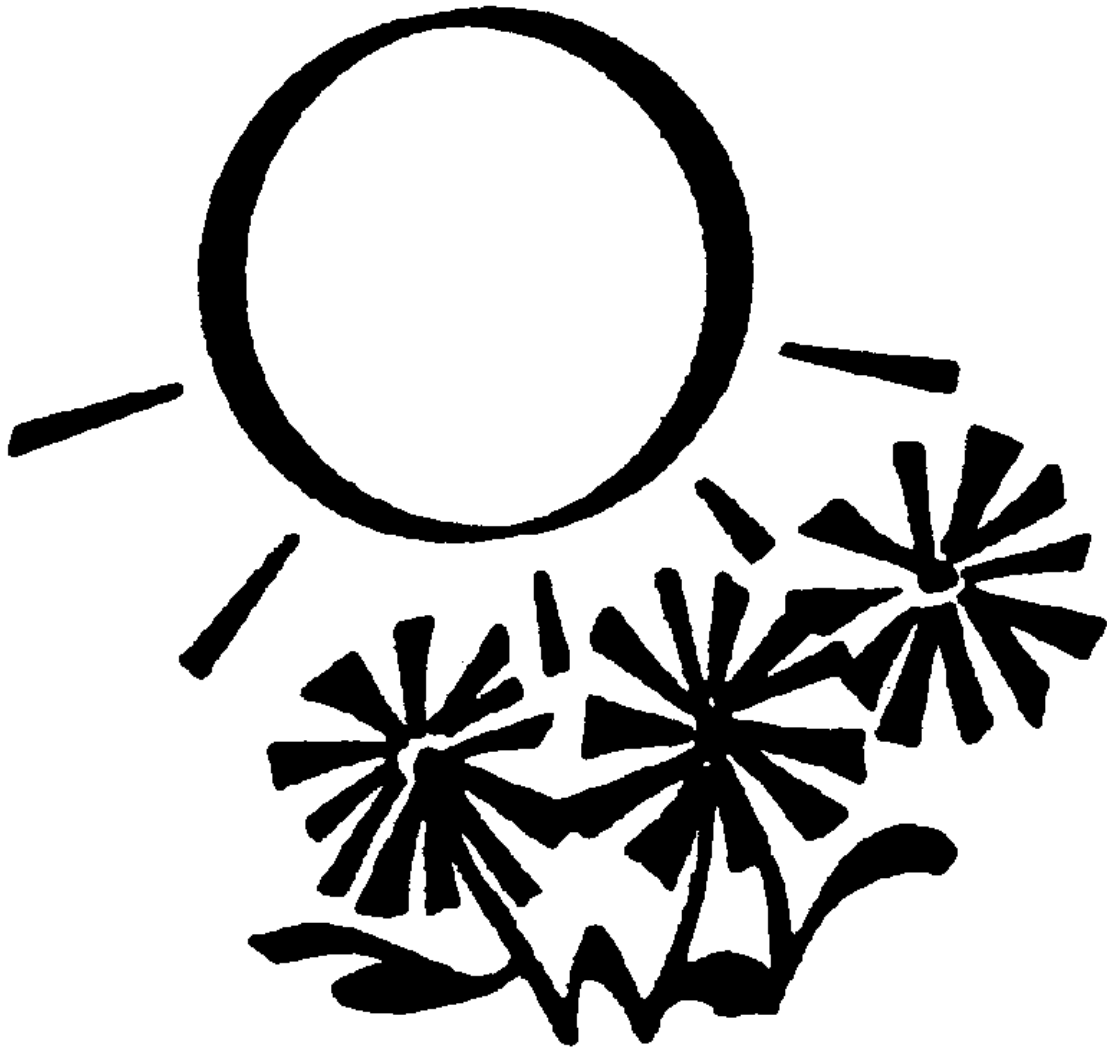


Seventh Sunday of Easter



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
& LUTHERAN CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

A Christian family who cares for you!

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

*(As derived from the Lutheran Service Book Setting Five
beginning on page 213)*

May 28, 2017

THE PREPARATION

*We prepare our hearts and minds by confessing our sins and humbly turning to our God who alone is able to forgive our sins. "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation."
(II Corinthians 5:17)*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Johann Pachelbel
Melvin Rotermund
James W. Kosnick

The PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Almighty, everlasting God, whose Son has assured forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal condemnation, strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ increase daily and we steadfastly grow in Christian assurance that we shall not die but fall asleep and on the last day be raised to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The TOLLING OF THE BELLS

(The tolling of the bells is an ancient custom that according to some is said to call upon the name of the Lord and alert the community to our call to worship. As the bells toll, we reverently prepare our hearts and minds to receive the blessings God has promised in His Word and Sacraments.)

A REMINDER PLEASE: We honor and respect our parents and grandparents who bring your children to worship. We love for all children to learn of God's love for them. If you find you would like to use our nursery, it is located in the old kitchen area, down the hallway to the ladies' restroom. We have closed circuit TV broadcasting the service and a viewing window in that area as well. Also, please turn your cell phone to mute or to vibrate during the worship service. Thank you.

* Confession and Absolution *

Though Christ has ascended to His Father's throne to intercede for us, we have His promise that He remains with us in His Word and in His body and blood. Such a feast hosted by the Friend of sinners impels our praises.

(Please stand)

HYMN OF INVOCATION

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821

- (1) Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."
- (2) Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore"?
- (3) Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.
- (4) Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.
- (5) Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

(Be seated)

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

APOSTLES' CREED

✠ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life * everlasting. Amen.

(Please stand)

☆ Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

☆ Our help is in the name of the Lord,

✠ **who made heaven and earth.**

☆ I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

✠ **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- ☆ O almighty God, merciful Father,
- ✝ **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- ☆ Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the * Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- ✝ **Amen.**

* Service of the Word *

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- ☆ The Lord be with you.
- ✝ **And also with you.**
- ☆ Let us pray.
O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ✝ **Amen.**

(Be seated)

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’”

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

✧ This is the Word of the Lord.

✧ **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

✧ This is the Word of the Lord.

✧ **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. R. Brian Stolarczyk

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

LSB pg. 156

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

☆ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter. *John 17:1-11*

❖ **Glory to You, O Lord**

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

☆ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

❖ **Praise to You, O Christ**

(Be seated)

The Living Christ (1 Peter 3:18-22)

In the third and final major section of his letter, Peter lifts up the eyes of his suffering and fearful brothers and sisters to the objective reality of the victorious Savior. Christ's successful work and triumphant coronation provide the basis for hope and confidence in our lives.

SERMON

The Living Christ

Rev. R. Brian Stolarczyk

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

LSB 548



1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O
2 Thou hast died for my trans - gres - sion, All my sins on
3 For the joy Thine ad - vent gave me, For Thy ho - ly,



Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us,
Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me sal - va - tion,
pre - cious Word; For Thy Bap - tism, which doth save me,



Thou hast con - quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a -
On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall a -
For Thy blest Com - mu - nion board; For Thy death, the bit - ter



rise And hast o - pened par - a - dise! None can ful - ly
rise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death it - self is
scorn, For Thy res - ur - rec - tion morn, Lord, I thank Thee



sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.
tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.
and ex - tol Thee, And in heav'n I shall be - hold Thee.

(Please stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LSB 215

OFFERING

(Be seated)

(Please indicate your attendance and any requests on the Pew Card and hand them to the center aisle. They will be picked up by the ushers after they deliver our gifts to the Altar. Thank you.)

(Please stand)

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 217

✠ **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

BENEDICTION

☆ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and * give you peace.

✠ **Amen.**

PARTING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685

- (1) Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- (2) Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

(continued)

- (3) Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
- (4) Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Richard Hillert

You have been a blessing to us! Please use this time to “check in” with your Christian brothers and sisters around you. Coffee and donuts are being served directly after service in the Fellowship & Ministry Center. Please stop by and enjoy. Thank you.

Jesus, our Redeemer, came from His Father to save creation from sin. On Calvary, He willingly gave His sinless life for us. His resurrection from the dead and His ascension into heaven show that His sacrifice for our sins was acceptable to His Father for our atonement. In Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer, He acknowledges, “I . . . accomplished the work that You gave Me to do.” Jesus accomplished our salvation just as the Father had asked of Him. Alleluia!

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 Pastor: Rev. R. Brian Stolarczyk
 Organist/Choir Director: Linda Redmann
 Director, Lutheran Child Development Center: Lisa Kress
 Clarinet: Bill Trueman
 May 28, 2017

A Christian Family Who Cares For You!

The **ETERNAL LIGHT** is provided to the Glory of God by Mark & Jeanne Polzin.
 The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Ron & Carol Scheff to
 celebrate their granddaughters Candi's & Abby's graduation dates.

WORSHIP SERVANTS:

Elder on Duty	Fred Spier	
Acolyte	Amani Ayala	
Ushers/Greeters	Lois Kooistra	Raimond Gievers
Altar Server	Nancy Bird	

IF YOU HAVE any comments, questions or suggestions, please contact any one of our Elders:

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If you or a loved one needs transportation to and from church
 please call Joyce Spier at 941-627-0541

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:30am to 1:30pm. You may reach us by phone
 at (941-627-6060), fax (941-627-5467) or email secretary@lccross.org. Find us on the
 Web at www.lccross.org or:



<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lutheran-Church-of-the-Cross/279700308834767>

THE POWER OF PRAYERS

Homebound Care:

Rudley & Gloria Anthony, , Marlene Hirtzer, Gladys Jeffery, Cris & Linda Kelly, Vera Kuhlmann, Eloise Morch, Ruth Smith, Donna Stanton, Mary Stutz, & Alice Van Keuren

Strength, Healing, Guidance: *

Tom Fry	Brother of Carol Scheff; living with Parkinson's
Roger Brodie	Hospitalized with severe bleeding
Shirley Zuelich	Sister-in-law Bonnie Klott, breathing difficulty/heart issues
Art Groen	Friend of LCC; recovery from open heart surgery
Darlene Upchurch	Daughter-in-law Helen Upchurch; recovery from recent surgery
Joyce Schankin	Recovery from recent surgery
Pam Olsabeck	Sister Vicki Thorpe; possible stroke

Battling Cancer: *

Matt Doctor	Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; battling cancer; new chemo
Barbara Sass	Undergoing treatment for breast cancer
Lori Nelson	Undergoing treatment for breast cancer
David Obermier	Undergoing chemotherapy
Deb Keuker	Cousin of Fred Spier – undergoing treatment for cancer
Michelle Black	Friend of LCC; continued battle with cancer
Kevin Klott	Son of Bonnie Klott; continued treatment, cancer
Chris Wrightsman	Battling prostate cancer
Linda Sabatke	Daughter in law, Ruth Sabatke; battling cancer
Devon Crane	Cousin of Bert Strefling; diagnosed with colon cancer
Razona Ledford	Daughter Bea Butler; battling metastatic breast cancer
Darrell Van Pammell	Friend of LCC; diagnosed with terminal throat cancer

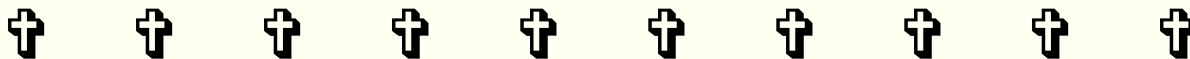
Military:

USAF Airman Shawn Mulvaney	Son, Jerry & Joanne Mulvaney
USMC LCpl David Eubank	Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; stationed in North Carolina
Army Soldier Shane Golembieski	Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in Hawaii
USAF Airman Shawn Golembieski	Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in Nevada
USMC LCpl Nick Lafayette	Nephew of Ron & Carol Scheff; stationed in Okinawa, Japan USMC
Pvt. C.J. Lafayette	Nephew of Ron & Carol Scheff; stationed in 29 Palms, CA
US Army Capt. Nate Zimmerly	Friend of LCC; stationed at Fort Hood, TX
PO1 Robert Kecken	Son of Jerry & Meredith Kecken; stationed Cordova, AK
US Army SSG. Paul Behling	Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; stationed in WA

Family Prayer: We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation**.

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

***Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks, unless otherwise notified.**



THE KINGDOM OF GOD GROWS!

Emma Elyse Gunn was born into this world on September 9, 2004. Her mother is Pamela Ann Gunn and her father is Stephen Walter Gunn. Her sponsors are Fred & Joyce Spier. Today, Emma is inducted into the heavenly Kingdom by the promises of Holy Baptism.



WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS

*who are ages 13 to “I’m not telling!”

*who are available **June 19-23, 2017**

*who want to help kids and have fun

Please sign up in the Narthex and mark your calendars.

We need you!



WE NEED SHOEBOXES AGAIN FOR VBS CRAFTS: Please donate your



shoeboxes—the bigger, the better. You may leave them in the Narthex **by Sunday, June 11th**. We need about 60, so that each child can have a box to hold his or her own craft treasures! Thanks for your help.

SNACKS and TEACHING SUPPLIES FOR VBS THAT YOU COULD DONATE, IF YOU WISH TO HELP, are printed on *supply tags* attached to the big display in the



Narthex. Simply peel a supply tag off the display, obtain the item, and drop the item off at the VBS cart in the Narthex **no later than June 11th** (a week before VBS starts so we can see what we still need to buy). Thank you for helping with VBS!

IN HIS SERVICE THIS WEEK (FMC = Fellowship and Ministry Center)

Sun-May 28	9:00am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15am	Divine Service
Mon-May 29		LCC / LCDC Campus Closed ~ Memorial Day
Tues-May 30	9:00am	Monday Morning Volunteers
	6:00pm	Lutheran Services Foster Parenting Class
Wed-May 31	10:00am	LCDC Director's Meeting
	6:30pm	Small Group Bible Study (De Braccio's Home)
	7:00pm	AA Meeting: "Keep It Simple" (FMC)
Thurs-Jun 1	10:00am	Bible Talk
	7:00pm	AA Meeting: "Reflections" (FMC)
Sat-Jun 3	9:00am	SCRIP (MSIT) Center (FMC)
	10:00am	VBS Staff Meeting (Old Fellowship Hall)

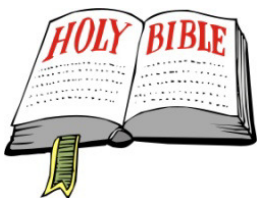
IN HIS SERVICE NEXT WEEK

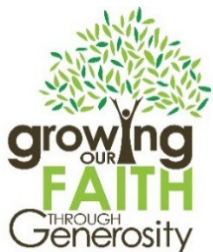
Sun-Jun 4	9:00am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15am	Divine Service/Holy Communion
Mon-Jun 5	9:00am	Monday Morning Volunteers
Tues-Jun 6	6:00pm	Board of Christian Education Meeting
	7:00pm	Board of Evangelism Meeting
Wed-Jun 7	6:30pm	Adult Information Class
	7:00pm	AA Meeting: "Keep It Simple" (FMC)
Thurs-Jun 8	10:00am	Bible Talk
	7:00pm	AA Meeting: "Reflections" (FMC)
Sat-Jun 10	9:00am	SCRIP (MSIT) Center (FMC)
		Stephen Ministry Supervision/Training

FUTURE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Fri-Jun 16	9:00am	LCDC Donuts with Daddy (FMC)
Sun-Jun 18		Father's Day
	10:15am	VBS Staff Commissioning
Jun 19 – Jun 23		Vacation Bible School Week

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS is perfect for you if: (1) You desire to be confirmed or re-affirmed in the Lutheran doctrine (2) You are a new Christian and have questions about, "What Does the Bible Say?" (3) You are a lifelong Lutheran and want to "brush-up" on all you have forgotten. We begin our 10-week study on **Wednesday, June 7th**, at 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall of Lutheran Church of the Cross. Please join us!





1 Peter 5:7 “...casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.” We have a Father in heaven – and He really cares for us and loves us. That is the basis of generosity, because such knowledge spells the end of anxiety and worry, which is where tight-fisted greed comes from.

LCC FINANCIAL REPORT:

Week of 05/21/2017	
Weekly Income	\$8,091
Weekly Expenses	\$15,369
01/01/2017 – 05/21/2017	
Year to Date Income	\$247,930
Year to Date Expenses	\$237,174
Balance	\$10,756

Attendance	05/22/2016	05/21/2017
	134	143



JESUS’ LOVE: “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends”(John 15:13 – ESV). Both of my parents served in the Army in World War II. Every Memorial Day, my family would gather at Camp Butler military cemetery in Illinois where my parents are now buried, to honor the men and women who served and died for our nation. They were comforted, just as we are, by faith in Jesus Christ who

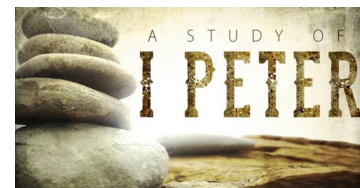
loved us so much that He laid down His life for each of us. Because of His love, death and resurrection, God gives us the victory over death through His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

MAY SERMON SERIES:

OVERVIEW OF 1 Peter: *Living hope in a hostile world.*

First Peter is an eloquent, passionate letter in three great cycles.

Peter was writing to Christians who were coming under severe pressure to renounce their faith. They could be arrested and imprisoned, held without bail or *habeas corpus* rights, physically abused by their captors, exiled, sent to work as slaves in government mines, and even killed for no other reason than being Christians. Each sequence of First Peter proclaims the mighty, saving acts of God and then describes the believers’ faith-and life-response. (p.62)



May 28 The Living Christ

1 Peter 3:18-22

SO WE DECIDED TO PURCHASE A VAN—
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?



It is our famous “Lutheran” question. Now that the Voters have decided this is the right time in our mission and ministry to purchase a van—now what?

- ✚ IT MEANS: the Transportation Task Force is now authorized to locate, negotiate, and enter into contract to purchase a van for the mission and ministry of the church and preschool. The actual motion was: “Motion to authorize the Transportation Task Force to purchase a vehicle, monthly costs not to exceed \$1,400.00 to cover a) vehicle payments, b) insurance, and c) maintenance, with a down payment not to exceed \$3,000.00.”
- ✚ IT MEANS: Miss Lisa can immediately notify the parents of graduating VPK students, parents with children in our preschool with elementary age siblings, the Charlotte County coalition, and the two local elementary schools that Lutheran Child Development Center will provide means for children to attend our after-school program.
- ✚ IT MEANS: Our ministry relationship with the preschool children and families can be dramatically prolonged with the prayerful desire that the LORD will bless our relationship, and that families will want to join our Christian family who has demonstrated Christ-like compassion for their families and for their children.
- ✚ IT MEANS: The potential use of the van for the LWML, the Youth Group, Sunday morning pick-up for worship, and convention and/or conferences is now possible.
- ✚ IT MEANS: The Transportation Task Force, headed by our Vice President Gerry Laxton, will expand their search and seek to be the best possible stewards of our resources and secure the best value possible in a van. The one source that was presented included the dealership providing up to \$1,000.00 allowance for logos to be applied to the van. The Task Force will proceed with insurance coverage and identifying drivers. It is helpful that our already-on-staff LCDC paid employees will be counted on as drivers.
- ✚ IT MEANS: The Voters placed a HIGH priority on the mission and ministry needs to “Go and make disciples” and that we recognize the superb efforts to tend to the stewardship details of anticipating expenses, estimating income, and evaluating the “risk factor.” The Voters recognize that there are details to be worked out but concluded this is the right time for this “walk in faith.”

May God bless our desire to obey His Great Commission to make disciples of all nations and our intentional goal that our preschool meets that specific, God-pleasing objective.

...Pastor Redmann



CHARLOTTE COUNTY IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:

Early Learning Coalition of Florida’s Heartland (ELCFH) is seeking one volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors. This board administers school readiness and voluntary pre-kindergarten programs in Charlotte, Desoto, Hardee and Highlands Counties. Length of term is 3 years. To obtain an application, please contact Diane Whidden at (941) 743-1300 or via email at Diane.Whidden@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.