



Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 30

9:30 am Worship/Communion

Monday, July 1

Tuesday, July 2

Wednesday, July 3

Thursday, July 4

OFFICE CLOSED

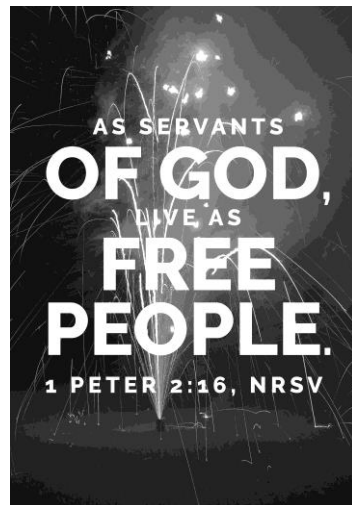
7:30 pm NA



Friday, July 5

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, July 6



The Church office will be closed July 4 and 5 to celebrate the holiday.

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Symbols in the Church - Mrs. Blair's Class on Symbols



Shophar (The "horn")

The ram's horn trumpet was probably the oldest musical instrument of Israel. The horn was flattened with heat and turned up at the end. In early times it was used to sound alarms, to signal attacks (Josh. 6:5), to dismiss the army, and to authorize a return of our warriors to their homes. It proclaimed the anointing of a king (2 Samuel 15:10). Throughout Hebrew history it summoned the congregation to worship in the Tabernacle and at the Jerusalem Temple. Its chief use was Rosh Hashanah, the New Year Festival, to which it called people on the first day of Tishri (Lev. 23:24) at the beginning of the Ten Days of Penitence which ends on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). The Shophar was associated with God's revelation of His Will and Law of Sinai (Ex. 19:16) and with the proclamation of His judgement of the world. The Shophar usually produced three sequences of notes. Some Reform Temples use a coronet or an organ in place of the Shophar.

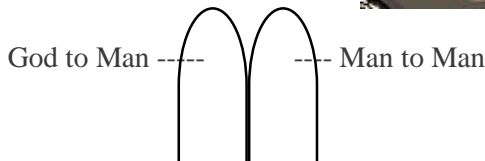
The Two candles on the Altar – Light of the World



Wheat and Tares

Wheat and Tares – The Wheat is Christians
The Tares are non-Christians
(Matthew 13:36-43)

The Two Tablets, often pictured in church windows, symbolize the Ten Commandments which constitutes the fundamental moral law for both Jews and Christians. The Ten Commandments are something called the Decalogue, or the ten words. They were written on two tablets, which are called tablets of the covenant. The original Decalogue probably had but short sentences; otherwise they could not have been written on the two tablets of stone.



Sunday, June 30, 2024

Service Assistants

USHERS: Carl Gee, Dave and Rita Strickler, Jody Fullmer, Arch Watkins, Jimmy Gardner
LAY ASSISTANT: Georgette Copp; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Dave Bausinger
ACOLYTE: Jonathan Hess; **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser
GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS: Doris Butt and Kathy Stiber
CANTOR: Carol Waltz; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Susan Bryan

Sunday, June 23: Attendance: **97**; Offering: **\$3,783.38**; Capital Campaign: **\$10.00**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Becky Kaiser's birthday by her mom.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Gladys and Gary Hilling's 62nd wedding anniversary on June 30th with love by their children.

Bible Readings

Sunday, June 30: *Lamentations 3:22-33; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43*

Monday, July 1: *Psalm 88; Leviticus 21:1-15; 2 Corinthians 8:16-24*

Tuesday, July 2: *Psalm 88; Leviticus 15:19-31; 2 Corinthians 9:1-5*

Wednesday, July 3: *Psalm 88; 2 Kings 20:1-11; Mark 9:14-29*

Thursday, July 4: *Psalm 123; Jeremiah 7:1-15; 1 Corinthians 4:8-13*

Friday, July 5: *Psalm 123; Jeremiah 7:16-26; 2 Corinthians 10:7-11*

Saturday, July 6: *Psalm 123; Jeremiah 7:27-34; Matthew 8:18-22*



Pastoral Care Number: Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day) During work hours the office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.

Reminder: *Articles for the Messenger are due in the office by Monday at noon.*



Food Collection

Pack the Pantry for Summer – June Challenge

Please bring in all your items to church with you this Sunday, June 30, and place them on the front pews in the sanctuary, so we can see how much food will fill our pantry shelves to overflowing. Thank you for all your support, the Missional Outreach Committee.

There will be a coffee hour immediately following worship this Sunday in the Narthex.



The Library Corner



Children - **Maybe God is like that too** - When a young boy wonders where to find God in his city, his grandma reminds him that he just needs to know where to look. It turns out God's spirit is at work all around him. Found in the Children's section.

FAMILY - **Can I have the Keys to the Car?** - Whether it's the keys to the car or the keys to life, parents and teens need to find ways to talk to each other about tough issues, such as: safe driving, alcohol and drugs, sex, study habits and grades. Honesty, schedules and curfews, family chores, self-discipline. These issues often tear families apart. But talking about them doesn't have to be destructive or boring. This book is reassuring and practical that helps teens and parents talk together about life's tough issues. Book found in our Youth themed section.



Favorite Hymns



Thank you to everyone who participated in preparing for Church Music Sunday on May 12 by submitting the names of your favorite hymns. Forty-eight people responded and we found out that we love our legacy of church music. Fifty different hymns were mentioned showing that we each have our favorites. Some people chose only one hymn, while others had so many favorites that they listed more than three.

We sang the four hymns mentioned most often on Church Music Sunday, "Beautiful Savior", "Amazing Grace", "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", and "How Great Thou Art". The bell choir played another favorite on that day, "For the Beauty of the Earth".

This past Sunday we sang another favorite "Precious Lord, Take My Hand".

Some of the other hymns mentioned most often were "Lift High the Cross", "Old Rugged Cross", "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", "This Is My Father's World", "Morning Has Broken", "In the Garden", and "Onward, Christian Soldiers". We hope to sing some of these in the coming months.

Church music helps us to appreciate and understand our faith. We will continue to join our voices to sing our praise and thanks to God.





To the members of Messiah:

Thank you to everyone for the kind thoughts and words during my recovery. The get well cards, flowers and wishes meant a great deal to me. I am doing well in recovery and feel the positive thoughts from everyone has helped in this. God bless you all.

Mike Larson

Thank you to all who came and volunteered with VBS. **Approximately 40 + kids attended VBS.** Even though the week was extremely warm, the children had a great time and looked forward to coming. If you didn't get a chance to see all the displays Kathryn Pratt and the volunteers who helped her did, take a walk through the Christian Education building and on the stage in Shaheen Hall while they are still being displayed. On the next page I have added some pictures on the next page for you to enjoy, you may also look at the display window case in the Narthex.



Lutheran World Relief School Kits Update: The children who attended Bible School last week dove deep into the project through offerings of cash donations and through service. Nearly \$400 was collected toward our efforts to fill School Kits for Lutheran World Relief, while our Grades 4/5/6 class worked with cheerful hearts to put the drawstrings in the backpacks. A whopping total of 575 backpacks were strung during the week! Thanks be to God!

Now we need to get to work tying knots and filling as many bags as we can.

Watch for more information to come as we kick off our summer collection of school supplies beginning with a temple talk this coming Sunday, June 30.

Camp Mount Luther News: The summer camping season is underway, and we have just learned of two of our members who are attending. Dylan Sherman is at camp this week, and his brother, Weston, will be attending camp the week of July 28. Please keep the camp staff, volunteers, and those attending camp in your prayers throughout the summer!



Go, my children, off to camp with Christ by your side.

May He go before you, let His light be your guide.

May He go behind to guard you,

Stand beside you to befriend you.

May you know His peace, and in His love e'er abide.



