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*Jesus Loves*

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**9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)**

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Mission Statement

*"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."*

Vision Statement


*"We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."*

**SUNDAY MORNINGS (JUNE THROUGH AUGUST):**

- ✚ **Divine Service w/Holy Communion:** 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✚ Sunday School resumes in September
- ✚ **Adult Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.

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# NOTES

## #29ERS

June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 11:30am at Pizza Ranch. Everyone is welcome to join!!



Prayer Team will meet every Monday at 10am. Please feel free to come and join us in the Fireside Room.



A reminder to contact the Church Office when you are hospitalized, so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Thank you



Women's Bible Study plans to meet on Wednesdays, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 10:45 in the old basement parish hall. All women are welcome.



Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru – Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 5pm-6:30pm



With VBS just around the corner (July 26<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>), the teachers at both St Paul and Christ the King have put together an AMAZON shopping link for anyone who wishes to help purchase supplies. The link is:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/PW81U0V7Y0XC?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/PW81U0V7Y0XC?ref=wl_share).

Thanks for all the continued support and don't forget to get your kids registered to attend VBS this year. Let's "Dive into the Ten Commandments" together.

Any questions, please feel free to ask Kristy Grannis or Kylie Lenz. Thank you.

## ***Pastor's Note***

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*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. ~ Ephesians 2:10*

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. ~ 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

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One of the comments with the “Cottage Meetings” (not “huddles” as I called them last month) was that folks would like some more opportunities to be able to dig into God’s Word and that they would like more communication regarding what exactly those opportunities entail. Currently there are a few active opportunities for digging into God’s Word on a regular basis.

**Sunday mornings beginning at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall** is our standard Sunday morning Bible Study. Starting on Pentecost Sunday we began a new series on the book of Revelation. We will be going through this book of Holy Scripture and unmasking some of the mystery, so that we may more clearly see the blessing that it is for our daily Christian life.

**Monday evenings at 7:00 at the Ward House Brewery** we have “Bibles and Brews.” This study is a bit more casual in style, yet encourages deep conversation, while being very rubber-hits-the-road in how to live out our faith. I always encourage people to come once and just listen the first time. That being said, it is a great place to come with your questions about Scripture, the Faith, and living the Christian life in our times. You could think of it as an “ask the pastor” kind of study. Pastor Eric Ishimaru (Christ the King Lutheran Church) and I switch off who is leading it. I am usually there even when he is leading. You don’t need to be a beer drinker to come. Several people simply come for the study.

**Ladies Bible Study on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall** underneath the sanctuary. The Ladies Bible Study has been going for years. Cindy Wood began it many years ago in her home. It has gone through different seasons of life. It tends to be a topical study, following some published study materials.

**Memento meets on Sunday from 12:30 – 1:00 in the Fireside Room.** This is a men’s ministry that focuses on Christian men being shaped together by the Word of God. It is simultaneously challenging, encouraging, convicting, and grace-filled. Memento requires an annual membership. With the membership you receive daily devotions (directly to your email or available on the website), a selection seasonal Christian disciplines to engage in for Christian growth, a daily Bible reading plan, a number other resources and opportunities with which to get involved.

**Wednesday evening from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room** I am leading a conversational walk through Luther’s Small Catechism. This has served as an adult catechesis/membership class, but is also just a good refresher (or first time opportunity) to learn what we as Lutheran Christians believe and why it is important. I would like to see this become an ongoing study that is open to all members. As we move forward, I would love to lead through the rest of our Lutheran confessional documents (the parts of the Book of Concord).

If you have questions about any of these opportunities or would like to explore what other options we could make available to our congregation please don’t hesitate to come speak with me. God’s people are meant to be in the Word of God, being shaped by that Word, sanctified by that Word, and built up and strengthened through that Word to live faithful lives. The life of faith is a life filled with love for God and love for our neighbor, flowing from God’s overabundant steadfast love and faithfulness to us.

Living forever, Now,

Pastor Grannis



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt. Tune: Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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## Background ~ adapted from *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*

The text for this hymn was written by Sigismund von Birken, appearing in Johann Michael Dilherr's 1653 publication *Heilige Karwochen*, a book of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday sermons paired with new hymns. This text was paired with the fifth sermon: Jesus' Passion – Fellowship.

In 1900, after first hearing this hymn at the Missouri Synod's Central District convention, Pastor J. Adam Rimbach took this hymn back to his church in Ashland, Kentucky and taught it to the children of his congregation's school. Though the children loved the hymn, many adults in his congregation did not fully appreciate the children's choral presentation of the hymn since they did not understand German. So, Rimbach produced his English translation, which is the basis for our text in LSB.

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### Text Commentary

"In *LSB*, this hymn is placed under the heading "Sanctification." It expresses the newness of life in which the baptized child of God walks by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit. Each stanza begins with a statement resolving to imitate Jesus. Justified by His redeeming work, the believer does not follow Jesus to earn salvation, for Christ has done all that is necessary for our redemption. Rather, in thankfulness and loving obedience, the Christian wants by faith to follow closely in the footsteps of the Savior." – *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*

In the first stanza, we spur each other on in Christian love to walk always with Jesus. What does it mean to walk with Jesus? It means that we "follow His example." He exemplifies what it looks like to live a life of obedience and devotion to the blessed and righteous will of our heavenly Father. We live in a world that is constantly seeking to deceive us and lure us into all kinds of sin. In the original German, the text paints a picture of Jesus cutting a path for us to escape the dangerous wilderness of this world. The path we are to follow is a heavenly path, meaning we are to live in a heavenly way even as we remain in this world. This path consists of believing rightly and living purely, showing forth our faith in love according to "the Father's bidding." The verse concludes with a personal prayer to Christ, that according to His faithfulness He would "abide" with "me," and expresses a firm commitment to follow Him.

The second verse acknowledges that the life lived following Christ is a life in which we must face all kinds of suffering, even as Christ Himself innocently and humbly suffered. Not all suffering is to be counted as a blessing, but suffering with Jesus is. This is suffering for the sake of living according to God's will and standing firm in our faith against all evil opposition (*see 1 Peter 4:12–5:11*). Furthermore, it is counted as a blessing when we remain faithful even as we suffer from the effects of the fall (sickness, injury, frailty, etc.): This is another kind of suffering with Christ. It is a true Christian witness when we patiently and even joyfully give thanks to God through our suffering, holding fast to the certain hope of eternal peace, rest, and joy that is and will be ours on account of Christ. The stanza ends with an assertion of faithfulness to Christ through suffering, and a faithful prayer to receive the heavenly joys: Jesus, here a share Your woe (I suffer here on earth with You). Help me there Your joy to know (i.e. Share Your heavenly joy with me). (*see Matthew 5:1-16; Hebrews 10:32–11:1*)

The third stanza takes us beyond suffering and unto death itself. We boldly proclaim that we should not simply suffer with Jesus but must also die with Him. We remind each other of the glorious Gospel of Salvation; that Christ has defeated death for us by His own death, thus securing for us “immortal breath” in the resurrection (i.e. rescue from the second death, and from eternal torment). This dying with Jesus, however, conveys a few different meanings at once.

While being a martyr for Christ seems the most obvious way to die with Jesus, it can also mean simply to die in the faith, as it were. Though we may not die on account of our faith, we are nevertheless called to die in faith, holding fast to Christ and His promises of salvation which He has earned for us by His death and resurrection. Moreover, there is an even more immediate “dying” of which we speak. We encourage one another to “mortify all passion that would lead us into sin, and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven.” Though it is not as clear in our English text, this is meant to be a description of the daily life of repentance – dying to sin each day and rising to new life in Christ. This can be more clearly seen in the original German. A less poetic translation of these two lines reads, “Let us put to death our flesh here in this life, let us die to it, and He will raise us from the grave into heavenly life.”

This “heavenly life” is the very life that we are called to live here in this world as we “follow Jesus.” Therefore by faith, we walk in the path of heavenly life through this world, (living to Jesus) and by faith, we die in Christ (dying to Jesus (*see Romans 14:8-9*)), knowing that with Christ we have the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

And so in the fourth verse we come full circle. We lean into the powerful truth of the Gospel: Christ came to die for us, so that He could rise victorious over death for us, so that we too would be awakened from death to life again with Him (our own bodily resurrection). Taking the Biblical image of Christ being our head and us being the united and living members of His body, we rejoice in the fact that if we are united with Him who rose from death, then we too must be found alive with Him who is our head. (i.e. The head does not rise without its body.)

The German contains a prayer that is completely lost in our English saying, “Oh, recognize us forever, dear friend, as your brothers!” What does it mean to be living members of the body of Christ? It is to be counted as one of His “brothers,” doing the will of our heavenly Father (*see Matthew 12:46-50*). After this, the hymn concludes with a final proclamation of our desire to remain faithful unto Christ both here in time and there in eternity.

So, following Jesus is a life of faithful and loving obedience to God’s will. On this heavenly path, Christ leads us through suffering with Him throughout our mortal days. Yet we rejoice through our sufferings, holding fast to the promises of eternal comfort, peace, and rest, which are ours in Christ. This life of suffering points us to our own mortality, and calls us to a kind of daily dying and rising with Christ, knowing that on the last day we will truly rise from death and the grave unto life everlasting. And so, we live each day in the certain hope of the resurrection through faith in Christ Jesus our Savior, lovingly striving to do the will of our heavenly Father here in this world, even as we will perfectly do so in the life of the world to come.



## BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

# JUNE

This month we are told a God the heavenly Father, is our Father. In Baptism, we are declared His dear children. (Ephesians 4:4-6) Our heavenly Father tells us how Christian families should work and live together (Ephesians 5:22-6:4; Colossians 3:18-4:6). As sons and daughters of the heavenly father, we are encouraged to walk in the footsteps of the only perfect Child, Jesus Christ. And when we fail, our loving heavenly Father applies to us the loving grace and forgiveness His Son has won for us! May the heavenly Father's grace bless you this month and for eternity.

1. Proverbs 19, 20, 21; Romans 13
2. Proverbs 22,23,24; Romans 14
3. Proverbs 25,26,27; Romans 15
4. Proverbs 28,29; Psalm 60; Romans 16
5. Proverbs 30, 31; Psalm 33; Ephesians 1
6. Ecclesiastes 1,2,3; Psalm 45; Ephesians 2
7. Ecclesiastes 4,5,6; Psalm 18; Ephesians 3
8. Ecclesiastes 7,8,9; Ephesians 4
9. Ecclesiastes 10,11,12; Psalm 94; Ephesians 5
10. Solomon 1,2,3,4; Ephesians 6
11. Solomon 5,6,7,8; Philippians 1
12. I Kings 12; II Chronicles 10,11; Philippians 2
13. I Kings 13,14; II Chronicles 12; Philippians 3
14. I Kings 15; II Chronicles 13,14; Philippians 4
15. I Kings 16; II Chronicles 15,16; Colossians 1
16. I Kings 17, 18,19; Colossians 2
17. I Kings 20, 21; II Chronicles 17; Colossians 3
18. I Kings 22; II Chronicles 18, 19; Colossians 4
19. II Kings 1,2,3; Psalm 82; I Timothy 1
20. II Kings 4,5; Psalm 83; I Timothy 2
21. II Kings 6,7; II Chronicles 20; I Timothy 3
22. II Kings 8,9; II Chronicles 21; I Timothy 4
23. II Kings 10; II Chronicles 22, 23; I Timothy 5
24. II Kings 11,12; II Chronicles 24; I Timothy 6
25. Joel 1,2,3; II Timothy 1
26. Jonah 1,2,3,4; II Timothy 2
27. II Kings 13,14; II Chronicles 25; II Timothy 3
28. Amos 1,2,3; Psalm 80; II Timothy 4
29. Amos 4,5,6; Psalm 86; Titus 1
30. Amos 7,8,9; Psalm 104; Titus 2



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(Please note: If your name is not listed; we do not have your birthdate in our church records.

Please contact the church office and we will update our records. Thank you!)

Name	Birthday			
			Margaret Duffy	June 18th
Juliana Ross	June 3rd		David Zeigler	June 18th
Carol Born	June 4th		Margaret Gades	June 19th
Mark Duncan	June 4th		Elijah Johanneck	June 19th
Craig Miller	June 4th		Helen Schmidt	June 19th
Matthew Bickell	June 5th		Carley Chance	June 20th
Beverly Maass	June 5th		Jerry Flogstad	June 22nd
Troy Ryan	June 5th		Gene Schwarz	June 22nd
Lonnie Proechel	June 6th		Susan Wobschall	June 24th
Emilee Kortuem	June 8th		Joyce Proechel	June 25th
Darlene Fell	June 10th		Sophia Shcumacher	June 25th
Griffin Seifert	June 10th		Dee Ann Frodl	June 26th
Tate Kortuem	June 11th		Maverick Hill	June 26th
Serenity Clark	June 13th		Blake Schroeder	June 27th
Charlotte Wobschall	June 13th		Jenny Arndt	June 28th
Sarah Lieske	June 14th		Vincent Clark	June 29th
Keian Klinger	June 15th		Linda Larson	June 29th
Mallorie Malenke	June 15th		Natalie Quillen	June 29th
Paul Krienke	June 17th			
Irene Madson	June 17th			
Tony Pehrson	June 17th			
Katherine Duffy	June 18th			



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Please arrange a replacemnt if you can not acolyte at the service assigned to you. Please notify the church office at 507-835-2647 when you have changed with another acolyte. Please arrive to the church 20 minutes before the service begins, as the candles are to be lit 10 minutes before the service.

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026: (Sunday) \_\_\_\_\_ / Eliana Grannis

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026: (Sunday) Roc Dalgamoni/ Arianna Vasser

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026: (Sunday) \_\_\_\_\_ /Charolette Ross

June 28<sup>th</sup> , 2026: (Sunday)Keian Klinger/ Eliana Grannis

# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

**Sunday School News: We will resume in September on Rally Sunday!! Have A Great Summer!!**

## **Operation Christmas Child**

Larger toys and games and balls, hair combs and brushes, cups/water bottles and craft/school supplies are perfect items for ages 2-14, for both boys and girls. (No liquids, pastes, glue, putty, gels, dough or slime of any kind. No candy, gum, toothpaste or soap. Also, no toy guns or military items.) Items may be brought to church anytime throughout the year; we will store them for packing shoeboxes in the fall. Monetary donations to the Sunday School account cover the cost of the \$10 shipping fee per box; it takes \$2000 to ship 200 boxes. Thank you! Questions about Operation Christmas Child? Please contact Jen LaCroix or Aimee Hill.

### **Updated suggested needs for Boys and Girls ages 2-14:**

Monetary donations for \$10 shipping per box – to pack and ship 200 boxes, we need \$2000

Toothbrushes (no toothpaste) – NEED up to 100 more

*Washcloths* – THANK YOU! Thank you to the Cotta Guild.

Paper of all sizes, lined or unlined, spiral bound or not bound – NEED up to 150 more

Coloring books – NEED up to 75 more

Pens in black, red, blue – NEED up to 200 more

*Pencils* – THANK YOU! There are plenty. We do not need any more.

Colored pencils and Markers – NEED up to 75 more sets of each

*Crayons* – THANK YOU! Thank you to the Cotta Guild.

Erasers, Dry watercolor paint sets

*Small pencil sharpeners* – THANK YOU! There are plenty.

Combs, Brushes, Hair accessories, Necklaces, Rings

Cups or Water bottles – NEED up to 190 more

Jump ropes, Marbles, Jacks, Outdoor activities – NEED up to 100

Full size playing cards and games – NEED up to 100

Solar calculator, Sunglasses, Band-Aids

Socks, Bags, Small backpacks, Flip flops/Sandals

*Plain T-Shirts sizes of youth medium and large, adult small/medium* – THANK YOU!

Wow! Toys for BOYS larger cars/trucks and balls that fit in a shoebox – NEED 75 more

Wow! Toys for Girls – NEED 75 baby dolls or stuffed animals

Wow! Toys for Teens anything your young teen children/grandchildren like, they would like too!

**Mites for Missions:** Our Cotta Guild supports missions near and far through the collection of our Mites for Missions donations. These mission projects are voted on at our Lutheran Women's Missionary League national and district conventions by the delegates. Thank you for your support of our Mites for Missions' collection on the second Sunday of each month to help others and spread God's Word. Your donations may be placed in the mite boxes located at the church entrances.

2025–2027 MISSION GRANT NO. 14 REACHING JEWISH PEOPLE WITH THE GOSPEL IN ISRAEL  
THE APPLE OF HIS EYE MISSION SOCIETY, ASIA | \$100,000

### Reaching The Jewish Community with God's Saving Word

The Apple of His Eye Mission Society exists to share the Good News of Jesus with the Jewish community. They perform the vital work of ministering to the Jewish people by bringing them the Gospel. This is accomplished through partnering with LCMS World Mission to plant Lutheran churches. They also develop resources for evangelism and for training new leaders for service in the church. The Apple of His Eye Mission Society has distributed over one million Gospel tracts, and they rely on God to provide resources through churches and individuals to carry out their mission efforts.

It is a unique time in Israel. There are six million Jewish people living in Israel today and there is an unprecedented openness by younger Jewish people to hear the Gospel. Requests for copies of the New Testament are at an all-time high. This makes the work of The Apple of His Eye Mission Society more important than it has ever been. They are meeting people where they are with lifesaving materials to share the Good News of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This grant will help advance plans to plant a new Lutheran church in Tel Aviv, which is one of the most expensive cities in the world. The church will be led by an Israeli Jewish Christian who is finishing his Master of Sacred Theology degree at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He already holds Vespers services in Tel Aviv and has a group of individuals preparing for Baptism. Grant funds will go towards recruiting and training volunteers to support this important work. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to provide ongoing short term mission support. In addition to short term missions, The Apple of His Eye Mission Society will support church leaders and volunteers, provide support and encouragement, and track metrics to make sure the efforts stay on track.

## COTTA GUILD NEWS:



Lutheran  
Women  
in Mission

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Cotta Guild

Seven Cotta Guild ladies met at Colony Court at 1pm. We had invited 6 ladies from our congregation who live out there to meet with us. We make May baskets filled with candy and served dessert. Everyone enjoyed visiting and a donation.

On Wednesday May 13, seven ladies met and cleaned the kitchen. Thank you goes out to Cindy, Rhonda, Linda, Barb, Karen, Sue, and Judie.

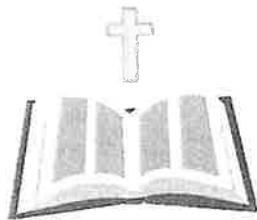
Our next meeting will be June 4<sup>th</sup> with a field trip to Itasca Park Garden – Albert Lea and lunch out.

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Know someone who is in need of a “hug from above”? The Quilters are starting “**The Quilters Rocking Chair Project**”. These quilts are located at the back of church and are available for anyone who may need one, no questions asked. Please check it out and if you have any questions please talk to Donna Hildebrandt.

## Congratulations 2026 Confirmation Students:



**Hayden Allyn, Owen Arndt, Eliana Grannis, Kameron Kunkel  
and Sunny Mei**



*Mathías Barents: Mathías will be attending Bethany for Education, Business and Music*

*Traeh Clark: Traeh looks forward to begin working on his independence; He is not sure where this path will take him yet, but is ready to start writing his next chapter.*

*Derek Hammer: Derek will be attending SCC in Mankato for Diesel Mechanic and Agricultural Services.*

*Joseph Schumacher IV: Joey is planning to attend Riverland in Albert Lea to pursue a career as an electrician.*

*Wyatt Schroeder: Wyatt has been taking full PSEO his senior year at South Central in Mankato for Machining. He has been working an internship at Maclean Power Systems in Mankato. Wyatt has signed up for another year at South Central to further his Machining Diploma.*

# THE WAY OF LIFE

Pro-Life Convocation | Sept. 11–12, 2026 | St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Faithful Friends and Protectors of Life,

In a few months, *The Way of Life* will take place in Minnesota's capital city, Saint Paul. Building on the work of previous life ministry convocations, *Speaking Up for Life in Minnesota* (2024) and *Moving from Death to Life* (2025), this event is dedicated to defending the dignity of every human life, encouraging families, and inspiring a new generation to stand for truth with compassion and courage. Since *Roe v. Wade* (1973) taught generations of Americans to believe abortion is a right and unborn babies have no rights, our work to overcome a "culture of death" and promote a culture of life in our nation is vital—and any success will require our strongest, most concerted efforts.

I am grateful to God for everyone who has already enthusiastically supported *The Way of Life*. After a financial appeal in January, individuals and churches contributed a total of \$13,295. Our initial budget included a matching grant of \$10,000 from LCMS, which we anticipated receiving. However, due to limited resources and having received awards twice, we did not receive the grant. **Additional support is needed to cover the \$10,000 funding gap!** If you have not already done so, I am now asking you and your church to prayerfully consider helping us. Your partnership with a gift of \$500, \$1,000, or another contribution level can significantly advance our ministry to speak up for life, teach about the sanctity of human life, and care for people in body and soul.

In just a few days, Christians will celebrate the festival of Pentecost, often called the birthday of the Christian Church. On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and disciples of Jesus in Jerusalem, gathering believers into a unified community, and beginning the Church's mission to confess the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the ancient, pagan world. As members of the *one holy catholic and apostolic Church*, it is our privilege to faithfully continue this mission to seek and save the lost, bearing witness to Christ who "died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised" (2 Cor. 5:15).

**Please make your financial contribution or provide me with your pledge by June 30** to help us as we plan and prepare for *The Way of Life*. You can give online at [www.gracedc.church/giving](http://www.gracedc.church/giving), mail a check payment (memo: life ministry convocation) to the church, or email me personally at [pastor@gracedc.church](mailto:pastor@gracedc.church) with your pledged financial commitment you can fulfill by September 11. I remain gratefully yours, anticipating all the good works which will glorify our heavenly Father.

Sincerely yours,

*Pastor Elliott R.C. Malm*



## WHAT IS SCRIP??

For many years, St Paul Lutheran Church has sold SCRIP cards as a fundraiser for many different groups. Currently, this ongoing fundraiser is to help support the Youth Group – Club 3:16; which meets quarterly for some food, fun and fellowship for the young ages 3yrs to 16yrs.

Scrip is a program where we partner with various business and get a % back on all gift cards purchased. (ie: if you purchase a \$10.00 McDonald card, we receive a 10% profit). Every business has different card amounts and different profit amounts, but every purchase helps.

We sell scrip EVERY Sunday after service, and have around 15 different cards on hand ready to sell on Sunday's (popular one's being Walmart and Kwik Trip). We also have an order form that you can use and receive in a week or two. Now, great news, we have the opportunity to expand some of our options to order.

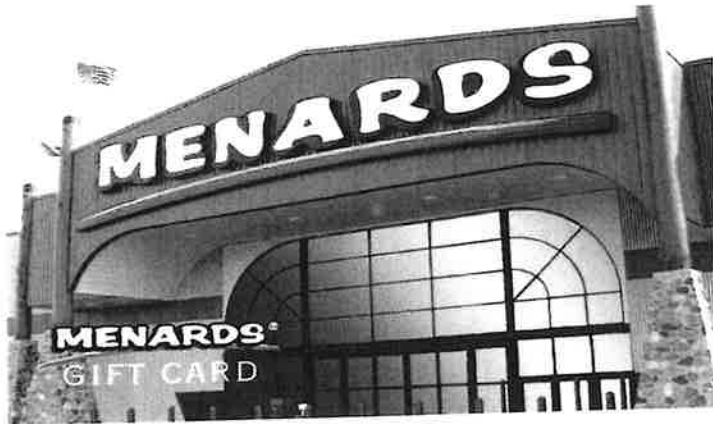
Starting in May, we will be having a "Card of the month" promotion where we will have the ability to order cards that we have never had before, or cards that you might not know we have.

Please remember us when doing your shopping or gifts for graduates, confirmands, birthdays or thinking – of - you cards. (Attached is an order form for your convenience, and a list of what we have on hand) – we hope you stop by and see and support this wonderful fundraiser.

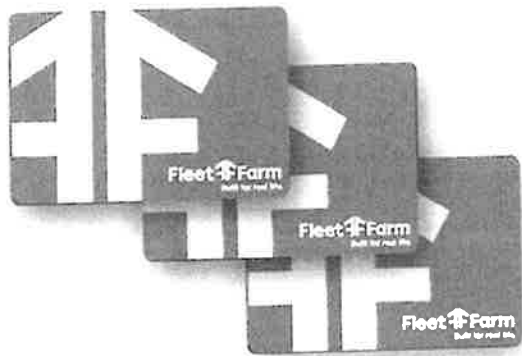
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Aimee Hill

# SCRIP PROMOTION FOR JUNE 2026



**\$25.00 or \$100.00**



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Scrip Order Form St Paul Lutheran Church 314 4th Ave NE Waseca

Name

Date

Check # Amount

Phone

Vendor Name	Rebate	Scrip \$	Quantity	Total	Vendor Name	Rebate	Scrip \$	Quantity	total
<b>GAS STATIONS</b>					<b>RETAIL STORES</b>				
Casey's General Store	3%	\$25.00			Amazon	1.50%	\$25.00		
	3%	\$50.00				1.50%	\$100.00		
Kwik Trip	10%	\$25.00			4-Seasons Athletics	3.00%	\$20.00		
	10%	\$100.00			Barnes & Noble Books	8.00%	\$10.00		
<b>GROCERY STORES</b>						8.00%	\$25.00		
Cash Wise	2%	\$100.00				8.00%	\$100.00		
Cub Foods	4%	\$100.00			Bath & Body Works	12.00%	\$10.00		
Hyvee	4%	\$100.00				12.00%	\$25.00		
					Best Buy	4.00%	\$25.00		
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>						4.00%	\$100.00		
					Bonmgar's	5.00%	\$25.00		
Applebees	8.00%	\$25.00			Cabela's	9.00%	\$25.00		
Arby's	8.00%	\$10.00			CVS Pharmacy	7.00%	\$25.00		
Baker's Square	7.00%	\$25.00				7.00%	\$100.00		
Boat House	10.00%	\$10.00			Fleet Farm	3.50%	\$25.00		
Burger King	7.00%	\$10.00				3.50%	\$100.00		
Club 57	10.00%	\$20.00			Gap	14.00%	\$25.00		
Cracker Barrel	8.00%	\$10.00			Home Depot	4.00%	\$25.00		
Culver's Restaurant	10.00%	\$10.00				4.00%	\$100.00		
Dairy Queen	6.50%	\$10.00			JCPenney	7.00%	\$25.00		
Domino's Pizza	8.00%	\$10.00				7.00%	\$100.00		

OVER →



## CLUB 3:16 INVITES YOU TO



### Our Bonfire and Sing a long night

**WHEN:** Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**TIME:** 6pm – 8pm

**WHERE:** St Paul Lutheran Church South end parking lot

**WHAT:** Campfire, hot dog roast, smores and sing-a-long

**BRING:** a friend, bug spray and something to sit on



**Hot Beef  
Commercials  
& Pie  
Youth Mission Trip  
Fundraiser**

**When:** Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** St Paul Lutheran Church  
314 – 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Waseca, MN 56093  
Parking Lot – Drive Through

**Menu:** Hot Beef Commercials  
Homemade Pies

**Cost:** \$10.00 per hot beef commercial  
\$2.00 per slice of pie

# HIGHER THINGS<sup>®</sup>

DIVING INTO THE



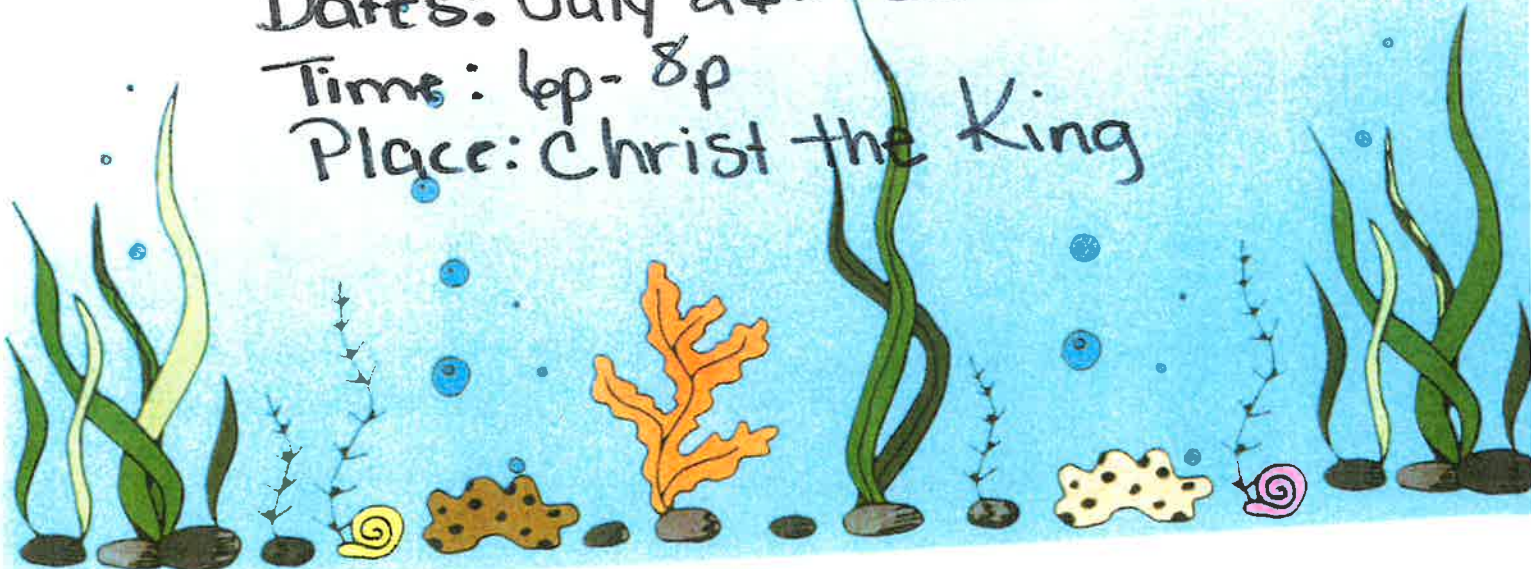
TEN COMMANDMENTS

## Vacation Bible School

Dates: July 24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Time: 6p - 8p

Place: Christ the King



# INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

Higher Things® VBS

## Child's Information

Last First MI Date of Birth  Male  Female

Street Home Phone Cell Phone

City ST Zip Registrant E-mail Address

- Child has attended a VBS at this church before.  Pre-K  Kinder  1st  2nd  
 Child has a disability/medical conditions/dietary special need:  3rd  4th  5th  6th

Indicate above which grade the Registrant will be **going into**.

*(Please only include special needs that would be important and/or dietary requirements.)*

Church Name Church Phone

Street City/ST Zip Denomination

## Parent/Guardian Section (required all minor participants)

First Last Home Phone Parent's Cell Phone

Address (if different from above) City ST Zip Parent's E-mail Address

I grant permission for my minor child, named above on this form as "Registrant," to attend the Higher Things VBS at \_\_\_\_\_ I assume all responsibility and liability for injury to said minor while at the Higher Things VBS. I also give permission to use any still, audio, and/or video images of my child in publicity and news releases.

Parent's Signature Date

## Emergency Contact

First Last Cell Phone Relationship to child

## Who May Pick Up Child

First Last Cell Phone Relationship to child

First Last Cell Phone Relationship to child

First Last Cell Phone Relationship to child



# JUNE 2026

## St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1.</b> 10:00 am Prayer Team NO June Mtg Stewardship 12:30 pm Education	<b>2.</b> 6:00 PM Elders	<b>3.</b> 9:30 Women's study 7:00 pm Trustee's & Evangelism	<b>4.</b> 1 pm Cotta Guild 3:30pm –Colony CT Service NO BIBLE STDY @ JB	<b>5.</b>	<b>6.</b>
<b>7.</b> 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study	<b>8.</b> 10:00 am Prayer Team	<b>9.</b>	<b>10.</b>	<b>11.</b> no Bible study @ Johnnie Bean	<b>12.</b> Club 3:16 Event Pastor Gone the 12 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>13.</b>
<b>14.</b> 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study	<b>15.</b> 10:00 am Prayer Team	<b>16.</b> NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 2pm- Foxdale Service 3pm -Colony CT Service	<b>17.</b> 9:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>18.</b> NO Bible study @ Johnnie Bean	<b>19.</b> 5p-6:30pm Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru National LWML Convention June 19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> - Mankato	<b>20.</b>
<b>PASTOR GONE TILL THE 22ND</b>						
<b>21.</b> 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study HAPPY FATHERS DAY!! PASTOR GONE	<b>22.</b> 10:00 am Prayer Team 11:30 am 29er's @ Pizza Ranch	<b>23.</b>	<b>24.</b>	<b>25.</b> NO Bible Study @ Johnnie Bean	<b>26.</b>	<b>27.</b>
<b>Pastor Gone – Higher Things</b>						
<b>28.</b> 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study	<b>29.</b> 10:00 am Prayer Team	<b>30.</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday: 2pm- Foxdale Service 3pm -Colony CT Service				

