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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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10 Things You Should Know about the Trinity

The Trinity is something God wants us to know. The doctrine of the Trinity is not illogical. You should give up on looking for an illustration of the Trinity. The Father sent the Son and the Holy Spirit to save us; that is why we know about the Trinity. God would have been the Trinity even if nothing existed but God.

1. The Trinity is something God wants us to know.

If you believe the Bible reveals that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, then you ought to believe that God made this known because he wants us to know it. "The secret things belong to the LORD," but God's triunity is not among those secret things, or he wouldn't be talking about it and neither would we. "The things that are revealed belong to us" (Deut 29:29).

2. The doctrine of the Trinity is not illogical.

It doesn't teach that God is three persons in one person, or three beings in one being, or three in one in some abstract sense. It teaches that God is three persons in one being. Partly because there are no other examples of such a thing, God's triunity transcends our rational comprehension. But it doesn't violate logic or make a claim that it nonsensical.

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God's triunity is one of those divine realities that have no parallel, like "being the creator of everything from nothing," or "being omnipotent." Any illustration you think of for such realities is vastly more unlike God than like God.

4. The Father sent the Son and the Holy Spirit to save us; that is why we know about the Trinity.

God didn't make his triunity known to us by informing us of facts about it. Instead, he made it known through the incarnation of the Son and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The revelation of the Trinity took place in those acts, which God then explained.

5. God would have been the Trinity even if nothing existed but God.

The doctrine of the Trinity is a teaching about God's eternal, essential being. So even if everything we know about the Trinity is derived from God's outward works as creator and (especially) redeemer, the Trinity would have been itself even without having done these things.

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6. The Trinity is always bundled with the gospel.

It's the doctrine of who God must be if salvation is what we think it is. The Father who gave his Son and Spirit to save us must be a Father who always had a Son and Spirit. If you describe the Trinity and then have to tack on the fact that the Trinity saves, you probably described it too abstractly in the first place. The Bible bundles Trinity and gospel, and so should we.

7. You're already soaking in it.

Whether you have been attending to it or not, everything about the Christian life works only because there is a Trinitarian reality underlying it. If you got saved, you got picked up by the Trinity and brought into God's own fellowship. Learning about the Trinity is a matter of learning the deeper reasons why this Christian life works.

8. Prayer and worship have a Trinitarian structure.

Every time Christians approach God, they come before God (the Father) in the name of Jesus (not in their own name) by the power of the Spirit (not by their own power). Again, this is true even if they're not consciously thinking about it.

9. You don't have to choose between being Christ-centered or being Trinity-centered.

The simple reason for this is that Christ is Trinity-centered, right in the middle of the Trinity as the Son sent by the Father and filled with the Spirit. If you focus on Jesus properly, you will find yourself necessarily focusing on the Trinity—as long as you don't focus on Jesus in a Father-forgetful or Spirit-ignoring way.

10. You can be a good Trinitarian without talking about the Trinity all the time.

The doctrine of the Trinity is the vast, deep background behind all our theology, and when we explicitly talk about it we make a comprehensive claim about who God is if the gospel is true. But often the background stays in the background, and enables us to say particular things about Jesus, discipleship, the cross, the Holy Spirit, and so on, without making the big picture explicit. That's how the New Testament mostly does it, so you're in good company. Go ahead and talk about the Trinity sometimes and think about it deeply sometimes. Praise the Trinity at all times, and when necessary, use the word "Trinity." But don't feel like you have to focus mentally on this gigantic doctrine at all times in order to be a good Trinitarian.

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HEART ATTACK

Mayo Clinic re: drinking water

As a heart patient since 1988 and a survivor of triple bypass surgery, my cardiologist has recommended most of things listed below to help prevent a heart attack, especially about drinking water. I strongly encourage all to at least read the message below. George Pearce

Good Thing To Know! From The Mayo Clinic.

How many folks do you know who say they don't want to drink anything before going to bed because they'll have to get up during the night!!

Heart Attack and Water - Drink 1 glass of water before going to bed avoids stroke or heart attack! I never knew all of this! Interesting.....

Something else I didn't know ... I asked my Doctor why people need to urinate so much at night time. Answer from my Cardiac Doctor: Gravity holds water in the lower part of your body when you are upright (legs swell). When you lie down and the lower body (legs and etc) seeks level with the kidneys, it is then that the kidneys remove the water because it is easier.

I knew you need your minimum water to help flush the toxins out of your body, but this was news to me.

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The History of Father's Day

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

Sonora Dobb and Father's Day.

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

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

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

A NATIONAL HOLIDAY

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

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

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JOKES THAT CAN BE TOLD IN CHURCH

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!" While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again! As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!"

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He answered, "Call for backup."

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Anna Trudnak, President

May 15, 2023 Council Minutes



Meeting called to order by President, Anna Lowery

Members present: Anna Lowery, Steve Digh, Teri Trudnak, and Alice Vlaservich.

Members Absent: Becky Messick, and Robbie Wooten.

Guest: Calvin McCrimmon (representative from AmeriPro Roofing) and Nick Vlaservich

Mr. McCrimmon reported to the Council the status of the roof project. Since the church's roof is not an attachable roof, the insurance adjuster wants a structural engineer to see how to proceed. Mr. McCrimmon will meet with Gaston County's building inspector to receive a letter that the roof will have to meet the State Building Code which will require an attachable roof. Then we can proceed determine the cost (adjusted) of the roof. Mr. McCrimmon will meet with Gaston County's building inspector and the insurance adjuster again

Minutes: Motion by Anna Lowery to approve the March 20, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Alice Vlaservich and carried

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

- Sola request was discussed. Motion by Steve Digh to pray for the success of their project. Seconded by Anna Lowery. (Exhibit A)

Report of the Pastor: None

Report of the Treasurer: Motion by Anna Lowery to accept the March and April reports (Exhibit B). Seconded by Teri Trudnak and carried.

Report of the Ministries:

- Property:** To be done: Activity Building window repaired. Asphalt removed from water line repair and patched. Grounds weeded, treated mice discovered in Activity Building.
- Stewardship and Finance:** None
- Worship & Music:** Decorated church for Easter. Anna Lowery lead church service in Pastor's emergency absent.
- Youth Team:** None
- Witness:** Cards and bulletins continue to be sent to shut ins.
- Christian Education Team:** Discussed VBS schedule, Our Saviour's night to serve dinner is Tuesday. Bethel Lutheran Church will join us. Pizza will be served.

Report of Auxiliaries:

- Prayer Group will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza at 2:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- The Women's Group will meet at the home of Alice Vlaservich with Bible Study, refreshment and fellowship. pm

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- Council met with AmeriPro on March 29 and signed letter allowing AmeriPro to be general contractor (EXHIBIT C). This letter for residential and needs to be commercial. Agreed to sign new letter (EXHIBIT Ca) after review.
- Council reviewed Insurance Adjuster Report (EXHIBIT D). No action.
- Discussed how Melinda White's seat should be filled. No action taken.
- Learned Marsha and John Patton talked to Anna Lowery about a possible fund raiser to collect shoes. Every pound collected would get so much money. Council very interested. Maybe in June.

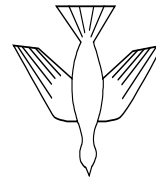
General Information:

- Attendance
- Laszlo Mission Report
- Statement from Dallas Christian Ministry.
- Change Order with AmeriPro-Tarp was put on roof to protect the inside of church.
- Have a mouse problem at Activity Bldg.- Traps and bait has been set out.

The Council meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is July 17, 2023 at 7 pm

Devotions: Alice Vlaservich



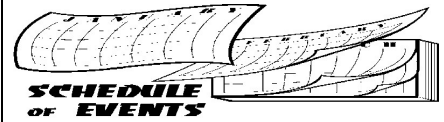
**"STOP DOUBTING AND
BELIEVE!"**

JOHN 20:27, NIV

June 2022



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



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

- June 4— Trinity Sunday
- June 5— Team Meetings
D-Day WWII
- June 6—D-Day WWII
- June 10— Dallas Concert
- June 11— 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
- June 11—VBS BEGINS: JUN 11-14
- June 13—Prayer Group will meet at Home of Shirlee Marazza at 2:00 pm
- June 14— FLAG DAY
- June 18— 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
FATHER'S DAY
- June 21— Summer begins
- June 25— 4th Sunday after Pentecost



FOOD FOR THE MONTH:

Soup, Mac-n-Cheese, Green Peas



Holy Communion Schedule:
Every Sunday

Worship Service Assistance:

Acolyte: Nora Cole
Communion
Asst: Nora Cole
Lay Reader: Teri/Bill Trudnak
Worship Asst: Teri/Bill Trudnak
Greeters: OSLC Members
Ushers: OSLC Members



CHOIR PRACTICE 4: 00 pm
On Wednesday unless
otherwise noted
in the bulletin,



Birthdays

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



Marie Robinson
Ben Finger

Board Devotions: Board meets in July
Devotions: Alice Vlaservich

Stewardship Collector: Jeff White



17thDan & Donna Clemmer
22nd ...Garrett & Kennedy Lowery
25thStephen & Kasey Digh
26thPete & Mary Feige

FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

June 4 Steve & Julie Digh
June 11 Nick Vlaservich
June 18
June 25 Carlos & Denise Traveria

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:

Cost: \$35.00

A Stewardship Minute

Justice means exercising fairness in all our actions. The Old Testament prophets were profoundly emphatic about showing our obedience to God by being just, by being fair, in all our dealings as we live out our lives. The prophet Micah said: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

A Christian minister tells of sitting next to a woman in the waiting room of a hospital. He said to his wife later that he could scarcely remain in

his seat because she reeked of the acrid smell of tobacco. But, when the woman said to her husband who was sitting on her other side, "I feel so sorry for my mother. She has so little money to live on," the pastor had the following thought: "If she simply quit smoking and gave her mother the money she spent for a pack of cigarettes each day, she could at least help her mother have a meal or two daily." Obviously, the woman had a kind thought regarding her mother's welfare, but apparently she did not consider how she might help relieve her mother's woes.

Perhaps each of us should exam-

ine ourselves and consider how we are treating others. Are we concerned about justice for them? Are we kind and thoughtful to them? And do we practice being righteous in our lives to make sure we honor Christ in our everyday lives?

Prayer: Lord, enable us to be complete stewards in every way. Help us to be found worthy of living in eternity with you. In your name we pray. **Amen**

TOLERANCE TODAY IS A ONE-WAY STREET

By D. James Knnedy

Last night I had the opportunity to stand before a room full of cameras, television news people, newspaper reporters, and magazine reporters and answer their questions. One thing was obvious. The idea that the nation was founded as a "Christian Nation" was totally unbelievable to them. It was something that was virtually alien. It was something that was threatening to even mention. But they don't know.

Dr. Paul Vitz, Professor of Psychology at New York University, headed up a blue ribbon presidential panel to examine the history and social studies textbooks used in our public schools. The panel concluded that there is a virtual paranoia on the part of textbook writers, publishers, and editors concerning the religious founding of this country. Almost all references to it have been expurgated from our textbooks. There is virtually no mention of anything concerning the Christian involvement in founding of America. Therefore, we have tens of million of people in the country who haven't the foggiest idea where this country came from or who started it.

Since I knew my remarks to these reporters would not get into the news, I thought I would turn the room into a classroom. I told them: Remember, all of the Pilgrims were Christians. That is why they came to these shores. Even 150 years later, in 1776, 98.4 percent of the American people professed to be Protestant; 1.4 percent professed to be Roman Catholic; .2 of one percent to be Jewish.

That means 99.8 percent of the people in America in 1776 professed themselves to be Christian. I know of no other nation in the world that was founded by a group of people who so uniformly professed a single religion. Yes, I saw in the newspaper a few month ago, someone saying, "Why the very idea of one religion....that's un-American." Where has that person been? Well, I tell you where he's been. He's been to public school in America and he has been brainwashed.

The tolerance crowd chafers at these types of observations. But who is not being tolerant, my friend? We Christians do believe in and practice a tolerance, but if you remember nothing else, remember this: **Tolerance is the last virtue of a completely immoral society.** These people who have violated every single code of decency imaginable, who trample all over the law of God, who expose their wickedness before the entre public in their parades in our major cities, sodomizing in public and in parades for all to see, these people have no other virtues left except "be tolerant of my wickedness." That is their only virtue. The only virtue in America is tolerance and the only sin of a sin-soaked society is the failure to be tolerant.

But one thing they need to remember is that Almighty God is not tolerant of sin. God has said that He will turn the wicked into hel. We will either repent or we will perish. There is no gray in between.

Adapted from "The Cultural War in America," preached by D. James Kennedy, Ph. D., at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale, on January 23, 1994.

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**EVENTS
 for
 Agrape/Kure Beach**

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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

2023 Court Square Summer Concert

(presented by the Town of Dallas)

Held on the Dallas Historic Court Square, starting at 7:00 pm, Each FREE concert will feature amazing talent (rain or shine). Enjoy the concerts,

- ◆ **Saturday, June 10th—Coming Up Brass**
- ◆ **Tuesday, July 4th —Concert
 Image (7pm-9pm)
 4th Fireworks Show at Cloninger Park begins at dark.**
- ◆ **Saturday, August 12th—
 Gary Lowder and Smoking**
- ◆ **Saturday, September 16th—
 The Catalinas Steeped in the sound of the 60s, 70s and 80s, they transport listeners to a simpler time when music spoke for a generation.**

**BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR FOR THE
 CONCERTS AND FIREWORKS**

- 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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WOMEN'S GROUP

will not meet during months of June and July



"PRAYER GROUP"

Will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza June 13th at 2:00 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, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, WHITNEY Auten (breast cancer), KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), RONDA Bradley (Marsha Patton's mom, surgery for neck fusion), KAREN Brady, MIKE Coffey (Robbie Wooten's uncle), MAGGIE Cloninger (niece of Alice Vlaservich- installing pulmonary valve on 4/18), STEVE Cloninger (friend of Brady Ratchford-cancer), ROB Curley (cancer), STEVE Digh (cancer), HARDY Feige (Pete's dad - chronic back pain), GLEEN Fraizer (friend of Steve & Julie Digh -cancer), DON Gardner (John Patton's uncle -cancer in lung, liver, stomach & pancreas going into remission and improving), BECKY Goodwin (friend of Brady's - cancer), JASON Hames (friend of the White's), GRACE Harbin (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), ANDERSON Jones (friend of Penny Wilson-paralyzed by fall), JEFF Lineberger (stroke), DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), JACK Lonon (Kasey Digh's step-father-cancer), MARINA Marazza (Shirlee Marazza's granddaughter-Long Haul Covid19), BO Messick (foot), FRANCIS McAllister (broken hip), CHRIS Messick (recovering back surgery), JASON, AL-LISON & LEX Murray, ELIZABETH Mustin (rare breast cancer), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), JOHN & MARSHA Patton (the in vitro procedure produces healthy baby(ies), (SONDRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White), BRADY Ratchford, TERI Trudnak, RONNIE Shiles (friend of Brady Ratchford-declining health), TONY Trudnak (cancer reoccurring), GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), NANCY Wilson, MARY BETH Wright (cousin of Nick Vlaservich -cancer).

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 2023 calendar year in book on office door.

THANK YOU!

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.



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 1977, 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 1977, 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.

23 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.

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 Anfoche 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 Anfoche to create EKoti, a whole new language distinct from both of its linguistic 'parents.'

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

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

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

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

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Correct time to drink water... Very Important. from a Cardiac Specialist!

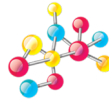
Drinking water at a certain time maximizes its effectiveness on the body:

- (1) 2 glasses of water after waking up - helps activate internal organs
- (2) 1 glass of water 30 minutes before a meal - helps digestion
- (3) 1 glass of water before taking a bath - helps lower blood pressure
- (4) 1 glass of water before going to bed - avoids stroke or heart attack

I can also add to this... My Physician told me that water at bed time will also help prevent night time leg cramps. Your leg muscles are seeking hydration when they cramp and wake you up with a Charlie Horse.

Vacation Bible School is coming June 11-15, 2023

at Antioch Lutheran Church
5:30pm—8:30 pm



Our God can make the impossible possible!

He does marvelous things!



A science lab conducts experiments that explain how things are possible. In Jesus' ministry, He did things that are impossible. His greatest miracle of all was dying on the cross and rising from the dead for our salvation. At God's Wonder Lab, discover that Jesus does the impossible for us.

Through this VBS, children will learn many ways of sharing God's love everywhere they go!



Experiments and other forms of scientific exploration help us to see how God made the world we live in! We start to explain how things are possible with our findings. However, during Jesus' time on earth, He did things that are impossible to explain. His greatest miracle of all was dying on the cross and rising from the dead to give us the gift of eternal life. There are kids all over the world who do not know what impossible things Jesus did for them. You can help spread the Gospel right here at church! With your help, we can send Jesus-focused materials to those who need to hear the Good News in communities just like yours!

Mission: U.S. is an outreach project that sends books about God's love to kids in communities all over the United States. This project focuses on reaching children and families in our own country who have not heard the Gospel or do not have any books about Jesus. By getting your students involved in this project, you will teach them—and the kids they help us serve—that God values all people regardless of race, ethnicity, or social status. God did the impossible for all of us and knows and cares about our struggles.



The following churches will be participating: Antioch, Bethel, Holly Communion, Our Saviour, Philadelphia and St. Paul's.

Our Saviour, along with Bethel, will be serving supper (pizza) on Tuesday, June 13.

COME AND JOIN US AND MAKE THE VBS A GREAT SUCCESS
PLEASE FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED FORM. - THANK YOU!

Stewardship

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

June 2023

Amos the Shepherd of Tekoa, earliest of the Hebrew prophets, looking eastward from his hill-top home, viewed the vast expanse of the Judean Desert stretching out to the Dead Sea. In a dry, barren and rock-strewn land, water is a terribly important commodity.

It is small wonder that the life-giving liquid takes a prominent place in so much biblical writing. Looking about him, Amos saw not only an arid landscape, but also a country equally devoid of compassion for the poor, the needy and the oppressed. For this, the Prophet warns the nation that they will feel the wrath of a righteous God.


Although Amos lived in an era of prosperity, he knew what was amiss and cried out, "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream." This is the stuff that quickens the land. Justice and Righteousness are the living waters that renew the country and are truly acceptable offerings to God. Religious festi-

"Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream."

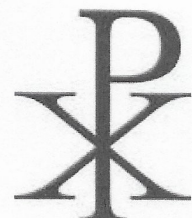
vals, solemn assemblies, hymnody and sacrifice are of no avail without these qualities, which are also attributes of Divinity.

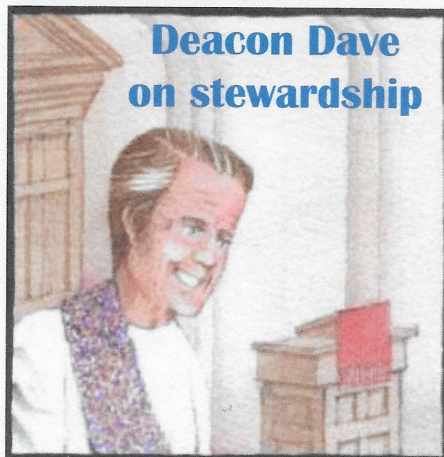
Seven centuries later, we hear an echo of Amos in the words of the Good Shepherd. Jesus, too, knew the wilderness of Judea and held out living waters



to those who could hear him. He too, thundered against the lack of Justice in the land. While approving the sacrificial tithing of the religious leaders of his day, Jesus also castigated them for their neglect of Justice. Obviously, the Scribes and Pharisees did not see the relatedness of their Tithing and Justice. Can we? Can we not see that a portion of our day, a portion of our effort, and a portion of our treasure must be devoted to the upholding of the Principles of Justice in our land? 

The second commandment tells us to love our neighbor; surely we can best express that love by preserving the good environment, both as a person and a voter.






You may want to make a gift to your parish, but wonder how large your gift should be. There's no right answer to the question, "How much should I give?"

Giving guidelines

The ancient principle of tithing sets an historic example. Centuries ago, ten percent of earnings was the standard. Looking at the changes in taxation, earnings, and living costs, some modern authorities have suggested even five percent is important. Thus, a couple earning \$80,000 per year could consider a guideline between \$4,000 and \$8,000 in annual charitable gifts.

But every gift should come from the heart, not just the pocket. Asking how much, exactly, to give to those who need our help, is asking us to tell you what is in your heart.


Your church touches the lives of people and makes them better. It is a place where the work of Christ can continue. It is your link to the wisdom of the past and the promise of the future. That kind of meaning cannot be reduced to giving formulas and percentages. It requires a response from the heart. 

Rev. John Haughey spoke to a gathering of church leaders about the "Holy Use of Money," taken from the title of a book he wrote. He described what he called "mammon illness," that is so pervasive in our consumer oriented culture.

What is "mammon?"

Rev. Haughey's description of "mammon illness" begins with a definition of the word "mammon." In Luke's Gospel, the word "mammon" is not a neutral term. It is not simply another word for "money." It connotes disorder. Its root meaning is "that in which one puts one's trust." Mammon becomes a source of disorder because people allow it to make a claim on them that only God can make. Rev. Haughey says, "Judging from the many references Jesus made about money and possessions, Jesus must have discerned this mammon illness to be widespread. Concerns about money and possessions constituted a major obstacle to his hearers being able to accept his words about the character of God."

Running after things

One symptom of mammon illness is "running after things." Here Rev. Haughey uses Luke 12 as a reference point: "As for you, do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore. All the nations seek for these things, and your Father knows that you need them" (vs. 29-30). It is as if Jesus were saying "To provide yourself with what you need, you think you have to run." He connects running with unbelieving. He invites his hearers to connect slowing down and walking with believing. He doesn't deride providing for oneself, just doing so with anxiety, because anxiety is a sign that a person thinks there is a part of his or her life out of God's loving reach. 

A church member revealed her new-found commitment to tithing with these words: "I have a feeling of such joy when through my tithe to the church I have the chance to share Jesus' mission on earth."

Giving should be a joy for the giver and unselfish giving will be rewarded by God.




Change is occurring all the time, but being sensitive to it is necessary to be able to respond to it. As an agent of change, realize that there is an ongoing need to wake up before it's too late.

If you put a frog in a pot of cold water and then gradually turn up the heat, the frog won't jump out and will ultimately be boiled to death. He is capable of jumping out, yet the urgency or change in the situation fails to stir him into action.

If we could change the world, how would we want to go? For or against God? So, then, if we pretend to care for God at all, we must accept God on God's terms, not our own. And the adjustments we make to accommodate our giving only serve to make the giving more worthwhile.

"If you put a frog in a pot of cold water and then gradually turn up the heat, the frog won't jump out."

I can't change the world. But I can do my own small share. Many calls come to us for our time, talent and treasure. Do we respond to these calls on the personal level, family level, church level, community level? Do we act as an agent of change to make the world a better place? 

Almighty and ever-faithful Lord, gratefully acknowledging your mercy and humbly admitting our need, we pledge our trust in you and each other.

Filled with desire, we respond to your call for discipleship by shaping our lives in imitation of Christ.

We profess that the call requires us to be stewards of your gifts.

As stewards, we receive your gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible manner, share them in practice and love with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

We pledge to our ongoing formation as stewards and our responsibility to call others to that same endeavor.

Almighty and ever-faithful God, it is our fervent hope and prayer that you who have begun this good work in us will bring it to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen



We know that God has given us the time we have on earth ... each minute, each hour, each day. But how often do we think about returning to God a portion of the time given to us? How often do we consciously strive to use our time in expressions of love of God and our neighbor, in helping others, in church work, in assisting in Christ's ministry on earth?



The growing of a bountiful crop of peas requires not only hard work, but also careful planning. Before Farmer Brown gathers his harvest, there are several things he must do. The Apostle Paul was not a farmer, but he outlined a program of stewardship that might be compared to Father Brown's rows of peas. In I Corinthians 16:2, he said that our stewardship should be:

Periodic: "Upon the first day of the week..." What better time to reflect upon our blessings than the day set aside for worship.

Personal: "let each of you..." Stewardship is an individual matter. Each of us has both the opportunity and the responsibility of being good stewards.

Provident: "lay by him in store..." Using all that God blesses us with is not wise stewardship. We should honor God first, not last. Taking God's portion out first keeps us from spending all that we have and then thinking about God.

Proportionate: "...as he may prosper..." God never requires a set amount. Instead we are to recognize God's blessings, and then give as we have been blessed. If God required a certain amount, many could not give it.

Preventive: "...that no collection be made when I come." If everyone gave, there would always be sufficient funds to meet every need. Nothing would be left undone. There would be no need for special offerings, mission offerings, etc. The treasury would run over.

Following the Apostle Paul's plan of church finance will bring in a great harvest. His five rows of "P's" will produce a fine crop year after year if each member will practice his kind of farming. ☩



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



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