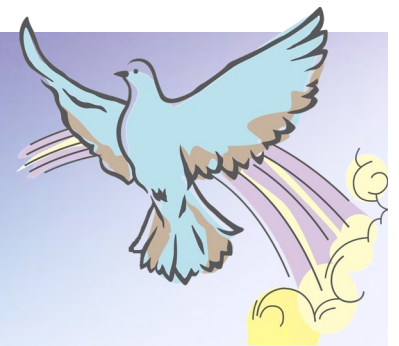


# News of Peace



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## Christian Symbols



### Rose

This flower, often shown as stylized artwork, is a symbol for Advent, the promise of the Messiah and Jesus' nativity. A white rose represents the Virgin Mary, and a red rose stands for martyrs. A wreath of roses symbolizes heavenly joy.



### Wedding Rings

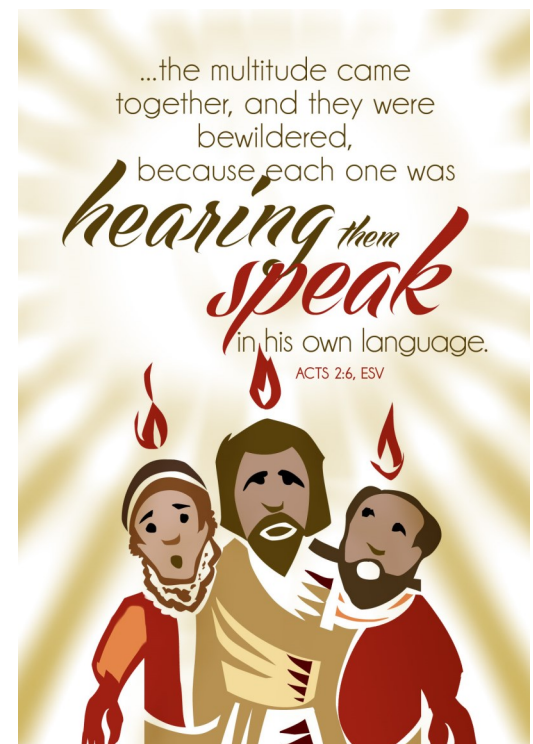
The exchange of wedding rings isn't found in Scripture. It came into practice among Christians in the late ninth century. The unending circle profoundly symbolizes a couple's mutual promises of ongoing love and commitment, as well as God's promise of eternal love that surrounds all — including each couple and marriage.

## Pentecost

**T**HE FEAST OF PENTECOST was one of the celebrations established by God at Mount Sinai. Also called the Feast of Weeks, it was a kind of Thanksgiving in which people brought a sacrifice for the harvest of grain. It was fifty days after Passover and known by the Greek word for fifty days — Pentecost. Since many Jews and Godfearers traveled to Jerusalem from great distances to be there for Passover, many stayed for this feast as well.

On Pentecost, the wind got the attention of the crowd. Wind and tongues of fire witnessed to the presence of the Holy Spirit. God kept his promise on that day when he gave himself — the third person of the Trinity — to the whole Church. No longer would the Holy Spirit come to just prophets, but to all believers, young and old, Jew and Gentile, of all nations and languages. They all spoke in the languages of the people gathered in Jerusalem, singing the praises of God. The church celebrates this day as a kind of birthday. It was that day the gospel began to spread to the ends of the earth.

Both the Hebrew and Greek words for Spirit mean “Wind.” The Holy Spirit hovered over the chaos before God created the Heavens and the Earth. When Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit settled into the Holy of Holies in the form of a cloud. When the Prophet Elijah fled to Mount Sinai, God sent a mighty wind, an earthquake, and



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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### June

- 2 Gayle Montague
- 3 Ken Schaumburg
- 4 Pat Callahan
- 6 Ken Mueller
- 6 Earl & Shelia Hartenstein
- 8 Paul & Janet Bartels
- 14 Ken & Cathie Mueller
- 15 Annette Greenwald
- 27 Rick & Sara Anderegg
- 28 Janet Bartels
- 29 Tristan Lewis

### 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



a fire to get his attention. At the **baptism of Jesus**, the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of a dove.

The pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost fulfilled prophecy in Old Testament (Joel 2:28-32), by John the Baptist (Matthew 3:11) and by Jesus (Acts 1:5). By baptizing His people with the Holy Spirit, Jesus gave them the power to witness to God's love. He provided them with a counselor to lead and guide them. Just like the prophets of the Old Testament, every one of God's children now can proclaim His praises to everyone.

Rev. Robert E. Smith

## Welcome New Members



**Rory and Amy Rathje** became the newest members of Peace on Sunday, March 24. Welcome to our church family. We are glad you have joined us.

## Greeting Cards Available

Are you looking for a particular card for that special someone?

Look no further than the card rack in the narthex of the church. There are a variety of cards available to choose from for \$1.00 each payable on the honor system.

There is a small container available to place your money in located on the shelf of the card rack.

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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."

## Support Schedules

	<b>Elder</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
<b>June</b>	Larry Trick	Cindy Niebur
<b>July</b>	Jeff Hedberg	Shelia Hartenstein
<b>August</b>	Jeff Emery	Diane Borgmann
<b>September</b>	Larry Trick	Paula Emery
<b>October</b>	Jeff Hedberg	Janet Bartels
<b>November</b>	Jeff Emery	Diane Borgmann first two Sun Dawn Hedberg last two Sun
<b>December</b>	Larry Trick	Diane Borgmann first two Sun Dawn Hedberg last two Sun
<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Gary Brandt	
<b>Organists</b>	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



## Bible Quiz—Test Your Knowledge



King Ahab, assisted by his conniving wife Jezebel, appropriated for himself something belonging to a man named Naboth. What did he take?

- A. Naboth's oxen      C. Naboth's vineyard
- B. Naboth's farm      D. Naboth's house

Answer: C (See 1 Kings 21:1-16.)

## 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.



# EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS: Listening to the Head, Heart, and Hands

(Listening in a way that recognizes  
from which perspective a person is speaking)

As we listen to another person, we will start to understand whether that person is primarily communicating with a head, heart, or hands perspective. Discerning this will help us be better listeners.

When a person is focused on knowledge, truth, ideas, concepts, or expressing things in intellectual terms, we should recognize that the person is communicating at the **“head level”** which should call us to process what is being said in a cognitive manner. What the person is sharing is that person’s understanding of truth.



One who is primarily connecting at the **“heart level”** is likely to express things in how they affect emotions, often using the phrase “I feel that...”. A heart person should provide insights into



feelings about life in general, issues or problems that are troubling, and what perspective one may have on God and or religion may be. Note that sometimes expressions of emotion may not be logical; after all, you are listening to a person’s heart, not head.

Because a person who is focused on the **“hands”** is oriented towards action, listen for the ways in which that person expresses spiritual ideas and issues in practical terms. They are likely to speak about important issues by explaining how particular actions will resolve injustice, alleviate suffering, remedy poverty, work peace, and so on. If some of the person’s issues may not be of interest to you, may sound naïve, or may conflict with your own opinions, remember to set those things aside and focus on listening.



The most significant – most challenging – element of listening to a person according to one’s perspective of head, heart, or hands is to avoid making the mistake of listening to the person from your perspective instead of the other’s. As a listener, set aside your preference for connecting and communicating with a person in order to engage the person according to their perspective.

The LASSIE Approach To Witnessing - Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, Encourage)

by Mark Wood director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry

## Christ the King LWML Annual



Plans are underway for the annual rummage sale to be held at our sister congregation Christ the King, Lake Ozark.

Save the dates of **August 1** (7 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and **August 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.

**W**e should learn to place our confidence not in ourselves but in God and so that we should rejoice in His gifts in such a way that we do not boast in connection with them. - Martin Luther



# Devotion for June



It is appointed for a man to die once and after that comes judgment.

Hebrews 9:27

The US Government had reported bin Laden was dead. Still, people had their doubts. Those doubts were laid to rest when Al Qaeda in its own announcement confirmed the passing of its leader. That announcement, in its desire to make the uber-terrorist look good, created one of the world's great works of fiction. It was a whitewash job that would make Tom Sawyer proud. For example, did you know that bin Laden had "lived a compassionate life"? Yup, that's what the obituary said. But there's more. The announcement said bin Laden had died "after a life full of work and efforts, determination and patience, encouragement and jihad, generosity and open-handedness, migration and traveling, advices and good government, wisdom and practicality."

I wouldn't be surprised if Al Qaeda doesn't nominate its deceased leader for the Nobel Peace Prize. The truth of bin Laden's life is this: he was a sinner who -- as Hebrews says - - has lived, died and been judged. On that Day of Judgment, it didn't make any differ-



ence what you, I, or Al Qaeda thought about the man.

On that day the only thing that made any difference was this: if bin Laden had been given a repentant heart which acknowledged Jesus as his Savior, he was saved; if he had rejected the forgiveness which was won upon Jerusalem's cross

almost 2,000 years ago, he was condemned.

Faith in Jesus Christ -- that is what every person needs when they are called upon to give an account. With faith the believing thief on the cross next to Jesus was saved; without faith the unbelieving criminal was condemned.

The fact that you are reading this devotion says you probably know that wonderful truth. But there are millions who do not know. It is our privilege to tell them of their crucified and risen Savior.

Faith in God's Son and not the words of an incredibly creative obituary can transform a sinful soul and will move the eternal residence of that soul from hell to heaven. Faith in God's Son can take a murderer and make him a powerful witness to the greatness of God's grace. Ask St. Paul and he will tell you it's true.

**The Prayer:** Dear Lord, for my Spirit-given faith in the Redeemer I give thanks. Today I pray for all the millions of the world who do not share that faith. May they see the wonders of Your love and the greatness of the crucified and risen Savior's sacrifice. In His Name. Amen.  
From Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) 5-16-2011

# UPCOMING

## in July

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

Former public high school teachers, Ethan & Amanda Hutton, along with their three children Aubree, August, & Ezekiel, serve as mission partners in Costa Rica.

Ethan and Amanda lead and work with LightHouse Transformation Ministries (LightHouse), a Costa Rican non-profit religious association that works against the prevalent cycles of poverty, broken families, abuse, and human trafficking in the communities of Parrita, Costa Rica.

The mission of LightHouse is to facilitate social transformation through informal education and Gospel proclamation. By addressing the needs for support in education, Ethan and Amanda are able to make connections, build meaningful relationships, enable a brighter future, mentor through difficulties, and share the love, hope, and joy of Jesus.

Ethan and Amanda, along with Mission of Christ Network Mission Partner Zach Barz, have developed several LightHouse programs to make an impact in the communities of Parrita. The

most predominant of these is the online English program. Connecting students (mostly youth) with volunteer English Language Partners from the States, they are able to offer small group, personal, effective, conversational English classes to over 100 students! The students thrive from the native speaker conversation coupled with the Gospel message.

Another exciting development is Worship Express. Growing out of the pandemic, it is essentially a youth group and worship in a box home delivery. Ethan and Amanda are able to share the Gospel message right in the homes of youth, all while training, enabling, and equipping these youth to be missionaries in their homes, neighborhoods, and social pods as they invite their family, friends, and neighbors to participate.

LightHouse is also working toward a Transformation Center in the Parrita public high school

where Ethan and Amanda will be running activities to build relationships with the youth, offering an interactive English club to initiate interest in learning English, and managing a tutoring center to prepare students for the national standardized testing. In addition to serving as a bridge to the online English and Worship Express programs, the cycles of poverty, broken families, abuse, and human trafficking statistically reduce in correlation to the increase in high school graduation.



Ethan holding Ezekiel, August, Aubree, Amanda

Ethan, Amanda, Aubree, August, and Ezekiel live on the Central Pacific Coast in the village of Esterillos Oeste within the county of Parrita, where they are present in their local communities. Aubree, August, and Ezekiel open up countless doors

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into local homes, where they are able to build relationships and intentionally share the Gospel message. Their home often has a revolving door as they offer an English club to the neighborhood children, welcome many to join for meals or coffee, and host Bible studies. They also support many local ministries, especially the local bilingual church, Pura Vida Church.

Before moving to Costa Rica in August 2017, Ethan and Amanda were public high school teachers in Schuyler, Nebraska. Amanda taught Spanish as a foreign language, and Ethan taught biology. They were also high school coaches, Amanda of the dance team and Ethan of the soccer team. Ethan also enjoyed driving bus for extracurricular activities.

They were both Concordia University, Nebraska graduates. Amanda has earned degrees in Spanish and education and a master's degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). Ethan has earned degrees in theology and biology along with his teaching certificate later on. Both Ethan and Amanda are passionate about applying their passion for education to their ministry context in order to best serve the people of Costa Rica and to share the love, hope, and joy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Teach to the impact.

Tell of the love, hope and joy.

Transform for life.

# You are invited to a Life Line Screening event



**Tuesday, July 9**  
**Peace Lutheran Church**

Anyone who is 40 years of age and above can attend this event. Special pricing of **\$159** will include the following tests: Carotid Artery Disease Screening, Peripheral Artery Disease Screening, Atrial Fibrillation Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening plus a **free** Hypertension Screening. These

tests will take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 888-814-0466 and use promo code: HSCA001, visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA](https://llsa.social/hsc) or text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607. Handouts will be available soon on the credenza in the Narthex. If there are questions, please contact Russell Schulz.

## Don't Fail to Try

A woman once criticized evangelist Dwight L. Moody for his methods in attempting to win people to the Lord. "I agree with you," Moody said. "I don't like the way I do it either. Tell me, how do you do it?"

"I don't do it," the woman answered. To which Moody replied, "I like my way of doing it better than your way of not doing it."

## Mites Offering

**Thank you for your continued support for Mites. We collected \$47.19 for the month of May.**



Our next voters meeting will be held in July. Watch the bulletin for more information

"None can believe how powerful prayer is, and what it is able to effect, but those who have learned it by experience."

—Martin Luther

## Minutes from May 13 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Cindy Niebur. Opening prayer was by Cindy. The roll call word was “sadness”. Seven members answered roll call with one regular guest attendee. Members recited the pledge. The Bible study was presented by Deb Mays on the women of the Bible, featuring “Rahab” from the book of Joshua.

**Minutes and Treasurers** reports for April were approved. Treasurer Susan Kral mentioned that the 2023/24 officers should be present on church letterhead to the bank. We approved to give our delegates, Penny Hansen, and Susan Kral \$25 for the offering during the district convention.

**Co-Presidents’ Reports:** Our Co-President reported:

- We had a short discussion on the Spring Rally held at St. John’s in Cole Camp April 16. Secretary Jayne Marie reported about the wonderful presentation given by the high school students at St. Paul’s Lutheran School.
- Updating our bylaws are being studied and worked on.
- Discussion was made about the serving limit of our officers. Adjustments may have to be made to this by-law.
- A “Mission Statement” for our new member packet is being

worked on by Cindy Niebur and Pudge McCloud.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence this month.

**The Mites Reading:** “In a Mother’s Heart” read by Cindy Niebur.

**Collections:** A collection was made for Mites, the general fund, and the rally.

**Committees:**

- “Pop Tabs” Committee – Susan Kral reported that the money raised for pop tabs is used to support Ronald McDonald House.
- “Best Choice Labels” – Paula Emery reported she will count the labels we have.
- “Stamps” – The stamps were delivered to the Spring Rally.
- No other committees reported.

**Old Business:**

- Final decisions were made on the June 20 Ice Cream Social. Paula (sign-up poster and whip cream), Deb (ice cream), Cindy (flavored syrups, napkins), Jayne Marie (toppings). The time for the social is 6:30 p.m.
- Discussion was made on the protocol for funeral luncheons within the church membership. Should the church body organize a Funeral Luncheon Committee rather than LWML?

**New Business:**

- Lap robes for Windsor Estates will be discussed at next month’s meeting.

- Penny Hansen is handling the pledge signup sheet for the Mission Walk at the June convention. She will announce and ask for pledges after a Sunday service. Proceeds will support the 2024-2026 Missouri District Mission Goal.
- Members decided on five Missouri District Grant proposals. Susan and Penny, as our delegates, will vote for our choices: Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide; Lutheran Hour Ministries Broadcast; “WAU” Training/Witnessing to young men in North St. Louis; Missouri District Outreach in the Ozarks; and “Phil’s Friends” Bringing Hope to Cancer Patients in Missouri.
- We “fine-tuned” a survey to be presented to the women of Peace to help us understand what we need to do, or change, to reach new members for our society.

We closed our meeting reciting “The Lord’s Prayer.”

We invited the ladies to attend a salad luncheon after our business meeting. The salads, desserts and extras were delicious and all those attending had a wonderful time!

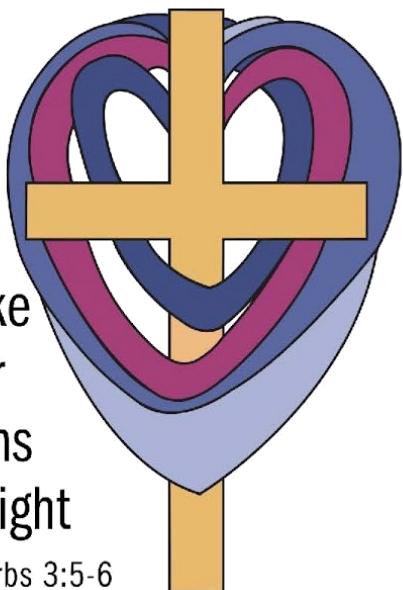
Respectfully submitted by  
Jayne Marie Trick, Secretary





These ladies attended the LWML meeting on Monday, May 10. Afterward they enjoyed a salad luncheon. Everyone had a good time enjoying the food and fellowship.

Our next meeting will be held on June 10. **Roll call word is soul.**



He  
will  
make  
your  
paths  
straight

Proverbs 3:5-6

## LWML Missouri Convention

Reminder that the convention will be held

**June 7-9 at**

**Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center**

18011 Bass Pro Drive

Independence, MO

816-908-9600

Call the hotel directly and use Code LWML 24

Registration will be online only.

Additional information is available  
in the May newsletter.

# Gifts from the Heart

June 7-9 is the LWML District Convention. Susan Kral and Penny Hansen will be attending from our congregation. We would like to send them off with a love offering for Lutheran Children and Family Services of Missouri.

The following is a list of things they need. If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to the church and place them in the tub in the narthex. The collection dates are May 26 & June 2.

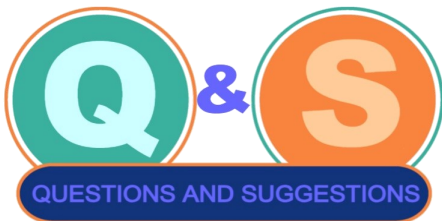
## Items Needed

- Baby lotion
- Soft bristle hair brush
- Baby thermometer
- Bibs
- Baby shampoo & conditioner
- Bulb syringe
- Baby wash
- Teething rings



On June 20 at 6:30 p.m., the LWML will be hosting an ice cream social at the church. Our purpose in sponsoring this event is to have members get together for fellowship. There is no charge to join us, we want to say thanks to the congregation for all of the support you have provided to us. So, please come join us for some fun, conversation and **ice cream**.

## Answering Objections to the Faith: The Basics of Christian Apologetics



**Question:** Why might a pastor be more likely to use apologetics in a sermon given at a funeral than at a regular church service?

**Suggested answer:** Since funerals and weddings normally attract significant numbers of unbelievers, the pastor has the opportunity to give an evangelistic-style sermon in order to facilitate conversion of these lost souls. Apologetics is an important part of evangelism, and

for that reason, pastors will want to use it extensively, especially when non-Christians are in the audience.

**Question:** Christians are sometimes told, "The only reason you are a Christian is because your parents were Christians. If you had been raised a Muslim, you would be one too." How might one respond?

**Suggested answer:** This question should be faced by every adult Christian who was raised in a Christian home, and we should admit that being raised in a Christian home is not a good enough reason for being a Christian. However, past columns in this series have shown

that there are very good reasons for being a Christian, the primary reason being that Christianity is true and can be proven to be true. No other religion can make this claim. For this reason, the accusation above is a devastating critique of all religions – except Christianity.

**Next month:** more questions and answers.

(from: The Reason I Believe by Allen Quist) More Questions and Answers





"And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:19-20

To: The Sedalia Circuit Pastors and Churches

Happy Easter – Jesus is Risen! He is risen indeed!! We just want to **Thank You** for the amazing way that you have received Heit's Point Lutheran and us personally as the new directors of the camp in this circuit! God has certainly blessed this area with faithful pastors and churches. We are happy to call this area home, and we feel grateful to be welcomed in each of your churches. Thank you **So Much** for helping us advertise the events happening here at Heit's Point Lutheran to your congregations and for many of you volunteering out here and helping financially.

As you well know, **Summer** is upon us! We are also so thankful to God for the amazing summer staff He is providing for us this year. We have two of the four counselors from last summer returning, Jersey and Ohana. Ohana has just completed her first year at Concordia NE in the deaconess program. We have joining them: Maria Braun from Mt. Hulda, Samuel Aiello and Samantha Murray also completing their freshman years at CUNE, Max Fritsche completing his senior year from St. Paul's HS in Concordia, MO, Jeremy Weber from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sedalia, MO, and Brooke Parish from TX.

We are reaching out to you to see if there might be any way that you could either sponsor one of these counselors at \$2500 for the summer or help towards us raising an extra \$500/counselor (\$4000 total). We would really like to give them a \$500 bonus because their job is so important, and they are just wonderful at bringing the excitement of being in God's family alive to the summer camp kids! This opportunity for the counselors is so important for them personally as future church leaders and for the campers. We appreciate you taking the time to consider helping us in this way.

Also, we still have a few Pastors of the Week spots open, if you've ever wanted to experience camp and be a part of it alongside us for a week – as well as get a little retreat for yourself. Just call me if you're interested in this.

Finally, August 2 will be our **closing camp program** joined together with our **outdoor festival** this summer with TLC Smokehouse from Clinton, MO cooking for us!

God's richest blessings,  
*Rev. Dr. Rocco and Janine Mallardi*



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# Stewardship

## The Gift of Contentment

**A**s children grow up, they often feel cramped by their parents' restrictions. Dad says to be home by 11. But why can't I say out 'til midnight? Mom says to clean your room on Saturday morning. But I want to sleep in late, then roll out of bed, hop in the car and go to my friend's house without delay. I want to do what I decide is best.

The older we get, and especially when we have kids of our own, we begin to see the truth. Mom and Dad were not cramping our style or trying to crush our personal freedom — they were looking out for us, providing for us and teaching us a better way of life.

If that's how it is with fallible human parents, how much more so with our Heavenly Father! We sinners often feel cramped by the Law of God. Our sinful flesh wants to go its own way, do its own thing and be in charge. But in our heart of hearts, we know how foolish this is. We know that God loves us, and therefore all of His commands are for our benefit. Each one of His commandments is meant to bless us. Consider the last two commandments:

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or

house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it. (SC II)

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his man-**



**"You shall  
not covet  
... anything  
that belongs to  
your neighbor."**

Exodus 20:17

**servant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge

them to stay and do their duty. (SC II)

The commandments against coveting are warning us against losing one of the greatest gifts we can possess: contentment. Being content and thankful with what God has provided for us is a necessary building block of living a happy life. Unthankful coveting of what we have not been given will only make us miserable, so God warns us against it.

God has proven His love for us in sending His only begotten Son to shed His blood for us, cleanse us of our sins and brings us back into His family. If He loves us this much, then when percentage of His commandments do you think are meant to harm us? Probably no more than one or two percent, right? Of course that's absurd. God means to bless us with everything He says to us. The Law of God simply describes what a truly happy life, lived in thankfulness to Christ, looks like: It's a generous, merciful, contented life that uses all of the resources God has given us for His purposes.

Reprinted from the LCMS Stewardship Website



**But Godliness with  
contentment is great gain.  
1 Timothy 6:6**

# WORSHIP

## SCHEDULES

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

## 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 Kliever
- ♦ Secretary: Susan Kral
- ♦ Financial Secretary: Brett Niebur
- ♦ Treasurer: Peggy Callahan

- Stewardship: Dawn Hedberg

- Evangelism: Russell Schulz

- Education: Open

## Voters Meeting

### April 21, 2024

President Bob Hansen called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. Twenty-four members were present. Pastor Brandt opened with prayer. The minutes of the February 18, 2024 Voters Meeting were approved as printed.

### Reports:

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Brett Niebur's written report was accepted and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The reports are printed in the newsletter.

### Auxiliary Organization Reports:

**LWML:** LWML Secretary Jayne Marie Trick reported that she and Dawn Hedberg attended the Spring Rally at St John's in Cole Camp. There was a total of 60 ladies in attendance. The rally theme was "Fishers of Men."

Our LWML would happily welcome new members. The group has plans for outings, projects, and a fund raiser to assist with paying for needed upkeep for our church. Jayne Marie's report was accepted and approved.

**Thrivent:** A volunteer is needed to fill the position of Thrivent representative.

**Cemetery:** Cemetery reports are printed in the monthly newsletters.

### Pastor's Reports:

- In addition to what was published in the monthly newsletters, Pastor Brandt reported that we received by transfer Rory and Amy Rathje on March 24.
- Our congregation provides financial support to Ethan and Amanda Hutton who are missionaries in Costa Rica. They will present information to us regarding their ministry on Sun., July 7.

Plans are being made for that special occasion. His report was accepted and approved.

**Elders Report:** The elders' reports are published in the monthly newsletters.

**Trustees:** The trustees' reports are published in the monthly newsletters.

**Evangelism:** The reports are published in the monthly newsletters. In addition to those reports, Russell suggested that a church member volunteer to attend the "Lake Sun's" monthly meet and greet sessions. The report was accepted and approved.

**President's Report:** The president's reports are published in our monthly newsletters.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** A letter was received from Southwest Electric stating that brush removal and spraying will take place on our property this summer.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Closing:** Pastor Brandt closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Kral, Secretary and  
Associate Secretary Pudge McCloud.

## Council Meeting May 14, 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, **Secretary** Susan Kral, **Trustee** Chuck Kral, **Evangelism** Russell Schulz, **Cemetery** Diane Borgmann, and **Church Members** Rodney Schulz, Jeff Emery and Paula Emery

**Absent:** **Treasurer** Peg Callahan, **Elder** Jeff Hedberg, and **Stewardship** Dawn Hedberg

The minutes from the April 9, 2024 meeting were approved as printed.

**Financial Secretary:** Brett Niebur submitted a written report. His report was approved and accepted.

**Treasurer:** There was no report

**Elders:** Jeff Emery reported that the elders continue to look for help for Pastor Brandt. The report was accepted and approved.

**Trustees:** Chuck reported the following:

- Pat Callahan and Jeff Emery have mowed church grounds when necessary.
- Chuck will form a crew to work on the leak by the basement door when weather permits.

Chuck's report was accepted and approved.

**Education:** Vacant

**Evangelism:** Russell reported the following:

- The cost of sending 145 outreach cards in April was \$129.05.
- He submitted evangelism articles for our newsletter.
- He has put posts on Facebook.
- Life Line will hold a health screening on July 19, 2024. The event will be publicized in the media, our newsletter, and Sunday bulletins.
- Jane Marie Trick and Cindy Kaminsky attended the Westside Chamber Meet and Greet.
- Our Facebook Page has received 74 likes and has 82 followers.
- He provided board members with a handout from website giving suggestions for increasing visitors to the page.

Russell's report was accepted and approved.

**Stewardship:** There was no report.

**Member at Large:** Vacant

**Cemetery:** Diane reported the following:

- Jaccy Heinlein is having a headstone placed for her and Ed on their plot. She and Ed's remains will be buried there when she passes.
- Rodney Schulz has sprayed fertilizer where needed. He will spray weed killer on the gravel road leading to the cemetery.
- The Thrivent debit card has a remaining balance of \$21.00. Sheryl Bald will complete her report so that another card can be applied for.

Her report was accepted and approved.



### Pastor's Reports:

Pastor Brandt reported the following:

- He attended the monthly Circuit Pastors' Conference on May 14 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Stover. St Paul's, Warsaw, and Clinton congregations continue to be without a permanent pastor. All pastors who attended the meeting were given a letter from Heit's Point Lutheran Camp asking for donations to keep the camp running.
- He performed the funeral service for Dorothy Bartels on April 30.
- He has made phone calls to members who have been ill and to members with other concerns.
- He and Pudge speak weekly.
- He will be away on Sunday, October 6. He appreciates having two or three days off each week and the ability to work from home.
- He thanks all for making Peace Lutheran visitors feel welcome. Our congregation is blessed in many ways.

His report was accepted and approved.

### President's Reports:

#### Old Business:

Bob Hansen reported that Eagle Security has updated our smoke detectors.

He presented information on resetting our electronic sign. Several board members agreed to attend a short meeting so that Bob can show others how to reset the sign.

#### New Business:

Jeff Emery reviewed emergency procedures that are in place.

- Medical procedures have been posted.
- Our alarm system is working properly.

Jeff discussed options for other possible emergency procedures.

- He suggested that we install a push bar door.
- We should consider purchasing a defibrillator.
- Jeff provided each member a copy of a publication titled "Active Shooter Guide."
- Emergency evacuation plans will be presented to the congregation.

Both old and new business reports were accepted and approved.

Brock adjourned the meeting at 7:35.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Kral Secretary



### FOLLOWING OUR FATHER'S WILL

Jesus always did his Father's will. What does our heavenly Father desire of us?

*Directions: Using the coordinates, circle the corresponding words.  
Then add those to the blanks below to complete John 6:40, NIV.*

#### Coordinates

T3, R1, F6, E2, T1, H5, A6, R4, F5, T5, H3, F2, A4, E6

	F	A	T	H	E	R
1	Father	them	the	believe	that	who
2	have	will	if	heart	to	live
3	perish	whoever	everyone	shall	shall	give
4	God	eternal	send	into	Him	believes
5	in	come	him	Son	rest	with
6	looks	and	forever	Where	life	hope

"For my Father's will is that \_\_\_\_\_


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and I will raise them up at the last day." John 6:40, NIV

Answer: everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.  Mites Collection	3 Elders Mtg 9:30 a.m.	4	5	6	7	8
9 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	10 LWML Mtg 9 a.m. Roll call word Soul	11 Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14 	15
16 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Father's Day	17 Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m.	18	19	20 Ice Cream Social 6:30 pm First Day of Summer	21	22
23 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	