

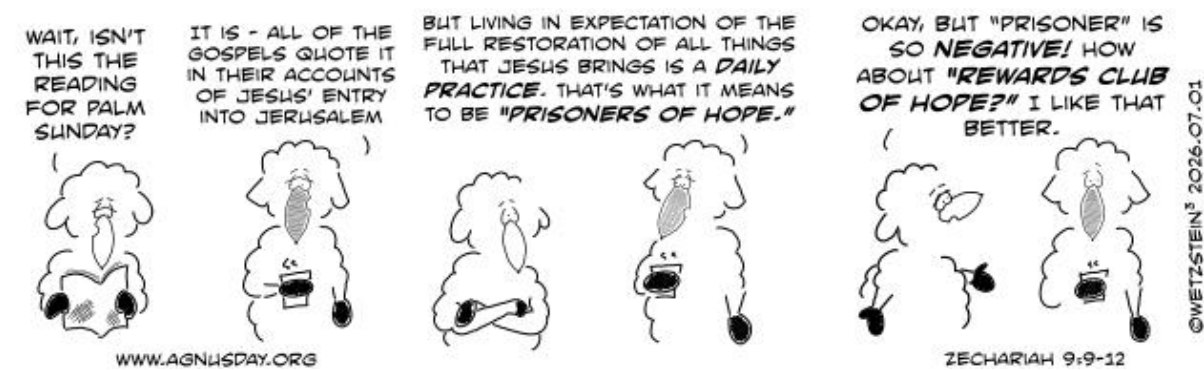
ATTENDANCE: June 28 – July 4

Sunday Worship	84
Sunday School	20
Mid-Week Studies	
• Wed. Morning Bible Class	14
• Thursday am Zoom.....	7

BUDGET Status: As of Jun 29

Weekly Budget Receipts.....	\$ 8,335.00
Total Budget Receipts to date:	\$ 145,601.31
Actual Budget Expenses:	\$ 143,011.76
Receipts Over/(Short) Expenses:	\$ 2,782.86
Ratio of Receipts to Expenses:	101.81%
Jun 28 Noisy Offering (\$28.75) . . Current total	\$ 643.51
Noisy Offering recipients: Choices Resource Center, Paradox Teen Ctr, Free Medical Clinic , Faith Quilters, FLC LWM, Venezuela Lutheran Mission in equal shares.	

Agnus Day



Special Interest

Faith Lutheran Church, Tullahoma, TN, will celebrate their 75th anniversary on October 18th. Pastor Marty Nutter was a child of this congregation and has invited everyone to join the celebration. A banquet will follow the 10:30 service. Reservations need to be made by Sept 20 with an email to faithsecretary@lighttube.net

Congregational News

Bill Ebert’s memorial service will be July 11 at 1:00 pm. Everyone who knew Bill is encouraged to attend.

Jill Wilson will once again be collecting unused Christmas cards so we can send Christmas Cards to our deployed military and vets. We need to start early on this project as it takes time and the cards must be sent off early. We plan to have a table at our October Fest for those that wish to fill these out and will probably schedule other times as well. Thank you so much. Jill

Summer Book Study is back! Pastor Lefort is leading a study of C.S. Lewis’ *Space Trilogy*. This is a masterful blend of speculative fiction and Christian apologetics. We have just started and you can still get full value. The next class will be July 15.

Two weeks ago we received **Kurt, Otto and Edith Daniels through the rite of Baptism**. We will receive additional new members on July 19 and there will be a reception for all our new members in July.

The 69th Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will take place July 18-23, 2026 in Phoenix, AZ. More information in weeks to come. For up to the minute news go to <https://www.lcms.org/convention/national>

Save the Date: Aug 3 – 5, Prof David Lewis will discuss **Reading and Preaching the Gospel of Mark** at Wartburg. This will be valuable for both pastors and lay people.

Wednesday, July 8 at 10:00 AM LFS Executive Director, Rev. Max Phillips will lead a webinar **“Walking With Those Affected By Alzheimer’s & Aging.”** This webinar will take a closer look at ministry and care for those in cognitive decline. Register at <https://lutheranfamilyservice.dm.networkforgood.com/forms/lfs-mid-south-webinar-walking-with-those-affected-by-alzheimer-s-aging>

Summer is great for so many reasons! There is outdoor fun to enjoy, vacations, and for parents, a break from the stress of hectic school schedules and other activities. But the extended time at home with children can create its own kind of stress. A recent blog entry from our friends at Lutheran Family Service takes a closer look at parenting challenges during summer months and offers a fresh perspective. Take a moment to click and read **“Parenting With Patience During Long Summer Breaks.”**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jul 5	Jul 6	Jul 7	Jul 8	Jul 9	Jul 10	Jul 11
Pentecost 6	Campfirmation					10:00 AM Confessions Study 1:00 PM Bill Ebert Memorial Service
9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Divine Service ₪ 11:30 AM Fellowship in Narthex	6:00 PM Elders Meeting	10:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Men's Prayer Group	10:00 AM Bible Class No Book Study	10:00 AM Zoom Bible Class 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Class		
Jul 12	Jul 13	Jul 14	Jul 15	Jul 16	Jul 17	
Pentecost 7	10:00 AM Quilters	10:00 AM Staff Meeting	10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Book Study; Room 205	10:00 AM Zoom Bible Class 1:00 PM Caregiver Support Group 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Class	Jul 18	LCMS Convention
9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Matins						
Jul 19	Jul 20	Jul 21	Jul 22	Jul 23	Jul 24	Jul 25
LCMS Convention						10:00 AM Confessions Study 6:00 PM Game Night
Pentecost 8	10:00 AM Women's Prayer Group	10:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Men's Prayer Group	10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Book Study; Room 205	10:00 AM Zoom Bible Class 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Class		
9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Divine Service ₪ 12:00 PM Reception for New Members						
Jul 26	Jul 27	Jul 28	Jul 29	Jul 30	Jul 31	Aug 1
Pentecost 9	10:00 AM Quilters	10:00 AM Staff Meeting	10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Book Study; Room 205	10:00 AM Zoom Bible Class 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Class		
9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Matins						



BIRTHDAYS

July 5 - Jeannie Nelson
July 6 - Virginia Miller
July 9 - David Krehnke
July 15 - Alice Canik (11yrs)
July 15 - Regina Hinkle
July 20 - Jack Harper
July 20 - Chase Lansdell (5 yrs)
Jul 21 - Matt Justice
July 24 - Luke Bertels
July 25 - Debra Cole
July 25 - Edith Daniels (1 yr)
July 25 - Otto Daniels (1 yr)
July 31 - Dolores Crowley



- ♥ July 4 - Steven and Stephenie Kosicek (3 yrs)
- ♥ July 8 - Eric and Tina Schmitt (24 yrs)
- ♥ July 9 - Gene and Margaret Woody (55 yrs)



Faith in Action

July 2026

C.S. Lewis: On Reading Old Books

The greatest work of St. Athanasius is his book On the Incarnation, all about why God became man. Even though I have never seen the face of my Lord Jesus, I love him; and I love St. Athanasius for how he has taught me to love him, more than anything else I have ever read. Before we look at some of his work, I want to share something else: C.S. Lewis' own preface to On the Incarnation. Part one, below, has some helpful words about how we should consider the Old Books of the Christian faith, including those of St. Athanasius.

—Pastor Lefort

There is a strange idea abroad that in every subject the ancient books should be read only by the professionals, and that the amateur should content himself with the modern books. Thus I have found as a tutor in English Literature that if the average student wants to find out something about Platonism, the very last thing he thinks of doing is to take a translation of Plato off the library shelf and read the *Symposium*. He would rather read some dreary modern book ten times as long, all about “isms” and influences and only once in twelve pages telling him what Plato actually said. The error is rather an amiable one, for it springs from humility. The student is half afraid to meet one of the great philosophers face to face. He feels himself inadequate and thinks he will not understand him. But if he only knew, the great man, just because of his greatness, is much more intelligible than his modern commentator. The simplest student will be able to understand, if not all, yet a very great deal of what Plato said; but hardly anyone can understand some modern books on Platonism. It has always therefore been one of my main endeavours as a teacher to persuade the young that firsthand knowledge is not only more worth acquiring than secondhand knowledge, but is usually much easier and more delightful to acquire.

This mistaken preference for the modern books and this shyness of the old ones is nowhere more rampant than in theology. Wherever you find a little study circle of Christian laity you can be almost certain that they are studying not St. Luke or St. Paul or St. Augustine or Thomas Aquinas [...], [but] Miss Sayers or even myself.

Now this seems to me topsy-turvy. Naturally, since I myself am a writer, I do not wish the ordinary reader to read no modern books. But if he must read only the new or only the old, I would advise him to read the old. And I would give him this advice precisely because he is an amateur and therefore much less protected than the expert against the dangers of an exclusive contemporary diet. A new book is still on its trial and the amateur is not in a position to judge it. It has to be tested against the great body of Christian thought down the ages, and all its hidden implications (often unsuspected by the author himself) have to be brought to light. [...] [S]entences in a modern book which look quite ordinary may be directed at some other book;

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in this way you may be led to accept what you would have indignantly rejected if you knew its real significance. The only safety is to have a standard of plain, central Christianity (“mere Christianity” as Baxter called it) which puts the controversies of the moment in their proper perspective. Such a standard can be acquired only from the old books. It is a good rule, after reading a new book, never to allow yourself another new one till you have read an old one in between. If that is too much for you, you should at least read one old one to every three new ones.

Every age has its own outlook. It is specially good at seeing certain truths and specially liable to make certain mistakes. We all, therefore, need the books that will correct the characteristic mistakes of our own period. And that means the old books. All contemporary writers share to some extent the contemporary outlook—even those, like myself, who seem most opposed to it. [...] None of us can fully escape this blindness, but we shall certainly increase it, and weaken our guard against it, if we read only modern books. Where they are true they will give us truths which we half knew already. Where they are false they will aggravate the error with which we are already dangerously ill. The only palliative is to keep the clean sea breeze of the centuries blowing through our minds, and this can be done only by reading old books. [...] They will not flatter us in the errors we are already committing; and their own errors, being now open and palpable, will not endanger us. Two heads are better than one, not because either is infallible, but because they are unlikely to go wrong in the same direction. [...]

[In addition to this, if] any man is tempted to think – as one might be tempted who read only contemporaries – that “Christianity” is a word of so many meanings that it means nothing at all, he can learn beyond all doubt, by stepping out of his own century, that this is not so. Measured against the ages “mere Christianity” turns out to be no insipid interdenominational transparency, but something positive, self-consistent, and inexhaustible. I know it, indeed, to my cost. In the days when I still hated Christianity, I learned to recognise, like some all too familiar smell, that almost unvarying something which met me, now in Puritan Bunyan, now in Anglican Hooker, now in Thomist Dante. [...] It was, of course, varied; and yet—after all—so unmistakably the same; recognisable, not to be evaded, the odour which is death to us until we allow it to become life:

“An air that kills / From yon far country blows.”

We are all rightly distressed, and ashamed also, at the divisions of Christendom. But those who have always lived within the Christian fold may be too easily dispirited by them. They are bad, but such people do not know what it looks like from without. Seen from there, what is left intact despite all the divisions, still appears (as it truly is) an immensely formidable unity. I know, for I saw it; and well our enemies know it. That unity any of us can find by going out of his own age. It is not enough, but it is more than you had thought till then.

OUR WORK FOR THE LORD – July 2026

July 5
10:30am
Elder of the Week.....Curt Goff
Communion Elder.....Curt Goff
Communion Usher..... Bertels/Woody
A-V Technician Ken Kaiser
Lay ReaderMargaret Woody
Offering ReaderMargaret Woody
Offering Recorder Emma Clark

July 19
10:30am
Elder of the Week.....Ray Ogden
Communion Elder..... TBA
Communion Usher.....Aperans/Downes
A-V TechnicianRuben Popa
Lay Reader Jane Miniard
Offering ReaderMargaret Woody
Offering Recorder Emma Clark

Fifth Sunday
10:30am
Elder of the Week.....
Communion Elder.....
Communion Usher.....
A-V Technician
Lay Reader
Offering Reader
Offering Recorder Emma Clark

July 12
10:30am
Elder of the Week.....Jane Miniard
Communion ElderN/A
Communion Usher.....N/A
A-V Technician.....Ken Kaiser
Lay Reader..... Tom Benzenhafer
Offering Reader..... Margaret Woody
Offering Recorder.....Emma Clark

July 26
10:30am
Elder of the Week..... Merry Ann Hansen
Communion ElderN/A
Communion Usher.....N/A
A-V Technician.....Ken Kaiser
Lay Reader..... Merry Ann Hansen
Offering Reader..... Margaret Woody
Offering Recorder.....Emma Clark

Special Service(s)
Elder of the Week.....
Communion Elder
Communion Usher.....
A-V Technician.....
Lay Reader.....
Offering Reader.....
Offering Recorder.....Emma Clark