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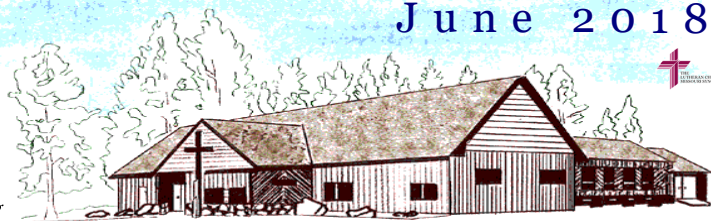
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From the desk of Pastor Matt Nelson

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep” (Romans 12.15).

Dear sisters and brothers,

A friend brings me sections of The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) that he thinks I might find interesting. And so I had occasion to read a brief article oddly entitled ‘Meet Jimmy Kimmel’s Nun.’ It described how Mr. Kimmel (late night TV host) used a picture of a nun as part of a comedy routine that banked on the cheap laughs he knew he would get with the caricature. And he got them.

The author of the WSJ article is the father of daughters who attend the school where that nun, Sister Patricia Pompa (Sr. Pat), actually serves. With withering gentleness he defends the good sister, her work, and her sacrifice. It was a wonderful article and I’m grateful that it made the WSJ; it’s worth reading if you can get your hands on it. The line that put a lump in my throat was this description of her work at Villa Walsh Academy: *“In many cases, Sr. Pat is powerless to alter outcomes. But she can love. And love is as much a part of the Villa formula as the high bar it sets for academic excellence. The sisters can’t guarantee their young charges a life free from hurt and unfairness. But they promise them this: No Villa girl will ever hurt alone.”*

You and I are powerless to alter outcomes, not just sometimes but often. But we, like Sister Pat, can try to make and keep this promise to one another: none of us will hurt alone. It’s a lofty sentiment and like all such notions it guarantees we won’t meet our own high standard. It is inevitable that we will, from time to time, sin against the hurting neighbor. Nonetheless it’s the way we should learn to think about one another. We are brothers and sisters not just in name but in practice. Holy Scripture reminds us to “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep” (Romans 12.15). As a practical matter this radically expands our exposure to both joy and pain, the first we cherish and

the second we may just as soon avoid. Yet it is an offering of love that we can make to one another in the name of Christ.

When we try to fix people instead of walking with them through the circumstances of their lives we are not only destined to fail but take upon ourselves work that is not ours to do. It can even become a first commandment matter of idolatry when we do not do the work we are given to do, but attempt to do the work of the LORD. Instead, in the face of hurt (as well as rejoicing), we can take up the practice of standing alongside one another without the illusion of fixing, but in the truth of sharing the experience, of being bold enough to both give and receive the gift of empathy.

Empathy it should be said, is not sympathy. Empathy is a shared experience. Sympathy is feeling a feeling. What St. Paul calls us to is not to feel a feeling but to share the experience of another. Sympathy costs and benefits very little while empathy is beyond accounting.

In the Baptismal liturgy, the sponsors promise “both to will and to do” the good works they promise. Likewise, with the help of our LORD and the guidance of the Holy Spirit let us both will and do the good work of sharing the experiences of our sisters and brothers.

The Peace of the LORD be with you.

- Pastor Nelson

Lending a Hand in June

Ushers: (early) Don Martinus & Joe Peters

(late) Larry Workman & Chris Avsec

Greeters: (early) Don & Sally Martinus

Money Counters: Peg Hoppe & Diane Nelson

Altar Guild: Vicki Avsec

Music: Joyce Baumgartner, Rae Workman, Nancy Landell, Tammy Jordt

Acolytes: Georgia Morrell, Noah Peters, Josie Ekholt, Alona Johnson, Christopher Daenzer, Emily Wicks, Rachel Eberhart

Blessings on your special day!

Birthdays

4 - Carla Heintz	17 - Glenn Jackson
4 - Nancy Lemke	17 - Jennifer Jurva
5 - Sue Culbert	19 - Deloras Peters
7 - Ruth Burke	21 - Katherine Pastian
7 - Hannah Gustin	24 - Vinson Jarrett
8 - Linda Addington	24 - Molly Moody
10 - Larry Workman	25 - Sally Martinus
11 - Daniel Martinsen	26 - Thomas Creighton
13 - Aaron Shay	30 - Tina Kempff
14 - Bill Werner	
15 - Don Thomas	
15 - Deanne Tyler	
16 - Roger Swearengen	

Anniversaries

4 - Ray & Gloria Lehmann (48 yrs)
5 - Orville & Joyce Baumgartner (63 yrs)
10 - Irv & Robin Erickson (40 yrs)
11 - Kurt & Amanda Heinzen (13 yrs)
11 - Bill & Inga Myers (58 yrs)
12 - Darin & Emily Stone (9 yrs)
18 - Ken & Carol Strauch (30 yrs)
20 - Mike & Callie Merritt (9 yrs)
26 - Josh & Lea Sorenson (8 yrs)
28 - Bryan & Linda Donner (31 yrs)

If you have a birthday or anniversary that falls in this month and are not listed, please update your information with Deb.

Support King's Kids

Preschool

**Rummage Sale on
June 8 & 9**



There will be a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall in mid-May for volunteers.

Items can be dropped off in the narthex June 4 - 7 (between 8 am - noon). It takes lots of help to set up, price and clean up.

We have been very blessed with the generosity of our congregation who give of their time and "treasures".

All proceeds go to the preschool dedicated account.

Looking for clean, gently used clothing; working electronics and appliances; furniture as well as all the other great treasures you have stored away.

Schedule - 2018

Offering Counters:

June - Peg Hoppe & Diane Nelson

July -

Altar Guild:

June - Vicki Avsec

July -

Ushers:

June - Don Martinus & Joe Peters

July -

Greeters:

June - Don & Salley Martinus

July -

Please see Deb if there is a conflict with this schedule or if you would like to volunteer!



Hope Pregnancy Ministries

Return your baby bottle to the Church
by Fathers' Day (June 17).

For every baby bottle returned by June 17
Hope Pregnancy Ministries receives a
additional \$1.00 from an anonymous donor.

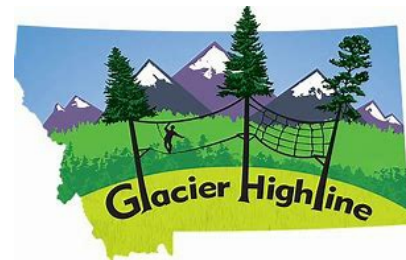


**Before I
formed you
in the
womb, I
knew you.
Jeremiah 1:5**

Active Christian Teens (ACT)

ACT group is for kids grades 8 - 12.

- **June 9 - Saturday 11:30 am**
- **Meet at the Church at 11:00 to carpool.**
- **Highline Rope Course in Coram**
- RSVP to Deb by June so we can provide transportation.
- Sponsored by Alex & Meghan Ekholt
- **There is a sign up list in the Fellowship Hall**



Communion Schedule

June

- 3 - 8:30 am
- 10 - 11:00 am
- 17 - no Communion
- 24 - both services

August

- 5 - 11:00 am
- 12 - 8:30 am
- 19 - 11:00 am
- 26 - 8:30 am

July

- 1 - 8:30 am
- 8 - 11:00 am
- 15 - 8:30 am
- 22 - 11:00 am
- 29 - 8:30 am

Vacation Bible School

July 23 - 27, 2018

If you are interested in
helping with VBS this
year, please contact Diane
Nelson.

This year's VBS theme is
Lost and Found
The Parables of Jesus



Voters' Assembly Meeting
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
May 20, 2018

Attendance: There were 12 in attendance; the list is attached to the secretary's record. (17 needed for a quorum). There is not a quorum at today's meeting. This will be an informational meeting and no business will be conducted.

Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Nelson at 12:10 pm

REPORTS:

- **Treasurers' Report** (Denise Falkner)
 - Dedicated accounts show \$16,195.19 and YTD surplus is at \$4,087. As of April month end we have made up "lost ground" from January and February.
- **Elders Report** (Larry Workman, Don Martinus, Dan Creighton)
 - No report
- **Evangelism** (Peg Hoppe)
 - LWML donated Spa Basket for Preschool Fundraiser. Hosted luncheon for Endreson Funeral. Provided gifts to 4 confirmands. Celebrated 75th Anniversary at District Convention. LWML Sunday was observed on April 29. LWR Drive was May 11. Continued with work mornings for quilting. Disbursed \$2,100 in mission designations and \$50 scholarship for Trinity Camp. Will serve as member of Ad Hoc Committee for ministry in Browning.
- **Education** (Carla Heintz)
 - No report
 - Volunteers are needed for VBS and Summer Sunday School
- **Welfare** (Kathy Stamm)
 - June 8 & 9 is Annual Rummage Sale. Start collecting donations the Monday before. Need help with set up and clean up.
- **Property** (Dwyght Lindberg)
 - Reported by Joe Peters: Lawn has been fertilized. There are several lights that need replaced. Cleaning of ceiling fans. Need volunteers to help with this.
- **Pastor Nelson**
 - Attended District Convention in Kalispell.
 - Andreson funeral
 - Discontinued Browning Pow Wow ministry and formation of ad hoc committee to determine best ways to move forward.
 - Attending Montana District Convention meeting in Billing June 10 – 14.
 - Attending Flathead Lake continuing education end of July.
 - Confirmed 4 students. CAT one has 4-5 coming this fall and the new CAT II has 4 students.
- **President Report** (Joe Peters)
 - Praise God for our baptisms

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Minutes taken by Denise Falkner, submitted by Deb Sorenson