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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ



When we lived in Washington, Mo., one of our children loved to take crayons and markers and graffiti the walls of a hallway leading to the bedrooms of our house. Guilt was obvious as we caught him in the act on numerous occasions with crayon in hand. More than once I found that even a Magic Eraser was not enough to truly clean the walls and a coat of paint was necessary to remove the stains.

As an adult, are we much different? We sin on purpose. When caught, our inclination is to hide what we have done. We hide our sin from the ones we have sinned against. And deep down, we even think we can hide them from our heavenly Father.

Of course, we cannot hide our sins from God no matter how good at hiding them we think we might be. The crayons are in our hands and our name is all over our sin. Nor can we get rid of that sin. We can scrub all we want, but the sin remains.

The penalty for our sin is no small affair either. It threatens to separate us from our Father forever. But the penalty we deserve for our sin was paid for by Jesus. All the graffiti of our sin marked on us and those around us has been covered over by the blood shed on Calvary's cross. In Baptism, we have been washed clean and restored as beloved children of God.

Now, that cleansing is a great motivator in our lives. It motivates joy, peace, and faith-filled service to the One who has washed us clean. May the Lord continue to work in us to confess our sins, receive His forgiveness, and seek with the help of the Holy Spirit to lead Godly lives in service to others.

In Christ's Service

Pastor Joel Schultz

NEWS & NOTES

For those dealing with long-term illness and health concerns:

- Pastor Joe Rodriguez, St. Stephens, Liberty (cancer)
- Sherri Webb (for continued healing following her stroke)
- Jeff Richards, cousin of Carisa McMullen (metastatic melanoma)
- Karen Blatchford, friend of Amy Freiermuth (brain cancer)
- Denise Johnson, grandmother of Danniell Christensen (pancreatic cancer)
- Aaron Krout, nephew of Bobbi Boxler (bone cancer)
- Steve Martinez, friend of Danny Hundley (cancer)
- Ron Heineke (prostate cancer)
- Joy Rodenberger (cancer)
- Judy Cole, mother of a friend of the McMullen family (CMML, a form of leukemia)
- Ryne Clark, grandson of Judy Landall & great nephew of Ken & Sue Kreissler (cancer)
- Rev. Bryan Drebes, former associate pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church (colon cancer)
- Madi Jenkins, granddaughter of Phil & Georgia Freese (auto immune disease)
- Kim Jenkins, friend of the Martin family (breast cancer)
- Barb Gossen (Renal cancer)
- Brad Alyea, Brenda Bremer's brother (stage 4 lung cancer)
- Marian Gilkerson, Matt Shiever's mother (thyroid cancer)
- Charlotte Golloway, friend of Trish Shiever (pancreatic cancer)
- Steve Shiever, Matt Shiver's father (Prostate cancer)
- Pat Gossen (cancer)
- Maureen Friedel, cousin of Phil & Georgia Freese (liver failure)
- Debbie Newman (breast cancer)
- Pastor Gerardo, pastor of our partner church in Guatemala (prostate cancer)
- Moriah Obermueller (breast cancer)
- Ken Miller, Erik Miller's father (colon cancer)
- Pastor Ed Trost (mass in lung)
- Bob Kerstetter, friend of Dave & Debbie Seutter (bladder cancer)
- **Greg Koontz (prostate cancer)**



For Military Service Men and Women:

Serving stateside: STAFF SGT Brandon Seutter (Ft. Knox, Ky.); MAJOR Paul Kassebaum, WO Daniel Kassebaum, SSGT Brady Cox (Ft. Offutt, Omaha Neb.), CPT. Michele Kerns (D.C.) CAPT Stephen Kerns (Ft. Bragg, N.C.), Danny Meyers, STAFF SGT Austin Nichols, and SGT Jacob Mattern

Serving overseas: Dakota Pierson (Germany),

For Our Expectant Mothers: Kellie Kanoy, Liesl Jensen, Morgan Riechers, Nicole Christensen, Alli Bauck, and all other expectant mothers.

For the Sake of the Gospel:

- Vicar Aaron Reseburg and his wife, Martha, as they serve with us for his vicarage year.
- Pastor Richard Pingel as he ministers to those in local nursing homes.
- **For Vicar-elect Luke Elowsky, who will be installed as our newest vicar on July 19.**

*New additions to the continued prayer list are in red.

Please contact the Church office when a prayer can be removed.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Christy McCombs and Eden Keefe had an LWML transition meeting with Tiffany Harkins on June 8. Christy coordinated a drive-by parade in her honor on June 12, and Joyce Webber coordinated a gift of Bible verses/notes for her. We are so thankful for Tiffany's energy, her vision, and her commitment to LWML. She served as our group president from 2012 - 2020. She has also served as the Kansas City CrossRoads Zone President and on Kansas District Committees, currently finishing her term as a member of the Christian Life Committee.



Tiffany Harkins passing on the LWML society president's pin to Christy McCombs and Eden Keefe as new co-presidents.

Alli Bauck was a featured writer in the Summer Issue of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, page two. You can read her article Scripture Breathing here: <https://tinyurl.com/lwmlallibauck>

As you contribute to LWML, remember that 25% funds national mission grants. The July national mission grant to cover in prayer supports ten missionary women serving in Asia. This grant has been paid, but the work continues. The stories from a few of the missionaries serving in South Korea, Cambodia, Hong Kong, and Japan during COVID-19 can be found on the LWML website at <https://www.lwml.org/thanks>.

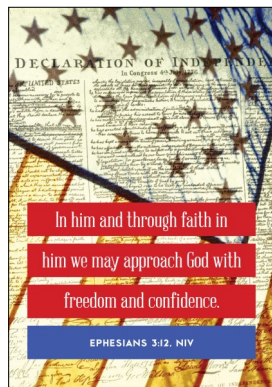


The LWML Kansas District 2020 Convention was held virtually this year. Sessions were pre-recorded at Messiah Lutheran in Hays, Kansas, on Friday, June 26 and went live on Saturday, June 27. You can watch the five sessions by clicking on the YouTube links at www.kansaslwml.org/2020-district-convention.html. The downloadable convention manual is also on this webpage.



Congratulations to Kim Burdett who was elected as the 2020-2024 Kansas District President! The selected mission grants and God's Gracious Gift Fund recipients are announced in Session 3 - Business 1.

Donations for convention offerings can be made securely online or sent by check. Instructions are found at www.kansaslwml.org/giving.html.



Happy Independence Day!

July 4th

Worship Assistants

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Counters:	Ron & Karen Aerni, Jared Turrel, Trevor Huseman	Jym Fees & Chuck Tuttle	Paul Peterson & Brian Olson	Keith Gloe & John Blakley
Altar Flowers:	Joe & Deb Hodnik <i>35th Anniversary</i>	OPEN	Helen Claudy <i>75th Birthday</i>	David & Pam Wellons <i>Anniversary</i> Joe & Deb Hodnik <i>Daughter, Sarah Walsh's Birthday</i>



ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
6/7/20	346
6/14/20	268
6/21/20	293
6/28/20	



The Lutheran Hour® can be heard on the local radio stations below. It can also be heard any time on the Internet at www.lutheranhour.org. Audio daily devotions can also be downloaded to provide a refreshing meditation on God's Word.

Broadcast Area	Station	Sunday Broadcast Time
Kansas City Metro	710 AM – KCMO	8:00 am
	580 AM – WIBW	7:30 am
Topeka	89.5 FM KAWZ	9:00 am



Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8 am to 4 pm
Friday
8 am to 12 pm

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Sunday Worship
8 am, 10:45 am,
& 6 pm

Sunday Education Hour
9:30 am

Preschool Office Hours

Monday — Friday

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

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