

# TIDINGS

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**Summer Schedule—No Sunday School  
Worship Service w/Communion @ 9:30 am  
Fellowship (after Worship Service)**



## FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON ITS **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Father of all nations and ages,  
We recall the day when our country claimed  
its place among the family of nations;  
for what has been achieved we give you  
thanks, for the work that still remains we  
ask your help, and as you have called us  
from many peoples to be one nation, grant  
that, under your providence, our country  
may share your blessings with all the  
peoples of the earth.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for  
ever and ever.  
Amen.



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# Two Realms Theology

by Pastor Steve Hagler

This month I am following up on the Two Kingdoms Theology (or Two Realms) I wrote about last month. I mentioned that there are tensions, or dualities, that we Lutherans find ourselves being obsessed over. The dualities come from Scripture, so, they are there for us to ponder. Some of the dualities are: saint and sinner, Law and Gospel, grace and works, active and passive righteousness, and Jesus being true man and true God.

The two realms are the Temporal Realm and the Spiritual Realm (another duality). Both realms belong to God (see the chart below). It is not that one is good and one is bad. It is that God works in two ways in this world. In the Spiritual Realm, God does for you what you can't do for yourself. God exercises His grace. The Church is in charge of making sure spiritual things happen. The Church is the only place that delivers the Gospel.

In the Temporal Realm things get done by the sword. The sword is the government and it is responsible for doing things through its authority and by force. The Temporal Realm is managed by the government. Civil servants work on behalf of the state to accomplish God's purpose.

The division between the temporal and the spiritual is temporary. The ultimate goal is that the two will

come together at Christ's second coming as Christ's Kingdom is fully manifest for all to see. On that last day, the distinction between the two realms will be gone. The spiritual does not eliminate the temporal. Both will be redeemed and brought together in Christ because the new creation is material and tangible and real. The new creation is a new heaven and a new earth. It will be like the original Garden of Eden before Adam and Eve sinned. You could call it The Garden of Eden 2.0.

There are two axioms regarding the two realms theology. The first axiom is cooperation without confusion. We must be careful not to mix the two realms. We have to work at seeing how the two realms cooperate with each other, yet not confuse the function of the two. The second axiom is making a distinction between the two, but not divorcing the two. There is a working tension between the two. The Temporal Realm is doing its thing and the Spiritual Realm is doing its thing. The two realms are different. Their goals are different. The means of carrying out their functions are different. The criterion for success is different. The success in the right hand is when the Gospel is heard and forgiveness is received (justification). Success in the left hand is when justice has been upheld and justice is given to people.

<b>GOD</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Temporal Realm (left hand)</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Law runs the show Justice is the goal The Law of God is upheld Law of God = Will of God How things are supposed to work Law of thermodynamics Law of gravity No killing, adultery, or stealing People responsible for getting things done Things are done by the sword (government) Realm managed by government The goal is working toward peace Arena of ethics (right from wrong)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Spiritual realm (right hand)</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gospel runs the show Justification is the goal Grace—forgiveness in Christ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Things get done by the Word</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">With Gospel—no threats Church makes sure the spiritual happens Church delivers the Gospel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There is peace right now</p>

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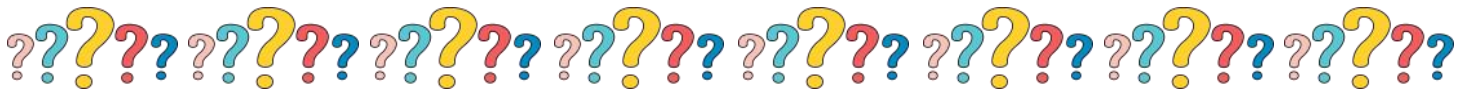
by Pastor Steve Hagler

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The discussion of the Two Realms Theology is broader and deeper than I can possibly explain in this newsletter article. I am trying to make you aware of some important concepts in Lutheran theology. I'm sure you will have questions, so

please don't hesitate to ask me those questions. I will do my best to answer any of your questions.

*By God's Grace,  
Pastor Steve*



## Pastor Call Committee Update

by Marcia Taes

Your Call Committee has been busy working with the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). After completing our congregation profile, we had a Zoom meeting with Pastor Shelley Schultz, Call Process Coordinator and Pastor Ian Wolff, Mission District Dean on May 29. They explained the process that the NALC follows and gave us ideas as to how we should proceed. A congregational workshop, led by Pastor Ian Wolff is the first step. Once the workshop has been completed, we will rewrite our congregational profile and move forward.

At our next meeting we had a conference call with Ian Wolff to set a date for the congregational workshop. It is scheduled for Saturday, July 27, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm with lunch provided. All members are encouraged to attend. It is important for NALC to have a clear picture of the kind of pastor that is needed at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

The first week of June, two Washington pastors responded to our web site call for a full-time pastor. We felt one was not a good fit for our church. However, the second pastor seemed promising. We scheduled a Zoom meeting on June 10 to meet him. Pastor Don Brandt was also in attendance. The Zoom meeting went very well. We plan to have a second Zoom meeting soon.

One suggestion from NALC was for the whole congregation to be praying for a pastor. Pastor Steve leads us in prayer for the call committee and process during Sunday church service, but everyone needs to be praying. I will start by including a prayer at the end of my report. Please pray.

*Heavenly Father, we come before you seeking guidance and wisdom as we search for a new pastor to lead our church. Grant us discernment to recognize the candidate whom You have chosen to shepherd and guide us. Help us find a pastor who is filled with the Holy Spirit, dedicated to Your Word, and committed to nurturing our congregation. Lord, grant us unity as we seek Your will together, putting aside personal preferences and agendas.*

*May Your grace shine upon our search process, leading us to the individual You have prepared for this sacred calling. We trust in Your perfect timing and surrender our desires into Your loving hands. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*



**Respectfully Submitted,  
Marcia Taes, Chairperson**

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## **Council Meeting Minutes: June 11, 2024 — “Subject to Approval”**

*Respectfully Submitted by Sandy Hoveskeland, Secretary*

**Present:** Denel Ingraham, Pastor Steve, Dan Olson, LaLita Tadena, Marcia Taes, Charlie May, Nancy Purcell, Diane Fried, Larry Tyler and Sandy Hoveskeland. George Simon and Pat Woods were absent.

**Call to Order:** Vice President, LaLita Tadena, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Devotional:** Dan led the devotional. He referenced Pastor Steve’s sermon last Sunday, the power of prayer to bind. The powerful person that prayer is binding is Satan.

**Approval of Minutes:** Nancy suggested corrections be made to the May 14 minutes under Proposed Updates to Constitution and Bylaws to read: A motion was made to remove LCMC from our legal name to read Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Spokane Valley. She also suggested adding last names to those who completed the Audit: Lester Boudewyns, LaLita Tadena and George Simon. A motion was made by Charlie and seconded by Dan to approve the May 14, 2024, minutes with the above-stated corrections. Motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Dan distributed the Treasurer’s Report which was reviewed and discussed by Council. Total Checking/Savings at the end of May was \$179,439 compared to \$155,995 at May 2023 month-end, an increase of \$23,444. There was no change in fixed assets from May 2023.

<b>STCU Checking:</b>	<b>\$24,064.32</b>
<b>Schwab Building Fund:</b>	<b>\$25,561.32</b>
<b>Schwab Savings:</b>	<b>\$89,983.04</b>
<b>Vanguard Savings:</b>	<b>\$39,830.36</b>



**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor Steve reported on his weekly preparations for church. He prays God will give him the words people want to hear. Prayers bind Satan so we can hear the Holy Spirit. Monthly he writes an article for the Newsletter, attends Church Council and meets with Worship and Music. He meets with Tracy on Thursdays, attends Friday morning breakfast and Bible study, and visits with people who come into his office seeking counsel. He met with six church members and 3 members of AA in the past month. Some of the AA members have asked him to thank the congregation for allowing them to hold meetings in our church.

Pastor Steve is on vacation from July 10-24. He has inquired of some members at Peace Lutheran to preach the two Sundays he is gone if we don’t have a Holy Trinity member willing. Pastor Steve is starting a text study of the Gospels group with Pastor Jon and 3-4 others at Peace Lutheran. They will meet every Monday starting July 1.

**Properties and Maintenance:** See report submitted by Charlie May. Larry planted two new pink Dogwood trees near the west entrances to the church. Denel has offered the use of his forklift to replace 3 light bulbs in the parking lot and the yard light in the NW corner. Charlie will have his semiannual meeting with the user groups in a month. Email Charlie if there are any subjects you think should be addressed.

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**Worship and Music:** See report submitted by Nancy Purcell. Denel Ingraham is worship assistant for June, and Squeaky May for July. The projector light is weak, so Nancy reported that Tom has ordered a new bulb at a cost of approximately \$200. Tom will install it when the bulb arrives. Squeaky is planning an outdoor service for August 18 on the north side of the church, followed by a potluck brunch. The Sunday morning user groups will be invited to attend the outdoor service and potluck.

**Congregational Ministries:** Nothing to report this month.

**Christian Education:** See report submitted by Pat Woods. The Wednesday morning Bible study is led by Nancy Purcell. They are watching a documentary about the early church. The Friday morning group is watching a video series called "Not Ashamed".

**Social Care and Concerns and Care Team:** See report submitted by Diane Fried. Diane reported they will be taking items to the men's shelter this Thursday, June 13. On May 9 a group from Holy Trinity served lunch at the men's shelter. From May 20 to July 1 Holy Trinity is supporting the UGM Kid's Camp service project. The Thrivent Action Team approved \$250 to be used for this service project. There is a box in the narthex for UGM along with a list of items needed. There is also a box in the narthex for Spokane Valley Partners Food Bank. Donations in 2024 total 583 pounds. Nancy said Amazon is matching dollar for dollar donations to the Food Bank. Marcia will call the Food Bank and verify the match program, as it would be more beneficial to donate money to get the match during this campaign.

## **Old Business:**

Pastoral Call Committee: See report submitted by Marcia Taes. The Call Committee has been working with NALC on the process they follow. A congregational workshop is the first step. Once that is completed, we will rewrite our congregational profile. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, July 27, in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with lunch provided. All members are encouraged to attend.

## **New Business:**

NALC Disaster Response Information: Council agreed to table a discussion of this subject. We are supporting the UGM program at this time and may entertain this after that program ends.

Report on Richland Lutheran Pastoral Training: See report submitted by Pat Woods. Pat talked with a past member of the LCMC District Board about pastor training as described in an article in the District LCMC Newsletter. Richland Lutheran has used this training program and the most recent candidate found it to be helpful and prepared them better to serve.

Review of HTLC Key List: Council reviewed a current list of key holders and determined there was little risk since locks have been changed since some on the list received keys years ago. User groups do have keys. So far there have been no issues.

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**Fire Safety Inspection:** Tom and Brent secured the hot water heater located in the storage room off the fellowship hall to the wall as required in the fire inspection. The fire safety inspection did not indicate any issues that haven't been resolved.

**Member Items:** Dan suggested meeting after church to discuss the sermon. He proposed a four-week session in August to meet in the Sunday School room for 15-20 minutes to discuss the sermon. Pastor Steve suggested a question could be asked at the beginning of the sermon and see if people got the answer after listening to the sermon. Dan will work with Pastor Steve to select some August dates.

**Next Month's Devotional:** Marcia Taes

**July Counters:** LaLita Tadena and Dan Olson

**Adjournment:** The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 p.m.





**Spokane Valley  
Partners**

**FOOD BANK  
& FAMILY SERVICES**

**2024 total donations = 980 lbs.**

**Contact Drew Taes for information:**

[drew.taes@gmail.com](mailto:drew.taes@gmail.com)

**Thank you so much for your donations!**

## **Food Bank donations for July:**

For the month of July, let's focus on the makings for tacos...hard taco shells, refried beans, olives, canned diced tomatoes, taco seasoning packets, etc.



## **Pastor Steve's Vacation**

*July 10—July 24*

Pastor Steve will be taking a much deserved vacation from Wednesday, July 10 through Wednesday, July 24.

He will not be preaching on Sunday, July 14 or July 21.

He will be back in the church office on Thursday, July 25, and preaching on Sunday, July 28.

*In case of an emergency, Pastor Jon Anderson from Peace Lutheran can be contacted. Please contact any council member or the church office for Pastor Jon's number.*



## Arlene Severance's 100th Birthday Party!

Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 pm—8:00 pm

All are invited to help Arlene celebrate her 100th birthday.

The party is located at Sullivan Park Assisted Living Community in the clubhouse. It will be an open house style party. So please come anytime between 6:30 pm—8:00 pm and help make Arlene's 100th birthday a wonderful celebration.



**Tuesday, July 16**  
(her actual birthday)  
**6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Sullivan Park Assisted Living Clubhouse**  
14820 E. 4th Ave.,  
Spokane Valley, 99216



## UGM Camp Tour

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Please join us for a field trip to UGM Camp. We will ride in a UGM van driven by Danny Beard. We will have the same agenda as last year (please see below).

There is limited space on the van; however, you are welcome to meet us at UGM and follow us out there. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

*Please join us and see our ministry come alive.*

### AGENDA

- 8:30 am – Depart HTLC for UGM Men's Shelter
- 9:00 am – Depart UGM (in van) to go to UGM Camp
- 10:00 am – Arrive UGM Camp (history of UGM Camp)
  - 10:30 am – Tour UGM Camp
  - 12:00 pm – Lunch and fellowship
  - 1:00 pm – Testimonials
- 2:00 pm – Depart UGM Camp for UGM Men's Shelter
- 3:00 pm – Depart UGM Men's Shelter - return to HTLC



Contact Dan Olson at (509) 990-0981 if interested in attending.



**July Birthdays**

<b>Cheryal Brown</b>	<b>July 5</b>
<b>Arlene Severance</b>	<b>July 16</b>
<b>Judy Ingraham</b>	<b>July 20</b>
<b>Janece Scheele</b>	<b>July 22</b>
<b>Squeaky May</b>	<b>July 26</b>
<b>Sue Abitz</b>	<b>July 28</b>
<b>Jaynan Clark</b>	<b>July 31</b>



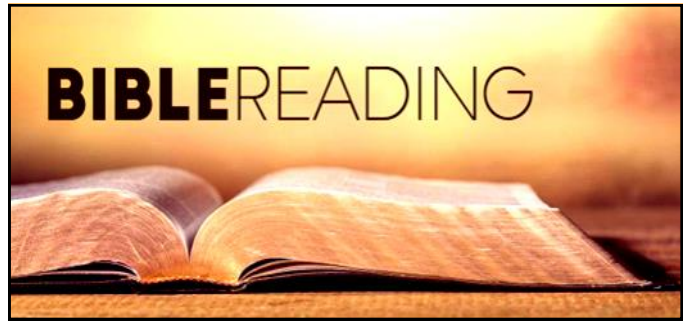
**July Anniversaries**

**David & Christel Seybold**

*Married July 8, 2000—celebrating 24 years!*

**Dan Winchester & Rita Smith**

*Married July 20, 2019—celebrating 5 years!*



**July 7 (7th Sunday of Pentecost):**

- † Ezekiel 2:1-5
- † 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
- † Mark 6:1-13

**July 14 (8th Sunday of Pentecost):**

- † Amos 7:7-15
- † Ephesians 1:3-14
- † Mark 6:14-29

**July 21 (9th Sunday of Pentecost):**

- † Jeremiah 23:1-6
- † Ephesians 2:11-22
- † Mark 6:30-34, 53-56



**July 28 (10th Sunday of Pentecost):**

- † 2 Kings 4:42-44
- † Ephesians 3:14-21
- † John 6:1-21





## July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4—4th of July</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	12:00 pm AA—VNG  5:30 pm TOPS  5:30 pm AA—HHG  7:00 pm NA—MNM	12:00 pm AA—VNG  5:30 pm AA—HHG	No Bible Study today  12:00 pm AA—VNG  5:30 pm AA—HHG  7:00 pm NA—WNW	HTLC Office Closed  Pastor Steve off 4th of July Holiday  Tracy off 4th of July Holiday  12:00 pm AA—VNG  5:30 pm AA—HHG	7:30 am Breakfast and Bible Study  Pastor Steve's Office Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  Tracy's Office Hours: 11:00 am—1:00 pm  12:00 pm AA—VNG  5:30 pm AA—HHG  6:00 pm AA-HHG Bingo Night	8:00 am AA—MWU  10:00 am AA—SMM  8:00 pm AA—SNM
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>July Events</b>	
No mid-week Bible Study (Will resume July 10)	Wednesday, July 3
HTLC Office closed for 4th of July	Thursday, July 4
Council Meeting	Tuesday, July 9 @ 6:30 pm
Pastor Steve's Vacation	Wednesday, July 10— Wednesday, July 24
Serving Lunch at UGM Men's Shelter	Thursday, July 11 11:15 am—1:00 pm
Worship & Music Committee Meeting	Thursday, July 16 @ 1:30 pm
Newsletter Articles Due	Wednesday, July 17
Mid-week Bible Study	Wednesdays @ 10:00 am
Breakfast & Bible Study	Fridays @ 7:30 am
<b>Summer Worship Schedule</b> (May 26—September 1) <b>No Sunday School</b> 9:30 am Worship Service w/Communion Fellowship after	