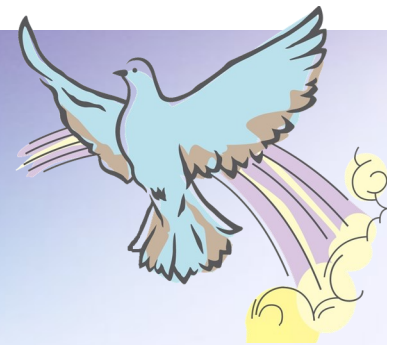


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Christian Symbols



Fountain

A fountain, or well, symbolizes Jesus, our living water. Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well that everyone who drinks the water he gives will never thirst again. It “will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life,” Jesus said (see John 4:14, NRSV).



Fish

The first letters in the Greek phrase “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior” spell ICHTHUS, or fish.

Early Christians used the sign to convey their faith and avoid persecution. In the gospels, fish are part of several miracles. They also represent people who need to be “caught” for Christ. Today, a fish bumper sticker is a popular indicator of Christian faith.

An Explanation of Closed Communion

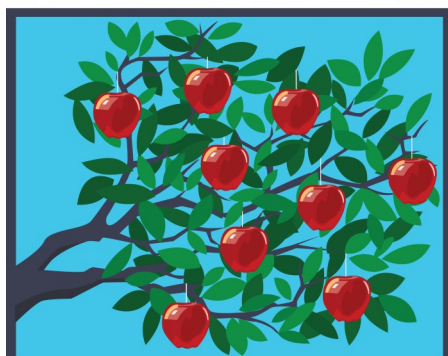
The Lutheran practice of “closed communion” is often a thorny issue in our church. It is bound to cause problems when a member asks the pastor if a friend or loved one of another denomination may take communion and the pastor says no. It seems downright rude! The reaction may be, “Who do you Lutherans think you are anyway! Are Lutherans better Christians than other people?” Unfortunately, the practice of closed communion is not very well understood. This leads to upset and frustration when the doctrine is put into practice. The best way to overcome these difficulties is with knowledge and understanding of what the practice of closed communion is really all about. It is important to understand first what Lutherans believe about communion, and then we can begin to understand the practice of closed communion.

At one time nearly all of the Lutheran church bodies in America (and indeed, most other Christian churches) practiced closed communion. Among Lutherans today only The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and a few other smaller Lutheran bodies retain this practice. In our church and others, only those persons who have been properly instructed in the meaning, use, and benefit of the Sacrament may receive the Sacrament. Practically speaking, this means that Holy Communion is offered only to those persons who are confirmed members in good standing of LCMS congregations and those church bodies in full pulpit and altar fellowship with us. It should be noted also that communion is not to be given to the unrepentant nor unbelievers. With this in mind it is to be understood that participation in Holy Communion is never a “right” to be “demanded” but rather a privilege which we receive with thanks and great joy. The pastor of the local congregation is responsible for deciding who is to receive communion and who may not receive communion at the congregation’s altar, by virtue of his office as a called and ordained servant of the Word. Missouri Synod Lutherans will not wish to receive communion at non-Missouri Synod Lutheran churches for the same reasons that members of other church bodies should not want to receive communion at a Missouri Synod congregation.

Lutherans believe that Holy Communion is a sacrament—a very



AUGUST



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Pudge McCloud
- 3 Diane Borgmann
- 3 Harriett Cress
- 8 Rebecca Epperson
- 8 Mark & Rita Riemann
- 11 Diana Schwab
- 11 Brock Kliever
- 14 Melissa Talbot
- 22 Don Cress
- 22 Pat & Peggy Callahan
- 23 Rev. Gary Brandt
- 29 Jim & Judy Janssen
- 31 Jayne Marie Trick

Worship in Wonder

Worship is a faith-building, faith-sustaining act. It's also a form of service to God. Remember to worship regularly during the summer, even when you're out of town.



Church Office Schedule

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Phone number 573-836-8141. Secretary is Pudge McCloud.

special gift from our Lord Jesus Christ. On the basis of Holy Scripture, we believe that Jesus Christ gives us his actual body and actual blood to eat and to drink, under the bread and wine, in this Sacrament. (See Mt 26:17ff; Mk 14:12ff; Lk 22:7ff; 1 Cor 11:23ff). We do not believe that the bread and wine are only symbols of Christ's body and blood, or that they merely represent Christ's body and blood. We take the Scriptures at face value and believe that the bread is the body of Christ and that the wine is the blood of Christ because Jesus said, "This is my body," and "This is my blood." We call this belief the doctrine of the Real Presence. We believe that when we receive the body and blood of Christ, under the bread and wine, God forgives our sins. This awareness causes us to be very careful in our celebration of the Sacrament. We know that those who do not discern the body of Christ in the Sacrament do so at their own risk. In other words, persons who are members of church bodies which do not confess the Real Presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are better off not receiving it at our altar. In His Word, God says, "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" (1 Cor 11:27).

Closed communion is not meant to be a judgmental practice, in the sense that we are condemning people. It is a practice which preserves and upholds the truth and power of the Sacrament.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is not simply a personal, individual act. The celebration of Holy Communion is also a public act of confession. In other words, it testifies to our unity in the "teaching of the Apostles" (cf. Acts 2:42). When you receive the Sacrament at a church's altar, you are giving public testimony that you agree with that church's doctrinal position. This is why we believe, teach, and confess that Holy Communion is the highest expression of church fellowship. We believe that to agree about the Gospel is more than agreeing to some generalities concerning Jesus or the Bible. There is no such thing as a "generic" Christianity. When we commune together, we testify to our agreement in the Gospel and all the articles of the Christian Faith. Holy Communion, in this sense, is a mark of confessing the Christian Faith.

When we decline to give Holy Communion to persons not of our church body, we are not doing so because we think they are "bad people" or because they are "not Christians." We practice a "closeness" at our communion rail because we sincerely believe that this is what the Word of God teaches and what God would have us do with his Son's precious body and blood. Closed communion is not meant to be a judgmental practice, in the sense that we are condemning people. It is a practice which preserves and upholds the truth and power of the Sacrament. It is a practice which we Lutherans feel protects those who do not believe the same things as we do. It is a practice which recognizes that a person's church membership does mean something. To belong to a church means to confess what that church believes and confesses. To

commune at a church's altar is the highest expression of confessing oneness with what that church teaches. A person must determine for oneself if what one's church teaches is what the Word of God teaches. We respect each individual's decision in this matter, but we cannot in good conscience create the impression that differences between churches are of no significance. Because the differences between churches concern the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, we know that the differences are important and do matter. This is why we choose to practice closed communion, a practice which is found in the historic, orthodox Lutheran Church since the time of the Reformation and a practice which can be traced back to the very early years of the Christian church. We hope that our beliefs will be respected by those who differ with us. We certainly do not intend to offend anyone or do we wish to create ill-will and hurt feelings. Hopefully, this brief explanation will help you or someone else understand that our love for the Sacrament, and our love for the individual, are the motivations for our practice of closed communion.



by Rev. Paul T. McCain

Source: Communion Fellowship: A Resource for Understanding, Implementing, and Retaining the Practice of Closed Communion in the Lutheran Parish.



Please update Cindy Kaminski's phone number in your directory. The correct number is **913-777-8508**.

Thanks!

Performing With the Lake Orchestra



On Tuesday, June 24, our own Judy Slough performed with the Lake Area Community Orchestra at the Westside Christian Church in Laurie.

It was a fabulous evening of entertainment with a strong emphasis on patriotic songs.

Photo submitted by Peggy Callahan.

New Packaging for AED Supplies



We have placed the AED supplies in a smaller container as the original white carrier was heavy and could have injured someone. Please note the attached picture. Both black bags will be taken to the victim in the event of an emergency. Picture submitted by Peggy Callahan



Bible Quiz: Test Your Knowledge

In a parable of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, someone named Lazarus features prominently while other characters go unnamed. Who is Lazarus in this story?

- A. a friend Jesus raised from the dead
- B. a rich man dressed in fine linen
- C. a poor beggar at the rich man's gate
- D. the brother of the poor man
- E. an angel who carried the poor man to heaven

Answer: C (See Luke 16:19-31)



"Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching."

— C.S. Lewis

New Chair Pads

A big shout out to Pudge McCloud and Don Springer for placing felt floor protectors on all the chairs upstairs and in the dining area. This was done to protect the beautiful floor. Thank you so much for all you do. Photos submitted by Pudge McCloud and Peggy Callahan



Don replacing the pads.



Diane looking at the finished work.

EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS

The Second “S” in LASSIE Stands For Share Speak To A Person’s Head, Heart, or Hands

People are more likely to pay attention to what we share when we consider how they connect and communicate. This may sound simple, but can be challenging for us to speak according to the other person’s perspective.

For example, if you are a “head” person you tend to share information, facts, propositions, and so on. This might be well received by another “head” person, but a “heart” or hands person may not be able to relate as well. So, it is important that you speak with people according to their primary way of connecting. One may have to adjust the delivery of the message without changing the message itself. In other words, it is not “making God’s Word relevant”, but rather showing people how God’s Word is relevant.

It is also important to remember that our presentation will not make an unbelieving person more (or less) receptive, who because of our sinful nature are naturally opposed to God’s Word. We aim to share it so that they will hear and consider. Here are a few points to keep in mind:

- A **Head** person is interested in ideas, truth, and intellectual concepts. He is open to debate but not open to discussing how he feels about things or how you share affects his sense of well-being.
- A **Heart** person is focused on feelings about things and the impact on his sense of well-being. He has little interest in facts, statistics, and arguments for truth, because, whether they are true or not, he is likely to find these things cold and impersonal.
- A **Hands** person is looking for practical solutions. She weighs what you share based on the impact that it might have on solving real world problems and may be put off by theories and results that are not tangible. Rather than an improved sense of well-being, she wants measurable improvement to and unjust or unfair situation.



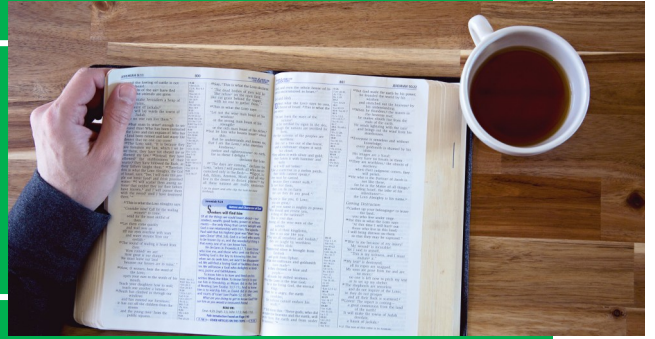
So remember to consider how a person connects and communicates when sharing God’s Word.

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

by Mark Wood, directory of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry

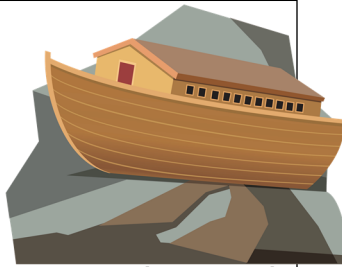


August Devotion



Oblivious

(Jesus said) “For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.” Matthew 24:38-39



I've never written a devotion on people being oblivious. Even so, an article in the news suggests that this may be the appropriate time to do so.

The story comes out of North Beaver Township in Pennsylvania. It seems sometime after September 27th and before October 6th, some thieves stole a corrugated steel bridge.

That's right, they stole a bridge.

Using a cutting torch, the thieves dissected and carted away a bridge that was 50 feet long and 20 feet wide. The police think it was the intent of the robbers to sell the bridge for the price of scrap.

Now you would think that someone, somewhere along the way might have noticed trucks hauling away the giant chunks, the numerous parts of that bridge.

If you think that, my friend, you would be wrong. It appears that nobody saw *nuthin*. ' It seems as if everyone had been oblivious as the bridge disappeared bit by bit and piece by piece.

Impossible to believe?

Maybe, but Jesus says the same thing is going to happen when He comes back to judge the world. In spite of all He has done, in spite of His suffering, death and life-giving resurrection, in spite of His multiple warnings of

what will happen before that day, many people are going to remain oblivious.

This will be a great tragedy for them.

To combat this tendency toward being oblivious, to save sinful, unbelieving souls from hell is why Jesus encouraged His disciples to make a witness. He entrusted to His followers the task of telling the world that the end was coming and all negative fallout concerning that day could be avoided if a person has been given faith in Jesus as Savior.

In short, we who know the obvious concerning the Savior's plan of salvation need to be telling what we know to those who are oblivious.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, in spite of all You have done the world is still filled with folks who don't understand their time is limited and the day of destruction and damnation is approaching. Send the Holy Spirit upon Your disciples so we may witness effectively to those who this day remain oblivious to the victory You have won to save them. This we ask in Your Name. Amen.

Pastor Ken Klaus (Pastor Klaus 1948-2023 former speaker of The Lutheran Hour® Lutheran Hour Ministries, LHM archives Oct. 19 2011

LWML Meeting July 14, 2025

2025 Officers: Co-Presidents: Cindy Niebur and Dawn Hedberg
Secretary: Jayne Marie Trick, Treasurer: Susan Kral

The meeting was called to order on July 14 beginning with a prayer asking our Heavenly Father to give us a mind like Christ to see the need in every situation and to allow us to be His hands and feet. Nine ladies answering roll call with a Bible verse about fellowship.

The minutes from the June meeting were accepted and the LWML pledge was recited.

The Bible study was on giving and receiving from the 2024 Spring Quarterly.

Minutes: The minutes were read, and Susan provided the treasurer's report. The minutes and the treasurer's report were accepted and approved.

President's Report:

- The items we gathered for the Pregnancy Help Center was delivered on July 1. The center was very appreciative of the items.
- The ice cream social was successful with 30 participants.
- Pudge placed the New Member luncheon on the church calendar for the first Sunday in May and the first Sunday in October. A potluck will be provided with the new mem-

bers as our invited guests.

- Debbie Mayes is working as a liaison to Hurricane Deck School to facilitate fall projects to meet the school's needs.

Collections: The collections were gathered for Mites, the rally and the general fund.

Correspondence: no correspondence

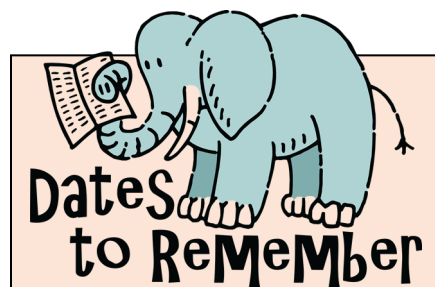
Mites Reading: Cathie Mueller provided the Mites reading about the value of an unborn life.

Committees:

- **Pop Tabs:** no report
- **Best Choice Labels:** no report
- **Kitchen:** no report
- **Human Care:** no report
- **Stamps:** no report
- **Photography:** no report

Old Business:

- The LWML room/closet will be cleaned out after our meeting on August 11. Members decided to bring a salad to share. The ladies will enjoy a salad luncheon after our hard work.
- A sign-up sheet will be available to help with the Centurion



September Mtg.

Our next LWML meeting will be held on Monday, September 8 at 9 a.m. in the dining hall. All ladies of Peace are invited to attend. The role call word is **healed**.

Reminder

The LWML garage sale will be held Saturday, Sept. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain date will be Saturday, Sept. 13. The elders will be serving sandwiches for a fee.

In October

The fall zone rally will be held on Tuesday, October 21 at Trinity in Clinton. Mark your calendar for this upcoming event. More information will be forthcoming.



Project at the September meeting.

- We discussed whether our ladies had an interest in sending out thank you notes to our visitors. Many of the ladies were willing to write handwritten notes.
- There is a sign-up sheet available to help with the yard sale on September 6. The sheet is on the credenza in the Narthex.
- The Heit's Point trip has been tabled for now.
- We were reminded Trinity Clinton will host the fall rally on October 21.
- We were reminded the Spring rally will be held at Peace on April 28. We will host the rally with Faith, Warsaw and St. John's, Stover.
- The LWML board will provide refreshments for the July 20 Voter's meeting.

New Business:

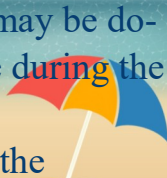
- Cathie, Jan and Dawn volunteered to organize the library and possibly have it open for the new members' luncheon in October.
- A discussion was held about the Sweetheart dinner in February. It was suggested that the dinner be catered.
- A discussion was held to have the August mission project support the Kid's Cove Respite Care. More information will be placed in the bulletin and newsletter.

The meeting was closed with the singing of the doxology. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, August 11 at 9 a.m. The roll call word for August is help.

July Mites

We collected \$22.40 in pocket change for Mites. Thank you for your continued support of this ongoing project.

The change may be donated any time during the month. A box is available in the back of the church.



29th Biennial Convention in 2026

The next district convention will be held June 12-14, 2026 at the Drury Plaza & Convention Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The theme is "Rooted" taken from Colossians 2:7.

Rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Colossians 2:7



Kid's Cove Respite Home is a mission offering respite care to foster families, allowing them to better meet the needs of the children in their care. During the month of August LWML will be collecting items to stock their pantry. Basically, any nonperishable items we think children might like to eat. The list below is just a start, use your imagination.

Pasta

Jelly

Mac and cheese

Chips

popcorn

peanut butter

sugar

Auntie Ann Cookies

flour

soup

fruit/gummy snacks

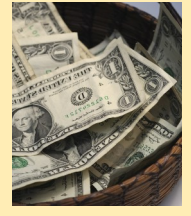
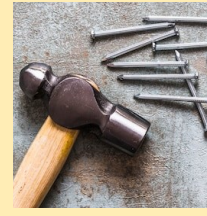
As always, we appreciate the tremendous support our congregation offers as LWML reaches out to the community.

Their Mission

We offer parents the opportunity to rest and rejuvenate, so they can better meet the needs of the children in their care.

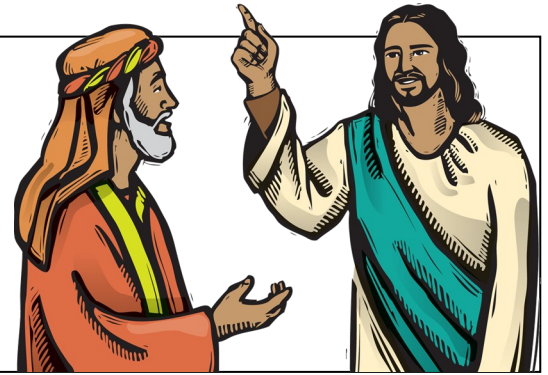


Stewardship



Jesus' Transforming Presence

"But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.' Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost'" (Luke 19:8-10 NIV).



Who knew, all those kids sitting in Sunday school were getting a lesson in stewardship! Generations of children have very often heard lessons based on the familiar account of Zacchaeus. The diminutive tax collector's curiosity surrounding the person and ministry of Jesus is what the Holy Spirit used to set him on a collision course for a total stewardship transformation. This transformation, according to the text of Luke 19, is not just about this life. This stewardship transformation is about eternity as well!

Remember the story: Zacchaeus was a tax collector. Do not think of friendly neighborhood IRS agents. This was more like a toll booth operator, but the governing authorities did not set the toll. They would contract men to staff roadside booths and tax the commerce that was passing along the road. This was an enterprise full of greed and graft. The tax

collectors would take as much as they could and only pass on a portion to the government. The rest did not go into the community chest either! It went into the pocket of the tax collector.

This is why the people had such disdain for *Jewish* tax collectors. They were seen as both crooks and traitors. They were crooks in that they extorted their compatriots and others in the toll process. But worse, they were seen as traitors because their efforts supported the occupying Roman authorities. That is the real reason that the people would not make way so that short Zacchaeus could see Jesus.

For this reason, he runs ahead and climbs a tree. He had heard all the stories. He wanted to see this Jesus with his own eyes. Mercy is on display. This hated crook and traitor gets a direct audience with Jesus — at Jesus' own request! Jesus invites Himself to Zacchaeus' house. This is

where the transformation is about to take place!

Notice how Jesus does it. He does not preach a three-week sermon series, nor does He ask Zacchaeus to make a pledge. There is nothing programmatic about Jesus' approach. But Zacchaeus is completely transformed! The transforming force is the very presence of Jesus! Direct time with Jesus takes a crooked, selfish, criminal and makes him the most faithful steward.

This new life of stewardship is marked by the promises made. First, he gives half of his ill-gotten gains to the poor. These are people whom he would not have defrauded at all! Yet, after spending time with Jesus, they are His first concern. Only after this does he double the requirement of the Levitical law on fraud. And what does Jesus say is the result? Salvation!

Doing the acts of stewardship

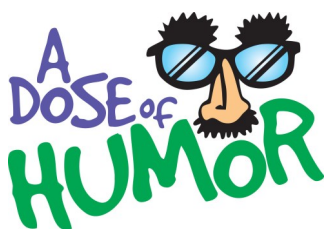
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does not save. Rather, the faith in Jesus that is created by the Holy Spirit is what saves! This is critical for us to confess. Failed stewardship can and will cut you off from God. The only antidote for failed stewardship is the presence of Jesus.

We do not need to run ahead and climb a tree for this presence of Jesus. He makes Himself available to us every week in the Divine Service. He speaks His Word of invitation to us in the pages of Holy Scripture. This, and this alone, transforms us from sinner to saint, from owner to steward of all that belongs to the Lord.

Do you want to become a more faithful steward? Spend more time with Jesus. Make the Divine Service a weekly priority. Feast on Christ's body and blood weekly! This is the great gift that brings salvation from God's House to yours!

Reprinted from the LCMS Stewardship website



A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little boy said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The boy said, "Well you know they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."



Convention Information

The Twenty-Second District convention opened with Divine Service Sunday, June 22, 2025. Rev. Peter Lange, first vice president of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) served as preacher, building on the convention's theme: Bold Hope in Christ.

On Monday, Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan was reelected president of the Missouri District. He received 100% of the votes cast on the first ballot. Rev. Craig Otto, senior pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Lee's Summit, was elected first vice president by just one vote, receiving 50.16% of the ballots. Elected second through fourth vice presidents, respectively, were: Rev. Randy Asbury, sole pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in St. Louis; Rev. Samuel Powell, senior pastor of Trinity in Jefferson City; and Rev. Richard Cody, sole pastor of St. Peter in St. Joseph. Rev. Dr. Kevin Golden, associate professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, delivered the opening session of the 2025 Missouri District Convention essay under the theme "Bold Hope in Christ," drawn from 2 Corinthians 3:12. (Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.) A familiar face within the district, Golden reflected on his 23 years of ministry—all served within the Missouri District—and spoke to delegates about the deep theological roots and practical implications of living with Christian hope in a fallen world.

Later, Rev. Dr. Nicholas Hagerman, senior pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield was elected District Secretary, and the Board of Directors was elected, including Pastors, Commissioned Ministers and Laypeople.

Several resolutions were passed, including a resolution to study ways that congregations can work together to help support smaller congregations; a resolution realigning circuits so that all the circuits are large enough to be electoral circuits; a couple of resolutions focusing on the life of faith in the home; a resolution to provide support in dealing with sexual sins in our society; and a couple resolutions opposing the sin of abortion.

The Convention closed with Matins on Tuesday, June 24 commemorating all the professional church workers who have been called to Glory over the past Triennium.

From the Cornerstone Newsletter, Immanuel Lutheran Church, West Plains, MO

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

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve

Evening Service 6:00 pm

*Holy Communion

The Lord's Servants

- **Elders—First Sunday of Each Month**
Chairman: Jeff Hedberg, Jeff Emery, Larry Trick
- **Council—2nd Tuesday of Each Month 6:30 pm**
 - ♦ **President:** Brock Kliever (two yr term)
 - ♦ **Vice President:** Noah Estes (fill vacancy for one yr)
 - ♦ **Secretary:** Susan Kral (two yr term)
 - ♦ **Financial Secretary:** Brett Niebur
 - ♦ **Treasurer:** Peggy Callahan (two yr term)
- **Stewardship:** Dawn Hedberg
- **Evangelism:** Cindy Kaminski (finishing term)
- **Education:** Open
- **Organists:** Rev. Gary Brandt, Diana Schwab
- **Trustees:** Kyle Wright, Rodney Schulz, Pat Callahan
Chuck Kral
- **LWML—2nd Monday of Every Month 9:00 am**
Co-Presidents: Dawn Hedberg and Cindy Niebur
Altar Guild: Dawn Hedberg
- **Bible Studies** As announced
- **Elected Offices**

Donations for Texas Flood

Thank you to all who so generously donated money for Texas flood victims. The combined total of the two Sundays collections was \$953.00. The 1/2 matching Thrivent funds made a total of \$1449.50.

Way to go Missouri Synod Lutherans.



Serving in God's House

	Elder	Altar Guild
August	Jeff Emery	Paula Emery
September	Larry Trick	Cindy Niebur
October	Jeff Hedberg	Janet Bartels
November	Jeff Emery	Paula Emery
December	Larry Trick	Dawn Hedberg
Minister	Rev. Gary Brandt	
Organists	Rev. Gary Brandt, Diana Schwab	

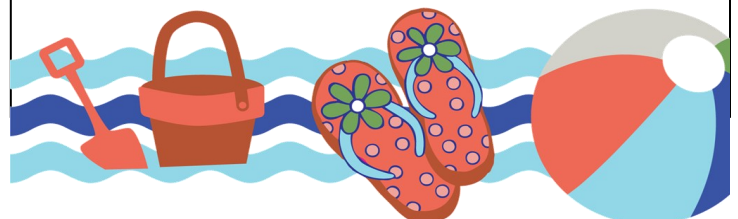
Ushers

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

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Council Meeting Held July 8, 2025

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

The following board members were present: **Pastor** Gary Brandt, **President** Brock Kliwer, **Vice President** Noah Estes, **Financial Secretary** Brett Niebur, **Treasurer** Peg Callahan, **Secretary** Susan Kral, **Elder** Jeff Hedberg, **Stewardship** Dawn Hedberg, **Cemetery** Diane Borgmann, and **Church Member** Pat Callahan

Absent: Evangelism Cindy Kaminski

The minutes of the June 3, 2025 meeting were approved as printed.

Financial Secretary: Brett reported that contributions for June are \$2500.00 behind this time last year. This amount is much improved from his May report. Brett also provided a list of all Peace assets. The report was accepted and approved.

Treasurer: Peg's report stated the following:

- All bills are paid.
- The cemetery C.D. was renewed on June 23, 2025 for seven months.
- The new AED equipment is stored in two black boxes under a sign with a lightning bolt on the shelves above the Narthex coatrack. Both boxes must be brought to an emergency situation. The LWML purchased a second set of pads for the unit and the AED sign. Our tax-exempt status saved Peace \$450.00 on the unit.
- Several members completed the AED training. Three members also completed the CPR training that was offered. A thank you note was sent to the mid-county fire chief for the excellent training classes provided by Lt. Chris Williams.
- Pat Callahan obtained a bid for the cleaning of all our windows. A huge thank you to Pat, Jeff Emery, and Kyle Wright for cleaning all our windows inside and out. A \$450.00 expense was avoided.

The report was accepted and approved.

Elders: Jeff Hedberg reported the following:

- A meeting was held regarding the changing of handicapped parking spaces and adding visitor parking spaces. The new plan will be presented at the July 20, 2025 Voters Meeting.

- Jeff will review the information we have regarding the purchase of new attendance and visitor cards.

Jeff's report was accepted and approved.

Trustees: Trustees reported the following:

- The mowing crews have kept the church grounds mowed.
- Brett Niebur applied weed killer in the area around the church that is rock filled. He also sprayed the area in front of the cemetery fence.
- Chuck cut down the pine tree in front of the church. He also cleaned the bird offerings off the brick.
- Chuck contacted Ferrell Gas. The new price is \$1.639 per gallon. Last year's cost was \$1.629 per gallon. Peg signed the contract.
- Don Springer and Pudge attached floor pads to all our wooden chairs.

The report was accepted and approved.

Education: Vacant

Evangelism: Cindy submitted the following information and suggestions.

- The cost of mailing 199 outreach cards to new move ins to our area was \$197.01. Cindy and Pudge are going to evaluate the effectiveness of the cards.
- No Life Line Screening is currently scheduled for fall. The board approved having one set up.
- A former church member is getting a Thrivent Card for the purchase of two bicycles. The drawing will take place following the Trunk or Treat event on October 31.
- Cindy requested a review of how visitors are welcomed. The following procedures were mentioned:
- The office sends a "Thank you for visiting" letter.
- In the past, whoever was making coffee was to also man the guest book. That person was to welcome visitors, have them sign the guest book, and give every visitor a white cross to wear.
- Some of these traditions have been lost since Covid affected how things were done.

- Our procedures probably should be reviewed with the congregation.
- Cindy's report suggested that greeters encourage visitors to stay for refreshments following the service. She also suggested that each family be given a gift on their first visit. LWML has a committee set up to arrange for gift bags. She also suggested that a handwritten note be sent in addition to the form letter sent by the office.

Cindy's report was accepted and approved.

Stewardship: Dawn had no report.

Member at Large: Vacant

Cemetery: Diane reported the following:

- Rodney Schulz applied spray for tick removal and applied Roundup on the cemetery road. He found a leak in the water line at the cemetery. He will repair the line.
- Diane marked a funeral plot for Prudy Raymon. She also marked graves for Don and Barb Schmidt. The stone for the Schmidts was put in place on June 24, 2025.
- Kyle installed screws in the cemetery fence where needed.
- Pat trimmed several trees.
- Cindy Niebur applied Roundup to weeds. She also disposed of some of the silk flowers used for decorating and purchased new ones.

Diane's report was accepted and approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Brandt reported the following:

- Pastor and Brock attended the Mo District Convention held in Columbia from June 22-June 24. The convention is held every three years. Officers are elected and resolutions proposed by committees are approved. President Lee Hagen was re-elected for a three-year term. Peace Lutheran has been moved from the Sedalia Circuit to the Jefferson City Circuit. This move does not affect LWML.
- Following the convention, Pastor and Brock visited Dawn Hedberg and her mother at Boone Hospital.
- On June 25, Pastor visited Jayne Marie Trick and her sons at the University Hospital in Columbia while Larry was in surgery.

- On Friday, June 27, Pastor held a committal service for Prudy Ramon. Several family members from Iowa and Wisconsin attended her service.
- Our Sunday morning Bible study group is watching episodes of "The Chosen." All are invited to attend this fascinating presentation.
- Pastor will be having foot surgery on July 21. Following his surgery he will spend a week with Linda. He plans to attend worship on July 27. Jeff Hedberg will read the sermon that Pastor has prepared. Recuperation from the surgery takes about six weeks. He asks for prayers.
- Pastor and Linda are planning a vacation to several national parks. Pastor Tony Alter will cover for him on September 14 and 21.
- Pastor Kris Morris may be available to lead a worship service in November giving Pastor Brandt a third Sunday off this year.

The report was accepted and approved

President's Reports

Old Business:

- Camdenton Glass provided a bid giving several options for repairing or replacing our front entrance windows. Noah suggested that vinyl panels be glued onto areas that are showing wear in order to save on expenses.

New Business: The council agreed to pay for the CPR training that some of our members participated in.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. Pastor Brandt led the closing with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Kral, Secretary



Voters Meeting

July 20, 2025

President Brock Kliwer called the meeting to order at 10:20 A.M. Twenty-five members and one guest were present. Thank you to everyone who provided rolls, cookies, bread, coffee and orange juice.

Pastor Brandt opened with prayer.

The minutes of the April 27, 2025 Voters Meeting were approved as printed.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: The reports are printed in the monthly newsletters.

Financial Secretary's Report: The reports are printed in the monthly newsletters.

Board of Elders: Jeff Hedberg had no report.

Board of Trustees: The reports are published in the monthly newsletters.

Evangelism: The reports are printed in the monthly newsletters.

Stewardship: The reports are published in the monthly newsletters.

Auxiliary Organizations:

Cemetery: Diane Borgmann reported the following:

- Rodney and Russell Schulz dug up and replaced water pipes at the cemetery.

The report was accepted and approved.

LWML: There was no report.

Pastor's Reports: Pastor Brandt presented a recap of his last three council meeting reports.

- There have been no baptisms or funerals since the last Voters' meeting in April, 2025. A committal service was held for Prudy Raymon on June 27, 2025.
- Pastor and Brock attended the Missouri District Convention in Jefferson City. President Lee Hagen was re-elected as the MO District President. Peace was transferred from the Sedalia Circuit to the Jefferson City Circuit.
- In June I began using a new microphone purchased by an anonymous donor. We thank the person and also Ned Soseman for setting it up.

- Pastor has made hospital visits and keeps in touch with those who are ill.
- The Sunday morning Bible class has begun watching "The Chosen." Pastor is disappointed that more people are not attending the class; it's a wonderful series depicting the life of Jesus and His disciples.
- Linda's cataract surgery went well.
- On July 21, 2025 he will have foot surgery. There will be a lengthy recovery period.
- Pastor Tony Alter will cover for him on September 14 and 21 while he is on vacation.

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Dawn Hedberg asked that someone take over for her and form a nominating committee since she will be out of town for several weeks. Jeff Emery, Brock, and Earl will serve.
- Jeff Hedberg presented a plan for redoing our handicapped parking spaces and adding visitor spaces. Voters approved the new plan.
- There was discussion regarding the front window that is very foggy. Pat Callahan obtained a bid from Sign Works in Camdenton to apply film on both sides of the window in question. Voters approved the expenditure.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

Closing: Pastor Brandt closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Kral, Secretary





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Mites Collection	4	5 Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	6 Yoga 10 a.m.	7	8	9
10 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	11 LWML Mtg 9 a.m. Roll call word help	12	13 Yoga 10 a.m.	14	15	16
17 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	18 Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m.	19	20 Yoga 10 a.m.	21	22	23
24 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Elders Mtg.	25	26	27 Yoga 10 a.m.	28	29	30
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