

JUNE

THE MESSENGER

2020

Worship Schedule
Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM
Sunday Church School for all ages:
9:15 AM

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Welcome Back! We missed you.

We are very hopeful that we can begin worshipping together again on Sunday, June 7 with services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Below you will find the *annotated* version of the poster displayed at all entrances. Please limit your entry to the doors on W. 3rd Street and near the corner green space. This will include the "limited accessibility entrance."

So that we may worship safely and comfortably together:

Please observe 6-feet "social distancing."

Facial coverings are **Required**. (*Love your neighbor as yourself. Protect them as you would want to be protected. If you forgot yours, there are some disposable facial coverings available.*)

Hand sanitizer is available. Please retain for future use. (*Hand sanitizer is provided for all worshippers 12 years old and older. You may bring your own or use the one provided.*)

Please sit in designated pews only. (*If you see a sign that says, "Please do not Sit Here," please comply. Seats available are marked with blue tape at the end of the pew.*)

Hymnals, Bibles and other materials have been removed from the pews. (*If you wish to follow the Scripture readings, BYOB—Bring your own Bible.*)

We will observe "no contact" offering collection. (*If needed, pew envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Collection plates are located near the sanctuary entrances.*)

Discard bulletins in recyclables baskets after use. (*Our worship service has been adapted for safety reasons. There will be no congregational singing. Spoken responses are kept to a minimum. The service will be significantly shorter.*)

Dispose of used "Communion Sets" in black trash bins. (*Each worshipper wishing to take Communion is supplied with a "No contact" Communion set. It contains a wafer and grape juice. We will partake of Holy Communion as a congregation following the Words of Institution.*)

Avoid "mingling" after the worship service and at all times maintain "social distancing."

If you have a fever or you are not feeling well, please return home. (*Take care. Be safe. God bless you.*)

Thank you.


It's so good to see you and worship with you again.

Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL
Next Meeting
June 9th, 2020
@ 6:30 PM



Grace Notes **Facts and Figures**

There is no Grace Notes report for the month of April. We did not meet for worship in April 2020. We met for worship four times in April 2019, including Easter Sunday.

Please see the Treasurer’s Stewardship Update on page 5 for the most recent financial update.

2018-2019 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Jim Heller - President Ron Stahl - Vice President
Christine Sergent - Secretary Beverly Frantz - Treasurer

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Ron Stahl - Director

- Susie Erickson
- Elaine Margo
- Liz Miller
- Melody Rader

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Sarah Wolfe - Director

- Marcie Castricone
- Melissa Engstrom
- Cindy Jerles
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- Jeff Hootman
- Audra Miceli
- Nathan Vaughan
- Larry Wallick
- Brad Wharmby

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Tom Margo - Director

- Charles Castricone
- Keith Lands
- Craig Rader
- Nancy Wharmby

Christian Faith and Life

Faith Bambeck- Director

- Julie Brothers
- Karla Burrier
- Ashley Eick
- Debbie Flood
- Tiffany Shepherd
- (Cody Jerles, Coordinator YFM)

Outreach

Joe Penrod– Director

- Joe Erickson
- Tanna Loveday
- Judy Martin
- Paul McFadden
- John Wolfe
- Scott Ebert (church sign)
- David Elliott (church website)

Senior Pastor: Rev. Donald L. Rice Jr.
Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: Cody Jerles
Director of Music/Organist: Linda Hanna
Secretary: Lisa Morris
Treasurer: Beverly Frantz
Custodian:

Since You Asked

Since You Asked...

I've heard you've shared your Banana Banana Bread recipe with some folks. How about sharing it with all of us? It sounds delicious!

Did you know the **Number One** internet recipe search during the pandemic shutdown was for Banana Bread? It must be a great comfort food in times like these. Either that, or people had a lot of over-ripening bananas to use up really fast.

I was one of the many recipe hunters. This is the recipe I discovered. It's a very good and tasty addition to my baking repertoire. If you've got the bananas, this is the recipe for you.

Banana Banana Bread

READY IN: 1hr 15mins

SERVES: 12

YIELD: 1 9x5 loaf

INGREDIENTS

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup butter

¾ cups brown sugar
2 large eggs, beaten
2 ½-3 cups mashed overripe bananas

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°.

Lightly grease 9 x 5 loaf pan.

In large bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt.

In separate bowl, cream together butter and brown sugar.

Stir in eggs and mashed bananas until well blended

Stir banana mixture into flour mixture; stir just to moisten.

Pour batter into prepared loaf pan.

Bake in preheated oven for 60-65 minutes until a toothpick inserted into center of loaf comes out clean.


Let bread cool in pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack.

ENJOY!



Announcements

WE MISS YOU!!



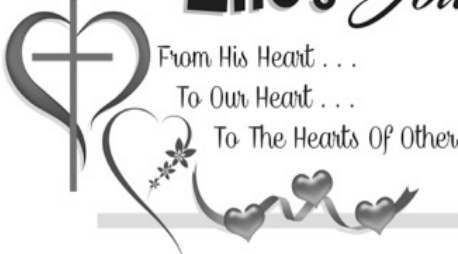
Women's Bible Study

Because of continued Coronavirus Health Concerns we have decided to postpone the 2020 Women's Bible Study.

Watch for More Information

Finding Joy In Your
Life's Journey!

From His Heart . . .
To Our Heart . . .
To The Hearts Of Others!



Thank You for Your Loving Kindness

Thank you for all the cards, emails and notes of caring and concern during these troubling and trying times. Your many expressions of Christian love always touch my heart and brighten my day. I am truly grateful and wonderfully blessed.

May our GOOD LORD bless you with enduring peace and keep you in His tender care. Great is His love and faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies we see— even now.

Thanks so much!
Pastor Rice



Dear Friends,
On behalf of Concordia Theological Seminary I thank you for your donation. Gifts, such as yours, allow us to provide the finest theological education to the future pastors, deaconesses, and missionaries who will serve the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and our partner churches worldwide. I thank God for you and ask for your continued support. Together we partner in an essential mission of forming servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all.
Your servant in Christ,
Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr.

**PIERSTORF MEMORIAL
LOAN FUND**

Pierstorf Memorial Loan Fund – provides interest-free loans to Lutheran students who are or will be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university. This year, the maximum interest-free loan is \$3000 for the school year.

For information, go to www.Pierstorf.org. Complete the 2019-2020 application by visiting the website starting April 15th, 2019.

Interest Free
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Announcements

Event Cancellations

Summer 2020 Suspensions & Cancellations

Sunday School is suspended until further notice.

(Teens are meeting via TEAM or outdoors.)

Children's Messages and Children's Church are suspended until further notice.

Grace Youth Mission Trip to Benton Harbor, MI is canceled.

Vacation Bible School 2020 (June 15-18) is canceled.

Summer Pool Party is canceled. (Dover City Pools closed for the summer.)

June Congregational Meeting is **postponed** until August 2020.

Thursday noon Bible study is suspended until further notice.

Men's corn roast is canceled.

"Gifts to the Church"

Are you considering a gift to the church? Whether it be a gift today or a future gift as part of your will or estate planning, we appreciate your willingness to consider Grace Lutheran Church. A list of frequently asked questions regarding gifts and donations is available at the office.

If you wish to speak with someone about a gift, please contact Tom Margo.



Looks Like We Will Be Opening Our Church Doors Soon!



We Look Forward To Seeing You!!

We've Missed You!

Weekly offering needed \$4326.92

Total offerings needed by the end of May \$95,192.24

Total May offerings \$12,434.00

Year To Date Difference +\$771.76

Thank You For Your Support!!

He Be Stylin'—Again!

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. Matthew 25:40

Just what I need! Another opportunity to make a fashion statement. Another chance to be fashion forward. But it has happened.

That's how I've been approaching the safety-conscious, health-wise guidelines to wear a facial covering whenever I'm out in the public. "Wherever two or three are gathered..." I've most usually got one on. It's an occasion to **be stylin'!**

Most of you know of my mega-tremendous tie collection. I've got a whole closet full. Ties have been one of my personal accouterments since junior high—maybe even before. Yes. I wore one to school several days a week. They would add a touch of class and flash to my ensemble.

Still today, I wear a tie on most days. If I don't, someone will say, "Pastor! I've never seen you without a tie before." Don't get used to it.

Now, I have another accessory—a facial covering (aka mask). I'm using this well-attested health and safety precaution to enhance my attire. I have one in basic black and others with festive prints. I even have one with a leopard print for my sojourns "up north." By the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox or email, I'll probably have a few more. I'm expecting one that depicts an Ohio University Bobcat. Grrr!

What's really neat is that when I'm not wearing it, I can keep it handy and use it as a dandy pocket square with a suit jacket or sport coat. What a dashing and debonair accent to my outfit!

When it comes down to it, the ultimate reason for wearing a facial covering is to express love, respect, and concern, especially for our most vulnerable neighbors. In times like these, they are "the least among us" and need our most tender care and caution.

As the governor of North Dakota recently remarked (and I paraphrase), when you see a person wearing a mask, maybe it's because they have a five-year-old at home undergoing cancer treatments. Or, maybe they have close, older relatives who are highly susceptible to the disease and its harrowing, even deadly consequences. These people are doing it for them.

Yes. I've heard the excuses. Facial coverings can be uncomfortable and inconvenient. But then, it would be far more uncomfortable and inconvenient being hooked up to a ventilator. Some think they make them look weak or silly. Well, have you ever seen yourself in a full-length mirror wearing a hospital gown—especially from the back? If you are looking to make a political or social statement, there are better and safer ways to do this. Get over it! Do it for the least among us.

In these difficult, trying, and unsettling times, we can hold on to our faith and express it in many caring and helpful ways. "Love your neighbor as yourselves," Jesus commands us. Again, as St. James teaches, "If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbor as yourself,' you are doing right."

Wearing a facial covering can be lovely and truly loving. It's not so much a matter of what's on our face but what's in our hearts. Amen.

Outreach

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

Thanks to all who have volunteered to be packers for the Grocery Bag Ministry this year.

Grocery bag distribution is temporarily suspended. We expect when it resumes, the need will be great. We are still accepting food and monetary donations.

What goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The basic food items are: peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, canned white potatoes, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles. We also pack a roll of toilet paper and a bar of soap when available.

We welcome all packaged/canned donations. We will pack any kind of soup, fruit, vegetable, soap or toilet paper that is donated, as well as extra items not on the list. **Grocery size paper bags are also needed.**

Thank you to all who bring food in for the grocery bags that are filled each month. Look in the Sunday bulletins to see which items are most urgently needed.



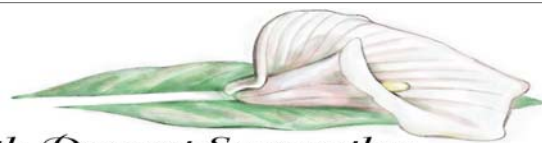
Please be Praying for...

All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Gerald Case, Gary Dean Morrison.

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| Ella DeVore | Holly Hillen |
| Keith Lands | Fred Grosse |
| Mildred Schauer | Judy Wells |
| Tim Clark | JoAnn Hammond |
| Glenn Siber | Rachelle Sensel |
| Dwayne Mann | Donna Donahoe |
| Mark Donahoe | Jeff Wallick |
| Jason Phillips | Norma Grywalski |
| Wayne Page | Lisa Myers |
| Shirley Johnson | Edward King Sr. |
| Ethel King | Doris Metzger |
| Molly Bauer | Gail Danford |
| Jane Buehler | Karen Page |
| Buffy Gray | Judy Arrington |
| Carol Betche | Louise Harris |
| Steve Strohl | Rob Strohl |

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Please take a moment to review the names on our church prayer list. If you know the current recovery status, condition, or needs of any person listed, please advise Pastor Rice or the church office. We rejoice in God's healing and grace when someone is well enough to come off the list and we promise our prayers to all who are added. Thank You.



Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are with the families and friends of Mark Samsa, Loy Stahl (brother of John Stahl) & Grace Rader (mother of Craig Rader).

May the Lord embrace these families with His

Worship

OPEN ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones, please either sign up on the list in the Narthex or call the church office at 330-343-6915.

The cost for one vase is \$18. You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



- June 7th - 1 vase
- June 14th - 1 vase
- June 28th - 1 vase
- July 5th - 1 vase
- July 12th - 2 vases



Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Tues., June 30th, 2020
9:00 am

Sunday, June 7th
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, June 14th
Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35—10:8

Sunday, June 21st
Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-31

Sunday, June 28th
Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Replenishing the Children's Worship Bags

Our worship bag continues to be a blessing to children and parents in our worship each week! Most of the 10 bags are used every Sunday. The bags serve as a way for parents to have their young children in worship with them while they get a chance to worship. We will be purchasing new books, toys and crayons for the bags soon. If you would be interested in providing money for the purchase of these items you may make a donation by placing it in a special offering envelope with worship bags written on it. If paying by check please remember to write Children's Worship Bags in the memo line. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry.



Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.	USHERS
6/7	6/7 Nancy Wilson	6/7	Tim Keplinger
6/14	6/14 Lynn Foust	6/14	Richard Elliott
6/21	6/21 Gale Limron	6/21	Steve Zimmerman
6/28	6/28 Terry Miller	6/28	Jim Heller
			Scott Ebert
			Edward Harper

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

June 7 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
June 14 Jim Gibb, Mike Sergent, Jimm Morris, Karl Vitovic
June 21 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
June 28 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

ACOLYTES	LAY READERS	DEACON/COMM. ASST.
6/7	6/7 Jim Gibb	6/7
6/14	6/14 Betsy Morris	6/14
6/21	6/21 Sandy Gibb	6/21
6/28	6/28 Rick Homrighausen	6/28

ALTAR GUILD

June: Melody Rader, Wendy Mady, Betsy Morris, Becky Lands
July: Glenda Sclater, Marcie Castricone, Liz Miller, Paula Wolfe



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June 2020

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 7 pm Valley Voices	2	3	4	5	6
7 8 am Worship Communion 10:30 am Worship Communion	8 7 pm Valley Voices	9 6:30 pm Planning Council	10	11	12	13
14 8 am Worship Communion 10:30 am Worship Communion	15 7 pm Valley Voices	16	17	18	19 <u>Messenger</u>	20 
21 8 am Worship Communion 10:30 am Worship Communion 	22 7 pm Valley Voices	23	24	25	26 <u>Messenger</u>	27
28 8 am Worship Communion 10:30 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter	29 7 pm Valley Voices	30				