

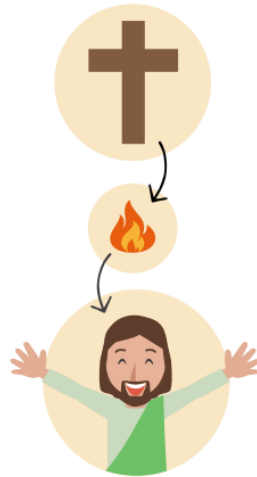
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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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What is "Pentecost"?

The word "Pentecost" (pronounced PEN-tuh-kost) comes from the Greek word *pentekostos* which means "fiftieth." Exactly 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the form of flames of fire.

Why is Pentecost so important?

When Jesus died, the disciples were sad because they thought that their friend and Lord was gone forever. But Jesus rose again! Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus did finally ascend into heaven leaving the disciples below. However, before Jesus actually died, rose again and ascended into heaven, He made a promise to His disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit to them. He said that the Holy Spirit would come and guide them "into all the truth" (John 16:13). Jesus doesn't leave us alone to fend for ourselves. Jesus is here with us, and the Holy Spirit guides and leads the Church into the truth of the wonderful Gospel! We celebrate and remember this at Pentecost.



Parents:

At home, read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2 to your children. Remind them that the Holy Spirit comes to us through the Word and Sacraments just as our Lord has promised. Encourage them to thank God for the gift of His Holy Spirit in their lives.



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CONGRATULATIONS to Myah Fuchs on her high school graduation! We pray Christ's ongoing blessing upon your future. Myah is the daughter of Dan and Charmelle Fuchs.



PEACE OFFERING BIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS totals \$180.00 which would cover the cost of ten Bibles. Thanks to all those who contributed. God richly bless you for being a blessing to others.

SHEPHERD'S HILL AT THE CROSSROADS has made a special



appeal. They have asked churches of the North Dakota District of the LCMS to consider the possibility of making a donation to help cover the cost of

operating expenses. This would be completely separate from our work project that we have done annually for the past several years. If you would like to see the letter of request please see the pastor. If God moves you to respond to this request, I'm sure that we could arrange for your gift to be recorded for tax purposes.

It seems like there have been a lot of requests for additional giving lately. That is (of course) something that we have no control over. We surely do not want to overly tax anyone! If the Holy Spirit moves you to respond with a gift, great, if not, no questions will be asked.

On a personal note, I commend you for your very generous support for our camp in the past. God has certainly blessed all of Messiah's efforts on behalf of Shepherd's Hill. I know they are grateful.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the Life-Light Bible Study participants who have completed the course on Ephesians and 1st & 2nd Thessalonians. I commend you for a job well done. I look forward to picking it up again in the fall. Enjoy the summer!

NEW LCMS PODCAST 'God's Mission Here' podcast: God is working through His people ... and this work is closer to home than you might expect! The "God's Mission Here" podcast shines a spotlight on people who aren't afraid to get their hands dirty in God's mission field. Watch for new episodes May 6–10 on LCMS School Ministry, National Lutheran School Accreditation, the School Leadership Development Project and Lutheran School Consulting Services.

LCMS WITNESS & OUTREACH MINISTRY 'Every One His Witness' evangelism resources: Every One His Witness is a relational, contextual Lutheran evangelism program that teaches you how to witness to your non-churched friends, co-workers, neighbors and family members. The video modules and other program resources are now available at no cost to anyone who is interested. Please make use of these resources and then schedule a workshop to share them with your congregation, circuit, district or organization.

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE This year, from Mother's Day through Father's Day, you're invited to publicly celebrate and honor your (nearly) perfect parents! Starting this week are accepting and sharing stories (including sentimental, faith-building, life impacting, and funny ones) and images of our near-perfect parents. If your parents are no longer living but transferred on to heaven, you can still remember and celebrate them. Email your stories and photos to social@lutheranfamilyservice.org!



IT'S TIME FOR VBS SIGN-UPS!
VBS is just around the corner! June 9-13, will be, "Gangway to Galilee," and it is an exciting way to learn about Jesus' life and His great love for His children! So if you have a child, grandchild, niece, or nephew that you'd like to bring- registration is in the narthex!



MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL

- **June 1 Deadline for Tuition Assistance Application**
- **Prayer of thanks! The 6th grade teacher position has been filled for the 2024-2025 school year!**



LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE SURVEY
During 2023, the North Dakota District of the LCMS formed a partnership with Lutheran Family Service. The goal of this partnership was to test the waters, was this something we wanted to pursue. Thank you for your help. If you chose the hardcopy method, please bring your form to the office and we'll mail them in. In Christ's Name and to His glory.
Dennis Voss.



MAIN STREET LIVING Programs are broadcast starting at **9:00am** - KBMY Xtra Channel 17.3 or anytime at mainstreetliving.com

May 26: **Chaplain Craig G. Muehler**, Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces in St. Louis, MO presents a Memorial weekend message. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com. "This Is the Life" program: "Return Trip" -The modern-day story of a prodigal daughter.

ISSUES ETC. PSALMS BIBLE STUDY... LCMS Pastor Will Weedon will begin study this week on the Book of Psalms. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

NEXT OPEN FORUM will be June 23.

- Pastor Wolfgram will present on Lutheran Family Service
- Vern Hoggarth will give Shepherd's Hill updates
- Property management will discuss the outside repairs
- Treasury will discuss the current finances
- A pot-blessing will follow the open forum- details to come



WHY DO PEOPLE JOIN THE LCMS?

The results of the 2023 Lutheran Religious Life Survey are released. A year ago, this survey was distributed to every rostered LCMS church worker, as well as a large sample of LCMS members. Ultimately, about 2,000 responses from LCMS members were collected, and over the last year have been analyzed and packaged into the third annual report on the attitudes, characteristics, and views of LCMS members. The report is publicly available for reading and download at the Lutheran Religious Life Survey homepage.
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