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Another Display of Evil

Our hearts are saddened for the families of those impacted by the dead and injured as a result of yet another submission to evil. And as is always the case, the political conversations ensue with shots back and forth of who's fault it is and what's needed to control such acts. But what we must remember is that evil doesn't really care. You heard that right. Evil doesn't care who thinks who did or didn't do what and will certainly never abide by any law passed. Legislation will never provide protection, peace, and comfort, from evil.

The problem lies within us. You know this. It's basic catechesis. We have all fallen short of the perfect glory so lovingly created within humanity's first mother and father. As sin entered the heart and mind of mankind, our natural love for God departed. Disdain for God leads to the daily need for us to acknowledge our sin and repent.

But repent we often don't. Submit to evil we often do. Our culture is a grand display of this reality. Yeah, this may sound somewhat fatalistic, but we must be willing to speak and admit the truth with the hope that we can begin to have a desire to make a difference. And making that difference starts in your own home.

Without getting in to the pressures and issues facing the family at home today, here are a few questions to ponder, perhaps even take time as a family to consider.

- What is the Biblical definition of family and how does our culture do at reflecting such?
- What are our priorities as a family? And do those priorities really give us time as a family?
- What are the evidences of our devotion to God's Word and Sacrament as a family?
- Do we take time to truly love one another through the means of confession and absolution when we hurt one another in the family?

Every household looks different and will have various struggles with which to deal. And like said above, there are many specific issues upon which we can focus, but that's for another time. For now, we do well to embrace a personal evaluation and admission of need for repentance and seek guidance for amendment of life.

And as we do, please remember, the only place we find true peace, comfort, and release from the torments of sin, death, and the devil, is through the blood of Christ. It is the blood of Christ that pours out eternal healing of all that plagues you, no matter the temporal healing. It is the body and blood of Christ that continue to feed you faith and forgiveness of sin. It is the risen body of Christ who has ascended that gives you the promise that death no longer holds you. In this world you will have trouble. In Christ, you have peace.

Pastor Loder

Our Church Records

Church Attendance

Sunday, May 1	101 & 173
Sunday, May 8	120 & 127
Sunday, May 15	122 & 73
Sunday, May 22	117 & 144

Communion Attendance

Sunday, May 1	191
Sunday, May 8	93
Sunday, May 15	93
Sunday, May 22	86

Baptism

Laikyn Elizabeth Schmieg infant daughter of Adam Schmieg and Amy Kruetter on April 30, 2022 by Pastor Loder. She was born on August 24, 2021. Her sponsors are Jenna Brabec and Dellarae Brabec.

Noah Martin Teske-Holmgard son of Nickolus and Linda Holmgard on May 8, 2022 by Pastor Loder. He was born on October 1, 2009. His sponsors are Mary and Nate Zeroth.

Transfer In

Chelsea Wagner on April 28, 2022 from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Watertown, Minnesota.

✝ ***Bible Trivia*** ✝

See answers below

1. Name two men who were miraculously born of two different previously barren women.
2. Who was spoken to by a donkey?
3. What Biblical name means "rock"?
4. Which is the only gospel in the Bible to record the raising of Lazarus from the dead?
5. What act of Paul and Silas while jailed in Philippi caused their jailkeepers to turn to Christianity?

Answers: 1. Isaac and Samuel (Genesis 18:21) (I Samuel 1) 2. Balaam (Numbers 22:22-35) 3. Peter or Cephas (John 1:42) 4. John (John 11:1-46) 5. Paul and Silas stayed in the jail even after the earthquake had opened their cell doors. (Acts 16:28-30)

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me." Vicar Klumpp reminded us of Jesus' message to us. When we question our path or our destination, Christ assures us that He has prepared a place for us in Heaven. Believing in Jesus is enough; He is the only way to God our Father.

LWML members were treated to a presentation by Viann at the May 2nd meeting: "Gardens and Growing." Pictures of beautiful flower gardens and floral arrangements were viewed, along with identification of many varieties of flowers. Photos of members enjoying past tours of flower gardens brought fun memories. Angela arranged two beautiful floral bouquets, giving artistic hints for color, height and use of a variety of containers. Ann and Diane won the pretty arrangements.

An invitation was received from Bethlehem, Middleville LWML, to attend their prayer service on May 12 at 6:30 p.m. Becky presented a request from the Howard Lake Lions to consider sharing a fund raising meal to be hosted in our school fellowship hall. Profits would be shared between the Lions and LWML. A verbal vote indicated agreement from LWML members.

A group of members tied 15 "Moving Kits", each containing a pillow, twin size bed sheets and pillow case, a towel and a washcloth. St. James Guild members donated 4 twin size bed quilts. A special offering for "Gifts From the Heart" was enough to purchase 80 pocket Bibles. All these items, along with two coffee-themed silent auction baskets, will be delivered to the LWML Convention in June.

Each member and guest took home two potted pansy plants, one to keep and one to share.

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Matthew 6:28



June: Marcus Burau (1), Dorothy Koosman (1), Vicky Glessing (2), Thomas Krohn (3), Steve Weber (3), Mark Drusch (5), Margaret Marketon (5), Kimberly Helmbrecht (6), Ryan Muldoon (6), Debbie Gilbert (7), Jamie Rember (7), Darlene Kliche (8), Devan Stoll (8), Tonya Whitton (8), Joel Koch (9), Stacey Smida (9), Wyatt Stueven (9), Shirley Diers (10), Justin Hassa (10), Steven Heber (10), Marit Gueningsman (12), Stacy Hirsch (12), Jeremy Peterson (12), Jeffrey Schmiege (12), Lesley Stueven (12), Blake Peterson (13), Kelly Salmela (13), Patricia Gabbert (14), John Lind (14), Max Kittock (15), Kobey Woolhouse (15), Destiny Skiles (16), Luke Zander (16), Kayti Heber (17), Carsen Stillwell (17), Macy Yager (17), Patty Diers (19), Jaidyn Wikoff (19), Zachary Hirsch (20), Jason Koch (20), Terry Ostgulen (20), Tami Zander (20), Caleb Diers (21), Peyton Long (21), Delores Glessing (23), Thomas Kittock (25), Alexander Stueven (25), Ethel Wolff (25), Heather Zimmerman (25), Abigail Miller (26), Ian Davis (27), Robert Schendel (27), Joshua Diers (28), Carly Stueven (28), Declan Zillmer (28), Jonah Reich (29), Dellarae Brabec (30),



- 6/1 Wayne & Sharon Birkholz
- 6/1 Dennis & Rhonda Frey
- 6/2 Paul & Jodi Utne
- 6/3 Bret & Chirstine Stueven
- 6/4 Paul & Belinda Eklof
- 6/5 David & Lynn Burbank
- 6/6 Daniel & Shayla Heller
- 6/6 Robin & Mary Jo Painschab
- 6/6 David & Annita Power
- 6/11 Justin & Sara Niesen
- 6/16 Kurt & Jodie Bobrowske
- 6/16 Barrett & Karen Kirchenwitz
- 6/16 Dean & Chris Koosman
- 6/17 Jack & Marlene George
- 6/20 Dale & Bonnie Engel
- 6/23 Richard & Judith Goepfert
- 6/23 Joshua & Kathy Stillwell
- 6/24 Jeremy & Chirstine Cardianal
- 6/24 David & Amanda Skiles
- 6/27 Cody & Emily Long
- 6/28 Andrew & Belinda Jo Estrem
- 6/29 Joseph & Bernice Pehl
- 6/29 Wayne & Kelly Wiegand



The Lutheran Hour® Program Guide

June 2022

June 5

"A Place in the Choir"

God's world is like a big, beautiful choir in which everyone has a place and a part to sing. (Colossians 1:15-20)

June 12

"God Comes with a Community"

"God wasn't and isn't a hermit. From eternity, God is the God of community and conversation." (Acts 2:38-39)

June 19

"What's on Your Playlist?"

The Book of Ecclesiastes offers perspective on life's alternating seasons of joy and sadness, gain and loss, war and peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

June 26

"TBD"



Get trained. Save a life. You'll be glad you did.

June 11, 2022 at 8:30 AM
 Located in the Fellowship Hall.
 All are welcome to attend.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Newsletter article –June 2022

What Do You Have That You Have Not Received?

Some of the disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. John the Baptist replies to their questions in this way: “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven” (John 3:27).

Now, John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. But this statement is true of everything – everything that we have and are in body and soul. In fact, this is what we are taught in the meaning of the Apostles’ Creed in *Luther’s Small Catechism*.

In the explanation of the Creed’s First Article, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe. Luther says:

“He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.”

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself, taking the form of a servant. Luther writes:

“(Jesus) has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.”

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Luther explains:

“That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.”

Indeed, a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. But how easy is this for us to forget about this?

How easy is it for us to think that what we have in this life is because we have earned it? How easy is it for us to forget that even all our skills, the abilities of our hands and minds – the very ethic to work diligently and to seek to get better at these skills – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said? How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone – and the work of the Holy Spirit – that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and not our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God’s Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing. But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven, not to earn anything but in response to what He has accomplished for us.

A person cannot receive one thing unless it is given to him from heaven. Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven. Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks us to – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us.

Our Parish Nurse

JUNE BLESSINGS AND GREETING,

DO YOU HAVE GERD?

Gastroesophageal reflux, known as GERD, is a severe form of heartburn. If it is untreated, it can lead to serious health conditions and complications.

According to Elena Ivanina, a gastroenterologist at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, Gerd is on the rise. A study in the JOURNAL OF NEUROGASTROENTEROLOGY AND MOTILITY, FOUND THAT 18-30 % of people in the United States now suffer from this condition- aging and obesity are the key risk factors.

Some other causes are just being male, taking pain relievers, smoking, family history of GERD and not being active, such as getting adequate exercise.

What is going on in your body if it is GERD?

When you swallow, a band of muscle, called a sphincter, around the bottom of our esophagus opens to let food and liquids flow into your stomach. Then It should close- if it doesn't, stomach acid is allowed to irritate or inflame the lining of your esophagus. After time this inflammation can break down the tissue and cause difficulty swallowing, and/or ulceration of the esophagus. Left unchecked, could lead to esophageal cancer.

What is the treatment for GERD?

Medication is the common treatment. Non-prescription drugs such as antacids- these will neutralize the acids in the stomach. Prescriptions to reduce the acid in the stomach are also given. In addition, medication to heal the inflammation of the stomach is important. If this regime does not work, there are other medications can be tried. If too much internal damage has been done, then a surgical procedure can be done which will tighten the sphincter.

What is the best treatment for GERD?

Lifestyle changes to prevent it is best, such as:

Losing weight

Stopping smoking

Exercising

Eliminating irritating foods

Waiting for several hours before lying down

Raising the head of your bed at least 4 inches to prevent acid from backing up

Eating more slowly

Avoid fatty and fried foods, chocolate, tomato sauce, alcohol, garlic, onion and caffeine

Evaluate the stress in your life- can you make changes to cut down on things that cause you stress.

Share your concerns with a trusted friend

How is it diagnosed?

The Medical provider will do a thorough history and can generally identify GERD

An endoscopy may be done

pH testing or monitoring a person's acid levels for a day will identify GERD

Enjoy time with Family and friends as the summer time seems to fly by so rapidly, remember father's on Father's Day, Graduates from high school and college, wedding celebrations and other times to spend time together.

I appreciated the cards, prayers and good wishes following my recent heart attack and stent placement. How quickly health can change and as a result many other changes follow. The "totally out of control" feeling really has made me stop and consider many things. Be sure to take care of yourself and take an inventory of your overall health.

Your Parish Nurse,
Darlene

Dear Friends,

It's been a wonderful year of serving as vicar here at St. James church and school. Pastor Loder warned me my first day that once the school year started, the year would fly by, and that was entirely true. It's hard to grasp that our time with you all is coming to a close, although the empty packing boxes staring at us at home are helping us remember. My family and I have learned a lot, enjoyed being among

you, and we have treasured getting to know some of you closely as neighbors. For those with whom we haven't had the chance to visit more, it seems fitting to share a little background about myself and our family, and a bit of what is coming up for us this next year.

My wife, Kellie, and I met when I was 11 years old because our families were the only two at church who were homeschooling at the time. We found we had a common interest in history and the Bible, and hit it off immediately. We both enjoyed our families' participation in Civil War living history reenacting and both of us were committed to being Lutheran, no matter what. After I went to college, we didn't see each other for a couple years, but we eventually reconnected and survived a long-distance 2-year relationship (it can be done!) and were married in 2011 in Wyoming. It was our pastor in Jackson, Wyoming, who urged me to consider going into the ministry, and his encouragement and support has continued through to the present. At first, I was not interested in the idea of becoming a pastor, and for years my opposition grew to the point when I realized I was running away from it in vain. Our attempts to settle down on some land with a house had each fizzled for reasons beyond us, in spite of having a good job with a guaranteed future. So, eventually I stopped saying No, applied to the Fort Wayne seminary and was accepted.

The first year of seminary training was good, until Covid arrived and, like everyone, my experience and understanding of church and schooling was challenged. As 2019-2021 rolled along, however, our family had some great times, especially in the summers with outdoor activities. Coming to vicarage at St. James has been a blessing, and we have also really enjoyed the local parks in Wright County. It will be hard to say goodbye. But, pastoral training must continue, and we are also looking forward to seeing our seminary friends again, comparing notes, and getting the final year of classes underway. My last Sunday at St. James will be June 26th, and we will almost certainly move out that week, so you can prepare to welcome Vicar-elect Scofield for the coming year. We have lined up a 3-bedroom house back in Fort Wayne that another seminary family has been living in. It's not far from where we were before, so it will be nice to access the same walking paths and be close to the campus. After

moving, our plans for the summer include visiting family & friends, setting up separate bedrooms for our boys & girls, and downsizing our kid clothes collection again. I plan to continue following *Treasure of Daily Prayer* for my morning devotions, but there are also some books & articles I'd like to read on the topics of vocation as God's creatures, 3rd use of the Law (guide), and permaculture gardening.

This time next spring, Lord willing, I will have received a call to a congregation and we will (hopefully) be preparing for our last move for many years! I think that will be the 9th move in our 11 years of marriage for Kellie and I. It was never our plan to become so experienced movers, but all things run according to God's plan rather than ours, so we continue to learn to make the best of it and be satisfied.

I think my greatest joy at St. James has been the amount and variety of pastoral work I've been exposed to with Pastor Loder as my supervisor, and with you as our vicarage hosting congregation. I truly appreciate the experience with funerals, though none are wished-for, and with the opportunities to teach religion at the school and confirmation class at church. I think the greatest challenge during vicarage has also been teaching the religion classes, but the challenge has been very good for me since I've had little previous experience with it. I will miss all my students, of course, but I'm grateful for the time with them, and with you, dear friends at St. James.

My family and I sincerely thank you for your warmth towards us this year, and for simply being a gathering of believers around God's Word and sacraments. That's not a popular thing for congregations these days, so I want you all to know that we very much appreciate that focus here and we pray for Christ's continued centrality in your lives as He pours out His peace and forgiveness upon you, and strengthens your faith to love God and your neighbors. God bless you all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Vicar Klumpp
1 Peter 5:6-11