

# Friendly Messenger

June 2023

## **A Reflection from Pastor Mary Louise:**

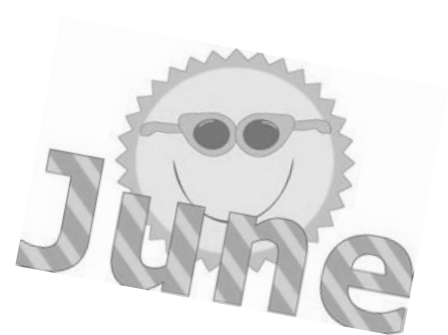
I continue to be amazed to be your interim pastor! The opportunity to be part of the congregational life of Sardis is truly a gift from God. Thank you all for greeting me with smiles, hugs and enthusiasm for where God is leading us in this journey.

Our liturgical calendar for June indicates that we are approaching the “green” season of Sundays after Pentecost. These many weeks of Gospel texts where Jesus shows us how to live out our baptismal vows in many different ways. Over the next five months, the parables of Jesus will be our guide book as we live among God’s faithful people: as we feed the hungry, help the needy and care for each other. In doing these things, we show the light of Christ’s love in ways that provide relief and renewal in physical ways.

Our congregational calendar for June is filled with opportunities to be the Church for the sake of God’s people. I will attend the North Carolina Synod Assembly representing Sardis along with Robin Stuart and Austin Propst. June 2-3, in Greensboro, we will hear from the leaders of our Synod, accept reports from all the various agencies of the Synod, and we will have opportunities to spend time with people from all over North Carolina who are like us in our love for Jesus.

Vacation Bible School begins – Willow Creek sings – Father’s Day is celebrated – and old favorite hymns are sung. We have a great month to look forward to in our activities and in worship.

Thank you, people of Sardis, for your faithful witness to God’s love in all you do! I’m excited to join you as we walk hand in hand where the Holy Spirit leads us.



The Day of Pentecost is May 28 and it will be a glorious worship day at Sardis. Not only do we celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> most revered festival day (the first being Easter Day) as we are reminded of the flames of fire and the rushing wind among the faithful gathered in Jerusalem, but we also pray “on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit.”

This year, we also have the privilege to share in the “Affirmation of Baptism” liturgy for Hayden Alan Bean Johnson.

Hayden was born on April 8, 2008 and was baptized here when he was two years old.

He is a rising sophomore at Fred T. Foard High School where his favorite class has been Agriculture & Mechanics (one class). His least favorite class has been Science.

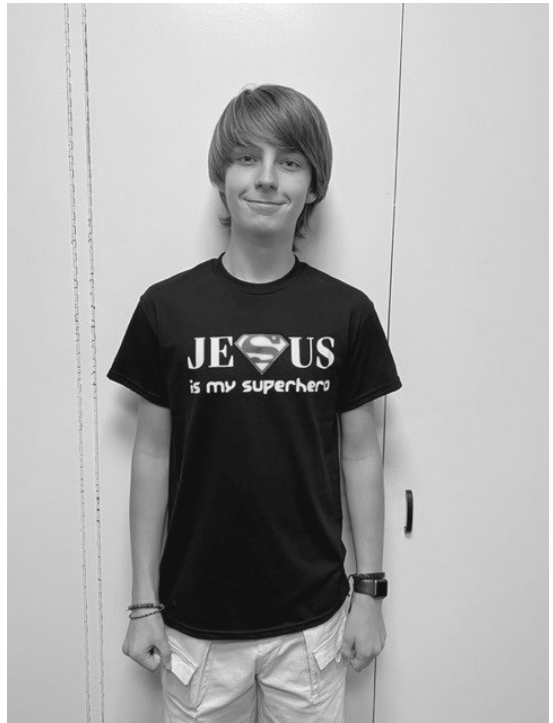
Hayden has been active at Sardis over the years, serving as an Acolyte, Crucifer and participating in Youth Activities. This past Sunday, Hayden had the role of the Apostle Paul in the “Jesus is My Superhero” skit.

Hayden is multi-talented. He plays guitar and percussion instruments (as seen last Sunday). He enjoys being outdoors and spends time riding dirt bikes, hiking and riding mountain bikes.

In preparation for his Affirmation of Baptism, Hayden studied for three years (with a COVID interruption), attended Lutheridge for Campfirmation, and spent time pondering what Lutherans believe and why they believe. Hayden also feels he has grown in his personal faith.

We look forward to welcoming Hayden as an adult member of Sardis. He has much to share with us and is looking forward to opportunities to do God’s work with his hands, heart and mind.

If you want to make him happy, feed him a steak – medium well. Just don’t put any green peas on his plate!



### **Information for NL’s and Bulletins**

**Committee meetings or events by the congregation should be communicated to Jane directly. This needs to be done in time for newsletters (Wednesday before the last Sunday in the month), or the bulletin (by Wednesday evening each week.)**



Our spotlight this month is on Aaron Lazenby King, Jr. better known to us as “Al”.

Al and Sylvia have two daughters: Angela is an ELCA pastor in Lexington, NC. Angela has two daughters, one son, and one grandson.

Lynnette is also a daughter who lives across Whitener Road. She works as a data input person and has two daughters and one granddaughter.

The Kings attended Grace Lutheran from 1975 – 1990. They found their way to Sardis and Al has appreciated the feeling of belonging with others in the congregation.

Al was named as his father. His middle name, Lazenby, was the name of an old traveling preacher that his father’s family knew. Interestingly, there is a Lazenby Creek off Robin Wood

Road in Newton.

Al grew up in Grovetown, Georgia, near Augusta and Ft. Gordon. He had a fine career in the US Navy, earning the rank of E7 Chief Petty Officer. He traveled the world in the Navy, serving in the Pacific, the Mediterranean, and actually ended his career with 17 years in Virginia Beach. In those years of service, he volunteered to become a Special Warfare Navy Diver and Bomb Dismantler. Fortunately, he still has all his fingers and toes so he must have learned a lot!

Al met Sylvia and, as is said, “the rest is history”. They were married at Grace Lutheran on June 19, 1960. In true Navy fashion, Al had requested to be stationed on the East Coast in his next assignment after marrying Sylvia. Instead, Al was assigned to the West Coast and poor Sylvia, who had never left North Carolina, was off and away with Al.

Al retired from the US Navy and he and Sylvia moved back here in August, 1975. They purchased property off Highway 10 that had belonged to Dr. Kolin Yoder. The original house was torn down and a new house constructed. A brother of Dr. Kolin Yoder, Dr. Fred Yoder, stopped by to visit Al and Sylvia and, amazingly, was 100 years old when he visited.

Al works well together and his church activities are done well. If a need is known, the people of Sardis do what is necessary to ease the burden for either someone in the congregation or someone in our community.

Al serves as the chair of the Endowment Committee and is happy to be part of a team who manages the endowment funds of the congregation and to regularly bestow scholarship funds for students.

After learning about Al’s accomplishments and talents, perhaps it is only fitting that he be named after a traveling preacher. Al has traveled many places in the Navy, as a volunteer for the American Red Cross and the International Red Cross, and has shared the Gospel with countless people. Thank you, Al, for your service and for your faithful life.

## 2022-2023 Graduates of Sardis



As May draws to a close, students complete another school year and several of Sardis youth are graduating and commencing to an unknown phase of their life. Tryston Sylvester will be graduating from high school, a major milestone, while Graysen Whitener, Lexi Wood, Paisley Hood, and Maleah Duncan will be moving on to a new school and new adventures in the fall.

Tryston Taylor Sylvester was born November 22, 2004. He came into Dwayne and Barbara's life at three months old, and they made it official when he was six years old. He attended Snow Creek Elementary School and Arndt Middle School. It was in middle school that he developed a love for sports, playing soccer and lacrosse.

Lacrosse became his favorite sport, and he played on the teams at Arndt and St. Stephens High while also playing on a travel team. Playing travel ball meant sometimes having to miss church as games were often played on Sundays. He played travel ball from 2012 – 2021. He played the "attack" position, which he said means you try to score the ball. According to Lax Farmer's article on lacrosse positions, **"the attack position consists of three players located on the offensive side of the field. They are typically the most talented offensive threats on the team; skillful at dodging, [passing](#), and scoring."** [Lacrosse Positions \(Explained\) | Attack, Midfield, Defense, Goalie \(laxfarmer.com\)](#) Sounds like Tryston is very skilled at this sport!

Living on the lake for quite a bit of his childhood, he was able to enjoy fishing and kayaking. He also enjoys boating on the lake. At high school his favorite class is Carpentry. He has been involved in building the stage for the graduation class to walk across this year. He also helped in building a stand for the totem pole (St. Stephens mascot is the Indians), booths for the electrical class, and a bench for the locker rooms. He is also very good at Math and is a faithful offering counter at Sardis.

Being baptized by Pastor Anna Merritt is one of his first memories at Sardis. He also really enjoyed Campfirmation at Lutheridge that he attended with Pastor Adrienne Martin. He has great memories of his cabinmates from their time spent in camp. Tryston still serves as crucifer and also contributed as acolyte. He participated in many Christmas programs. He helps in the Backpack program and is always willing to serve when asked.

His future plans are to attend Catawba Valley Community College and study Engineering. A 1998 Pontiac Firebird is his dream car. His favorite hymn is Jesus Lifted Me. He enjoys the more contemporary hymns sung at Sardis and would like to see Sardis still serving the community and bringing in more people in the future. We wish you the best Tryston!!



### **These were Sardis Superhero's on Youth Sunday May 21, 2023**

If you weren't able to attend service, or watch live, you missed a great Service! Thank you to all the youth and adult participants who helped make it a very moving service. A special thank you to Frank, our Organist/Choir Director/Song Writer, for all his work and talent put into our hymn of the day—"God gives us Heroes", (tune of Jesus Loves Me).

When the youth were ask after church if they had a good time there was great enthusiasm. (Maybe enough to have this type of Sunday Service several times a year or once a month). Something to think about!!!

In addition, I would also like to say THANK YOU to Robin Stuart and her family for using Mattie's Memorial monies to purchase the percussion instruments for our church's music program. Mattie always loved being involved with our youth and music ministry. These will add very much to our music program here at Sardis. Come join us in the excitement and use of these new instruments. Sheila Ramsey

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### **Summer Worship Music Plans**

YES! We are having worship throughout the Summer and there will be music. Yay!

Recently, many responded to a request to share your favorite hymns. We have a great list of hymns and want to incorporate them in worship this Summer.

Our Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir will take a Summer Sabbatical from weekly rehearsals (much needed rest!)

During the Summer months, after the Passing of the Peace, we will all be seated and we will sing a hymn or two from the list of favorite hymns. Won't that be fun?

It will be a great Summer at Sardis.

The **Fred T. Foard Senior Citizens** group meet on the first Wednesday of each month for lunch and a program. The group will meet in June on the 7th at Ebenezer. All are invited to join us for fun, food, and fellowship.



**Seniors**

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## **SAVE THE DATE: EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**

Come enjoy an evening on the front lawn at Sardis. Bring your lounge chairs and relax to the music of WILLOWCREEK. Two of our own, Joe and Allen Biggerstaff will bring their own special musical abilities with the rest of their group to visit with us. The cost of the event will be free but we will be taking up a free-will offering to benefit Safe Harbor Women's Shelter in Hickory. Save the Date and mark your calendars for Saturday June 10th, 2023. The time will be at 6:30 pm. Go get your dinner early that Saturday and come prepared to see and hear a wonderful night of music. This event will be sponsored by The Evangelism Committee. If there is inclement weather, we will move the event inside. Let's fill the front yard full of people!

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## **Father's Day Continental Breakfast**

Attention!!

All Fathers, Grandfathers, Sons, Brothers and Uncles... You are invited to attend a Continental Breakfast on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The breakfast is sponsored by Sardis WELCA. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Put your name and number attending. Please sign up by Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, so we can get the number we need to prepare for. See you there!

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## **SARDIS SISTERS**

It is not too early to plan a great trip to Valdese. I am thinking Wednesday the 20th. Maybe go early enough to eat at Little Italy.

The Carolina Christmas Show is a heartwarming, fun-filled holiday production featuring LIVE music, dance, & comedy! Tickets (\$15-\$28 each) on sale in July. Four shows at the Old Rock School Auditorium, 400 Main Street West in Valdese, NC: Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 7 PM, Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7 PM, and Friday, Dec. 22 at 2 PM & 7

PM. [www.CarolinaChristmasShow.com](http://www.CarolinaChristmasShow.com) Please let Susan, Donna or Jane if interested. I will put a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Sardis Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
March 12, 2023

**Members Present:**

Pastor Adrienne Martin, Kristin, Susan, Roger, Jane, Dwayne, Terry, Ken, Mike, April

Terry Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 5:30, April had devotions.

The minutes from the February meeting were discussed. Ken motioned to approve, Dwayne seconded, and the motion carried.

Dwayne presented the treasurer's reports from February. The Building Fund had a balance of \$11,320.87, the Cemetery Fund \$623.72 and the General Fund \$5,784.18. Susan made a motion to accept the Financial report, April seconded and the motion carried.

Grace and peace to you in the name of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

As we gather today in the earliest days of Lent, I give thanks for all of the good work that has been accomplished in the new year. All reports are in. Our annual meeting was a success. The year has kicked off well.

In confirmation, we have covered so much that we have been able to start meeting monthly instead of weekly. This year, at Pentecost, Hayden will have the opportunity to affirm his baptism. Jackson, our confirmation student from Bethany Lutheran Church, will also have the opportunity and will be confirmed at Bethany. I will help in coordinating that process.

These past two months are always full of prayer, worship planning, and reflection in preparation for Lent. This year, Frank and I explored the idea of a sermon series and developed the series on "God's Purpose for My Life" in the morning. We will continue with our collaborative Lenten Evening Service rotation with Beth Eden Lutheran Church, St. Paul's Startown, and Old Saint Paul's. Hopefully both series will be rich with meaning and grace.

**Visits: 28**

**Summary of Activities**

Mixxed Fit, Monday, January 9, 12:30 pm  
Humor Academy workshop, Monday, January 9, 7 pm  
Bible Study, Tuesday, January 10, 10 am  
Digital Ministry webinar, Tuesday, January 10, 1 -2:30 pm  
Basic Boundaries Training, Thursday, January 12, 10 am-3 pm  
Worship planning meeting, Thursday, January 12, 4 pm  
Worship and Music Committee Meeting, Thursday, January 12, 6 pm  
Choir, Thursday, January 12, 7:115 pm  
Confirmation MLK Service, Sunday, January 15, 3 pm  
Bible Study, Tuesday, January 17, 10 am  
SAM mentor meeting, Tuesday, January 17, 11 am  
Worship planning meeting, Thursday, January 19, 273:15 pm  
Confirmation, Sunday, January 22, 3 pm

Humor Academy, Sunday, January 22, 6 pm  
Mixxed Fit, Monday, January 23, 12:30 pm  
Bible Study, Tuesday, January 24, 10 am  
Children's ministry meeting, Thursday, January 26, 6 pm  
WELCA, Sunday, January 29, 12 noon  
Confirmation, Sunday, January 29, 3 pm  
Mixxed Fit, Monday, January 30, 12:30 pm  
Bible Study, Tuesday, January 31, 10 am  
WELCA planning meeting, Tuesday, January 31, 6 pm  
Evangelism Committee, Tuesday, January 31, 7 pm  
Fred T. Foard Luncheon, Wednesday, February 1, 12 noon  
Lenten rotation planning at Startown, Wednesday, February 1 at 2:30 pm  
LIGHTS conference meeting, Thursday, February 2 at 12 noon  
Worship planning meeting, Thursday, February 2 at 3 pm  
Annual Meeting, Sunday, February 5, 12 noon  
Mixxed Fit, Monday, February 6, 12:30 pm  
Youth Committee Meeting, Monday, February 6, 6:30 pm  
Bible Study, Tuesday, February 7, 10 am  
Women's Sunday, Sunday, February 12  
Mixxed Fit, Monday, February 13, 12:30 pm  
SAM mentee meeting, Monday, February 13, 2 pm  
Transfiguration Sunday, Sunday, February 19  
Prayer Group, Sunday, February 19, 11:45 am  
Confirmation, Sunday, February 19, 3 pm  
Humor Academy, Sunday, February 19, 6 pm  
Bible Study, Tuesday, February 21, 10 am  
Chrism Mass, Tuesday, February 21, 3 pm  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 21, 6 pm  
Evangelism Committee, Tuesday, February 21, 7:15 pm  
Ash Wednesday Service, "God's Purpose for My Life", Wednesday, February 22, 7 pm  
Council meeting, Saturday, February 25, 9 am

## Upcoming

Lenten sermon series, "God wants me to center my life around Him", Sunday, February 26, 10:30 am  
Trinity Ridge, Sunday, February 26, 3 pm  
Evening Lenten Service, King David, Sunday, February 26, 7 pm  
Mixxed Fit, Monday, February 27, 12:30 pm  
Zoom call to meet new NC Synod staff, Wednesday, March 1, 11am  
Hosting Fred T. Foard Seniors luncheon, Wednesday, February 1, 12 noon  
LIGHTS Conference Meeting, Thursday, February 2, 12 noon  
Lenten morning series, "God Wants Me to Learn to Love His Family", Sunday, March 5, 10:30 am  
Evening Lenten Service, Paul, Sunday, March 5, 7 pm  
Evening Lenten Service at Startown, Wednesday, March 8, 6 pm

Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering in Salisbury, Saturday, March 11, 10 am-4 pm  
Shepherd Appreciation Dinner, Saturday, March 11, 5 pm  
Lenten sermon series, “God Wants Me to Cultivate Spiritual Maturity”, Sunday, March 12, 10:30 am  
Filling in at Trinity Ridge, Sunday, March 12, 3 pm  
Lenten Evening Service, Prodigal Son, Sunday, March 12, 7 pm  
Lenten Evening Service at Old St. Paul’s, Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 pm  
Lenten sermon series, “God Wants Me to Contribute Something Back”, Sunday, March 19, 10:30 am  
Humor Academy, Sunday, March 19, 6 pm  
Lenten Evening Service at Beth Eden, Sunday, March 19, 6:45 pm  
Evening Lenten Service, Isaiah of Babylon, Sunday, March 19, 7 pm  
Youth Committee Meeting, Monday, March 20  
Lenten morning series, “God Wants Me to Tell Others About His Love”, Sunday, March 26, 10:30 am  
On-call to lead worship if needed at Trinity Ridge, Sunday, March 26, 3 pm  
Lenten Evening Service, Woman at the Well, Sunday, March 26, 7 pm  
Palm Passion Sunday, Sunday, April 2  
Holy Week, Monday, April 3-Saturday, 8  
    Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm  
    Good Friday Service, 7 pm  
Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 8  
The Resurrection of our Lord, Sunday, April 9  
Holy Humor Sunday, Sunday, April 16  
Confirmation, Sunday, April 16, 3 pm  
St. Mark’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Asheville, NC, Sunday, April 23  
    Lay Preacher Wayne Giese supplying

## **Items for Action/Discussion**

New member request: Elaine Evington  
Zach Stuart’s request to preach  
Centro Latino

Respectfully submitted,  
Pastor Adrienne Martin

Old Business:

Re-visited the possibility of having Dr. Suskovic’s program.

Kristin mentioned taking the money we would spend for this to get the word out to schools and community. Also, that the council take a Sunday or a day to do a program of training in the field of growing our congregation. Also, what is our goal and plan a program to help us plan this goal. The council needs to be the driving force to plan a program and the topic.

April suggested if done use inactive members.

Terry brought up changing up some things, maybe omitting something that is now mundane so we can concentrate on new ideas.

Susan suggested doing these discussions during the Sunday School hour or right after Worship Service.

Roger suggested that we not jump the gun but take time to plan a program.

Pastor Adrienne added that due to the pandemic people are not focused on church.

Dwayne suggested we still would need a facilitator, or nothing would change.

Ken motioned to put discussion on hold, Susan seconded, and the motion carried.

## New Business

Ken gave a report on our Easter breakfast.

Norman's to cater at \$10.00 per plate

Includes, 4 meats, eggs, grits, biscuits, etc.

Sardis will provide OJ and milk.

## The Property Committee:

Rick Lutz has suggested an electrician if we need one, Rick Duckworth.

All floors are to be cleaned by Harold Shuford, a time will be announced so volunteers can plan on moving furniture.

Austin Propst has volunteered to be a voting member at the NC Synod Assembly. Pastor Adrienne motioned we accept Austin, April seconded and the motion carried.

Keaton Farnsworth is planning on attending confirmation camp in June at Lutheridge.

The Cemetery Committee was asked by the Ted Brittain Family if his ashes could be buried beside his parents in our cemetery. The committee recommended this be allowed, Kristin seconded and the motion carried.

The April council meeting is scheduled for Easter Sunday. Dwayne motioned that we skip this meeting, Ken seconded and the motion passed. If business needs to be addressed in April a called meeting will be scheduled by Terry.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Moretz, Council Secretary

Called Council Meeting; March 26, 2023

The Pastor announced her resignation during the Worship Service. Her last Sunday with us will be April 30<sup>th</sup>. Terry called a brief meeting of the council after Worship Service. Gene made the motion to accept her resignation, Dwayne seconded, and the motion passed. A motion was made by Gene to ask Mary Louise Sitton to serve as Interim during our period of searching for a new Pastor. Susan seconded and the motion carried. The council decided to meet on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 to discuss her package, then meet with her at 7:00. Terry will send a formal announcement to the Synod of Pastor's Adrienne resignation.

Meeting dismissed.

Called Council Meeting March 29, 2023

Terry called the meeting to order at 6:00 with 11 members present. Discussion was held on calling The Reverend Mary Louise Sitton as an interim pastor during our process of looking for a new minister. We discussed questions to ask and was guided by the Synod By-laws. Dwayne submitted a proposed financial package to offer Pastor Sitton:

- Work 4 days a week with one being a Sunday.
- Compensate \$25 per trip from Blowing Rock
- Pay .655 per mile from church to designated visit site.
- Salary \$3,520.587 per month
- We will take out taxes and SS

A list of items were discussed that she will be responsible for. (Contract attached)

Following Council meeting the Executive Committee, consisting of Terry, Dwayne and Jane, met with Pastor Sitton to discuss her contract.

Called Council Meeting April 2, 2023

A meeting was held after the Worship Service to finalize and accept the Contract for Mary Louise Sitton to become our Interim Pastor. Gene made the motion to accept the contract, Ken seconded and the motion carried. She will become our Interim effective May 1, 2023 until a pastor is hired, unless for some reason she or the Sardis congregation should end the contract.

Meeting adjourned

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## Social Ministry Collections

The Social Ministry Committee will continue collecting items for Personal Care Kits to send to Lutheran World Relief during June. The simple items included in a personal care kit provide much needed self-care, critical germ fighting and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.

Items need for the kits are:

- One light-weight towel (20" x 40" to 52" X 27") dark colors recommended*
- Two or three bath size bars of soap in original wrapping*
- One adult size toothbrush in original wrapping*
- One sturdy comb*
- One metal nail clipper*

The Social Ministry Committee will send the kits to Lutheran World Relief for distribution.

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				1 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2	3
4 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/Holy Communion and FB Live 6:00– 8:15 VBS	5 6:00– 8:15 VBS  7:00 Prayer Group via ZOOM	6 6:00– 8:15 VBS	7 12:00 FTF Seniors at Ebenezer Methodist Church 6:00– 8:15 VBS	8 6:00– 8:15 VBS	9	10 Front yard concert “Willowcreek”
11 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/Holy Communion and FB Live 7:00 Church Council	12	13	14 <b>Flag Day</b>		16	17
18 <b>Father’s Day</b> 8:30 Cont. Father’s Day Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/Holy Communion and FB Live	19 7:00 Prayer Group via ZOOM	20	21 5:00 Articles for July NL due		23	24
25 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/Holy Communion and FB Live 3:00 Trinity Ridge 6:30 LMM	26	27	28		30	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>**NOTE**</b>  <i>If you have a birthday or anniversary and they are not listed please let the office know. Thank you.</i></p>						

## June

### COUNCIL CONTACT

### ASSISTING MINISTER

Kristin Teague

Rick Johnson

### USHERS

Mike H., Dianne N., Benny F. Zach S.

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

### CLEAN-UP

Marilyn Teague

Donna Biggerstaff

### **Anniversaries:**

**Bryan & Phyllis Hood 6-1**

**Joe & Scottie Wyant:6-6**

**Mike & Sherrie Midgett 6-10**

**Mike & Felicia Hollar 6-16**

**Bruce & Sharon Sigman 6-16**

**Al & Sylvia King 6-19**

**Greg & Kerby Smyre 7/23**

**Gene & Donna Biggerstaff 6-29**

<b><i>VOLUNTEER June</i></b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>25th</b>
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	Ferne B.	Leevada W.	Rick & Patsy J., Betty Jo W.	Terry & Jill B.
<b>ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER</b>	Keaton/Marilyn	Marshall/Ray	Rick/Tryston	Hayden/Cayden
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	Nena B.	Sandra R.	Dawn C.	Bruce S.
<b>GREETERS</b>	Felicia/Wanda	Al & Sylvia	Ben & Edna	Rita/Nena
<b>LAY READER</b>	Jane M.	Dawn C.	Austin P.	Marilyn T.
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	Jennifer W.	No Children's Church	Heather C.	No Children's Church
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	Terry, Ben, Joe, Samuel	Terry, Ben, Joe, Samuel	Terry, Ben, Joe, Samuel	Terry, Ben, Joe, Samuel
<b>SECURITY</b>	Darrell J.	Bruce S.	Zach S,	Roger T.
<b>OFFERING COUNTERS</b>	Dwayne Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Dwayne Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Dwayne Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Dwayne Tryston, Sherrie, Mike
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER/HELPER</b>	Sherrie/Mike April/Donna	Susan/Kerby Kristin/Marilyn	Phyllis/Jill Rick/Roger	Cynthia/Robin Nena/Jane
<b>MEAL DELIVERY</b>	3rd. Dawn C.	10th No Meal	17th Carolyn H.	24th No Meal
<b>Blessings Box</b>	Disciples of Christ	Church Council	LMM	Pilgrims Progress

## OUR MISSION

**Sardis Evangelical Lutheran Church serves together as disciples of Christ, teaches the word to invite people into a life of knowing Jesus, encourages each other in faith and personal mission through reaching out to the needs of the community and individuals.**

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**REMEMBER:** you can find this NL, the weekly calendar and Sunday Sermons on the website: <https://sardislutheran.com/> mark it as a favorite and check it out often.

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