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NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR MISSION

Loving, Living and Promoting
our Faith in Jesus Christ.

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Patriotic Sunday

July 4

Fourth of July
celebration
with a Potluck Brunch,
Fellowship & Bingo.

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ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



Independence Day: America's Birthday

Although July 4th is celebrated as America's official split from Britain's rule and the beginning of the American Revolution, the actual series of events show that the process took far longer than a single day. The original resolution was introduced by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia on June 7, 1776, and called for the Continental Congress to declare the United States free from British rule. Three days later a committee headed by Thomas Jefferson was appointed to prepare an appropriate writing for the occasion.

The document that we know as the Declaration of Independence was adopted by Congress on July 4th although the resolution that led to the writing of the Declaration was actually approved two days earlier.

All of this had occurred with some of the delegates to the Congress not even present; New York, for example, did not even vote on the resolution until July 9th. Even more interesting is the fact not a single signature was appended to the Declaration on July 4th. While most of the fifty-six names were in place by early August, one signer, Thomas McKean, did not actually sign the Declaration until 1781.

Nevertheless, July 4th was the day singled out to mark the event of the United States establishing itself as a nation.

Independence Day is commonly associated with parades, barbecues, picnics, baseball games, and various other public and private events celebrating the history and traditions of the U.S.. Fireworks have been associated with the Fourth of July since 1777.





A Message from Pastor

Happy Independence Day

Dear Friends of the Abiding Savior,

Freedom is not free. This country became free from the oppression of imperialism because brave colonists put their lives on the line. Enough is enough. Don't tread on me. It was time for a change.

Humanity has had enough of sin, death and the devil. The problem is that we don't have the ability to rid ourselves from this burden. We need help. We need someone who is qualified. We need a Savior.

When the Son sets you free you are free indeed.

You've heard of the Sons of the American Revolution. Jesus Christ is the Son who single-handedly wins the war against Satan and frees us from bondage that enslaved us by the worst tyrant in existence.

Happy Fourth of July. Happy Independence Day.

Let the American Revolution remind you of the freedom you received through Jesus Christ, The Son of the Christian Revolution.

Yours in Jesus Christ,

Pastor Hecht



UNTIL OUR LORD RETURNS

NALC NEWS - FROM THE BISHOP
REV. DR. DAN SELBO

During the month of May, two significant events were remembered and celebrated in the Christian Church.

The first was the day of our Lord's ascension. Forty days after Jesus' resurrection from the dead, He returned to heaven. Each week, as we confess our faith, we proclaim that Jesus "ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead." In May, we celebrated what we confess.

The second event was the celebration of Pentecost. Ten days after our Lord's ascension and 50 days after Easter, the Holy Spirit was sent to empower and equip the disciples for their ministry. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was sent, the disciples were empowered and equipped, and the Christian Church had its start.

Before either of those events happened - our Lord's ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit - Jesus made a promise to His followers. When He left, His promise was that He would come again. In the same way He has ascended, He promised He would return.

Until then and between those two events, He has given us His Holy Spirit. We are not left alone. We have the Spirit of God. And in and with and through the Spirit of God, we are daily and forever in and with Christ.

In the Book of Acts is a fascinating account of our Lord's ascension. Forty days after Easter, gathered together for one last time, the disciples asked a simple and a specific question of the Lord.

They said, "Lord, are you, at this time, going to restore the kingdom to Israel? Lord, are you, at this time, going to fulfill the promises you have made to us as your chosen people? Lord, are you, at this time, going to bring about the kingdom you have promised. Give us a little insight into what we might expect to be happening next, so we do not spend too much time and energy thinking and worrying about what we do not know?"

As I read that story and listen to the conversation that took place, I have to say, "Who could blame them?" The disciples were curious. Their Lord was about to leave. They wanted to know. A simple question - straightforward in what they asked. It all seemed so natural.

At the same time, it also seems as if they were still a bit unclear as to what this "following Jesus thing" was all about. His life, His death, His resurrection from the dead ... and now, His ascension back to heaven, and the disciples are left alone. "Lord, we just want to know what might be coming next. Can you give us just a small little clue?"

Honestly, I find myself, at times, as a follower of Jesus, with the same curiosity. Wanting to know what our Lord is doing. Desiring to find out what might be coming next. Curious about all of the whats and whens and hows and whose ... and the time and place and detail of how it is all going to happen and play out.

I think about some of the milestones in life - those big events that we all experience that change the direction, if not, the course of life itself - a graduation from one school to another; a plan and a direction about a career and a line of work; decisions about marriage; the birth of a new child; the possibility of a move and a new and a next chapter about to begin.

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Church Council

ANNA CIRCLE

Men's Fellowship

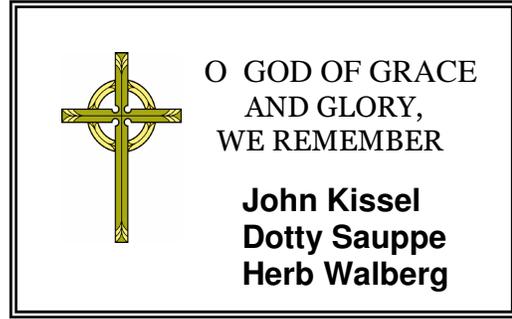
Monthly meetings are scheduled
to be begin in September

The Birth of Webster's Dictionary

Like a lot of husbands throughout history, Webster would sit down and try to talk to his wife. But, as soon as he would start to say something, his wife would ask, "And what's that supposed to mean?" And so, Webster's Dictionary was born.

July Birthdays

- 4 Matthew Audley
- 8 Beverly Unger
- 9 Irwin Landis
- 11 Margaret Kopel
Ellen Liddell
- 12 Judy Black
Michael Burton
- 14 Mary Lou Northrup
- 15 Karen Reall
- 17 Don Staszewski
- 28 Ron Janicek
- 29 Robert DeHaven



Mission in Action!



Angels Care Center of Eloise

GOD'S PEOPLE CARING
FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

There is an "Angels Care Center Box" located in the narthex, where you can place donations.

Kit-Making Needs

First Aid Kits: Band-aids, wet wipes, small soaps, washcloths, Q-tips, cotton balls, small bacterial soap or hand sanitizer, Kleenex, etc

Toiletry Kits: Shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, toothbrush and toothpaste, combs, lotion, hand gel, washcloths, small samples from hotel/motels, dental floss, etc.

Children's "Jesus Kits": Coloring sheets with Biblical themes, crayons, stickers, small books, small containers of Play Doh, toy cars, hair clips.

Miscellaneous: Zip lock bags (snack, quart and gallon sizes)

July Anniversaries

- 1 Matthew & Judy Audley
- 4 Hap & Chris Hazelwood

Did we miss your Birthday or Anniversary? Help us to update our records by contacting the office: 294-2829

The Family Circus



"I'm very tired, Mommy. Will you say

"I'm very tired, Mommy. Will you say good night to Jesus for me and tell him I went to bed?"

2021 Financial Report Year-to-date thru May

Budget - \$56,910
Income - \$62,990
Expenses - \$59,217

Deadline for August Newsletter

Kindly submit items by July 21 to:
John Bardenhagen E-mail:
johnbardsr@gmail.com,

from Brandy's Porch

Article Four

They say that Memorial Day weekend is the kick off to summer, but growing up in Connecticut, we didn't get out of school until late June, so to my friends and I, summer didn't really start until the last bell rang and we raced to the bus loop. To this day, even after living in Florida for almost 26 years, summer doesn't start for me until July.

How different this summer will be compared to last summer. This summer, the beaches will be open...and people will flock to them without the bold red headlines proclaiming them "irresponsible" and "selfish". This summer, ice cream shops and sidewalk cafes will be brimming with people grateful for a sunny afternoon unhampered by a cloth mask. This summer, family and friends will gather for barbeques and birthday parties and weddings...and the phrase "super spreader" won't pass their lips. Last summer, did we even think about "next summer"? Did we picture ourselves on beaches and at barbeques, surrounded by loved ones 6 inches apart? Hugs and sunscreen spreading and the ever popular "is this your drink or mine?" when everyone is drinking out of the same red plastic cups...did we ever think we would see those days again? Can you close your eyes and remember the sensation of living in Florida in the height of

summer with a tight piece of barely breathable cloth over your nose and mouth? Yeah...my breath catches just thinking about it.

Summer 2021 promises to be a semi-return to normal...or normal-ish. I have already ventured out to the beach this year and gathered with family...totally maskless, thanks to modern medicine. I'm looking forward to another long weekend with family in Georgia. This summer, I'm looking forward to ice cream and sidewalk coffee and barbeques and birthday parties...all the things that make summer...SUMMER! I hope that after everything we have been through over the past 18 months, you, too, make plans to grab a sidewalk ice cream under the Florida sun and just...enjoy...summer.

Wishing you Peace and Joy,
Brandy Bittman

The primary purpose of prayer is not to get answers, but to deepen our friendship with God.

Prayer Lists

Immediate Prayer List (surgery, hospitalization, accidents etc.)

Members and Friends: Dave & Gloria Blamer, Shirley Davis, Chris Hazelwood, Brother Lawrence, Carol Leibowitz, Vicki Matt

Loved Ones of Members and Friends: Daniel Franco, Carolyn Gardner (*Bob Smith's daughter*), Stan Smith (*father of Angela Ganzy*), Brian Stanton (*brother of Ellen Smith*),

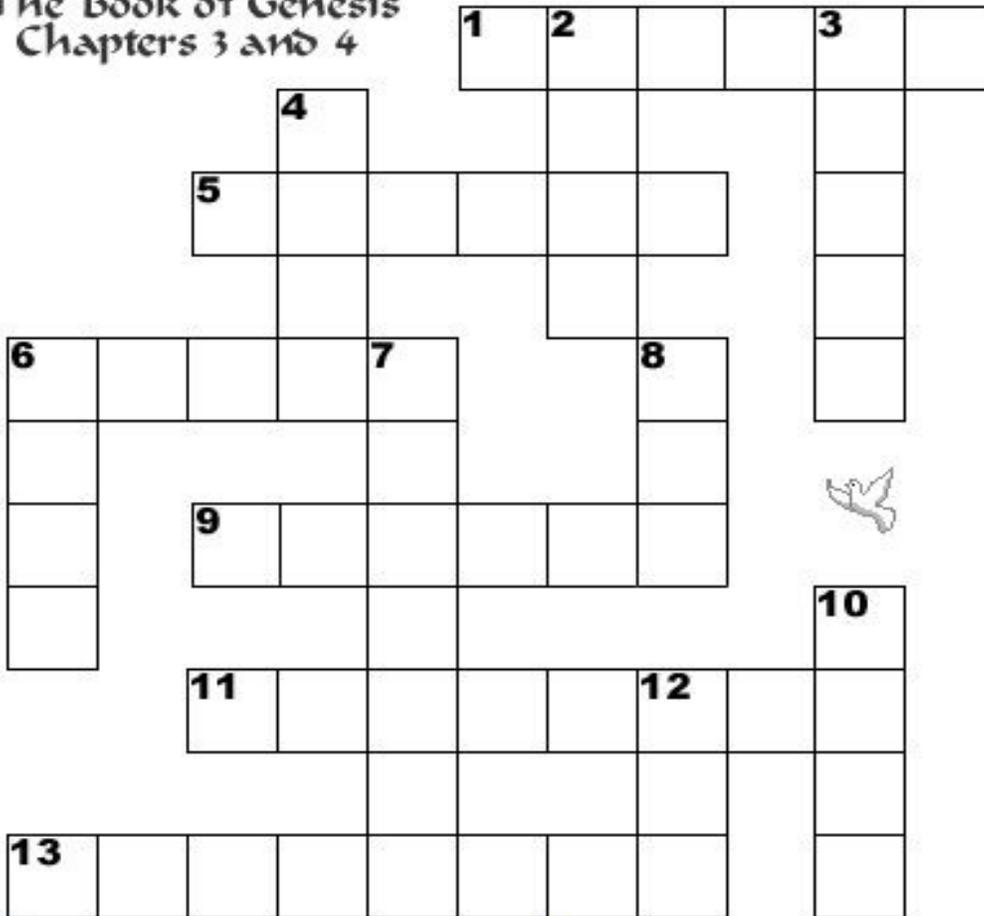
Long-Term Prayer List

Members and Friends: Gene Altvater, Matt Audley, Aracely Buchholz, Clark Conley, Mary Hillier, Seth Keener, Otto Kohler, Vicki Matt, Rod Parkinson, Karen Reall, Ellen Smith, Bev Unger, James VanFleet, Charles & Marian Weimar

Loved Ones of Members and Friends,) Frederico Dia (*friend of Margarita Rosa Bushman*), , Eileen Zonker (*Judy Audley's mother*)

Crossword No.2

The Book of Genesis
 Chapters 3 and 4



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Down

- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen.4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (5) The ____ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen.3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was _____ (Gen.3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (13) Cain became a _____ and a vagabond (Gen.4:12)

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE July

Communion Assistants 4 - Brandy Bittman 18 - Brandy Bittman				
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Altar Flowers-

- 4 - Ben & Marilyn Hausy - Celebrating Fourth of July
Open
- 11 - Betty Harris - In memory of Paul on our anniversary (55 years)
Open
- 18 - Bardenhagens - In memory of loved ones
Open
- 25 - Open
Open

Altar Committee-
John Bardenhagen

Church Lockup-

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3
4 6 th Sun. Pentecost Worship 10:00 Patriot Sunday Independence Day Communion	5	6	7 Bible Study -10am	8	9	10
11 7 th Sun. Pentecost Worship 10:00	12	13	14 Bible Study -10am	15	16	17
18 8 th Sun. Pentecost Worship 10:00 Communion	19	20	21 Bible Study -10am	22	23	24
25 9 th Sun. Pentecost Worship 10:00	26	27	28 Bible Study -10am	29	30	31

The Rev. William J. Hecht
Pastor

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. Tues. Thurs. 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 10:00 am
Communion celebrated 1st & 3rd Sundays

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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CHURCH SECRETARY - Mary Kerns
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