# St. Peters Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

July 2020 NEWSLETTER

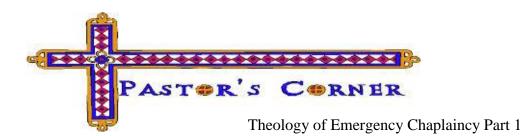


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**Our Mission Statement:** 

"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done." Psalm 105:1



"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Jn. 20:19b). Emergencies are all marked by a common element or thread running through them. The destruction of the peace which should be in a person's life. This peace can be the earthly peace of things going in decant order, but they are always the destruction of spiritual peace. The cause for this destruction on the surface is the emergency at hand, but the root of the destruction is always found in sin. On the one hand, in original sin and the breaking of creation from God's order to the disorder of sin do we find the root of this destruction. On the other hand, it can be found in the actual sin committed by the party or on the party. Either way, we find sin at the root of the problem.

If sin is the root of all emergencies, theologically, there is only one solution to be offered. The solution is the peace of God which comes only through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The peace spoke to the disciples. A peace which did not seek to put everything in this earthly life immediately back in order, but put back in order the spiritual life of the disciples. It was a peace predicated on the only true God has defeated the greatest of enemies' sin and death. In emergencies, this is the God who has even overcome this situation. This is the God who has not forgotten the family in this time, this is the God who has provided for this family and will continue to provide for this family.

Having an understanding of theology which centers not on the works of man but the Word of God gives the Chaplain the ability to draw the attention of those experiences, the simple broken leg or the life-altering, emergency to the all-sufficiency of God at this moment. With the Word of God at the center of the ministry, the person of the chaplain is no longer the lynchpin for aiding these people in this time of emergency. While, God uses flesh and blood people, and the talents He has given them they are not the source of peace only the medium by which God is delivering His peace to them.

This brings comfort to both the chaplain and those experiencing the emergency. For the chaplain who brings his past, his theological views, and his struggles he does not have to count on the force of his personality or ability but depends on the blood-bought peace of Christ. For those experiencing the emergency even if the chaplain struggles at times to help them their peace was not destroyed by the chaplain's inadequacies or struggles. All of this comes from the wonderful good news of the gospel proclaimed by the chaplain to them.

The proclamation is the connection to the mission of the church. The Lutheran chaplain is not simply a warm body who is okay with feelings. The Lutheran chaplain will be comfortable with dealing with the feelings but brings to the table the very gifts of the church. Namely, the proclamation of the death of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the healing of a broken world. The mission of the church is to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them all that I have commanded you and lo I will be with you throughout all the ages" (Mt. 28:19-20).

This mission connection comes maybe not as strongly with those experiencing the emergency as those responding to it. The first responders whether they be firefighters, EMTs, police, dispatchers are all in need of this news. They are people who deal with the very results of sin broken world and they come muddy with the results of sin. The Lutheran Chaplain is armed with the Word of God, hymns, and prayer to bring the renewing blood of Christ to these men and women. Here the chaplain can lead them to the foot of the cross where they are washed in the blood of Christ.

Your Servant in Christ, Pastor Welton

# The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

## **LCMS Stewardship Ministry**

## **Newsletter article – July 2020**

"Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, "You know the commandments." And the ruler replied, "All these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." (Luke 18:18–22)

As we listen to this, one question is raised in our minds: Is Jesus speaking to us also or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor? As good Lutherans, we answer: No! But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor?

The simplest explanation is this: If we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn't mean it isn't to be used for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family, and society. We are members of all three of these by birth.

- We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from either our birth into the church or the birth of others by Baptism into it.
- We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from either our birth into that family or the birth of others into our family.
- Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are is to be pressed into service for the church, the family, and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and our duties toward them would falter.

So consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You provide food, clothing, and shelter for the members of your family. You save for college for your children.

But the one station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits – the best from off the top – even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought and intent. It means that you sit down and make a plan for what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems there are other more immediate and pressing things.

This is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time while giving is low due to high unemployment or restrictions on meeting in church to give. If we love God, his gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace we receive at church and only at church, then we will support the church just as we love our country and our family.

For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious and giving God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son into death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What is more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of the church, the family, and society, are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three by birth.

Don't let the church, your divine family, be ignored or even an afterthought. The church is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation by Word and Sacrament for eternal life.

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# **Diaper Derby Results**

660 diapers – 624 wipes – boy quilt 4 baby bottles (2) pink, (2) blue Light weight boy pajamas – fleece girl pajamas – 13 baby books & 1 pink fleece baby blanket





VBS 2020 headed your way on Sunday, August 9 – Tuesday, August 11, starting at 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Sign up at St. Peters Lutheran Church or by contacting our Board of Education members. Scott Feige – 605-480-1701 or <a href="mailto:feigefarm@gmail.com">feigefarm@gmail.com</a>; Jason Fischer 605-480-1974 or <a href="mailto:jasonnfischer@gmail.com">jasonnfischer@gmail.com</a>; Loren Lindholm 605-270-2856 or <a href="mailto:albiznes@itctel.com">albiznes@itctel.com</a>.

### **HOSTED BY ALPHA CENTER & ABSTINENCE CLEARINGHOUSE**



# YOU'RE INVITED



GOD, MOM & ME TEA DATE: Thursday, July 16 from 6pm-7:30pm

A God, Mom & Me Tea serves as an event for mothers, or mother figures, and daughters ages nine to twelve to focus on the joy of womanhood, the beauty of God's design and the greatness of His timing for development.

A God, Mom & Me Tea provides an elegant and intimate setting for reinforcing the mother-daughter relationship and honoring your pre-teen as she is introduced to God's design for young women. To add to this special event, mothers and daughters are encouraged to dress in their fanciest, modest teatime dresses. Don't be afraid to go all out for this fun event!

# ATTEND IN-PERSON OR VIRTUALLY



Alpha Center 3405 S Kiwanis Avenue Sioux Falls, SD 57105



You can attend virtually! Simply indicate your preference at registration.

#### **IN-PERSON RESERVATION INCLUDES:**

- A Mother's Guide & Daughter's Guide
- Teatime Food & Beverages
- Photo Booth
- Gift Box For Daughters

**REGISTRATION IS \$15.00 PER ATTENDEE** 

### **VIRTUAL RESERVATION INCLUDES:**

- A Mother's Guide & Daughter's Guide
- Gift Box For Daughters (Boxes sold separately \$15.00 charge)

REGISTRATION IS \$15.00 PER MOTHER-DAUGHTER COUPLE



# 2020 LUTHERANS FOR LIFE REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Our 2020 theme is ...

# FROM INVISIBLE TO INDISPENSABLE!

"On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable ..." (1 Corinthians 12:22 ESV)

Join us as we unpack this theme and what it means for the For Life movement, both nationally and in your community.

The regional conferences for Lutherans For Life allows our team to come directly to you with the For Life Gospel message. These gatherings are wonderful times spent together where we can provide valuable information and encouragement to you, your community, and the life-affirming work you are engaged in.

Please check the schedule below to see which of our 2020 conference locations is near you. We're excited to see you there!

## August 29

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

1005 First St.

West Fargo, ND 58078

Speakers: Pastor Chris Brademeyer, Heather Ruesch, Pastor Scott Licht, Col. John Eidsmoe Register for the ND Conference

### September 26

Ruthfred Free Lutheran Church

3401 S. Park Rd.

Bethel Park (Pittsburgh), PA 15102

Speakers: Pastor Michael Salemink, Pastor Wade Mobley, Pastor Scott Licht, Kristi Hofferber Register for the PA Conference

### October 24

Life in Christ Lutheran Church

14802 N. 75th Ave.

Peoria (Phoenix), AZ 85381

Speakers: Carol Tobias, Mona Fuerstenau, Kelly Schumacher, Pastor Michael Salemink

**Register for the AZ Conference** 

### November 14

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

1515 S. Semoran Blvd Orlando, FL 32807

Speakers: Pastor Rev. Terry Forke, Mona Fuerstenau, Pastor Mark Chavez, Pastor Michael

Salemink

**Register for the FL Conference** 

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# TO READ THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR: SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

| DATE    | FIRST        | SECOND         | DATE    | FIRST        | SECOND         |
|---------|--------------|----------------|---------|--------------|----------------|
|         | READING      | READING        |         | READING      | READING        |
| July 1  | Deut. 32:1-4 | 1 Samuel 28-31 | July 16 | Psalm 42     | 1 Kings 18-20  |
| July 2  | Psalm 28     | 2 Samuel 1-3   | July 17 | Psalm 43     | 1 Kings 21-22  |
| July 3  | Psalm 29     | 2 Samuel 4-6   | July 18 | Psalm 44     | 2 Kings 1-3    |
| July 4  | Psalm 30     | 2 Samuel 7-9   | July 19 | Psalm 45     | 2 Kings 4-6    |
| July 5  | Psalm 31     | 2 Samuel 10-12 | July 20 | Psalm 46     | 2 Kings 7-9    |
| July 6  | Psalm 32     | 2 Samuel 13-15 | July 21 | Psalm 47     | 2 Kings 10-12  |
| July 7  | Psalm 33     | 2 Samuel 16-18 | July 22 | Psalm 48     | 2 Kings 13-15  |
| July 8  | Psalm 34     | 2 Samuel 19-21 | July 23 | Psalm 49     | 2 Kings 16-18  |
| July 9  | Psalm 35     | 2 Samuel 22-24 | July 24 | Psalm 50     | 2 Kings 19-22  |
| July 10 | Psalm 36     | 1 Kings 1-2    | July 25 | Psalm 51     | 2 Kings 23-25  |
| July 11 | Psalm 37     | 1 Kings 3-6    | July 26 | Psalm 52     | 1 Chron. 1-5   |
| July 12 | Psalm 38     | 1 Kings 7-8    | July 27 | Psalm 53     | 1 Chron. 6-10  |
| July 13 | Psalm 39     | 1 Kings 9-11   | July 28 | Psalm 54     | 1 Chron. 11-15 |
| July 14 | Psalm 40     | 1 Kings 12-14  | July 29 | Psalm 55     | 1 Chron. 16-20 |
| July 15 | Psalm 41     | 1 Kings 15-17  | July 30 | Psalm 56     | 1 Chron. 21-25 |
|         |              |                | July 31 | Deut. 32:1-4 | 1 Chron. 26-29 |

# July Baptismal Birthdays

July 2, 1944

June Evelyn Olson 46115 233rd St. Wentworth, SD 57075

July 2, 2000

Dakota Faye Alfson 23633 464th Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075

July 9, 1933

Ruth JoAnn Hotchkin 200 West 2nd St. Colton, SD 57018

July 12, 1942

Dale Eugene Dorow 46075 234th St. Wentworth, SD 57075

July 14, 1940

Helen Joan Lease 23681 469th Ave. Colman, SD 57017

July 14, 1953

Bradley Michael Swenson 46822 SD Hwy 34 Colman, SD 57017



July 17, 1942

Sandi Jeanne Johnson 935 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Madison, SD 57042

July 18, 1971

Gina Lynn De<mark>Groot</mark> PO Box 241

Volga, SD 57071

July 18, 2010

Presley Julia <mark>Schneider</mark> 45076 233<sup>rd</sup> St. Madison, SD 57042

July 19, 1942

Georgia Alice Rentz 300 W. Hazel Ave. Rm. 202 Howard, SD 57349

July 21, 2002

Macie Marie Brown 24131 465<sup>th</sup> Ave. Chester, SD 57016 July 22, 2012

Lorelei Marie Welton 420 NE 6th St. Madison, SD 57042

July 24, 1949

Carolyn Marie Lindholm PO Box 133 Wentworth, SD 57075

July 24, 1983

Brian Michael Maas 46330 231st St. Wentworth, SD 57075

July 27, 1941

Jane Alberta Rentz 3904 S. Terry Ave. Apt #364 Sioux Falls, SD 57106

July 29, 2001

Kayla Rae Dean PO Box 116 Wentworth, SD 57075

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July 29, 2001

Lizabeth Maree Reck

PO Box 112

Wentworth, SD 57075

Happy Baptismal Birthday!!

From your Brothers and Sisters in Christ

"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved" Mark 16:16a July Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Lori Hansen July 4, 1985 Mr. & Mrs. Scott & Jill Feige July 6, 2007

Mr. & Mrs. Dean & Shirley Hess July 11, 1964

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse & Alyssa Baumberger July 12, 2013

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Kim Hemmer July 13, 1985

Mr. & Mrs. Mark & Delorus Limmer July 13, 2002

Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Danielle Eppe July 19, 2003

Mr. & Mrs. Rudy & Ione Schmidt July 20, 1958

Mr. & Mrs. Tyler & Nicole Backus July 30, 2016

# **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 6, 2010 Presley Julia Schneider

July 7, 2002 Macie Marie Brown

July 8, 1942 Georgia Alice Rentz

July 11, 1939 Dick Dean Lease

July 13, 1954 Gaylen Burdette Backus

July 16, 1993 Nathan James Winesburg

July 16, 2015 Thatcher Louis Welton

July 18, 1951 Tom Edward Baumberger

July 18, 1983 Brian Michael Maas

July 18, 2001 Chase Taylor Hemmer

July 18, 2012 Lorelei Marie Welton

July 22, 1943 Rollyn Ray Hess

July 25, 1990 Kayla Rose Tweet

July 26, 1935 Arlene Mable Limmer

July 28, 1981 Meredith Marie Fischer

July 28, 1985 Jarrod Allen Maas

July 28, 2006 Olivia Jean Lindholm

July 28, 2018 Zhavia Helen Dean

July 29, 1953 Luanna Marie Shuck

July 29, 1968 Randy Dean Hess

July 30, 1995 Lizabeth Maree Reck