

August Birthdays

- 3 Ashton Schulz
- 3 Elizabeth Steffenson
- 4 Emily Dahlheim
- 4 Hugh Gibson
- 4 Logan Woehnker
- 6 Marilyn Benting
- 9 Finnegan Anderson
- 9 Hadley Anderson
- 10 JoAnn Hansen
- 12 Kelly Lillemoen
- 15 Carissa Elmstrand
- 17 Jacob Kusske
- 18 Kay Nastrom
- 23 Owen Maikkula
- 24 Megan Crist
- 25 Jessica Kalisch
- 26 Derrick Kuester
- 26 Mary Stamm
- 29 Tim Anderson
- 30 Jan Elder
- 31 Irene Bjorklund



August Anniversaries

- 2 Dan and Diane Solbrack
- 3 David and Kay Nastrom
- 4 Dave and Pat Jaeger
- 18 Eric and Beth Maikkula
- 21 Dick and Elly Reichle



Please inform Denice of any additions or corrections. Thank you!

Sunday Offerings	June	July-to-date	Year-to-Date
Income	19,802.75	18,056.90	146,684.71
Expenses	17,020.70	21,728.07	153,593.84
(+over/-under)	+2782.05	-3671.17	-6909.13

10% of each month's offerings is sent to the MN North District for our mission pledge.

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830AM Radio Sundays 6:05 a.m.
XM Satellite Radio XM170 Family Talk
 Sundays at Noon
Internet: www.lutheranhour.org or
 www.lutheranhour.org/AFN

August 4 "Live Life, Traveling Well"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
 August Archives - God's Word guides us along life's journey, where Christ is the Way and heaven our destination. We revisit a classic message from former Speaker, Dr. Gregory Seltz. (1 Peter 1:17-25)

August 11 "How to Pray"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann
 August Archives - Prayer flows from faith in Christ and the Holy Spirit helps us when we don't know how to pray. A classic message from former Speaker, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. (Romans 8:26)

August 18 "TBD"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Wallace Schulz
 August Archives

August 25 "TBD"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer
 August Archives

ATTENDANCE	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Total
June 30	23	60 (est.)	83
July 7	23	83 (est.)	106
July 14	29	65	94
July 21	30	45 (est.)	75



Joyful Noise

August 2019

Worship Schedule
 8:00 a.m. Traditional Service
 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Adult Bible Class continues through the summer, 9:15 a.m.

Children's Sunday School will resume September 8.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 5—8 (M-Th)

6—8:15 p.m.



This superhero adventure experience will include music that will energize your ears, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, delicious snacks, great games, and more!!!!

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Pastor's Letter

As you read this the 67th Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has just come to a close. From July 20-25, pastoral and lay delegates gathered in Tampa, Florida to worship, vote, and enjoy the natural sauna that is Florida in the summer. While the Synod provides livestreams of the convention and daily updates on their website, I very much doubt that anyone reading this ever woke up with a burning desire to go online and read the daily convention minutes.

If you're like most people in the LCMS, you probably don't think about the Synod all that often. Simply put, the Synod can often feel pretty removed from the day-to-day life of the church. What does a meeting in Tampa, FL have to do with outreach in Cambridge/Isanti, MN? Why concern yourself with decisions made in St. Louis, MO (where the LCMS is headquartered) when you're concerned about the faith of your kids or grandkids? In this day and age where it seems there are independent, nondenominational churches on every corner, why care about the Synod? After all, ministry isn't done at a national level but at an individual level, by inviting a friend to church or praying for a neighbor experiencing a hard time.

While the Synod may often feel far removed from our day-to-day life, it actually is a great gift to the life of the church. According to the Constitution of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the Synod was formed for two reasons: 1) The example of the apostolic church in Acts 15:1-31; 2) Our Lord's will that the diversities of gifts should be for the common profit (1 Corinthians 12:4-31). To that end, the churches in our Synod band together so we may promote the faith, stand united against false teachings, strengthen congregations and their members, train church workers, provide opportunities to meet human needs, establish schools, promote unity, supervise church workers, protect congregations, and care for the welfare of one another.

The Synod may seem far off, but time and time again Joy benefits from what God's people can do when working together. We see it when the Women of Joy meet for their LWML meetings, we see it when we do a remodeling project and receive a loan from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), we see it when books and church materials are bought from Concordia Publishing House, we see it when vacancy pastors come and when new pastors are called, and I could go on and on and on. Today the LCMS consists of about six thousands congregations and just under two million members. Together we work to share one another's burdens, to support one another, and to spread the good news of forgiveness in Christ. What a joy for us to work together for the sake of the Gospel.

Pastor Daniel

WHO AM I LORD, WHY AM I HERE?

Written by Warren Kamps while in Arizona last winter

**Most of us present, were born several decades ago,
And we admit, we don't remember a thing.
As we grew older, and reached the age of three, four or five,
We began to realize, life was beginning.
We knew we had the smarts; we felt the beat;
Thought we could dance, and maybe just maybe even sing.
There were no thoughts, about who we were, and why we were here.
During the ages of five through ten, we didn't really know why,
But, the boys started thinking about girls,
And the girls started thinking about guys,
Possibly, only then, we started to wonder,
Who am I Lord? Why am I here?
Upon becoming teenagers, we knew we were much wiser.
Why? Because, we learned about the birds and the bees.
Maybe only then, we thought about asking,
Who am I Lord? Why am I here?
We graduated from schools; got a job;
Found our spouse; started a home and a family.
Many years have passed, from then until now,
More wiser than our kids will ever be,
Only, our body seems to need more care,
So we have started to ask;
How do I prepare, when You want to call me home?
And, by the way, when I leave,
Will there be sadness, or will there a party be?
We've had a great life, most of the time.
Happiness and sorrow have been the norm.
When friends and family get to go home,
We sometimes again ask.
Who am I Lord? Why am I here?
When I go home, how will I leave?
When all of us do, get to go home, According to His word,
It will be only, a short nap.
For when we awake, on that day He returns,
We will know,
Why? Because, He will tell us,
Who we were, and why we were here.**