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July 2023 Newsletter



Insight from the Word of God:

Psalm 23 (Modern
Update)

**Now it came to pass
after these days, that spring turned to summer,
once more. And God's people raised their
voices and sang to the Summer,**

"The Summer is my shepherd.

*I shall not stay at home, except for sleeping in on
Sundays.*

It maketh me to lie down in green camping areas.

It leadeth me down the paths of the Interstate.

It restoreth my suntan in the bright sunshine.

*It leadeth me to Disney World for the sake of my
family.*

Even though I stray away on the Lord's Day,

I will fear no reprimand, for It is with me.

My rod and my reel, they comfort me with fishing.

I anointeth my skin with suntan oil.

My gas tank never runneth dry.

*Surely my camping trailer shall follow my car all the
weekends of summer.*

*And I may return to the House of the Lord this fall—
unless I need a fall getaway."*

**(And then there's hunting season, but that's for
another Psalm update.)**

Do not let your summer schedule draw you away from worship in God's house. The psalmist writes (122:1): **"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'"** During the summer months, may God make each of us rejoice in worshiping in His house through hearing His promises centered in Christ and receiving His blessings through Word and Sacrament! Pastor Brechbuhl

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship
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Go ... Sell All You Have?

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, "You know the commandments." And he replied, "All these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus said to him, "One

thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me" (Luke 18:18–22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, "No!" But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, every-thing we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn't excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to oth-ers in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our du-ties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other mem-bers of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

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

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

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

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

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the means of

grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What's more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don't let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

JULY BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

GAIGE, Jill L.	1-Jul
NIX, Samuel	1-Jul
SHERRILL, Stephan W.	1-Jul
STEINACHER, Jacqueline A.	1-Jul
TENDICK, Rita	1-Jul
GINDER, Kristopher D.	2-Jul
Poore, Charley	2-Jul
SCHNITKER, Jovi	2-Jul
WHITE, Lori K.	2-Jul
FLEMING Jr., Edward J. (Eddie)	3-Jul
Edwards, Serinaty	4-Jul
BECK, Jennifer E.	5-Jul
DE FRISCO, Krista M.	5-Jul
CARLS, Yvonne I. (Bonny)	6-Jul
MAGELITZ, Brian E.	6-Jul
SLAVENS, Jane A.	6-Jul
STOCKER, Eldon W.	6-Jul
ARING, Richard L.	7-Jul
SIMMONS, Ellen L.	7-Jul
ARING, Richard N. (Nathan)	8-Jul
MAGELITZ,J, Ashton B.	8-Jul
SCHAEFER, Rowan	8-Jul
OLIVER, Christopher J.	9-Jul
VEDDER, Cody L.	10-Jul
VEDDER, Ryan F.	10-Jul
DOLEN, Alexandra A.	11-Jul
EDDINGER, Nicole K.	11-Jul
HYMES, Samantha N.	11-Jul
MATHIS, Andrew	11-Jul
MATHIS, Noah	11-Jul
MOWRY, Polly A.	12-Jul

STRUBBE, Larry G.	12-Jul
HAVENS, Angela K.	13-Jul
DOLEN, Cassandra L.	14-Jul
PHEBUS, Jennifer L.	14-Jul
MAGELITZ, Zachary L.	16-Jul
WHITE, KayeLeigh L.	16-Jul
GARMAN, Christopher A.	17-Jul
LEISCHNER, Matthew A.	19-Jul
KARR, Grant R.	20-Jul
MAGELITZ,J, Heather M.	20-Jul
MAGELITZ,J, Trystan J.	20-Jul
STRUBBE, Sharon M.	20-Jul
VALENTINE, Jessie N.	21-Jul
Massey, HALLIE	23-Jul
GARRETT, Nicole R.	24-Jul
WELCH, Kirstyn N.	24-Jul
MAGELITZ, John A.	25-Jul
MIDDENDORF, Vicki L.	25-Jul
ROEGGE, George A.	25-Jul
STRUBBE, Scott E.	25-Jul
REITHER, Paul	26-Jul
SCHUMACHER, Ruthie E.	26-Jul
HILL, Robert W. (Wayde)	27-Jul
DETZ, Debra A. (Debbie)	28-Jul
DOLEN, Rodney	29-Jul
POCKLINGTON, Lucas D.	29-Jul
STEINACHER, Levi A.	29-Jul
HADDEN, Gary L.	30-Jul
HAYNES, Kiera M.	30-Jul
STUBBLEFIELD, Darlene	30-Jul
GAIN, Luther E.	31-Jul

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

CONGREGATION VOTER'S MEETING: There will be a Congregational Voter's meeting on Sunday, July 16th at 1:30 pm. Regular July Voter's meeting along with calling a Pastor Information on these Pastor's is available in the office after today. Please plan on attending. Thank you.

LADIES GUILD: The Ladies' Guild is having its annual Ladies Day Out on Tuesday, July 18, at 11:30 am at the Village Tea Room, 3301 Robbins Road, in Springfield. All women of the congregation are most welcome to join us. Just give Vickie Austin a call or text (217)361-9423 if you would like to attend. It's always a wonderful gathering for fellowship and a fun luncheon!

SAVE THE DATE: Salem is hosting a Pork Chop and Sweet Corn dinner, Saturday, July 29th 5-7 pm

in the cafeteria. More details to follow.

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.

SCHOOL WORKDAY SCHEDULED: Along with the Property committee and Principal, they are scheduling Saturday, July 22nd between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm for a workday to get the school ready for next year. If you can assist, please come, 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 8th. If you can help, please contact Rita Tendick (217)473-5017.

JAYDEN UPTON UPDATE: 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.

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 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.

DO YOU LOVE SALEM? Help at our information table at the MORGAN COUNTY FAIR. We are giving out Brochures, Popcorn and Smiles! Wednesday- Friday 4pm-7pm or 7pm-10pm Saturday 1pm- 4pm, 4pm-7pm, or 7pm-10pm Sunday 1pm-4pm or 4pm-6pm Call or stop by the office to sign up and help!

LLL ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Zone #7 Lutheran Laymen's League would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual Ice Cream Social last Sunday. Your support will help us keep the radio broadcasts on the air for several months. It was also nice that the people got together with brothers and sisters from other Congregations to visit with old friends and hopefully make new friends. The other Fundraiser will be the "Oktoberfest" in October. Again, thank you. Zone #7 Lutheran Laymen's League

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: Summer is usually a slower, lazier time for a school, but here at Salem we are as busy as ever this summer! Our first Summer Camp has been going so well! We have many happy campers who have enjoyed a week of Bible Vacation, Garden, Dinosaurs and Culinary adventures. There are still many more weeks to go. Check out our Facebook to see all the activities! We have also been busy reconfiguring the school wing to get ready for our new 2-year-old program. Stay tuned for a work day coming in July to help finish the process and get the

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
WORK PROGRAM

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

CURRENT FINANCIAL
INDEBTEDNESS

7/31/22		4/30/23
	Farmers State Bank Line of Credit	
\$122,900.20		\$0.00
	Internal Loan from Restricted	
\$63,725.00		\$0.00
	LEAP	
\$677,802.80		\$627,012.10

Financial Status Report for
APRIL 2023

Our total operating needs monthly:	\$ 51,874.82
Our operating receipts April 2023:	\$ 64,403.08
Our total operating needs YTD:	\$467,610.48
Our total operating receipts YTD:	\$479,594.07
Our Shortfall or Excess YTD:	\$ 11,983.59