

The Parish Voice

St. Thomas Lutheran Church — Streetsboro, Ohio

July 2022



As we move into the summer months, we often find ourselves with different daily and weekly routines. If you still have school-aged children, you need to find ways for them to be cared for and occupied — concerns you don't have during the school year. If the company you work for is in a seasonal business, you have routines at work that are quite different — you may be much busier because it is summertime, or less busy if your work is geared toward winter activities or sales. The sun rises earlier and sets later, so there is more daily to fill with activity.

Of course, there is the issue of summer vacations, which has been the norm for all kinds of families for decades. Whether its time spent at the seashore or a lake, or sightseeing all over this great land, summertime finds Americans away from their usual residences. Even during the workweek, the allure is to use evenings and weekends for golfing, swimming, hiking, biking, and a whole host of other pleasurable activities.

We may decide also to put our spiritual life in “sleep mode.” Worship attendance becomes not quite so mandatory (especially if it's hot and we know that there won't be AC working in the sanctuary). Groups often take a hiatus from monthly meetings. Even our devotional life can be placed on a lower priority shelf.

Here's a few things to keep in mind.

We should actually increase our attention to some matters, especially if our calendars seem to have more free time. Check to see if help is needed with projects around the building. Our Properties Board usually has a number of tasks in mind; maybe one fits your expertise. Robin Hoffman and Diane Lee are in the building every Thursday with some project that involves cleaning, straightening, or collecting things. Maybe you could help. Are there things going on in the greater Streetsboro community? Might they need some volunteers? Check the local papers.

You cannot view your participation in worship and sharing in the Eucharist as options. I recognize that every Sunday you do have many options — stay in bed; read the newspaper; head for the golf course; drive to the pool; take the kids to soccer, softball, baseball, or tennis games; go fishing; do some gardening; and possibly several hundred other activities. Those are options. Worship of God is central to the Christian life. The Eucharist is at the core of how we encounter God. To go without these critical components would be akin to going without water for days on end: you cannot survive.

So, enjoy the season, but not at the expense of your spiritual life. The “here and now” must always yield way to that which leads to the eternal.

Our Worship This Month



July 3 Pentecost IV

Sermon: *"Restoration"*

Texts: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10,13-15; Psalm 66; Galatians 2:15-21;
Luke 7:36-8:3

Is there a great sin in your life? Understand how God works through these breaks in our relationship with Him to restore us.



July 10 — Pentecost V

Sermon: *"Reaction"*

Texts: Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 41; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

How do you react to the power of God working in your life? Can that be turned into ministry?



July 17 — Pentecost VI

Sermon: *"Call & Commitment"*

Texts: 1 Kings 19:9b-21; Psalm 15; Galatians 5:1,13-25; Luke 9:51-62

God's call may seem hard, even harsh. What is being asked of us? How do we commit?



July 24 — Pentecost VII

Sermon: *"Marching Orders"*

Texts: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 138; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11,16-20

Jesus sent forth His disciples for serious business. Are we also to take seriously Kingdom work?



July 31 — Pentecost VIII

Sermon: *"Right Answer! Right Understanding?"*

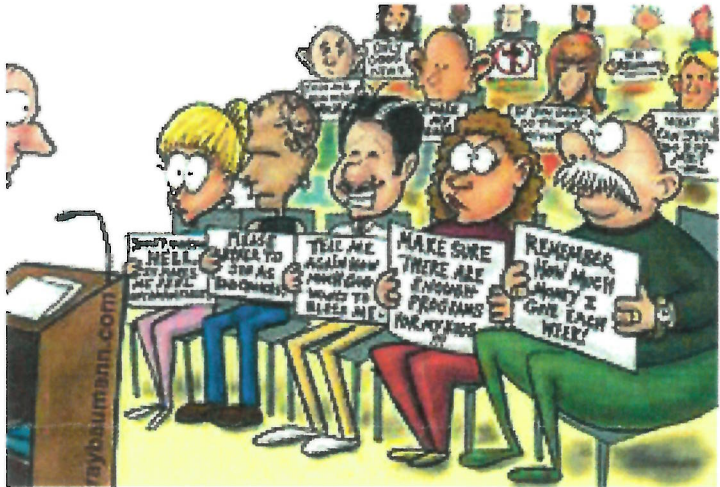
Texts: Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 49; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

The man who first heard the parable of the Good Samaritan from Jesus had right answers; did he (and do we) have right understanding?



**PASTORAL
SEARCH COMMITTEE**

We are kind of back to “square one” in our calling process. Of the many names provided by the English and Ohio Districts to St. Thomas, Streetsboro and Christ, Mantua for potential calls, there are none that either fit our criteria or expressed a willingness to continue discussions. The Districts have provided the two Call Committees with a new list of potential candidates, so the process of sorting through the Personal Information Forms is renewed, followed by screening which candidates seem to be good “fits” for our two congregations’ needs, contacting those candidates, and seeking interviews, etc. As this process moves along, continue in prayer for our Call Committee: Gilbert Ayers, Robin Hoffman, Guy Jeanblanc, and Diane Pensin and the Call Committee at Christ Lutheran.



Pastor Just will be completing the Bible Study on St. Paul’s Letter to the Church at Philippi by July 3 or 10. He is looking to see which topic and/or book of the Bible to tackle next, but will not begin a new study until September. If you have suggestions of a topic or a book of the Bible you would be interested in studying, send Pastor an email to let him know (please don’t just mention it on your way out of church after worship; he is bound to forget). Watch the August newsletter for announcement of what the next study will be.



The English District met in convention on June 20 to 22 in Ann Arbor, Michigan on the campus of Concordia University. In addition to elections for the offices of President/Bishop (Bishop Jamison Hardy was re-elected), District Vice-Presidents (Rev. Jeffery Miskus, continues as our Lake Erie

Region VP), Circuit Visitors (Rev. Jonathan McCall re-elected for our Cleveland-Akron Circuit), and the various Boards and Committees of the District (Pastor Just continues on the Ministerial Health Commission), we received reports from several committees, boards and commissions. The Convention voted on several topics of interest to our church and its impact the community, including some stances we invite the LC-MS to take on topics like end-of-life issues, outreach ministries, relations with Lutherans in other nations, and the like. Since this report is written just the day after the Convention closed, our next newsletter will include a more detailed report.



Just in case Pastor Just gets a little boring, I’m prepared to listen.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Group has started up again. We will be meeting on Saturday, July 9 at 10:00 a.m. We are reading the book "Grace" by Max Lucado and will be reading Chapter 4 and discussing the questions at the end of the book. Any questions please see Joyce Torres or Marla Manijak.

SERVICE PROJECTS

The first is to help those in Haiti with all their needs after the earthquakes and for the refugees from Ukraine. Monetary donations are being accepted with checks made out to the church. They will be given to the Lutheran Missions Ministry. Thank you for your support!

The second one is our Streetsboro Community Pantry who will also be our 5th Sunday recipient. They are always in need of food and monetary donations. Please bring your items to the church any Sunday. Thank you for your generous giving heart!

Church Council will be meeting July 17th after the worship service. If there is anything you would like the Council to discuss please let one of these members know...Steve Hlava, Jim Doerfler, Deb Wolff, Joyce Torres, Diane Lee, Del Groff, Marla Manijak or Pastor Just.

Please check our church website www.stthomasstreetsboro.com Also Check out our Facebook page. You will find our worship services and bulletins each week on the page.

Contact Person: Please call Pastor Just at 216-789-6688 or Council President Steve Hlava at 330 422-1959 for any emergencies or questions. Pastor Just is in the office on Thursdays from 8:00-4:00. Please call ahead to make sure he is there.

CHURCH FINANCES

Please continue to remember your church each month. Our expenses are still here and we could use your help in keeping up with these expenses. Thank you! You can send your offering to P.O. Box 2247.

TREASURERS REPORT - Month of May 2022

| | Current Month: | Current YTD | Prior YTD: |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| TOTAL INCOME - General Fund Only | 4822.02 | 27377.74 | 24016.58 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE - General Fund Only | 3610.28 | 25207.29 | 26093.70 |
| NET GAIN (LOSS) | 1211.74 | 2170.45 | (2077.12) |
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| TOTAL INCOME - Special Funds (See Below) | 96.00 | 425.84 | 5814.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE- Special Funds (See Below) | 48.22 | 386.39 | 239.85 |
| NET GAIN (LOSS) | 47.78 | 39.45 | 5574.15 |
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| Average General Fund Income Per Week | 964.40 | 1244.44 | 1091.66 |
| Amount needed to meet expense budget - per week | <u>1229.52</u> | | |

Special Funds Include:

Special Building/Property, Pastor's Second Chance, Memorial Gifts, New Building, Lutheran Women's Group, 5th Sunday Benevolence

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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| Ayer Family | Aggie Blankenship | Bill & Sharon Crile | Carol Earle |
| Corey Hautmann | Linda Hautmann | Palagia Hlava | Lorene Kozar |
| Becky Larkins & Holly | Ken Nicely Jr family | Stephen Nicely | Carol Poston |
| Heather Poston | Rory Wolff | David Adkins | Alexa |
| Diane Altier | Chip Black | Peggy Bower | Patty Bowman |
| Carl | Russ & Lana Carnes | Leona Corban | Victoria Crawford |
| Dan Erlandson | George Foerster | Christine Frank | Ava Gillum |
| Nancy Granville | Mary Hardesty | Charles Hovanetz | Debbie Hovanetz |
| Janice | Lexi | Steve Mamber | Frank Manijak |
| Joe Manijak | Amanda Nicely | Kathy Peters | Larry & Sally Powell |
| Peter Power | Leslie Slanina | Angela Smith | MaryLou Snider |
| John Szabo | Deacon Robert Szalai | Tim Tolodzieski | Linda Valetta |
| Bennie Wegener | Darcy Wood | Donny Wood | Carol Yurkschatt |
| Ukraine refugees | COVID-19 patients | All Natural disaster victims | |

We would love to have updates on our prayer list. If you have good news about someone on this list please let the church know or call Marla at 330-472-3045. Thank you!

Our shut-ins—please send them a card

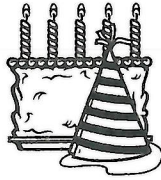
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| Mrs. Audrey Holland | Carole & Heather Poston | Lorene Kozar |
| Willowood Care Room 1001 | 3096 E Pioneer | 8460 Westport Dr. #225 |
| 1186 Hancock Rd. | Aurora, OH 44202 | Mentor, Oh 44060 |
| Brunswick, OH 44212-4582 | | |

Our College Students—Grace Rohaley, Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers,
Our Military member—Troy Roman

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays

10-Steve Crile
11-Bill Crile
12-Diane Reynolds
13-Keith Larkins
20-Bob Earle
23-Sharon Crile



JULY BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Baptism Birthdays

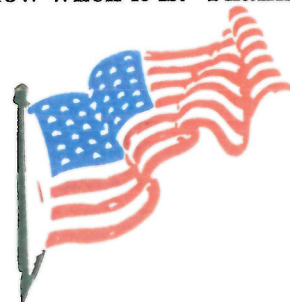
2-Diane Lee
20-Jodi Earle

Happy Anniversary to...
21-Bob & Carole Earle
30-Rory & Deb Wolff

If anyone has been left off this list or any other list, please let Marla Manijak know so she can add you. I would love birthdays and anniversaries and baptism birthdays if you know when it is. Thanks!



Happy 4th of July!



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

IN CHURCH PARKING LOT ON CHANNEL 96.9 FM

LIVE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

OR PLEASE JOIN US INSIDE (Mask is optional)