

A message from the Pastor about

The
Book of Concord

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Book of Concord

Part 3:

Apology to the Augsburg Confession

Dear Friends in Christ,

As mentioned in my previous article, the public reading of the Augsburg Confession took place on June 25th, 1530. On August 3rd, the reply from The Papists – which would become known as the Pontifical Confutation of the Augsburg Confession – was read to The Reformers. While this document was read to them, they were not allowed a copy of it for their own study. As subtle as the language was, the overall message of the reply was clear: It demanded that The Reformers back down and submit to the papacy, or else.

Further meetings were called for between the Reformers, the theologians representing the Papacy, and the Emperor. During these meetings, Philip Melanchthon was tempted to waver, but others among the Reformers (particularly other laymen) persisted and the Reformers as a whole remained steadfast in defense of their clear, Gospel-centered, confession of faith. In private, Emperor Charles continued to pressure the Lutheran princes to back down; this included threats to expel the offending princes from their realms. Through all of this, Martin Luther wrote to them, encouraging one and all to stay the course and stand firm on the truth of God's Word, on which the Augsburg Confession was founded. This all went on over the course of another 45 or so days, and on September 22nd, the Emperor declared the Diet of Augsburg to be adjourned. He declared that the Confutation had given adequate response to the Augsburg Confession. He gave The Reformers until April 15, 1531, to concede to the Confutation and abandon their confession. They refused.

Although The Reformers were never given a copy of the Pontifical Confutation, they were ordered to accept all the conditions it imposed and the conclusions it drew. They were forbidden from making any reply to it, neither were they allowed to have it published. Given that such demands were absurd, they ignored them. Fortunately, while The Confutation was being read, professional stenographers were writing down, word for word, every word that was read. This gave The Reformers an accurate transcript of its contents.

Despite the Emperors admonition to make no reply to The Confutation, the princes from among The Reformers asked Philip Melanchthon, along with Chancellor Gregor Brück (counselor to Prince/Elector Frederick the Wise of Saxony) to work on a reply. By September 22nd (the date the Emperor drew the Diet of Augsburg to a close) a first draft was ready. It would be known as The Apology (meaning: "Defense") of the Augsburg Confession. It took the arguments and concerns expressed by the Papacy in The Confutation and then expanded upon the articles in the

original Augsburg Confession to express more clearly and thoroughly their arguments. It also served to clarify their desire to maintain Christian traditions and teachings which the papacy was accusing them of abandoning.

Attempts to deliver a copy of the first draft of The Apology to Emperor Charles were rejected and ultimately The Reformers left Augsburg. Melanchthon then began to revise the document. It was not until 1573 (43 years later) that The Confutation was formally published by the papists. This was long after The Council of Trent (1546–1563, called mostly for the purpose of refuting the theology of The Reformation) had formally adopted The Confutation's conclusions.

Melanchthon worked tirelessly on the revision of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession from the end of September 1530 until April 15, 1531. The strong stand taken by The Reformers as a whole had emboldened him to be firm and confident in the language he used in reply to The Confutation given by the papists.

The longest and most detailed document in The Book of Concord, The Apology of the Augsburg Confession meticulously responds to every aspect of the response to The Augsburg Confession contained in The Confutation. The common thread throughout The Apology is the relentless assertion of **"justification by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone."**

While most of the original draft of The Apology, and all of its revision, were authored by Melanchthon, it was not long before it was adopted by The Reformers as a whole. After a mutual colleague and friend of Luther and Melanchthon, Justas Jonas, translated it into German (Melanchthon wrote it in Latin) it became quite popular throughout the German territories. In 1531, a year after Augsburg, the "Smalcaldic League" was formed. This was an organization of German territories and cities, all of whom had made both The Augsburg Confession and The Apology of the Augsburg Confession their confession of the Christian Faith. In 1577, when The Book of Concord was beginning to be formed, it was clear that The Apology would be a critical part of that assembly of doctrinal statements which would be formalized in 1580.

Any reading of the Augsburg Confession can only be made clearer through reading The Apology, as the latter expands upon and gives further defense and explanation of the former. As with The Augsburg Confession, The Apology goes to great lengths to establish that The Reformation was not about creating a new church or veering from the traditions and teachings established by Christ and His Apostles, but in fact returning to those very things, from which the Church had departed in the centuries which preceded The Reformation. The very things given to the Church by Christ Himself.

In Christ,

Pastor Powell

Call Committee Update

Thank you to everyone who filled out the call process survey. We are waiting on the results of the survey to be shared by the District with the committee. Also, we are waiting on a call list for the committee to consider. If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the committee.

In Christ,
The Call Committee

Maria Drilling	Rick Hardin	Scott Homfeldt
Jared Kesel	Dick Schutt	Randy Seidel
Miriam Wolf	Pastor Powell	

Convention Update

The Missouri District Convention was held Sunday through Tuesday last week. For convention news, go to mo.lcms.org/district-convention or facebook.com/MissouriDistrictLCMS.

Congratulations to Pastor Powell, who was been elected 3rd vice-president of the Missouri District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod! Previously, Pastor Powell served as District Secretary.



Sunday, August 3

**after 9:30am service
in the Old Gym**

**Potluck meal with
fried chicken.
Bring a Dish to Share!**

A table will be available for gifts and cards.

SUMMER WORSHIP

May 25 - Aug 17

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6:00pm	9:30 am

**BIBLE STUDY
& SUNDAY SCHOOL**
Sunday at 8:30 am

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will continue during the summer months. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our opening at 8:30am. After the opening we will go to Mrs. Robinett's 3rd Grade Classroom. The older students can help the younger students. We will use Arch Books and crafts each Sunday.

GENERAL OFFERING

Fiscal Year 2025
(as of 6/22/25)

	FY Total
Actual	\$432,727.77
Bal Budget	\$460,181.93
Diff.	(\$27,454.16)

2025 Budgeted Offering: \$925,000
Needed for a Balanced Budget: \$957,178.41

TRUSTEE WORK DAYS

The Board of Trustees will be hosting another work day on **Saturday, August 2**. Work days are a great opportunity to help with projects and small improvements needed in the church and school! Sign up to help at signup.com/go/TLCTrustees. (Sign up is not required but helpful for planning projects.)

HELP NEEDED – NYG MEALS

The youth gathering is only a few short weeks away, and we need your help! Feeding 27 hungry teenagers is a lot of work. We are looking for donations of different snack foods (fruit snacks, granola bars, trail mixes, etc.), quart and gallon sized Ziploc bags, some homemade baked goods for desserts through the week, and bottled water.

If you have a Thrivent account, we could also use Thrivent

cards to help cover the cost of some of these supplies as well.

Please consider what you are able to give to help our youth have a wonderful trip to reflect upon God's Word!

If you have any specific questions on what would be useful or if there are any other items we might need, you can email Shelby or Andy at slholzschuh@gmail.com or ajholzschuh@gmail.com.

A BIG THANK YOU!

The Men's Club would like to thank all those individuals who supported its annual BBQ Rib sales. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be put back into Trinity Church and School and also offered to Calvary High School for needs projects. Thank You!!!

MEMBER NEWS

Funerals

DOROTHY HELEN LOESCH, age 92, of Jefferson City, Missouri, passed away peacefully on June 5, 2025, at Heisinger Bluffs, surrounded by her loving family.

Dorothy was born in Jefferson City on February 25, 1933, to the late Edward H. and Helen C. (Zimmerman) Mohr. She was baptized into the Christian faith at Trinity Lutheran Church on March 12, 1933, where she remained a devoted and active member throughout her life. She attended Trinity Lutheran School, graduated from Jefferson City High School, and continued her education at Jefferson City Junior College.

On April 22, 1956, Dorothy was united in marriage to the love of her life, Erman Loesch, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Together, they shared a deep faith and a strong commitment to their church and community. Dorothy was a longtime member of the Trinity Lutheran Women's Auxiliary and the Trinity Lutheran School Alumni Association. Her dedication to faith and education was most evident in her over 30 years of service as a Sunday School teacher, where she touched the lives of many young hearts. Dorothy had a passion for gardening and quilting.

She is survived by her nieces and

nephews: Marvin Theroff, Larry Theroff, Melvin Loesch, Ruth Ann Klatt (Ron), Glenn Loesch (Carol), Carol Sue Fischer (Dale), Debbie Rodden (Brian), and Daryl Erhart (Angela); as well as 24 great-nieces and nephews; 34 great-great-nieces and nephews; and 6 great-great-great-nieces and nephews. Dorothy was preceded in death by her nieces, Majorie Loesch, Anita Theroff, Janice Theroff and Sandy Theroff; and nephew, Clyde Theroff.

MARY ANN PROPST, age 93, of Jefferson City, Missouri, passed away Saturday, May 31, 2025, surrounded by the family she deeply loved.

She was born on September 11, 1931, on a farm in Lohman, Missouri, the only daughter of Ernst and Martha (Soell) Niederwimmer. On April 22, 1951, she was united in marriage to Robert John Louis "Bob" Propst, Sr. at Trinity Lutheran Church, with Reverend Alfred C. Schmutz officiating. They were blessed with 49 years of marriage until Bob's passing on February 8, 2001.

Mary Ann began her education in Lohman before moving with her parents to Jefferson City in 1942. She completed seventh and eighth grades at Trinity Lutheran School, where she was confirmed and became a member of the church on March 25, 1945. She graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1949.

Her career began in retail at F.W. Woolworth, and she later worked as a bookkeeper and salesperson at Dallmeyer's Jewelry Store. In 1961, Mary Ann and her husband purchased Buerhle's Grocery Market, renaming it Bob's Food

Market. After her husband's retirement in 1991, she partnered with their son, Bob Jr., continuing to work part-time until the store's closing in 2005.

A devoted member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Mary Ann generously shared her time and talents in many capacities. She taught Sunday school, participated in the School Alumni and Lectionary Bible Class, and served faithfully on a count team. Mary Ann's deep love for the Lord was evident in the way she lived her life.

Mary Ann found her greatest joy in faith, family, and friendship. She was deeply devoted to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, always present in their lives and happiest when her home was filled with family. Many cherished memories were made at the lake house they built in 1961 at the Lake of the Ozarks, where she enjoyed swimming, water skiing, and playing cards in the evenings. She also loved her card club, often spending late nights laughing and playing with dear friends.

She is survived by: three children, Chris Roark (Don), Pamela Ritter (Jim), and Robert J. "Bob" Propst, Jr. (Vicki), all of Jefferson City; three grandchildren, Brent Roark, Brooke Thomas (Dustin) and Robert J. "Bobby" Propst, III; five great-grandchildren, Payten and Ryanne Thomas, and Avery, Bennett, and Kipton Propst; and a sister-in-law, Marjorie "Margie" Propst. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and a host of dear friends.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents and beloved husband.

ATTENTION MEN'S CLUB MEMBERS

The Men's Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, July 8**, in the Church Library starting at 6:00 pm. Our agenda will include disbursement of funds from our last two fundraising events and planning for our Fall BBQ in September. The Men's Club will also be having their group picture taken by a photographer for the new church directory. Anyone interested in attending is welcomed. If you have any questions please see Michael Doggett or Jay Wunderlich.

Summer is here and that means SOFTBALL!

The Trinity Lutheran men's softball team plays most Monday nights on Scott Field at the Binder Sports Complex. They compete against other churches in town in a fun and Christ-like environment. Come out to cheer them on! Contact Will Fife for rain out information or questions (573) 418-7622.

Date	Time	vs	Date	Time	vs
07/14	8:15pm	Bible Baptist	08/04	7:15pm	Capital West
07/21	6:15pm	First Baptist	08/18	7:15pm	Bible Baptist
07/28	6:15pm	Hope City Church			

HAPPY DRIFTERS

Our July event will be at the Prairie Garden Trust on **Thursday, July 24** from from 1:30-3:00 pm. Founders Henry and Lorna Domke started the Prairie Garden more than 30 years ago. We will meet at the upper parking lot at 11:45 am. A guide will give a presentation about the history of the Prairie Garden Trust and provide commentary on natural features along the way. You can stroll along lily ponds and streams and see the ever-changing plants, birds, butterflies, and more mammals that live here. During our visit you can see purple coneflowers, butterfly weed, blazing star and lotus, among others.

Please sign up on the church bulletin board. This is a free event. Before the Prairie Garden Trust visit we will eat lunch at Meadow Lake Acres Country Club from 12:00 - 1:30.

Date: Thursday, July 24

Restaurant: 2600 Meadowlake Dr., New Bloomfield, MO
Tour: 8945 County Rd 431, New Bloomfield, MO

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Volunteers of Trinity Church and School are hard at work developing a new church membership directory. This directory will include new updated individual and family pictures with general contact information that will be used to create a new pictorial. Pictures for this directory will be completed in-house which will greatly reduce the overall cost of this project and eliminate the high-pressure sales of a photo package. If you have a current photo of yourself or your family readily available please consider forwarding this to the church to be included in the church directory. Church committee pictures are also being sought for this document. Otherwise a time and place will be announced later this summer when your photograph can be taken by a volunteer. A finished directory will be completed and ready by the end of this calendar year. More information will be forthcoming. If you have any questions contact Janell Bernskoetter or Jared Kesel.

CALVARY COMMITMENT

Trinity is one of 6 association churches that own Calvary Lutheran High School. Together with Trinity, Calvary provides the opportunity for a PreK-12 Lutheran school experience in mid-Missouri. Along with the other co-owner congregations, Trinity has committed to supporting Calvary financially with \$15 per communicant member per year. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this support with your offering envelope designated to Calvary or through online giving. Thank you for your support of Lutheran education!

Trinity members enrolled at Calvary:

Luke Angerer, Ema Berger, Corbyn Bess, Willow Boos, Kendall Brooks, Luke Brunner, Lena Cline, William Cluver, Kaitlin Collins, Naomee Doelling, Colin Fehr, Bella Frates, Drew Hardin, Elijah Helmig, Chloe Hobratschk, Nathen House, Arielle Kleindienst, Hannah Kollmeyer, Bennington McBaine, Connor McPeak, Kolby Morris, Gavin Pennington, Gabriela Petree, Elliott Powell, Parker Roettgen, Trey Ruediger, Henry Salmons, Jack Schnitzler, Maxwell Schnitzler, Chase Scott, Alayna Sprengel, Petra Sutcliffe, Sydney Volmert, Katie Wachter

Summer Capital Giving Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has generously given to the summer capital giving campaign in June. The fundraising efforts will continue into July and August. We have currently raised nearly 25% of our goals. By designating gifts as "Building Fund" or "School Capital Improvements," you can help to maintain and improve the space God has richly blessed us with.

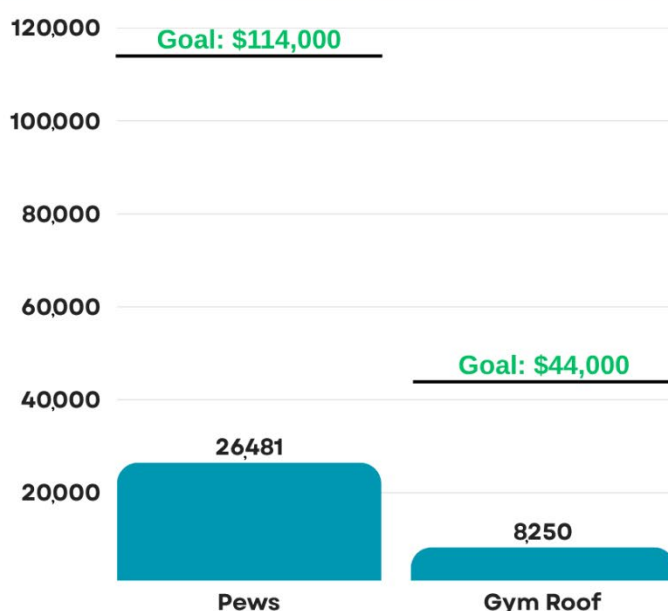
See trinityjc.org/capitalgiving for more information.

JUNE - AUGUST 2025

SUMMER 2025 CAPITAL GIVING

**BUILDING FUND GIFTS
GO TOWARD NEW PEWS**

**SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GIFTS
GO TOWARD GYM ROOF REPAIRS**



www.trinityjc.org/capitalgiving



**MEADOWLAKE ACRES COUNTRY CLUB
NEW BLOOMFIELD, MO
SHOTGUN START AT 9:00AM**

**4 - PERSON SCRAMBLE - 18 HOLE
\$125 PER GOLFER**

*\$50 of the \$125 entry fee is a tax-deductible contribution
to a 501(c) Non-Profit Organization*

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Options from \$500-\$2,000

*Proceeds go towards curriculum improvements
and continuing education for our staff at
Trinity Lutheran School.*

For more information or to register, go to www.trinityjc.org/golf 



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

DAY OF GRACE

SERVICE EVENT

Saturday, August 9

How can
YOU help?

Cost of supplies for
one backpack:

\$45

Backpack Goal:

250+

Scan to Give!



"Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" 2 Peter 3:18

DAY OF GRACE

This year Day of Grace will be hosted here at Trinity on **Saturday, August 9th, 2025!** Day of Grace is a service event that provides free backpacks and school supplies to students in our community who are struggling with financial hardship. Last year, we were able by God's grace to provide 200 backpacks. **This year, our goal is to provide 250+ backpacks.** Each backpack costs approximately \$45. We ask for your help to make this year's event a success. **There are a few ways that you may contribute.**

1. We ask for your **prayerful support** of our event's success.
2. You may choose to offer **your time** in support of the event. Volunteers for organizing supplies and packing backpacks on Friday evening, August 8th, as well as assisting in set up, distributing backpacks, and take down the day of the event would be much appreciated. For interest in volunteering, please contact Emma Homfeldt via phone, text, or email at (573) 821-6776 or elhomfeldt@gmail.com.
3. **Monetary donations** would also be greatly appreciated. A collection box can be found on the table in the narthex, and checks can be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church with the memo line reading "Day of Grace."

If you have need of backpacks and/or school supplies, we would love to help! For backpacks/school supplies requests, please contact Emma Homfeldt via phone, text, or email at (573) 821-6776 or elhomfeldt@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support in making this year's Day of Grace a success! By God's grace may we be of service to those in our community and in doing so point others to Jesus. To God be the glory!



TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

2025-2026 ENROLLMENT

If you or anyone you know are interested in Trinity Lutheran School, contact the school office at 636-7807. We would be happy to schedule a time for you to tour our school and learn more about what we have to offer! We are accepting enrollment applications for PK-8th grade.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The school office will be open 8:00-1:00 Monday through Thursday this summer. The

office will be closed June 23-July 6. If you need immediate assistance while the office is closed, please call the church office at 573-636-6750.

IMPORTANT DATES

7/28 TLS Golf Tournament

7/29 Back to School Registration 7:00-1:00

7/30 Back to School Registration 7:00-5:00

7/31 Back to School Registration 7:00-1:00



Calvary
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS...

Chris in the Classroom

Family Night

Mon, Aug 4, **LIVE** 7 PM

Resilience building games!

Fun for the whole family!

at Calvary Lutheran High School Auditorium



Hosted by Chris Scheufele
National Youth Speaker



CALVARY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Our office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 26th. Moving into the summer, Calvary's office will be closed on Fridays in June & July. We are happy to serve Monday through Thursday, 8 AM to 4 PM.

BE PART OF THE TEAM

Calvary is seeking mission-minded individuals to complete the team.

- Part-time Outreach Coordinator
- Boys Head Basketball Coach
- Teacher for one period of Algebra I for the 2025-2026 school year

Applications can be submitted to John Christman at administrator@calvarylhs.org or 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101.



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING UPDATE

ENDURE LCMS YG 2025 New Orleans is here and God has blessed Trinity with a group of 27 youth and leaders that are attending. The group will depart from Trinity on July 18th at 7:00am and will return early morning July 24th. The Youth would not be able to make this awesome trip without your generous support! Please keep the group in your prayers for a safe trip there and home. Thank you so much for your support and prayers.

NYG COMMISSIONING will be held during the July 13th Worship Service. Those attending the Gathering, please wear your District Shirt to the service for the Commissioning and send off picture.

NYG SEND OFF AND WELCOME BACK

We would like to invite everyone to join us on Friday, July 18th at 6:30 am in the lower church parking lot to send off the youth to New Orleans. We would love for you to join us in prayer before we load the bus. We look forward to keeping you posted while we are away and sharing our experiences with you on Sunday, July 27th during the 8:30 Bible Study hour.

COLLEGE YOUTH FLOAT TRIP – AUGUST 8TH

We will meet in the church parking lot at 8am. We hope to be on the water by 10am at Riverfront Campground. Please let Angie know by July 15th if you plan to attend.

WONDER JUNCTION VBS 2025

Wonder Junction VBS was held June 16th to June 20th. Throughout the week, we learned about the Wonders of Jesus' Birth, Childhood, Ministry, and His Death and Resurrection. Thank you to all the volunteers (youth and adults) that joined us each night to make the week special.



Word for Today

"By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;"

~ Mark 8:34

Scripture Snacks

"But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."

~ Romans 8:25

"For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

~ Galatians 5:14

July Calendar

13	NYG Commissioning
13	Jr Youth (6:30pm) Sr Youth (7:15pm)
27	NYG Presentation (8:30 am) Jr Youth (6:30pm)

Meal Train Link

www.mealtrain.com/trains/711nwm

Contact for More Information

Angie Brenner

Director of Christian Education
abrenner@trinityjc.org



Jefferson City Zone Retreat

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Starting 9 am

Faith Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

2027 Industrial Dr.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Take the day to relax and have some fun with your LWML sisters and friends. In the morning we will study God's word so don't forget to bring your Bible. If you can stay after lunch we are offering a class on water coloring. Don't worry if you have never water colored before, we will help you. Also you will take home an eight pack of water colors and a beautiful flower picture.

MISSION PROJECT: Bring new children size socks and underwear to be donated to the Salvation Army in Jefferson City.

REGISTRATION FEES: \$12 TOTAL Morning Session ONLY (Includes lunch)

\$17 TOTAL for Morning & Afternoon Sessions with lunch

DEADLINE to Register: August 1

I want to attend: Only Morning session \$12 ☐ OR Both Morning & Afternoon Sessions \$17 ☐

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

PLEASE LIST ANY FOOD ALLERGIES: _____

Send this page with check (Payable to JEFFERSON CITY ZONE) to:

Crystal Lueckenhoff, 11605 County Road 391, Holts Summit, MO 65043

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9:30a Lectionary L	3	4 Office Closed: INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 6p DIVINE SERVICE 7p Game Night (Social) FH
6 <i>Pentecost 4</i> 8:30a Bible Study 9:30a DIVINE SERVICE	7 8a Quilters 6:30p Evening Guild L	8 1:30p Women's Aux FH 6p Men's Club L	9 9:30a Lectionary L	10 8:10a CHAPEL	11	12 6p DIVINE SERVICE
13 <i>Pentecost 5</i> 8:30a Bible Study 9:30a DIVINE SERVICE 6:30p Jr Youth YR 7:15p Sr Youth YR	14 8a Quilters	15 6:30p Board Meetings	16 9:30a Lectionary L 11:30a Widow Support Group L	17	18 6:30a NYG Sendoff 7p Game Night (Singles) FH	19 6p DIVINE SERVICE
20 <i>Pentecost 6</i> 8:30a Bible Study 9:30a DIVINE SERVICE	21 8a Quilters	22 6:30p Council Meeting L Newsletter Deadline	23 9:30a Lectionary L	24 11:30a Happy Drifters OS	25	26 6p DIVINE SERVICE
National Youth Gathering						
27 <i>Pentecost 7</i> 8:30a NYG Presentation 9:30a DIVINE SERVICE	28 9a TLS Golf Tournament OS	29	30 9:30a Lectionary L	31	LOCATION ABBREVIATIONS BR – Board Rm L – Church Library FH – Fellowship Hall OS – Off Site YR - Youth Rm	



"If I should neglect prayer but a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith."

-Martin Luther

Daily Devotions:

www.lhm.org/dailydevotions
www.lwml.org/todays-mustard-seed-devotion
www.higherthings.org/content/content-reflections

Weekly Devotions:

mo.lcms.org/tag/encourage

Family Devotions:

resources.lcms.org/general/family-devotions-calendar

Other Resources:

www.lcms.org/prayforus
www.lutheransforlife.org/resources/life-thoughts

LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

Week of July 6, 2025

John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Week of July 13, 2025

Psalms 119:11

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Week of July 20, 2025

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Week of July 27, 2025

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.