

August Birthdays

- 3 Ashton Schulz
- 3 Elizabeth Steffenson
- 4 Emily Dahlheim
- 4 Hugh Gibson
- 4 Logan Woehner
- 5 Isla Anderson
- 9 Hadley Anderson
- 9 Finnegan Anderson
- 10 Oliver Elmstrand
- 10 JoAnn Hansen
- 12 Kelly Lillemoen
- 15 Carissa Elmstrand
- 23 Owen Maikkula
- 25 Heidi Mork
- 26 Mary Stamm
- 30 Jan Elder
- 31 Irene Bjorklund



August Anniversaries

- 2 Dan and Diane Solbrack
- 4 Dave and Pat Jaeger
- 18 Eric and Beth Maikkula
- 21 Dick and Elly Reichle
- 24 Nathan Moehnke and Suzy Sullivan



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

Sunday Offerings	July 2021
Envelopes + Basket	*25,100.00
Expenses	16,761.08
(+over/-under)	+8338.92

* Includes an annual \$9000.00 contribution.

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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 1 "Blowing in the Wind"
 Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour:
 Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
 "Archives August" begins with a classic message from Pastor Ken Klaus in which he contrasts popularly-held urban legends with the unchanging truth of God's Word. (Ephesians 4:14-16)

August 8 "Seeing The Savior Sore"
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer
 "Archives August". Jesus got upset when religious people got in the way of those He wanted to reach. (Ephesians 4:26)

August 15 "A Sunny Place for Shady People"
 Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann
 "Archives August". The life of a notorious saint shows how the grace of God makes the Church a sunny place for shady people. (Ephesians 5:8)

August 22 "Ephesians 5"
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer
 "Archives August" (Ephesians 5)

August 29 "Use What You've Been Given"
 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
 "Archives August" (Ephesians 6:10-17)

ATTENDANCE	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
July 4	One 9 a.m. service	66
July 11	24	50
July 18	40	36
July 25	30	45



August 2021
Worship Schedule
 8 a.m. Traditional Service
 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Pastor Daniel and Ellie will be on vacation through August 9.

 For emergency pastoral care, please contact an Elder.

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VOTERS' MEETING
 One item on the agenda

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15
 Between services

(Alternate date: August 22)

Joy Lutheran Church

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 Website: www.joylutheran.net

Church office hours: M—F
 8:15 a.m.—3:45 p.m.
 (Closed Noon—1 p.m.)

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Pastor's Letter

For something a little different this month, I would like to share with you all a little bit of a personal update. Over the past year I have had the opportunity to take several classes at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis as I work towards a Master of Sacred Theology (STM) degree. The STM degree is an advanced studies degree for pastors who already have a Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree and are seeking to do further work. One of the joys of taking classes while being a pastor is that I have the incredible opportunity to apply what I am learning immediately in sermon writing, Bible studies, and one-on-one conversations. Since I don't always get to share when and how I'm doing that, however, I wanted to take a moment to share with you a little bit about the three classes that have been filling my spare time since January.

One class I have been taking is entitled, "Theology after the Death of God." That class name may sound a little strange—after all, we believe that God is very much alive!—but the course title actually captures the world we live in very well. We live in a culture that doesn't always see much use for religion in general or Christianity in particular. For most people, God is dead in the sense that God doesn't play a role in shaping their lives or beliefs. We can see this trend, for example, in falling church attendance and how more and more people are claiming to be religious unaffiliated. God, for most people, has become irrelevant. For us as Christians, this means that the society to which we are sent to proclaim the Gospel has completely changed; we can't just assume that people believe in God anymore or know the Bible. This class has helped to highlight this trend in culture and how pastors and theologians can do a better job of confessing the Gospel in a world which seemingly doesn't think it has much need for God, let alone a Savior.

A second class I have been taking is entitled, "Work & Art." Our focus has been on human activity and how we think about it from a Christian perspective. As you can imagine, this ends up raising a lot of questions for us to talk about. For example: Does our daily work matter and, if so, why? Does our work on earth have any value in the new heavens and the new earth? Culturally, do we overemphasize or underemphasize work and, if so, what would be a better way of talking about work? What is beauty? How does God relate to beauty? Is the creation of art just work or is it something more?

Examining these questions the past several months has been very thought-provoking, especially as we as a church have had lectionary passages that deal with similar topics (for example, just a couple of weeks ago we heard in Mark's Gospel that Jesus took His disciples away to a deserted place to rest from their work. What does this teach us?).

Finally, in addition to those two classes, I had my second class on Theological German this past spring. This was actually the second time I have taken classes on theological German, as I studied German back in seminary as well. However, for the STM program you need to have taken German in the past 5 years and my seminary German class was 6 years ago, so I got to take it again. The point of this class was to learn to translate German for research purposes. As you can imagine, with Martin Luther and the first Lutherans being Germans, most documents during the Reformation were written in German (and/or Latin). Likewise, during the 20th century some of the most famous Lutheran theologians spoke and wrote in German. Even in the LCMS, many of our textbooks from just 100 years ago were originally written in German. The goal of this class was to enable us to read and translate these theological works so we could make use of them for further research and study.

This is just a quick recap of what I have been up to with my classes. If you would ever like to know more about them, I would love to share! (Just make sure you have some time on your hands!) Coming up this Fall I will have a new set of classes beginning. They will be: "Sin & Evil" and "Cosmology." So stay tuned for more on these topics! I'm sure they'll be finding their way into both sermons and Bible studies.

Pastor Daniel



Women's Fellowship

WOMEN OF JOY SUMMER GET-TOGETHER

Thursday, August 12

11 a.m.—1 p.m.

We will meet at church for Bible Study and bring-your-own-lunch.

If it's nice weather, we'll set up outside.

If it's hot or rainy, we'll meet in the church basement.

All are welcome to join us!