



# Our Saviour's Good News

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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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## Can you explain the Trinity?

**Q: "What about the doctrine of the Trinity, the Holy Trinity?"**

"Trinity" is a term that is not found in the Bible but a word used to describe what is apparent about God in the Scriptures. The Bible clearly speaks of God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit...and also clearly presents that there is only one God.

If we were to use math, it would not be, 1+1+1=3. It would be 1x1x1=1. God is a triune God.

Thus the term: "Tri" meaning three, and "Unity" meaning one, Tri+Unity = Trinity. It is a way of acknowledging what the Bible reveals to us about God, that God is yet three "Persons" who have the same essence of deity. Some have tried to give human illustrations for the Trinity, such as H<sub>2</sub>O being water, ice and steam (all different forms, but all are H<sub>2</sub>O). Another illustration is an egg having a shell, egg yolk and egg white, but this egg illustration shows that there would be "parts" to God, which isn't the case.

God the Son (Jesus) is fully, completely God. God the Father is fully, completely God. And God the Holy Spirit is fully, completely God. Yet there is only one God. In our world, with our limited human experience, it's tough to understand the Trinity. But from the beginning we see God this way in Scripture. Notice the plural pronouns "us" and "our" in Genesis 1:26 -- Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Though not a complete list, here is some other Scripture that shows God is one, in Trinity:

- "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!" (Deut. 6:4)
- "I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God." (Isa. 45:5)
- There is no God but one. (1Cor. 8:4)
- And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." (Matt. 3:16-17)
- "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19)
- Jesus said: "I and the Father are one." (John 10:30)
- "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." (John 14:9)
- "He who beholds Me beholds the One who sent Me." (John 12:45)

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- If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. (Rom. 8:9)
- "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 1:20)
- And the angel answered and said to her [Mary], "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35)
- [Jesus speaking to His disciples] "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you." ... "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him." (John 14:16-17, 23)

**Our Saviour Lutheran Church  
Anna Lowery, President  
March 15, 2020 Council Minutes**

**No meeting due to COVID-19**

**Minutes:** February 17, 2020 minutes

**Report of the Treasurer:** February

**Report of the Ministries:**

Property:

Stewardship and Finance:

Worship & Music:

Youth Team:

Witness:

Christian Education Team:

**General Information:**

Attendance

Laszlo Mission (Kids International) Report

Next Meeting: April 20, 2020

Devotions: Anna Lowery

**Our Saviour Lutheran Church  
Anna Lowery, President  
April 20, 2020 Council Minutes**

**Devotions:** Anna Lowery

President, Anna Lowery held the meeting without a quorum. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

**Members present:** Joe Finger, Anna Lowery, Teri Trudnak, and Alice Vlaservich; **Members Absent:** Becky Messick, Denise Traveria, Jeff White, Melinda White, and Robbie Wooten

**Minutes:** None presented

**Reception of Petitions and Communications:** None

**Report of the Pastor:**

**Report of the Treasurer:** March 2020

**Report of the Ministries:**

Property: No Report

Stewardship and Finance: No report

Worship & Music: No Report

Youth Team: No Report

Witness: No Report

Christian Education Team: No Report

**Report of Auxiliaries:** The Rachel Group and the Prayer Group did not meet due to COVIN19 virus.

**Old and/or Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

[Alice Vlaservich stated a Roof Fund needs to be started and will donate \\$2,000 to kick it off. Start a thermometer chart.](#)

The Pastor talked about a mesh wifi to improve our zoom broadcasting ability.

The Council discussed on-line giving.

**General Information:**

Attendance

Laszlo Mission (Kids International) Rep

Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: May 18, 2020

Devotions: Robbie Wooten- May



## Father's Day

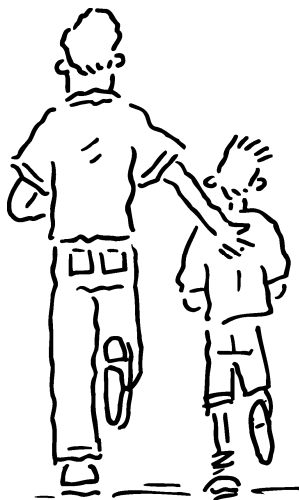
As fathers and sons, we all wish to do something special for father's day. As times change and society advances so does the way we celebrate Father's Day. Some customs change, but the sentiment stays the same – to demonstrate our love and make this day special for our fathers.

At its heart, Fathers Day is about family with the focus on dad. It should not be about expensive gifts but rather family values and a recognition of Dad's contribution to the family.

From a personal point of view, it's about Dad's relationship with **you**, his son or daughter. This is a day to say thanks with little things like hand made crafts, a hand written Fathers Day card, a photo album or something else personal. Breakfast in bed, a nice gift and a lovely Fathers Day dinner are also welcome but not the main reason or message behind Fathers Day.

In this world we only have the opportunity to have one father and that alone shows us how important celebrating his fatherhood is. As with any other job done we all like to feel appreciated from time to time and the job of being a father is no exception. He has been there all through your life helping you along the way.

Whatever the situation, Fathers Day is about honoring Dad, for all that he has given and continued to contribute to the family. Fathers Day 2020 is all about Dads and Grandads..



## The Origins of Fathers Day

Not many countries of the world celebrate fathers with their own official day. However, that is what is done in the United States every third Sunday in June.

Father's Day is a special day for dads when they are pampered by their children, given gifts, and even surprised with breakfast in bed! Father's day is all about family and a celebration of the father's role in the family.

There are many different stories as to the origins of Father's Day. Some of the possible scenarios telling the story of the first Father's Day are:

1. It started in 1908 during a church service in West Virginia.
2. Vancouver, Washington was where the first Father's Day celebration occurred.
3. Harry Meek, president of the Lions' Club branch in Chicago, created the first Father's Day with his organization. It was celebrated in 1915 on the third Sunday of June, since that was a date very close to his birthday.

Even though we don't know exactly when the first Father's Day was celebrated, we do know who promoted this holiday with a great passion. Mrs. John B. Dodd, who resided in Spokane Washington, felt that her father was outstanding and deserved to be honored. He had fought in the Civil War and had raised six children on his own after his wife had died.

Mrs. Dodd spoke to her minister and other ministers around Spokane to see if they would have a church service that was solely dedicated to fathers. She wished this service to be held on June 5th, her father's birthday. It was actually scheduled on June 19th however, since a June 5th date was not long enough for her minister to prepare such a service. After that, the whole state of Washington began celebrating "Father's Day" on the third Sunday of June. Children prepared special meals and desserts as a treat for dad. If they happened to live apart, children would make an effort to visit.

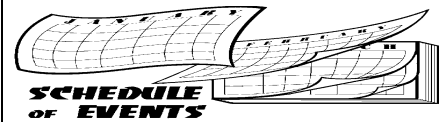
Other states and organizations now wanted an annual Father's Day for the whole country. They began lobbying Congress to declare such a holiday. The idea of a "Father's Day" was approved by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916, but it was not official until President Calvin Coolidge made it a national event in 1924.

Now, we celebrate Father's Day every third Sunday in June!

# June 2019



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



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

- June 3— Team Meetings— 7:00pm
- June 6—D-Day WWII
- June 7— Trinity Sunday
- June 14— 2nd Sunday after Pentecost



- June 15—Council Meeting 7 pm
- June 16—Prayer Group will meet at Home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:00 pm
- June 20— Summer begins
- June 21— 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
- June 28— 4th Sunday after Pentecost

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:
- Worship Asst:
- Greeters: OSLC Members
- Ushers: OSLC Members

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
- 13 Bud Penley
- 20 Anna Cole



- Marie Robinson
- Ben Finger



- 3<sup>rd</sup> .....Bud & Wayne Ann Penley
- 17<sup>th</sup> .....Dan & Donna Clemmer
- 26<sup>th</sup> .....Stephen & Kasey Digh
- 26<sup>th</sup> .....Pete & Mary Feige

Board Devotions: Teri Trudnak

Stewardship Collector: Jeff White



**DON'T TAKE A  
VACATION  
FROM CHURCH**

## FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- June 7 Nick Vlaservich
- June 14 Becky Messick
- June 21 Julie Digh
- June 28

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:



725 Gastonia Technology Parkway  
 Post Office Box 475  
 Dallas, North Carolina 28034  
 Phone: 705-922-4648  
 Email: oslcdallas@aol.com  
 Web-site: oslc-nc.org.

Help fill the pantry  
 at the  
 Dallas-High Shoals Christian Ministry.

Check and see what food item they need for the month (on page 4—our calendar) and let us over fill that basket in the hallway. This is a great outreach program.

God will bless you in  
 your generosity.



“Honour thy  
 father...  
 as the LORD  
 thy God hath  
 commanded,”  
 thee....  
 Deuteronomy 5:16

**OUTREACH MISSION**

**SHUT-INS**  
**NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Please remember our church members who are shut-ins or reside at home\* and visit them.

**Marilvn Finger\***  
 1150 Meadow Way Dr., Dallas

**Jerri Presley\***  
 2604 Ole Home Trail, Dallas



**EVENTS**  
**for**  
**Agape/Kure Beach**

**Contact Camp Agapé:**  
 Telephone: 919-552-9421  
 e-mail: [agape@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:agape@agapekurebeach.org)

**Contact Kure Beach Lutheran:**  
 Telephone 910-458-0783  
 e-mail: [kurebeach@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:kurebeach@agapekurebeach.org)

**Web site:** [www.agapekurebeach.org](http://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](http://www.NovusWay.com)



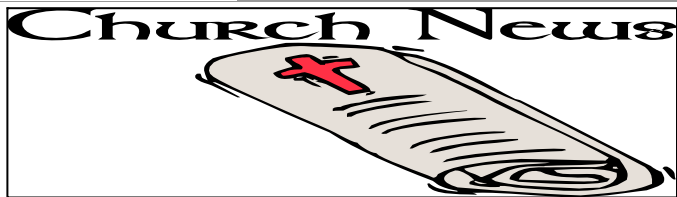
**HELP! HELP!**

**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 20 calendar year in blue book on table in Ed. Bldg.



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 is poem to greet one's father him spiritually.

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...



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

**CLW/RACHEL GROUP**

will not meet during months of June and July



**"PRAYER GROUP"**

Will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza June 16th 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), RHONA and ADRIAN Carpenter (parents of Raygen Messick), KAREN Brady, MIKE Coffey (Robbie Wooten's uncle), HARDY Feige (Pete's dad – chronic back pain), NANCY Friday, JASON Hames (friend of the White's) DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), CHRIS Messick (intestinal blockage), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), MARY O'Shea (co-worker of Melinda White's), ELLEN Pfeiffer (friend of the Gordy's – heart surgery), SONDRRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White), JERRIE Presley, GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), ANNE White (niece of Betty Ratchford-breast cancer), JOE White (stroke), MARY Wooten (Sara's great-grandmother and Rosalee's great-great grandmother). NANCY Wilson.



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 Haft, 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.

## Fathers Day Quotes

### A special message for Dad

So many people over the years have had a lot to say about fathers! It's not really surprising as our fathers feature so much in most of our lives that it's an obvious topic to write about. From US presidents, to action movie heroes, and from famous authors to play writers, they all have something to say. Some funny, some serious and others straight from the heart.

#### Here are some short quotes about fathers to think about this Father's Day:

"It is a wise father who knows his own child." – William Shakespeare

"By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong." – Charles Wadsworth

"To be a successful father, there's one absolute rule: when you have a kid, don't look at it for the first two years." – Ernest Hemingway

"If the new American father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has a fifty percent chance of being right." – Bill Cosby

"Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children the richest inheritance." – Ruth E. Renkel

"It doesn't matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was." – Anne Sexton

"The most important thing that a father can do for his children is to love their mother." – Theodore M. Hesburgh

"My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it." – Clarence B. Kelland

"Love and fear. Everything the father of a family says must inspire one or the other." – Joseph Joubert

"Noble fathers have noble children." – Euripides

"When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years." – Mark Twain

"A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child." – Knights of Pythagoras

#### The best quotes for the Father's Day Holiday:

"It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father." – Pope John XXIII

"Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father!" – Lydia M. Child

"It is much easier to become a father than to be one." – Kent Nerburn

"The greatest gift I ever had came from God, and I call him Dad!" – Anonymous

"One night a father overheard his son pray: Dear God, make me the kind of man my Daddy is. Later that night, the father prayed, Dear God, make me the kind of man my son wants me to be." – Anonymous



## **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

**(D-Day continued on page 10)**

## A Stewardship Minute

In tough times, when we are conflicted and pulled in many directions it difficult to see a clear path in life, so we often become ambivalent. And we know it; we feel compelled to do something about it, but somehow we can't because we don't see a clear path towards doing what is right.

We feel compelled to do something, but then somehow just say, "I can only do so much." However, stewardship provides a clear path; it gives us a road-map toward allocating the precious time, talent and resources

that God has given us. In living the whole of our lives to glorify God we can find clear decisions that lead us down the right path.

This includes taking good care of our bodies, our brains, and our spirit, as well as how we minister to our families, how we care for one another in God's kingdom. The conflict and ambivalence that we may feel can be conquered!

This month's issue of *Stewardship* points out that the conflict leading to ambivalence is everywhere and that all Christians can be plagued with difficult choices. Some advise:

"Just say No." Others say, "Enough is enough." This doesn't sit well with many of our personal beliefs. In keeping with Christian beliefs, we need to find ways to "Just say Yes!" A former pastor once advised, "Give until it hurts." This is consistent with the belief that one is never done repaying our debt to God!

**Prayer:** Let us not find our rest, Lord, until we are dedicated stewards of all that we have. **Amen**



(D-Day continued from page 9)

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.

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## Father's Day Poems for Grandfather

Father's Day is a time when we make our dad and all the father figures in our lives, including our grandpa, feel special. There are times when we just look up to these people for their wisdom and aegis. Amongst all these people, a grand dad is the one who adores us, spoils us and pampers us the most. Don't we love all his mollycoddling, his words of comfort and his didactic bedtime stories? If you have a doting and loving grandfather in your life; Father's Day brings you the perfect opportunity to treat him with a really nice gift. What can be a better gift than a handwritten poetry for your grandpa?

### To my Grandpa

I just want to let you know  
You mean the world to me.  
Only a heart as dear as yours,  
can give so unselfishly

The many things you have done;  
All the times that you were there.  
Help me know deep down inside,  
How much you care.

Even though I might not say  
I appreciate all you do  
Richly blessed is how I feel  
Having a grandfather like you!

— Joyce

## 2020 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 riders 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 Makhwua, 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 Makhwua 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.*

### Grandfathers Are Fathers Who Are Grand

Grandfathers are fathers, who are grand,  
Restoring the sense that our most precious things

Are those that do not change much over time.  
No love of childhood is more sublime,

Demanding little, giving on demand,  
Far more inclined than most to grant the wings

Allowing us to reach enchanted lands.  
Though grandfathers must serve as second fathers,

Helping out with young and restless hearts,  
Each has all the patience wisdom brings,

Remembering our passions more than others,  
Soothing us with old and well-honed arts!

– Nicholas Gordon



## Daily Bible reading guide from NALC, LCMS and LCC

*Reading the Word of God*, a daily Bible reading guide, has been prepared for Lutherans to use over the next three years.

The North American Lutheran Church has joined with the Lutheran Church-Canada and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to compile a three-year plan of *daily* Bible readings and a year-long series of *weekly* readings on Martin Luther's approach to the Scriptures.

### Daily readings

The daily readings are listed on calendars for **2020**. The plan provides a guide that will take the reader through the entire Old Testament one time in three years, with the exception of Psalms, which are read twice each year. The New Testament will be read twice in the three years.

A reading from the Old Testament, a psalm (or portion of a psalm) and a reading from the New Testament are assigned for each day. Certain church festivals - Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and so forth - have readings appointed for the specific occasion.

Each month of the Daily Bible Reading Guide will be in the monthly newsletter.

# June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <i>Jer 7:1-29</i> <i>Ps. 120-121</i> <i>Acts 4:23-31</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Jer 7:30-8:17</i> <i>Ps. 122</i> <i>Acts 4:32-37</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Jer 8:18-9:11</i> <i>Ps. 123</i> <i>Acts 5:1-16</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Jer 9:12-26</i> <i>Ps. 124</i> <i>Acts 5:17-42</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Jer 10:1-10</i> <i>Ps. 125</i> <i>Acts 6:1-7</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Jer 10:11-25</i> <i>Ps. 126</i> <i>Acts 6:8-15</i>
<b>7</b> <i>Jer 11</i> <i>Ps. 127</i> <i>Acts 7:1-3</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Jer 12:1-4</i> <i>Ps. 128</i> <i>Acts 7:35-53</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Jer 12:5-17</i> <i>Ps. 129</i> <i>Acts 7:54-8:8</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Jer 13:1-13</i> <i>Ps. 130</i> <i>Acts 8:9-25</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Jer 13:1-27</i> <i>Ps. 131</i> <i>Acts 8:26-40</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Jer 14</i> <i>Ps. 132</i> <i>Acts 9:1-19</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Jer 15:1-9</i> <i>Ps. 133</i> <i>Acts 9:19-31</i>
<b>14</b> <i>Jer 15:10-21</i> <i>Ps. 134</i> <i>Acts 9:32-10:8</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Jer 16:1-21</i> <i>Ps. 135</i> <i>Acts 10:9-23</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Jer 17:1-18</i> <i>Ps. 136</i> <i>Acts 10:24-33</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Jer 17:19-27</i> <i>Ps. 137</i> <i>Acts 10:34-48</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Jer 18</i> <i>Ps. 138</i> <i>Acts 11:1-18</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Jer 19</i> <i>Ps. 139</i> <i>Acts 11:19-30</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Jer 20</i> <i>Ps. 140</i> <i>Acts 12:1-17</i>
<b>21</b> <i>Jer 21:1-10</i> <i>Ps. 141</i> <i>Acts 12:18-25</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Jer 21:11-22:10</i> <i>Ps. 142</i> <i>Acts 13:1-12</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Jer 22:11-30</i> <i>Ps. 143</i> <i>Acts 13:13-41</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Jer 23:1-22</i> <i>Ps. 144</i> <i>Acts 13:42-47</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Jer 23:23-40</i> <i>Ps. 145</i> <i>Acts 13:48-4:7</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Jer 24</i> <i>Ps. 146</i> <i>Acts 14:8-18</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Jer 25:1-14</i> <i>Ps. 147</i> <i>Acts 14:19-28</i>
<b>28</b> <i>Jer 25:15-38</i> <i>Ps. 148</i> <i>Acts 15:1-21</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Jer 26:1-15</i> <i>Ps. 149</i> <i>Acts 15:22-35</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Jer 26:16-24</i> <i>Ps. 150</i> <i>Acts 15:36-16:10</i>				



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