

MISSION & MINISTRY CONNECTION

Rejoicing *“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”*

Philippians 4:4

A Word from Lay Ministry

You Have the Words of Eternal Life

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” John 6:66-69

Words are hard. Truth is hard. Change is hard. In this verse from the gospel of John, the Lord Jesus reveals himself even more to His disciples. He explains who He really is, the Bread of Life come down from Heaven. He called upon those who follow Him to eat His flesh and drink His blood. This was more than most could comprehend and grumbling they turned and went away. Not so for Peter and those closest to Jesus.

Their response teaches us what ours should be, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” This should ever be our response to Jesus. When change concerns us, when truth must be addressed, when we don’t particularly care for the words we hear, we must recall as a church family our purpose. Our worship is literally a matter of life and death, eternal life and death, for that matter.

As we experience change and make hard decisions, let us be sensitive to one another. **“Moreover, if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.”** Matthew 18:15. During times of change, we tend to avoid conflict. The Word of God encourages us to do the contrary, to persevere, to engage one another in brotherly love. **“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”** Isaiah 1:18

We as the family of God at Lord of Life have come so far, accomplished so much and have great potential in the power of the Lord. We have tremendous opportunities to reach our community with the saving knowledge of Jesus. We must not shrink back now. **“but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him. But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.”**
Hebrews 10:38-39

Let us walk in unity over the next few weeks and months. Let us reason together. Let us not shrink back but let our faith in the Lord preserve our souls. Let us remember each Sabbath as we gather, as we eat His Body and drink His Blood, as we hear His Word, we are receiving the words of eternal life.

For His Glory,
Craig Young
Lay Ministry Chairman

A Word from Deaconess Sarah Longmire

Greetings from the Lord of Life Lutheran Preschool!! We had a great end to the school year in May. We had over 20 students graduate; while we will miss them, we are extremely proud of how hard they worked over this past year!

In June, we had two Summer Camp weeks. These camps were led by two of our teachers, Ms. Deb and Ms. Ada. During both weeks, the students did activities, played games, created crafts, and ate tasty snacks all connected to the theme of ‘Camping!’ We had groups of about 12 students attend each week!

During the last week of June, the Early Childhood Ministry Board members, with many other volunteers from the church, presented a wonderful VBS program for church, preschool, and community families. We used the Concordia Publishing House (CPH) curriculum called, ‘God’s Wonder Lab.’ Each day, the students enjoyed learning about a different Bible account during which God performed miracles! The students were able to play games, sing songs, eat snacks, watch science experiments, and learn about their Savior every day. THANK YOU to everyone who assisted in the preparation, set-up, decorating, teaching, leading, praying for, and otherwise helping with this amazing outreach!

Looking ahead, we are planning to offer ‘Bonus Summer Camps’ in July. Historically, the preschool has not hosted camps in July, but we are trying something new this year! These camps will occur during the weeks of July 12 and July 19.

In other news, Family Sunday School had a small, but mighty group attend in June. The topic was 'Jesus is the Good Shepherd.' Coming up in July, Family Sunday School will meet on the 11th and will focus on 'Jesus is The Light.'

As always, I am grateful for the support, love, and prayers given on behalf of the preschool and their families.

In Christ,
Deaconess Sarah

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1).

We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties – the freedom to gather together to worship and to live out what we believe in our daily lives.

But freedom and liberty in our age have devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness – a license to do what we want, when we want. This license is a submission again to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires and slaves to our passions.

Christ died to set us free from our desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity. In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit.

Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the Church. God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives to us in His service. God calls parents to provide for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

And God calls children to honor their parents and to provide and care for them when they are no longer able to do so themselves. God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor the governing officials as God's servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel, repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing.

Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

July Circle of Concern Needs

Breakfast Cereal	Healthy Snacks
Canned Pasta	Condiments
Dry Pasta & Sauce	Razors
Dinner "Helpers"	Shampoo
Peanut Butter/Jelly	Detergent
Canned Fruit	Ibuprofen

Please bring your items and place them in the barrel. Circle can no longer reuse plastic grocery bags. They can only accept brown paper bags. Our goal is 500+ cans each month. Thank you for your support!

July Baptism Birthdays

Brianna Langness	July 1
Rita Walezak	July 2
Jason Marx	July 3
Kristen Roux	July 7
Vaughn Bremer	July 8
Alma Ayres	July 9
Harriet Pancoast	July 10
Kelly Schamber	July 11
Lawton Drury	July 15
Lily Schamber	July 15
Mark Kammeyer	July 22
Michael Kammeyer	July 30

July Birthdays

Shellie Greer	July 3
Eddie Marx	July 3
Michael Kammeyer	July 4
Betty Hagemann- Powers	July 4
Colin Bossi	July 10
Bill Loebig	July 11
Brandon Pounds	July 12
Marti Schlegel	July 12
Nancy Helms	July 13
Justin Roux	July 18
Hannah Schamber	July 18
Bonnie Stepenoff	July 18
Joseph Young	July 19
Jenna Rosemann	July 20
Mark Below	July 21
Megan Clasen	July 21
Jan Mantovani	July 25
Jason Marx	July 25
Jackie Schamber	July 25
Ben Schamber	July 26
Debra Marx	July 27
Mark Bossi	July 28
Ed Goza	July 31

July Wedding Anniversaries

Jim & Jean Urban	July 11
Brian & Patty Tampow	July 18
Mark & Barbara Below	July 27

Serving Teams

July 4	8:00	Team 1-2
	10:30	Team 4
July 11	8:00	Team 7-11
	10:30	Team 9
July 18	8:00	Team 5
	10:30	Team 8
July 25	8:00	Team 3
	10:30	Team 6

Lay Readers

July 4	8:00	Janet Kammeyer
	10:30	Sharon Delmore
July 11	8:00	Diane Wolf
	10:30	Mollie Oakeley
July 18	8:00	Mark Bossi
	10:30	Cindy Young
July 25	8:00	Megan Clasen
	10:30	Mark Androff

Counting Teams

July 4	Linda Rosemann Dennis Oneal
July 11	Jean Urban Sue Andrew
July 18	Joe Delmore Richard Barigela
July 25	Peggy Krause Gene Valett

Lay Ministers

July 4	8:00	Justin Langrehr
	10:30	Craig Young
July 11	8:00	Ted Greer
	10:30	Nehemiah Langness
July 18	8:00	Mark Kammeyer
	10:30	Craig Young
July 25	8:00	Ted Greer
	10:30	Donnie May