. The two are necessarily interconnected. Aka the moral argument, Lewis observed that all people groups adhere to a common moral code. It is both in-

stinctive and at the same time a logical conclusion based on observing the natural world. It is, therefore, scientifically observable and can be studied scientifically.

Next Month: More on the Six Fundamental Principles of Natural Law

(from: The Reason I Believe by Allen Quist)

Russell Schulz, Evangelism Chair



Support Schedule

	Elder	Altar Guild
July	Jeff Hedberg	Cindy Niebur
August	Jeff Emery	Susan Kral
September	Earl Hartenstein	Diane Borgmann
October	Jeff Hedberg	Janet Bartels
November	Jeff Emery	Diane Borgmann
December	Earl Hartenstein	Dawn Hedberg & Diane Borgmann

Ushers

1st Sunday	Robert & Penny Hansen, Paul Bartels
2nd Sunday	Earl & Shelia Hartenstein, Jeff & Paula Emery
3rd Sunday	Sheryl Bald, Diane Borgmann, Rodney Schulz
4th Sunday	Jeff & Dawn Hedberg, Russell Schulz
5th Sunday	Robert Hansen, Earl Hartenstein, Jeff Hedberg

Counters

1st Sunday	Jeff & Dawn Hedberg
2nd Sunday	Jeff & Paula Emery
3rd Sunday	Brett & Cindy Niebur
4th Sunday	Matt & Deb Mayes
5th Sunday	

thank you

Come Sail Away with Us

Ladies of Peace mark your calendar and join the LWML ladies and their spouses for a narrated luncheon cruise on the Lake of the Ozarks aboard the Celebration cruise ship on

July 19, 2023 from noon to 2 p.m.

\$58 Cruise and lunch choices:

- BBQ pulled pork
- Parmesan crusted chicken
- Chicken tender meal

\$40 Cruise only (no lunch)

All meals include water or iced tea. Reservations and payment are due by June 30. There are no refunds. Celebration cruises run rain or shine. Make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church LWML.

\$62 Cruise and lunch choices:

- Teriyaki glazed chicken
- Classic Italian lasagna
- Vegetarian lasagna
- Crab cake lunch

Contact Cindy Niebur 402-212-3210 or Sara Anderegge for questions and reservation forms.



Thank you for your continued support of the Pocket Change for Mites. We collected a total of \$37.57 for June. Our next Mites collection will be Sunday, July 2. Bring your mites anytime in the month and place in the LWML box in the back of the church.



Altar Guild

About the Church Building

The church building is properly oriented if its main axis is laid from west to east. Such orientation is a matter of tradition and significant symbolism. The light of God is regarded as rising in the east as does the sun. Reference to Ezekiel 43:4: “And the glory of the Lord came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east.” Since the altar symbolizes the presence of God in the church, it was set in the east end of the building. Thus the people face the east when they worship.

It is not absolutely necessary because it may be impossible to do. The church building is the sacred house of God where Christians assemble in the name of Christ to: celebrate Holy Communion service; receive God’s Grace and blessings through His Word and sacraments; offer God sacrifices of self, prayer, praise, thanksgiving, adoration and possessions; edify one another through mutual participation in worship; engage in the services of preaching, Baptism, confession and absolution, matins, vespers, weddings, and funerals; and enter at any time for individual prayer and devotions.

First All Ladies Summer Event

Sixteen ladies attended our first all ladies LWML event for the summer. We introduced ourselves and where we were originally from. We enjoyed several games and sang several songs. Cathie Mueller read a poem called "I Am". Thank you Cathie and to all who came to enjoy the afternoon. We thank Carol and Sara for the cute cups and napkins and all who brought the ice cream, toppings, and desserts. The next activity will be the Celebration Cruise. See more information in this issue.





Go ... Sell All You Have?

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And he replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me” (Luke 18:18–22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, “No!” But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn’t excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further ex-

tension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What’s more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don’t let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.

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Athanasian Creed Section One Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity

This information is taken from the “Friends Who Like The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Facebook Page

Encore Post: Saint Athanasius was bishop and patriarch of Alexandria, Egypt (under Roman control) from 328-373 AD. He attended the First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD as secretary to his predecessor, Alexander. Athanasius was ordained as bishop and patriarch after Alexander’s death. In his 48 years presiding over the region, he was exiled five times, by four different Roman emperors, for a total of 17 years, over theological controversies in North Africa.

Each of the three sections of the creed begins with similar language. The Nicene and Apostles’ Creeds start with “I believe...” But, the Athanasian Creed takes a different approach. Rather than solely confessing together with one voice. Here, we also exhort one another, “Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.” Then, in each section, we confess the catholic faith.

We Lutherans need not fear the word “catholic.” The term catholic does not refer to the modern Roman Catholic Church, but rather to the universal, invisible, orthodox, faithful church of Christ on earth. We retain the use of the term “catholic” in the Athanasian Creed in opposition to the papal church of Rome. “Catholic” simply means “universal,” and as such, we boldly confess it from our Lutheran identity.

The first section addresses the unity of our Triune God. He is uncreated, infinite, and eternal, “not three Gods, but one God.” This language rejects *Subordinationism*, that the Son and the Spirit are less God than that Father is God. Rather, God is of one substance. *Subordinationism* was in part an over correction for the error of modalism. *Subordinationists* were seeking to clarify the distinctness of person within the Trinity. Their over correction created a theological position that hedged upon tritheism. In an attempt to protect our understanding from merging God into just one thing of only one sort, they created an understanding where God can easily be three things of three sorts. And these three, loosely connected God characters, have a hierarchy within their pantheon. This is an error.

The *modalist* error is also addressed by the second section of the Creed. This serves to remind us that the opposite of an error isn’t always a truth. Sometimes the opposite of an error can simply be an error, in the opposite direction.

“But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.” The Godness of the Trinity is whole and one. The attributes of God in His unity are shared and are one: uncreated, infinite, eternal, and almighty. But, these are not a dozen attributes, four of each, unique to each person. There are four attributes that each person possesses as one. There are not three gods, but one God. There are not three lords, but one Lord. There are not three eternal, but one Eternal. We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity.

Don’t let yourself be dismayed or discouraged by these complicated understandings. They were intense struggles for the early church and remain intellectual difficulties for us today. The big takeaway from the Athanasian Creed is that we can never fully understand the Trinity. We can, with the help of the fathers of the faith before us, identify those things that are outside the proper understanding.

Dear Baptized, let us celebrate the Trinity in Unity and the Unity in Trinity!

Thanks be to God!
Rev. Jason M. Kaspar



Continued next month

WORSHIP



SCHEDULES

Council Meeting Minutes June 13, 2023

Vice President Brock Kliever called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Pastor Anderegg opened with prayer.

The following board members were present: **Pastors** Pastor Anderegg and Pastor Brandt, **Pres.** Bob Hansen, **Vice President** Brock Kliever, **Treas.** Peg Callahan, **Sec.** Susan Kral, **Board of Elders** Jeff Hedberg, **Education** Sara Anderegg, **Cemetery** Diane Borgmann, **Stewardship** Dawn Hedberg, **Evangelism** Russell Schulz, and **Church Member** Pat Callahan

Absent: **Financial Sec.** Brett Niebur, **Member at Large** Paula Emery, and **Trustees** Chuck Kral
The minutes from the May 9, 2023, meeting was approved as printed.

Financial Secretary: There was no report.

Treasurer: Peg presented the following:

- All bills are current and paid.
- She is able to use the new computer that is in the library.
- Peace Lutheran donated \$1000.00 to Medical Missions for Christ in 2022.
- RP Lumber no longer gives us a tax-exempt status due to changes in their corporate office.
- Church books are audited annually.

Her report was accepted and approved.

Elders: Jeff reported the following:

- The elders met on June 12.
- Our new members, Rebecca Epperson, Kyle Wright, and Tammy Snell were assigned to elders.
- The Introit will now become a responsive reading with every other sentence spoken by the congregation.
- A Lutheran Study Bible will be presented to all youth participating in confirmation classes. The purchase will be taken from the elders' budget.
- There was discussion regarding the June 25 New Members Brunch.

Jeff's report was accepted and approved.

Trustees: Chuck submitted a written report.

- Pat and Jeff Emery have tended to mowing needs.
- Chuck repaired the ceiling in the downstairs ladies' room with assistance from Don Springer.
- Chuck used his weed eater around the cemetery fence, the front ditches, the ditch behind the parking lot, and around several trees.
- Chuck applied weed killer below the driveway, behind the cemetery fence, and the front culvert.

Sunday Worship* 9:00 am
Bible Class/Sun. School 10:30 am

Wednesday Evening Services:

- Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm
- During Lent 6:00 pm
- During Advent 6:00 pm

Holy Week

- Maundy Thursday* 6:00 pm
- Good Friday Service 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday* 9:00 am

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve

Evening Service 6:00 pm

**Holy Communion*

The Lord's Servants at Peace

- **Elders—Monday before Council Meeting** 9:30 am
Chairman: Jeff Hedberg, Jeff Emery, Earl Hartenstein
- **Council—2nd Tuesday of Each Month** 6:30 pm
President: Bob Hansen, **Vice President:** Brock Kliever, **Secretary:** Susan Kral, **Financial Secretary:** Brett Niebur, **Treasurer:** Peggy Callahan
- **Stewardship** As announced
Dawn Hedberg
- **Evangelism** As announced
Russell Schulz
- **Education**
Sara Anderegg
- **Trustees** As announced
Chuck Kral, Rodney Schulz, Pat Callahan
- **LWML—2nd Monday from March—November** 9:30 am
President: Sara Anderegg
- **Altar Guild** As announced
Dawn Hedberg
- **Bible Studies** As announced

- He removed four wheelbarrows of dirt from the culvert.
 - Chuck dug out a bush next to the back air conditioner and sprayed weeds in that rock area.
 - Chuck wrapped reflective tape around the posts at the driveway entrance.
 - Chuck contacted Ferrell Gas. Our new propane contract is for \$1.89 per gallon.
 - Fire alarms and extinguishers will be professionally checked in October.
 - Best Pest was scheduled to spray on June 14.
 - Pat installed a hose reel on the side of the garage.
 - Don Springer applied bug spray to the mailbox.
- The report was accepted and approved.

Education: There was no report.

Evangelism: Russell reported the following:

- 162 outreach cards were sent in May. The cost was \$144.18.
- Life Line Screening will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2023. Registration for the event is full. Pudge will open the dining hall door. Dawn Hedberg volunteered to lock up.
- Kids Harbor sent information that a presentation regarding child abuse can be scheduled for us. Information on ways to protect children can be found at www.d21.org.
- Russell emailed a video to all board members regarding Thrivent's acknowledgement of Gay Pride Month.
- His report was accepted and approved.

Stewardship: Dawn had no report.

Member at Large: There was no report.

Cemetery: Diane reported the following:

- Rodney Schulz applied fertilizer, bug control, and weed spray.
- Rodney cut down the crepe myrtle and will trim the large bush in the first flower bed.
- Pat filled four flowerpots with dirt. Carol Murrell planted flowers in those pots.
- Pat and Peg spent five hours trimming trees and cleaning up leaves. They began the repair of cemetery benches. The replacement of boards was paid from the cemetery account.
- Sheryl Bald found obituaries for Larry Wichmann, Joe Dodd, and Frieda Dodd. Those plots will be made available for use.

Her report was accepted and approved.

Pastors' Reports:

Pastor Anderegg reported the following:

- Confirmation classes for Lilyan and Tristan continue. Their confirmation will be held on October 29.
- Guests who attended on June 11 stated that, "This is the friendliest church we've ever visited!"

Pastor Brandt reported the following:

- On May 28, we celebrated the Confirmation of Tammy Snell and Kyle Wright. Rebecca Epperson became a new member by her Re-Affirmation of Faith.
- He visited Sheila Hartenstein at Lake Regional Hospital on June 9, 10, and 11. She is now home.
- On June 12, following the elders' meeting he visited and gave communion to Irma Trego.
- He attended the circuit pastors' conference at Holy Cross in Cole Camp on June 13. There was much discussion regarding the fact that Thrivent has gone Woke. On June 1, Thrivent posted their support for the LGFBTQ+ community on Twitter and on Instagram. To his knowledge, they avoided Facebook where many more of their members would have seen the posting. By making this endorsement Thrivent has sent a strong message that it is no longer a Christian organization. It has become simply a commercial financial institution. This is a sad time for the former representatives of the AAL and Lutheran Brotherhood companies. His sympathies go to the current loyal Christian representatives who are impacted by this action. It was suggested that Thrivent members contact their representatives to express displeasure.

Both reports were accepted and approved.

President's Reports: Bob Hansen had no report.

Continuing Business: There was none.

New Business:

- Ushers will be asked to have communicants line up when the altar spaces are full.
- Board members Dawn, Peg, Sara, and Susan volunteered to set up tables for the New Members Brunch.

The meeting was adjourned. Pastor Brandt closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral Secretary



July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship 9 am Pr. Brandt Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Mites Collection	3 Elders Meeting 9:30 a.m.	4  HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!	5	6	7	8
9 Worship 9 am Pr. Anderegg Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	10 LWML Mtg. 9:30 a.m. Roll call word giving	11 Council Mtg. 6:30 pm	12	13	14	15
16 Worship 9 am Pr. Brandt Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	17 Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m.	18	19  All Ladies Luncheon Cruise Noon-2 p.m.	20	21	22
23 Worship 9 am Pr. Anderegg Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship 9 am Pr. Anderegg Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	31					