# News Peace



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## **Christian Symbols**

Wedding Cross
This version of the Chi
Rho features two interlocking rings on a cross.
It symbolizes the partnership a husband and wife
make with God as they unite.
The Wedding Cross also symbolizes a couple's commitment
to grow together in God's grace
and love.

#### Hen



The hen represents Jesus' deep care and compassion even for those who

killed prophets God had sent to them. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem," mourned Jesus shortly before his death. "How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under

her wings, and you were not willing!" (Matthew 23:37, ESV).

# Rapture and Tribulation and Millennium — Oh My!

**Encore Post:** Many of our evangelical brothers and sisters are fascinated by Biblical prophecy. Seeing the evil around us, they are convinced that we are living in the very last years and months before Christ returns to raise the dead, bring an end to sin, death and the power of the devil, gather all in the final judgement and begin the marriage feast of the lamb that has no end. They are not alone — in every period of time, Christians were convinced they were living in such times — even St. Paul and Martin Luther!

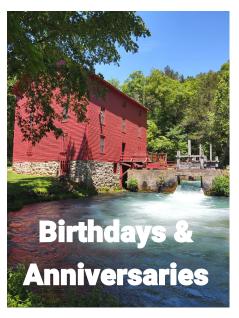
What makes their view unique in the history of the church is they accept a theological view called *Dispensationalism*, a Christian school of thought that was born in the 1800s. It adopted the ancient view that Christ would reign on earth literally for 1000 years after he returned in glory. It set this view in a way of looking at history inspired by the 19th century cultural movement known as Romanticism. Dispensationalism was developed by Charles Nelson Darby, D. L. Moody and C. I. Scofield.

Dispensationalists believe that God divided the world into seven dispen-



sations (also called economies and administrations). In each age God supposedly revealed himself in different ways. Salvation was offered according to different plans for each age (for example, under the Law of Moses, salvation was by works, but in the church age, by grace) and humans were held accountable to the set of rules for that age. They get to these views by treating at face value prophecies written in figurative and symbolic language and using the interpretations they discover to understand in a complex way the simple and clear words of Jesus and the apostles.

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# **July**

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



# **Church Office Schedule**

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. Phone number is 573-836-8141. Pudge McCloud, Secretary

For them, this age will come to an end when events predicted in prophecy occur. They look to current events to fulfill these prophecies, treating the Bible as a giant algebra problem. Some have used such calculations to predict end time events. Among these are the rapture, when all true Christians will suddenly be removed from the world, leaving only unbelievers, the *Tribulation*, when they will be punished, and those who come to faith seeing these events are persecuted and the *Millennium*, when Christ and the church will rule the world a thousand years. Two problems with this: Christ promised that he would return suddenly and the last judgement follow immediately (so the Bible is not an algebra problem) and these versions of a rapture, millennium and tribulation are not in the Bible.

Rev. Robert E. Smith

Answering Objections to the Faith: The Basics of Christian Apologetics

# **More Questions and Answers**



**Opinion polls** suggest that as knowledge of the universe grows, the percentage of population who believe in God declines. Why might this be?



Suggested answer: The aggressive promotion of Darwinism in our schools and elsewhere has had the effect of convincing large numbers of people that God does not exist. It is the promotion of this atheistic worldview that is responsible for the increase in atheism and agnosticism, not the advancement of scientific knowledge.



**Traditionally**, science has been defined as obtaining knowledge

by means of observation. Today science is often defined from the viewpoint of philosophical naturalism, or materialism, and that the universe consists of nature plus nothing-nature is all there is. Those who define science in this way conclude that God does not exist and by adopting evolution because, as they see it, special creation is impossible. As Christians, how can we deal with this new definition?



**Suggested answer:** We should point out that the new definition of science is not legitimate, but instead is an unverifiable and philosophical assumption of atheism.

From: The Reason I Believe by Allen Quist



### **Altar Flowers**

You have the opportunity to sign up to provide flowers for any occasion you wish to celebrate. The sign up sheet is located on the credenza in the Narthex.

# **Support Schedules**

## Elder Altar Guild

JulyJeff HedbergAugustJeff EmeryDiane BorgmannSeptemberLarry TrickPaula EmeryOctoberJeff HedbergJanet BartelsNovemberJeff EmeryDiane Borgmann

Diane Borgmann first two Sun Dawn Hedberg last two Sun Diane Borgmann first two Sun

Dawn Hedberg last two Sun

**Minister** Rev. Gary Brandt

**December** Larry Trick

Organists Rev. Gary Brandt, Diana Schwab

#### **Ushers**

1st Sunday Robert & Penny Hansen, Paul Bartels 2nd Sunday Earl Hartenstein, Jeff & Paula Emery 3rd Sunday 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/Pudge McCloud

4th Sunday Matt & Deb Mayes 5th Sunday Pudge McCloud



# Hospitalized?

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, have experienced a death in the family, are home bound, or scheduled to go to the hospital, please contact Pastor Brandt (580-421-8108). Please keep in mind that privacy laws also limit the information hospitals can share with us. Pastor Brandt is available for any emergency, or any issue you and your loved ones might be having.



Our Elders: Jeff Hedberg (573-819-4446), Jeff Emery (816-745-0229) and Larry Trick (573-286-4423) will assist the pastor to follow up on any issue, not just hospitalization for you, a loved one or a death in the family.

# What's Happening in July?



Tuesday, July 9

Peace Lutheran Church

# **Missionaries to Speak at Peace**

Sunday, July 7 Missionaries Ethan, Amanda and family will be at Peace to speak about their mission work in Costa Rica.



Plan to attend the next voters meeting in July.
Watch the bulletin for additional information.

# **August**



The annual rummage sale will be held at our sister congregation Christ the King, Lake Ozark.

This year the dates are **Aug. 1** (7 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and **Aug. 2** (8 a.m. to noon) for \$1.00 a bag day. If you have items you would like to donate to a good cause, please call 573-365-5212.

# At the Center of It All

Psalm 118:8, the verse that falls in the middle of the Protestant Bible, reads, "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans" (NIV).

The center of God's Word reminds us to make God the center of our lives! No other person or possession can fulfill or save us. Only God is a safe, certain refuge, and we grow closer to him by grounding ourselves in his Word and his will.



## **Ushers**



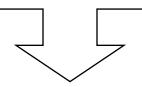
Thank you to all of our ushers who volunteer to help before and during our services.

More ushers are always needed. If you would like to become an usher for one Sunday a month, don't hesitate to volunteer.

# Devotion for July



(Jesus said) "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about Me." John 5:39



person might easily be excused if he or she were to conclude everyone in the scientific community is opposed to Christianity. After all, the naysayers to the Redeemer and His work do seem to grab the majority of the headlines.

Still, it should be noted there are many educated minds that are most supportive of Scripture and the Savior. One of those men is Dr. Marvin Bittinger, a prominent mathematics professor from Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis. In his new book, "The Faith Equation: Mathematical Evidence for Christianity," Bittinger says there is plenty of proof to support the Christian faith. He maintains some of that

evidence can be found by taking a mathematical look at the prophecies found in God's Scriptures.

Dr. Bittinger argues there are hundreds, maybe thousands, of fulfilled prophecies in the Bible. Mathematically the fulfillment of that number of predictions is incredibly improbable. Indeed, if these prophecies hadn't been fulfilled, we would have to say the chances against their realization would be impossible.

All of this means, since those prophecies have been completed, a reasonable person must acknowledge God's divine hand has been involved.



"And," Dr. Bittinger suggests,
"we also have to acknowledge
that prophecies which are not
yet fulfilled will be." As Dr. Bittinger says, "it tells me I better
pay attention to the prophecies
that are unresolved because
they're going to happen."

Now I have to be honest, I haven't read all of Dr. Bittinger's book. On the other hand, I simply have to like a guy who says, "God gave everyone a brain to use for His defense."

The Prayer: Dear Lord, today I give thanks for those who have eyes to see Your love and minds to share the Savior's story of salvation. I give thanks for those who are bold to speak in the Redeemer's defense. Now may I, following their example, use my brain to share the Christ's blessed and successful work with others. In the Savior's Name. Amen.

From an LHM Devotions 5/19/2011

God doesn't love us because of our worth; we are of worth because God loves us. - Martin Luther

#### **EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS:**

# **How To Be A Listening Witness**

1

# Put the Speaker at Ease.

"Attend" to the speaker and use inviting body language. People are more likely to be open and share more freely when they are comfortable speaking to you. Comfort level comes from the relationships they have with you. People will be more at ease speaking with you if you attend to them while you are speaking. This means that you stay focused on people as they are speaking and you show that you are giving them your attention.

2

# Show That You're Listening.

Face the speaker. Position yourself so that you are comfortably facing the person speaking. Don't "square off" with the person, which may convey a defensive or argumentative posture. Instead, face the person at a slight angle to express openness. Maintain comfortable eye contact, but don't "stare down" while they're speaking. Give feedback. Feedback encourages others to speak and demonstrates that you are paying attention. Don't mentally prepare a rebuttal. That will end your listening and put you in a speaking mode.

Avoid distractions such as televisions, loud music, and smart phones as best as possible.

3

# Let the Speaker Speak.

Avoid interrupting which may stifle the speaker. Let them finish speaking before you respond or ask questions. Don't assume that you know what a speaker is going to say.

4

#### Be Patient.

Don't jump in to get a dialogue going - or maybe your own dialogue. One impulse is to jump to conclusions, which will cause one to stop listening. A related jump that we're attempted to make is the jump to our response. This happens when we hear something we want to respond to and mentally jump over what is being said. Also, sometimes effective listening involves allowing silence in the conversation. We tend to fill silence with our talking. But if we let silence linger, the other person is likely speak further and may share something deeper than was intended. It also takes some patience to wait to speak. Make sure that the other person has finished speaking before you say or ask something. Work through

your comments and questions a little at a time.

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### Don't Just Hear, Listen.

An example of this might be when a husband is more interested in watching a game on television than what his wife is telling him. In frustration she asks, "Did you hear me?" To which he replies, "Yes, I heard you." He heard but didn't really listen. As witnesses of Jesus, we should strive to hear people with understanding — to carefully listen to them so we understand what they are saying. In other words, we should listen to them, not just hear them.

**Next month** we will move on to the second letter of the acronym LASSIE:ASK

by Mark Wood director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry





# Minutes of the June 10 Meeting

2024 Officers: Co-Presidents Cindy Niebur and Dawn Hedberg Treasurer Susan Kral, Secretary Jayne Marie Trick

he meeting was called to order by Co-President Cindy Niebur and opened with a prayer. The roll call word was "Soul". Seven members answered the roll call with one regular guest attendee. Members recited the LWML Pledge.

The Bible study was presented by Deb Mayes on the women of the Bible, featuring "Abigail" from the book of Samuel, Chapter 25.

Minutes: The May minutes and Treasurer's report was provided and both were accepted and approved. Note: Copies of the minutes and Treasurer's reports are always available for those who missed a meeting.

#### **Presidents Reports:**

- A discussion was held concerning our bylaws. Carol Murrell is looking for a computer copy. Discussion was made on our officers serving a 2-year term, and possible rewording for alternating election years. Discussion was made concerning the rewording of "confirmed and regular visiting members".
- The group was informed that Pastor Morris may not be available as guest speaker at

- the Fall Rally. He took a call to Concordia University as the Director of Church Engagement (CUNE) in Seward Nebraska. Jayne Marie will get with him to possibly recommend a replacement.
- We agreed that we need to take more pictures to document our Society events, projects and outings.

Additional Reports: Susan Kral reported on the District Convention in Independence that was attended by her and Penny Hansen. Susan handed out a "Fun Facts Sheet from the convention". The monetary goals were exceeded! Four out of five of our Society's chosen Mission Grant selections were chosen!

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

The Mites Reading: "Isn't It Strange" was read by Cathie Mueller. It was an amusing and thought-provoking reading. Collections: A collection was made for Mites, the General Fund, and the Rally.

#### **Committees:**

- "Pop tab": no report
- "Best Choice Labels": no report
- "Kitchen Committee": It was

- noted we have plenty of disposable spoons and bowls for the Ice Cream Social.
- "Human Care": no report
- "Stamps": Dawn gave a short discussion on collecting stamps from old letters, and what the District does with them.

#### **Old Business:**

- Final details were made on the June 20 Ice Cream Social. Discussion was made on a better placement of the donation basket. A few members mentioned that during the Easter Brunch the basket was not easily accessible.
- Co-President Dawn Hedberg will attend the church council meeting to find out what the church needs so that we can correctly plan on appropriating our funds from our fundraisers.
- Discussion was made on the purchase of more large print "Portals of Prayer." There were suggestions on several options for distributing the old issues and appropriate magazines like "Missouri Conservationist" to activeduty soldiers overseas. There was a short discussion on

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personal care items for female soldiers.

#### **New Business:**

- A survey was handed out after Sunday service on June 9. The survey will be tallied and hopefully give us ideas to pique interest in and encourage ladies to join our Society. The survey will be handed out one more Sunday to reach the ladies who were missing.
- For an August fun outing we discussed a "Sips and Shopping" theme, with a trip to the Sips Coffee House. There are also several antique and boutique shops to visit.
- We decided on a Lasagna Dinner fundraiser for October 5.
- Members discussed hosting a soup supper before the three Advent Services. A silent auction could also be held.
   Two donated auction items are a Christmas Quilt and a painting.
- Dawn Hedberg will look into a possible outing activity at the "She Shed" in Sunrise Beach.

We closed the meeting with "The Lord's Prayer."

#### **After the Business Meeting:**

The lap robes project for Windsor Estates began after the June meeting with members cutting fabric and calculating the lap robe sizes and construction. Further assembly will begin after the July meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Jayne Marie Trick, Secretary

## **Mites Explanation and History**

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national **mission grants** and implement the LWML program.

**Mite Boxes**, available from the district, zone, or LWML office, are distributed to every woman in a society, and often to each member of the congregation. Local groups submit Mite Box offerings to the appointed district officer.

#### The Widow's Mite

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything — all she had to live on" (Mark 12:41–43).

### Mite Boxes — How They Began

Perhaps inspired by the various "cent" or "mite" societies of the early 1800s, the Woman's Mission to Woman (Baptist) urged members in its first circular letter in 1871 to use their new Mite Box to raise funds. The entire family was encouraged to contribute. The garnet-colored paper box had an opening on the top and the words, "Woman's Mission to Woman," in gold letters on the side.

#### **LWML Mite Boxes**

Over the years, many Lutheran Ladies Aid societies used a box to gather funds in support of local and synod ministries. Under the original 1928 Lutheran Women's Missionary Endeavor organizational plan, each woman in every congregation would receive a Mite Box if she participated in the Ladies Aid. Receipts from the 92 Ladies Aid societies totaled \$6,651.31 in 1930.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, formally recognized by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 1942, required by the newly adopted constitution and bylaws, that 25 percent of all missionary contributions be given to the national organization, shared from the districts.

At the 1953 convention, delegates reaffirmed the policy of raising funds only through voluntary offerings. Instead of "mite boxes" some societies called their ingathering devices "blessing boxes" or "mission boxes" or "thank offering boxes." The first Mite Box design had space for districts to imprint local messages. In publications and speeches, Leaguers were reminded not to just tuck their Mite Box away out of sight and then on the day of the meeting take out a dollar bill, put it in an envelope and hand it to the secretary. Among the suggestions offered were:

• Put your pennies in the box at the end of each day

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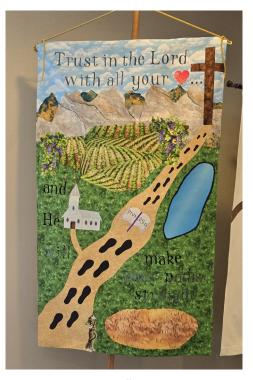
## **Results of the June District Convention**

Penny Hansen and Susan Kral attended the District LWML Convention in Independence June 7-9. Thank you to Susan Kral for snapping a few photos of the event.



**Top Left:** Pastor Benjendorf was the loser in the east-west mite contest.





**Banners:** Many districts provide banners depicting the theme "He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6. Here are a few of the banners that were on display at the convention.





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- Say "thank you" with an appropriate amount whenever calamity or misfortune has been averted
- Empty all your loose change from your kitchen coin bowl into the box on meeting day

Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel. Reprinted from the LWML website





Jeopardy game 1st lady was Katie Luther spoke with German accent.



**Mission Walk, Waterfall Park Trail:** Raising money for Mites from left to right: Roberta Schnakenberg, Susan Kral, Pat Carlton, and Penny Hansen. Roberta and Pat are members of Faith, Warsaw.

# **Coming in June 2025**



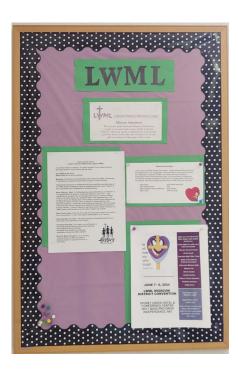
Date: June 26–29, 2025
Location: Omaha, Nebraska
Theme: Growing in God's Grace
Scripture Verse: But grow in the
grace and knowledge of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be
the glory both now and to the day of
eternity. Amen (2 Peter 3:18).



The June Pocket Change for Mites collection was \$11.68. Thank you for your continued support.



As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.



Many members may not know that the LWML has a bulletin board available to post activities. Take a moment to look at the board to see what upcoming events that may be taking place.









# The Rewards of Godliness

t's no secret that you can't bribe your way into heaven. No amount of good works will impress God enough to open heaven's door for their sake. "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23) and the person who "keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it" (James 2:10). Rather, salvation is "the free gift of God ... in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:23).

So, your good works won't earn you the reward of heaven. But does that mean that there are no rewards at all? Consider what the Small Catechism says in the "Close of the Commandments":

God promises to bless you in keeping His commandments. What might these blessings be? Well, consider what Paul says about keeping the Fourth Commandment: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land" (Eph. 6:1–3).

And think about what your life would be like if you went around stealing (breaking the Seventh Commandment), telling lies about people (breaking the

Eighth Commandment), and generally being cruel to those around you (breaking all the commandments!). That is obviously not a blessed way to live. In fact, you'd be miserable living that way.

And Jesus says more about what is in store for those who make sacrifices for His sake: "Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life." (Matt. 19:28-29)

So don't grow impatient in doing good. Follow the Lord lasting life.

Reprinted from the LCMS Stewardship website

who has freely given you ever-

"He died not for men, but for each man. If each man had been the only man made, He would have done no less." — C.S. Lewis

#### What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20:5-6)

#### What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands. (SC II)





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

#### **Wednesday Evening Services:**

<ul> <li>Ash Wednesday</li> </ul>	6:00 pm
During Lent	6:00 pm
<ul> <li>During Advent</li> </ul>	6:00 pm

#### **Holy Week**

<ul> <li>Maundy Thursday*</li> </ul>	6:00 pm
<ul> <li>Good Friday Service</li> </ul>	6:00 pm
Easter Sunday*	9:00 am

#### **Thanksgiving Eve**

Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

#### **Christmas Eve**

Evening Service 6:00 pm

#### The Lord's Servants at Peace

• Elders—Monday before Council Meeting 9:30 am Chairman: Jeff Hedberg, Jeff Emery, Larry Trick

• Council—2nd Tuesday of Each Month 6:30 pm

◆ President: Bob Hansen

♦ Vice President: Brock Kliewer

◆ Secretary: Susan Kral

♦ Financial Secretary: Brett Niebur

◆ Treasurer: Peggy Callahan

• Stewardship: Dawn Hedberg

• Evangelism: Russell Schulz

• Education: Open

• Organists: Rev. Gary Brandt, Diana Schwab

• Trustees: Chuck Kral, Rodney Schulz, Pat Callahan

LWML—2nd Monday from March—Nov. 9:30 am

Co-President: Dawn Hedberg and Cindy Niebur

Altar Guild: Dawn Hedberg

Bible Studies As announced

• Elected Offices

# Council Meeting June 11, 2024

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

The following board members were present: Pastor Pastor Brandt, President Bob Hansen, Vice President Brock Kliewer, Financial Sec. Brett Niebur, Elder Jeff Hedberg, Secretary Susan Kral, Trustee Chuck Kral, Evangelism Russell Schulz, Stewardship Dawn Hedberg, Cemetery Diane Borgmann, and Church Members Rodney Schulz and Larry Trick

Absent: Treasurer Peg Callahan

The minutes from the May 14, 2024 meeting were approved as printed.

**Financial Secretary:** Brett Niebur submitted a written report. He stated that giving is ahead of this time last year. His report was approved and accepted.

**Treasurer:** Jeff Hedberg reported for Peg that all bills are paid and paperwork is current. The report was approved and accepted.

**Elders:** Jeff reported that the elders have met as required. The report was approved and accepted.

**Trustees:** Chuck reported the following:

- Pat Callahan and Jeff Emery mowed church grounds when necessary.
- Chuck used the weed whacker around the ditches. He cut limbs around the cemetery fence. He installed screws in the cemetery fence where boards were coming loose.
- Pat Callahan has arranged for the bushes near the back door to be removed with a backhoe so that they can be pulled straight up. The board approved that expense up to \$300.00.
- After the bushes are gone, the hole will be filled with rock. Larry Trick, Kyle Wright, and Chuck will then replace the drainpipes.

<sup>\*</sup>Holy Communion

• Chuck will take a water sample to the health department for testing.

Chuck's report was accepted and approved.

**Education:** Vacant

**Evangelism:** Russell reported the following:

- The cost of sending 137 outreach cards in May was \$121.93.
- He submitted evangelism articles for our newsletter.
- He posted articles on Facebook.
- Russell put out flyers regarding the July 9<sup>th</sup> Life Line screening to be held here at Peace Lutheran.

Russell's report was accepted and approved.

**Stewardship:** Dawn reviewed the newsletter article regarding contentment. She informed the council that it was learned at the District Convention that mite donations exceeded the district goal.

Dawn's report was accepted and approved.

Member at Large: Vacant

**Cemetery:** Diane reported the following:

- She obtained a new Thrivent card to be used for cemetery expenses.
- Rodney Schulz has sprayed weed killer where needed.
- Rodney and Russell Schulz picked up leaves and fallen branches and hauled them away.

Her report was accepted and approved.

#### Pastor's Report:

Pastor Brandt reported the following:

- He reported that members with health issues are improving. He asks for prayers for their total recovery.
- He attended the monthly Circuit Pastors' Conference on June 11th at Amigos de Christos in Sedalia.
- On June 1<sup>st</sup>, he attended the Ordination Service for Trey Dille. Pastor Dille will be installed at St. John's Lutheran in Effingham, Illinois.
- Pastor Kris Morris from Christ the King has accepted a call to Concordia University in Seward,

Nebraska. He will move in August. His family will remain in Osage Beach while his oldest son finishes his senior year at Calvary Lutheran High School in Jefferson City. Pastor Morris will visit and preach at congregations in nearby states offering encouragement and recruiting for the university. He also may be teaching a class.

- On September 29<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Brandt will be unable to preach because he will be touring Italy and Switzerland. On Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>, he is attending a wedding in Owensville, Mo. On Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>, he will preach at the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of First Lutheran Church in Ada, OK where he served for 23 years.
- On July 7<sup>th</sup>, Ethan and Amanda Hutton will be here at Peace Lutheran to speak about their mission work in Costa Rica.

His report was accepted and approved.

#### **President's Reports:**

The church phone account is no longer in Pastor Anderegg's name.

#### **New Business:**

Larry Trick announced that the elders decided that a potluck meal will be held following the July 7<sup>th</sup> presentation by the Huttons. The council voted that a free will offering be taken for their ministry at the potluck.

Jeff Hedberg reported that Eagle Alarm Systems will install new smoke alarms in the sanctuary.

Jeff also stated bids for cleaning the narthex and sanctuary carpets will be obtained.

Both old and new business reports were accepted and approved.

Brock adjourned the meeting at 7:20.

Pastor Brandt led the closing with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Kral Secretary



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Elders Mtg 9:30 a.m.	2	3	4 HAPPY JULY!	5	6
Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.  Mites Collection	LWML Mtg. 9 am Roll call word Greed	Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12	13
Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m.	23	24	25	26	27
Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	29	30	31			

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Our Mission: "We the members of Peace Lutheran Church gather and grow together as God's children and rejoice in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, proclaim His word, and reach out with his love to: each other, our community, and the world."