



June 2022



The Disciple's Connection

From the Pastor's Desk



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son" (John 3:16). "God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays his life down for the sheep" (John 10:11). Love means sacrifice. Sacrifice means a humbling of oneself for the good of another. And this is what the cross of Christ teaches us: Love means sacrifice. We love our families. We love them by sacrificing ourselves for them. We put their needs before our own. We sacrifice our own wants and desires for their good and for their needs.

We love our country. We love it by pledging our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor to defend her. We ask not what our country can do for us, but what we can do for our country. We make sacrifices for our country's good and we do it because we love her.

We love our church. We love our church by giving of ourselves, by sacrificing our time, talents, and treasures in service to it. We volunteer to teach Sunday School, VBS, and assist with various endeavors. We help out cleaning and fixing what needs to be cleaned and fixed at the church property. And we give a portion of the income God has given us, so that the lights will go on, and the heat and air conditioning may run; so that a pastor will preach to us both law and gospel and administer Baptism and the Lord's Supper; so that the Word will go forth into all the world through the missionaries we call and send out.

God has called us into these three spheres of family, country, and church. He puts the solitary into a home. No one is an island unto himself. Everyone is put into a family, a country, and a church. In these spheres, God cares for all our needs of body and soul. He employs other members of these spheres to ensure that we have everything we need for this body and life and for the next.

These callings place a claim upon us, a claim upon our presence, our prayers, our time, talents, and treasures. They give us a duty. That duty is to love. Love means sacrifice. Sacrifice means that we humble ourselves for the good of another.

So then, "let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:7-11). And love involves sacrifice.

Humbly Serving Christ

Pastor Sundborn



Recovering Ascension Day

By Christopher Seifferlein

One Sunday morning, my young daughter sat in the pew. “Please keep your clip in your hair!” my wife said firmly to her in the middle of the service. “But mom,” she said, glancing to the statue

of Jesus in front of the congregation, “Jesus isn’t wearing a clip in His hair!”

Statues are not common in congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Synod lore says that the liturgical finery sunk on the *Amelia*, the one ship that was lost at sea on the journey over from Saxony. Lutheran immigrant populations had limited funds and recalled the misuse of images throughout church history, and so statues did not top the list of things to include in a new church building with one important exception: the “Jesus statue” seen above the altar in many of our churches. The statue my daughter was looking at has been in the congregation for a century.

The Jesus of this representation, however, was not from any ordinary moment of Jesus’ life. It portrays our ascending Lord. His hands are raised in blessing (Luke 24:50). His feet are planted on the orb, showing His ever-present rule over us. Our forebearers wished for us to keep central to our hearts the importance of the message of the ascension as it had first been passed down to them. They, too, spoke the Creed that climaxed with this statement about Jesus’ life: “He ascended into heaven ... from thence He will come.”

An ancient feast

Early Christians regarded the Feast of the Ascension as one of the major feasts of the Christian calendar. It was the final of the major festivals celebrating Christ’s life. Ancient Christians celebrated the feast by taking part in celebrations and services in the open air, on a hill or in the countryside. Processions to those places imitated Jesus’ journey with the disciples to the Mount of Olives. They celebrated the Feast of the Ascension with great joy even as the disciples were full of joy after Jesus’ ascension (Luke 24:52). Joy does not seem so obvious after Jesus departed from them, but their hearts were filled with the messages of the ascension.

The ascension message proclaims that Jesus, who left heaven and came to earth, has returned to heaven having completed His mission. The visible presence of the Lord on earth may have ceased, but He does not cease to be with His earthly people in His flesh and blood sharing with them His divine life. His rule over all things has commenced as He sits at God’s right hand on high. Christ, who forevermore lives in human flesh and blood, now reigns at God’s right hand. He went there to prepare a place for us and will return in glory having put all our enemies, last of all death, under His feet.

In the first act of His rule, He sent His Spirit on Pentecost so that the apostles and pastors could be sent to preach His name to all nations, bringing to all people the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life that He won on the cross. The ascension also includes the promise that we will ascend over every sin, death and even hell itself, passing over one day to our glorious rest in heaven. The celebration of this feast works this teaching and joy in us.

In former times, the joy of the feast spanned from Ascension to Pentecost, a 10-day mini season known as Ascensiontide. The color white remains on the altar. Special joyous ascension hymns are sung. The paschal candle may be moved from the altar to its regular place by the baptismal font. Some congregations extinguish the light of this Easter candle after the reading of the Gospel, marking the beginning of the time when we apprehend Christ not by sight but by faith.

Suggestions

Some ideas for recovering this feast day might include:

- Learning an ascension hymn in the home.
- The local Amish community ceases from work and spends the day with their extended community. Why not take the day off and go to church at the end of the day?
- Add to your weekly prayers a petition for “the joy of the ascension among us.”
- Do a Bible class on the ascension and include a synopsis of it in your congregation’s newsletter.

In recent times, the Roman Catholic Church in America has almost given up celebrating the Feast of the Ascension on a Thursday, and instead transferred it to the following Sunday. Instead of following the path of least resistance, recognize that it has taken generations to lose this great feast in our congregations; its recovery will not happen overnight. Even if our church is not full of people on earth for an Ascension Day service, we rejoice that we worship our ascended and triumphant Lord with angels and archangels and all the saints of heaven. If all the company of heaven is there, then even in the smallest of churches, the attendance is without number.

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About The Author

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Life Quotes for June

June 5 "The Lord God loves your neighbors—even the ones that annoy you. He cares so much for them that He sent His Son to die and rise again for them—for all of them. For the thief, the bigot, the liberal, the conservative, the one with the manicured lawn who judges your overgrown lawn, and the one who has let their property become overgrown and run down. He cares for all of them. He cares so much that He called you and He placed you in that neighborhood to seek its welfare." *Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, guest speaker on The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

June 12 "God is love. God is relationship. His eternal love supplies the source of every life. He created human-kind in this image, for Himself, for relationship, to be loved and to love." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

June 19 "The God who chose to give us life at the moment of fertilization is the same God who chose to rescue us and redeem us and give us salvation. And He did it by sending His Son, Jesus, to experience every stage of human life so we could be forgiven and given life everlasting with Him!" *Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

June 26 "God loves you as His adopted son or daughter—a truth that no virus or civil strife can ever take away. Welcome to the family!" *Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook, guest speaker on The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Congratulations Graduates!!

Jared Sundbom

Graduate of Riverside High School and Auburn Career Center

Jared graduated from Auburn Career Center in the Marketing Business Applications program. He will be attending Lakeland Community College in the fall working towards his Real Estate License.



Clair Hines

Graduate of St. Paul's Preschool

Clair will be attending Our Shepherd Lutheran School in the fall and would like to be a Park Ranger and a Veterinarian.

Marisa Szoradi

Graduate of iSTEM Geauga Early College High School
and
Lakeland Community College



Marissa will be attending Ohio University in the fall majoring in Meteorology.



Emma Randa

Graduate of Mentor High School

Emma will be attending Lakeland Community College in the fall.

Andrew Kellner

Graduate of Mentor High School

Andrew will be attending the University of Northwestern Ohio in the fall.



Announcements



Summer Office Hours begin June 7

9:00 am to 12 noon Monday through Friday

OUR SHEPHERD GOLF OUTING

The annual golf outing fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2022. Registration forms and information should be available at your church, at the school and on the school website - www.oslpainesville.org, if you would like to golf in the event. If you are not a golfer we invite congregation members to be a sponsor or make any monetary donation to offset the cost the outing. This is the only major fundraiser of the year for Our Shepherd. We are raising money for a new sound system to be used for the talent show, fine arts program and chapel services. We thank you for your prayers and support. For questions or more information email jdrake@oslpainesville.org.



ARE YOU FEEDING YOUR MITE BOX?

Please remember to feed your mite box or use the donate button at <http://lwmlohio.org> to continue to support the mission work of the LWML. Just follow the directions on the page remembering to list St. Paul's, Painesville as your church and Northeast as your zone. Mite giving for the month of May was \$167.83. To God be the Glory.

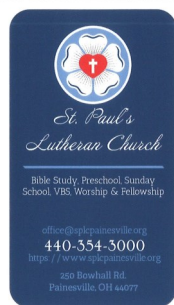
LWML Ohio District Convention

On June 17 and 18, Eric Cardina and Jenn Drake will be attending the LWML Convention in Napoleon, Ohio. We are delegates for our zone. We will be collecting items for servant events and the ingathering. Here are some of the items we are collecting:

- Prescription eyeglasses or sunglasses for MOST ministries and Soft eyeglass cases will be collected as well
- Infants socks and diapers, children's new socks and underwear for the Orphan Grain Train.
- School supplies for United Way of Henry County.

There is a box by the LWML board at the back of the church for you to put these items in. Thank you in advance for your support of LWML mission programs. If you have any questions you can talk to either Jenn or Erin.





RESTAURANT MINISTRY

If you have begun to venture back out to local eateries, please help St. Paul's reach out to members of our community. Grab a supply of St. Paul's business cards from the basket on the Welcome Center Table near the nursery door. When eating out, write a note of thanks to your waiter/waitress on the back of the card and leave it with their tip. Help us plant the seed ... and let the Holy Spirit do the rest!

Prayer Quilts

Don't forget to let JoEllen Graziadei or Kristi McConnell know when you have a friend, neighbor or family member that is in need of encouragement and prayers. We can send a prayer quilt to them with a card and an invitation to church. In these troubled times, it's more important than ever to tell people God loves them and we are here for them.



Greeting Cards for Sale



Don't forget to support our greeting card fundraiser by purchasing a card for friends or family members having special events such as a Birthday or Anniversary. There are also uplifting Christian cards for those in need of encouragement and prayers. As a reminder, they are only 50 cents apiece. Place your payment in an offering envelope supplied on the greeting card rack and add it in the Offering plate during church service. Proceeds will go toward building an Outreach budget for future Outreach event expenses.

Church Clean-up Thank You!!

The Buildings and Grounds committee and chair would like to extend a grateful thank you to all that participated in the church and grounds cleanup last Saturday. Volunteers Michelle and Arron Lindrose, Dennis Concoby, Terry Wakelee, Tom, Erin, Owen and Ellie Cardina, Star and Joe Graziadei, Hasnah, Matt and Jacob Chafee, Pastor Sundbom, Eric Drake, and Kristi McConnell made everything look great and with so many hands, things were completed quickly. I cannot thank all of you enough for helping.



Outreach Movie Matinee series

The Outreach Committee will be launching a new video docudrama series entitled: "2000 years of Christianity." There are twelve episodes, approximately 45 minutes each. We will be showing two episodes at each matinee on June 12th and 26th, July 10th and 31st, and August 14th and 28th all beginning at 2 p.m. The description of the series is as follows:

"For more than 2000 years, the life of Christ has inspired individual people, societies and government officials all over the world. This extraordinary 12-part series examines the powerful spiritual, intellectual and political impact of that most exemplary person's teachings and message throughout the centuries. From the precarious roots of the primitive Church in Palestine and Asia Minor, through the triumphant Christianization of the Roman Empire and Europe to the turbulent years of the Reformation, the Enlightenment and the modern crisis of faith in the West, this documentary leaves no stone unturned in its quest to discover the trans-historical essence of this uniquely beloved faith. How did a despised religion of outcasts and slaves conquer the heart of the most powerful empire the world has ever known? How did Christianity recover from the horrifying effects of great crises like the Black Plague, the 17th century wars of religion and the massacres of World War Two? Perhaps most important of all: how can Jesus' words and deeds help us to confront the uncertainties of the 21st century and beyond? Enlisting the aid of world-renowned scholars, thinkers and artists like Marvin Entholt, Matthias Unterburg and Werner Herzog, each episode of *2000 Years of Christianity* delves into complex historical problems and produces startling answers that are sure to interest believers and skeptics alike!"





May Notes

- 1) Pastor's Report: Pastor reported making 18 calls, 2 hospital & 3 shut-in visits and performed 1 funeral. Confirmation weekend will be May 21/22 with 1 confirmand. He thought Easter service was well attended and that having the choir and music added to the joy.
- 2) President's Report: Eric stressed the need for attendance at Annual meeting and full slate of candidates for next year's council.
- 3) Treasurer's Report: Russ reported that contributions are still down and expenses slightly up and that our financial situation continues to drop below expectations.
- 4) Education Report: Erin reported Sunday school and Bible study attendance has been averaging 15 per Sunday (varying between 12 & 20). Star has organized a project the kids made to hand out to moms on Mothers' Day. Erin said she's considering having Sunday school this summer if attendance warrants.
- 5) Preschool report: Star reported enrollment still slow and is working on a sign for out front. Outreach provided Easter eggs for Preschool children and was well received. Employee handbook completed and Parent handbook nearly complete.
- 6) Elders Report: Dale reported the passing of Andy Kujula. Worship services continue to return to normal. Church picnic tentatively set for August 14 @ Townline Park.
- 7) Financial Secretary: Jenn reported OSLS Golf Outing will be June 11 with St. Paul's furnishing the lunch and that a Walk-a-Thon for Ukraine will be May 25. Also, OSLS continues to search for a Principal and teacher.
- 8) Outreach Report: Kristi reported \$560 has been collected, enough for 28 backpacks; may apply for funds from Thrivent, if needed. Movie matinee will continue this summer. The Easter egg hunt for Preschool kids went well, and a Hotdog Lunch will be July 16 @ 11-1.
- 9) Building & Grounds Report: Craig reported ants were found in tiered classroom and that indoor and outdoor spraying was done. Summer mowing schedule is out, and that mowers have been serviced (cost about \$500). Spring cleanup is set for May 21.
- 10) Contribution Secretary Report: Dennis reported that for the 1st 18 weeks of 2022, contributions are up \$1,348.16(2%), number of contributors 27 down from 31 last year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Eric updated Marlyss' condition and need to keep her in our prayers. After talking with Matt, he said he is likely to continue as organist as needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Annual Meeting: Sunday, May 15 after 9:30 service. Items include reports, voting on 2022-23 Budget, By-Law changes, and nominations for following Council positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Education, Stewardship, Preschool Chairperson and 2 Board members, and Financial Secretary.
- 2) Church picnic tentatively set for August 14 @ Townline Park, North Perry, 12:00-4:00pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 1 @ 6:30pm.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL



MEETING MINUTES

- 1) People approved for available positions:
 - President: Eric Drake
 - Vice-President: Brian Herder
 - Secretary: Terry Wakelee
 - Education: Erin Cardina
 - Stewardship: Ken Chaffe
 - Financial Secretary: Jenn Drake
 - Preschool Chair: Star Graziadei
 - 2 Preschool Board Members: Erin Cardina & Becky Franz
- 2) The 2022-23 Fiscal Budget was presented and explained by Russ Walton and was approved. Proposed budget totals \$199,964 (\$3845/wk.), at current rate of contributions of \$3350/wk. we could see a shortfall of \$23,000. Members are strongly encouraged to increase their commitments when possible.
- 3) Erin said she would like to continue Sunday school class for the younger ages is attendance warrants.
- 4) Kristi said Outreach will continue movie matinees, door tag distribution this summer, and collecting for Backpacks for Kids
- 5) Church picnic will be Sunday, Aug. 14 @ Townline Park, North Perry @ 12-4 pm.

PRESCHOOL



Registration

2022-2023 Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2022-2023 preschool year is open and classes are filling up fast. Registration forms can be found in the magazine rack at the back of the sanctuary by the double doors. If you have any questions please contact preschool director Amy Marizek at 440-354-3000.

Altar Flowers



A great way to remember any occasion is with Altar Flowers. The Altar Flower Chart is located in between the two sets of double doors leading to the kitchen. Just sign up next to the appropriate weekend. Clearly print the occasion being remembered, who the flowers are for and who they're from.

Altar flowers are \$40.00. Place the monies in an envelope labeled "Altar Flowers" with the weekend date and put the envelope in the collection plate.





June Birthdays

Gretchen Tracy	1st	Jack Lelle	13th
Michelle Szoradi	1st	Karen Krueger	16th
Pamela West	5th	JoAnn Hennessey	20th
Joe Graziadei	7th	Owen Cardina	22nd
Jerry Ladany	8th	Lea McLean-Brandt	23rd
Tom Cardina	8th	June Hellwig	24th
Debbie Bennington	9th	Audrey Butzin	26th
Becky Franz	12th	Russ Tuttle, Sr.	28th

June Anniversaries

Russ & Roxanne Walton	28 years on Jun 04
Carl & JoEllen Graziadei	42 years on Jun 14
Keith & Karen Kruger	41 years on Jun 20
Patrick & Janice Shutic	33 years on Jun 24
Tom & Erin Cardina	22 years on Jun 24
Bob & Gretchen Tracy	56 years on Jun 25



June Word Search

Genesis - Creation

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 EUPHRATES
 SERPENT
 EXPANSE
 RIB
 ADAM
 GARDEN

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/3704086/>



Those Who Serve: June 2022

ELDERS:

6:00 P Saturday Aaron Lindrose
9:30 A Sunday Craig McConnell

COUNTERS:

Terry Wakelee, Craig McConnell
Kristy McConnell

LECTORS:

06-04-22 6:00 P Saturday Pastor Sundbom
06-05-22 9:30 A Sunday Eric West
06-11-22 6:00 P Saturday Dave Murphy
06-12-22 9:30 A Sunday Jack Lelle
06-18-22 6:00 P Saturday Dale Kerver
06-19-22 9:30 A Sunday Jenn Drake
06-25-22 6:00 P Saturday Pastor Sundbom
06-26-22 9:30 A Sunday Terry Wakelee

GREETERS:

6:00 P Saturday
9:30 A Sunday

**SIGN UP IN JUNE TO GREET
YOUR FELLOW DISCIPLES.**

**Sign-up sheet located on the
double doors at the back of the
Sanctuary.**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Preschool

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Staff

Paul D. Sundbom, Pastor
Marlyss Sekki, Director of Music
Peggy McDonnell, Admin Assistant

Worship Services

Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 9:30am

St. Paul's Preschool

Amy Marizek, Director
preschool@splcpainesville.org
www.stpaulspainesville.com

Summer Office Hours

9:00 am to 12 noon Monday thru Friday

Sunday Bible Study

Adult 8:30am & 10:45am
Children 10:45am

Also Supporting



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440-357-7778

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>  <p>COMMUNION SERVICE</p> </div> <div> <p>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</p> <p>Saturdays - 6:00pm Sundays - 9:30am Sunday School - 10:45am Adult Bible Study—8:30am & 10:45am</p> </div>			1 6:30 pm Council Meeting	2	3 World Bicycle Day	4
5 Pentecost	6 D-Day Anniversary	7	8	9 7 pm OSL Graduation	10	11 
12  Trinity Sunday	13	14 	15 6:30 pm Elder's Meeting	16 6 pm Outreach Meeting	17 LWML Ohio District Convention	18 LWML Ohio District Convention
19 	20	21  First Day of Summer	22 LCMS Ohio District Convention	23 LCMS Ohio District Convention	24 LCMS Ohio District Convention	25 
26 	27	28	29	30	Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm	Bulletin Announcements Due Wednesdays