

June Birthdays

4 Henry Anderson
 8 Cathy Veidel
 10 Dave Jaeger
 10 Triston Schulz
 12 Amy Anderson
 12 Pastor Daniel Lewis
 15 Sharon Long
 15 Kari Olson
 15 Brayden Spanier
 16 Marcus Bjorklund
 20 Eleanor Dahlheim
 21 Jody Dobe
 21 Dan Solbrack
 23 Beth Maikkula
 23 Oliver Moehnke
 24 Pastor Jacob Gillard
 26 Lillian Olson
 27 Andrew Aljets



June Anniversaries

1 Erik and Carissa Elmstrand
 2 Henry and Kendra Holmes
 11 Warren and Karen Kamps
 14 John and Judy Lundeen
 19 Bruce and JoAnn Gallmeier
 20 Jeff and Kelly Lillemoen
 23 Jim and Karen Long
 24 Don and Cathy Veidel
 29 Mike and Dayla McDonald



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

ATTENDANCE	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Total
MONTH OF MAY			
All services and activities cancelled due to COVID19 pandemic			

\$1333.33 of each month's general fund offering 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

June 7 "An Undeserved Salute"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"Blessing is a condition that's true even if you're not completely conscious of it or even if you don't fully appreciate it. Only God can bless in this sense. Jesus, sitting in God's spot on the mountain, speaks for God as the Son of God and He blesses." (Matthew 5:1-16)

June 14 "What You're Getting Into"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Many of us know what it's like to try out for a team, for a role in a play, or first chair in the band. We might have been chosen first. We might have been chosen last. We might not have been chosen at all. We might have been cut. So, how does God choose His team? (Matthew 5:17-20)

June 21 "Powered by Touch"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (Matthew 5:21-32)

June 28 "Practice Makes Perfect"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (Matthew 5)

Sunday Offerings	May 1—29, 2020
Envelopes + Basket	16,851.80
Expenses	*10,549.41
(+over/-under)	+6302.39

***Reminder:** April, May and June mortgage payments were made from a generous donation, salaries have been temporarily cut, a monthly \$434 Laborers for Christ construction fee has been suspended, and communion, office, janitor and kitchen supplies have not needed to be replenished. Normal monthly expenses would be much more than this.



June 2020

Worship Schedule

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1155 Joy Ci
 Cambridge,
 763-689-43
 ptl4joy@ya

Website: wv

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Pastor: Rev.
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Pastor's Letter

How is it June already? That was the question that went through my mind when Denice kindly reminded me (like she needs to every month) that it was time to write another newsletter article.

I don't know about you all, but these past couple of months simultaneously feel like they have lasted forever and like they simply vanished. On one hand, it's now been 2 ½ months since we last had church on March 15th. That feels like forever ago. For much of that time we have also been asked to shelter in place at home. I must admit, the days have begun to drag on and blend together for me when I wake up and go to bed day in and day out without leaving my house. On the other hand, it also feels like the past couple of months have simply disappeared. Everything shut down in the middle of March and our spring routines have been shattered. Mentally, I'm still back in March some days. It feels like we simply hit "pause" on life.

I must also admit to you all that I'm tired. However, I know I'm not alone in feeling tired. Many of you were asked to figure out how to work from home. Many of you were asked to homeschool your kids. Many of you have lost your jobs or seen your salaries reduced. Many of you have canceled vacations. Many of you have missed out on graduation parties, attending weddings, visiting loved ones, birthday celebrations, anniversary traditions, and the list goes on and on and on. The counseling literature these days talks about how we are grieving the disruption to our lives, the disruption of our plans, and the loss of our security and the things we typically take for granted. The same literature also talks about how depression and anxiety have been increasing, along with feelings of loneliness and isolation. Is it any wonder we feel tired?

My encouragement for you this month is that you are not alone. Not only has God promised to be with you—to never leave you nor forsake you (Deuteronomy 31:6)—but God has also blessed us with one another. One of the biggest gifts we have as Christians is the gift of our church community, of our brothers and sisters in the Lord. The Lord gives us one another that we might encourage one another, lift up one another, and remind each other of the promises that He gives to us. We are all in this together and we will all get through this together, not by relying on our own strength, but by relying on the strength that God gives us, both as individuals and as a church family.

As we head into June I do have one prayer request for you all, however. In John 17:21 we hear Jesus pray, saying: "I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one" (NLT). During the month of June, I humbly ask that you would pray for church unity, both at Joy and within the larger Christian community. As churches across the state begin to make plans to reopen their buildings we have begun to see divisions within the Christian community. Some people feel strongly that churches across the state should already be open and never should have closed their buildings to begin with. Other people feel strongly that churches should not even be thinking about reopening their buildings at this point and should be staying closed for the indefinite future. Yet other people fall somewhere between these two opinions. The one thing that has become clear, however, is we'll never have everyone in agreement on what is the best, most loving thing for us to be doing at any given point.

So, with that reality of differing opinions in mind, I ask for your prayers. I ask that you pray that God would grant wisdom to church leadership, both here at Joy and across the state. I ask that you pray that God would grant us all patience and kindness with one other as we navigate these uncharted waters together. I ask that you would pray, like Jesus, that God would make us one during this time.

Pastor Daniel



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