



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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The Green Period

We have celebrated Easter, welcomed Pentecost, and sung the "Holy, Holy, Holy" of Trinity Sunday. Now we enter what is known in the liturgical calendar as the "Green Season." All kinds of good things come to mind about this time of the year.

First, the "green" Sundays after Pentecost focus on the teaching and healing ministries of our Lord as he nurtured his disciples and followers regarding the Kingdom of God. We travel down the dusty roads with Jesus, encountering people with all kinds of needs and circumstances. He tells parables of judgment and grace. He offers hope to the down-trodden.

Second, the "green season" reminds me of God's good creation. Our gardens burst forth with good things—vegetables, flowers, and yes, weeds. Creation is clothed in green and the summer showers nourish the plants. Also, it is a time for recreation as we enjoy the beauty of nature around us. We take trips to the beach, the mountains and other destinations in the Piedmont and beyond seeking renewal and refreshment from our routines. A friend of mine just told me that they were going to the North Carolina mountains to camp, take hiking trails and explore waterfalls. He said they would not be taking cell phones, blackberries, or laptops on the two week trip. However, he was thinking about taking his watch. Getting away and getting in touch with God's good creation is so necessary for our well being and our sense of stewardship of what God has given us.

Third, it is a time to remember the church when we are away from home this summer. Please keep up your commitment to the church over these months. The support of mission and ministry does not take a vacation over the summer months. Commitments need to be fulfilled and bills need to be paid. Before you leave for vacation, take time to deliver or mail your pledge or commitment to nurture your church.

Above all, give thanks to God and enjoy his creation,



What was the first liquid and food consumed on the moon ?

I'm betting that most are unaware of this story.

Forty-three years ago two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon. But what happened before Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even more amazing, if only because so few people know about it. "I'm talking about the fact that Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in Guideposts magazine.

The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life and knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt he should mark the occasion somehow. He asked his minister to help him. And so the minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and on to the surface of the moon. He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement:

"This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." He then ended radio communication and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John and he took communion.

Here is his own account of what happened: "In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup.

Then I read the scripture: I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit

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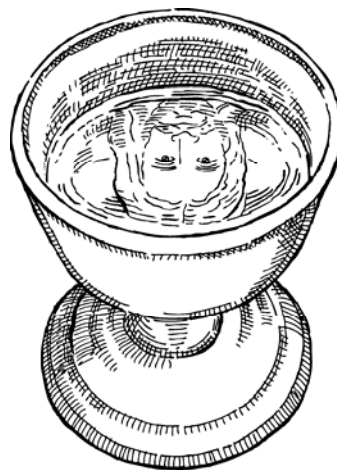
Apart from me you can do nothing."

"I had intended to read my communion passage back to earth, but at the last minute [they] had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly."

"I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility . It was interesting for me to think the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements."

"And of course, it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ , who made the Earth and the moon - and who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the "Love that moves the Sun and other stars."

*How many of you knew this? Too bad this type news doesn't travel as fast as the bad does.
Share it if you've felt God's love. God Bless America !!!*



**Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Bill Trudnak, President
April 16, 2018 Council Minutes**



Devotions: Steve Digh

Meeting called to order by President Bill Trudnak.

Members present: Bill Trudnak, Melinda White, Alice Vlaservich, Jeff White, Betty Ratchford, Bud Penley, Steve Digh, and Teri Trudnak. **Members Absent:** Denise Traveria and Robbie Wooten.

Minutes for March 19, 2018 were reviewed. Motion made by Alice Vlaservich to approve the minutes and a second was given by Betty Ratchford.

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

- a. Advent Lutheran Church-NALC Disaster Relief Warehouse (to collect relief supplies; see information posted in bulletin and newsletter). Melinda White made motion to participate in this project and Alice Vlaservich seconded that motion. Deadline for collection is 05/27/2018.
- b. PARTNERS – information reviewed and will be placed in newsletter for communication.
- c. Kids Alive requesting donation for sponsorship. It was decided to have a love offering the first Sunday in May and all donations will be sent to Kids Alive in support of this program.

Report of the Pastor: Reviewed and motion made by Teri Trudnak to accept and Alice Vlaservich gave a second on the motion.

Report of the Treasurer: Motion by Steve Digh to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Jeff White.

Report of the Ministries:

- a. Property: No report this month.
- b. Stewardship and Finance: No report this month.
- c. Worship & Music: Prepared and planned for Easter sunrise service and the church Easter lilies and flower cross.
- d. Youth Team: No report.
- e. Witness: Cards and prayers continue to be sent out.
- f. Christian Education Team: VBS planning committee to meet 4/22/18 to select curriculum and discuss program details. Dates for VBS are July 15-19 2018 and OSLC is the host church this year..

Report of Auxiliaries:

- a. Rachel Circle: Met at the home of Marie Robinson for program and refreshments.

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- a. Carolinas Mission District 2018 Convocation is May 18-19- need representation. If interested please see Nick or Pastor Feige.
- b. Open House Invitation-Crisis Pregnancy Center. An-

nouncement will be placed in bulletin/newsletter

General Information:

- a. Kids Alive Report
- b. Attendance

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: May 21, 2018

Devotions: Betty Ratchford

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NALC NEWSLETTER

If you want to find out what is going on in the NALC, you can do it in two ways:

- 1. Go on line and type in thenalc.org. Once you have their home page click on to Newsletter and select the newsletter month you wish to read or print out.
- 2. Go to Our Saviour's website (oslc-nc.org) and pull up our home page. Click on Link and then click on North American Lutheran Church. This will pull up NALC home page. Follow the same procedure mentioned in 1.

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CHECK OUT YOUR WEBSITE

CHURCH'S WEBSITE

Our website has been redesigned by Renee Falkenberg who has also been maintaining it.

It FEATURES, such as;

OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

DAILY DEVOATIONAL FROM NALC

MONTHLY CALENDAR

So check out YOUR website.

SPECIAL THANKS to Renee Falkenberg for redesigning our website and helping maintaining it.

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...

DID YOU KNOW?

As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view ... it is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments!

As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door.

As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments!

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington , D.C.

James Madison, the fourth president, known as 'The Father of Our Constitution' made the following statement:

'We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.'

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.

Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law an oligarchy (the rule of few over many.)

How then, have we gotten to the point that everything we have done for 220 years in this country is now suddenly wrong and unconstitutional?

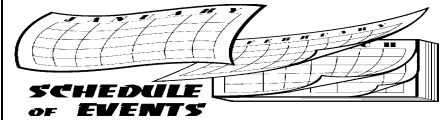





*Happy moments, praise God
Difficult moments, seek God
Quiet moments, worship God
Painful moments, trust God
Every moment, thank God*

June 2018



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



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

- June 3— 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
- June 4— Team Meetings—Youth at 6:30 pm
Other Teams at 7:00pm
- June 6—D-Day WWII
- June 10— 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
RACHEL DAY
- June 12—Gaston Together (see p 8)
- June 14— FLAG DAY
- June 17— 4th Sunday after Pentecost
FATHERS DAY
- June 18—Board Meeting 7 pm
- June 19—Prayer Group will meet at Home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:00 pm
- June 21— Summer begins on the 21st
- June 24— 5th Sunday after Pentecost



FOOD FOR THE MONTH:
Soup, Mac-n-Cheese, Green Peas



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
- Joann Scarborough
- Ben Finger



3rdBud & Wayne Ann Penley
17thDan & Donna Clemmer

Holy Communion Schedule:



June 3: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service Assistance:

- Altar Guild: Teri Trudnak
Melinda White
- Acolyte: Nick Vlaservich
- Communion Asst: Marie Robonson (3rd)
- Lay Reader:
- Worship Asst:
- Greeters: OSLC Members
- Ushers: OSLC Members

Board Devotions: Denise Traveria

Stewardship Collector: Jeff White

FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- June 3 Nick Vlaservich
- June 10 Becky Messick
- June 17 Denise Traveria
- June 24 Julie Digh

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



July 15-19
5:30 pm—8:30 pm
At
Our Saviour Lutheran Church

"Splash Canyon"
"God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride"

Supper: 5:30 pm-6:10 pm
VBS: 6:15 pm—8:15 pm

There will be a closing celebration
and ice cream social on Thursday evening.

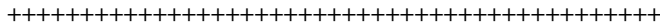
Programs from Nursery to Adults

Volunteers are needed...
PLEASE FILL OUT FORM ENCLOSED

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

OSLC will prepare supper on July 15..Help will be needed

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!



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

Check and see what food item they need for the

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
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 2018 calendar year
in book on office door.

A Stewardship Minute

The June issue of *Stewardship* has a parable about a man who encountered the presence of God and made a vow to carve a wooden memorial in honor of God's love. But tiredness, cold weather, and other difficulties got the better of him, so he used the wood he had intended to use for the memorial for a fire. Only a tiny bit of wood was left for the memorial for God. Sadly, the memorial was so tiny; it could not be seen above the weeds and bushes.

The point of the tale is that our promises, vows and gifts to God should come first, not after we have used our best gifts for our own comforts. Similarly, 500 years before Christ, the prophet Malachi was upset because he saw many Jews were not honoring God as they had vowed to do. If they offered grain it was polluted. Animals offered to God were blind, sick or lame. The people were giving the worst of their possessions to God, while keeping the best for themselves. Malachi 1: 6-14 details how they were "cheating" God.

makes the point that it is not right to give God our leftovers; taking the best of our possessions for ourselves and giving God the least. It also makes the point that when we consider giving our good gifts to God first, then we find ourselves becoming spiritually healthy. Such health enables us to have blessings beyond all we could ever imagine. Offering our best to God brings joys everlasting.

Prayer: Dear God, please guide us in the way we live, serve and give. And may all of our deeds be for your glory. Amen.

The article in *Stewardship*



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!

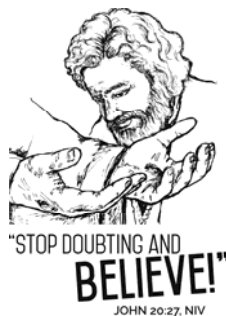
Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "Father's Day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to 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.



Church News



GASTON TOGETHER'S CLERGY & CITIZENS COALITION

June 5, 2018
12:30 to 2:00 pm
Hudson Room, Gaston Memorial Hospital
Lunch in cafeteria at noon, if you wish



CONGRADULATIONS BEN FINGER WON THE NC 3A STATE POLE VAULT CHAMPSHIP.



15"-6"



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.
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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:



MARGARET Addington (Brady Ratchford's sister and friends of the community), SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), JENNIFER Christy (cancer is back- co-worker of Julie Digh), KAREN Braddy, COLEEN Cloninger (friend of community), LEVI Friday (Joan Scarborough's nephew), ROBERT Gentile (friend of Shirlee Marazza-heart attack), ANNA Harbour (CDIFF-Shirlee Marazza's granddaughter), DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), ROBERT L. McCanless, Jr. (failing health - Charles McCanless' father), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), NANCY Parker (friend of Marie Lingle-ALS), MARY O'Shea (co-worker of Melinda White's). EDITH Paysour, LAWRENCE Paysour (friend of Ratchford's), RIVER Peedin (Ursela Peedin's great-grandson- leukemia), JANICE and JOHNNY Pendleton (grandparents of Raygan Carpenter - Janice has strokes), SONDRRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White) JERRIE Presley, BERNICE—Leon Rawlinson's mother, GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), KELLY Walters (mother of Brie Murray), LISA Walters (Brie and Emma Murray's aunt -cancer), MELINDA White, ANNE White (niece of Betty Ratchford-breast cancer), NANCY Wilson (eyes)



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.

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.

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2018 Court Square Summer Concert

(presented by the Town of Dallas and the Gaston County Museum of Art & History)

Held on the Dallas Historic Court Square, from 6:00—8:30 pm, each FREE concert will feature amazing talent (rain or shine). Enjoy the car show along Main Street and local craft beverage from Ole Dallas Brewery.

- ◆ **Saturday, June 9— Coming Up Brass
Cruise-in and Music**

- ◆ **Wednesday, July 4—Image
*NO Cruise-In this Month / Band Performing 6pm-9pm before the Fireworks at Cloninger Park***

- ◆ **Saturday, August 11—Ocean Boulevard Band
Cruise-in and Music**

- ◆ **Saturday, September 8—The Catalinas**
 Since its creation in 1957, over 60 accomplished guitarists, keyboardists, trumpet players, drummers, bass players and singers have been part of **The Catalinas**. The bad owner, Gary Barker of Statesville, has performed with the bank since 1965 and attributes its long success to the ongoing popularity of beach music and the tunes the band has composed, particularly "*Summertime's Calling Me*" in the 70s.
Cruise-in and Music



Our Graduates



- Carson Dease:** Graduating from North Gaston High School on June 9 with plans of attending UNCC to study computer engineering or business.

- Ben Finger:** Graduating from North Gaston High School on June 9 with plans to pursue college. He has several offers and is close to deciding.

- Jared Dease:** Graduating from NC State in late June with a double major in History and French. He is currently living in Raleigh.

- Mariel Finger:** Graduated from Liberty University on May 19 with a degree in Business Administration, Human Resources. Mariel will be working in Richmond Virginia starting in July.

2018 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.



DID YOU KNOW?

Difference use of the Dryer Sheet:

1. Use it to dust your television screen. The anti-static chemicals in a dryer sheet will help to repel dust and lint.
2. Use old dryer sheets to easily wipe up talcum powder, flour, and other messes of this type.
3. Used sheets usually have enough fragrance in them to freshen up other areas in your home. Stuff them in tennis shoes, place them in closets, in laundry hampers and in pieces of luggage -- anywhere your house needs a little "refreshment."
4. Run a sheet over a piece of thread when you're doing sewing tasks. The thread won't tangle up as easy.
5. Have pet hair on your clothing? Simply wipe it off with a used dryer sheet! Also works great on cloth furniture too!
6. Keep dust and other contaminants off your glass computer screen by carefully wiping it with an old sheet.
7. Did you purchase some old, musty books at a garage sale or thrift shop? Make them smell good again! Simply place the books in a sealed plastic bag with a used dryer sheet. Allow the bag to sit undisturbed for a day or two, then remove the contents. The musty smell will be gone!
8. Got a problem with mice? Find where they are entering your house and stuff the hole shut with a used sheet. Mice won't chew through the smelly material.
9. Place a used dryer sheet in the bag of your vacuum. Sweep your house, and, once you're done, the air will smell as fresh as your clothes do.
10. These wonders of the 70's are also said to repel mosquitoes as well as other annoying, flying insects. Don't rub it on you. Instead, stick a used sheet in your belt loop.
11. You can use dryer sheets to clean and polish the chrome on your vehicles.
12. Is there a build-up of soap scum on your glass shower door? Simply use an old dryer sheet to eliminate the mess.
13. Is the interior of your car or truck smelling a little stale? Forget the pine tree on a string! Place a few used dryer sheets under the seats of your vehicle instead!
14. Use sheets to clean and polish the glass lens of your eye glasses. They're not recommended for plastic lens, though!
15. Is your hair dry and full of static electricity? Gently wipe a used dryer sheet over your head to get rid of it.
16. Dryer sheets make great dusting cloths for your wooden furniture.
17. Help keep dust and other contaminants out of your house. Simply place a used sheet inside every furnace/AC register in your house. Make sure it covers the openings and replace once they are dirty.
18. Keep your window blinds clean longer by wiping them periodically with used dryer sheets. The anti-static properties of the product will actually help to repel dust and dirt.
19. Are your scissors not cutting as smooth as they should? Wipe the blades clean with a used dryer sheet to remedy this problem.
20. Used dryer sheets make great little cloths for quick shine ups in the bathroom and kitchen too. Just use one on each of your chrome faucets and see how brightly they shine!

CLEVER IDEAS WORTH KNOWING

Reopening envelopes

If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Viola! It unseals easily.

INFO ABOUT CLOTHES DRYERS (I do this all the time)

The heating unit went out on my dryer! The gentleman that fixes things around the house for us told us that he wanted to show us something and he went over to the dryer and pulled out the lint filter. It was clean. (I always clean the lint from the filter after every load clothes.) He told us that he wanted to show us something; he took the filter over to the sink and ran hot water over it. The lint filter is made of a mesh material...I'm sure you know what your dryer's lint filter looks like. Well...the hot water just sat on top of the mesh! It didn't go through it at all! He told us that dryer sheets cause a film over that mesh that's what burns out the heating unit. You can't SEE the film, but it's there. It's what is in the dryer r sheets to make your clothes soft and static free...that nice fragrance too. You know how they can feel waxy when you take them out of the box...well this stuff builds up on your clothes and on your lint screen. This is also what causes dryer units to potentially burn your house down with it! He said the best way to keep your dryer working for a very longtime (and to keep your electric bill lower) is to take that filter out and wash it with hot soapy water and an old toothbrush (or other brush) at least every six months. He said that makes the life of the dryer at least twice as long! How about that?! Learn something new every day! I certainly didn't know dryer sheets would do that. So, I thought I'd share!

Note: I went to my dryer and tested my screen by running water on it. The water ran through a little bit but mostly collected all the water in the mesh screen. I washed it with warm soapy water and a nylon brush and I had it done in 30 seconds. Then when I rinsed it...the water ran right thru the screen! There wasn't any puddling at all! That repairman knew what he was talking about!

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 **2018**, **2019** and **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.

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| | | | | | <i>1</i> <i>Lev 17</i> <i>Ps. 121</i> <i>1 Cor 9:1-14</i> | <i>2</i> <i>Lev 18</i> <i>Ps. 121</i> <i>1 Cor 9:15-27</i> |
| <i>3</i> <i>Lev 19:1-18</i> <i>Ps. 123</i> <i>1 Cor 10:1-13</i> | <i>4</i> <i>Lev 19:19-37</i> <i>Ps. 124</i> <i>1 Cor 10:14-22</i> | <i>5</i> <i>Lev 20</i> <i>Ps. 125</i> <i>1 Cor 10:23-11:16</i> | <i>6</i> <i>Lev 21:1-15</i> <i>Ps. 126</i> <i>1 Cor 11:17-34</i> | <i>7</i> <i>Lev 21:16-22:16</i> <i>Ps. 127</i> <i>1 Cor 12:1-11</i> | <i>8</i> <i>Lev 22:17-23:3</i> <i>Ps. 128</i> <i>1 Cor 12:12-31</i> | <i>9</i> <i>Lev 22:4-23:25</i> <i>Ps. 129</i> <i>1 Cor 13</i> |
| <i>10</i> <i>Lev 23:26-44</i> <i>Ps. 130</i> <i>1 Cor 14:1-25</i> | <i>11</i> <i>Lev 24</i> <i>Ps. 131</i> <i>1 Cor 14:26-40</i> | <i>12</i> <i>Lev 25:1-7</i> <i>Ps. 132</i> <i>1 Cor 15:1-11</i> | <i>13</i> <i>Lev 25:8-31</i> <i>Ps. 133</i> <i>1 Cor 15:12-34</i> | <i>14</i> <i>Lev 25:32-55</i> <i>Ps. 134</i> <i>1 Cor 15:35-49</i> | <i>15</i> <i>Lev 26:1-22</i> <i>Ps. 135</i> <i>1 Cor 15:50-16:4</i> | <i>16</i> <i>Lev 26:23-46</i> <i>Ps. 136</i> <i>1 Cor 16:5-24</i> |
| <i>17</i> <i>Lev 27:1-15</i> <i>Ps. 137</i> <i>2 Cor 1:1-11</i> | <i>18</i> <i>Lev 27:16-34</i> <i>Ps. 138</i> <i>2 Cor 1:12-22</i> | <i>19</i> <i>Num 1:1-31</i> <i>Ps. 139</i> <i>2 Cor 1:23-2:17</i> | <i>20</i> <i>Num 1:32-54</i> <i>Ps. 140</i> <i>2 Cor 3:1-18</i> | <i>21</i> <i>Num 2</i> <i>Ps. 141</i> <i>2 Cor 4:1-18</i> | <i>22</i> <i>Num 3:1-26</i> <i>Ps. 142</i> <i>2 Cor 5:1-15</i> | <i>23</i> <i>Num 3:27-51</i> <i>Ps. 143</i> <i>2 Cor 5:16-6:13</i> |
| <i>24</i> <i>Num 4:1-20</i> <i>Ps. 144</i> <i>2 Cor 6:4-7:1</i> | <i>25</i> <i>Num 4:21-49</i> <i>Ps. 145</i> <i>2 Cor 7:2-15</i> | <i>26</i> <i>Num 5</i> <i>Ps. 146</i> <i>2 Cor 8:1-15</i> | <i>27</i> <i>Num 6:1-21</i> <i>Ps. 147</i> <i>2 Cor 8:16-9:5</i> | <i>28</i> <i>Num 6:22-7:23</i> <i>Ps. 148</i> <i>2 Cor 9:6-15</i> | <i>29</i> <i>Num 7:24-59</i> <i>Ps. 149</i> <i>2 Cor 8</i> | <i>30</i> <i>Num 7:60-89</i> <i>Ps. 150</i> <i>2 Cor 10:7-18</i> |
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