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Words from Pastor Kari's Pen.

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Holy Trinity :

Tuesday-Thursday

1:00 - 4:00 PM.

By appointment

only.

I did not realize how many holidays there are in June.

- National Donut Day
- International Picnic Day (June 18th)
- Summer Solstice.
- Father's Day.
- Holy Trinity Sunday.
- Juneteenth.
- Pride Month.

Just to name a few...

If you go online, you can find any number of things celebrated on each and every day. That isn't even counting the birthdays, anniversaries, and events special to us personally.

It's an awful lot to keep up with. Making sure people, memories, and the things we want to raise awareness for are given due attention. But we forget that in all of the things we lift up as important and worthy of celebration, the thing that we ought to celebrate the most is God's love for us.

Fun fact. The person who presides at communion is called the celebrant. Because The Lord's

supper, the reminder that Jesus died, rose, and ascended into heaven for our salvation is the thing we are to celebrate above all else.

Holidays in general are hard. They impose the expectation that all will participate, all will be happy and that everyone will have a good time. When you come to the table to receive the elements there is no expectation on how you feel. It is both a joyful celebration and somber expression of our reverence for the gift we have been given.

I wonder if you will take this month to ponder a few things. Which holidays and celebrations do you most look forward to? Which (if any) do you find hard? When you come to the communion rail, do you feel joyous or reserved? I don't think there is a right answer. But I think in a month that packs its fair share of celebrations and holidays it is worth learning a bit more about how we celebrate the most important thing in our lives, God's love for us.

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Pastor Kari *"Peace"*
BE WITH YOU!

Cash Dickerson

For those of you who did not know Cash Dickerson passed away just three days away from his 10th birthday on May 28th, 2023. Our Churches have been praying for him for a long time and now he has went home to be in the arms of our Lord and Savior. Please be praying for his Mother and father George and Alisha (Farver) Dickerson. For the death of a child is much more than anyone should have to bare. Sadly many of us from both of our congregations know this all to well.

The following is a post that Pastor Kari made following his celebration of life.

It was a marvelous celebration of life for Cash Dickerson.

A beautiful part was his friends creating bubble wonder at the end.

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you always!" - John 14



2023 St. Andrew's Lutheran Church - Service Helper List

updated 1/21/23

Date	Greeter	Lector	Comm. Asst.	Altar Guild	Candle Lighting
6/4/2023	John & Barb Freeborn	Jessica Winegar	Vicky Bell	Carol Naeseth	Payton Bowlin
6/11/2023	Carol Naeseth	Carol Naeseth			
6/18/2023	Doug & Jaci Bell	Doug Bell			
6/25/2023	Nancy Wright	Nancy Wright			
7/2/2023	Brad & Teri Bowlin	Teri Bowlin	Mike Paulson	Norene Paulson	Charly Fenner
7/9/2023	Mark Bell	Pat Johnson			
7/16/2023	Todd & Melanie Sharp	Jessica Winegar			
7/23/2023	Marcia Goodrich	Carol Naeseth			
7/30/2023	Mark & Amy Collum	Doug Bell			
8/6/2023	Beth, Madie & Charly Fenner	Nancy Wright	Mark Bell	Marlene Sharp	Hannah Neleman
8/13/2023	Sophia & Jacob Bell	Teri Bowlin			
8/20/2023	Stacey Simbro	Pat Johnson			



- Staci Arnold
(June 4th)
- Marcia Waugh
(June 4th)
- Marilyn Terlouw
(June 5th)
- Charly Fenner
(June 9th)
- Barb Freeborn
(June 12th)
- Bill Bennett
(June 14th)
- Mike Paulson
(June 18th)
- Deb Ford
(June 19th)
- Brad Bowlin
(June 22nd)
- Blake Sevenbergen
(June 25th)
- Russ Jones
(June 26th)
- Ruth Elzey
(June 26th)
- Sophie Bell
(June 27th)
- Denny Farland
(June 27th)
- Joan Mason
(June 28th)
- Runa Lee
(June 29th)

God remembers

It is not difficult for me to remember that the little ones need breakfast in the morning, dinner at midday and something before they go to bed at night. Indeed I could not forget it. And I find it impossible to suppose that our heavenly Father is less tender or mindful than I. ... I do not believe that our heavenly Father will ever forget his children. I am a very poor father, but it is not my habit to forget my children. God is a very, very good Father. It is not his habit to forget his children.

—J. Hudson Taylor



SUNDAY MORNING ASSISTANTS

	LITURGIST	READER
06/04/23	Staci Arnold	Staci Arnold
06/11/23	Vicky Bennett	Vicky Bennett
06/18/23	Wes Ranard	Sue Ranard
06/25/23	Devon Wolf	Devon Wolf
	USHERS/GREETERS	ACOLYTES
06/04/23	Keith and Kathy Sevenbergen	Presley Arnold
06/11/23	Bill & Linda Bennett	Runa Lee (Charlie Bennett)
06/18/23	Bret & Linda Pugh	Runa Lee (Devon Wolf)
06/25/23	Dianne Clemon & Marilyn Butler	Runa Lee (Dalton Wolf)

Any questions contact Linda Bennett
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“Thanks so much, Aaron.
A real vote of confidence.”

Bible Quiz

What does God compare to rain “watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater”?

- A. The justice of the nations
- B. The work of God’s people
- C. The message of Isaiah the prophet
- D. God’s word



In May we sent \$884 to the SE Iowa Synod for mission support, representing 10% of our income for the previous month. There were also donations sent of \$370 for World Hunger and \$100 to ELCA Disaster Response.

Our monthly mission emphasis was for the Lutheran Lakeside Camp and there were donations of \$420 in addition to the budgeted funds of \$500.

Next month's mission is going to be for the Newton Community School District Food Service. They collect donations to help families who are unable to pay for school meals. All funds received will go directly to a student's lunch account in need. If you'd like to contribute to this mission, you can note "school



Finding freedom

What does freedom look like to you? In GraceLaced, Ruth Chou Simons lists examples such as running unhindered, viewing a mountaintop overlook and enjoying iced tea with lemon. Because our good, creative God made us each different, our descriptions of freedom vary too. I think of deep breaths, an unhurried pace, genuine smiles, lack of regrets and deep belly laughs.

I love to laugh. Recently, during a demanding season of family celebrations, hardships and surprises, I realized I was laughing less. I felt bound to the next task on my long to-do list, but even good efficiency can shackle our spirits.

A good laugh — beyond a quick chuckle — offers many physical and emotional benefits. According to the Mayo Clinic, laughter relieves stress and pain, boosts the immune system and stimulates organs and endorphins. So today I'm determined to laugh loudly and joyfully while remembering my freedom in Christ.



Seasonal humor

For baseball season:

- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger and bigger. Then it hit me.
- What did the baseball glove say to the ball? "Catch ya later!"
- Why are frogs good baseball players? Because they're good at catching flies.
- Why did Cinderella get kicked off the baseball team? She ran away from the ball.

And for Father's Day, some dad jokes:

- My dream job is to clean mirrors because I can really see myself doing that.
- We're renovating the house. The first floor is going great, but the second floor is another story.

Happy Anniversary

Beccy and Brian Ver Heul
(June 9th)

Pastor Kari and Logan Lee
(June 26th)

A timeless timeline

Explore your history while compiling this family timeline.



What you need:

- Paper
- Clear tape
- Ruler
- Pencil

What you do:

1. Tape together at least 3 sheets of paper horizontally.
2. Draw a straight line across the center of the long paper. Label dates at regular intervals to keep the information organized. For example, each page you add could represent 10 years.
3. Gather information for the timeline. Start with your birth year and memorable events in your life. Interview family members to learn what year they were born and when key things in their life happened. Include notes and photos.
4. Add pages as needed. Carefully roll up the timeline to keep for generations to come.

The LORD is good,
A stronghold in the
day of trouble;
And He knows
those who
trust in Him.

Nahum 1:7, NKJV



June 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Father's Day!

At LSI, we strive to empower and celebrate fathers and father figures in every stage of their life. This Father's Day, take some time to celebrate and show appreciation to all the male role models in your life.

Through our Early Childhood Services, we provide fathers with the education and resources they need to become the best parents and caregivers they can be. In our Clinical Services Department, we support fathers and father figures by providing individuals with mental health counseling and the tools they need to create bright futures for their families.

Many Iowa children entering foster care need a positive male role model in their lives. In our Foster Care and Adoption services, we support male individuals through the process of expanding their families, or becoming a new parent altogether.

We are able to provide these services to fathers of young children with the generous support from people like you! Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Providing Support for First-Time Parents

.Brandon and Nevaeh first heard about LSI's Early Childhood services at the hospital, following the birth of their first child. As many first-time

parents, they were looking for support and guidance through this exciting time in their life.

"I'm really glad that we took the leap and chose to participate in LSI's Early Childhood program. This program has taken a lot of stress off of us by providing us with resources that walk us through the developmental process, and to know where our baby is at through each stage," said Brandon.

Brandon and Nevaeh work with Erica, an LSI Family Support Worker in our Early Childhood department. "The home-visits with Erica have been extremely beneficial," expressed Brandon. "The resources and educational materials she provides us help us to understand the developmental milestones that we should be expecting at every stage of our child's life."

"Our baby is 10 months old now, and we are still learning a lot through LSI's Early Childhood program. Having support groups and people that you can reach out to with questions is essential," said Brandon. "To any first-time parents, I'd definitely recommend LSI's Early Childhood program."


Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.





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Worship Times are as follows.

9:00 am

St. Andrew's Worship

10:00 am

Fellowship & Sunday School

@ St. Andrew's 10:30 am

Holy Trinity Worship

10:30 am

Fellowship @ Holy Trinity

11:30 am.

*How can we be
praying
for you?*