

The Gospel According to Mark: An Overview

Now that Trinity Sunday is in the rearview mirror, the month of June begins the non-festival half of the church year, sometimes called ordinary time. In this time of year, the focus of the assigned lectionary pericope readings shifts to focus on the ministry and teachings of Jesus in the Gospels. This year in 2024, we will be looking most often at the Gospel according to St. Mark. Since we will be hearing and reading a lot from Mark's Gospel in June and also a good bulk of the rest of the summer, I'd like to lay out some unique characteristics and features of Mark's Gospel that make it stand out from the other three Gospels.



Tensions and Conflict are High Right Away

One thing you will see in Mark's Gospel is that the tensions and conflict between Jesus and the Pharisees and other religious leaders is strong right from the very beginning. John the Baptist and Jesus "appear" right away at the beginning of the Gospel, and Jesus' ministry begins not long into chapter 1, when we hear in 1:28 that "At once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee." In chapter 2, each of the miracles and teachings that Jesus does is met with opposition from the scribes or Pharisees. We will get to hear an example of this in church in the first weekend in June when we hear from Mark 2:23-3:6. Here, Jesus discusses perhaps the biggest hot button issue of the Pharisees: the issue of the Sabbath.

More Attention is Given to Demon Possession

A second feature we see in Mark's Gospel is that more attention is given to Jesus and his dealings with those that are overcome by and possessed by demons. In Mark's Gospel, we frequently will see Jesus get into conversations with the demons before Jesus finally casts them out. Among the several examples of this throughout the Gospel, we see it in Mark 1:21-28 where Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit. Instead of the text simply saying something like, "Jesus cast out demons," we get a bigger picture of the story and the conflict between Jesus and the opposition.

Concealment Frequently Occurs

Scholars have noted that throughout Mark's Gospel,

there are multiple instances in which Jesus wants to conceal His identity. Several times immediately following a miracle, he gives firm instructions for that person not to tell anyone else what had happened (1:34, 44; 3:12; 5:43; 7:36; 8:30; 9:9). Perhaps even more astonishingly, there are times when Jesus intends to conceal the truth of the Gospel. The parables of Jesus are examples of this. At the end of the Parable of the Sower in Mark 4, we hear this enigmatic statement from

Jesus: "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, so that 'they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven.'" And, at the end of our Gospel reading for the weekend of June 16, we will hear it again in Mark 4:34: "He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to His own disciples He explained everything."

The Disciples are Portrayed More Negatively than Other Gospels

Perhaps most surprising of the themes of Mark's Gospels is how the disciples (and other followers of Jesus) are portrayed. In Mark 4, the disciples are given the very kingdom of God, right out in the open following Jesus' parables (4:34, cited above). Nevertheless, almost immediately following that, the disciples are on a boat in the middle of a storm, and when Jesus finally calms the storm for them, Mark 4:41 says that they were "filled with great fear" and "did not understand who Jesus was."

There is Often a Story Within a Story

The technical term for this feature that occurs quite frequently in Mark's Gospel is "intercalation." The clearest example of this is in Mark 5:21-43, which we will hear in church the weekend of June 29-30. In this text, Jairus is introduced, along with his request (5:21-24), but the story is interrupted by the woman and her special need (5:25-34). After she is healed, the Jairus story resumes and is brought to its conclusion (5:35-43).

I hope this helps you enjoy more fully the Gospel of Mark in June and in the rest of the summer!

~ Pastor Gimbel



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Field Day
 got
 students
 outside
 and
 enjoying
 fun and
 games.



Happy LAST month of the school year!

These kids have truly worked so hard this year, and it shows. They have learned, they have made friends, practiced teamwork, and had so much fun. Each of these kids is leaving this building with incredible memories and immense growth as both people and learners.

This year has been nothing short of amazing in all areas. From fantastic students to supportive parents to the best staff around, Holy Cross Lutheran Preschool was surely shown the light of Jesus this school year.

To the three year olds, I cannot wait for you to return to our school and continue to learn with us. We are excited to have you back!

To our four year olds, your Kindergarten teachers are so very lucky to have you. You are each such bright lights in the world, and I sure am thankful God placed you in our path. You are strong, you are smart, and

you are so very important. Whatever you choose to do and be as you grow, graduating preschool is the first step, and we are so proud of you!

With Love & Learning,
 Morgan Calcaterra
 Preschool Director

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Monthly Music Minute for June 2024

*A series in which the music director shares some thoughts
about the music coming up in church this month*

We have a very exciting thing happening at Holy Cross this month! As I am sure you are aware by now, on June 30 at 3PM we will be celebrating the ordination and installation of our Associate Pastor-elect Jason Kohm! I hope you will join us for what is sure to be a joyful day for our church community.

Jason's ordination, in particular, is particularly exciting. More than just being installed to serve Holy Cross, his ordination is the day in which he actually becomes a pastor and the "elect" is removed from his title. It is a tremendously exciting day with some very cool rituals that go into it, and a really unique thing to be able to witness.

So, what does this have to do with music? Well, just like it has a hymn for every occasion, the church actually has a hymn that is traditionally meant to be sung at ordinations — in fact, this hymn has been sung at ordinations at least as early as the 1300s, and possibly earlier. The hymn is LSB 498-499, "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest."

The text of this hymn, sung to the plainsong chant tune "Veni Creator Spiritus," actually dates back as far as the 800s, as far as we can tell, making it one of the very oldest hymns in our hymnal and even in our Lutheran tradition. As far as ancient hymns are concerned, this hymn is held in very high esteem, with many scholars claiming it as second in importance only to the great **Te Deum**.

The hymn is seven stanzas long and serves as a prayer to the Holy Spirit. The first stanza invites the Holy Spirit with the prayer, "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and make our hearts your place of rest." Stanzas two and three confess the nature of the Holy Spirit, referring to Him as "Counselor," "Gift of God," and "Fire of Love," among other things. These verses rejoice in the continuing work of the Holy Spirit that has taken place since the first Pentecost.

Stanzas four and five, then, become personal requests to the Holy Spirit, asking Him to strengthen us in our weaknesses, to "drive far away our wily foe," and to protect us from all evil, saying, "With You as our protecting guide, No evil can with us abide."

Stanzas six and seven refer to the nature of the Trinity. Stanza six is a prayer for increased faith in our Triune God, while stanza seven is a doxological

stanza of praise. Here is the text of stanza six:

"Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One,
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess."

Perhaps you can see, with this stanza in particular, how appropriate this hymn might be as a prayer for a new pastor. When Jesus spoke with His disciples before, He spoke about the Holy Spirit with the Greek word "paraclete." This word is translated many ways, usually along the lines of something like "comforter," "helper," or "counselor." I am sure that any pastor loves knowing that he has someone to pray to that serves these roles. Being a pastor is a weighty job. While most jobs deal with earthly things, a pastor deals with eternal things, and that has to weigh on him. To know that he is not alone in this service to God's kingdom, but that the Holy Spirit will work through him certainly can be a comfort to him.

This hymn isn't just for pastors, though; this hymn is a prayer that works for us, too. For while our day-to-day jobs may not be obviously tied to eternal things, our Lutheran understanding of vocation and how we live our lives shows us that we certainly have an interest in the kingdom of God; and yet, our sinful selves fail every day. What a comfort to us who can pray to the Holy Spirit, too, for it is He who sanctifies us; He who continually makes us holy; He who encourages, who comforts, who counsels, and who strengthens us.

This hymn is often also sung, perhaps unsurprisingly, on the Day of Pentecost — but then we tend to put it away along with much of our talk of the Holy Spirit for a year. I think it's a bit unfair, though, to relegate talking about the Holy Spirit to just one day, Pentecost, because the Holy Spirit's work continues after that day. In fact, our church calendar shows this! Ordinary time, the green season, is also called the season of Pentecost, and it runs for most of the year — all the way until Advent! The work of the Holy Spirit does not stop just because the altar color changes from red to green.

So, as we pray to the Holy Spirit to strengthen our new pastor at his ordination, remember to pray also to the Holy Spirit for yourself, and be comforted, knowing that His work in and through you never ends.

~ David Gilson

Call Day Update

During the Call Day service at Concordia Seminary St. Louis, on April 23, 2024, **Seminarian Jason Kohm** received a call to Holy Cross as an associate pastor. Jason, 25, is from South St. Louis County, a member of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church. He graduated from Concordia-Chicago with a BA in English. He graduated May 17 with a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary St. Louis.

Seminarian Vincent Otto received a call to Zion Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND, as associate pastor.

Seminarian Owen Duncan received a call to Faith Lutheran Church in Naples, FL, as associate pastor.

All three pastors-elect formally accepted their Calls after they graduated from Concordia Seminary St. Louis on May 17, 2024.



VISIT: Pastor-elect Jason Kohm visited Holy Cross May 4-5, attending all services and introducing himself to the congregation during announcements. The CWST invited him to lunch and he attended part of the Elders' meeting to meet and greet them.

Along with a delegation from the Holy Cross Call Committee, Pastor Andy Gimmel was among the first to congratulate Jason Kohm as the pastor-elect to Holy Cross.



Call Day Watch Party

Originally, the plan was to have a picnic supper and watch the Call Day ceremonies outside in the pavilion to support our field workers and prospective pastor.

However, rain forced the event inside. The picnic was in the gym, and the watch party was moved to the Sanctuary. Those who attended could not only see the service, but they followed along by singing the hymns and responding to the liturgy using their own copies of the service supplied by the church office.

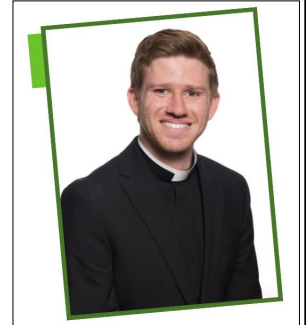
Other members watched to Call Day service online at home. For all, it was a Spirit-filled event!



YOU ARE INVITED
Ordination and Installation of Jason Kohm as Associate Pastor of Holy Cross, will be held Sun., June 30, 2024, 3PM, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church..

Following the ordination service, a welcome reception and meal in honor of the new pastor will be held in the gym. Space is limited for the dinner. Tickets are available after all worship services starting June 1 & 2. Tickets are free needed to get in the door and help planners to know how many people to expect. Pick up tickets at the table in the Welcome Center.

The meal will consist of a variety of pasta, tossed salad, bread, cake, and beverages.



Ordination Choir

Join the choir as we help celebrate the ordination and installation of Jason Kohm as our new associate pastor! The ordination service is on Sunday, June 30 at 3PM, and we will have three rehearsals to prepare: **Sunday, June 16 and 23 at 9:30AM**, and **Wednesday, June 26 at 6:30PM**.

If you haven't been in choir recently and want to sing, please let David Gilson know so that he can put a music packet together for you. If you have any questions, please let David know!





DANA OTTO, VINCENT OTTO, OWEN DUNCAN, EVANGELINE DUNCAN
PHOTO BY NED KOPROWSKI

Thank You

Thank you so much not only for all the thoughtful cards and generous gifts at our going-away party after Call Day, but also for your continued support throughout these last four years! You have made Holy Cross feel like a home to us and you have supported us in so many ways as we prepare for our ministries. Every success we have in Bismarck and Naples will certainly be, in part, because of you and because of every opportunity, every word of encouragement, and every piece of feedback that you have given us.

From Pastors-elect Vince Otto and Owen Duncan, and their wives Dana and Evangeline:

Holy Cross has been blessed to have Seminarians Owen Duncan and Vince Otto with us these past few years. They have been a great help to Pastor Gimbel during the pastoral vacancy and an inspiration in their preaching and teaching Bible class studies.

The Called Workers Support Team sponsored a Send-Off Reception on **Sun., April 28, at 9:30AM** (between the Sunday services) in the gym. With donations of coffee cake, muffins, scones and other breakfast goodies, those who attended had an opportunity to visit with the Ottos and Duncans and to wish them well in their future endeavors.

Board of Elders Chair Rob Paoletti presented cross necklaces for them to wear (made by Holy Cross member Loren Herr) fashioned to look like the large cross at the Holy Cross altar. It was engraved "Holy Cross" — so they could take a piece of us with them.

The pastors-elect both thanked the people of Holy Cross and Pastor Gimbel for all the support in the past four years. They briefly described the churches that had called them. Owen described his new congregation as one that ebbed and flowed with snow birds. His wife Evangeline who grew up in Hawaii will be looking for a position using her degree in marine biology. Vince mentioned that his new church was the largest in that area of North Dakota. The Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is not far away, and he may have some duties there.



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CWST members: Dawn Kahler, Vicky Glasstetter, Darlene Wischmeyer and Solomon Conrad PHOTO BY STEVEN LIESCHEIDT



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Dana Otto took the microphone (*top picture*) to remind everyone of her close connections to Holy Cross. She was baptized here when she attended Lutheran High School -St. Charles County. She and Vince were married at Holy Cross June 21, 2020, during the COVID lockdown. Recently, her parents Tina & Dan Hevey joined Holy Cross as members.

Dana did her DCE internship at Holy Cross during COVID and

found innovative ways to keep in touch with youth such as boxed Sunday School materials delivered to their homes. For the annual Spaghetti Dinner, people picked up meal boxes, took them home, cooked their own spaghetti, and participated in a trivia contest online. This past year, she taught Midweek classes. Where her talents and training will take her next are not known yet — but God surely has a plan for her — and each of these young people! God bless!



Flower & Plant Sale Successful

The Holy Cross Ladies Guild recently finished up another successful Flower and Plant Sale. Proceeds from the sale were donated to First Step Back Home which is an organization providing a variety of services to the homeless and working poor populations in our area. Sales Chairperson Kathy Weseman presented a check for \$1345.61 to Paul and Lana Kruse, founders and administrators of the charity. Thank you for your support of the Flower and Plant Sale!



MITES: Pick up a Mite box from the LWML table to collect loose change to be used for LWML grants to missions around the world. New Mission grants will be voted on during the June convention.

LADIES GUILD QUILTERS meet **9AM, Tues., June 25** in the gym to piece and sew quilt tops.

Quilt tops are sewn and tied during this time. All projects are given to those in need. Contact Norma Helms. This group is sponsored by Holy Cross Ladies Guild.

NOTE

Saturday service times change **June 1-2** from 3PM to **5PM**.

This will be in effect until after Labor Day.

June 29-30 services will be Matins.

All women of Holy Cross are invited to attend meetings of either or both Guilds. Join us as we “serve the Lord with gladness” by raising funds for missions at home and around the world.

Holy Cross has two LWML groups:

Holy Cross Ladies Guild: Fri., June 14, 10AM

Grace Evening Guild: Tues., June 11, 6PM

At this meeting, the guild will meet at a local restaurant for fellowship and to install new officers.

DIAPER DRIVE for SEMINARY FAMILIES

Grace Evening Guild sponsors its **Annual Diaper Drive** starting Mother's Day, May 11-12, until Father's Day, June 16. A porta-crib will be in the Welcome Center for diapers to be placed. Diapers will be given to Seminary families. *Varying diaper sizes and unscented wipes are most welcome!*



CONCORDIA SEMINARY FOOD BANK

The Holy Cross Ladies Guild collects soap products of all kinds as well as non-perishable food items for the Concordia Seminary Food Bank. If you have items for the Seminary food bank, deposit them under the LWML table in the Welcome Center.

STAMP COLLECTION: The Holy Cross Ladies Guild collects canceled postage stamps which are used to raise money for mission projects worldwide. Stamps should be torn or cut from the envelope with about half an inch of paper left all the way around. A collection basket sits upstairs on the Welcome Center bookshelf and another one is downstairs on the shelf above the coat rack by the kitchen. Consider saving your stamps and turning them in at your convenience for this worthwhile effort.

The LWML Missouri District will meet in convention in Independence, Mo., June 7-9, 2024. LWML MO District President — and Holy Cross member — Marian Hoehner will preside over her first convention. Delegates from Holy Cross are: Elma Jane Kramer for The Holy Cross Ladies Guild; Karen Copper for Grace Evening Guild; and Joyce Niewald who holds a district appointment. Also attending are Christel Hundt and Shirley Niewald.



Among the SHINE participants were (from left): Lisa Aston, Chris & Brian Storm, Ben Schnoor, Neal & Cynthia Menscher, Liz Belter, Trudy Belter, Owen Schnoor, Oriya Ray, Andrew Schnoor, Anna Schnoor, Karl Schnoor, Lydia Smith, Jesse Smith.

For the third year in a row, the Stewardship Board sponsored the LCMS SHINE event!

Fifteen Holy Cross members volunteered a few hours on Sat.,

April 20, to pick up trash. They partnered with Clean Stream and the City of Cottleville to beautify Legacy Park.

"The weather was perfect to get our hands dirty and help clean one of our community parks!" Liz Belter said. "We even happened up on a few leftover Easter eggs that were hidden too well to be found on Easter!"



We look forward to continuing the tradition of the SHINE event in the years to come. If you have any service ideas (indoors or out) that you would like them to participate in next spring, let the Board of Stewardship know!

MISSION BOARD: CFNA, Fresh Food for the Seminary

The Mission Board has much to say thank you for as we move into June. We were delighted to have a guest speaker, Pastor Stanish Stanley from Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) visit and preach the Gospel for us during the Ascension Day Service on May 9. We had a great turnout for the service and for the ice cream social that followed. We hope you got a helpful glimpse into the wonderful work provided by CFNA. We thank you for your generous donations of \$594 during that service! Keep an eye out on communications as the board works to discover how our gifts can be best used to serve CFNA during these next couple months. We are also looking to schedule Pastor Stanley to come during a Sunday Bible study as well for those that missed Ascension Day.

Second, the Mission Board was delighted to hear about the extra \$524 that was generously donated towards purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables for the Concordia Seminary-St. Louis.



If you were not aware of this endeavor, the Mission Board has been purchasing and delivering fresh fruits and vegetables to the seminary food bank once a month for more than two years.

The food bank carries many canned and boxed items, and we wanted to make sure that the students and families also had access to fresh healthy foods as well.

With these extra funds we can now provide even more items when the students return next fall. If you wish to donate to this project, please designate your check towards Concordia Seminary Food Bank.

Quilting Fellowship

July 13, 9AM to 2PM

—NOT JUNE!

This group emphasizes *fellowship* and encourages people to bring that project sitting in the closet waiting for completion (crochet, knitting, quilting, painting, sewing, jewelry making). You bring it, and let others be inspired. Along with the benefits of completion and inspiration, gain help where needed, enjoy new friendships, and network with members of our church.

Contact: Cynthia Menscher, 636.639.5188



The Freyja Amber Box Benefit

At the Lutheran High School in St. Charles

All years, makes & model cars, and motorcycles welcome.

Car Show

\$25 entry fee for the first car and \$20 for each additional. Pay at the event!



• SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024 •

(Rain date Saturday, June 15th)

The proceeds help offset medical bills, and medical equipment needed to provide Freyja with the best opportunity for a full life.

Check-in (registration for judging)

8:30 am - 10:30 am

Judging: 11:45 am - 1:30 pm

Awards: 2:15 pm

Haddad syndrome

Haddad syndrome (HS) is a very rare disease considered a form of neurocristopathy. It is characterized by a combination of congenital central hypoventilation syndrome (CCHS) and Hirschsprung's disease (HD).



About 15-20% of patients with CCHS are known also to have Hirschsprung's disease (aganglionic megacolon), an extremely rare combination (less than 1 in 1,000,000 live births) termed Haddad syndrome by some.

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SCAN FOR MORE DETAILS!



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS!

SCAN TO SIGN UP OR VOLUNTEER!



Join us for **HOPE Seeds** on Thurs., June 6 in the gym, 9AM-Noon



Seed packages are packed for those in need around the world.

Sponsored by Holy Cross Stewardship Board.

Holy Cross Buy/Sell Facebook Group

There is a new Facebook group for Holy Cross members.

This group is for member-to-member selling of large goods (not household rummage sale items) as a Stewardship Board fundraiser supporting ministries of Holy Cross.

Members selling are encouraged to donate a minimum of 10% of the sell price to the Holy Cross Stewardship Board.

Check it out and join this new group today. If you have any questions, please email stewardship@hcross.com or speak with any Stewardship Board member.

HOPE MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY asks Holy Cross to help out with the following food items in June:

Boxed potato, JELLO, pudding, granola bars, gravy, jelly, canned fruit, cereal, oatmeal.

Put food items in bins under the Missions Board display in the Welcome Center.

SAVE THE DATE

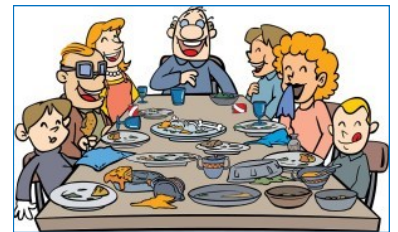
CWST Third Annual Pork Steak Dinner and Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser!!

The dinner and tournament will be held on Sat., July 20, from 5 to 7PM.

Tickets will go on sale the last weekend in June. Look for further information in the weeks ahead!

And remember, all of the funds raised go to support current and future seminarians!!

Thank you in advance for supporting our mission--and you will have a great meal to enjoy in the process!!



SAVE THE DATE LEVEL 200 PARENTS

AUG 28 LORD'S PRAYER PARENTS & KIDS

OCT 2 10 COMMANDMENTS PARENTS & KIDS

JAN 8 THE CREED PARENTS & KIDS

FEB 19 MEANS OF GRACE PARENTS & KIDS

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT HCROSS.COM/YOUTH

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6.29.2024

BRING GAMES | BRING FOOD | HAVE FUN

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Kevin Smith
kmsk58@gmail.com



3 yr olds and potty trained to entering 5th grade



VBS June 17-21

Family Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm
VBS 6:30-8 pm

Registration is open!

Register by May 31 and get a FREE themed t-shirt

To register, volunteer or donate, visit hcross.com/vbs



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WORK DAYS

June 5, 7, 12, 14 from 6-8 pm
June 15, 3-5 pm
June 16, 5-7 pm

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

June 5, 7, 12, 14 from 6-7 pm
June 4 & 11 from 9:30-10:30 am

VBS June 17-21

SUMMER YOUTH NIGHTS

Rising 6th graders to
2024 HS graduates

Every Wednesday, 6:45-8 pm

From May 22 - August 7

Expect fun, fellowship, and
God's Word.

June 2024

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Grace Guild Diaper Drive 8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Holy Communion	Memorial Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Adult Bible Class	9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6:45PM Summer Youth Night 7PM Bylaw Committee	8AM News & Notes Deadline 10AM Grace Guild: Craft Expo Plan Meeting 6:30PM 20s&30s Bible Class	Youth Lock-in 6PM-6AM	Grace Guild Diaper Drive 3PM Wedding: Ray Hein & Paula Pavla 5PM Holy Communion
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June Celebrations

May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. —Ps. 20:4

Happy Birthday!

Happy Baptism Anniversary!

- 2:** David Heim, Denton Raymond
- 3:** Hulda Greb, Maryanne McDaniel
- 4:** Tim Davison
- 5:** Rebecca Schmalzer
- 6:** Shana Elick, Bruce Linn
- 7:** Nicole Alton, Kelsey Gibbs
- 8:** Adrienne Blackwell, Brody Einsporn, Janine Haffer, Cynthia Menscher
- 9:** James Foster, Logan Harmon, Lukas Harmon
- 10:** Jesse Estill, Cara Shouse
- 11:** Susan Bastian, Pam Beck, Charles Eaton, Alex Miget
- 12:** Melanie Dafler, Jill Frederking
- 13:** Kurt Bey, Duane Lang, Jeff May
- 14:** Bryan Drilling
- 15:** Juliana Frerichs, Phyllis Gronewald (90!), Liane Higgins, Sharon Mitchell
- 16:** Ralph Erickson, Autumn Jones
- 17:** Steve Holtschlag
- 18:** Mark Morrison
- 19:** Marian Hoehner
- 20:** Patty Ulrich
- 21:** Mary K. Bethke
- 22:** Colton Cameron
- 23:** Adam Elick, Owen Schnoor
- 25:** Chris Price, Ethan Schnoor
- 26:** Bill Adams, George Kunzweiler
- 28:** Kathleen Day, Ned Koprowski
- 29:** Megan Walkenhorst
- 30:** David Alton, Judy Andrews, Patti Groves, June Kirk, Ronald Rutledge

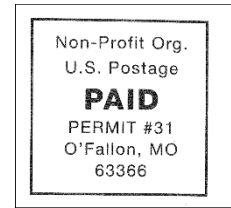
- 1:** Judith Brueggeman, Ken Higgins, Linda Jackson, Eileen Reichert, Stevie Schuler
- 2:** Neil W. McDaniel
- 4:** Alexis Durmeier, Caden Martens, Ben Schnoor
- 5:** Hulda Greb, Blanche Richterkessing, Nick Sampl
- 6:** Jennifer Frasch, Ray Karl, Terry McCann, Anna Wacker
- 8:** Brenda Duncan, Karl Schnoor
- 9:** Ede Emerick, Denise Lackey
- 10:** Alaina Martens, Gus Waltersdorf
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- 14:** Camden Danchus, Reagan Gibbs
- 15:** Bruce Richardson
- 17:** Alisha Ellis
- 18:** Frieda Karl, Dustin Mueller, Jackson Purtle, Jordyn Purtle
- 21:** Alexander Schlereth, Miles Van Wave
- 22:** Malinda Bryant, Wesley Durmeier
- 23:** Electra Day
- 26:** Baylor O'Brien
- 30:** Anita Rattner

Blessed Wedding Anniversary!

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Samantha & Lucas Kessels (4) 7: Tom & Sue Haywood (44)
Keith & Sharon Wachter (44) 8: Darren & Brenda Marhanka (11) 10: Richard & Margie Green (57) 11: Duane & Joyce Lang (58) 12: Rick & Denice Johns (35)
Bob & Donna Kaltmayer (31) 13: Sarah & Jon Langley (9) 14: Don & Marilyn Otto (60)
Bruce & Dani Richardson (44) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brandon & Kelly Sumski (16) 15: Mike & Jill Albano (28)
Michael & Debbie Cammann (39)
Greg & Ede Emerick (28) 16: Russel & Jennifer Reed (34)
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Ralph & Renea Erickson (47)
David & Anna Gilson (2)
Josh & Grace Linn (13)
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Vince & Dana Otto (4) 22: Bob & Carolyn Delohi (61)
Wayne & Brenda Fore (45) 23: Paul & Julianna Frerichs (17) 24: Ryan & Adrienne Blackwell (6) 25: Mark & Linda Ziolk (47) 26: Byron & Elaine Alton (48) 27: David & Bernice Sutliff (44)
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GROW YOUR FAITH THROUGH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Preschool for 3s & 4s — On break until September

Sunday School for ages 3 through High School —Sundays, 9:30AM
and **Little Lambs** (under 3s with a parent)

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: 9:30AM in the gym

BASICS: For those who want to join the Lutheran Church
TLC (Transfer for Lutherans Class)
Call the office for next date.

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10AM, Rms 1&2

Adult Bible Class: Tuesdays, June 11, June 25, 6:30PM, RMs 1&2

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: June 12, 6:30AM, RMs 1&2

Adult Bible Class: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, GYM

Confirmation (grades 6-8); MidWeek Classes (grades PreK-5)
— on break until August

High School Wednesdays, 6:45pm; see calendar

20s & 30s Bible Study: Thursdays, 6:30PM, Rm 1&2.