

## JULY/AUGUST, Anno Domini 2020



**Brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, freed from sin's great oppression through Jesus' blood shed upon the cross to live in, by and for God:**

With July, we Americans memorialize the July 4, 1776 Declaration of Independence from Great Britain and our nation's birth. Freedom takes center stage; great fireworks displays and patriotic music recall the long, hard-fought battles waged to secure our freedom.

Christians also honor other momentous battles waged and won to secure us liberty. We revere Him who waged war and won us a share of *His* victory: Jesus! Without Him, all would be lost. Paul devoted much time and effort to teach about our plight before that great war was won, telling us: ***"before Christ came, we were slaves,"*** not to another nation, but ***"to the basic spiritual principles of this world"*** (Galatians 4:3).

At our best, we cherish God's Good News: ***"When the right time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to the law . . . to win freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that God could adopt us as His very own children."*** (Galatians 4:4-5).

Yet it is so easy to fall back into old patterns of living in sin. God's Word instructs: ***"we are all prisoners of sin, and receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ"*** (Galatians 3:22). Only God supplies one ongoing need for us all, life by ***"faith,"*** which ***"comes by hearing, and the hearing by the Word of Christ"*** (Romans 10:17). Jesus teaches us: ***"Whoever is of God hears the words of God"*** (John 8:47). Let that sink in.

Only by God's Son do we conquer our foes: sin, death and Satan. They killed but could not keep Him dead. Jesus, very much alive, risen from the dead, is God's greatest ongoing gift to us. By staying apart from Him, we deny both gift and victory, opting for a slavery unto death, remaining still in our sins! Echoing St. Paul, I ask you: ***"Now that you know God, why do you wish go back again and become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual principles of this world?"*** (Galatians 4:9).

Fellow Christians, with Apostle Paul I say to you: ***"Brothers and sisters, I plead with you to live in freedom from such things. For God has called us to live in freedom. But do not use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature."*** If your life current path in life is leading away from Christ and His Church we warn: ***"You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the truth? It certainly is not God, for He is the One who has called you to freedom"*** (Galatians 4:12-13; 5:7-8).

My prayer for you is this: ***"Now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, continue to follow Him."*** ***"Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God"*** (Colossians 2:6; 1 Peter 2:16). Live in God who is faithful; He keeps His pledge to bless you as you come to Him in Jesus!

**Living by faith in Jesus, who secures our true liberty to eternal life, Pastor Kramp**

## St. John and Trinity on Facebook

### **Our Weekly Sunday Worship Services are broadcast on Facebook & Youtube:**

Tune in to Sunday Services broadcast online from the sanctuary at St. John, Hillsboro, on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnhillsboro/> or on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLPIyYS8NIJFJW2qbMEIa3Q/videos>.

**Thank you to** St. John church trustee Randy Rust for procuring and installing, with help from Richard Schlichtmann, equipment to make possible live-streaming of Services at St. John. This will be invaluable for a number of our members who have health issues keeping them for now from gathering with us in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

***Help is sought with this ongoing ministry. If you would be willing to assist with airing of Services, please speak with Randy about this.***

**Thanks also** to Stacey Riemer and Ginger Kramp for their periodic posts to Trinity/St. John Parish Facebook page. Visit and **Like** the Facebook Page and spread the word.

### **OTHER PROGRAMS AND DEVOTIONS**

**Issues, Etc.** offers weekly syndicated radio talk shows and podcasts. Programs feature expert guests, many topics, and extol Christ, hosted by LC-MS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Jeff Schwarz. Tune in via their website: <https://www.issuesetc.org/>

LCMS media ministry **KFUO Radio** shares Christ for you via chapel services, Bible studies, talk programs and sacred music. Programs are on demand at [www.KFUO.org](http://www.KFUO.org) or **@KFUOradio** on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Daily Chapel is weekdays at 10 a.m. CT. Studies are aired on Sharper Iron, weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT, and on Thy Strong Word, weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT.

**The LCMS offers daily devotions at 9 a.m.:** [www.facebook.com/TheLCMS/](http://www.facebook.com/TheLCMS/) Archived video devotions led by Synod President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, First Vice-President Rev. Peter Lange, and LCMS Director of Worship, the Rev. Sean Daenzer, may be seen at: [www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDu0iVoFL\\_d4xe2e-Mwyoxh-rR\\_hYiKXw](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDu0iVoFL_d4xe2e-Mwyoxh-rR_hYiKXw)

### **RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:**



Christ instituted His holy Supper for His disciples' comfort and strengthening in Christian faith, and in body and soul. Holy Communion is observed in Divine Services the Second and Fourth weeks of the month. **St. John and Trinity members who wish to receive the Lord's Supper at other times or at home may call Pastor Kramp at: (701) 430-7117. Pastor will gladly arrange with you to receive the Lord's Supper.**



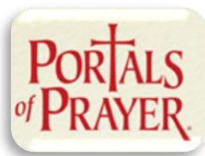
**Pastor Allen and Ginger will be on vacation July 13 to August 4.** If need for pastoral care arise during that time, please call Pastor Leo Deitemeyer at: (952) 456-1728 [cell], or at: (218) 779-5620 [office at First American Lutheran Church, Mayville]. **If an emergency arises, please call or text message Pastor Kramp at: (701) 430-7117.**

### **Church Offerings –**

For any currently unable to gather with us for worship in our church buildings, offerings may be sent electronically or by mail. Even as we practice social distancing, let us give the first-fruits of the Lord's giving to us by our offerings.

**Offerings to Trinity** can be mailed, addressed as follows: Attention Treasurer, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 128<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Hope ND 58046.

**Offerings to St. John** can be mailed to the attention of Financial Secretary, Nicole Haffely at: St. John Lutheran Church, PO Box 99, Hillsboro, ND 58045. Or you may drop off your offering in an envelope to Nicole's attention at the drive-up window of Goose River Bank on Caledonia Ave. in Hillsboro.



**The July-September issue is now out.** Pick up your copy from the table in the narthex at St. John or from the table at the back of the sanctuary at Trinity. Thank you to those who faithfully contribute to covering the subscription price.

### **DISTRICT LWML NEWS –**



**Though our District LWML Convention was cancelled due to health concerns related to the Coronavirus,** voting will occur for various District LWML officers. Once the information is received, the ladies of Trinity LWML and St. John LWML will be asked to vote for the nominees.

### **NEW FLOORING AT TRINITY –**

New flooring will soon be installed throughout most of the building, replacing the 50+ year old flooring. This project will require many helpers, removing pews ahead of flooring installation then re-installed after the flooring is in. The Sunday School rooms will also need to be emptied at one point, then items later put back in place. Worship one Thursday in July will likely be cancelled because of all the work then in progress.

**Thank you to all who have contributed monies toward floor replacement. Contributions received now exceed \$14,000.**

## JULY BIRTHDAYS –

- 1 Atticus Gietzen
- 1 Angie Hamre
- 1 Dylan Kolrud
- 2 Amy Steinke
- 2 Kyle Stern
- 2 Brad Weerts
- 3 Andrew Henn
- 4 Andrew Grothmann
- 6 Janet Bohnsack
- 6 Daniel Manthey
- 6 Lee Schlichtmann
- 8 Keith Flaten
- 9 Tammy Sand
- 9 Jon Willison
- 10 Brice Willison
- 12 Richard Schlichtmann
- 13 Krista Madsen
- 13 Thomas Madsen
- 16 Nicole Gietzen
- 18 David Meyer
- 19 Madison Sand
- 20 Camissa Johnson
- 21 Colton Stuart
- 21 Jennifer Willison
- 22 Jan Anderson
- 22 Lisa Johnson
- 24 Clark Lemley
- 24 Randy Rust
- 28 Mya Oelrich
- 28 Elissa Riemer
- 29 Kallyn Gettel
- 30 Tanya Kolrud
- 31 Deb Kroeplin

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES –

- 1 Bryan & Stephanie Hall
- 1 Jim & Ruth Johnson
- 7 Keith & Susan Flaten
- 12 Wayne & Betty Manthey

## MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH Programming for July 2020:

- **July 5:** Rev. Brian Shane, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND. This is the Life: “*The Reluctant Witness.*” An angler’s well-planned fishing trip is interrupted when he becomes a witness to crime and struggles with the aftermath.
- **July 12:** Rev. Matthew Meyer, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Callaway, MN. This is the Life: “*Harriett’s Wedding Day.*” Storm before calm: a groom nearly cancels wedding plans due to fear of the unknown.
- **July 19:** Rev. Robert Hill, St, Paul Lutheran Church, Wimbledon, ND. This is the Life: “*Small Town Tragedy - Justice or mercy?*” Tragedy results in a loving father holding a grudge rather than forgiving as our Father has forgiven us.
- **July 26:** Rev. Ross Fritz, Grace Lutheran Church, Breckenridge, MN. This is the Life: “*Spite!*” Grudges prove destructive but forgiveness allows people to move forward.

“MAIN STREET LIVING,” a locally-produced TV program, includes a 30-minute worship service led by pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, followed by a 30-minute presentation of “This Is The Life.”

Programs are aired Sundays at 9 a.m. on Fox station: KVRR Fargo-Moorhead. Or view MSLN programs at: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and click on the box “North (Fargo).”



**North Dakota District LCMS  
Message in the Pew  
June 2020**



Orphan Grain Train (OGT) is a humanitarian organization that packs and distributes donations to those in need. Donations includes quilts, clothing, medical and school supplies, items for newborns, hygiene items and much more. Furniture is accepted to be used in the local community. OGT also accepts monetary donations. Container shipping costs vary from \$6,000-\$10,000. A shipment was sent to Moldova in May and a shipment is planned to Liberia that will include bikes, desks, schoolbooks, devotional, Sunday School and VBS materials, along with other items. Regular groups of volunteers meet from 9-noon Monday and Saturday mornings at the Jamestown warehouse to accept, sort and pack donations. Volunteer groups are always welcome! OGT is very thankful for all that God has provided to OGT.

Your prayers and support for this mission are greatly appreciated. For more information, please call Sue Corwin at 701-320-3259. The mailing address is Orphan Grain Train, PO Box 1456, Jamestown ND 58402-1546.

**Congregations' Status**

St. Peter, Belfield and Redeemer, Grassy Butte: vacancy (served by Rev. Anthony Ahrendt and Rev. Michael Wolters)

Peace, Barney and Trinity, Great Bend: Pastor-elect Brock Schmeling to serve. Installation TBA. (served by Rev. Matthew Tooman).

Zion, Claire City and Zion, Brown Valley, MN: Pastor-elect Nathanael Biberdorf to serve. Installation TBA. (served by MN North District.)

Trinity, Tolley: vacancy (served by Rev. Joel Brandvold.)

Our Savior, Minot: Pastor-elect Brian Doel to serve as Associate Pastor. Installation June 14.

Bethel and Shepherd of the Valley, Bismarck: Pastor-elect Justin Woodside to serve as Assisting Pastor. Installation TBA.

Zion, Bismarck: Vicar-elect Benjamin Ramthun to serve.

*Your servant in Christ,  
ND District President  
Rev. Arie Bertsch*

**Pastors and DCE'S**

Rev. Michael Giddings, Crosspointe, Fargo, has returned a call to the South Dakota District as the Missionary-At-Large and Chaplain at Sioux Falls Lutheran School.

**NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS  
Financial Information  
May 2020**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Congregational Mission Giving	\$76,826.14
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(26,889.15)
Other Gifts	1,045.47
<b>Total left for District Missions, Expenses</b>	<b>\$50,982.46</b>

<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$11,602.37
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	31,560.01
1-1-1 Mission Giving	(1,083.78)
Current gifts given for these missions	(1,836.00)
International Missions	
Christ's Care for Children - Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$25,000)	\$0.00

(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)

<b>Net Expenses</b>	<b>\$40,041.55</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME FOR MAY</b>	<b>\$10,940.91</b>
Funds Given in the Past used for Current Expenses	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>YTD NET LOSS</b>	<b>(\$9,326.61)</b>

Congregational giving was average for May. Expenses are still down, so we were able to gain ground on the YTD deficit. Summer typically means less giving and on top of a pandemic we 'numbers people' worry. If your congregation does not already participate in an online giving program and would like to, please consider LCEF's Joyful Response which is provided at no cost to your congregation.

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our international missions are sent on at the end of each fiscal quarter. Those amounts are not included in income or expense totals. YTD designated gifts for international missions as of April 30, 2020:

Christ's Care for Children - Kenya	\$1,341.00
Chile Partnership	\$2,366.00

Please contact Tami Ulland at [lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com](mailto:lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com) or call 701-293-9001 if you have more questions.

*Please pray for your church, our ND District and international missions. Support as you are able with monetary donations.*

UPDATES: Brock Schmeling Ordination & Installation, July 5<sup>th</sup>, at 4 pm. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend, ND. Nathanael Biberdorf Ordination & Installation July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. at Zion Lutheran Church (Claire City), 45697 101st. St., New Effington, SD 57255. Rev. Joel Brandvold Installation as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Tolley, ND, July 12 at 10 am. Justin Woodside Ordination & Installation as pastor of Bethel & Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran , Bismarck, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran, 615 E. Turnpike Ave., Bismarck, ND 58501.

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

Our Weeks to Deliver Meals in July & August:

July 20 – July 24

August 17 – August 21

Email the office: [trinitystjohn@outlook.com](mailto:trinitystjohn@outlook.com) or call Stacey at 701-430-1500 if you can help with meal deliveries. It takes about an hour of your time and starts at 11 am.

St. John & Trinity Lutheran Churches  
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JULY 2020

Worship at St. John, Hillsboro on Sundays at 10:30 am  
Worship at Trinity, Hope on Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Services recorded and played Sunday

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnhillsboro/>

<https://www.youtube.com/>

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