



Proclaiming Jesus, the Living Water

Lake George Lutheran Chapel

June, 2019 Newsletter



From
Your
Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Now that summer has officially begun with our Welcome Back Brunch on Memorial Day weekend, there is something that is very important for many families during the summer months.



Yes, it is the all-important barbecue grill. Men like to stand over the grill and cook various kinds of meat. The smells are wonderful as the meat cooks on the grill.

The barbecue smells have been around for a long time, clear back in the days of Moses.

The sweet aroma was tied to the sins of the people.

If anyone of the common people sins unintentionally in doing any one of the things that by the Lord's commandments ought not to be done, and realizes his guilt, or the sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring for his offering a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed. And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill the sin offering in the place of burnt offering. ... And the priest shall make atonement for him for the sin which he has committed, and he shall be forgiven. (Leviticus 4:27-29, 35b)

The sacrifices burned on the altar fire are described as a pleasing aroma to the Lord. It was also a pleasing aroma to those who offered the sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins.

Now, instead of the pleasing aroma of the animal sacrifices, we have the pleasing aroma of the bread and wine, given for us in the Lord's Supper. All of our sins were placed on Jesus, and He became the one final sacrificial lamb. Jesus was and is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. For this we give Him all thanks and praise.

This summer, as you fire up your grill, consider the great blessing of the pleasing aroma of the sacrifice of Jesus. Then enjoy a great meal, giving thanks for all the great blessings of God!

Pastor Easterday

Worship Schedule- June/July

June 2 Ascension Celebrated
The 40 days of His ministry on earth after His resurrection were complete. Now Jesus departed to be at the right hand of the Father for all eternity. (Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53)

June 9 Pentecost Sunday
In the early days after creation, the world only had one language until the day God confused the language because the people were building a tower to make a name for themselves. On the day of Pentecost, God revealed his love for the people as He sent them the Holy Spirit to speak to them in all languages! (Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21, John 14:23-31)

June 16 Trinity Sunday/Father's Day
Each year, on the Sunday after Pentecost, we remember the Holy Trinity, as God works on our behalf as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Acts 2:14a, 22-36, John 8:48-59)

June 23 2nd Sunday After Pentecost
When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, Jesus, to redeem us. Now we are sons and daughters of God, and now heirs of all of God's gifts. (Isaiah 65:1-9, Galatians 3:23-4:7, Luke 8:26-39)

June 30 3rd Sunday After Pentecost
Independence Day Weekend
God has set us free from our struggles with sin and now leads us to demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit. (1 Kings 19:9b-21, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62)

Note: We will be blessed with two special activities in our worship. Dick Randall will be providing a mission moment concerning the work of the Gideons. We will receive a door offering afterward. Also, the Lutheran Men of Song will be presenting special music for the service, including patriotic songs.

July 7 4th Sunday After Pentecost
We are all aware of the sins of others. At times we overlook them, or we address them harshly. This weekend we will focus on how God would have us restore the transgressing brother. (Isaiah 66:10-14, Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18, Luke 10:1-20)

July 14 5th Sunday After Pentecost
Jesus reminds us to love our neighbor. We will consider "Who is my neighbor?" in our worship this weekend, and how God would then have us relate to them. (Leviticus 18, 1-5, 19:9-18, Colossians 1:1-14. Luke 10:25-27)

The Lutheran Chorale will be providing special music for us this weekend.

July 21 6th Sunday After Pentecost
One of the challenges we have in life is deciding what is necessary. This weekend we will focus on how God's word is necessary for us in our faith life with Jesus. (Genesis 18:1-10a, Colossians 1:21-29, Luke 10:38-42)

July 28 7th Sunday After Pentecost
Abraham was persistent when trying to convince God to spare Sodom and Gomorrah. We will consider Godly persistence in our worship this week. (Genesis 18:20-33, Colossians 2:6-15, Luke 11:1-13)

Fifth Sunday Door Offering

On June 30, Dick Randall, from the Steuben County Gideons, will share a few words about how sharing God's word is making an impact in the world around us. As part of our mission work, we will have a door offering toward the work of the Gideons. (Note: All contributions to the Gideons are used to purchase Bibles to distribute throughout the world.)



WORSHIP ANEW

(Formerly known as Worship For Shutins)

June 2, 2019 – Seventh Sunday of Easter – The Ascension of our Lord Observed

Psalm 47; New Testament: Acts 1:1-11;

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

“What Are You Doing Here?” - Sermon Text:
Acts 1:1-11 - Rev. Bill Mueller

The disciples of Jesus stood in amazement at the ascension of Jesus. They saw Him ascend into Heaven. They were bewildered, confused, and simply dumb-founded. What are you doing here the angels asked them. Jesus will return! In whatever situation of life we find ourselves, the same question needs to be asked of us – what are you doing here?

June 9, 2019 – The Day of Pentecost

Psalm 143; New Testament: Acts 2:1-21;

Gospel: John 14:25-31

“Let Us Go!” - Sermon Text: John 14:31 - Rev.
Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Two thousand years after He walked the earth, Jesus continues instructing and living among His people. Bringing the voice and presence of Jesus to His disciples is the work of the Holy Spirit. This work is celebrated through the celebration of Pentecost.

June 16, 2019 – The Holy Trinity

Psalm 8; New Testament: Act 2:14a, 29-33;

Gospel: John 8:51-59

“Before Abraham Was, I Am” - Sermon Text:
John 8:51-59 – Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Christ’s statement, “Before Abraham was, I am,” gives us wonderful assurance that the Triune God is the God of our salvation. Jesus’ words also lead us to think of the various ways in which he can be described as our Savior.

June 23, 2019 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 3; Old Testament: Isaiah 65:1-9; Gospel:
Luke 8:26-39

“How Much God Has Done” - Sermon Text:
Luke 8:38-39 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

In today's reading, after Jesus drove demons out of a man, He told him, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." Christ crossed the lake to restore this man, not only so that the man would be "dressed and in his right mind" but so that this once ostracized and isolated outcast could go home, could be reunited with his family, could rejoin his community and could carry with him a message of "how much God has done" for him. This is what Christ has done for us as well.

June 30, 2019 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 16; Old Testament: 1 Kings 19:9b-21;

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

“To Jerusalem!” - Sermon Text: Luke 9:51 -
Rev. Shayne Jonker

“When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem.”
Jesus purpose, His mission was to go to Jerusalem and be crucified for the world's sin, rise from the dead, and ascend into Heaven. He came to be taken up, and to take us up together with Him.

July 7, 2019 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 66:1-7; Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18; Luke
10:1-20

“What Motivates You?” - Sermon Text:
Galatians 6:1-10 – Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Have you ever looked at someone and said to yourself, “I wonder what motivated him to do that?” What motivates you to do the things you do? We, as Christians, are motivated by the love Christ has for each of us.

July 14, 2019 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 41; Leviticus 19:9-18; Luke 10:25-37
“Be a Good Samaritan” - Sermon Text: Luke 10:25-37 - Rev. Bill Mueller

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is a well known and well loved parable of Jesus, and for good reason! In this parable we discover how awful we are at trying to “justify ourselves.” Even more, we discover how gracious and wonderful our Lord is to save and rescue us!

July 21, 2019 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 27:7-14; Colossians 1:21-29; Luke 10:38-42

“First Things First” - Sermon Text: Luke 10:38-42 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Many important things daily demand our attention. They press on us with an urgency that can crowd out the presence and drown out the voice of our Savior. A key challenge to Christian living is keeping the main thing the main thing, that is, First Things First.

July 28, 2019 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 138:1a, 2-8; Genesis 18:20-33; Luke 11:1-13

“God Regards the Lowly” - Sermon Text: Psalm 138:1a, 208 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Be lowly! Throw yourself totally to the grace and mercy of God. And see what God has done and will do for you.

Birthdays- June/July

Velda Dose	06-11
Esther Hein	06-11
Melanie Krauter	06-19
Carol Saalfrank	06-25
Earnie Pfeiffer	07-07
Holly May	07-09
Jana Gefpert	07-20
Addison Gefpert	07-21
Terry Messmann	07-22
Yogi Scheele	07-28
Hailee Gefpert	07-29

Anniversaries- June/July

Jana & Mike Gefpert	06-05
Peggy & Keith Schreiber	06-10
Joyce & Pastor Easterday	06-11

Jeri & Jerry Threlkeld	06-13
Edna & Edgar Schaefer	06-13
Joyce & Mike Saalfrank	06-21
Pam & Greg Bultemeier	06-25

Kathy & Arnie Piering	07-09
Jennifer & Robert Cook	07-22

Shutins

Remember our shut-ins with cards of encouragement!

Earnie Pfeiffer
527 Harbaugh Drive
Coldwater, MI 49036

Ruth Lehman
Lakeland Skilled Nursing And Rehab
500 N. Williams Street
Angola, IN 46703

Esther Hein
440 Lane 201 Lake Pleasant
Fremont, IN 46737

Todd Scherer
12701 Grand Station Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46814

Jerry Threlkeld
23005 Woodburn Road
Woodburn, IN 46797

Membership Information

Weekly Attendance Average

2019	31/week (659/21 weeks)
2018	34/week (719/21 weeks)

LWML Kendallville Zone Rally

Our Lake George Hannah Circle hosted the Kendallville Zone Rally of the Lutheran Women In Mission (LWML) on May 4. Approximately 45 women from 8-9 churches in the zone attended this event. Shannon Thomas was the keynote speaker, sharing with the group about the work of Turning Point Homeless Shelter. An offering was received to help support this ministry. Below are some pictures of the events on May 4.

**LWML Kendallville Zone Rally
Hosted by LGLC Hannah Circle
May 4, 2019**



Anne Horstmeyer, Rene Scheimann, and Sue Dunbar prepare lunch for the LWML zone rally.



Charlotte Baker and Sue Dunbar handle registrations for the event.



Pastor Easterday talks with some of the guests prior to the start of the zone rally.



Guests participate in opening devotions.



Shannon Thomas, Executive Director of Turning Point Homeless Shelter, shares stories about the work they do.

Welcome Back Brunch

May 26, 2019

Here are some pictures of the May 26 brunch.



Mike Saalfrank and Yogi Scheele make food preparations for the brunch.



Fellowship is an important part of the brunch.



Sue Dunbar and Mike Saalfrank prepare the food tables.



Guests enjoy fellowship time.



Guests are well-fed at the brunch.



Members and friends alike enjoyed the fellowship of the brunch.