



*From the
Pastor's
Desk*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is a story about lost luggage, but not only about lost luggage.

In the past few days, I had to catch up on a lot of email, and one of the articles I read was by former Synodical President Gerry Kieschnick. In his most recent article, he was commenting on missed connections at the airport. I have been in his position before. One time I had one flight changed 3 different times before I finally got home.

But this time it was different, it was lost luggage. Airlines don't like to use that term, delayed is the one they would use. Needless to say, we found ourselves not getting all our luggage back on our recent trip. It was mostly small bags, but unfortunately three of the casualties were the grandchildren's two car seats, and my main bag. Thankfully I found my medicines, but Donna did not have all of hers, and I had no changes of clothing and limited toiletries. We also did not get out of the airport till late, and it also meant an extra trip to the airport to retrieve the bags the next night. Only one flight a day came in from Montreal.

One simple thing such as a missing bag, upends your life so much.

Lost baggage. Now let's talk about something else that very often gets lost, souls. We don't often talk about lost souls. It seems that we don't care much about them, or do we? We say we care about them, but how often do we pray for them? How often do we reach out to them?

Lost luggage can be replaced. I went to Target the next day and bought my needed supplies of changes of clothes, and toiletries. (Air Canada said they would reimburse me.) So, I was made whole once again.

The problem is when a soul is lost, it can be lost forever.

We don't often talk about this problem, but it is a real problem. Even here in America where we are supposedly a Christian nation, over 50% of the population does not attend church. Now I am not saying that if you don't go to church, you are lost. What I am saying is that not going to church is part of not living out your faith.

I know we live in an age where we are spiritual, but not religious, and believers are not church goers, but how would people know you are Christian if you are not living out your faith? We often forget there is more to being a Christian than just saying we are a Christian. Our soul is part of that. Our soul is that part of God that lives within us and helps us to live our faith and show others what God has done for us.

Three decades ago, there was a program on TV called "Touched by an Angel." The premise was angels sent to earth to help people in trouble. It was a nice program, not very theologically deep. But one thing was very interesting (Roma Downey and husband Mark Burnett, are both Christians) When the angel would come forward and talk to the person they were sent to help, they would say "God loves you." What a comforting message.

Do you know someone that has lost their soul? Do you know someone who may be in danger of losing their soul? Take time to reach out to them and let them know God loves them. He loves them so much he even died for them.

Back in the 70's there was a catch phrase made popular by the United Negro Fund to encourage more black youth to go into higher education. It was "A Mind is a Terrible thing to waste." Of course, in the late 80's this catch phrase got mangled by then Vice President Dan Quayle. But I need to update it for today. You see as much as it is a waste for a mind to be lost as in not used, it is even a bigger waste for a soul to be lost. A soul is a terrible thing to lose, for when you lose a person's soul, they are lost forever.

Remember God loves you. He loves us so much we should want everyone to know this simple truth.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Marshall

OTHER NEWS



Birthdays for the month of July

- 1 Jimmy Herrod
 - 1 Zac Dodge
 - 6 Lilly Kelley
 - 8 Tony Bergeron
 - 9 Mike McKenzie
 - 12 Lura Campbell
 - 12 Suzanne Bergeron
 - 16 Cathy Webb
 - 17 David Gray
 - 19 Evan Wessels
 - 19 Mike Wessels
 - 24 Mitch Wessels
 - 25 Dan Rice
 - 28 John Alexander
 - 29 Jack Thompson
- If we forgot you, we apologize, it means we most likely don't have it. Please see that the office receives it. Thanks*

Perfect Attendance!

Sunday School Attendance for the month of JUNE

- Adults:**
 Tricia Jacobs
 Harold Jacobs
 Karen Witt
 Bill Witt
 Phyllis Dunger



Sunday Average Attendance for June – 36

Sunday Average Attendance online for June– 3

Views
 June Offerings— \$15,257.00

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Kaleigh Frye and Baleigh Crook for having All A's all year and Star Citizens from Brown Elementary, Star City. Kaleigh will go to Star City Middle School next year and Baleigh was promoted to First Grade.



Baptismal Anniversaries for the month of July

- Karen Witt
- JP Dunger
- Harold Jacobs
- Christa Burrer
- Millie Kroll
- Waymond Meins
- Cade Mizell
- Cadyn Mizell
- Jonathan Marshall



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There are books on the table in the Narthex, if you prefer to order through the catalog I will accept those orders and submit them.

Donna

LWML NEWS

MARY GUILD

LWML Mary Guild met on June 1, 2023 with nine members present. Julie Shorts opened the meeting with a devotion, "Surprises." Too many people believe that they can wait until they are old or near death before they answer the call of the Holy Spirit. Their excuses of "I can wait until later," "I am not good enough," and so on are not what Jesus wants to hear from them. The surprise to folks like these is that Jesus tells all people that they can come to him at anytime.

The officers' reports were given. Vice President Julie Shorts responded to a Facebook message that the Casa Women's Shelter is in need of various items such as laundry detergent, towels, hygiene products and other things. The Guild agreed to encourage all to bring these items to church for distribution to Casa. Kaye Meins will apply for a \$250 grant from Thrivent Financial to aid in the purchase of these needed things.

There were no birthdays in the group for June. In July Kaye Meins has the devotion, Karen Witt will give the topic and Phyllis Dunger is hostess. The mission project for July is collecting school supplies for Neighbor to Neighbor.

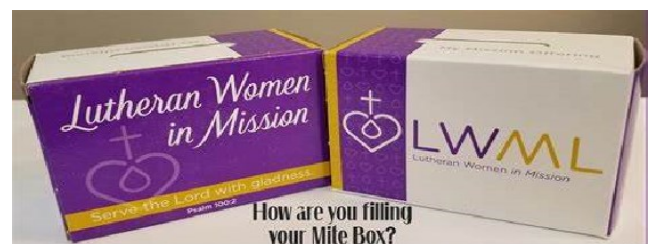
Pat Baughman presented an interesting topic on the history of the Mite Box. The Mite Box is an integral part of the mission work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

JESUS ANSWERED, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, UNLESS A MAN IS BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT, HE CANNOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Submitted by
Kaye Meins



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in
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HAVE AN ENJOYABLE SUMMER!

Grace, mercy, and peace be unto all of you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the Sundays after Pentecost, we rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit who equips His church with the divine power to serve as a light to all nations. .

Rev. Joel Fritsche who has served as rector of seminary El Reformador in the Dominican Republic for the last nine years, has accepted a call to serve on the seminary faculty in St. Louis. Joel and his family have been a great blessing to the Dominican Republic and we will miss them greatly. At the same time we wish Joel the best as he serves at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Well done good and faithful servant!

We give thanks to God for another successful semester at seminary El Reformador. The professors and seminarians put forth a great effort. The faculty is now in the process of planning the upcoming fall academic semester. Thank you for your prayers and support,

Dan and I are in the process of getting our documents ready for our Dominican Republic resident visas. The process seems to be so slow but we need to be patient as the process continues.

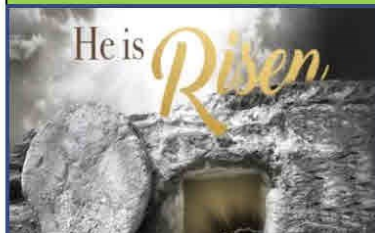
The healing process after Dan's prostate surgery continues. Little by little he is healing and is getting back to his normal routine.

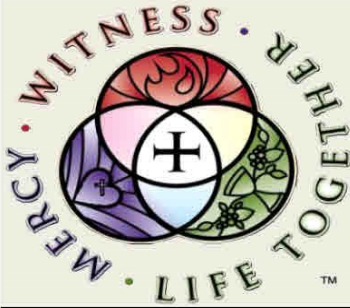
INTERESTING FACTS
ABOUT PA

- + Panama was the first Latin American country to adopt the US dollar.
- + In Panama there are only two seasons: wet and dry.
- + Panama hats do not come from Panama. They come from Ecuador.
- + Panama has more bird species than the entire continental USA.
- + The official language of Panama is Spanish..
- + Panamanian culture has a strong emphasis on family.



Pastor Neftali performing a baptism at Iglesia Luterana San Pablo in Mexico City.





We Pray For

- + The upcoming ordination services of our recent seminary graduates.
- + Our daughter Ana as she begins her career as a medical assistant.
- + The new seminarians who will begin their studies this coming September.
- + The graduation service at Seminario El Reformador.
- + Dan's recovery from his prostrate surgery.

We Give Thanks For

- + The newly ordained Mexican pastors Saul Silva and Job Jimenez.
- + The graduation of Ana from Dorsey college.
- + The generosity of our partners in mission who make the mission in Mexico possible.
- + The professors at our seminaries who mentor the future pastors.

Ana continues with her job as a medical assistant at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI. The office she works in specializes in Oncology/Hematology. She is considering returning to school to become an EMT (emergency medical technician).

We thank God for the mission in Latin America as we build up existing congregations and provide Biblical training for national pastors, deacons, and deaconesses. Prayerfully consider how the Lord may be leading you to support this vital mission. The Lord provides the funding for his mission efforts through the donations of His local churches and its individual members.

Through your financial donations national pastors and deaconess will be formed and mentored that they may spread the Gospel throughout Latin America. Together we partner with God to take the Gospel to the far ends of the earth. We thank you for supporting the mission in Latin America. God's richest blessings this Easter season!



I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3)

Soli Deo Gloria
Daniel, Kathy, and Ana



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Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

B J K Q X Z

B W J I T J H Q H O B L Z D G B O O K
D K F Q R O M T B H J O B S Q E X Z T
O K X W J H O B M I Z T I J S D Q K U
E W X B H E Q N I T K I S I Z N Y O U
R P J Z O W B E Q R T O A X C Z T X J

DO NOT _____

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV

JULY 2023

	Elder	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Greeters	Flowers by...	Counters
SUN 2	Waymond Meins Steve Lochmann	Jimmy Herrod Waymond Meins	Erin Foster			Phyllis & J.P. Dunger "In memory of loved ones"	Judy Clinton Julie Shorts Sharon Calabretta
SUN 9	Don Richter Waymond Meins	Steve Lochmann Jimmy Herrod	Steve Shorts			Lura Campbell "In honor of Birthdays for Tony Bergeron, Suzanne Bergeron and Lura Campbell"	Phillip & Amanda Dunger
SUN 16	Steve Shorts Don Richter	Robert Floyd Jimmy Herrod	Robert Floyd			Steve & Julie Shorts "In memory of Ginny DeLuca"	Tricia Jacobs Cherrie Bradley Lynne Russell
SUN 23	Bill Witt Steve Shorts	Jimmy Herrod John Alexander	Cherrie Bradley			Judy & Rachel Clinton "In memory of Ray"	Joyce Anne Green Charleen Weathers
SUN 30	Phillip Dunger Bill Witt	Steve Lochmann Steve Shorts	Steve Lochmann			Don Puddephatt "In memory of Susan"	Tricia Jacobs Cherrie Bradley Lynne Russell

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Service Attendants

Altar Care: Kaye Meins & Phyllis Dunger

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 12:00 Elder's Meeting 12:00 July 4th Potluck 12:00 - 3:00 Blood Drive Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	3	4 Independence Day	5	6 10:00 Adult Bible Study 1:00 Mary Guild	7	8
9 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 5:00 Pastor Preaches in Crossset Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	10	11	12	13 10:00 Adult Bible Study	14	15
16 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 12:00 Council Meeting Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	17	18 9:30 P.B.Q.G. Business Meeting	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 10:00 Adult Bible Study	21	22
23 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 5:00 Pastor Preaches in Crossset Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	24 9:30 P.B.Q.G. Sewing Day	25 9:30 P.B.Q.G. Sewing Day	26 10:00 Newsletter Committee	27 10:00 Adult Bible Study	28	29
30 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	31					

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