



"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me." John 10:14

I want you to think of a voice that brings you great joy and calm—perhaps a parent, grandparent, or friend. With them you can let your guard down; they listen without judgment, care deeply, and lift you up. Good memories flood in: meals, outings, or trips when time seemed to stand still—moments of life full.

Today, Jesus comes to you with His voice. He desires you to know it intimately, just as you know that comforting voice. In fact, He is the One who lovingly provided those voices in your life. He knows your needs better than anyone else and wants to fill your heart to overflowing. He desires to lead you and give you life—life to the full!

Our text is Jesus' words in John 10:1-10. Jesus used an everyday scene for His listeners: the good shepherd caring for sheep. We often picture Jesus holding a lamb—and that's beautiful. But the more we learn about sheep, the more we see ourselves.

A fellow pastor shared with me a devotional book on Psalm 23 written by a former shepherd from Africa. It's called *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* by W. Phillip Keller. Keller makes it very clear that sheep are animals that truly *need someone to take care of them*. They do *not do well in the wild*. They are *easily scared* and *spooked*. They are *easy prey for wild animals* and dogs.

They will *often wander off and get lost*. For sheep to thrive, they *need a good caretaker, a Good Shepherd*. One that leads them to good food and clean water. A good shepherd will protect them from dangerous animals and from thieves and robbers. He knows his sheep and what they need. Sheep get to know their shepherd and depend on him for safety and protection. A true shepherd cares for his sheep, even knows each one by name. The sheep learn to recognize and follow only their shepherd's voice.

Jesus knows each of us. He knew the needs of the blind man and brought him to know his Savior and Lord. As you read the Gospels, have you noticed how Jesus knew the needs of each individual with whom He came in contact? Each one was different, and in each case, Jesus healed or taught them and strengthened them as needed.

Notice Jesus' loving concern for His sheep, for us. He leads us by His voice. We know that voice. In the same way, Jesus repeatedly reminds us to listen for His voice. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. In Him we truly find peace and calm.

He is the voice that we want to always recognize. Keller talked about how a shepherd brought a calm and protecting sense to the sheep. Sheep can easily get scared, even by a rabbit that bolts from a

patch of grass. But when the shepherd is present, he brings a sense of calm. How important to let Jesus lead us in life and bring that calm. To live each day as if Jesus were there walking with us. Remember Jesus' words, **"I am with you always."** As God, the Lord that rose from the grave and did miracles, He is with us! **Know the voice of your shepherd Jesus! He leads us.**

What is it that brings this *life to the full*? Like sheep, we have our own ideas. But as worldly short-sighted creatures, our idea is often not in line with what truly gives life. Jesus knows that about each of us.

Thank the Lord, Jesus came for sinners—for lost, helpless sheep like us. He knows us. He cares for us. He went to the cross for us. He takes our sins. He gives us His love and compassionate forgiveness. He brings us into His family—His flock—and nourishes us.

Life to the full in God's eyes is knowing the Lord will always be with you. He has a place for you in His house. Eternity is ours in paradise. We can be certain of this. We have Jesus' promise, His Word!

Excerpts taken from Rev. Green, St John Ev. Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, MN
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Worship Times

Sundays @ 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class @9:15 a.m.

Mondays @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays @ 11:00 a.m.



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As the family at Chapel of the Cross,
our mission is to
SHARE the Gospel,
SEEK the Lost,
STUDY God's Word and
STRENGTHEN one another.



Adult Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Bible Classes 9:15–10:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Studies Beginning June 7th

The Gospel of John

The Gospel of John reveals Jesus as the Light of the world, the source of true Life, and the embodiment of God’s Truth.

Through powerful signs, and intimate conversations, John invites us to believe in Christ and discover the hope, grace and eternal life found in Him. From darkness into light, from death into life and from confusion into truth, John’s Gospel points us continually to Jesus.

This study will be led by the Pastors in the Sanctuary.

Shepherds, Sheep, Goats and Lambs

Based on Phillip Keller’s book “A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23”, we will explore the real and symbolic roles of shepherds, sheep, goats and lambs in the ceremonial and spiritual lives of people, both in Biblical times and for us now. Come and explore questions such as: “Aren’t lambs sheep, so why the distinction?”, “How can Jesus be the Lamb if He is the Good Shepherd?” and “Have goats gotten a bad rap?”

This study will be led by Carl Saubert in Room 224

Weekday Summer Bible Studies

Tuesday Mornings “The Book of Revelation”

Our study on Revelation will be led by the Pastors. Join us on Tuesday mornings for this enlightening Bible Study.

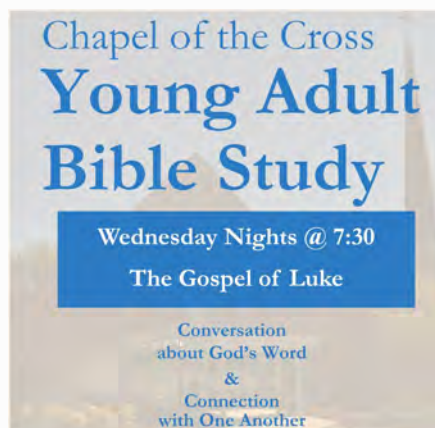
We will meet in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.



Wednesday Nights Young Adults “The Gospel of Luke”

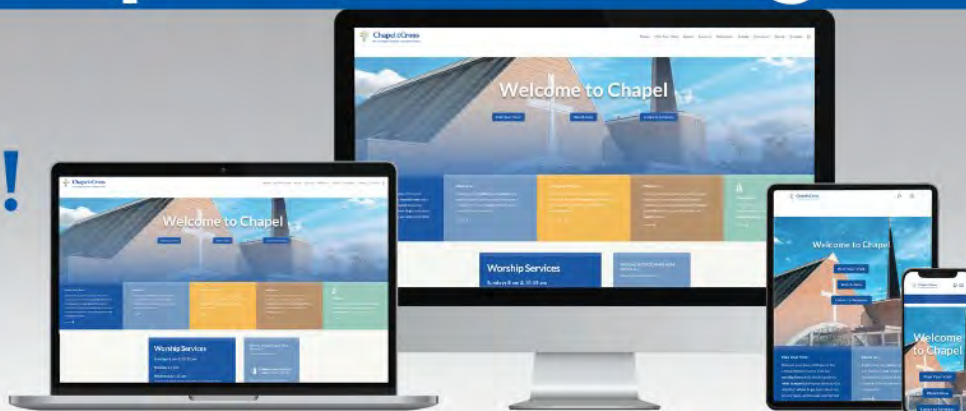
College students and 20s/30s are invited to come study the Gospel of Luke. This is a great opportunity to grow in faith and be a part of a great community. Bring a friend!

We will meet in Room 224 at 7:30 p.m.



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Check Out Our Website!



We hope you find our new website more intuitive and easier to use.

If you haven't, please check it out at ChapelStPeters.org.

Reminder: All of the staff emails addresses have changed as well so be sure to update your contacts! Those new emails can be found on page 3 of the E-News and our weekly What's Happening bulletin insert.

Join our Running/Walking Group

Looking for a simple way to move, connect, and enjoy time outdoors with others? COTC'S Running/Walking Group is your answer. Everyone is welcome!

We meet on Thursdays at 6:30 PM at Laurel Park (by the flagpole). Whether you prefer to run, walk, or just bring the kids to play, this is a relaxed group focused on movement and community.

We go for about 30 minutes, with time afterward to talk and catch up. It's a great way to build friendships while getting exercise.



Adult Changing Table



An adult changing station is available in the bathroom located in our Family Room off the Coffee Shop. This space is designed to support individuals with disabilities and their caregivers by providing greater comfort, safety, and dignity. We are thankful to offer this important resource as a part of our congregation's continued commitment to being a welcoming and accessible place for all.



Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Preschool



Our preschoolers had a blast during the final week of school with two special activity days! Bicycle and Scooter Day gave students a chance to show off their riding skills, while Water Play Day brought lots of laughter and splashes. It was the perfect way to wrap up a wonderful school year!



Summer Nights

Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Beginning June 3rd



Barbershop Quartet - June 3rd in the Gym

UKE66 Ukulele Concert -
June 17th



Happy Birthday America

Happy Birthday America - July 1st



Mariachi Band - July 15th



Fun Run - August 15th (Watch for Details
on Location)



First Responders - August 19th

Our New Church Bus is Wrapped!

Our Sunday morning riders are so grateful for the new ride.

The aisle is wider and the ceiling is taller making it easier to maneuver around the bus.

Our Youth Group had a great time taking it to the Missouri District Youth Retreat.

We are so grateful for your generous donations that not only paid off the bus but also paid for the wrap!

Thank you to the Voters for making this a reality!



Our Sunday Riders Give It Two Thumbs Up!!



Our Youth Love the Charging Ports!



The wrap turned out great!
Our new branding is so clear and colorful!



Thank you to the bus committee for all your work on not only finding the right bus but also finishing it off in style!

Also Thank You to Cool Touch who worked with us on getting the bus wrapped!



Save the Dates: Monday, June 22 — Friday, June 26 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Mark your calendars for VBS 2026: "Tropical Trek." Join us for a Tropical Trek where we will learn how Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10)! As we traverse fun and exciting places, like a dormant volcano and island caves, we'll discover how God finds us and helps us in every challenge we face. We welcome all Preschool — 5th Graders to join us for an island adventure this summer! Register your child(ren) according to their grade for the 2026-2027 school year.

- Register or Volunteer for VBS here: vbsmate.com/chapelstpeters

For the third year in a row, we are providing an amazing opportunity for our 6th & 7th graders to participate in service projects in our community. These opportunities will take place at the same time as our normal VBS programming. Register your 6th or 7th grader for this opportunity below. Register your child(ren) according to their grade for the 2026-2027 school year.

- Register for 5th & 6th Grade Service Team here: bit.ly/vbs26serviceteam

Summer Sunday School

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM on SUNDAYS

The Seasons of the Church Year

Pre-School-5th Grade - Rooms 113/114, 112
 Middle School - Room 105
 High School - Daniel's Den



Summer Sunday School Theme - The Seasons of the Church Year

Sundays from 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM

Children and youth are invited to join us this summer as we journey through the seasons of the Church Year! Each week, students will discover God's love through the timeless rhythm and structure the Church has used for centuries. From Advent to Pentecost, we'll explore how every season points us to our crucified, risen, and reigning Lord Jesus Christ. Come grow in faith, learn the story of salvation, and experience the beauty of the Church Year together! All children and youth will be walking through the church year together all summer. Students will attend classes according to their grade in the 2026-2027 school year.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

June Mtg.

“Annual Lunch Out”
on June 18th
at 11:30 a.m.

Please RSVP by
June 8th. Text or Call
Paulette Allwardt at
989-239-6815.
Everyone pays for
their own meal.

July/August

We do not meet in
July/August.

Remember to continue
to save your mites
for missions!
God’s Work continues!
Join us September 17
at noon as we begin
our 2026-2027 year.

June 12-14

LWML MO District Convention
Cape Girardeau, MO

Chapel Circle is looking to send two
voting delegates to the District
Convention this summer. Early
Registration is now open through the
end of April. If interested, please call
or text Paulette at 989.239.6815

Save the Date!
July 8-11, 2027

LWML (Nat’l) Biennial Convention,
Oklahoma City, OK

Friday, June 12th “Luncheon for Littles”

Chapel Circle will sponsor a table to
benefit Sparrows Nest.

This fundraiser will help young
families with babies.

This event will be held at
Chapel of the Cross, St Peters on
Friday, June 12th at 11:15 a.m..

Smokey Scott will be
catering the luncheon.

Missions

Eyeglasses Ministry

Collection box
located in the
coatroom in Narthex.
Eyeglasses and
sunglasses are
needed

Stamp Ministry

LWML continues
collecting cancelled
stamps. They are
collecting all kinds of
stamps, even those
marked Forever
stamps. Please leave
at least 1/2” border
around the stamp.
There is a bin in the
coat room off of the
Narthex marked
STAMPS.

Wacky Tackers

Volunteers meet the
2nd and 4th
Wednesdays of the
month in the lower
level.

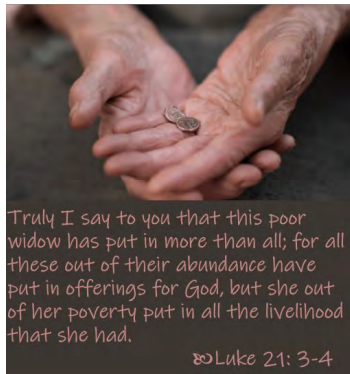


LWML Vision Statement

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-Given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

The Mite Box

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21: 1-4) the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" - offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants. Mite Boxes are distributed to every women in a society and often to each member of the congregation. Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel.



April

In April, we held our annual Prayer Service/Luncheon with a bible study. Our theme was "Be strong and courageous." Deuteronomy 31:6. We studied on Women from the Bible: Miriam, Mary, Ruth, Hannah and the Woman at the Well. We had a nice time of fellowship and learning.

May

In May, we held our annual election of officers. The positions open were President and Secretary for 2026-2028. We prayed these positions would be filled! We had two Chapel Circle members graciously say they would accept those positions. Pat Henson will be President and Kathy Rawlings will be Secretary. Thank you ladies!

Our guest speakers at the May meeting were Nancy and Doug Seifert. They shared information on the LERT. (Lutheran Early Response Team). It was interesting to learn about how they helped with the various projects and natural disasters.

LWML Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission,
we joyfully proclaim Christ,
support missions, and equip women
to honor God by serving others.

LWML Chapel Circle meets monthly
for spiritual growth, fellowship,
and to discuss mission work
and special projects.

All ladies are warmly invited to join us!
If you're unable to attend every month,
you're always welcome to come
whenever you can.

You do not need to be a member to
attend—**all are welcome!**

Don't forget your mites!

Closing Thought

*"Not all of us
can do great
things,
but we can do
small things
with great love."*

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Chapel of the Cross YOUTH

JUN & JUL

JUN



MO District Meal Delivery

- 6/4 | 10:30a-1:30p
- Chapel & MO District Office

We have an opportunity to support those that work at the MO District LCMS Office by delivering lunch to them on 6/4. We'll work with Smokey Scott at church to put meals together, travel to the district office, and thank those that work in the MO District office for all the work that they do!

- RSVP: bit.ly/district26office



Middle School Minigolf

- 6/13 | 6:00p-7:30p
- Cave Spring Golf Center
- \$5

Can you get a hole in one? Middle Schoolers are welcome to join us at Cave Springs Golf (3650 W Clay St) on 6/13 at 6:00 PM for minigolf! Cost is \$5 plus any money you want to bring for snacks. Middle school youth from Child of God Lutheran Church will be joining us too!

- RSVP: bit.ly/ms26golf



IDES Meal Packing

- 6/28 | Sunday Morning
- Gym

Our annual IDES Meal Packing event is happening on 6/28 this year! We invite ALL adults, youth, children, and VBS families to participate in this service project starting at 9:15a. There will be a "Snack Packing" activity that our littlest helpers can participate in.

VBS Volunteering

We need your help to make this year's VBS a reality! VBS dates this year are: 6/22-6/26. To be notified when VBS volunteer registration is available, please sign up through the form below:

- VBS Volunteer Registration: ybsmate.com/chapelstpeters

JUL



Summer Nights

- 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 8/5, 8/19
- 6:30p-7:30p

Summer Nights at Chapel of the Cross are back! These events happen every-other week on Wednesdays throughout the summer and are fun for people of all ages! Youth and families are encouraged to attend. Each Summer Night event will be different, so you won't want to miss these special events!



Middle School NERF Night

- 7/8 | 5:30p-7:30p
- Gym

Bring your blasters - we're having a Middle School Nerf Night on 7/8 from 5:30-7:30! We'll supply dinner and darts, you bring your blasters. RSVP below:

- RSVP: bit.ly/ms26nerf



High School Mission Trip

- 7/10-7/17
- Camp Restore: Detroit

Keep our youth and adults attending the Mission Trip in your prayers as they serve in Detroit.



3/21

YouthLead 3/19-3/22

YouthLead is an LCMS leadership retreat for high school youth across the country to study God's Word with the intent of sharing what they learned with those back in their home congregation and district. DCE Josh and Lilliana Wiederkehr

were blessed to attend YouthLead this year. Here are Lilliana's words about her experience: "My time at YouthLead was such a meaningful and unforgettable experience. I loved getting the opportunity to meet so many new people who shared the same faith and passion for growing closer to God. Through worship, conversations, and time spent in God's Word, I was constantly encouraged and inspired by the people around me. YouthLead helped me strengthen my relationship with Christ in ways I never expected, and it reminded me how important it is to continue seeking Him in every season of life. I left feeling spiritually refreshed, more confident in my faith, and incredibly grateful for the friendships and memories I made along the way."

MO District Youth Gathering 4/17-4/19

It was a blessing to attend the 2026 MO District Youth Gathering in April! Chapel of the Cross brought 13 youth and 3 adults for a wonderful weekend of worship, fellowship, and time to connect with youth from across Missouri. Middle Schoolers enjoyed the activities, High Schoolers appreciated the breakout sessions and we all loved to hear our main speaker, AJ Vega, remind us that we belong to Jesus!

As part of her responsibilities of attending YouthLead, one of our high school youth, Lilliana, was given the opportunity to help lead one of the breakout sessions for the rest of the high school attendees. It was a blessing to be able to learn, grow, and be in fellowship with our youth!



4/18

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Summer Sunday School program begins in June and continues through the beginning of August. Grades are consolidated into fewer classrooms, so take note where your child(ren) will have class. ALL elementary students will meet for an opening in Room 113/114. Grade divisions take into account ***the grade your chid(ren) will be in the fall:***

Nursery

- Room 108

Preschool - 1st Grade

- Room 112

2nd - 5th Grades

- Rooms 113 /114

6th - 8th Grades

- Room 105

9th - 12th Grades

- Daniel's Den (youth room)

Adult Bible Study

- Sanctuary



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

06/07 Church Year Introduction

06/14 Advent

06/21 Christmas

06/28 Meal Packing

07/05 Epiphany

07/12 Lent

07/19 Easter

07/26 Pentecost

08/02 Season of Pentecost

08/09 Church Year Review in Gym

08/16 Rally Day

08/23 Fall Sunday School Begins

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 22 — Friday, June 26 from 9:00a-12:00p

Join us for a Tropical Trek where we will learn how Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10)! As we traverse fun and exciting places, like a dormant volcano and island caves, we'll discover how God finds us and helps us in every challenge we face. Register or volunteer here: vbsmate.com/chapelstpeters



RALLY DAY - 8/16

On Sunday, 8/16 we'll kick off our Fall Sunday School & Bible Classes on Rally Day! We'll have a special Rally Day program at 9:15 for all children, youth, and adults to help introduce our younger students to their teachers and let adults know what topics to expect for Bible Class.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Contact DCE Josh for more info
josh.eckstein@chapelstpeters.org



Highlights

Living By Faith High School Graduates

9 families participated

NEW

The parent training focus is on equipping and encouraging you to begin talking with your child about the incredible blessings they received in their baptism. You'll be encouraged to reflect on that special and holy day throughout your child's first year and beyond, and learn practical and memorable ways to establish a yearly rhythm of remembering and celebrating their baptism.



Graduate Blessing 5/3



Baptismal Remembrance

Parent Training
Saturday August 8, 2026
8:30 a.m.


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FAITH MILESTONE MINISTRY

Register for any Faith Milestone on our Website

<https://chapelstpeters.org/faith-milestone-pathway/>

SAVE THE DATE



Discovering the Faith
The Importance of Reading Scripture Together
For Families with Children in 2nd or 3rd Grade

Parent Training Bible Presentation
August 16 @ 11:30 a.m. August 23 @ 8:00 a.m.

Special Sunday School
Explode Your Bible Parent and Child Experience
August 23rd, 30th & Sept 6th
@ 9:15 a.m.


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FAITH MILESTONE MINISTRY

The **Parent Training** focus is on the power of God's Word and encourages them to sit with the children, teach them to find passages and read them. Parents are given a Bible and have time to mark, highlight, etc. to personalize it for their kids. Then parents present the Bible to their kids.

The **Family Experience** introduces children to the features of the Faith Alive Bible and encourages them to explore passages and read them. Families are given a 30 Day Bible Reading Plan to work through together as they begin to build the habit of reading God's Word.

SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday June 28th

Join us in partnering with IDES (*International Disaster Emergency Service*) which exists to meet the physical and spiritual needs of people suffering throughout the world. We will meet in the gym between services to pack thousands of meals which will be used in disaster relief. All members are welcome to participate. An extra service project will be available for our younger members, and the nursery will be open for the littlest ones.



Sunday August 16th

Join us as we kick off a new year of Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes! Children, youth and adults are all invited to come learn about the exciting opportunities to study God's Word together this year. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, there is a place for you! Come meet teachers, explore classes, and celebrate the start of a new season of learning and fellowship. Refreshments will be provided for everyone to enjoy!



Saturday September 26th

Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor! He gives us His Holy Spirit to counsel us by the power of His mighty Word. He also gives us the gift of gifted counselors who do the wonderful task of guiding us in maintaining a healthy mental and emotional health. For the 2nd year we welcome you to come hear a number of renowned counselors speak to the importance of maintaining your mental and emotional health.



NEWS FROM THE CLAUSING FAMILY

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How to Support Us

To support the LCMS through the work of Rev. Jonathan Clausing, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

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-OR-

Mission Central
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Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Include “Clausing-Tanzania” in the memo line. Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website at www.lcms.org/clausing.



Some Students and Teachers on the Last Day of School

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

For Pentecost Sunday and the Sundays following, our local parish is learning six new old Pentecost hymns. They're old because they've been in our Swahili hymnal for years, and they are translations of Pentecost classics in the Lutheran church. They're new because the melodies of these hymns have been unknown in our parishes, and they have not been sung within living memory until now. Besides the learning that takes place through repetition on Sunday mornings, we've also created digital mp3 files of the melodies that can be shared with others pastors and parishes via the church's online WhatsApp groups. We pray that God's people will be blessed by these edifying words.

Our local pastor who first proposed the project and personally chose the six hymns based on their message pointed out to me that he has noticed two opposing errors in Lutheran parishes when it comes to the Holy Spirit. On the one hand, some



Our Family

Anita and I were married on August 16, 1997 and have been blessed with nine children.

Back Row, Left to Right:

- Eunice (6.1.06) studies in Seward, NE
- Eric (12.16.09)
- Jonathan (8.20.75)
- Ernest (7.16.04) studies in Seward, NE
- Emil (10.29.99) lives in Chicago, IL
- Ethan (5.8.08)

Front Row, Left to Right

- Emmanuel (3.6.15)
- Elijah (7.3.13)
- Eileen (8.21.11)
- Eleanor Matters (1.10.02, married 7.19.25) lives in Seward, NE
- Anita (12.9.74)

To see past issues of our newsletter and other opportunities to support us, you can find us at Mission Central:

<https://missioncentral.us/clausing/>

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succumb to the practice and theology of Pentecostalism, a force so influential in Tanzania that for many it provides the default Christian view of the Spirit. If you ask, “What does the Spirit do?” the first thing that comes to mind for many people is, “He whips you into a frenzy on Sunday morning.”

On the other hand, in reaction against this, others go to the opposite extreme and are reticent to speak much at all about the Spirit lest they be associated with the errors and excesses of Pentecostalism. When our pastors are silent about the Holy Spirit, God’s people miss out on the richness of what the bible says about Him - how He actively works in us every time we encounter God’s word; how He creates, sustains, and increases our faith; how He leads us to live holy lives; how He comforts us; how He prays for us; how He is God Himself dwelling in us who have been made a holy temple for God by the cleansing blood of Jesus.

Pentecost is a season to rejoice in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and to marvel at the riches the Father has given us in the Spirit on account of Jesus. Lutherans are not Pentecostal, but we love Pentecost, and we sing with gusto, “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!”



Thanks to seminarian Yohana Mollel for sending me this picture of his parish at worship west of Arusha.

UPDATE FROM REV. JAKE GILLARD

Dear Friends at Chapel of the Cross,

Over the years our family has been blessed to put on a lot of miles and see so much of God's incredible earth.

All four of us have been in different time zones before but now we've taken it to the NEXT LEVEL! As of two hours ago, each of us is ON A DIFFERENT CONTINENT!

In case you are not on their email list and getting their newsletters directly, check out...

[Evangeline's Peru Prayer Letter](#). She crafted a summer internship for herself and will be helping some veteran bible translators in the Amazon jungle! God provided through so many people so that her missionary exercises are fully funded!

[Michelle's February Prayer Letter](#) (Papua New Guinea). Be sure to attend the third annual fundraiser and auction which takes place at our farmstead the afternoon of August 8th from 3 to 5 PM. Hear about bible translation in PNG and experience a bit of the culture and work.

Amelia is in the home stretch of her BS in Clinical Herbalism. She has put a lot of time with clinical hours and a lot of effort memorizing—and she has the high test scores to prove it! Her graduation ceremony is in Lincoln Cathedral this fall.

I just returned from our Minnesota State Pastors Conference. Our congregation continues to grow in depth and breadth with many people in the Word and inviting others. I also serve as the Circuit Visitor and as a Township Supervisor. And life on the hobby farm is good. Please enjoy this photo taken at Christmas and receive much love, from our home, to yours.

In Christ,

Jake

—

Rev. Jake, Gillard

Pastor and Missionary





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Our monthly E-Service is held in room 224 on the second Sunday of each month. This service is designed for adults and children with special needs. The service is usually followed by a small luncheon. If you know a family that would be blessed by this experience, please invite them to come and experience this amazing fellowship. If you have questions about this service, please contact one of the pastors.

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Prayers



Pray for our pastors and called workers.

Pray for all those who travel this summer.

Pray for our first responders: police, fire and medical professionals

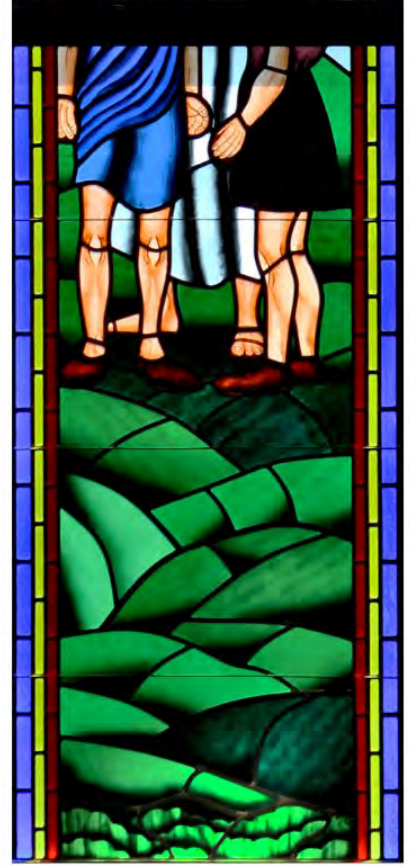


Pray for those who care for others.

Pray for those who have fallen from faith.

Pray for those struggling with depression.

Pray for peace.



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June

Happy Birthday

Nicie Clausing,	06-01	Joshua Eckstein,	06-11	Carl Saubert,	06-21
Kelly Tschannen,	06-01	Mary Jean Karstens,	06-12	Hunter Lansche,	06-21
Alyse Johnson,	06-01	Kathy Rawlings,	06-12	Dawn Walgate,	06-21
Eunice Kohler,	06-02	Carl Fitch,	06-12	David Middendorf,	06-21
Thaddeus Newsham,	06-02	Danielle Karstens,	06-12	Joyce Hume,	06-21
Michael Niemeyer,	06-02	Justin Yockey,	06-13	Alex Crites,	06-22
Patrick Holm,	06-03	Heidi Frank,	06-13	Aiden Crites,	06-22
Cora Crutchfield,	06-03	Suzanne Pircher,	06-13	Daniel Junkel,	06-24
Beckett Lansche,	06-03	Tracey Dixon,	06-14	Michael Walsh,	06-24
Margot Whittle,	06-03	Linda Little,	06-15	Sherry Carter,	06-24
Stephen Beck,	06-04	Jennie Bain,	06-15	Abby Kester,	06-25
Jason Tepen,	06-04	Hailey Harris,	06-15	Jenae Mason,	06-25
Kimberly Linneman,	06-04	Bob Jones,	06-16	McKenna Sullentrop,	06-25
Diane Molitor,	06-04	Nathaniel Brinkmeier,	06-16	Erin Hume,	06-25
Joseph Gross,	06-05	Shannon Landry,	06-17	Laurie Kister,	06-26
Henry Frank,	06-05	Maddie Higgins,	06-17	Katie Krull,	06-27
Keaton Fogler,	06-05	Audrey Holm,	06-17	Melissa Kelly,	06-27
Janet Spiess,	06-06	Drew Myers,	06-17	Dylan Wilson,	06-27
Kamryn Dixon,	06-06	Jen Floyd,	06-17	Mariah Randolph,	06-28
Michelle Kemper,	06-07	Gary Urban,	06-18	Ed Lenberg,	06-28
Elias Lindemann,	06-07	Darla Hollowood,	06-18	Joni White,	06-28
John Harte,	06-08	Adam White,	06-18	Tim Meyer,	06-29
Connie Gaines,	06-09	Jaime Uglum,	06-18	Colin Jameson,	06-29
Kristine Vanek,	06-09	Stephanie Kester,	06-18	Hannah Jameson,	06-29
Nathan Matt,	06-09	Kelly Kamp,	06-19	Corey Poock,	06-29
John Frank,	06-09	Blake May,	06-20	Emily Engelhard,	06-29
Ryleigh Walgate,	06-10	Kyle Zumbahl,	06-20	Cal Zumbahl,	06-29
Fred Budd,	06-10	Kristen Gross,	06-20	Dan Newsham,	06-29
Owen Tepen,	06-10	Lottie Hasson,	06-20	Dianne Nelson,	06-30
Claire Peimann,	06-10	Kellee Matt,	06-21	Dennis Hass,	06-30
Erin Gajdos,	06-11	Richard Minasian,	06-21	Nancy Ostermeyer,	06-30
				Ella Leppert,	06-30

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Laurie and Tim Kister,	06-01	Bob and Jacquie VanGilder,	06-10	Charles and Holly Stansberry,	06-21
Tim and Terri Scheer,	06-02	Terry and Sarah Eaker,	06-12	Tom and Tina Roche,	06-21
Neil and Lauren Richter,	06-04	Jim and Cathy Sieveking,	06-14	Steve and Shelli Junkel,	06-21
Janet and Dave Hessler,	06-04	Nathan and Stephanie Matt,	06-15	Dave and Jean Bangert,	06-22
Josh and Olivia Parker,	06-04	Jenny and Larry Duffy,	06-16	Lindsay and Matthe Markus,	06-23
Steve and Kathy Lindemann,	06-04	Bob and Lisa Keubler,	06-16	Ed and Carol Lenberg,	06-24
Bob and Barb Hunsel,	06-04	James and Jaime Uglum,	06-17	Wade and Pia Brooks,	06-25
Mark and Stephanie Kester,	06-08	Kim and Russell Forney,	06-17	Mike and Jackie Richter,	06-26
Alex and Shauna Brandt,	06-08	Tony and Linda Umbertino,	06-17	Jake and Heidi Newsham,	06-27
Pat and Sue Sills,	06-09	Jeffrey and Susan Roach,	06-18	Michael and Megan Niemeyer,	06-27
Katie and Zachary Crites,	06-09	Jen and Dan Wiederkehr,	06-18	Matt and Amanda Peimann,	06-27
Geoff and Mary Jean Karstens,	06-09	Dan and Melissa Kroehnke,	06-19	Pamela and Drew Myers,	06-30
Scott and Barb Spangenberg,	06-09	Bob and Donna Cowan,	06-20		

Larry Dent,	07-01	Charles Smith,	07-12	Tony Umbertino,	07-23
Rose Mary Tanner,	07-02	Doris Braudis,	07-13	Debb McDonald,	07-23
Megan Kemper,	07-02	Daniel Harms,	07-13	Melissa McBride,	07-23
Sandra Dennis,	07-02	Patti Jones,	07-14	Claire Nichols,	07-23
Jennifer Wareing,	07-02	Bonnie Burrows,	07-14	Colton Matt,	07-23
Tyler Briley,	07-02	Tim Kutschkau,	07-14	Wenonah Landers,	07-24
Samantha Wilson,	07-03	Cathy Johnson,	07-14	Cooper Nichols,	07-24
Elijah Clausing,	07-03	Tim Good,	07-14	Ken Marcher,	07-24
Ella Wesche,	07-03	Harper Whittle,	07-14	Barry Sage,	07-24
Miley Cooper,	07-03	Alex Savala,	07-14	Cara Lawrence,	07-24
Wyatt Schmidt,	07-04	Cindy Benz,	07-15	Barb Hunsel,	07-25
Lyla Kamp,	07-04	Brian Borgstede,	07-15	Asher Hoehner,	07-25
Karen Donohue,	07-04	Noah Randolph,	07-15	Judy Zumbel,	07-25
Candice Henricks,	07-04	Shelli Junkel,	07-15	Kayli Dixon,	07-25
Doug Biggers,	07-04	Nathan Scheer,	07-15	Steve Lindemann,	07-25
Casey Mick,	07-04	Kristy Henry,	07-16	Carol Lenberg,	07-26
Dale Plegge,	07-04	Ken Albers,	07-16	Becky Heady,	07-26
Cliff Vollmer,	07-05	Ernie Clausing,	07-16	Bruce Barth,	07-26
Daniel Mantei,	07-05	Barbara Tebeau,	07-16	Dennis Knouse,	07-26
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Dale Schwartz,	07-06	Ryan Foerstel,	07-17	Beth Rime,	07-27
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Jeff Bretsch,	07-08	Olive Lindemann,	07-18	Paul Spellmeyer,	07-27
Ted Wear,	07-08	Blake Hiner,	07-19	Waylon Schmidt,	07-28
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Eli Whittle,	07-09	Keegan Jarus,	07-21	Jesse Rueckert,	07-29
Regina Vinson,	07-10	Aubrey Wilson,	07-21	Gay Pelley,	07-30
Alexyss Ludwig,	07-10	Ellen Krull,	07-21	Connie Sutberry,	07-30
Calvin Gross,	07-11	Kim Hoff,	07-21	Jennifer Veit,	07-30
Cheryl Niebling,	07-11	Neil Richter,	07-22	Lisa Failla,	07-31
Kathy Lindemann,	07-11	Zachary Johnson,	07-22	David Liefeld,	07-31
Charlotte Clark,	07-11			Susan Roach,	07-31
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Will Sills and Erica Lindsay,	07-07	Jeffrey and Suzanne Pircher,	07-14	Nicole and Eric Grate,	07-28
Justin and Angela Ohmie,	07-08	Richard and Kellee Matt,	07-15	Rod and Kathy Bloese,	07-29
Bill and Diane Hiner,	07-08	Ben and Heidi Bennett,	07-17	Jeremy and Sarah Brown,	07-29
Mary Ann and Gregory Stuckstede,	07-08	Gary and Cheryl Niebling,	07-19	Charles and Carol Miller,	07-30
Joe Stark and Marie Duisen,	07-08	Dennis and Kim Knouse,	07-21	Jeff and Jackie Bretsch,	07-30
Katie and Drake Harris,	07-10	Bob and Phyllis Carter,	07-22	Stephen and Kendra Whittle,	07-30
Al and Frieda Clark,	07-10	Doug and Carol Biggers,	07-23	David and Kathy Rawlings,	07-30
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