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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Saviour Lutheran Church welcomes all people to a safe place to grow in faith and serve the Lord Jesus Christ

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The History of Father's Day

Though Father's Day wasn't made a national holiday until 1972, the efforts of one woman in Washington sparked a movement to celebrate dads long before then.

Sonora Dobb and Father's Day.

The first known Father's Day service occurred in Fairmont, West Virginia, on July 5, 1908, thanks to the efforts of Grace Golden Clayton. The service was to honor all fathers, especially those hundred who were killed during a devastating mine explosion in Moonongah (just a few miles from Fairmont) the previous years. However, the observance did not become an annual event, and it was not rooted—very few outside local areas knew about.

In 1909, Sonora Smart Dobb of Spokane, Washington, also was inspired to create a holiday honoring fathers. William Jackson Smart, her father, was a farmer and Civil War veteran who raised Sonora and her five younger brothers by himself after his wife, Ellen, died giving birth to their youngest child in 1898. While attending a Mother's Day church service in 1909, Sonora, then 27, came up with the idea.

Within a few months, Sonora had convinced the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA to set aside a Sunday in June to celebrate fathers. She proposed June 5, her father's birthday, but the ministers chose the third Sunday in June so that they would have more time after Mother's Day (the second Sunday in May) to prepare their sermons. So it was that one June 19, 1910, Sonora delivered presents to handicapped fathers, boys from the YMCA decorated their lapels with fresh-cut roses (red for living fathers and white for the deceased), and the city's ministers devoted their homilies to fatherhood.

A NATIONAL HOLIDAY

The widely publicized events in Spokane struck a chord that reached all the way to Washington, DC, and Sonora's celebration started on its path to becoming a national holiday.

- In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson and his family personally observed the day.
- Eight years later, President Calvin Coolidge signed a resolution in favor of Father's Day "to establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations."
- In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed an executive order that the holiday be celebrated on the third Sunday in June.
- Under President Richard Nixon, in 1972, Congress passed an act officially making Father's Day a national holiday. (six years later, Sonora died at age 96)

Different Days for Different Dads

North America is not the only place where Father's Day is celebrated.

- Spain and Portugal Father's Day is observed on March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph.
- Taiwanese celebrate Father's Day on August 8, the eight day of eight month, because the Mandarin Chinese word for eight sounds like the word for "Papa."
- In Thailand, Father's Day occurs on former king Bhumibol Adulyadej's birthday, December 6.

Equality Act Assails Religious Freedom

In late February, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the so-called “Equality Act” (H.R. 5), one of the most anti-life, anti-family and anti-faith bills in American history. The legislation passed by a vote of 224-206, with only three Republicans supporting it. As of press time, the bill had moved to the Democrat-controlled Senate, and President Joe Biden had urged Congress to pass the measure in concert with many of the executive actions he has already taken unilaterally.

The irony is that the Equality Act’s supporters claim that it would help eradicate discrimination in our society. This sounds nice. God’s Word teaches that everyone is created in the image of God; therefore, Bible-believing Christians believe everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. But the Equality Act does nothing to end discrimination. In fact, if 60 U.S. senators vote in favor of the bill, the new law would unleash an unprecedented assault on religious freedom and Biblical values, accelerating discrimination against tens of millions of Christians and people of faith.

Here are a few ways the Equality Act threatens anyone whose beliefs about life, marriage and human sexuality are informed by Biblical teaching and, for that matter, by science.

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First, the Equality Act is radically pro-abortion. Sex discrimination would be redefined to incorporate language that includes access to abortion by expanding what constitutes a “public accommodation” under Title II of the Civil Rights Act. This redefinition jeopardizes longstanding federal conscience laws that protect those opposed to abortion. Additionally, the longstanding bipartisan Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal taxpayer funding for abortion, would be in grave jeopardy.

Second, the Equality Act would be detrimental to women’s equality, privacy and safety, undermining real civil rights gains women have made. Resources and programs reserved for women, such as those provided by the Small Business Administration Office of Women’s Business Ownership, would have to be made available to biological men who identify as women. Also, biological males would be allowed to compete in women’s sports, despite laws like Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which were designed to ensure fairness for female athletes. Moreover, because the Equality Act would redefine sex discrimination to include gender identity, biological males who identify as female would have access to locker rooms, bathrooms and showers historically reserved for women and girls.

Third, this bill redefines religious freedom into something heretofore unrecognizable, ignoring the truth—ensconced in our First Amendment—that religious freedom isn’t just about what happens in our churches. It’s the freedom to determine what we teach our children and the freedom to live out one’s religious beliefs in society. The bill expressly exempts itself from the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which requires that the government show a “compelling government interest” that is advanced in the “least restrictive” manner in order to infringe on any sincerely held religious beliefs. This would create a new hierarchy of rights that privileges sexual orientation and gender identity above the first constitutionally protected right—religion.

The implications of the Equality Act would affect many areas of American life, including churches and houses of worship, faith-based organizations, and religious schools and students. By expanding the definition of a public accommodation to include any establishment that provides goods, services or programs to their communities, any church and house of worship that operates food banks, homeless shelters and the like could be compelled to comply with the Equality Act’s requirements in how they run these programs. They would no longer be allowed to have sex-segregated services and programs or private facilities when operating these services and programs. While ministerial exemptions would continue (for now), some houses of worship could be prevented from ensuring that their clergy and employees abide by their doctrines or beliefs about marriage and sexuality.

Even religious schools could be considered a public accommodation or an employer that falls within the Equality Act’s broad reach. Some religious colleges and universities could be bound in all aspects of their operation, including hiring, admissions, housing and athletics. Any of these schools that receive federal funding could not discriminate based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

The Equality Act’s consequences would be precedent-setting. Individuals with religious or moral views disfavored by this legislation would lose their most robust legal defense against a violation of their rights. And medical personnel exercising their best medical judgment risk discrimination litigation if they do not adhere to the gender identity ideology of the Equality Act.

(Equality cont’d on page 3)

Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Bill Trudnak, President
April 19, 2021 Council Minutes



Devotions: Anna Lowery

Meeting called to order by President, Anna Lowery

Members present: Alice Vlaservich, Melinda White, Anna Lowery, Robbie Wooten, Teri Trudnak

Members Absent: Joe Finger, Jeff White, Denise Traveria and Becky Messick

Minutes: March 2021 minutes were reviewed.; Robbie Wooten made the motion to approve the minutes and Teri Trudnak seconded the motion.

Reception of Petitions and Communications: None presented.

Report of the Pastor: The Pastor's report was reviewed, and a motion was made by Melinda White to accept this report and Anna Lowery gave the second on the motion.

Report of the Treasurer: Report was reviewed, and a motion was made by Melinda White to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Alice Vlaservich.

Report of the Ministries:

- a. Property: Painted side, rear and furnace doors. Thanks Nick!
- b. Stewardship and Finance: No report
- c. Worship & Music: No report
- d. Youth Team: No report this month
- e. Witness: Cards and prayers continue to be sent to shut ins. Alice is also sending bulletins to those unable to come to worship service.
- f. Christian Education Team: VBS discussion has started. Planning for a date in early June. Confirmation class will start after Easter.

Report of Auxiliaries: No meeting scheduled at this time

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

- a. Workday at church needs to be rescheduled. Things that need repair and maintenance:
- b. Gutters at the parsonage and activity building, siding and trim replaced on activity building due to rotten wood.

New Business:

- a. There is a small water leak at the activity building. The water will be turned off to the building. If someone wishes to use the building, they still can, and the water will be turned on.
- b. The guttering on the back side of the activity building needs to be taken down so repair work can be done to replace rotten wood. New downspout needs to be replaced also. Consider hiring someone to do this work if men's group is unable.

General Information:

- a. Attendance: BRING A FRIEND!!

- b. Laszlo Mission (Kids International) Report
- c. Received notice of rewrite insurance coverage. The values are the same as last year. If the Board wishes to increase the values, the property will need to be appraised to increase the rewrite for next year.
- d. Someone is dumping trash behind the activity building.

The Council meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is May 24, 2021 at 7pm;
 Jeff White will have devotions.

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(Equality from page 2)

If the bill becomes law, those who are already seeking to dictate what happens in our homes and what our children are exposed to will use the Equality Act as a legal cudgel and attempt to force us to acquiesce to the demands of their anti-Biblical worldview.

The Bible tells us that the role of government is to punish evil and uphold justice. Romans 13 teaches that rulers and those in authority are not a terror to good conduct but evil.

As citizens, we should have a healthy fear of those in authority, a fear that encourages us to do what is right in order to receive approval. But the Equality Act calls for us to turn this principle on its head. Isaiah 5:20 warns us, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness." We are blind if we do not see that this is exactly what our government is doing through the Equality Act. And we cannot tolerate discrimination masquerading as equality.

The Equality Act demands conformity to a worldview antithetical to Christianity. It forces all Americans to go along with a lie about the innateness of biological sex. It opens the floodgates to abortion and tramples the religious liberty of anyone who disagrees with the ideology of the "moral revolution." Therefore, it must be vigorously opposed. ©2021 Tony Perkins and David Closson

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The Scripture quotation is taken from The Holy Bible, New International Version.

On this FATHER'S DAY, spare time to pray the lord. Prayer in many ways, is the supreme expression of one's faith in god. Here are some of the poems to greet one's father him spiritually.

The essence of the FATHER'S role
Is to mirror God's own heart
And to value instruction in God's ways
With the grace that God imparts

Every father needs God's wisdom
To carry out his role
As the tower of strength and support,
For each fragile heart he holds

And there's no greater reward in life
For a father to take his place
And uphold the values of the Lord
With integrity and grace.

Fathers are wonderful people,
Too little understood,
We do not sing their praises
As often as we should.

A father struggles every day
To live up to his image
As protector and provider
The hero of the scrimmage.

Perhaps that is the reason
We sometimes get the notion
That fathers are not subject
To the thing we call emotion.

If you look inside a father's heart,
Where no one else can see,
You'll find he's sentimental
And soft as he can be.

Fathers are just wonderful
In a million different ways,
They merit loving compliments
And accolades of praise.

The only reason Dad aspires
To fortune and success
Is to make his family proud of him
And bring them happiness.

Just like our heavenly Father,
He's a guardian and a guide,
The person we can count on
To always take our side.

Be kind to thy father,
for when thou were young,
Who loved thee so fondly as he?
He caught the first accents that
fell from thy tongue,
And joined in thy innocent glee.

There in every memory
See his love and care
Strength and hands to count on
Freely he does share
Provider, toil so faithfully
To make our dreams come true
Give strong and tender discipline
Though it is hard to do
A Father is God's chosen one
To lead the family
And point it to His will for life
Of love and harmony...

2021 Court Square Summer Concert and Cruise-In Series

(presented by the Town of Dallas)

Held on the Dallas Historic Court Square, from 7:00—10:00 pm, each FREE concert will feature amazing talent (rain or shine). Enjoy the car show along Main Street and the concert

- ◆ **Saturday, June 12 — The Catalinas**
Dallas Ambassadors Car Show and Concert by The Catalinas Steeped in the sound of the 60s, 70s and 80s, they transport listeners to a simpler time when music spoke for a generation.
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Car Show and Music
- ◆ **Saturday, August 14th— Coming Up Brass**
Cruise in and Concert by Coming Up Brass
- ◆ **Sunday, July 4—Concert at Cloninger Park with *Almost Vintage (6pm-9pm)* Fireworks Show at Cloninger Park begins at dark.**
- ◆ **Saturday, September 11— Chairman of Board**

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR FOR THE
CONCERTS AND FIREWORKS

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE?

Take a few minutes to find out. In the following little story there are 16 books of the Bible. Some of them are found in whole words—others in parts of adjoining words. See what you can do. Have fun! The first one is underlined—now find 15 more.

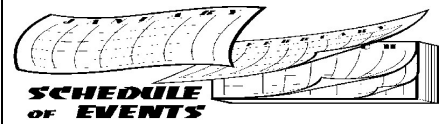
I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible—it was a lule, kept people looking so hard for facts, but for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books are not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of dreaders. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be really easy ones to spot, others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually take a minister to find one of them, and there will be found lamentations when it is found. One woman says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how will you can complet. Relax now, for there really are sixteen books of the Bible in this story.

P.S. One pastor found 15 books in 28 minutes...but it took kim three weeks to find the 16th one!

June 2021



Sunday School: 9:45 pm
Church Service: 11:00 pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 2nd Sunday after Pentecost D-Day WWII	7 Team Mtg.	8	9	10	11	12 Workday Dallas Concert
13 VBS	14 VBS	15 Prayer Group VBS	16 VBS	17 VBS	18	19
20 Father's Day	21 It's Summer!	22	23	24	25	26
27 5th Sunday after Pentecost	28 Board Mtg	29	30			

- June 6— 2nd Sunday after Pentecost D-Day WWII
- June 7 Team Meetings—Teams at 7:00pm
- June 4—Workday at Church 6-8 pm
- June 12— **Church Workday**
Dallas Concert (p 4)
- June 13— 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
VBS BEGINS: JUN 13-17
- June 14— FLAG DAY — VBS
- June 15— Prayer Group will meet at Home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:00 pm VBS
- June 16— VBS
- June 17— VBS
- June 20— 4th Sunday after Pentecost
FATHER'S DAY
- June 21— Summer begins
- June 27— 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
- June 28— BOARD MEETING 7:00 pm

FOOD FOR THE MONTH:

Soup, Mac-n-Cheese,
Green Peas



Holy Communion Schedule:
Every Sunday

Worship Service Assistance:

Acolyte: OSLC Member
Communion
Asst: OSLC Member
Lay Reader: Teri & Bill Trudnak
Worship Asst: Teri & Bill Trudnak
Greeters: OSLC Members
Ushers: OSLC Members

Board Devotions: Joe Finger

Stewardship Collector: Jeff White



CHOIR PRACTICE 5: 00 pm
unless otherwise noted
in the bulletin,



Birthdays

- 2 Yvonne Finger
- 9 Jeff Dease
- 11 Alice Vlaservich
- 12 Wayne Ann Penley
- 20 Anna Cole



Marie Robinson
Ben Finger



- 17thDan & Donna Clemmer
- 22ndGarrett & Kennedy Lowery
- 25thStephen & Kasey Digh
- 26thPete & Mary Feige

FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- June 6 Becky Messick
- June 13 Nick Vlaservich
- June 20 Brady Ratchford
- June 27

Please sign up to place flowers on the altar in the glory of God and in honor or memory of your love ones.

MORE OPEN DATES:



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 13-17

5:30 pm—8:30 pm
at
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

"Knights of North Castle"

"Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power"
Ephesians 6:10

Supper: 5:30 pm-6:00 pm
VBS: 6:15 pm—8:30 pm

Programs from Nursery to Adults

Volunteers are needed...

PLEASE SEE MELINDA WHITE or call 704-968-3275

Churches involved: Antioch, Holy Communion, OSLC,
Philadelphia and St. Paul's

OSLC will serve Pizza on June 15..
We will need volunteers to work.
Bring drinks, desserts, and make
A donation to buy the pizza

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!



OUTREACH MISSION

SHUT-INS NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Please remember our church members who are shut-ins or reside at at Senior Care Center* and send them a card or visit them.

Jill Petzold*
Brookside Senior Living Rm 44
1680 S. New Hope Rd
Gastonia, NC 328054



EVENTS for Agrape/Kure Beach

Contact Camp Agapé:
Telephone: 919-552-9421
e-mail: agape@agapekurebeach.org

Contact Kure Beach Lutheran:
Telephone 910-458-0783
e-mail: kurebeach@agapekurebeach.org

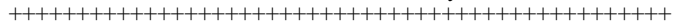
Web site: www.agapekurebeach.org

Directions to Camp Agapé are on the web site.

Please see calendars and other information on the bulletin board or go on-line

Events For Lutheridge - Lutherock- Lutherspring- Lutheranch

Web site: www.NovusWay.com



HELP! HELP!

GO OUT ON A LIMB GET INVOLVED

BE A WORSHIP ASSISTANT

A positions are still open. Participate in the service of the Lord and sign up.

Sign up sheets for the 2021 calendar year in book on office door.



THANK YOU!

A Stewardship Minute

Timothy was still a young man when he received a letter from the man we call St. Paul. In that letter Paul told Timothy how to conduct himself with the following words: "Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." (I Timothy 4:12)

I call your attention to the words: "Set the believers an example in speech and conduct." On the night before our Savior was crucified, he showed love and humility by washing the feet of his followers. When fin-

ished he said, "I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." (John 13:15)

There is a story of a widow who was left with five children. She lived on a farm and taught her children how to work hard, how to serve God, and how to give oneself totally for the kingdom of God. She had an old-fashioned wooden coffee grinder that she used to save a healthy portion of her earnings. Each Sunday she would empty the grinder and take the money to worship as the family's offering to God.

This month's *Stewardship* points out that the power of her stew-

ardship was memorable. She did what Paul told Timothy to do: "Set an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." As a result of her example, her children grew up into wonderful adults ... for it was of one who loved the Lord with heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Prayer: Stir up faithfulness and service in us, dear Lord, to the end that we may glorify you in the totality of our lives.

Amen



The History of Father's Day

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a holiday in order to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards. In fact when a "Father's Day" was first proposed there were no Father's Day cards!

Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "Father's Day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington.

At about the same time in various towns and cities across American other people were beginning to celebrate a "Father's Day."

In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

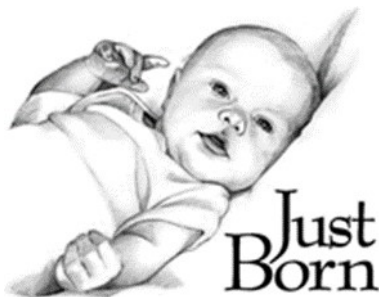
Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all honored on Father's Day.



The Whole Armor of God

¹⁰ Finally, ***be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.*** ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. **Ephesians 6:10-20**

Church News



May 12, 2021

Penley Marie Digh

to the proud parents, Kasey and Stephen.

Penley Marie weighted and was 18 1/5" in long.

Also congratulations to the Grandparents, Steve and Julie Digh and great-grandmother, Wayne Ann Penley



JUNE 12TH — 8:00 AM.

Bring work gloves, clippert, rakes, etc.

- If you need a Pastor, please contact Pastor Pete Feige at 704-516-2805 or our office at 704-922-4648.

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CLW/RACHEL GROUP

will not meet during months of June and July



"PRAYER GROUP"

Will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza June 18th at 1:00 pm



LET US PRAY... *"Are any among you suffering? They should pray...The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up."* (James 5:13-15)

PRAYER CONCERNS:



SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, WHITNEY Auten (breast cancer), KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), BRAXTON Bearden (friend of the Locketts), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), KAREN Brady, JACKIE Carpenter (friend of Alice Vlaservich-liver cancer), SYLVIA Cloninger (friend of Nick Vlaservich), MIKE Coffey (Robbie Wooten's uncle), STEVE Cloninger (friend of Brady Ratchford-cancer) BEVERLY Copeland (friend of Robbie's-cancer), STEVE Digh (cancer), HARDY Feige (Pete's dad - chronic back pain), NANCY Friday, JAMES Goudelock (cancer), JASON Hames (friend of the White's), DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), MARINA Marazza (Shirlee Marazza's granddaughter-Covid19), SAM Marr (Heart), BO Messick (foot), FRANCIS McAllister (broken hip), CHRIS Messick (recovering back surgery), JASON, ALLISON & LEX Murray, ELLEN & ED Pfeiffer (Keenan Gordy's Parents - Heart issues), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), SONDRRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White), MARTHA Surret (friend of Alice Vlaservich-Cancer), TERI Trudnak, TONY Trudnak (cancer reoccurring), GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), JOE White (stroke), NANCY Wilson, REESE Wilson (blood cancer)



The term 'flag day' has two significant definitions. The first definition states that a day is decided so as to fly a flag in a certain area and the other definition signifies that a day is determined to specially honor an event involving a day, like its adoption or creation. The national law or decree can decide where and how the flags can be flown. The flag days are usually codified in the national statutes.

The flag of the United States was born on a year just after the independence of the nation. There is a special significance for differentiating the Flag Day from the Independence Day.

The declaration of America to become a country of its own was not the only reason why the flag was created. On June 14th, it was the first day that the flag of America was hoisted with recognition. In 1777, the first flag was hoisted, since continental congress did not want to use The British Union Jack. The first flag of the country, the grand union was hoisted on a flagpole.

What does the US Flag stand for?

The colors of the flag denote the struggle for freedom. The stars represent the colonies. The red color, which is separated, signifies the separation of America from the rule of Great Britain. The pointed stars represent the colonies under united governing body. The designing and colors spread over the flag, manifest loyalty, honor and essence of patriotism that kindled in the hearts of those who fought for freedom. Therefore, the Flag Day recognizes the work of those who created such an amazing piece of work that displays patriotism and independence.

Hence on every June 14th, it is every citizen's prime responsibility to show gratitude and feel the true essence of the significance of the united colors of the national flag. The Flag Day is popularly known as the National Flag Day.

How it all started?

Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation in 1916, according to which June 14 was recognized as the Flag Day. After the resolution of the Continental Congress in 1777, the day was recognized as the Flag Day. The Flag Day was not celebrated as a holiday then, but the state of Pennsylvania was the first to celebrate this day as a holiday. On the Flag Day, a long parade is held in the City of Troy.

George Balch, a New York City kindergarten teacher first conceived the idea of observing the Flag Day. He arranged activities and ceremonies for the children in the school on June 14, 1889. Next the State Board of education adopted the idea and Flag Day celebration followed one or two years later. In 1891, the Betsy Ross house held a celebration and in 1892, the New York Society of the Sons observed the day.

After this, the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America requested the mayor of Philadelphia to hoist the flag on the Flag Day and observe the significance. After two days, the Board of Managers Pennsylvania Society of the sons of Revolution voted the day as the Flag Day. Since that day Flag Day is observed on June 14th. Later, the Flag Day became a national holiday. President Truman also signed an act and designated June 14 as the National Flag day.

FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS: A NATIONAL SYMBOL

The design for the current U.S. flag started out as a high school history project in 1958 when there was talk of Alaska and Hawaii becoming states.

Robert Heft, a junior in Lancaster, Ohio, decided the Flag's design shouldn't be changed radically if two more stars were added with the admission of the nation's 49th and 50th states.

He spent hours sewing the new combination of stars. His mother, more adept with a needle, refused to help because she feared her son's project would be desecrating the flag.

His grade on the project was a B-minus.

Heft's teacher, Stanley Pratt, said the idea lacked originality but promised a better grade if lawmakers would consider the design. The boy contacted his congressman, Rep. Walter Moeller, and on July 4, 1960, Congress adopted Heft's creation as the nation's 27th flag.

Heft had his grade changed to an A.

The flag "is a symbol of the countless freedoms we enjoy and the responsibilities we must maintain as caring as loyal Americans," Heft said by telephone from his home in Saginaw, Mich. "HAPPY FLAG DAY on June 14."

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the nation's first official flag. Eighteen years later, more stars and stripes were added to accommodate the addition of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union. The 1818 flag, however, went back to 13 strips, with only stars representing the states, which at that time total 20.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, President Lincoln refused to have stars for the Southern states removed. Union soldiers fought under a 33-star flag, a 34-star flag when Kansas became state in 1861, and a 35-star flag in 1863 when West Virginia broke from Confederate Virginia.

Flag Day was first observed in 1877 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the selection of the nation's first flag.

The original designer may have been Francis Hopkinson, who submitted a bill to Congress, payable in several casks of wine for his efforts.

These stories and others are posted on www.usflag.org, created by history buff Duane Streufert in 1994, an Illinois truck driver.

D-DAY— WWII

During World War II (1939-1945), the Battle of Normandy, which lasted from June 1944 to August 1944, resulted in the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control. Codenamed Operation Overlord, the battle began on June 6, 1944, also known as D-Day, when some 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region. The invasion was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history and required extensive planning. Prior to D-Day, the Allies conducted a large-scale deception campaign designed to mislead the Germans about the intended invasion target. By late August 1944, all of northern France had been liberated, and by the following spring the Allies had defeated the Germans. The Normandy landings have been called the beginning of the end of war in Europe.

Preparing for D-Day

After World War II began, Germany invaded and occupied northwestern France beginning in May 1940. The Americans entered the war in December 1941, and by 1942 they and the British (who had been evacuated from the beaches of Dunkirk in May 1940 after being cut off by the Germans in the Battle of France) were considering the possibility of a major Allied invasion across the English Channel. The following year, Allied plans for a cross-Channel invasion began to ramp up. In November 1943, Adolf Hitler (1889-1945), who was aware of the threat of an invasion along France's northern coast, put Erwin Rommel (1891-1944) in charge of spearheading defense operations in the region, even though the Germans did not know exactly where the Allies would strike. Hitler charged Rommel with finishing the Atlantic Wall, a 2,400-mile fortification of bunkers, landmines and beach and water obstacles

Did You Know?

The Normandy American Cemetery, overlooking Omaha Beach and the English Channel, was established on June 8, 1944, as the first U.S. cemetery in Europe during World War II. It holds the graves of more than 9,300 U.S. servicemen who died in the D-Day invasion or subsequent missions.

In January 1944, General Dwight Eisenhower (1890-1969) was appointed commander of Operation Overlord. In the months and weeks before D-Day, the Allies carried out a massive deception operation intended to make the Germans think the main invasion target was Pas-de-Calais (the narrowest point between Britain and France) rather than Normandy. In addition, they led the Germans to believe that Norway and other locations were also potential invasion targets. Many tactics were used to carry out the deception, including fake equipment; a phantom army commanded by George Patton and supposedly based in England, across from Pas-de-Calais; double agents; and fraudulent radio transmissions.

A Weather Delay: June 5, 1944

Eisenhower selected June 5, 1944, as the date for the invasion; however, bad weather on the days leading up to the operation caused it to be delayed for 24 hours. On the morning of June 5, after his meteorologist predicted improved conditions for the following day, Eisenhower gave the go-ahead for Operation Overlord. He told the troops: "You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you." Later that day, more than 5,000 ships and landing craft carrying troops and supplies left England for the trip across the Channel to France, while more than 11,000 aircraft were mobilized to provide air cover and support for the invasion.

D-Day Landings: June 6, 1944

By dawn on June 6, thousands of paratroopers and glider troops were already on the ground behind enemy lines, securing bridges and exit roads. The amphibious invasions began at 6:30 a.m. The British and Canadians overcame light opposition to capture beaches codenamed Gold, Juno and Sword, as did the Americans at Utah Beach. U.S. forces faced heavy resistance at Omaha Beach, where there were over 2,000 American casualties. However, by day's end, approximately 156,000 Allied troops had successfully stormed Normandy's beaches. According to some estimates, more than 4,000 Allied troops lost their lives in the D-Day invasion, with thousands more wounded or missing.

Less than a week later, on June 11, the beaches were fully secured and over 326,000 troops, more than 50,000 vehicles and some 100,000 tons of equipment had landed at Normandy.

For their part, the Germans suffered from confusion in the ranks and the absence of celebrated commander Rommel, who was away on leave. At first, Hitler, believing the invasion was a feint designed to distract the Germans from a coming attack north of the Seine River, refused to release nearby divisions to join the counterattack. Reinforcements had to be called from further afield, causing delays. He also hesitated in calling for armored divisions to help in the defense. Moreover, the Germans were hampered by effective Allied air support, which took out many key bridges and forced the Germans to take long detours, as well as efficient Allied naval support, which helped protect advancing Allied troops

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In the ensuing weeks, the Allies fought their way across the Normandy countryside in the face of determined German resistance, as well as a dense landscape of marshes and hedgerows. By the end of June, the Allies had seized the vital port of Cherbourg, landed approximately 850,000 men and 150,000 vehicles in Normandy, and were poised to continue their march across France.

Victory in Normandy

By the end of August 1944, the Allies had reached the Seine River, Paris was liberated and the Germans had been removed from northwestern France, effectively concluding the Battle of Normandy. The Allied forces then prepared to enter Germany, where they would meet up with Soviet troops moving in from the east.

The Normandy invasion began to turn the tide against the Nazis. A significant psychological blow, it also prevented Hitler from sending troops from France to build up his Eastern Front against the advancing Soviets. The following spring, on May 8, 1945, the Allies formally accepted the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany. Hitler had committed suicide a week earlier, on April 30.



Graduated



Katilyn Feige graduated from Liberty University on May 12. Katilyn recieved a BS degree in Global Studies.

Raygan Messick graduated on May 12 and received her degree in Nursing (RN).

CONGRATULATION TO ALL OF YOU!

Shop in Heaven's Grocery Store.

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read Heaven's. As I got a little closer, the door came open wide. And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of angels; they were standing everywhere. And one angel said, "My child, shop with care." Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store. And all you couldn't carry you could come back the next day for more.

First, I got some *patience*, *love* was in the same row. Further down was *understanding*, you need that everywhere you go. I got a box or two of *wisdom*, a bag or two of *faith*. I just couldn't miss the *Holy Ghost* for He was all over the place. I stopped to get some *strength* and *courage* to help me run the race. By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered I needed some *grace*. I didn't forget *salvation*, for *salvation* that was free. So, I tried to get enough of that to save you and me.

Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill. For I thought I had everything to do my Master's will.

As I went up the aisle, I saw *prayer* and just had to put that in. For I know when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.

Peace and *joy* were plentiful, they were on the last shelf. *Song* and *praises* were hanging near so I must help myself.

Then, I said, "Now how much do I owe?" He just smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go." then I said again, "How much do I really owe?" He smiled and said, "My child, Jesus paid your bill a long time ago."

2021 MISSION EMPHASIS FOR JUNE - JAARS

JAARS Day – An opportunity to visit – a great family trip

Spend a day at our headquarters in Waxhaw, North Carolina! Ride in a helicopter or a five-seat plane. See how people get Internet in the rainforest. Record your voice into the JESUS film. You'll get an up-close look at Bible translation—and why it relies on practical support like boats, 4WDs, and software. JAARS Days coming up: June 13, August 8, October 10th all on Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm.

Our museums take a close look at the heart of our work—language, culture, and Bible translation. Come trace the history of writing. Or study a Mexican president who deeply valued minority languages. Want to bring your class, club, or church group? We'll give you a guided tour. Just contact us at least a few days in advance. Every JAARS Day is different. In the past, we've hosted a NASCAR team, motorcyclists, a 5K run, and other mission organizations.

Book a Group Tour online or call 704-843-6066 - Make a Day of It. Pack a picnic, or buy lunch here. Drop by historic downtown Waxhaw for coffee, antique shopping, or a walking tour. Hike or camp at Cane Creek Park or Andrew Jackson State Park. You're also welcome to stay in our on-site housing.

Hours Monday–Saturday (Closed major holidays)

9 a.m.–noon, 1–4 p.m.

Contact: www.jaars.org Location: 6409 Davis Road Waxhaw NC 28173

The Bible is the best tool we have for becoming more like Christ. First, it's an incredible guide—a lamp for our feet (Ps 119:105). And second, the Holy Spirit can speak through it to change our hearts and minds (Rom 12:2). With God's Word, entire communities can find freedom from sin, fear, selfishness, and destructive behaviors.

JAARS sponsors Missions at the Airport. In May there is a special day at Winnsboro, SC on May 9 from 10:00 am – 5 pm. The team will offer airplane and helicopter rides at the Fairfield County Airport Wings and Wheels Air Festival. (There are three Missions at the Airport in NJ.)

JAARS staff has many qualified personnel who give training at their center in Waxhaw. Also they travel to give on the job training to missionaries, and also to those who are preparing to enter the missions field. In February, John Pepper, traveled to Cote d'Ivoire to provide rider safety and maintenance training for eight translation team members who will be using motorcycles to accomplish their daily work. They sincerely thank everyone who prayed and gave, which provided the needed resources to meet their transportation needs. Now these Bible translators have access to more independent travel within their project areas.

Museum of the Alphabet

Where did writing begin? And who created our alphabets? Trace the history of writing systems, from the ancient world to today. See maps, paintings, and sculptures. Take quizzes. Examine a copy of the Rosetta Stone, a 150-year-old Torah scroll, and a handmade lyre. (Music is a language, too!) You can also print your name in Arabic, Assyrian, Hebrew, and Punjabi (as well as other languages.) Displays include: replica of Gutenberg's Printing Press, and cuneiform archeology display. Enjoy the beautiful drawings in each room from floor to ceiling and sculptures created by various missionaries.

Mexico-Cárdenas Museum

Absorb yourself in Mexican culture with folk art, photos, artifacts, and clothing. Along the way, you'll learn about Lázaro Cárdenas, Mexico's president from 1934 to 1940. He was close friends with our founder, Cameron Townsend, who led early efforts to study Mexican languages. He even gave Townsend a 1938 Chevrolet; see it parked right in the museum.

Why is JAARS a working arm of Bible translation?

Bible translation is about giving people the best resource for knowing God—in a language that speaks to their minds and hearts. That's the simple answer. Translation impacts people in many ways, and it looks different for every community. Practical, day-to-day support can make Bible translation possible. We at JAARS have believed that and helped to provide that support for 60 years.

That's why we help our partners get the support they need most, whether that's Internet access, lifejackets, 4WD, motorcycles, motorboats, or a flight to a remote village. First, we identify their top needs and research solutions. Then we make it easy for people like you to help. And for every project, we share updates and photos on our website as work moves forward. Learn more about how you can get involved.

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Another goal is helping people understand and relate to God more deeply. You don't need a Bible to be a Christian, of course. But without one, it's a lot harder to grasp certain concepts—or to hang onto your faith during tough times. Scriptures let people study and reflect for themselves, truly owning and growing in their relationship with God. A few examples are listed below.

1) A former shaman in Vanuatu was sent out as a missionary—before he really understood the gospel. What did he tell people? “You have to work hard to get into heaven.” Then he joined a Bible translation team. After working on Galatians, he finally understood: “There's nothing we can do to be saved. [We're saved through] the blood of Jesus.” Grace - not works.

2) Sivini was a ruthless killer. His village was in an all-out war with the Kamano-Kafe, a neighboring group in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. By chance, he wound up at a Bible translation workshop—right alongside his enemies. As they studied Cain and Abel, he saw the faces of people he had killed. Sivini repented on the spot, and later told his people not to retaliate when they were attacked

3) "I wondered if they weren't just preaching their own ideas. ... But as soon as I learned to read in Lama and could then read God's Word myself, I was convinced they were teaching the truth. When I read and meditate on God's Word, I understand it just like they do." Angèle Akonda, a woman who attended a literacy class in Togo.

4) Koti People - God is in the business of redeeming and transforming humanity. He takes special delight in doing this where all seems hopeless and impossible.

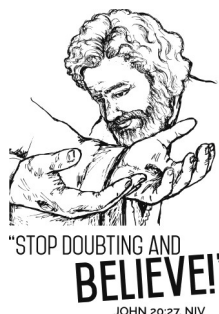
From a hilltop near the coastal town of Anfoche, Mozambique, one can see the entire area comprising the homeland of the Koti people. The view takes in Angoche town, the beautiful Indian Ocean coastline and numerous offshore islands on which many other Koti live and work as fishermen. In all, there are about 64,000 speakers of EKoti, the language of the Koti. More than 500 years ago, two languages, Kiswahile and Makhuwa, fused through speakers' intermarriage and coastal trading around Angoche to create EKoti, a whole new language distinct from both of its linguistic 'parents.'

For hundreds of years, the slave trade thrived in Angoche. The Koti became middlemen in the trade, capturing neighboring Makhuwa people and selling them to Arab and Persian slave merchants. Some Koti even sold their own difficult children into slavery.

A serious degradation of the value of human life spread through Koti culture over time. The practice of *throw-away* marriages became common – marriages discarded as easily and thoughtlessly as a soiled piece of clothing. Communication of the Good News would have to be relevant to these key elements of Koti culture, or have little impact. "Today married, tomorrow divorced" was the mindset for most Koti people in Mozambique. But the Bible is teaching people to commit to their marriages instead.

5) After hearing what the Bible says about caring for widows, a Cameroonian couple gave back the land they'd taken from a brother's widow and children. Lives were transformed.

OUR SAVIOUR congregation's mission for June is JAARS, a support for Bible translation and a working arm of Wycliffe Bible Translators around the world. This month be encouraged to pray for JAARS as part of the world wide mission to take the Word of God unto the uttermost parts of the world, as Jesus commanded his followers. It is an opportunity for a visit to see for yourself all that is available there. All the donations go to missionary work, supplies and equipment. All staff raise their own support. Consider contributing support this month. Each Sunday in June there is an opportunity for giving to JAARS through our church.





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