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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

Dear Friends,

This summer we will be teaching a Bible class entitled: A Simple Explanation Of... This series is based on a pamphlet series that Concordia Publishing House has produced to help Christians be equipped with simple explanations concerning the faith. First, so that we know the truth and importance of the topic and secondly so that we can share that simple explanation with others.

Have you ever wanted a simple explanation on a topic of the faith? Have you asked the questions, "Why does it matter?" or "What does it mean?" Using the "Simple Explanation" pamphlet series published by CPH, we will walk through an explanation of 13 topics in Bible class this summer. You will also receive the corresponding "Simple Explanation" pamphlet for you to use with others who may have the same questions.



- June 2 – A Simple Explanation of the Church Service
- June 9 – A Simple Explanation of Baptism
- June 16 – A Simple Explanation of Confession
- June 23 – A Simple Explanation of Prayer
- June 30 – A Simple Explanation of the Bible
- July 7 – A Simple Explanation of Fellowship in the Lord's Supper
- July 14 – A Simple Explanation of Church and State
- July 21 – A Simple Explanation of World Religions
- July 28 – A Simple Explanation of Christian Denominations
- Aug 4 – A Simple Explanation of Lutheranism
- Aug 11 – A Simple Explanation of Christian Symbols
- Aug 18 – A Simple Explanation of Angels
- Aug 25 – A Simple Explanation of Heaven and Hell

If you are on vacation, remember these classes are recorded for your edification.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Joel Schultz

NEWS & NOTES

For those dealing with long-term illness and health concerns:

- Mandy Bender (cancer)
- Dale Brandt (cancer)
- Dani Chapin (cancer)
- Jordan Ebach (cancer)
- Karen Feldes (cancer)
- Wanda Fisher (cancer)
- Brad Gellerstedt (cancer)
- Garth Gonseth (cancer)
- Maya Goudy (cancer)
- Levi Hutcheson (birth trauma)
- John Huss (brain tumor)
- Brian Jenkins (cancer)
- Lauren Kandt (cancer)
- Linda Knight (cancer)
- Mikaela Koch (cancer)
- Karen Kuhn (cancer)
- Judy Landall (cancer)
- John Mahnken (cancer)
- Bonnie Malloch (cancer)
- Lorrette Marsh (cancer)
- Milroy Moses (cancer)
- Susan Mountain (cancer)
- Melissa Neseheimer (cancer)
- Lori Russel (cancer)
- Lisa Schaefer (cancer)
- Randy Schlueter (cancer)
- Tyler Smith (cancer)
- Eydie Taylor (cancer)
- Brianna Werkert (heart surgery)
- Kathy Woods (cancer)
- Neal Wurth (cancer)



For Military Service Men and Women:

Serving stateside: **SGT.** Casin Down-Wilson (Washington, D.C. - KS Army National Guard), **STAFF SGT** Brandon Seutter (Ft. Lewis-McChord, Wash.), **CPT.** Michele Brown [Kerns] (D.C.) **CAPT** Stephen Kerns (Ft. Campbell, Ky.), Caleb Schempp (KS Air Natl. Guard-Kansas), **SGT** Jacob Mattern (26th Special Tactics Squadron), and **PFC,** Nathan Wibe (Kuwait - KS Army National Guard)

In an effort to support our military service members with words of encouragement and/or care packages, the elders would like to provide the deployed addresses of our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Nathan Wibe
PFC Wibe, Nathan
TF Reaper – HHC
1-635th AR REGT
APO, AE 09330

Casin Down
13175 Marina Way
Apt #360
Woodbridge, VA 22191

For Our Expectant Mothers: Elise Christensen, Taylor Lewallen, **Amy Morin**, Lexi Obermueller, **Morgan Riechers**, Hannah Schultz, Sarah Walsh, and all other expectant mothers, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For the Sake of the Gospel:

For Vicar Nathan Harkins and his wife Tiffany, as they spend their vicarage year with us.

*New additions to the continued prayer list are in **red**.

Please contact the Church office when a prayer can be removed.

NEWS & NOTES



Pastor-Elect Kastner Accepts Call as BSLC Associate Pastor

Pastor-elect Kastner has graduated from seminary and has now officially accepted our call to be associate pastor with an emphasis on the church plant in De Soto. His letter of acceptance follows:

Dear Beloved of the Lord,

I give all glory and honor to God that you have so generously provided me with a call into the office of Christ's holy ministry. With a joyful heart, I heartily accept the divine call to be your pastor. I plan to be ordained on July 21, 2024. May the Lord of the harvest mightily bless your labors and mine, all to the glory of his holy name.

In Christ,

John L. Kastner

MISSIONS

We met recently to plan the first of our Second Saturday summer events. Vicar encouraged us with a reading from When Helping Hurts and words from Scripture. Following is what our plans are for those Second Saturday events:

- June – live music, games, and grilling
- July – Award winning BBQ poolside and sign-ups for school supplies
- August – Kona Ice, water games, and families can pick up school supplies
- September – we are looking at a possible Oktoberfest



Our team is attending quarterly meetings - as we are able - at Mission Southside and we are planning to attend Neighborhood Academy in early August. Mission Southside invests a lot of time in their Neighborhood Team members to equip and encourage them in our mission to extend help through HOPE in CHRIST.

We have added a member to our team who lives at Fieldstone. She is a Christian woman, originally from the Philippines and also speaks Spanish. We think she will be an asset to our team. We are meeting new neighbors all the time at Fieldstone and are enjoying fostering the relationships we have there. Please pray for us and our neighbors at Fieldstone.

Please let [Vicar Harkins](#), [Ann Campbell](#), [Greg Koontz](#), or [Sara Zarnstorff](#) know if you would like to volunteer or just learn more about what we are doing.



MISSIONS



Toiletry Collection

It's a great time to do some traveling and enjoy time with family and friends. During your travels, please donate any unused toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc.) from your hotel stays. These items work well to make small hygiene kits. In the past these kits have been given to homeless shelters and the Ronald McDonald House.

Please place the unused travel toiletries in the large wooden box in the narthex. These can be donated throughout the year. Thank you. Happy traveling!

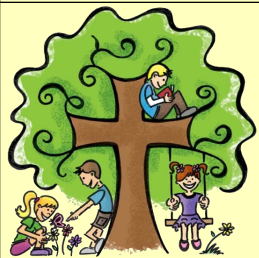


Thank you so much for your generous contributions of diapers and dollars for the Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center. We will be able to give the center diapers and monetary funds to help support the programs that benefit the young families in the Connections group. Diapers are one of the items the clients can "shop" for at the center. They are always very much appreciated. Thanks again!



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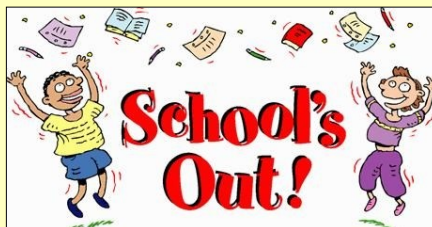
Preschool News



May was a busy month in the Preschool! Our Pre-K children celebrated their moms with our annual Mother's Day Tea on the Friday before Mother's Day. The children sang, enjoyed a book about moms, and then they had special treats with their moms in the Fellowship Hall. It's always a highlight to share the big hats that the children made for their moms to wear at our tea. This year we even had a special photo backdrop for Mother's Day.



Our annual Spring Programs were held on Monday, May 13. We had a record crowd for our 3s Program with 56 three year-olds and Young Threes in our school. During the later program, our Pre-K children had a time for recognizing each graduate with a certificate and a special Bible that was gifted to them from our church. The last day of school was bittersweet as we said goodbye to our Pre-K friends but celebrated another wonderful year of Growing in Christ with our children here!

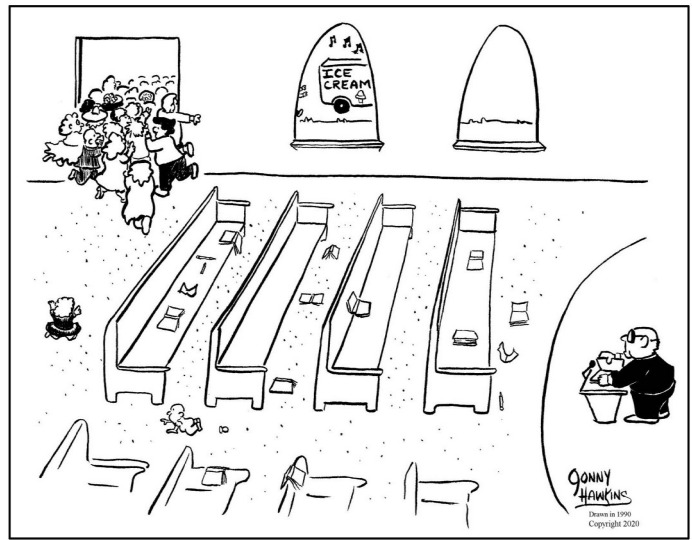


WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

		June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Acolytes:	8:00 am	Aubrey Huseman Greyson Huseman	Aubrey Huseman Greyson Huseman	Jack Gruhn TBD	Jack McDonald Henry McDonald	Isla Delancy Nate Delancy
	10:45 am	Kendall Herrs Hudson Vogt	TBD TBD	Blake Hughey Maya Hughey	Kendall Herrs TBD	TBD TBD
Greeters:	8:00 am	Zach & Stephanie Gardner	Zach & Lisa Bahr	George & Karen Ledgerwood	Tom & Brenda Bremer	Doris Baker
	10:45 am	Paul Peterson	John & Connie Koetting	Brett & Bobbie Clark	Scott & Denise Behrman	Jere & Sharon Brandt
Altar Guild	Doris Baker, Carol Brandt, Deb & Dana Froelich, Tiffany Harkins, Debbie Johnson, and Liza Pillers		Karen & David Benz, and Deb & Dana Froelich	Carolyn & Keith Clarke, Nancy & Jim DeLaney, and Gina & Tim Stoehr	Denise & Scott Behrman, Deb Hodnik, and Mary Jane Rees	Carolyn & Keith Clarke, Tiffany Harkins, Angela Hodge, Rebecca McDonald, and Liza Pillers
Education Hour Nursery:	Matt & Nicole Christensen <i>Helping Hands:</i> Ashley & Adam Stoll		Matt & Morgan Riechers <i>Helping Hands:</i> Jason & Alli Bauck	Zach & Alaina Booth <i>Helping Hands:</i> Matt & Nicole Christensen	Sheila & Aubrey Huseman <i>Helping Hands:</i> Andrew & Marissa Lippe	Ashley & Adam Stoll <i>Helping Hands:</i> Matt & Morgan Riechers
Counters:	Jym Fees Chuck Tuttle		Ron & Karen Aerni Trevor Huseman Jared Turrell	Randy & Jeanne Kano	John Blakley Keith Gloe	George Ledg- erwood Todd Scheumann
Altar Flowers:	<i>Cassie Nichols' Birthday</i>		Matt & Jordan Gutterman <i>1st Wedding Anniversary</i>	Zach & Lisa Bahr <i>18th Wedding Anniversary</i>	Michele & Randy Barrett <i>In honor of Matt & Jordan Gutterman's 1st Wedding Anniversary</i>	<i>Morgan Riecher's Birthday</i>
	OPEN		Adam & Chelsie Holste <i>15th Wedding Anniversary</i>	Karen Kuhn's Birthday		Marc & Sandy Wachter <i>13th Wedding Anniversary</i>
Ushers	8:00 am			10:45 am		
	Zach Gardner, Jordan Klebe, Bob Rinne, Karen Rinne, and Kent Thompson			Ron Aerni, Brad Keefe, David Raetzel, and Dennis Smith		



SUNDAY FUNNIES



ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
5/5/2024	437
5/12/2024	414
5/19/2024	374
5/26/2024	351

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Lutheran Hour Ministries has apps available for the Lutheran Hour and Daily Devotions through:



Also LHM podcasts are available through these services:



Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8 am to 4 pm

Friday
8 am to 12 pm

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Sunday Worship
8 am & 10:45 am,

Sunday Education Hour
9:30 am

Preschool Office Hours

Monday — Friday

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

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