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Greetings St. James family! I hope that the beginning of summer has been a blessing to you. It was nice to have a couple of recent days of reprieve from the heat! My prayers include rain! The Lord provides, we know, but it sure is dry out there. Nonetheless, we give thanks to God for all He provides!

I wanted to take the time to let you know what's going on in Pastor's life - at least professionally. First and foremost, I would like to reiterate to all the souls of whom I am called to serve: yes, I am busy, but I am never too busy to serve you. Please call me if you ever need spiritual care. With that, I'd like to share with you what some of the busyness is.

A few months ago I was nominated to attend the Synod's School Leadership Development Program (SLED). After seeking our Board of Elementary Education's input and prayerful consideration, I submitted my application and was selected to attend. Being selected is a bit unique as there are very few pastors who are nominated and attend this learning opportunity (I am the only one in this class). Though rare, there are a few congregations throughout the synod that have a similar church and school administration as we.

What is SLED? Here's the description as stated by the Synod website:

"Since 1996, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has conducted School Leadership Recruitment and Training processes through the School Leadership Development Project (SLED). Its purpose is "To identify and recruit thirty leadership participants serving in Lutheran schools and train them through two national SLED events conducted by LCMS School Ministry." As a result, over 450 potential administrative candidates have been prepared for leadership in Lutheran schools.

District Education Executives identify and nominate outstanding educators currently serving in Lutheran schools for participation in SLED. Candidates are then selected by the SLED Project Management

Team and trained over the course of a year at two national SLED events with an online component throughout the year. At these events, candidates receive leadership training designed specifically for school leaders serving in Lutheran schools, are mentored by well-respected, experienced administrators, and complete a major project that will benefit the schools where they currently serve. At the conclusion of the year, participants receive the School Leadership Endorsement from the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, enhancing their eligibility for placement as Lutheran school administrators. Additionally, participants can select the option to complete SLED for three hours of graduate credit from Concordia University."

Needless to say, it's important that your pastor continue to seek opportunities for learning and growth as he continues to serve. Already, as a result of the first three days of gathering in St. Louis, I recognized and identified certain areas within which I am lacking in school administration and am grateful for the mentorship and opportunity to grow in those areas.

Besides SLED, another opportunity is on my plate that has been hanging over my head for some time. Way back in 2013, I began my Doctor of Ministry in Servant Leadership. I have completed all of my coursework for the degree but did not finish my Thesis. A couple of years ago I withdrew from the program because I didn't have the time and energy to finish. I am now at a point where I wish to finish. So, I have been reenrolled as a student at Bethel Seminary - St. Paul, and have submitted a new Thesis proposal and am beginning work on it. When all is said and done, I will graduate (with my twins!) in the Spring of 2022.

Though that may be boring information for you, what might interest some is that my Thesis work is focusing on the need for collaboration of servant leadership between pastor and principal in

congregations that have a school. It is surprising to me how many times I hear of poor relationships between the two. When a pastor and principal are not intentionally working together the church and school usually end up operating as two separate ministries. And though there are certainly different roles for the administration of each, much benefit comes from faithful operation as one ministry. The work that I will be completing through this process is hoped to provide a missing resource in our synod for congregations that have a school.

So, yes, your pastor is busy! But it's a good busy and it's only intended for me to be a better pastor and have more tools with which to serve you! I appreciate the concern and regular checks of "how are you?" in hopes that I am not overwhelmed. As I have assured my bride, dear friends, and the Elders, I will let you know when I need a break. And thankfully, I have a nice porch upon which I am able to find rest and solace during the busy days. In the meantime, I can assure you that I continue to strive to serve faithfully. God's peace!

Pastor Loder

## Our Church Records

### Church Attendance

Sunday, May 30	114 & 67
Sunday, June 6	113 & 76
Sunday, June 13	99 & 75
Sunday, June 20	110 & 65

### Communion Attendance

Sunday, May 30	91
Sunday, June 6	93
Sunday, June 13	65
Sunday, June 20	95

## THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Hear The Lutheran Hour each Sunday at 12:30 PM on KDUZ-1260 Hutchinson or at 7:30 AM on KRWC-1360 Buffalo.

The Lutheran Hour may also be heard at 6:05 AM Sunday mornings on WCCO -830. The Lutheran Hour is our church's witness in the public marketplace. We can sponsor broadcasts on KDUZ in memory of loved ones or in honor of special occasions.

### July 2021

July 4

**"Clearly Christian: Scientific"** Christians are not against science. They just don't expect science to answer questions beyond its reach.

July 11

**"Inheritance as Intended"** An inheritance that's more than places, property, and possessions—the inheritance God intended for His people.  
(Ephesians 1)

July 18

**"The Problem and Promise of Deathbed Conversion"** Is a last-minute conversion cause for joy or an insult to lifelong believers? Dr. Michael Zeigler explores both the problem and the promise of deathbed conversions.  
(Ephesians 2)

July 25

**"The Peace Child"** (Ephesians 3)

*Stewardship-* An Article from LCMS

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**



**Lutheran Hour  
Ministries**

*People of Christ With A Message of Hope*

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1).

We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties – the freedom to gather together to worship and to live out what believe in our daily lives.

But freedom and liberty in our age have devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness – a license to do what we want, when we want. This license is a submission again to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires and slaves to our passions.

Christ died to set us free from our desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity. In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit.

Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the Church. God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives to us in His service. God calls parents provide

for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

And God calls children to honor their parents and provide and care for them when they are no longer able to do so themselves. God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor the governing officials as God’s servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel, repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing.

Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Volunteer Needs at the School  
Looking for a way to serve your  
school?

Consider one of the following.  
Chat with Pastor if you are interested.

Lunch clerk  
Lunch monitors  
Receptionist  
Alumni Relations  
Kindergarten Aide  
School Nurse



**July:** Logan Cardinal (1), Annita Power (1), Colby Zillmer (1), Zachary Thorson (2), Anika Monson (3), Cari Schmieg (3), Richard Birkholz (4), Madison Gueningsman (4), Casey Diers (5), Arnold Hechesel (5), Janell Koch (5), Loren Wegner (5), Marjorie Helinske (7), Astrid Glessing (8), Teresa Schmieg (8), Megan Wiegand (8), Cole Stillwell (9), Megan Stueven (9), Nathan Kotila (10), Paul Lindahl (11), Jim Yukel (11), Heidi Gulso (12), Greta Schlagel (13), Chase Main (14), Alyssa Stoll (14), Eric Stoll (15), LaVonne Burkett (16), Brycen Diers (16), Jill Kittock (16), Lisa Baumann (17), Becky Hagemann (17), Michael Stueven (18), Roy Bakeberg (19), Hathaway Heber (20), Kelly Reich (20), Bonnie Bistodeau (21), Luke Dahl (21), Michelle Droneck (21), Tyler Gruenhagen (21), Carolyn Kotila (21), Tammy Oestreich (21), Julie Linder (22), Riley Bickmann (23), Lucas Kilpela (23), Carson Woolhouse (23), Clark Hassa (24), Brooke Gabbert (25), Aaron Horsch (25), Julia Muldoon (26), Wayne Birkholz (27), Thomas Goepfert (27), Stanley Gulso (27), Eloise Doster (28), Linda Drusch (28), Erland Hoese (28), Fisher Laplant (28), Dustin Gustafson (30), Carolyn Ittel (30), Dawn Krohn (30), Lynn Burbank (31), Jason Schmieg (31) **August:** Keith Bobrowske (1), Jeremy Cardinal (1), Coleton Main (1), Morgan Niesen (1), Ann Birkholz (2), Daniel Workman (2), Gayle Yager (2), Linda Bakeberg (3), Angela Cardinal (3), Joyce Heuer (3), Marjorie Stueven (3), Ashley Main (4), Russell Schlagel (4), Keith Brose (5), Amy Burau (5), Madison Marschel (5), Elizabeth Anderson (6), Jean Birkholz (6), Justin Gabbert (7), Justin Niesen (7), Myron Lahr (8), Alexia Probst (8), Thomas Johnson (10), Pastor Loder (10), Gayle Ristow (10), Lila Hennen (11), Marvel Engel (12), Denise Virnala (12), Darlene Lind (13), Cass Cardinal (14), Bonnie Jones (14), Gwen Pehl (14), Waverly Stueven (14), Donald Drusch (16), Casey Stueven (16), Wyatt Gueningsman (17), Joseph Pehl (17), Chris Menk (18), Crystal Collier (19), Marlene George (19), Riley Gruenhagen (19), Shane Heber (19), Hathaway Steuven (19), Mark Burau (20), Dan Glessing (20),

Elijah Wellnitz (22), Shari Zander (22), Kennedy Sparkman (23), Michael Luhman (24), Barbara Schmieg (25), Mindy Stoll (25), Jeremy Birkholz (26), Joel Hirsch (26), Vivian Nikko (27), Emma Diers (28), Rena Gruenhagen (28), Elise Linder (28), Carol Borg (29), Matthew Goepfert (29), Benjamin Koosman (29), Mildred Molnau (29), Anna Baumann (30), Jeffrey Kilpela (30), Brooke Whitton (30), Taylor Drusch (31), Alexa Olson (31).



7/8 Bernard & Margaret Marketon  
7/9 Brad & Jenna Davis  
7/9 Ryan & Kacy Muldoon  
7/12 Adam & Beth Koch  
7/13 Justin & Angela Gabbert  
7/17 Martin & Joan Boss  
7/17 Lon & Michelle Droneck  
7/18 Dustin & Katherine Gustafson  
7/19 Steve & Kim Koosman  
7/19 Terry & LaNette Thorson  
7/22 Jed & Tami Zander  
7/25 John & Darlene Lind  
7/31 Ronald & Roberta Weibel  
8/2 Adam & April Stueven  
8/4 Warren & Dorothy Anderson  
8/10 Ray & Jan Cardinal  
8/11 Dennis & Nancy Butterfass  
8/15 Pastor Loder & Molly  
8/16 Doanld & Ruby Drusch  
8/17 Jeff & Leisha Diers  
8/21 Jake & Jaime Diers

## Reception

*In the school to welcome  
Vicar Klumpp and his family  
Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Following 10:30 service  
Cake and Coffee will be served  
Come give them a warm welcome*

# Our Parish Nurse

## *SUMMER GREETINGS,*

It seems hay fever and seasonal allergies are making life difficult for a number of people this year. For some reason they are more troublesome than usual. I will share some information about them in this article.

**ALLERGIES-** Roughly, 17.6 million adults suffer from allergies, some year around. Yet, there is no known cure. The best that can be done is to treat the symptoms and follow-up with further testing if the symptoms are severe. There are some natural remedies to be tried with some positive effects, it all depends on the individual. Since each person is unique, what works for one doesn't necessarily work for another.

**WHAT IS A SEASONAL ALLERGY?** It is an allergic response causing itchy, watery eyes, sneezing, tiredness and other symptoms. **HAYFEVER** is another name for allergic rhinitis-most commonly used to describe a seasonal allergic reaction to pollen, such as ragweed. Often used to refer to nasal allergies caused by inhaled allergens.

**HOW IS THE DIAGNOSIS MADE?** A Medical practitioner will take a thorough medical history. Examination of the nasal passages and sometimes skin testing. Trying Over-The-Counter medications will also help in ruling out the diagnosis.

**TREATMENT FOR ALLERGIES:** Over the counter (OTC) antihistamines can reduce symptoms, it is a matter of trying different ones to find one that will work for you. Unfortunately, there is no magic bullet to take care of the problem. Some things to try are: Neti Pot Saline Rinse- This should be used with caution, if used too frequently can cause irritation of the mucous membrane of the nasal passages. Nettle Leaves- They have histamines in them and often are the basis of homeopathic treatments for allergies. Caution with Nettle Leaves as they should have a medical

guide in using them. Probiotics have also been used in the treatment of allergies. They may have a positive effect on allergies, however, they require a long term use to build an effective treatment on allergies. Eucalyptus Oil is a decongestant that soothes the nasal mucosa. Used in combination with menthol, and other herbs can soothe the nasal mucosa. Local honey has been used, but according to studies, has not shown much success at being helpful. Quercetin, another substance that has not been studied well, therefore not helpful. Omega 3 is a natural allergy remedy but needs to be a long term use. Controlling diet to be fish based will help. People who naturally have a more fish based diet have less inflammatory response to allergies.

More Home Treatments that are helpful: Dust and Mold control in the house are very important in controlling allergens. Keep windows closed. Wear sunglasses to protect eyes, Use a dehumidifier in the home. Wash hands often- especially after petting or handling animals.

**Medications-** antihistamines OTC, but if symptoms are severe may need immunotherapy or allergy shots. Medical providers are the best guide if over-the-counter medications are not helpful.

**REMINDER:** Pick up your telephone and call someone today instead of texting them- surveys show we all need to hear voices rather than depend on other methods of communicating. It has become such a pattern that too many times people communicate strictly with texting and/or email rather than actual voice communication.

Enjoy your summer with family and friends, wash your hands, enjoy all the good fruits and vegetables, get plenty of sleep, get outside and walk when you can and drink plenty of liquids.

Your Parish Nurse,  
*Darlene*

## ***Vicar Dub's Corner***

“No problem.” If you’re like me, or many others in my generation, this short phrase has nearly completely replaced the former, “you’re welcome.” Not because of a lack of manners or anything of the sort, but because it really is not a problem. It’s not a problem to hold the door for you or to take your trash when I get up. It is simply being nice without any expectation of a “thank you.” It is not a burden to me to be polite or to do my job. Of course, “thank you” is always appreciated too and we should be in that habit; but we should not let our fear of being a burden keep us from asking for help.

This is also how it works as your pastor and vicar. Your pastoral care is not a problem to us. You are not a burden to us. It is the job of your pastor, part of his divine call to serve here at St. James, that he care for you. When you are sick, let him know. If you are in the hospital, let him know. If you are struggling, let him know. Ask him to come and visit you. Ask him to pray for you.

Is your pastor busy? Of course. He should be. Is he ever too busy to visit you? No. Yes, sometimes he might be out of town, and yes, he probably won’t be able to get there that day sometimes; but he will come. This is his role, and one he takes seriously. Visiting you is a good way to stay busy. Bringing the Lord’s body and blood to those who are unable to come to church is a wonderful thing. Comforting the afflicted with the words of Holy Scripture is a necessary part of ministry.

But your pastor is not omniscient. He cannot read your mind. If you’re not in church, he doesn’t know what the issue is, if you’re on vacation or if you’re in the hospital. So talk to him. Call the church office. Chat after service on Sundays. Stop in during the week! Now, some of this might be tough. We don’t like asking for help. Even when we feel completely overwhelmed, when we’re all alone, we never allow ourselves to ask for

someone to be with us. When that happens, remember this: you are not a burden. You, dear saint, are a child of God. Your pastor cares for you.

Your vicar also cares for you. It has been a blessing to serve you this past year. Thank you for welcoming Michaela and me into your homes and for making us feel right at home from day one. I especially want to thank God that I got to know some of you quite well in our visits. It brought me much joy to bring you the Lord’s gifts, joy that I know is nothing compared to the joy of the angels in heaven rejoicing over you. To God alone be glory, honor, and might. Amen.

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## ✝ ***Bible Trivia*** ✝

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See answers at bottom of next column

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1. Who is generally credited with writing the first five books of the Bible?
2. Which two books in the Old Testament devote an entire chapter each to prophesying the crucifixion of Jesus in amazing detail?
3. Quote the second sentence of Jesus expressing His reluctance to change the water into wine after He said “Woman what have I to do with you”?
4. Who said, “Thou shalt never wash my feet.”?
5. When Jesus saw Nathanael a second time, where did he say he had seen him previously?

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**Answers:** 1. Moses 2. Isaiah and Psalms (Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22) 3. “Mine hour is not yet come” (John 2:4) 4. Peter (John 13:8) 5. Under a fig tree (John 1:48)



## *All are invited...*

New members, men, women and everyone interested in the history of Howard Lake are invited to a special

### ***LWML Summer Event***

**on Thursday, July 15.**



Take a trip back in time and reminisce with the LWML as they meet in the South Shore Event Center\* and enjoy presentations on the history of Howard Lake.

Mayor Pete Zimmerman and City

Employee Myra Laway will speak regarding the history of our town with interesting information about the historic original Town Hall building.

You are invited to come early and shop the Vintage Exchange and Love Inc. stores where you will find antique as well as many useful and nostalgic treasures.

The evening will **begin at 5:00 PM** in the Event Center where we will gather for a meal and the history presentations.

You will have the choice of a **Taco Salad or Chicken Salad** to be served at this supper meeting along with a roll and fruit.

Call the church office with any questions. If they don't know the answer, they can direct you to someone who does.

\*Hall above the Liquor Store with handicap accessibility.



"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

Our sin soil is washed clean by the blood of Christ as we welcome him into the prayer closets of our hearts.

June is the month the LWML members meet to work. The Fellowship hall Kitchen was cleaned and organized. Special projects were completed by some. With approval of the trustees, eight new round, white poly propylene tables will be purchased to replace eight heavy brown round tables.

A gift basket of helpful items will be prepared for the new Vicar and his family when they arrive. The gift will be from all women of the congregation.

Summer tour day is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:00 pm with a meal at the South Shore Event Center, Howard Lake Town Hall Building.

30 Happy Mailbox cards were sent in June.

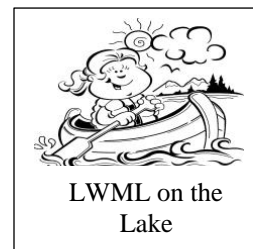
"Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

## ***August LWML Summer Meeting***

Pontoon rides, a message from God's Word and a light supper will all be part of the LWML's August meeting. Members and guests are invited to come to Lion's Beach on the southern edge of Howard Lake on **Monday, August 2 at 5:00 PM** for an evening of outdoor fun.

Plans are to board pontoons for a ride around the lake and return to the beach for a devotion led by Pastor Loder. A supper of sub sandwiches will be served in the shelter at the picnic tables.

You can bring a lawn chair to make it more comfortable and a life jacket if you have one. Life jackets will be available and assistance boarding the pontoons will be offered.



*We hope all the women of St. James can join us!*



***Women, if you have been thinking about visiting the LWML, we welcome you to both the July and August meetings. While these are fun events our focus is always on***

- ✚ Nurturing faith in Christ*
- ✚ Making faith meaningful*
- ✚ Sharing encouragement with others*