

The Parish Voice

St. Thomas Lutheran Church — Streetsboro, Ohio

June 2023

June is often a month of transition.

School will soon let out for the summer, and family schedules will need to be adjusted. For some this will be a relaxing time — a time to plan family activities like picnics, fishing trips, outings to amusement parks, and the like. For others, this will be a time of stress, since the normal schedule during the school year has been disrupted, meaning new arrangements with child care providers, different morning schedules, and altered routes to work.

College students will find transitions in June, also, as they move from the relative stability of academic life into a different reality. The last weeks of classes were likely filled with stress, so there is a desire and need to “take a break.” But the greater reality of searching for employment for the summer places stress back on the agenda, and make the schedule dominate.

For recent graduates, the transition is almost intolerable. With degree in hand, the expectation is that now a new course in life will ensue. That diploma is supposed to be the key that unlocks doors of opportunity. For high school grads, this is the move from home life to dorm life, learning how to cope on one’s own, facing the world without the familiar (and familial) props that have long upheld. For college grads, it means setting out on a career; something that is supposed to be your life’s work (although we know, in the global economy, life-long careers seem outdated; flexibility is the key).

While it seemed this year that spring would never arrive (or may just decide to visit for a few days at a time), June is a weather transition time also. We hope to see movement from the soaking rains of spring into the more stable warmth of summer. It is in June that we see our gardens and lawns fully established, and our weekend chores newly mapped out.

June is no less a transition time for St. Thomas Lutheran Church. A new Pastor is coming very soon; the one we never have quite gotten used to will soon retire (or will he?). This is going to mean changes. One way to go through change is by denial — pretend the changes are not happening, or that they do not have an impact on you. Another way to go through change is by resistance — fight it every step of the way, complain that things “ain’t like they used to be,” push back against the transitions. The best way to go through with change is by adaptation — learn how to change with the changes.

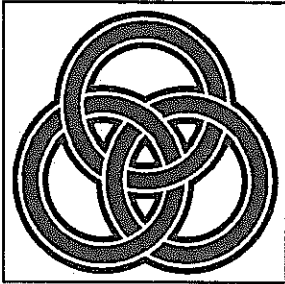
One very specific way by which you can adapt to the coming changes is to be part of making the changes happen. We will need lots — underscore that . . . LOTS — of volunteers to help make the transition go smoothly and expeditiously. Some tasks will seem menial, and unimportant; others will show more “bang for the buck” — every task undertaken to move along this transition will be a blessing.

Almost everyone can say that they lack one thing: time. We all have busy lives; our schedules often feel beyond our control as we take directions from employers, customers, family members, and a host of others and as we try to make commitments to keep our homes (and selves) in some

semblance of harmony. Your gift of time to this transition time is a precious gift, and we are grateful when you choose to give it.

This is a period of transition. If we support and encourage each other, if we work together, we will find that this transition time can be not only productive, but fun and spiritually fulfilling.

Our Worship This Month



June 4 — The Holy Trinity

Sermon: *"Trinity Means Power"*

Texts: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

The Trinity seems to be only an idea. We discover the power that is ours through the Trinity, and how to set that power free in our lives.



June 11 — Pentecost II

Sermon: *"Three Healings"*

Texts: Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm, 50; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

Jesus heals three people, and each brings a new surprising insight on how God deals with our needs.



Sunday, June 11, we take great joy to celebrate with *Elizabeth Lynn Ayers* and *Madeline Lucille Ayers* as they make Affirmation of the Baptismal Covenant (otherwise known as Confirmation). Please join us to affirm these two sisters as they arrive at this important milestones on their spiritual pilgrimage.

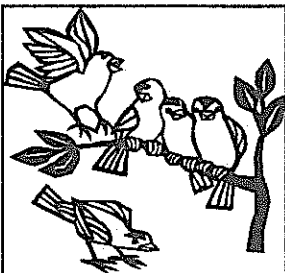


June 18 — Pentecost III

Sermon: *"The Asking Price of Discipleship"*

Texts: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:23

Jesus lays out what it means to be one of His disciples. Is the asking price too high?

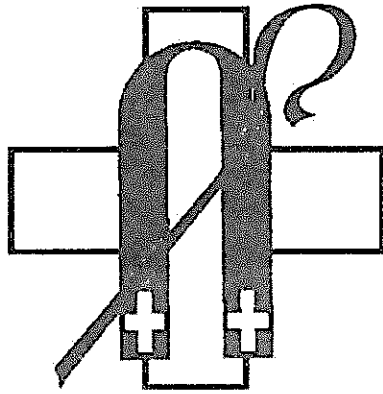


June 25 — Pentecost IV

Sermon: *"The Joy(?) of Discipleship"*

Texts: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 91; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Sometimes it seems like the Lord asks too much; but He gives even more, and we rejoice in Him



Ordination and Installation

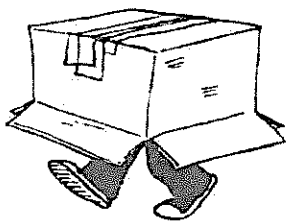
On Saturday, July 8 we will join with our sister congregation, Christ Lutheran in Mantua, to celebrate the ordination and installations of Blake Martzowka as Pastor of our two congregations. Details are still being confirmed as this newsletter is being published; it looks like there will be a service for his ordination and installation at St. Thomas in the early afternoon, and a service for his installation at Christ later that day. Bishop Hardy of the English District will preside at the service at St. Thomas;

President Wilson of the Ohio District will appoint someone to preside at Christ, Mantua. The current plans call for a dinner to be held at Christ, Mantua following the service there. Area clergy will be invited to take part in the service; Pastor-elect Martzowka will be asked to choose others who may take a role.

We will be looking for volunteers for many roles in the celebration: help with dinner preparations, participants in the service, and other tasks that will be identified as our plans shape up. Christ, Mantua will be setting up the parsonage for Blake and his new bride, Ruth, to move into; help from us will be valued there, as well. A meeting for finalizing these plans is scheduled for May 30.

Please keep attuned to announcements as these plans take shape, and be ready to offer yourself to bring about a warm welcome to our new Pastor.

The Call Committees from Christ, Mantua and St. Thomas have met several times to work on an agreement for the sharing of a Pastor that will require the approval both congregations. Items to be voted on include (but may not be limited to) shared finances, expectations of Pastor's duties, changes in schedules, and the like. A proposal has been prepared that covers most of these matters that must be shared with both congregations to vote on. Details will be forthcoming on how we will discuss these matters at a Special Congregational Meeting, date still pending.



Pastor Just will be needing some help moving items out of the office before the arrival of our new Pastor. It may be necessary to keep some items in the church building until he can make space available at his home; but there will still be a need to box everything up for shipment. Please watch for sign-up sheets that will ask for times and tasks needing your assistance.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kathy Braesher	Palagia Hlava	Robin Hoffman	Lorene Kozar
Carol Poston	Heather Poston	Ben Wolff	Becky Larkins & Rowan
Patty Abramovich	Adalyn	Alexa	Ally
Barb Basmagy	Paul Berry	Ray Bishop	Archer Bradshaw
Carl	Russ & Lana Carnes	Christine	John Cowling
Jonelle Cillo	Evelyn French	Dennis Fuldauer	Daniel Gump
Mary Hardesty	Kari Hendrix	Heather Hendrix	Jaylah
Naomi Just	Linda Kuzniakowski	Lance	Laurance Jeanblanc
Laurie	Leo	Christine Lowdin	Steve Mamber
Frank Manijak	Amanda Nicely	Delilah Nicely	Paul
Karen Powers	Larry & Sally Powell	Joan Rupp	Barb, Dan, Carl, Linda, Pat
Leslie Slanina	Mary Lou Snider	John Szabo	Deacon Robert Szalai
Tyler	Bennie Wegener	Darcy Wood	Donny Wood
Chris Zimmerman	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

Carole Poston
12790 Chamberlain
Aurora, OH 44202

Lorene Kozar
8460 Westport Dr. #225
Mentor, Oh 44060

Our College Students—Grace Rohaley, Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers, Jenna Zimmerman, Jacob Zimmerman

Our Military members—Troy Roman and Ben Wolff

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays

17-Elizabeth Ayers
19-Stephen Nicely
25-Del Groff
27-Gilbert Ayers
29-Corey Hautmann
30-Diane Lee



JUNE BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Baptism Birthdays

10-Deb Earle
18-Jim Doerfler
24-Logan Hagen
24-Gavin Hagen
24-Samantha Weber
24-Vickie Weber
24-Jillian Earle

Happy Anniversary to...
8-Tina & Russ Hagen
21-Rocky & Kim Kinder
29-Steve & Palagia Hlava

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!

Church Council will be meeting Sunday, June 18 after the worship service.

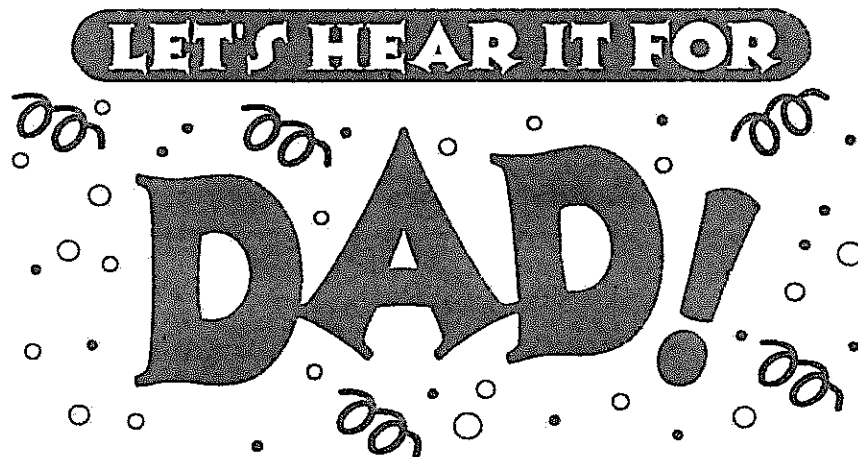
Contact Person: Please call Pastor Just at 216-789-6688 or Council President Steve Hlava at 330 422-1959 for any emergencies or questions. Pastor Just is in the office on Thursdays from 8:00-4:00. Please call ahead to make sure he is there.

TREASURERS REPORT - Month of April 2023

	Current Month:	Current YTD	Prior YTD:
TOTAL INCOME - General Fund Only	8203.08	30449.43	22555.72
TOTAL EXPENSE - General Fund Only	4749.19	18491.29	21642.01
NET GAIN (LOSS)	3453.89	11958.14	913.71
TOTAL INCOME - Special Funds (See Below)	65.00	323.00	329.84
TOTAL EXPENSE- Special Funds (See Below)	82.03	191.59	338.17
NET GAIN (LOSS)	(17.03)	131.41	(8.33)
Average General Fund Income Per Week	1640.62	1691.64	1253.10
Amount needed to meet expense budget - per week	<u>442.31</u>		

Special Funds Include:

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



Happy Father's Day!!

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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)
