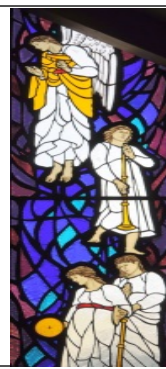


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FIRST REFORMATION PROTESTANT MARTYR, JAN HUS (JOHN HUSS) JULY 6, 1415

Students of the New Testament will remember that the first "Christian" martyr is recorded in Acts 7 with the stoning of Stephen. Who is considered the first Reformation Protestant to die for convictions based on the Holy Bible? Usually when we consider the Reformation, Martin Luther is the first person who comes to mind (Though he was willing to die for his convictions, Luther died a natural death). But you would be hard pressed to pick up a book on the subject that does not first refer to the reformed ministry, death and martyrdom of Bohemian priest Jan Hus, d. July 6, 1415 (burned at the stake under the condemnation of Rome). Both Luther's supporters and enemies cited uncanny parallels between Hus and Luther though they were separated by a full century. What united them on many common, important issues came from God's Word, and we can learn much from both. Sunday, July 7, we'll commemorate Hus' martyrdom by including in the Divine Service his powerful hymn on the Lord's Supper, *LSB* # 627.



Birthdays JULY

Marilyn Abel,
Tom Johnson,

Sylvia Bean,
Christina Bean,

AUGUST

Kathy Dorazio,
Leon Zock,

Naomi Werner,
Myra Lincoln,



LADIES MOVIE RETREAT FOR JULY:

The Ladies' Retreat is gathering momentum; we have a fun group of women who are enjoying have an evening of fellowship and bonding time! Mark your calendars for Friday, July 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. when we'll get together to enjoy a devotion, food, and R&R at Christina Bean's as we watch "Arthur." A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Bring a snack to share and join for an evening of fellowship and a movie.





IMMANUEL/FAITH IN CHRIST LWML

Our monthly meeting will begin again on August 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to join us for Bible study and fellowship. Please bring a snack to share as we gather to be in the Word and use our gifts and talents to share His love with others. Our "Hands On" Service Project is cutting and tying baby blankets for children at Hartley House in Clovis (the Domestic Violence Shelter), and also for children at Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo. Twelve (12) blankets were dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, June 9, 2019 to be given to the children at the domestic shelter. Donna Horton, Director of Hartley House selected the first set of blankets for the children in the shelter.



Vacation Bible School

VBS: Come join the fun as we finalize plans and decorations for our Vacation Bible School - Barnyard Roundup - Jesus Gathers us Together. This evening VBS will be July 9-11, 2019 from 5:00-8:00p.m. Supper is included and babysitting is available for infants whose parents' attend our Adult Bible Class or are part of the VBS Staff. We still need helpers, so sign up today; the sign-up sheet is on the Narthex bulletin board. For questions see any member of the Board of Education.

LIBRARY CORNER

After the Christian Education Committee reviewed the video material in the library 48 were retained and 181 were discarded. This enabled us to remove some of the old metal shelving that did not have backs on them. We purchased an additional bookcase with money that had been donated (thank you Wayne Cook for putting the bookcase together for us). The books have been reorganized and put in correct order according to the Dewey Decimal Call Numbers on the spine of the books. A small desk has also been purchased to put the card catalog files on which makes it easier to access. After removing the cards for books and videos that were no longer in the library, the files are much easier to locate what you are looking to find. The desk could also be used with your laptop if you are doing some research.

I inventoried the books in 1994 and there were 1102 books. Now after inventorying the books there are 1328. Not many books are being checked out, but they are available for your use.

The round table was removed a few months ago and a rectangle one was moved into the library. This gives more space for people at their meetings. The chairs could use some reupholstering, but that needs more talent than I have!!

There are several empty 3 ring binders that are on a table in the fellowship hall. Please help yourself.

Enjoy Your Library

Marcia Leavell

Offerings & Attendance for

	Offerings	SS.	Service
26 May	\$ 835.00	10	33/31
30 May	\$ 235.00		20/18
2 Jun	\$ 1374.00	9	37/27
9 Jun	\$ 2975.00	12	38/26
16 Jun	\$ 1283.00	13	40/33
TOTAL	\$ 7913.00	44	168/135



We have worked together for four years to engage, encourage, and equip the women of our church to use their God-given gifts in service to God and His people. I have enjoyed my time as your President and been privileged to receive many thanks and much appreciation on your behalf for our mission service. I look forward to all that we will continue to do as we Serve the Lord with Gladness!

Patti Ross

President Lutheran Women's Missionary League

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Registration packets for next year are available to share with friends and family who may be interested. Check the preschool bulletin board for updated 2019-20 packets. We will have open enrollment until the class is filled (10-12 students), and already have several students enrolled for next fall so if you know of anyone who may be interested, let them know soon!



The preschool has been hosting a playgroup again this year for families and friends of the school. This summer we are holding playgroup just on Wednesdays from 9-12. If you know of someone who may be interested in joining in, please have them give the preschool a call.

August 17th will be our annual fall open house, from 9:00am until 5:00pm. Please stop by to see the classroom if you're interested and encourage potential families to stop by for a tour as well. August 19th is our first day of school! Keep us and all other schools in your prayers as we begin a new year of learning.

Independence Day!

Thursday, July 4

When you walk into the church and look toward the altar what does one see flanking either side of the altar? Two flags, the flag of our nation "Old Glory" and the Christian flag bearing the "Glory of the Cross". We may have forgotten that of the many signatures on the "Declaration of Independence" of July 4, 1776, those who signed it suffered great loss, including loss of property, treasure and in some cases, their lives. Since that July, many of our citizens have likewise made great, if not supreme sacrifices in the name of liberty, a freedom from oppression we enjoy today. This should never be taken for granted, rather should inspire us for the challenges yet to come. The Christian flag should more so remind us of the supreme sacrifice for our freedom from the oppression of sin, Satan and eternal death through Christ Jesus. Let us not take for granted the great price paid for our "dual citizenship" we enjoy. St. Paul reminds us, "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." Galatians 5:13

Fall Pastor's Inquirer's Class

Both by tradition in the Evangelical Lutheran Church and according to the responsibility of the Pastoral Office, classes on the basics of the Christian Faith, especially as preparation for "communicant membership" are to be regularly offered. A fall class taking place right after Labor Day (this year, Monday Sept. 2), is a proper starting point. Pastor Blazek is happy to offer this class once again, but needs to know what interest in this class exists. We'll post a sign-up sheet in the narthex (July - August) for those interested for themselves and/or for a friend or family member whom one would like to invite. For generations "The Pastor's Class" has proven to be one of the most effective methods of evangelism based on prayer and personal invitation. Picking a day, date, and time can be determined based on those interested in the class. *A possible example:* Starting Sept. 10, Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

VOTERS MEETING AND SS RALLY DAY

25 AUGUST 19, Watch for more news to come.



**LCMS National Convention
The 67th Convention of The Lutheran
Church—Missouri Synod
July 20-25, 2019 • Tampa, FL**

Whether you're attending or not, you can easily keep up with all the news related to the 67th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), July 20–25 in Tampa, Fla. Here's how to be informed before, during and after the convention.

BEFORE

Everything you need to know about convention business is contained in the *Convention Workbook* and its accompanying booklet, *Biographical Synopses & Statements of Nominees*. Read and download both at lcms.org/convention.

DURING

The opening Divine Service and all convention sessions will be livestreamed and archived at lcms.org/convention/livestream. For a detailed schedule, see lcms.org/convention. All times are Eastern Daylight Time.

Shortly after a livestream ends, the archived video will be available for viewing. In addition, news stories will be posted to the *Reporter* website (reporter.lcms.org) throughout the convention, and nightly video recaps will be available at lcms.org/convention.

Subscribers to LCMS News, the Synod's free email news service, will receive daily updates with links to new stories and video recaps. To subscribe, visit lcms.org/reporter-signup.

KFUO will broadcast live updates and interviews throughout the convention. Follow KFUE's convention coverage at kfu.org and facebook.com/KFUORadio.

Finally, up-to-the minute convention updates will also be shared on the Synod's official convention Facebook and Twitter accounts at facebook.com/LCMSConvention and twitter.com/LCMSConvention. To join the conversation, use the official convention

hashtag, [#JoyfullyLutheran](https://twitter.com/JoyfullyLutheran), when you share convention-related posts on social media.

AFTER

Archived convention video will be available for viewing at lcms.org/convention/livestream.

All stories posted during the convention will continue to be available at reporter.lcms.org.

An extended recap of the convention's actions will be published in the August print edition of *The Lutheran Witness* and posted online at witness.lcms.org.

In the days and weeks following the convention, tune in to KFUE (listen at 850 AM in the St. Louis metro area and worldwide at kfu.org) for continuing convention-related news and interviews.

50TH ANNIVERSARY - JULY 19 - an opinion!

If you were alive in the summer of 1969, do you remember the monumental history making moment of man stepping foot on the moon on July 19 - with the quote from Neil Armstrong, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind!"? This was an act that our ancestors for the last six millennia could only dream of accomplishing. And today, looking back we still marvel at this feat, something compared to if not considered surpassing Columbus opening up the Western hemisphere to human history.

But one might be hard pressed to compare the impact of Columbus on human history with man stepping on the moon. At least in part, Columbus had the goal of bringing God's Word and the Gospel of Christ to souls on the other side of the world. The moon landing, beside serving man's ego - that we could do it! - accomplished what? Its results have gone dormant for the last four decades. Now, with the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, new fervor is rising to return to the moon and even to push on to Mars. Is it fair to simply ask, "Why?" Is this to humor the quest of evolutionists who want to prove life started elsewhere, furthering their attack of discounting the Genesis account, i.e. our tax payer dollars going to support the religion of evolutionary theories!