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2019 Synod Convention Edition-Part 2

I am very happy to be on my way home from our Synodical Convention held this year in Tampa, Florida. As I shared in July's Newsletter, I was here to represent the Rolla Circuit as we conducted over 70 elections and gave consideration to another 70+ resolutions distilled from hundreds of overtures submitted to the convention from Congregations, Circuit Forums, District Conventions, Pastors' Conferences, and from various Boards and Commissions throughout Synod.

We elected the Vice Presidents of Synod, members of Commissions that engage in talks toward fellowship with other church bodies here in North America and around the world, Board of Directors for Synod Property, Concordia Publishing House, our Colleges, Universities, and Seminaries. The elected bodies (apart from the President and Vice-Presidents of Synod) include Pastors, Teachers, and Lay People alike.

12 Committees prepared the resolutions we considered: National Witness, International Witness, Mercy, Life Together, Theology and Church Relations, Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries, University Education, Finance, Structure and Administration, Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution, Church and Culture, Retention: Schools, Family, Youth and Young Adults. A full archive of all Convention Business is available on the Synod Website at: <https://www.lcms.org/convention>

We declared fellowship with like-minded Lutheran Church bodies in Belgium, Portugal, and South Africa. We shared inspiring worship services, gathered close to \$350,000 for National and International Missions, heard testimonies from Lutheran Pastors in Germany and Africa whom our Lord is using to rescue Muslims out of Darkness and into His marvelous light through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the reign of God is expanding around the world, bringing Christ's freedom to captives of sin, death, and the devil.

We put flesh on these beautiful things in our corner of our Lord's vineyard. We have good work ahead of us in the coming days.

Serving you, Serving Jesus,
 Pastor John Perling

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August Lectionary Summaries



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 13C) (4 August 2019)

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26
Colossians 3:1–11
Luke 12:13–21

Faith in Christ Is Rich toward God

To live for earthly things “*is vanity and a striving after wind,*” and work that is driven by such vanity “*is an unhappy business*” (Eccl. 1:13–14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for “*all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun ... all his days are full of sorrow*” (Eccl. 2:22–23). So, too, your “*covetousness, which is idolatry*” (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For “*one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions*” (Luke 12:15). But “*Christ who is your life*” (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be “*rich toward God*” in Him (Luke 12:21).



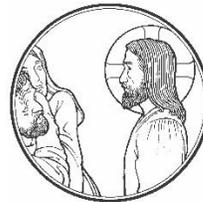
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 14C) (11 August 2019)

Genesis 15:1–6
Hebrews 11:1–16
Luke 12:22–34 (35–40)

The Lord Is Surely Coming to Give You His Kingdom

The Lord Himself was Abraham’s shield and great reward. For “*the word of the LORD came to him*” and sustained the patriarch’s faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham “*believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness*” (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord

granted “*descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore*” (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire “*to give you the kingdom*” (Luke 12:32). Therefore, “*do not be anxious about your life,*” but instead “*seek his kingdom*” (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. “*Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming*” (Luke 12:35, 40).



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 15C) (18 August 2019)

Jeremiah 23:16–29
Hebrews 11:17–31 (32–40); 12:1–3
Luke 12:49–53 (54–56)

Christ’s Suffering and Death Bring Division

The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is “*like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces*” (Jer. 23:29). His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes such a distressing baptism, accomplished by His death, in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able “*to interpret the appearance of earth and sky*” (Luke 12:56), let us mark this sign of His cross — recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on “*Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,*” and “*run with endurance the race that is set before us*” (Heb. 12:1–2).



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 16C)

(25 August 2019)

Isaiah 66:18–23

Hebrews 12:4–24 (25–29)

Luke 13:22–30

The Cross of Christ: The Way of the Reign of God

With the cross of Christ, the time has come “to gather all nations and tongues” (Is. 66:18). The sign of the cross is set forth in the preaching of the Gospel, the declaration of the Lord’s glory “among the nations” (Is. 66:19). Many “will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God” (Luke 13:29), but only by the narrow way of the cross. Those who refuse to follow Christ crucified will ultimately find only “weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Luke 13:28), whereas Christ’s disciples, called from all the nations, will eat and drink with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. They will come into “the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (Heb. 12:22).

Board of Young People



**WOW!! HEIT’S POINT CAMP WAS GREAT!!
IT WAS WONDERFUL!!**

What a fun ride home!! Five excited, happy, talkative, singing young men who had been “ignited” with the Word of God!! All six of our Faith young people (Skylar, Jared, Henry, Sterling, Anthony, and Tristan) are ready to go back next year! Save your birthday and Christmas money and everything in between!!



Skylar Clark came back from Camp ready to show everyone her new T-shirts and share her excitement. Her favorite part was the campfires in the evening devotions, mainly because of the singing. During Craft time she made a special cross to bring home. She enjoyed the archery, boating, fishing and swimming in the Lake of Ozarks and the indoor pool.

The five fellas attended the Paintball Camp. They had some welts to show us, but they sure weren’t bothered by them. Tristan’s favorite part was playing an active board game called Mafia, but he joined the other four in choosing as their favorite of meeting really nice people and great counselors.



Their Bible study included Baptism, Jesus’ death and crucifixion, the Holy Spirit’s work through us and the Legacy of the church through God’s promises. Something new learned during that time was the people who rose from the dead at the moment Jesus died. Another new and intriguing thought brought up was how the Holy Spirit works in and with the water. They hope to share some of their songs with VBS and maybe all of you. We enjoyed them on the ride home from Camp as they burst out in song. ☺

Ronda Cortesini and Johnna Boerner accompanied me in delivering and retrieving the boys. Both ladies were highly impressed with the facilities at Heit’s Point. All ages can find a special time set aside for them at the Campgrounds. Lodging is as rustic or as modern as you desire. There are Family Retreats,



Senior Retreats, family reunions and so much more on this 180 acres.

Please visit www.heitspoint.com and check it out. Find *Flicker* in red on the website to see the Paintball pictures.

LADIES AID

Hoping this finds everyone staying cool and enjoying this Summer break! One more month without our regular meeting but don't forget ... we are still having activities AND you are invited! Do come join us! We want everyone to come to our Rolla Zone "Day Retreat". Karen has posted a flyer on our bulletin in the Narthex.

ALL LADIES & FRIENDS ARE INVITED!

We will car pool from church on Saturday, August 17th at 8 a.m. Ruth McDowell will be our special guest speaker that day, and our theme is "I Love to Tell the Story." Lunch will be provided and we hope everyone will look at the list posted on the bulletin board for items needed at our Seminary in St. Louis. There is a small charge for the use of the facilities at Camp Brim Shire in St. James PLUS to boost our Zone funds for upcoming events. Come enjoy the nice air-conditioned meeting hall & wonderful fellowship with our Rolla Zone Sisters in Christ plus a few pastors from our Zone. (Check out the bulletin board flyer & don't forget to sign up!")

We will still have our Ladies Aid "workday" on Thursday, August 15th beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We are moving along nicely with our Christmas cards BUT, if you notice a need that needs attention, let Linda Keener know. Thursday, August 15th, is also our monthly Birthday Lunch. We will meet at Sweetwater BBQ (off Hwy Z) at 1 p.m. This was our "charter" Ladies Aid member, Helen Livingston's favorite lunch spot and August is also our evening "Ladies of Faith" gal, Faith Dunn & our newer LA member, Roberta Thornsberry's birthday month, so join your church family & help these ladies plus other August birthdays with their celebrations. Please let Linda Keener (573-774-1208) know if you will be attending.

Keep saving: Hotel toiletries (soaps, shampoos, lotions, etc); "Stamps for Missions;" labels from "Best Choice" products and of course, mite offerings. All these items can be brought to the first meeting of our Fall season, September 5th, beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Continue to enjoy & be safe this Summer! See you at "Workday" & "Birthday Lunch" August 15th AND "Ladies Retreat," August 17th!"



WHAT'S HAPPENED IN LWML? The National LWML Convention in Mobile happened!! That's what!!

The Thursday evening worship service was filled with a huge choir, an ensemble of instrumentalists, a resounding organ and a long procession of pastors. Many delegates as well as many others were waiting in Dallas airport to get to Mobile due to severe weather in that area. After everyone finally got to Mobile a total of 3404 were registered and in attendance by the Friday morning session.

Among the 3404 in attendance on Friday morning there were 544 eligible voters. Before anyone voted the Opening Worship offering gathered \$43,693.31 for the 2019-2021 Mission Grants.

- Offering #2: divided between Medical Mission Teams in developing countries and Expanding the Disability Ministry in the Dominican Republic - total \$24,723.60
- Offering #3: divided between a mission caring for foster children while sharing Jesus' love in Louisiana and Spiritual Care for Unaccompanied Refugee Children in several Texas locations totaling \$15,076.45 each
- Offering #4 totaled \$33,581.58 which went to LCMS Disaster Response
- Pledge Walk with 848 participants totaled \$60,047.79 - Mites
- Golf Tee-Off brought a total of \$9,356.60

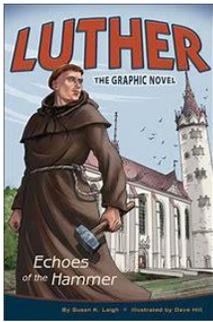
Grand total: \$201,555.78...and that's not including all the donations to Heart-to-Heart-Sisters! Isn't it amazingly awesome what God can do through His children: all-ya'll and me!?!

LWML has so much to offer individuals and tribes and people all around the world.

On August 17 from 9 AM – 3:30 PM, you can have a small piece of God's love and gifts from one of His servants by coming to the **Summer Retreat at Camp Brim Shire** –located on County Road 1250 near St. James. Guest speaker Ruth McDonnell will present "I Love to Tell the Story: How Hymns Tell God's Story" in such an awesome setting of God's creation.

Vacation Bible School

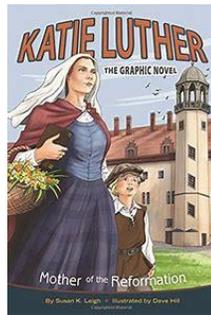
SUMMERTIME = VBS



Dig out the Martin Luther and Katie Luther paperback books purchased last summer!! Plans will be finalized early and it occurs **AUGUST 5-9 from 9 am to 2 pm** with lunch served. Most of the supplies are on hand for everything to fall in place...just a meeting or two to get all of the

Luther ducks in a row.

Pastor Perling has compiled and composed the materials for it all to come together. Each day will begin with an Opening followed by the Lesson Time for the morning activities. This will be followed by Music Time, Play Time, a video and snack, ending with Craft Time. The afternoon will be Lesson Time, video and journaling each child's thoughts and insights for the day.



The Food Times and the Craft Times are the two areas where everyone in the congregation can help. A list will be posted on the bulletin board for those two areas. All can sign up for as many items as they desire. The school and hygiene kits will again be given to Orphan Grain Train after they are assembled during VBS. Please **do not** attempt to assemble either one. The Craft Time will become an assembly line for all VBS participants.

Broadcast VBS **AUGUST 5-9 from 9 am to 2 pm** in your neighborhoods and among family and friends. Pray that the Lord will guide everyone through all the preparations and the event itself.



Orphan Grain Train +

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBS CRAFT TIME

- 20 backpacks
- 120 Band-Aids (1/2" or 3/4")
- 20 bath-size bars soap
- 20 bath towels
- 20 Crayons (24-pack)
- 40 glue sticks
- 40 pencils
- 40 pens
- 20 rulers
- 20 scissors
- 20 pkg. of 10 sheets construction paper
- 40 spiral notebooks
- 20 sturdy combs
- 20 toothbrushes
- 20 wash cloths
- 20 washable markers (8 or 10 pack)

There is a sign up sheet for the above items on the bulletin board. You may purchase as many of these items as you like...BUT please sign up for specific items and the specific number of items. The above numbers will give our students two days of craft time to assemble 20 hygiene kits and 20 school kits. Please include your receipts so exchanges can be made. They will again be delivered to an Orphan Grain Train location. In 2018 you, the congregation, brought in enough items to assemble 13 School Kits and 12 Hygiene Kits so we're hoping to surpass that this year!

There is also a sign-up sheet to help feed the children snacks and lunch during VBS. Please have all items here by August 4th. Thank you!

Church Properties

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING 14 July 2019

Immediately after worship Ron Hinchman called the Special Voters' Meeting to order with an opening prayer. 40 voters were present.

Lee Munson, Director of Church Properties, explained that the church's electrical system has been in great need of improvement for many years.

After consulting with several electrical contractors he had Meisner from St. James and York Electric from Crocker meet him at church and give estimates. Mr. Meisner was willing to use some of the current system, but Kris York would use all new lines and breaker boxes.

An inspector from the City of St. Robert spent time with Lee on two occasions. He recommended that the new panel location be placed upstairs in the Narthex area as the best possible location. (Bulletin Board would move back in the hallway.)

Former Director Mike Robinson shared many thoughts on the need for this project. Lee made a motion that York Electric move forward with this project at the cost of \$15,000. Bill Rostad seconded. Discussion followed. Ron Hinchman proposed an amendment to the motion to increase the amount to \$17,000 to cover any unexpected costs. Bill Rostad seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

John Vaughan made a motion to adjourn. Justin Munson seconded. Carried.

Acting secretary,
Stephanie Mitchell
Submitted by Karen Boorum, Secretary

Graduation/College Send-Off Party



The Perling Family invites everyone to a post graduation/pre college send off for their daughter Lydia on Sunday, August 11th after worship. All food will be provided. Please no gifts, just cards and well wishes as Lydia pursues a degree in Electrical

Engineering with an Aerospace minor while also exploring the Air Force ROTC options at the University of North Dakota.



Church Picnic

The Board of Parish Fellowship has decided to move the church picnic date to September 8, 2019 to coincide with our Sunday School Rally Day.

They have reserved the large pavilion at Waynesville Park for the afternoon.

Parish Fellowship will provide chicken and pulled pork for the meat, and asks that everyone bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

Please bring lawn chairs and/or pop up shade tents if you have them along with any yard games you enjoy!

We're looking forward to an afternoon of fun and fellowship!

Widows of Faith



The Widows of Faith will meet on **Wednesday, August 7, 2019** at Andy's Pizza, at 12:30 p.m. We hope all widows will join us on this outing. For more, contact Liz Joyce at 573-336-7331.

Address for Barb BonGiovanni

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Stewardship

Stewardship Memorials Prompted by the Holy Spirit

In God's Word, there are acts of generosity by some people that we could call "stewardship memorials". God gave giving hearts to these people that prompted them to give faithfully, generously, and sacrificially. It is God who gives us the capacity to be generous. We know that today God is changing us from being selfish people to people who give faithfully and generously.

A few examples of "stewardship memorials" in Scripture are:

The Widow's Mite (Luke 21:1-4).

The poor widow placed her last two small copper coins in the offering box. She knew she wouldn't starve because she trusted God to provide for her needs.

Mary's Anointing of Jesus (John 12:1-8).

When Mary anointed Jesus with "*expensive ointment made from pure nard,*" she showed her love and devotion to Him. She anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair.

The Giving of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10).

Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector who was very rich. After Jesus changed his heart, he was prompted by the Holy Spirit to give half of his wealth away to the poor, and, if he had defrauded anyone, he would restore those people fourfold. Money now became to a tool to help those in need and used to honor God.

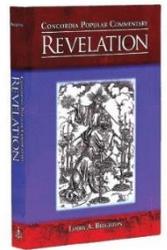
The Giving of the Macedonians (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

In spite of their economic hardships, the people of Macedonia gave generously to the needy Jewish Christians in Jerusalem. In their generosity, they gave beyond their means. They gave what they needed themselves, out of their "*extreme poverty.*"

In the same way, God wants each of us to be examples of "stewardship memorials." By ourselves we are incapable of giving generously, but God can create in us a desire to give faithfully and generously. "*And God is able to make all grace abound in you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work*" (2 Corinthians 9:8). May each of us be receptive to the Holy Spirit's prompting to give God our first and best.

Men's Club

The Men's Club Bible Prayer Breakfast will meet on August 10th. Breakfast is served at 8:00am followed by Bible study and prayer at 9:00am. Join us as we continue our study of the book of Revelation.



Hello, choir!

I have some EXCITING news about a perfect kickoff for our upcoming choir year!

On Sunday, August 25, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis will hold their annual Opening Weekend Hymn Festival, featuring guest organist Dr. Jeffrey Blerch and an ensemble choir from local congregations. Exciting, right? Even better, we can participate by attending the hymn festival-- OR by singing in the ensemble choir!!!

If you do want to sing with the choir, please let me know. You'll need to register at the seminary website:



<https://www.csl.edu/event/opening-weekend-hymn-festival-2019/>

There you'll also find information about rehearsal times. Each individual needs to register. I can't register us as a group. If you'd rather attend the festival but NOT sing, go ahead and tell me that, too. We'll work out details and carools as we get closer.

The event is free and open to the public as well. The festival will also be available via live stream at [csl.edu/live](https://www.csl.edu/live).

Also, we have plans for some fun new music this fall-- stay tuned and stay in tune!

--
Heidi Perling

Cook's Corner



Corn and Pasta Salad with Homemade Ranch Dressing

Ingredients

- 4 ounces gemelli pasta
- 1 small garlic clove
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup reduced-fat sour cream
- 1/3 cup buttermilk
- 2 teaspoons cider vinegar
- 1 scallion, minced
- 2 small ears fresh corn
- 8 ounces grape tomatoes, preferably mixed heirloom, halved
- 1/4 small red onion, thinly sliced lengthwise
- 4 cups baby arugula
- 2 slices bacon, cooked until crisp in the microwave, and crumbled

Instructions

1. Cook the pasta in boiling salted water according to package directions; drain and run under cold water to cool.
2. Meanwhile, finely chop the garlic clove on a cutting board; sprinkle with salt. Using the blade of a chef's knife, press down onto garlic, smashing it to make a paste. Add the garlic paste to a large bowl with the sour cream, buttermilk, cider vinegar and scallion; season with salt and pepper. Whisk the dressing until smooth and reserve
3. Cut the kernels from the corn (breaking sheets of kernels into about 2-inch pieces, if desired). Add the corn, tomatoes, onion and arugula to bowl with dressing; gently toss to coat. Sprinkle with the bacon.

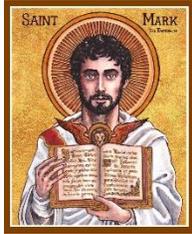
-Recipe from Food Network

If you would like to include a recipe to be printed in the PUMP, please place it in The Pump mailbox or email the church office at felcsecretaries@embarqmail.com.



Bible Studies

Mark Sunday 9am



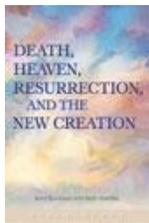
The Gospel according to Saint Mark announces that the Lord the Reigns! Jesus Christ has authority to reorder all Creation . He is working through His Words and Deeds to gather and bless all nations. What Moses and Prophets hoped for Jesus gives and will give.

Bible History Wednesday 9am

The Crocker Bible Study is reading, marking, learning, and taking to heart the highlights of Bible History. This spring the group will study Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, His ministry in the Temple, the Last Supper, arrest, trials, crucifixion, and resurrection. The Study meets in member homes.



Resurrection and New Creation Tuesday 1pm

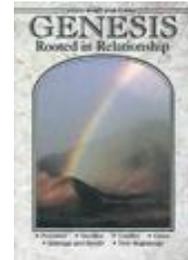


New Study beginning this Fall. Death wasn't part of God's original design for humanity, it's an unfortunate reality of living in a fallen world. It feels unnatural because it is. But Christ has conquered death; it has no hold over us. In death, Christ becomes our all in all as we live forever in communion with Him. In light of this promise that is sealed in our Baptism, we can live this impermanent life as an act of bold confession, trust, and hope. This six session Bible study examines the role the physical body plays in life and death, the experience of dying, and the nature of the new creation and our resurrected bodies.

Genesis Thursday 9am

This study is taking a break over the summer. It will pick back up September 5th.

People seem to have lost their sense of belonging. They ask, "Who am I?" Because of sin, people have forgotten who they are in relationship to God and one another. As we begin the study of Genesis January 10th, we find God's love for us in Christ, which heals broken relationships and provides power to strengthen relationships between us and others.



Family Trees and Olive Branches 2nd and 4th Tuesday Evenings 6:30pm



Christmas and New Year's put family relationships center stage, good and bad. We see up close the tensions in our relationships we would like healed and we long for intentional ways to pass Christ-centered traditions on to the generations growing up behind us. FT&OB tackles these very concerns with practical helps for health and healing in our past, our present, and our family's future.

Birthdays

1 Chuck Holsten
6 Brian Strong
10 Tom Dunn
Jo Jones
12 Justin Munson
13 Stephen Lund
15 Faith Dunn
20 Cheryl Teague
22 Seth Holsten
25 Ray Crosby
Roberta Thornsberry
26 Dan Boorum
28 Ericka Coulter



Members & Friends

Baptisms

1 Mary Jones
Patricia King
Stephen Lund
Tom Ulmer
6 Roxanna Jones
7 Melvin Rust
9 Zachery Kubinski
10 Flori Scheuermann
20 Harold King
30 Grace Holsten
Jo Jones
George Lauritson
31 Marion Munson

Anniversaries

10, 1973 Bob & Judy Neff
10, 1991 Keith & Dawn Kubinski
11, 1973 Lee & Marion Munson
21, 1966 Ben & Elaine Schumacher

Area Events



August Events

August 2 & 3- Dixon Rodeo, Dixon

August 2 & 3- Route 66 Yardsale, Pulaski County

August 3- Paranormal Investigations of the Historic Talbot House, Waynesville

August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31- Pulaski County Farmers' Market, Waynesville 9am-12pm

August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31- 1903 Route 66 Courthouse Museum, Waynesville 10am-4pm

August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31- Old Stagecoach Stop Museum, Waynesville 10am-4pm

August 17- Frisco Depot Museum, Crocker 10am-2pm

August 30, 31, & September 1- Buckhorn Bluegrass Festival, Waynesville

August 31- Railroad Days, Crocker