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# 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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## “Do You Scoff at the Second Coming of Christ?”

By Bill Graham

(Arttice from Decision Magazine—July 2020)

“Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days” (2 Peter 3:3).

We’ve got them today—the scoffers. They scoff at the Bible. They scoff at the Second Coming of Christ. They scoff at the atonement of Christ. They scoff at the idea of the resurrection of Christ—there will be scoffers in the last days.

And here’s why they scoff—they’re “walking according to their own lusts” (2 Peter 3:3). They don’t want to live for God. They’re interested in their own pleasure, their materialism, in feeding their own lusts.

I’ve talked to many men who have admitted to me that the reason they have doubts about the Bible is not intellectual. Their “intellectual problems” are only excuses. The whole point is that they don’t want Christ to disturb them in their sins. They don’t want to be disturbed in their lusts. They don’t want to be disturbed in their soft materialism. So, they scoff at spiritual things.

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And here’s what they are saying: “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation” (2 Peter 3:4).

They say, “Here are all of these things that have happened, and Christ hasn’t come. We’ve had one upheaval in history after another. But Christ hasn’t come. This is a crazy doctrine. Christ is not coming. You Christians are crazy. It’s a myth. It’s foolishness, ridiculous.”

The Bible says they willingly forget; they are willingly ignorant (see 2 Peter 3:5). They don’t *have* to be ignorant. But they are willingly ignorant, just like Eve and Adam. Adam deliberately sinned with his eyes open, and so it is with you. There came a time when you deliberately told a lie. There came times when your conscience flashed a warning light, but you deliberately committed immorality. These people are *willingly* ignorant. They want to be spiritually blind. They know better, but they are hardened in their sins by their own will.

What is it that they willingly forget? That “by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us” (2 Peter 3:5-9).

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Yes, Christ is delaying His coming, but one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. We have one lifetime—50, 60 or 70 years. It seems a long time; but in God's eternal reckoning, it's only the flash of an eye. It's only a moment in eternity.

God has not forgotten. He's not slack concerning His promise that He's going to be coming back to Earth again. He's not slack concerning His promise that there's going to be a great judgment. But God loves you. He's "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). None of us is going to be able to stand before God and say we didn't have time to repent. He's given us a lifetime to repent; and we didn't do it.

Since World War II, Western Europe and the United States have had a higher standard of living than any people in the history of the world, and we've rejected God. We've turned our backs on God. And His judgment is coming closer.

In this time, when God has blessed us and given us food, we should have repented and been on our knees. Instead of going to our knees and thanking Him, we've gone on a wild pleasure binge. We're more interested in things than we are in God.

God hasn't forgotten. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night" (2 Peter 3:10). A thief doesn't say, "I'm a thief. I'll be at your house at midnight tonight." The Bible says that when Christ comes, it'll be like a thief—when you least expect Him.

Are you ready to meet Him?

A great French novelist said some time ago, "I wake up in the middle of the night and my hair stands on end, when I think I may have to die some day and face the judgment of the Almighty God."

Jesus gave certain signs indicating when His coming might be. Here's one of them: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man" (Luke 17:26).

Let's look at Noah's day: The Bible uses terrible words to describe it. It uses the word *wickedness*. It uses the word *evil*. It uses the words *evil imagination*, *corruption*, *violence*. And then God says, "Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil" (Cf. Genesis 6:5). Man was given to evil and wickedness, and God said, "I've had enough."

Yes, there comes a day when God says, "It's enough." Do you think we can get away with the sins we're committing? Do you think you as an individual can get away with it?

The Bible says that God did not spare His own people; God did not spare Sodom and Gomorrah; God did not spare the ancient world. And God won't promise to spare you in the day of judgment.

In Noah's day, marriage was abused. They were marrying and giving in marriage (see Luke 17:27), and that expression carries with it the idea of divorces. Changing spouses, legalized adultery, feeding upon their lusts.

Today, the emphasis on sex in this country is enough to destroy us. We now have the facilities—through films, through the printed page, through all the modern media—to stimulate sexual desire in a way that former generations couldn't. We have more immorality on a mass scale than probably any people in history; and God destroyed other nations by judgment.

And you think God is going to spare us? I don't think so, unless we turn back to Him. We're going deeper and deeper in the mire all the time. The more money we get and the higher our standard of living, the more immoral we become.

It was a world in which lawlessness and violence prevailed. And today, our news is filled with tension, bitterness, violence and crime. This is one of the things that happened in Noah's day. Worldwide violence and lawlessness.

It was a world in which spiritual influences were neglected. The people of Noah's day had religion, but the Bible says that's not enough. The Bible says even the devil believes in God. He knows the Bible is true. But the devil is not saved. He's not going to Heaven; he's going to the lake of fire and brimstone. Intellectual faith is not enough.

And there are thousands of church members today who have only an intellectual faith. Christ doesn't live in their hearts. They may go to church, but they live for themselves. There's no time for Bible reading, no time for Bible study, no time for prayer, no time for spiritual things. This is the way it was in Noah's day. God said, "I've had enough. I'm going to destroy the world. I'm going to start the human race all over again."

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But then God saw one man who was living for Him, a sincere, godly man in a wicked and perverse generation. God said, "I'm going to save him." His name was Noah. I don't believe that there's another man in the Old Testament who had the integrity and the faith in God that Noah had. He was a man of moral integrity. He worshiped God. And he dared to stand alone.

"We have more immorality on a mass scale than probably any people in history; and God destroyed other nations by judgment. And you think God is going to spare us? I don't think so, unless we turn back to Him." Today everybody wants to be like everybody else. We're afraid to stand up and be counted. We're afraid to stand alone. We don't want to be different. We want to get into our house in suburbia and be like everybody else

The Bible says we are a peculiar, separated people (see 1 Peter 2:9). We are to "come out from among them and be separate" and "do not touch what is unclean" (2 Corinthians 6:17).

Christ said, "You cannot follow me unless you are willing to take up the cross" (see Luke 9:23). What did he mean by that? He meant that He was going to die as a criminal, and He wanted you to go with Him. That means that you go back to your school, back to your home, back to your community, and you live for Christ even though they crucify you.

Noah was willing to be killed for God's sake. And God said, "Noah I'm going to save you. I'm going to cause it to rain 40 days and 40 nights. A flood is coming. Judgment is going to fall. I want to save you. I want you to build a ship."

That boat was as big as a modern-day battleship. And he was building it in the desert with no place to sail it. Everybody thought he was crazy. The Bible says, "By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith" (Hebrews 11:7).

God told him about the judgment that was coming, and Noah began to build this ship to save himself and his family. People laughed at him. They called him a fool, they called him ridiculous.

Isn't that a picture of today? We've lost our fear of God. We've been told that God is a kindly old man sitting on a cloud, and He's going to forgive everybody, and everybody in the end is going to be saved.

The Bible teaches otherwise.

*Scripture quotations are taken from The Holy Bible, New King James Version.*



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**Our Saviour Lutheran Church**  
**Bill Trudnak, President**  
**June 15, 2020. Board Minutes**



Next Meeting: July 20, 2020

Devotions: Becky Messick

**Devotions:** Teri Trudnak

**Members present:** Joe Finger, Anna Lowery, Teri Trudnak, Alice Vlaservich, , Jeff White, Robbie Wooten

**Members Absent:** Becky Messick, Denise Traveria, Melinda White

**Minutes:** Special Minutes of May 12, and Regular Minutes of May 18, 2020 were reviewed.; Anna Lowery made the motion to approve the minutes and Alice Vlaservich seconded the motion.

**Reception of Petitions and Communications:** Several communications were reviewed. Board agreed to prayer for Solo Publishing and Gordon Conwell

**Report of the Pastor:** Pastor's report was reviewed and discussed. Teri Trudnak made a motion to accept the report and Anna Lowery seconded the motion.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Report was reviewed, and a motion was made by Alice Vlaservich to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Anna Lowery.

**Report of the Ministries:**

Property: Ceiling tile in hallway and Morgan Classroom repaired. Hing on door to Morgan Classroom repaired

Stewardship and Finance: No report

Worship & Music: No report

Youth Team: No report

Witness: No Report

Christian Education Team: VBS has been cancelled this year due to Covid

**Report of Auxiliaries:**

CLW/Rachel Group did not meet

Prayer Group will meet at home of Shirlee Marazza on Tuesday (June 16)

**Old and/or Unfinished Business:**

[Zoom server is in China.](#)

**New Business:**

Board discussed Communion. Some members were uncomfortable with how distributed. Need to use gloves and mask.

**General Information:**

Attendance

Laszlo Mission Report.

Security Cameras have been installed, internet connection improved to hand security ad wifi speed, etc.

Swinging doors damaged will be replaced (approx.. 3-4 weeks from June 12)

With the help of Brady Ratchford (and Betty's Memorial Fund) replacement furniture is being purchased.

Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer



**GO OUT ON A LIMB**

**GET INVOLVED**

BE A WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Positions are still open.

Participate in the service of the Lord and sign

Sign up sheets

for the 2020 calendar year in a notebook on the church office door.

THANK YOU!

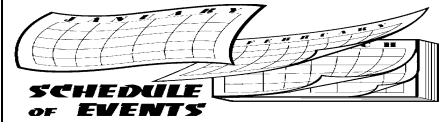
**YOUR HELP IS NEED.**  
**WE DO NOT HAVE ANY**  
**WORSHIP ASSISTANCE, ETC.**  
**FOR**  
**SEPTEMBER,**  
**OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND**  
**DECEMBER.**



# August 2020



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



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	3 Team Mtg.	4	5	6	7 	8 Summer Concert
9 10 <sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost	10	11	12	13	14	
16 11 <sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost	17 Board Meeting	18 	19	20	21	22 Summer Concert
23 12 <sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 13 <sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost	31					

- August 2—9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion  
National Friendship Day (see p 6)
- August 3—Team Meetings: 7:00 p
- August 7—Purple Heart Day (see p 7)
- August 7-8—NALC Convocation
- August 8—Summer Concert (see p 10)
- August 9—Dallas High Shoals Christian  
Social Ministry. 3:00 pm
- August 9—10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
- August 15—Assumption of Mary (see p 9)
- August 16—11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
- August 19—Board Meeting
- August 18—Prayer Group will meet at the  
home of Shirlee Marazza—1:00 pm
- August 22—Summer Concert (see p 10)
- August 23—12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
- August 30—13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



FOOD FOR THE MONTH: **Crackers, Peanut Butter, Beanie Weenies**



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|--------------------|------------------|
| 5 Jake Spurrier    | Marilyn Finger   |
| 11 Ryan Gordy      | Joe Finger       |
| 12 Roselee Sanchez | Betty Clemmer    |
| 17 Ethan Petzold   | Jeff Dease       |
| 18 Katie Sanderson | Dan Clemmer, Jr. |
| 20 Shana Dease     | Tony Trudnak     |
| 22 Morgan Dawson   | Preston Clemmer  |
| 23 Preston Clemmer | Jack Lowery      |
| 23 Jacob White.    | Will Trudnak     |
| 24 Jack Dawson     | Caleb Dease      |
| 25 Joanna Trudnak  |                  |
| 25 Nora Cole       |                  |
| 25 Kasey Digh      |                  |
| 28 Logan Marr      |                  |



**Holy Communion Schedule:**  
All Sundays

**Worship Service Assistance:**

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| <u>Acolyte:</u>      | Member of OSLC  |
| <u>Communion</u>     |                 |
| <u>Asst:</u>         | Member of OSLC  |
| <u>Lay Reader:</u>   | Teri Trudnak    |
| <u>Worship Asst:</u> | Teri Trudnak    |
| <u>Greeters:</u>     | Members of OSLC |
| <u>Ushers:</u>       | Members of OSLC |

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| Collection: | Yvonne Finger    |
| Devotions:  | Alice Vlaservich |



NO Choir Practice



- 4<sup>th</sup> .....Reid & Mariel Schmideler  
13<sup>th</sup> .....Doyle & Darlene Clemmer  
23<sup>rd</sup> .....Bill & Teri Trudnak  
25<sup>th</sup> .....Jeff & Melinda White  
29<sup>th</sup> .....Jeff & Shana Dease

## FLOWERS

**Flower Schedule:**

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| August 2  | Nick Vlaservich  |
| August 9  | Ryan Gordy       |
| August 16 | Brady Ratchford  |
| August 23 | Julie Digh       |
| August 30 | Renee Falkenberg |

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

Ten (10) openings  
Decorate the altar of our Lord  
And then take home to decorate your

## A Stewardship Minute

Faith is often a powerful countervailing force to the ravages of worry. People who worry and take on the world's problems often have little faith. Partnering with God, however, can lighten your load. It was Christ who said: "...do not worry about your life..." (Matthew 6:25).

In the absence of faith, many people worry about the challenges of life and have difficulty meeting them by themselves. When we seek God's will and work on behalf of the kingdom of God, however, everything begins to fall into place. Is not God capable of showing us how to handle problems in life that each of us may be facing? And will not God lead us to victory if we

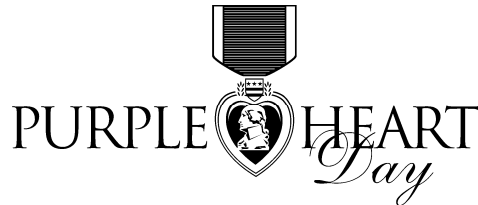
love and trust him? God holds each of us in the hollow of his loving hand. The Bible tells us so. The book of Revelation has God speaking to the church in Smyrna these words: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Revelation 2:10)

This month's issue of **Stewardship** emphasizes that members of a congregation should trust God to lead them as they deal with the needs and challenges of their church, as well. God wants every church to be throbbing with life, to preach Christ, and to give and serve on behalf of the Kingdom everywhere.

After all, if God is for us as individuals and as a congregation, who or

what can be against us ultimately? Worrying about problems facing our church will only work against us, but faith in God concerning such matters will work amazingly for us.

**Prayer:** Loving God, Jesus taught us that you are for us and never against us. Make our faith strong and vibrant so that we may live as you would have us live, individually and as a congregation as well. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**



### August 7<sup>th</sup>

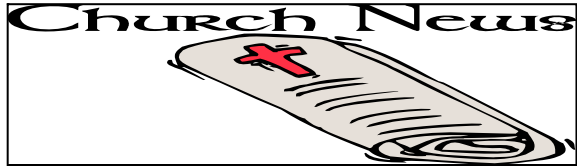
The Medal of Honor that is now the Purple Heart actually began as the 'Badge of Military Merit.' On August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1782 in Newburgh, New York, General George Washington designed a new badge of distinction for enlisted men and noncommissioned officers. They were awarded for 'any singularly meritorious action.' The badge was a figure of a heart in purple cloth or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding. It was pinned to a uniform coat above the left breast. That was then, this is now.

On January 7<sup>th</sup> of the year 1931, a new design was reopened. Ms. Elizabeth Will, an army heraldic specialist in the Office of the Quarter, created the design sketch for the present medal of the Purple Heart. It consists of a purple enameled heart within a bronze quarter inch border showing a relief profile of George Washington in continental uniform. Washington's family coat of arms adorns the medal, along with an inscription inside the heart that reads, 'For Military Merit.'

The Purple Heart is awarded to any member of the Armed Forces that has been wounded or killed, died as a result of a wound in battle, or otherwise designated by the President of the United States. This now includes those persons killed as a result of friendly fire. Now we celebrate Purple Heart Day on the anniversary of its inception, August 7<sup>th</sup>. On this day it is our patriotic duty to remember and recognize those people willing to serve our country, no matter the price.

Source: U.S. Army, Center for Military History,  
The American War Library





GASTON TOGETHER'S CLERGY & CITIZENS COALITION ,  
 August 6, 2019  
 8:30 to Noon  
 Clinton Room, Gaston Memorial Hospital  
 Breakfast before meeting , if you wish

**OUTREACH MISSION**  
**SHUT-INS**  
**NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

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

**Marilyn Finger**

1150 Meadow Way Dr., Dallas

**Nancy Fidav**

Lincolnton Rehab. Center  
 1410 East Gaston Street, Lincolnton, NC

**Jerri Presley**

2604 Ole Home Trail, Dallas

(If others, please let the church office know)



**EVENTS for Agrape/Kure Beach**

**Contact Camp Agapé:**

Telephone: 919-552-9421

e-mail: [agape@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:agape@agapekurebeach.org)

**Contact Kure Beach Lutheran:**

Telephone 910-458-0783

e-mail: [kurebreach@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:kurebreach@agapekurebeach.org)

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

Directions to Camp Agapé are on the web site.

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

**Events For: Lutheridge -Lutherock-Lutherspring-Lutheranch**

Web site: [www.NovusWay.com](http://www.NovusWay.com) or the Church's website for a link

You can also pull this link up through Church's website.

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



**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)



SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, WHITNEY Auten (breast cancer), KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), BRAXTON Bearden (friend of the Locketts), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), RHONA and ADRIAN Carpenter (parents of Raygen Messick), KAREN Brady, MIKE Coffey (Robbie Wooten's uncle), RENEE Falkenberg (broken ribs), HARDY Feige (Pete's dad – chronic back pain), NANCY Friday, JASON Hames (friend of the White's), DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), FRANCIS McAllister (broken hip), CHRIS Messick (recovering back surgery), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), MARY O'Shea (co-worker of Melinda White's), BUD Penley, SONDRRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White), AL Powell (Nick & Alice's son-in-law brother), JERRIE Presley, GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), ANNE White (niece of Betty Ratchford-breast cancer), JOE White (stroke), NANCY Wilson.



**"Prayer Group"**

*Will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza  
 On August 18 at 1:00 pm*

Carolinas Lutheran Women



## TENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

*"Coffee Break – Time With God"*

SATURDAY—SEPTEMBER 26, 2020\*

**St. Jacob's Lutheran Church**

**844 Columbia Ave., Chapin, SC 29036**

Registration From 8:45-9:30 Meeting begins at 9:30

\$8.00 Registration includes lunch

) \* date subject to change because of CoV19)

CHECK THE CLW website: [www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org](http://www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org) for letter concerning the Convocation and registration form.



**The Doctrine  
of**

**the Assumption of the Mary**

**August 15:** The Assumption is a doctrine that teaches that the Blessed Virgin Mary had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven. This process is called "translation" in the Bible and there are two notable examples in the scripture, Enoch (Hebrews 11:5) and Elijah (2 Kings 2:11). At the Council of Chalcedon in A.D. 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean met in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven." There is no scriptural evidence to support or deny this doctrine as applied to Mary.



# VOTER ID ??????

RebelNationUSA.com

**This is just a small list of things requiring ID, but not considered racist.**

- \* Purchase Alcohol
- \* Purchase Cigarettes
- \* Open Bank Account
- \* Apply for Food Stamps
- \* Apply for Welfare
- \* Apply for Medicaid
- \* Apply for Social Security
- \* Apply for a Job
- \* Apply for Mortgage
- \* Apply for a Unemployment
- \* Apply Hunting License
- \* Apply for Fishing License
- \* Rent a House/Appartment
- \* Buy a House/Condo
- \* Drive a Car
- \* Rent a Car
- \* Buy a Car
- \* Register a Car
- \* Rent a Hotel/Motel Room
- \* Buy an "M" Rated Video Game
- \* Boarding an Airplane
- \* Get Married
- \* Purchase a Gun
- \* Purchase Ammo for Gun
- \* Adopt a Pet
- \* Get a Prescription
- \* Donate Blood
- \* Pawn Shop Transactions

**Showing ID to Vote is Considered Racist?**

**HOW STUPID IS THAT?**

facebook.com/groups/RebelNationUSA



**August 7 & 8, 2020**

**Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish  
abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,  
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
to all generation, forever and ever. Amen  
Ephesians 2:20-21**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the North American Lutheran Church's Lutheran Week has been adjusted. Some of the annual events, such as the Braaten-Benne Lectures in Theology, have been cancelled, while others have moved to a virtual format.

Join us online to hear from Bishop Dan Selbo on the 2020 Vision, participate in voting, and hear updates from across the NALC

Register online <https://nalcevents.regfox.com/mission-convocation-2020>

*Registration will close on Monday, Au-*

*gust 3 at 5 p.m. ET.*

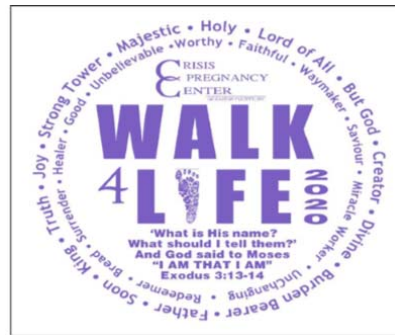


### **2020 Court Square Summer Concert\***

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

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

- ◆ **Saturday, August 9**—Cruise-In and Concert with Live Music by **Almost Vintage**—7:00 pm-10:00 pm—Dallas Court Square
- ◆ **Saturday, August 22**—Cruise-in and Concert with **Coming Up Brass**—7:00 pm-10:00 pm—Dallas Court Square
- ◆ **Saturday, September 12**—Cruise-in and Concert with **Chairmen of the Board**—7:00 pm-10:00 pm—Dallas Court Square
- ◆ **Saturday, September 26**—Cruise-in and Concert with **Image G Town and Next Level** —7:00 pm-10:00 pm—Dallas Court Square



## 2020 August Mission Emphasis – 30<sup>th</sup> WALK FOR LIFE (CPC) September 11, 2019

Our largest fundraiser when I arrived back in 1997 was our Annual Walk for Life. Before long the Banquet and Baby Bottles were out-raising the Walk and it became the least emphasized.

This year is different. Covid-19 has affected both our Spring Fundraiser and our Baby Bottles. So, we can return to our original emphasis—the individual, telling our story and asking others to support them. It was a great mission then, it's a great mission now.

In this newsletter, you can cut out the Walk form and begin to prayerfully ask 9 other people to sponsor you in this year's WALK 4 LIFE.

We need 1000 people to raise \$100.00 to support the work of saving the unborn, ministering without manipulation to the mom's, and helping us get the word out that we are here to help in planned, unplanned and unwanted pregnancies.

This is an "Everyone can be involved" fundraiser. The date is Sept. 11 and the track will be available from 7am til 9pm. There is plenty of social distancing available, there will be untold lives changed forever, and YOU will have made a difference. This year you do not even have to collect the funds, just legibly fill out the form and we will send them a notice of their support.

**Sept. 11, 2020** Contact Coordinator [Pam.Belk.CPC@gmail.com](mailto:Pam.Belk.CPC@gmail.com)

***The Walk for Life is a celebration of the sanctity of human life. It gives us an opportunity to promote a greater awareness in the community of the ministry of your Crisis Pregnancy Center.***

If the Walk Sponsor Form below is not accessible by your technology, it is available on our website at [cpcgaston.com](http://cpcgaston.com).

## GOD'S-QUIET TIME

There is nothing better than older people praying for you. We're not getting older, just getting closer to home! The instructions are to pick four people You want God to bless. I pick you. Please pass this to at least four people you want to pray for and a copy back to me. This prayer is powerful, and prayer is one of the best gifts we receive. There is no cost but a lot of rewards. Let's always pray for one another.

The prayer: Father, Thank You for each and every day You have blessed us here on earth. Thank You for Your tender mercies. Thank You for giving us friends and family to share joys and sorrows with. I ask You to bless my friends, relatives, brothers and sisters in Christ and those I care deeply for, who are reading this right now. Where there is joy, give them continued joy, Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, release a renewed confidence. Where there is need, fulfill their needs. Bless their homes, families, finances, their goings and their comings. In Jesus' name, Amen.



### The Last Wishes of Alexander the Great:

On his death bed, Alexander summoned his army generals and told them his three ultimate wishes:

1. The best doctors should carry his coffin to the cemetery
2. The wealth he has accumulated (money, gold, precious stones) should be scattered along the procession to the cemetery.
3. His hands should be let loose, so they hang outside the coffin for all to see!

One of his generals who was surprised by these unusual requests asked Alexander to explain. Here is what Alexander the Great had to say:

1. **"I want the best doctors to carry my coffin to demonstrate that, in the face of death, even the best doctors in the world have no power to heal."**
2. **"I want the road to the cemetery to be covered with my treasure so that everybody sees that material wealth acquired on earth will stay on earth."**
3. **I want my hands to swing in the wind, so that people understand that we come to this world empty handed and we leave this world empty handed after the most precious treasure of all is exhausted, and that is TIME.**

We do not take to our grave any material wealth. TIME is our most precious treasure because it is LIMITED. We can produce more wealth, but we cannot produce more time. When we give someone our time, we actually give a portion of our life that we will never take back. Our time is our life!

The best present that you can give to your family and friends is your TIME. May God grant YOU plenty of TIME. **It is up to you to USE it wisely!**

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

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

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

### Daily readings

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

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

# August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> <i>Jer. 48:21-47</i> <i>Ps. 31</i> <i>Acts 28:17-31</i>
<i>2</i> <i>Jer. 49:1-6</i> <i>Ps. 32</i> <i>Eph 1:1-14</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Jer. 49:7-22</i> <i>Ps. 33</i> <i>Eph 1:15-2:10</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Jer. 49:23-33</i> <i>Ps. 34</i> <i>Eph 2:11-22</i>	<i>5</i> <i>Jer. 49:34-39</i> <i>Ps. 35</i> <i>Eph 3:1-13</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Jer. 50:1-16</i> <i>Ps. 36</i> <i>Eph 3:14-21</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Jer. 50:17-32</i> <i>Ps. 37:1-22</i> <i>Eph 4:1-16</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Jer. 50:33-46</i> <i>Ps. 37:23-40</i> <i>Eph 4:17-32</i>
<i>9</i> <i>Jer. 5:1-11</i> <i>Ps. 38</i> <i>Eph 5:1-21</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Jer. 51:11-23</i> <i>Ps. 39</i> <i>Eph 5:22-6:4</i>	<i>11</i> <i>Jer. 51:24-58</i> <i>Ps. 40</i> <i>Eph 6:5-23</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Jer. 51:59-64</i> <i>Ps. 41</i> <i>Phil 1:1-11</i>	<i>13</i> <i>Jer. 52:1-11</i> <i>Ps. 42</i> <i>Phil 1:12-30</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Jer. 52:12-23</i> <i>Ps. 43</i> <i>Phil 2:1-11</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Jer. 52:24-33</i> <i>Ps. 44</i> <i>Phil 2:12-30</i>
<i>16</i> <i>Lam. 1:1-22</i> <i>Ps. 45</i> <i>Phil 3:1-13</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Lam. 2:1-12</i> <i>Ps. 46</i> <i>Phil 3:12-41</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Lam. 2:13-22</i> <i>Ps. 47</i> <i>Phil 4:2-23</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Lam. 3:1-24</i> <i>Ps. 48</i> <i>Col 1:1-14</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Lam. 3:25-39</i> <i>Ps. 49</i> <i>Col 1:15-23</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Lam. 3:40-66</i> <i>Ps. 50</i> <i>Col 1:24-2:5</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Lam. 4:1-22</i> <i>Ps. 51</i> <i>Col 2:6-15</i>
<i>23</i> <i>Lam. 5:1-22</i> <i>Ps. 52</i> <i>Col 2:16-23</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Esther 1</i> <i>Ps. 53</i> <i>Col 3:1-17</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Esther 2</i> <i>Ps. 54</i> <i>Col 3:18-4:6</i>	<i>26</i> <i>Esther 3</i> <i>Ps. 55</i> <i>Col 4:7-18</i>	<i>27</i> <i>Esther 4</i> <i>Ps. 56</i> <i>1 Thess 1:1-10</i>	<i>28</i> <i>Esther 5</i> <i>Ps. 57</i> <i>1 Thess 2:1-16</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Esther 6</i> <i>Ps. 58</i> <i>1 Thess 2:17-35</i>
<i>30</i> <i>Esther 7</i> <i>Ps. 59</i> <i>1 Thess 3:6-13</i>	<i>31</i> <i>Esther 8</i> <i>Ps. 60</i> <i>1 Thess 4:1-18</i>					

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