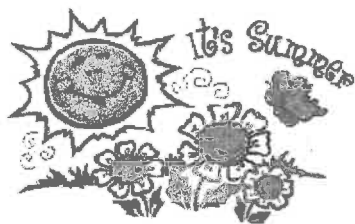


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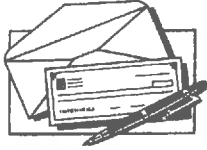
**JUNE 2017**

**OUR VISION  
SPIRITUALLY GROWING  
LITURGICALLY CELEBRATING  
MISSION MOTIVATED  
SERVING COMMUNITY  
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**ON VACATION?** Please remember; the church's commitments and operation continues through the summer. Keep your contributions up during this time or make up later for any missed weeks.

**FROM MARTIN LUTHER:**

In the Church, great wonders daily occur, such as the forgiveness of sins, triumph over death ... the gift of righteousness and eternal life.

Those who believe that, through letters of pardon they are made sure of their own salvation, will be eternally damned along with their teachers.

The true treasure of the Church is the Holy Gospel of the glory and grace of God.

This treasure, however, is deservedly most hateful, because it makes the first to be last.

To be convinced in our hearts that we have forgiveness of sins and peace with God by grace alone is the hardest thing.

The gospel cannot be truly preached without offense and tumult.

DATE	OCCASION	TIME	#	TIME	#	Total Attend.	Offering
Apr 23	SUNDAY	8:00 A M	54	10:30 am	82	136	5137.00
Apr 26	WEDNESDAY			7:00 pm			
Apr 30	SUNDAY	8:00 AM	63	10:30 AM	122	185	4395.25
May 3	WEDNESDAY			7:00 PM	20	20	
May 7	SUNDAY	8:00 AM	60	10:30 AM	132	192	6876.00
May 10	WEDNESDAY			7:00 PM	28	28	
May 14	SUNDAY	8:00 AM	51	10:30 AM	128	179	7928.50
May 17	WEDNESDAY			7:00 PM	25	25	
May 21	SUNDAY	8:00 AM	45	10:30 AM	108	153	
May 25	ASCENSION			7:00 PM	65?	No one counted. Why?	
May 28	SUNDAY	8:00 AM		10:30 AM			
May 31	WEDNESDAY			7:00 PM			



In 1506 Pope Julius II proclaimed a jubilee indulgence, which was renewed by Leo X, for the purpose of securing funds for the rebuilding of St. Peter's in Rome. A Dominican monk, Tetzel, one of the vendors of the letters of pardon, came into the vicinity of Wittenberg. We do not know whether he actually used the German rhyme, "Sobald das Geld im Kasten klingt, die Seele (aus dem Fegferer) in den Himmel springt." (as soon as the money clinks in the chest, the soul flies up to heaven), but we do know that it was used by some of the peddlers of indulgences and that it was allowed by the Church. Tetzel sold indulgences to the living that guaranteed them absolution from their priest. Many persons in Wittenberg had bought such indulgences. When Luther, as pastor of the city church, insisted, as always, on genuine repentance on the part of those who came to confession, some told him they did not have to repent as they had purchased letters of indulgence. As a result of his indignation over such perversions. *Luther nailed his 95 thesis on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, 1517.* In these theses he declared that there is no forgiveness of sins without true repentance, that the forgiveness of sins can never be bought with money, but is freely given to the one who accepts Christ in true faith. Luther nailed these statements on the door of the castle church (which was used as a bulletin board for the University) so that all who could read Latin might be challenged to study the question and to examine the whole practice of selling indulgences. A few weeks later they were followed by a short German treatise on indulgences and grace. The Latin theses and still more the German tract were distributed far and wide as though the angels had carried them about. The posting of the Theses we commonly refer to as the beginning of the Reformation.

*(Senior Catechism 1938)*

#### PENTECOST—FROM MARTIN LUTHER'S SERMON

This is the history of the day. The festival we call Pentecost originated thus: When God led the children of Israel out of Egypt, he had them to celebrate the Easter festival the same night, and commanded them to celebrate it annually, as a memorial of their exodus out of Egypt. Counting from that day, they journeyed in the desert for fifty days, to Mount Sinai, where the Law was given to them by God, through Moses. Hence they celebrated the festival we call Pentecost. For the little word "Pentecost" is derived from the Greek *Pentecostes*, signifying the fiftieth day; the Saxons say *Pingsten*. It is to this festival that Luke has reference. When the fifty days after Easter were past and the disciples had celebrated the event of God's having given the people the Law on Mount Sinai, then the Holy Spirit came and gave them a different law. We celebrate the festival, not because of the old, but because of the new event, because of the sending of the Holy Spirit.

#### THE HOLY TRINITY-FROM LUTHER'S SERMON

Today we celebrate the festival of the Holy Trinity, to which we must briefly allude, so that we may not celebrate it in vain. It is indeed true that the name "Trinity" is nowhere to be found in the Holy Scriptures, but has been conceived and invented by man. For this reason it sounds somewhat cold and we had better speak of "God" than of the "Trinity."

This word signifies that there are three persons in God. It is a heavenly mystery which the world cannot understand. I have often told you that this, as well as every other article of faith, must not be based upon reason or comparisons, but must be understood and established by means of passages from the Scriptures, for God has the only perfect knowledge and knows how to speak concerning himself.



**Get know Pastor Steve as he celebrates  
30 years in the Ministry  
August 23, 2017.**

In 1987, gas cost \$1.89 a gallon, a first class letter needed a 24¢ stamp, an animated show called "The Simpsons" premiered on television, and Steve Saxe was newly graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis with a Master of Divinity degree, a slightly broken-in family, and a call to serve as Missionary-at-large in the Logan-Fontenelle Public Housing of Omaha, Nebraska.

This August will mark the 30th anniversary of Pastor's Steve's ordination to holy ministry. Because the ministry to which he was called would initially be based in a rented storefront, Steve was ordained on August 23rd at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Pastor Steve's ordination service reflected his journey from nursing student at Kent State University to Mission Developer in Omaha. The preacher at his ordination was Rev. George Gaiser, the Campus Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Kent who was instrumental in Steve's receiving adult instruction and his subsequent confirmation in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Then, during his years practicing nursing at University Hospitals of Cleveland, Steve was actively involved in the urban, black ministry of the St. Paul congregation where he became convinced of God's hand guiding him into pastoral ministry. Rev. James McDaniels, Steve's vicarage supervisor and long-time friend and mentor, conducted the rite of ordination. Finally, the music was performed by two very different choirs to which Steve had belonged: the dignified Cleveland Lutheran A Cappella Choir and the rambunctious St. Paul Gospel Choir!

Of course every newly ordained pastor's first official function is "a reception following in the fellowship hall" and food! Later that evening, back in Steve's hometown of Stow, Steve's parents hosted a lively gathering of family and friends and food, wonderful food! If you wonder where Steve acquired his mastery of cooking and large-scale entertaining, look no further than his mom ☺The revelry lasted late into the night as guests congratulated Steve, passed around new baby, Timmy, and laughed as 2 year-old Geoff raced around the house like the Tasmanian Devil, fueled by a massive infusion of sugar from the 8-inch "Gummi Rat" provided by his Auntie Jo.

Over three decades later, the bulletins are yellowed, the boys are grown, Jan has grayed, and Steve looks, well, pretty much the same! However, the conclusion of Rev. Gaiser's sermon, 30 years ago, remains timely as he addressed Steve's concerns about how he would establish credibility as a white man in the public housing projects, remains timely:

"The only credibility to which the church can aspire ever in the credibility which service gains....(and) when it is all said and done, the fact is that God serves us. Not only is that our message for others, it is God's Good Word for us. As it takes human form in us, the integrity of service will be cracked and glazed and flawed. In Jesus, there is no such flaw...He hangs there for us. When we fail him, he will never fail us. It is a message worth living for. Amen."

**FUTURE EVENTS: PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

**30 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY....**

Plan on joining us at **9:00 AM** (between services) on **Sunday, July 30** for a light brunch in the Fellowship Hall as we help Pastor Steve celebrate his 30 years in the ministry. Watch bulletin and the July Quill for more details.

**DIVINE DRAMA – by Harry Wendt**

The Divine Drama is an intermediate-level course commonly taught within one academic year. It is ideal for teenagers preparing for confirmation, for an adult “refresher” course, or a new members class. Its 16 units on the complete biblical storyline (The Biblical Narrative) and 14 units on the themes arising from scripture (Our Narrative) provide a solid foundation for lifelong faith-formation. The Divine Drama equips youth and adults alike to relate their faith to daily life.

Pastor Steve will be leading the study of The Divine Drama starting in **September**. If you have not taken this course it is well worth your time and if you have taken it before, it is worth taking it again. You will always learn more each time you go through the study.

Check the bulletin board for a **SIGN-UP SHEET**. We will need a count so the books can be ordered. The cost for the Study Guide is **\$20.00**. Deadline for sign-up will be **August 20, 2017**

**Announcing the Pastor Ted's 35th Annual Charity Golf Tournament**

Pastor Ted's is set for Sunday, **September 17th** at Bonnie Brae GC for a 1PM shotgun start. Yes, we will play golf but more importantly this fundraiser will provide food baskets to local families in need during the Christmas season. Cost of entry is \$50 per player which includes golf cart, bottled water and snacks. Personal coolers are allowed on the course for this event. This is a rain or shine event. Show your support by getting a foursome together or help out with a sponsorship.



Sponsorship's or Memorials are available for \$100. We will display your business name and logo on a tee box placard. Likewise, you can contribute to the effort with an individual or family memorial. We will display your memorial with a tee box placard.

Lastly, we have volunteer opportunities and we need your help with this big event.

Please, check with Marque Kilpatrick, Howard Nix or Allen Weirmeir for additional details regarding any of the above information. If not at church, each may be contacted by phone or email.

## MINISTRY OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

**UNITED MINISTRIES:** We are short of our 150 food items. Remember, if everyone brought just one can a month think how many families you would feed. Just one item.....All non-perishable food items are needed. **Soups, macaroni, cereals, meats, fish, vegetables, fruits, pasta, stews,** etc. When you BOGO, bring in the free one. Doesn't cost you a dime. but helps someone that doesn't have that dime.

Another item now accepted is LARGE size toothpaste.

ALSO; those tote bags you have cluttering up your pantry/closet are needed at United Ministries Food Pantry. Bring in your gently used, clean tote bags, canvas, heavy plastic with handles about the size of a standard grocery bag or larger.

There are baskets under the table in the Narthex for United Ministries. Lets fill both to the top.

**LCGS PANTRY:** There is also a basket under the table in the Narthex marked LCGS Pantry. This is for cans of soup that Pastor distributes as needed. Another consideration for your benevolent contribution.

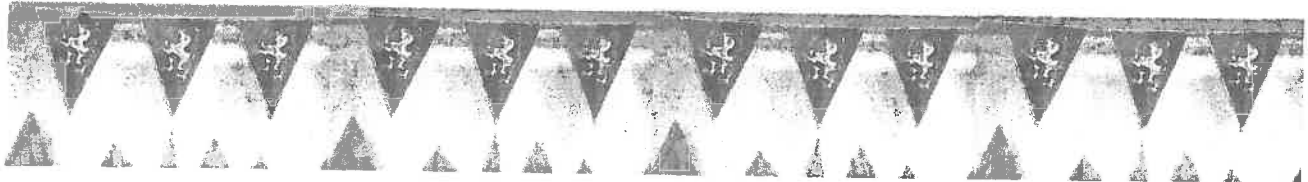
### PRISON MINISTRY:

**TOILTERIES:** Another opportunity for your benevolence is providing toiletries for those in prison. The need is great. Needed are: Bars of Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, and Stick Deodorant.

**CARDS OF COMPASSION:** These men also like to hear from you.. There is a list for Cards of Compassion on the table in the Narthex. Birthday and Holiday cards, preferably with a religious theme are appreciated. Instructions are included with the list of names. Please consider this as your mission.



**LWML CONTRIBUTIONS:** For 75 years LWML is the place where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the lord with gladness. The ladies of LWML minister to the people of the world through **Mite Box** and mission offerings. By filling our Mite boxes and we join the fight against poverty, broken families, and lack of trained workers needed in the mission fields. We provide clean water, Bible translation, and pastor and teacher training.



Welcome to our annual **ESVBS** whose theme is  
**"A Mighty Fortress" In Jesus, the Victory Is Won!**

"His kingdom endures forever! At **Mighty Fortress**, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. Friends may fail them. They may not ace their next test or make the team, BUT GOD promises to be their rock and their salvation - their fortress and sure defense."

Let's hold our banner high. The battle is done. In Jesus, the victory is won!

Clear you vacation calendars for: **June 25; July 9, 16, 23, 30**

Every Sunday Registration is now open **April thru late May**. Register soon so we know your T shirt size and other materials we will need. **All children 2-11 are invited. All youth are invited to assist. And teachers are always needed!**

**It is very important that we receive each child's registration so an order can be placed for T shirts.**

Duane & Diana

### **LADIES LUNCH BUNCH:**

Join us for a nice lunch each Tuesday at 11:30 AM. We like to try new places and return often to old favorites. Call Karen Myer to let her know you will be coming so we know how many to seat. The schedule for June is:

June 6—Epicurean Stax at 1455 Woodruff Road (if front of Wal-Mart)

June 13-Elegant Gourmet Café at 111 Church Street, downtown Simpsonville

June 20-O'Charley's Restaurant at 671 Fairview Road Simpsonville (off of I-85)

June 27-HuHot Mongolian Grill at 1025 Woodruff Road (Magnolia Center near Cabelas)

Please join us. Or, if you are unable to join us for lunch note an evening out below.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT** is **June 8 at 7:00 PM** at Portofino's Italian Restaurant in Haywood Plaza at 30 Orchard Park Dr. Greenville, SC 29615. Contact Jennifer Johnson for additional information.

### **GOD'S BLESSINGS 2017 LCGS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is pleased and proud to introduce this outstanding young woman, Ruth Naomi Bechtel, who will graduate from high school this spring. You will recognize Ruth as she has been active in the service and worship life of LCGS.

Ruth, daughter of Brian and Daphine Bechtel, was born September 4, 1997. She was baptized into the Christian Faith on December 28, 1997 at South Hills Reformed Presbyterian Church, Upper St. Clair, Pennsylvania, and confirmed at LCGS. Ruth graduated from the Bechtel Home School, as part of the Upstate Homeschool Co-op, Taylors, SC, on May 13, 2017, and will attend Anderson University, Anderson, SC in the fall, where she will major in English Literature.

Pastor Saxe will bless Ruth during the 10:30 worship service on June 11, 2017. A reception will follow the service upstairs.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Ruth and her family as they celebrate this milestone event in her life! Please pray that the Lord continue to bless Ruth as she graduates and continues her service to the Lord in her chosen vocation.

### **OFFICERS- 2017-2018 CHURCH YEAR-**

The church year starts September 1st for all officers except Financial Secretary which starts January 1.

**PRESIDENT**—Allen Summers

**VICE PRESIDENT**-Thomas Greinke

**RECORDING SECRETARY**— Jack Carson

**TREASURER**-Al Weirmeir

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**-Frank Meyer

**Immediate Past President**-Marque Kilpatrick

**Past President**-Al Weirmeir

**Supt. Of Christian Education:**

Diana Kihne and Brandi Ableman

**Head Elder:** Ron Pearson

**Elders:** Craig Beaton

Ann Reisinger

Emme Gannon

Kathy Washington

Gary Meyer

**Head Trustee:** Paul Ableman

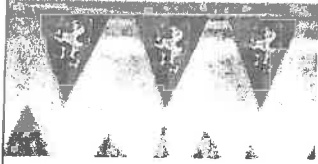
**Trustees:** Rick Bruns

Jacob Nagy

Ted Clark

Mike Reisinger





### SUNDAY SCHOOL:

**May 28th** was the last day of Sunday school until September. BUT beginning **Sunday June 25th** is our VBS "A Mighty Fortress". We will continue for four Sunday's in **July - 9, 16, 23, 30.**

See you there and bring a friend or two

Brandy and Diana

### LADIES #1 BIBLE STUDY.....

Greetings LCGS ladies:

We have completed our study in the book of **Genesis** - not somehow but triumphantly!!!

We will take a summer break from Wednesday Bible study but not from reading God's word.

God willing, we will start up again in September (date to be announced later) with the study in the book of **Hebrews**. It's only 13 chapters so you can read a chapter a week and come excited and eager to dig into God's word with your sisters-in-Christ.



In Him  
Diana



**LWML** does not meet during the summer months. However, we are actively accepting donations throughout the summer for the **Yard Sale**, which will take place on September 2nd. These can be dropped off in the Sunday School room on the upper level of the Fellowship Hall closest to the kitchen any time after June 4th.. A sign will be on the door. And we thank you in advance for your donations!

**HOOKS & NEEDLES** will meet on **Saturday, June 10th, from 9:00-11:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. We enjoy great conversation and a little breakfast as we create items for those in need - chemo caps, hats for the homeless, blanket squares, etc. All are encouraged to join us in this great ministry. If you would like to participate but cannot be present, you can work at home and leave your items on the cabinet in the Fellowship Hall any time. Donations of soft cotton yarn are also welcome!

### AS OF MAY 20, 2017, WE HAVE COMPLETED:

For the Cancer Center  
77 Comfort Caps  
19 Lap Robes  
7 Bandana Caps

For Premies  
150 Baby Hats  
6 Baby Blankets with matching hats  
10 Premie Wraps

For Homeless Shelter  
62 Winter Hats  
3 Scarves

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE JUNE 2017

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 AM Taize Setting-Communion  
9:00 AM Adult Sunday School  
(Summer Sunday VBS begins June 25 9:05 AM)  
10:30 AM LSB Setting 2-Communion

### SPECIAL DAYS IN JUNE

Jun 4-PENTECOST (Red)  
Jun 11-THE HOLY TRINITY (White)  
Jun 11-St. Barnabas, Apostle  
Jun 14-Flag Day  
Jun 18-Father's Day  
Jun 21-Summer Begins  
Jun 24-The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
Jun 25-Presentation of the Augsburg Confession  
Jun 29-St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles

### JUNE ACTIVITIES TO NOTE:

June 3-Choir Party 5:00 PM  
June 4-Confirmand Presentations/Reception 9:15 AM  
June 6-Board of Elders 6:30 PM  
June 10-Hooks & Needles 9-11 AM  
June 11-HS Graduate Recognition & Reception 10:30 AM  
June 11-Church Council 12:15 PM

**PENTECOST IS  
SUNDAY, JUNE 4**  
**Remember to  
WEAR RED**

## JULY QUILL DEADLINE JUNE 18, 2017

Please e-mail your articles to  
lcsquill@aol.com or put in Quill Box no later  
than the 18th.

## COMING EVENTS: TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

June 4: Our Confirmands will share their personal statement of faith during the Sunday School hour.

June 25: Start of Vacation Bible School during the Sunday School Hour.

July 30: Between Services we help Pastor Steve celebrate his 30 years in the ministry with a light brunch reception.

September 2: LWML BI-ANNUAL YARD SALE  
Items may be brought to the church any time after June 1.

September: Divine Drama Bible Class starts.

DETAILS OF THESE EVENTS ARE FOUND ON  
THE FOLLOWING PAGES. PLEASE READ AND  
HEED.



When the day of  
Pentecost came,  
they were  
all together in  
one place.



Acts 2:1