



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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Pentecost

What is Pentecost?

For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Thus Pentecost is the church's birthday.

What does the word "Pentecost" mean?

The English word "Pentecost" is a transliteration of the Greek word *pentekostos*, which means "fifty." It comes from the ancient Christian expression *pentekoste hemera*, which means "fiftieth day."

But Christians did not invent the phrase "fiftieth day." Rather, they borrowed it from Greek-speaking Jews who used the phrase to refer to a Jewish holiday. This holiday was known as the Festival of Weeks, or, more simply, Weeks (*Shavuot* in Hebrew). This name comes from an expression in Leviticus 23:16, which instructs people to count seven weeks or "fifty days" from the end of Passover to the beginning of the next holiday (*pentekonta hemeras* in the ancient Greek translation of the Hebrew Scripture).

Shavuot was the second great feast in Israel's yearly cycle of holy days. It was originally a harvest festival (Exod 23:16), but, in time, turned into a day to commemorate the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. This day became especially significant for Christians because, seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, during the Jewish celebration of *Shavuot*/Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon his first followers, thus empowering them for their mission and gathering them together as a church.

What is the Spiritual Significance of Pentecost?

1. The Presence and Power of the Spirit

On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon those followers of Jesus who had gathered together in Jerusalem. What happened on the first Pentecost continues to happen to Christians throughout the world today, though usually not in such a dramatic fashion. We rarely get a heavenly wind and tongues of fire anymore. Nevertheless, God pours out the Spirit upon all who put their faith in Jesus Christ and become his disciples (see Romans 8:1-11).

Christians are meant to live in the presence and power of the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit helps us to confess Jesus as Lord (1 Cor 12:3), empowers us to serve God with supernatural power (1 Cor 12:4-11), binds us together as the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:12-13), helps us to pray (Rom 8:26), and even intercedes for us with God the Father (Rom 8:27). The Spirit guides us (Gal 5:25), helping us to live like Jesus (Gal 5:22-23).

Personal Implications: Pentecost presents us with an opportunity to consider how we are living each day. Are we relying on the power of God's Spirit? Are we an open channel for the Spirit's gifts? Are we attentive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Is the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.) growing in our lives? Most Christians I know, including me, live in the presence and power of the Spirit, but only to an extent. We are limited by our fear, our sin, our low expectations, not to mention our tendency to be distracted from God's work in us. Pentecost offers a chance to confess our failure to live by the Spirit and to ask the Lord to fill us afresh with his power.

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2. The Central Role of the Church in God's Work in the World

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on individual followers of Jesus as they were gathered together in Jerusalem. This gathering became the first Christian church. New believers in Jesus were baptized as they joined this church. They, along with the first followers of Jesus, shared life together, focusing on teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. They shared their belongings so that no one was hungry or needy. As these first Christians lived out their new faith together, "the Lord added to their number those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). Thus we speak of Pentecost as the birthday of the church.

In theory, the Spirit could have been poured out on the followers of Jesus when they were not gathered together. There are surely times when the Holy Spirit touches an individual who is alone in prayer, worship, or ministry to others. But the fact that the Spirit was given to a gathering of believers is not incidental. It underscores the centrality of the church in God's work in the world. The actions of the earliest Christians put all of this in boldface. The Holy Spirit is not only given to individuals, but also, in a sense to the gathered people of God. Thus, in 1 Corinthians 3, the Apostle Paul observes that the church is God's temple and that the Spirit dwells in the midst of the church (3:16-17; in 1 Cor 6:19-20 we find a complementary emphasis on the dwelling of the Spirit in individual Christians).

Personal Implications: Many Christians, especially those of us who have been influenced by the individualism of American culture, live as if the church is useful but unnecessary. We seem to believe that as long as we have a personal relationship with God, everything else is secondary. But Pentecost is a vivid illustration of the truth that is found throughout Scripture: the community of God's people is central to God's work in the world. Thus, Pentecost invites us to consider our own participation in the fellowship, worship, and mission of the church. It is a time to renew our commitment to live as an essential member of the body of Christ, using our gifts to build the church and share the love and justice of Christ with the world.

3. The Multilingual Nature and Mission of the Church

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit empowered believers in Jesus to praise God in many languages that they had not learned in the ordinary manner (Acts 2:5-13). Symbolically, this miracle reinforces the multilingual, multicultural, multiracial mission of the church. We are to be a community in which all people are drawn together by God's love in Christ. As Paul writes in Galatians 3:28: "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

Personal Implications: Although there are some glorious exceptions, it seems that the church has not, in general, lived out its multilingual mission. We are often divided according to language, race, and ethnicity. Pentecost challenges all of us to examine our own attitudes in the regard, to reject and repent of any prejudice that lurks within us, and to open our hearts to all people, even and especially those who do not share our language and culture. Yes, I know this is not easy. But it is central to our calling. And it is something that the Spirit of God will help us to do if we are available.

4. The Inclusive Ministry of the Church

After the Holy Spirit fell upon the first followers of Jesus, Peter preached a sermon to help folks understand what had just happened. In this sermon he cited a portion of a prophecy from Joel:

'In the last days,' God says,
I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.
In those days I will pour out my Spirit
even on my servants—men and women alike—
and they will prophesy. (Acts 2:17-18; Joel 2:28-29)

Later, Peter explained that the Spirit would be given to all who turned from their sin and turned to God through Jesus (Acts 2:38).

This was a momentous, watershed event. For the first time in history, God began to do what he had promised through Joel, empowering all different sorts of people for ministry. Whereas in the era of the Old Testament, the Spirit was poured out almost exclusively on prophets, priests, and kings, in the age of the New Testament, the Spirit would be given to "all people." All would be empowered to minister regardless of their gender, age, or social position.

Although this truth would not mean that every Christian would be gifted for every kind of ministry, it did imply that all believers would be empowered by the Spirit. The church of Jesus Christ would be a place where every single person matters, where every member contributes to the health and mission of the church (see Eph 4:11-16).

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**Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Bill Trudnak, President
April 15, 2019 Council Minutes**



Devotions: Melinda White

Meeting called to order by President Bill Trudnak

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

Minutes: March 18, 2019 were reviewed. Alice Vlaservich made the motion to approve the minutes and Teri Trudnak seconded the motion.

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

- a. None

Report of the Pastor: Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Robbie Wooten to accept and Steve Digh seconded that motion.

Report of the Treasurer: Motion by Steve Digh to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Robbie Wooten.

Report of the Ministries:

- a. Property: Roof issue still pending; Repair made to women's restroom
- b. Stewardship and Finance: No report this month
- c. Worship & Music: Planning Easter services
- d. Youth Team: No report this month
- e. Witness: Cards and prayers continue to be sent to shut ins
- f. Christian Education Team: VBS planning committee met. Dates are 6/16-6/20/2019 at St. Paul's as host church

Report of Auxiliaries: Rachel Circle met at the home of Betty Clemmer for fellowship and devotions by Marie Robinson

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

- a. Continue to get estimate for from roofing contractors; Steve Digh to follow up
- b. Work day at the church is rescheduled for 5/11/2019 @ 8:30 am.

New Business:

- a. Ignited Minds Childcare, a special needs friendly daycare and after school care program is interested in using our facilities for summer camp and possible day care. Discussion was had on the requirements and upgrades for our facilities in order for the daycare/camp to be in code. The Health dept. is scheduled to come and inspect the kitchen area for regulation standards. The Council will review findings and continue discussion at the next meeting.
- b. Additional collection counters needed. Teri Trudnak volunteered to assist.

General Information:

- a. Devotion Schedule
- b. Attendance
- c. Chosen People Ministries
- d. Parish Directory

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: May 20, 2019

Devotions: Bill Trudnak

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Personal Implications: Each Christian needs to ask: Am I serving God through the power of the Spirit? Am I exercising the gifts of the Spirit in my life, both in the gathered church and as I live for God in the world? Pentecost is a time to ask God to fill us afresh with the Spirit so that we might join in the ministry of Christ with gusto. And it is a time to renew our commitment to fulfilling our crucial role in the ministry of God's people in the world.

Moreover, those of us who hold positions of power in the church should examine our attitudes and actions. Are we encouraging all of God's people to minister through the power of the Spirit? Are we open to what the Spirit of God wants to do in our churches and communities through his empowered people? Or are we gatekeepers of the church who would even keep the Holy Spirit out of our carefully tended and controlled communities? As a pastor, my role is to equip God's people for doing the ministry of Christ in the church and the world (Eph 4:11-12). Sometimes, however, we pastors are so concerned about our own position and power that we fall short of this central pastoral calling. Pentecost is a day for pastors and other church leaders to recommit to equipping and encouraging all Christians for their ministry. When we do this, the Holy Spirit will be free to use the church of Jesus Christ for God's purposes in the world.

Falkenberg for redesigning our website and helping maintaining it.



Pentecost

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...

2019 Court Square Summer Concert and Cruise-In Series

(presented by the Town of Dallas)

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 the concert

- ◆ **Saturday, May 11 — The Catalinas**
Dallas Ambassadors Car Show and Concert by The Catalinas Steeped in the sound of the 60s, 70s and 80s, they transport listeners to a simpler time when music spoke for a generation. 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Car Show and Music (see Dallas Mayfair on the Square below)
- ◆ **Saturday, June 8— The Chairmen of the Board**
Cruise in and Concert by The Chairmen of The Board. 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- ◆ **Wednesday, July 4—Image GTown and Hotwire**
***NO Cruise-In this Month** Band Performing **6pm-9pm** before the **Fireworks** at Cloninger Park*
- ◆ **Saturday, September 8—The Catalinas Cruise-In and Concert** by 20 RIDE - America's #1 Zac Brown Tribute. **Cruise-in and Music 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.**

DALLAS MAYFAIR ON THE SQUARE

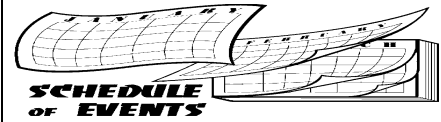
The Town of Dallas, in partnership with the Dallas Ambassadors (formerly known as the Optimist' Club) presents Mayfair on the Square festival . This is fun for the whole family. Car show, live music, food trucks and more to bring the historic court square alive!



June 2019



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



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

- June 2— 7th Sunday after Easter
- June 3— Team Meetings—Youth at 6:30 pm
Other Teams at 7:00pm
- June 4—Workday at Church 6-8 pm
- June 6—Workday at Church 6-8 pm
- D-Day WWII
- June 9— Day of Pentecost
RACHEL DAY
- June 12—Gaston Together (see p 8)
- June 14— FLAG DAY
- June 16— Trinity Sunday
FATHERS DAY
- June 16— **VBS JUNE 16-20**
- June 18—Prayer Group will meet at Home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:00 pm
- June 21— Summer begins on the 21st
- June 23— 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
- June 20—**Board Meeting 7 pm**
- June 30— 3rd Sunday after Pentecost



FOOD FOR THE MONTH:

Soup, Mac-n-Cheese, Green Peas



Holy Communion Schedule:
Every Sunday

Worship Service Assistance:

- Acolyte: Open
- Communion
- Asst: Open
- Lay Reader:
- Worship Asst: Nick Vlaservich
- Greeters: OSLC Members
- Ushers: OSLC Members



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



Birthdays

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



- Marie Robinson
- Joann Scarborough
- Ben Finger

Board Devotions: Joe Finger

Stewardship Collector: Jeff White



- 3rd**Bud & Wayne Ann Penley**
- 17th**Dan & Donna Clemmer**
- 25th**Stephen & Kasey Digh**

FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- June 7 Nick Vlaservich
- June 14 Open
- June 21 Denise Traveria
- June 27 Marilyn Finger

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

June 16-20
5:30 pm—8:30 pm
At

Our St. Paul's Lutheran Church

"To Mars and Beyond"

"Glory to God who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!"
Ephesians 3:20

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

Programs from Nursery to Adults

Volunteers are needed...
PLEASE SEE MELINDA WHITE

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

OSLC will prepare supper on June 20..Help will be needed

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

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

Check and see what food item they need for the month (on page 5—our calendar) and let us over fill that basket in the hallway. This is a great outreach program.

OUTREACH MISSION

SHUT-INS
NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

Marilvn Finger*
1150 Meadow Way Dr., Dallas

Jerri Presley*
2604 Ole Home Trail, Dallas



EVENTS
for
Agape/Kure Beach

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

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.

VBS needs volunteers to w

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

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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 2019 calendar year in book on office door.

A Stewardship Minute

Do you remember these words from Psalm 42 describing the thirst for something greater?

*As a deer longs for
flowing streams,
So my soul longs
for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for
God, for the
Living God.
(Psalm 42:2)*

Our wholeness comes from having our total existence fed: body, mind,

and spirit. To put it plainly, wholeness, meaning, and joy come to us completely when we love and serve God with our entire being. That is, when we choose to be good stewards of our entire existence: bodies, minds, and souls.

The significance of Jesus' statement that "One does not live by bread alone" (Mt. 4:4) is explained in the June issue of Stewardship. The feature article points out that as important as bread is for one's life, food alone does not satisfy our inner needs. Our spirit needs to be fed as well.

The hymn writer, Charles Wesley, put it well in these words:

*A charge to keep I have,
a God to glorify,
A never dying soul to
save, and fit it for the
sky.*

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to have the spiritual strength, to serve you with our whole being: body, mind, and spirit. In Christ's name. Amen.



The History of Father's Day

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

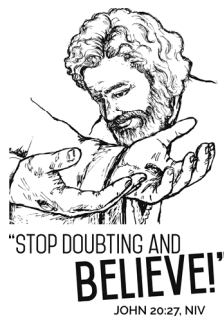
Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "Father's Day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to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

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

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

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

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



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



CHURCH
 WORKDAY

Tuesday, June 4.....6 pm – 8 pm
 and
 Thursday, June 6 6 pm – 8 pm



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

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

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

CLW/RACHEL GROUP

will not meet during months of June and July



"PRAYER GROUP"

Will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza June 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 friend of the community), SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, WHITNEY Auten (breast cancer), KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), BRAXTON Bearden (friend of the Locketts), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), KAREN Brady, MIKE Coffey (Robbie Wooten's uncle), LOYD Efird (Lung cancer-co-worker husband of the Gordy's) HARDY Feige (Pete's dad – chronic back pain), JASON Hames (friend of the White's) DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), CHRIS Messick (intestinal blockage), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), ED Pfeiffer (Keenan's father – open heart recovery) MARY O'Shea (co-worker of Melinda White'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, BETTY Ratchford, TONY Trudnak (cancer), GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), KELLY Walters (mother of Brie Murray), ANNE White (niece of Betty Ratchford-breast cancer), NANCY Wilson (hand). MARY Wooten (Sara's great-grandmother and Rosalee's great-great grandmother).

***PRAY FOR EASTON FINGER who is station aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln Aircraft Carrier in the Persian Gulf.



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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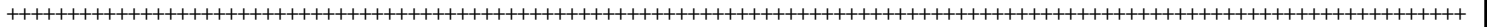
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In the ensuing weeks, the Allies fought their way across the Normandy countryside in the face of determined German resistance, as well as a dense landscape of marshes and hedgerows. By the end of June, the Allies had seized the vital port of Cherbourg, 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.



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 8— Chairman of the Board**
Cruise-in and Music 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

- ◆ **Thursday, July 4—GTown and Hotwire**
***NO** Cruise-In this Month / Band Performing **6pm-9pm** before the **Fireworks** at Cloninger Park 6:00 pm– 9:00 pm then the Fireworks.*

- ◆ **Saturday, July 20—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 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Saturday, September 14—Cruise-In and Concert by 20 RIDE - America's #1 Zac Brown Tribute 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm



Graduating

Cara Feige graduates from Northwest School of the Arts on June 13 . Cara initial plans to go to CCPC and then USC for Sports Management.

Jack Lowery graduates from North Gaston Senior High on June 8. Jack plans on attending Gaston College and is leading toward Sports Management..

Will Trudnak graduates from North Gaston Senior High on June 8. Will will be attending the Citadel in Charleston and is leading toward studies in engineering.

Graduating Senior will be recognized at the 11:00 am worship service on June 8.

2019 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 Makhwa, 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 Makhwa 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.



SALT AND LIGHT

by

D. James Kennedy, PhD, Founder of D. James Kennedy Ministries

“Ye are the salt of the earth,” said Jesus. That is an astonishing statement and I want to fix our attention on this significance today. Though Christ said we were both salt and light, let us look at the former.

Salt acts as a preservative. It stands with feet spread, hands on hip, arms akimbo, across the threshold of the door that leads to all of the purity and decency and morality that exists in the world and says to everything that would corrupt, everything that would pollute, everything that would decay: “Thus far, and no farther salt thou go.” That is what we ought to be doing if we are the salt of the earth.

It not only preserves, but also, salt stings. Rub some salt into a wound – ouch! That hurts. And in a society that is filled with wounds and bruises and putrefying sores, they don't always welcome salt, as I have discovered many things. In fact, they can be positively offended by it. That, of course, is something that goes with the territory of being a follower of Jesus Christ. Billy Sunday, who was the “Billy Graham” of maybe seventy-five years ago – preached boldly against sin and immorality in his day. One man came to him and said, “Mr. Sunday you rub the fur the wrong way.”

He said, “No, I don't. Let the cat turn around.”

Today, there is a new brand of Christianity around. It is a new non-irritating brand of Christianity. It would offend and without effect. Ah, but dear friends, Jesus didn't call us to be a “sugar of the world.” He called us to be the “salt of the earth.”

I want to tell you something. I would much prefer to be the sugar of the world. I would be delighted to have all men think well of me. I want you to know that I don't like it when people carry signs and say that I am Nazi and hatemonger, a fascist, a Khomeini, and all sorts of other lies. I don't like it when the newspapers print nasty things about me. I really don't like that at. Would you? I would much rather be Uncle Sugar Daddy, and everyone would like me. But “Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For so did their fathers to the false prophets: (Luke 6:26). “Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven” (Matthew 5:11-12).

We are also not called to be the vinegar of the world – neither the sugar nor the vinegar. But we are called to be salt, because salt not only stings, it also purifies and cures and heals.

Something salt does as well is that it seasons things. It gives zest and tang and flavor to life, and so ought we too. We are not called upon to be the wet blankets of the world, but rather we should be salt.

What is salt? A young boy defined salt as that stuff that tastes bad when it's not there. We should have the elements of joy bubbling up in us – a smile, a laugh, happiness. Christ makes us happy. Blessed are ye. Blessed are ye. Blessed are they. Blessed are they, said Christ. Blessed are they, said Christ. Blessed means happy, and so the Christian should experience you. And we do.

This article is based on Dr. D. James Kennedy's sermon “Salt and Light” preached to Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.

Contributed by Brady Ratchford.



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 **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.

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>1 Kings 6:19-38</i> <i>Ps. 121</i> <i>1 John 5:1-12</i>
2 <i>1 Kings 7:1-22</i> <i>Ps. 122</i> <i>1 John 5:13-21</i>	3 <i>1 Kings 7:23-44</i> <i>Ps. 123</i> <i>2 John 1-13</i>	4 <i>1 Kings 7:45-8:11</i> <i>Ps. 124</i> <i>3 John 1-15</i>	5 <i>1 Kings 8:12-36</i> <i>Ps. 125</i> <i>Jude 1-25</i>	6 <i>1 Kings 8:37-53</i> <i>Ps. 126</i> <i>Rev 1:1-8</i>	7 <i>1 Kings 8:54-66</i> <i>Ps. 127</i> <i>Rev 1:9-2:7</i>	8 <i>1 Kings 9</i> <i>Ps. 128</i> <i>Rev 2:8-17</i>
9 Pentecost <i>Gen 11:1-9</i> <i>Ps. 143</i> <i>Acts 2:1-21</i> <i>John 14:23-41</i>	10 <i>1 Kings 10:1-14</i> <i>Ps. 129</i> <i>Rev 2:18-3:6</i>	11 <i>1 Kings 10:15-29</i> <i>Ps. 130</i> <i>Rev 3:7-22</i>	12 <i>1 Kings 11:1-22</i> <i>Ps. 131</i> <i>Rev 4:1-11</i>	13 <i>1 Kings 11:23-43</i> <i>Ps. 132</i> <i>Rev 5:1-14</i>	14 <i>1 Kings 12:1-15</i> <i>Ps. 133-134</i> <i>Rev 6:1-17</i>	15 <i>1 Kings 12:16-33</i> <i>Ps. 135</i> <i>Rev 7:1-17</i>
16 <i>1 Kings 13:1-10</i> <i>Ps. 136</i> <i>Rev 8:1-9:11</i>	17 <i>1 Kings 13:1-34</i> <i>Ps. 137</i> <i>Rev 9:12-10:11</i>	18 <i>1 Kings 14:1-18</i> <i>Ps. 138</i> <i>Rev 11:1-19</i>	19 <i>1 Kings 14:19-15:8</i> <i>Ps. 139</i> <i>Rev 12:1-17</i>	20 <i>1 Kings 15:9-32</i> <i>Ps. 140</i> <i>Rev 13:1-18</i>	21 <i>1 Kings 15:33-16:20</i> <i>Ps. 141</i> <i>Rev 14:1-20</i>	22 <i>1 Kings 16:21-34</i> <i>Ps. 142</i> <i>Rev 15:1-16:16</i>
23 <i>1 Kings 7:1-16</i> <i>Ps. 143</i> <i>Rev 16:17-17:18</i>	24 <i>1 Kings 17:17-24</i> <i>Ps. 144</i> <i>Rev 18:1-24</i>	25 <i>1 Kings 18:1-19</i> <i>Ps. 145</i> <i>Rev 19:1-10</i>	26 <i>1 Kings 18:20-46</i> <i>Ps. 146</i> <i>Rev 19:11-21</i>	27 <i>1 Kings 19:1-18</i> <i>Ps. 147</i> <i>Rev 20:1-10</i>	28 <i>1 Kings 1:19-20:12</i> <i>Ps. 148</i> <i>Rev 20:11-21:8</i>	29 <i>1 Kings 18:20-46</i> <i>Ps. 149</i> <i>Rev 21:9-22:5</i>
30 <i>1 Kings 19:1-18</i> <i>Ps. 150</i> <i>Rev 22:6-21</i>						



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