<u>Birthdays</u>

- 2 Ron Hankom Katy Flint
- 4 Casey Fink Vicar Jacob Stefanec
- 6 Nancy Freie Rev. Nathan Shieber
- 7 Cinda Barz
- 8 Tori Kroonblawd
- 9 Lucy Behn
- 10 Mike Spetman
- 12 Randy Grefe
- 14 Rev. Cory Kroonblawd
- 15 Debra Hansen
- 18 Patty Rodemeyer Sharon Miller Mike Pigman
- 20 Kay Sheppard Carson Treanor Rev. Jesse Burns
- 24 Madison Heilskov
- 28 Philip Harvey
- 29 Sarah Heilskov



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<u>Ushers</u>

Lynn Arends, Chair Drew Abbas Arlynn Ahrens Gary Brinkley Gerry Heilskov Scott Heilskov

<u>Anniversaries</u>



1 – Bill & Sheree Holmstrom 2 – Rev. Adam & Megan Baumann 7 - Rev. Zach & Kendra Voss 10 - Ryan & Jill Harvey (25) Rev. Rob & Jenna Ricard 11 – Jamie & Jackie Fink 14 – Jim & Jean Showalter 16 - Keith & Nancy Freie 18 – Jim & Elaine Moats 19 - Doug & Jolene McWilliams 20 - Rev. Michael & Erica Kearney 27 – Lester & Eva Schnabel 28 – Jason & Becky Fink 29 - Matt & Jori Showalter Rev. Joseph & Carrie Bangert 30 – Carl & Jessica Kurth

Greeters

Lynn & JoEllen Arends Ron & Judy Hankom Laverne Rodemeyer Gary & Kay Sheppard



1 – Evan Waechter 8 – An Elder or Usher 15 – Vivian Hansen 22 – An Elder or Usher 29 – An Elder or Usher

Special Needs Communion

Small group and individual communion services are being offered in place of the monthly Special Needs service. Please call the church office if you are interested in setting up a time. Wednesday, June 4th at 2PM

Esther Circle Devotion/Bible Study: Vicki Claypool

Hostess: Stephanie Behn

All ladies are invited!

Attention parents of youth...please remember that Esther Circle is offering \$100 camperships to those attending LCMS camps, such as Camp-Io-Dis-E-Ca, this summer!

Sewing Circle News

Sewing Ladies...we are taking a break for June, July, and August. Look to start up again in September. We would love to have more gals to join us!

Ladies Book Club

Will be taking a break for the summer. Discussion will take place about continuing the book club in September.

Remember our shut-ins...

- *Country View Nursing Facility: Jennie Dellinger, Melba Muhlenbruch, Dixie Schmitt
- *Franklin General Assisted Living: Merlin Behn

*Rehabilitation Center of Hampton: Jamie Fink, Mardell Jorgensen *Leahy Grove:





Patty Rodemeyer *Manly Specialty Care: Jerry Meyer *Minnesota (no known address

yet): Jean Morgan *At Home: Kathy Jones, Jim Stahl

*Other members at home who may not be able to come to church.

Facebook "Livestream" Happenings

facebook

You can tune in "live" at 10:00 AM to take part in Pastor Bollhagen's Thursday morning Bible Study from Bethlehem Lutheran Church via their Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/blcmason.

Bethlehem's Sunday morning worship services are also streamed on their Facebook page at 10:45 AM.

From Vicar Stefanec...

Dear Trinity,

We now consider Joshua as one who foreshadows Christ in the Old Testament. Joshua was Moses 'successor. Towards the end of his life, Moses says, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you—it is to him you shall listen," (Deuteronomy 18:15). A prophet as great as Moses, who spoke to God face to face? To confirm that Joshua is Moses 'successor, he enters the Glory cloud with Moses in Deuteronomy 31. After Moses dies and they cross over into the promised land, the Jordan River is parted similarly to how the Red Sea separated as well.

Yet, what makes Joshua follow in the prophetic train of Moses is the fact that his words are *God* 's words. He speaks God's word to the people. Many other Old Testament prophets receive the word of the Lord in their mouths, just as Joshua did: "I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him," (Deut. 18:18).

The one who truly is the second and greater Moses, then, is Christ. Jesus does not merely receive the word of God; he is the word of God. Moses, Joshua, and every other prophet did not possess authority in and of themselves, but were given it by God. Christ himself teaches the sermon on the mount (just as Moses received the Law on the mount), and "the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority," (Matthew 7). Likewise, just as Moses and Joshua entered the glory cloud and God commanded the people to listen to them, at the mount of Transfiguration the Father says from the cloud that Christ is his beloved son; listen to him.

So, it is Christ's words-the words of all Scripture-that we are commanded to hear and receive with gladness. It is this word that is put within the mouths of pastors, who continue in the line of the prophetic office. A faithful pastor can say no more than the words of Scripture, but he can also say no less. To listen to the word of God is to listen to the one who has been entrusted with the word of God. So, as hearers and doers of this word, we do well to

hear the voice of the pastor as the voice of Christ, for it is Christ's word he teaches.

The pastor has no authority in himself, but the authority he has been given is the authority of Christ's word. As Hebrews says, "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls," (13:17). The pastor exercises the office of Christ, who desires your salvation. To hear the word

of God is to

LCMS Heartland Singles Retreat

Camp Omega @ Waterville, Minnesota

Join us for a weekend of of indoor and outdoor recreation, Bible studies, and worship. Form friendships with other Midwestern singles, build each other up in the faith, and potentially meet a spouse. Open to ages 21-41. \$100 per person for two nights of lodging and four meals.

Pastor Schweitzer: Bible Study Pastor LaPlant: Breakout Session for Men Miss Harman: Breakout Session for Women Pastor Mumme: Worship

> Schedule and Registration: lcmsheartlandsingles.com

protect your soul from all that would lead it away from Jesus and his salvation, and it is in the office of holy ministry that God has provided a way to guard and protect you in his love through the pastor. So, just as the Father spoke of Christ at the mount of Transfiguration, we ought to listen to him.

For Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have provided us a means to hear your word through the pastor out of your love. Please grant that we would hear the word

he teaches with gladness, so that we may learn to continually abide in the love of your Son, the greater Moses, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Turn over to enjoy the Pentecost/Holy Trinity wordsearch included in this month's newsletter.

