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# June 2023 Newsletter



## INSIGHT FROM GOD'S WORD: "The Fear and Love of the Lord"

*"The fear of the Lord"* is such a medieval sounding phrase. In modernistic Christian thinking, the emphasis is on the love of God, the blessing of God and the prosperity which comes from God. God seems to be a kind of lucky rabbit's foot whose purpose is to make us feel good about ourselves, our lifestyle choices, and our future or like a Santa Claus whose delight is to give us stuff.

The phrase *"the fear of the Lord"* (it's Hebrew original) occurs fourteen times in the Old Testament. The Greek phrase occurs just once in the New Testament in Acts 9:31, which describes the earliest Christian church, characterized by peace, numerical growth, and living in *"the fear of the Lord," "the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."*

Psalm 34 teaches us what *"the fear of the Lord"* means, *"11 Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. 12 Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, 13 keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. 14 Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. 15 The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry."* According to this psalm, living in *"the fear of the Lord"* is what the *"righteous"* do, characterized by turning from evil and doing good. And the righteous are simply those who trust in Jesus as their Savior from sin, the devil and hell, as Romans 1:17 tells us, *"For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'" This last phrase has the meaning of "those who are righteous by faith in Christ will live by faith in Christ!"* The righteous by faith in Christ live in the fear of the Lord! Martin Luther, the great reformer, in explaining the Ten Commandments in his *Small Catechism*, explains each commandment by beginning with the phrase *"we should fear and love God so that..."* and then explains how the believer in Christ lives according to each commandment. Luther's phrase *"fear and love"* captures the essence of this important biblical phrase *"the fear of the Lord."* The Hebrew word means reverence and awe.

Reverence for God is simply another way of expressing the biblical concept of faith and trust in God, so that out of love for God, we turn from sin and evil and trust in God's promises centered in Christ, resulting in a life of doing good. So *"the fear and love of the Lord"* is what we all need in our lives—nothing else really matters! And God gives it to us as a gift! As Proverbs 14:27 says, *"The fear of the LORD is a*

*fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death."*  
Pastor Peter Brechbuhl

## The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry – [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship) Newsletter Article – June 2023

What Do You Want? One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the "Shepherd Psalm." There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul. Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord's sheep. When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don't know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters). We live as though we are not the Lord's sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word. Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one. And so, here's the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep. – LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)

## JUNE BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

BOEHS, Marilyn A.	1-Jun
NOBIS, Libby	1-Jun
DAY, Gerald E.	3-Jun
DUNN, David L.	3-Jun
DUNN, Jeffery D.	3-Jun
FRANZ, Shayna A.	3-Jun
MORRIS, Shannon S.	3-Jun
PHELPS, Patricia A. (Trishia)	3-Jun
SURRATT, Todd E.	3-Jun
STRUBBE, Deborah A.	4-Jun

GEHRKE, CASHTON H.	6-Jun
TOMHAVE, Austin J.	6-Jun
VINCENT, Larry R.	6-Jun
GINDER, Linda K.	7-Jun
KORDING, Brian D.	8-Jun
MICHAEL, Norma M.	8-Jun
WELLENKAMP, Rodney L.	10-Jun
KORDING, Zachary A.	11-Jun
MOORE, Caeleb T.	11-Jun
OLIVER, Stephanie A.	12-Jun
PHEBUS, Charles E.	12-Jun
REITHER, Vera F.	12-Jun
DE FRISCO, Giovanni A.	13-Jun
SCHWARTZ, Stephen W.	14-Jun
GEHRKE, Ty R.	15-Jun
HADDEN, Cody A.	15-Jun
MAGELITZ, Robert D.	15-Jun
MAGELITZ, R, Lucas A.	15-Jun
VAUGHAN, Kathy	15-Jun
DELONG Jr., William A.	16-Jun
LAWSON, Nathaniel E.	16-Jun
RUNYON, Brock E.	16-Jun
ENGBRECHT, Ruth A.	18-Jun
LAIR, Gabrielle N.	18-Jun
MAGELITZ, Joshua R.	18-Jun
MOELLER, Michelle L.	18-Jun
VALENTINE, Jaiden C.	18-Jun
TOMHAVE, Amanda M.	21-Jun
WIEGAND, Ashton D.	21-Jun
BUMGARNER, Ryan T.	23-Jun
CHAPPELL, Amber K.	24-Jun
GLAENZER, Matthew G.	24-Jun
EVANS, John C. (Chris)	25-Jun
MALINOFF, Gail	25-Jun
MCFADDEN, Brandi N.	25-Jun
MCFADDEN, Steven D.	25-Jun
MCFADDEN, William C.	25-Jun
SCOBIE, Jane A.	25-Jun
TOMHAVE, John W.	25-Jun
MAGELITZ, Sean E.	26-Jun
NOBIS, Christopher R.	26-Jun
HAWORTH, Adrian R.	27-Jun
HAWORTH, Christian R.	27-Jun
HAWORTH, Josephine M.	27-Jun
STURGEON, Josalyn M.	27-Jun
WELLENKAMP, John A.	27-Jun
WELLENKAMP, Terry L.	27-Jun
WILSON, Angel D.	27-Jun

STEINACHER, Brandon L.	28-Jun
HILSABECK, Samuel H. (Sam)	30-Jun

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

**ROBO CALLS:** With the modern way of contacting individuals, we have been using a ROBO call system. This summer we will be converting this to another system. If you have not been getting these calls, please call the office so we can get you on the lists to be converted. Thank you.

**REMINDERS:** DON'T ASSUME that Pastor knows when you are hospitalized. Please call the Church Office 243-3419 to let us know when you enter the hospital.

### CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING

**RESULTS:** A Special Congregational Voters meeting was held on Sunday, May 7th. It was voted upon and decided to give a pastoral call to Rev. Michael Meyer. All the paperwork has been sent and now we need to be praying, hoping this is the one that the Good Lord wants here at Salem. Thank you.

**LADIES GUILD:** The Ladies Guild is having an ingathering for the St. Louis Seminary Food Bank. During June we collect monetary gifts for the seminary to assist with replenishing their food bank. On Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, you will find envelopes and a donation box in the Narthex. You may place your donation in the box, mail or drop it off to the church office prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>. As always, the seminary students appreciate your generous gifts to assist them while they are preparing for the ministry. Thank you.

**DOORBELL DINNER VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for volunteers for the upcoming doorbell dinners deliveries. Salem's next assigned week is September 4th through the 8<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please contact Rita Tendick (217)473-5017.

**DOORBELL DINNERS THANK YOU:** Thank you to the following volunteers who helped deliver Doorbell Dinners during the week of May 1-5: Elaine Jarman, Mary Ann Lawson, Danny Magelitz, Lauretta Scheller, Lucille Hannel, Darin Gehrke (Ty, Cashton, Quinten), Ruth Werries, Joanne Campbell, Linda Strubbe, Sophia Robinson, Phoenix Dertz, Alisia Antemate, and Alex Baker. No one blew away but some gusty winds did make deliveries interesting. Please consider helping us next time. Call Rita Tendick at 217-473-5017 if you wish to help. Our next assigned week is September 4-8.

**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to Mrs. Adams for donating lots of special treats for the last week of school. We have ice cream for Tuesday and water, chips, and popsicles for Field Day on Wednesday! Thank you so much for making our last week of school so extra special!

**THANK YOU:** We would like to thank Michelle and Kirby Lawson (In The Hoop) for donating our Field Day shirts! Field Day is an afternoon of lots of fun activities for the students. We have relay races of every sort. Everyone had a wonderful time celebrating another wonderful school year. Thank you so much for the shirts! We all greatly appreciate them.

**JAYDEN UPTON UPDATE:** Jayden Upton is progressing very nicely. He is at home. Jayden enjoys receiving cards, so if you would like to send him a card, his address is: Jayden Upton 8615 Ridge Wood Road, Rock Island, IL 61201 Thank you.

**RADIO OPENING:** Salem Lutheran is in search of volunteers that would like to learn how to broadcast our services. If you would be interested in the opportunity to do that or would just like to see if you would enjoy doing this, please see Kevin Eckhoff. He would be willing to let you sit in and check it out. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated. An opportunity to learn something new and help Salem out. Thank you.

**DEACONS:** Listed below are the names of the Deacons for Salem Lutheran 2022. Please feel free to give your Deacon a call.

- Group 1: "AA-GARM" Wade Mathis 217-690-2693
  - Group 2: "GARR-MAN" Austin Tomhave 217-883-3461
  - Group 3: "MASS-SHE"
  - Group 4: "SHIR-ZIM" Dwayne Middendorf 217-248-2091
- Two Elders assisting Deacons: Larry Baker (217)370-1480, Gerald Warcup (217)243-2620.

would you like to help, please mark your envelope "Family In Need". The money you donate will go directly to these family's account. If you would like to sponsor a student for a month, 3 months, 6 months, or a full year, please call the office. We would love to have such donors. Thank you.

## SCHOOL NEWS



Still space available in our school for the coming year. Who do you know that you can share our information with? Help us spread the word.

**NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL JOY REITSMA:** An entire school year has ended since I have arrived. What a year it has been! We restarted some events that had not been done in recent years as well as added some new events that will be enjoyed for years to come. We have an amazing website that is getting noticed and used by the community. Thank you, Kevin Eckhoff, for the time you spent loading content for us! Our Facebook has been a blessing for reaching new families and reconnecting with old friends. Sharing the life of our school is one of our greatest gifts! Thank you, Stephanie Bezler, for the time you spend loading content! As we close out this year, we turn our eyes to summer. Summer Camp will be up and running soon and will be a blessing to many families in our community who need safe places for their children. We are also already looking forward to the 2023-2024 school year. We have already enrolled 48 students and will have 54 enrolled soon. We still have room for more! Our school is an amazing ministry of our church. It is a way to bring the gospel to those we serve, many who don't know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. How can you continue to help? First and foremost- PRAY. Pray for the continued growth and development of our school. Second- continue to give. We have students who need financial assistance with tuition. Your generous gifts keep them attending! We will also have some workdays this summer to prepare some new educational spaces for our students. Stay tuned if you can help with manpower! If we all work together, Salem Lutheran School will continue to grow and be a blessing to our church and the community.

### OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP WORK PROGRAM

**Fiscal Year 8/31/2022 – 07/31/2023**  
(From 8/31/2022 Treasurer's Report)

#### **CURRENT FINANCIAL INDEBTEDNESS**

<b>7/31/22</b>	<b>3/31/23</b>
Farmers State Bank Line of Credit	
\$122,900.20	\$0.00
Internal Loan from Restricted	
\$63,725.00	\$0.00
	LEAP
\$677,802.80	\$641,990.12

#### **Financial Status Report for MARCH 2023**

Our total operating needs monthly:	\$ 51,874.82
Our operating receipts March 2023:	\$ 42,134.90
Our total operating needs YTD:	\$412,511.41
Our total operating receipts YTD:	\$415,190.99
Our Shortfall or Excess YTD:	\$ 2,679.58

**ADOPT A STUDENT:** The Adopt a Student Fund is receiving requests for assistance from some of our students for the upcoming school year. We would like to assist these families, but we need the help from the Congregation. If you

**PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN News from Mrs. Lysaythong & Mrs. Wiegand:** The students learned that God has and will continue to provide everything for us that we "need" just like the story "Food from Heaven" The Beginner's Bible. When the Israelites traveled in the desert for many days, they were tired and hungry. Psalm 105:40 *The people asked, be brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.* This story encouraged the students to have a stronger faith in God's love and how He will always look after us because we are all his children! Preschool 3 focuses was birds. The students learned about a variety of birds, placed a bird feeder outside of their window for a closer observation of birds, created a bird nest, and are currently incubating chicken eggs in their classroom. Pretty soon they will hatch and have baby chicks! In the Preschool 4/Kindergarten classes the focuses were birds and bees. The students studied God's creation of birds and bees. In science they explored why birds migrate and how bees contribute to 1/3 of the world's food supplies. In addition, the

students made a bird in a cage and participated in a honey crystallization experiment to practice their hypothesis and observation skills!



**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE NEWS from Mrs. Deborah Steinacher:**

It's hard to believe that another school year has gone by! May was a busy month trying to finish up lots of things. We also had time to do lots of fun activities. In science we learned a lot about birds. We finished up our unit by looking at owl pellets. It was exciting to see what we could learn about the owls from the pellets. We went to Bowl Inn for an afternoon of fun! We had so much fun bowling the afternoon away. We also went to Wohlers Farm. In social studies we had been learning about how things have changed from long ago. We got to see lots of antiques such as butter churns, egg scales, coffee grinders, a corn sheller, plows, roller skates, and much more. We learned that we have lots of things much easier today! In May we presented our second chapel message, *Praising God Through Song*. The class did a wonderful job of telling how special Salem is. Their message was that here at Salem we get to learn about Jesus and be a special witness for Jesus. Thank you so much for supporting Salem! This helps the students be able to be a witness here at school and when they are out and about with their family and friends. God's blessings!

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS from Mrs. Blayre Petri:**

We are ending the year with a bang in 3rd and 4th grade! The students earned a movie day, took a field trip to Greene Elite Athletics to jump in bounce houses, and are looking forward to our upcoming field day. Through all the hustle and bustle of the end of the year I still see so many great Christian like behaviors out of our students. As we say goodbye to our 2022-2023 school year I pray that everyone has a fun and safe summer! God Bless, Mrs. Petri