



Shepherd of the Springs Lutheran Church

June, 2022 Newsletter

From the Pastor...

A Servant's Letter

Dear Redeemed In Christ,

Dr. Martin Luther wrote the following prayer, known as the sacristy prayer:

“Lord God, You have appointed me as a Bishop and Pastor in Your Church, but you see how unsuited I am to meet so great and difficult a task. If I had lacked Your help, I would have ruined everything long ago. Therefore, I call upon You: I wish to devote my mouth and my heart to you; I shall teach the people. I myself will learn and ponder diligently upon Your Word. Use me as Your instrument -- but do not forsake me, for if ever I should be on my own, I would easily wreck it all” (Weimar: Hermann Boehlaus Nachfolger, 1909, Translated by James Kellerman, Band 43, pp. 513).

You may remember that the beginning of this letter was from my first Hirtenbrief to you, all the way back in May, 2021. In that letter, I stated that this prayer is on my lips and in my heart. And that God has certainly shown His tremendous grace by calling me as your pastor. After a year as your servant, I know this is absolutely true!

I do want to remind you that, as Luther says above, on my own, I would easily wreck it all. As the prayer states: “I wish to devote my mouth and my heart to you.” I also devote my mouth and heart to each of you. I am now your servant in Christ. I am now His under-shepherd, placed here by Christ to preach, teach, protect, guide, and counsel you. I take these tasks very seriously. Yes, this is redundant, you’ve read it before, but I need to remind myself, and you!

Yong and I have so much to be grateful for and we certainly are! Your celebration of our one year anniversary was heartwarming and encouraging. In all my years in the Office of the Holy Ministry, your celebration was my first! Sad, but true! On behalf of Yong, I want to thank you all for your gracious gift and your love for us.

As we now move into to our second year together, I will be starting a new catechumenate class soon, of which I will first brief our leaders, and then present to you. I also desire to lead us out of the “COVID doldrums” and I will soon be discussing outreach, not only to our lapsed members, but to others who may be seeking a confessional Church. Again, this will be presented to our leaders and then to you.

So in closing, I invite you to consider the power of the Holy Spirit who will lead us into the coming year. Remain faithful for the Lord is faithful (2 Thessalonians 3:3). Remember that all things are possible with God (Mark 10:27) and I urge each of you to fight the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12). We, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, will meet and overcome all our challenges. With that, I exhort each of you to continually pray for each other and for Yong and myself.

Your Servant In Christ,

Pastor Patterson

Soli Deo Glor



Shepherd of the Springs
Calendar for June
Ongoing Sundays
9:00AM Divine Service
10:30AM Adult Bible Study -
Bible study topic is the Book of Daniel

Sun. June 5 The Day of Pentecost (See notes below)

Thur/Fri June 9-10 Rocky Mountain District Convention in Denver— Pastor and Jeff Damec to attend

Sun. June 12 Holy Trinity

Sat. June 18 -9:00AM Men of the Springs Bible Study Group

Study topic: The Augsburg Confession is the foundation of the return to the pure doctrine of Holy Scripture which was taught in the Early Church prior to the Great Schism of the Western and Eastern Churches in 1054

Sun. June 19 -First Sunday after Trinity

Father's Day In the United States, Father's Day was founded by Sonora Smart Dodd,^{[1][2][3]} and celebrated on the third Sunday of June for the first time in 1910.

Sun. June 26 Second Sunday after Trinity

Saints and Commemorations we celebrate in June

June 1: Justin - Martyr

June 5: Boniface of Mainz - Missionary to the Germans

June 11: St. Barnabas - Apostle

June 12: The Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, AD 325

June 14: Elisha

June 24: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 25: Presentation of the Augsburg Confession

June 26: Jeremiah

June 27: Cyril of Alexandria - Pastor and Confessor

June 28: Irenaeus of Lyons - Pastor

June 29: St. Peter and St. Paul - A

Sunday, June 5, 2022

The Festival of Pentecost

“Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit”



The Fifty-day celebration of the Easter Season climaxes in, and ends with, the Festival of Pentecost. Pentecost, Greek for “50th,” was named for the 50th day after Passover and was adapted by the early church to commemorate the first great harvest of believers in Christ Jesus. This certainly is a high point in the Easter cycle, since this festival was second only to Easter in importance. The risen and ascended Lord sends the Holy Spirit to take His place and to lead us in the truth. By the working of the Holy Spirit, God’s revelation in Christ Jesus becomes effective in history.

The Holy Spirit is our Sanctifier, entering our hearts at our Baptism, nurturing us through the Word, enabling us to understand the Holy Gospel and to live a life filled with Christian virtues, even as by His inspiration the apostles on Pentecost were enabled to proclaim “the wonderful works of God” in many languages!

It is by His inspiration that the nations hear God’s message; the curse which ever since the Tower of Babel has prevented one nation from really understanding another is taken away by His sanctifying work:

In holy faith Your Church unite;
From ev’ry land and ev’ry tongue;
This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung.
Alleluia, alleluia! [*LSB 497, st. 1*]

The Church lives and moves and has its being through His gracious inspiration. And without Him no one could come to Christ or believe in Him.

The liturgical color for Pentecost is red, the color of fire and blood, significant of the Holy Spirit, Divine love, and of our Savior's blood as well that of the martyrs. In many regions the entrance of the church and the altar are decorated on this day with Pentecost blossoms, often with the bridal red rose to signify the Church as the Bride of Christ. The altar is often illuminated by 12 burning candles, significant of the apostles of the New Testament Church!

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More about **June** from *Gary Law...*

On June 13th, 1525, Martin Luther married Katharina von Bora. Although not the first of the reformers to marry, their marriage was considered revolutionary and scandalous by both Roman Catholics and some reformers. They encountered tremendous adversity but persevered and enjoyed 21 years together until Luther's death in 1546. They had six children and Katherine was a worthy helpmate to Luther and is recognized as a stabilizing influence in Luther's life. Katharina died in 1552.

On June 25th, 1530, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the *Augsburg Confession* was presented to Charles V at the Diet (Imperial Meeting) of Augsburg. Dr. Christian Beyer stood in front of Charles V, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, and read the German version of the Confession in a loud voice. After the reading, both a Latin and the German version were presented to the Emperor by Dr. Gregory Brück who then stated: "Most gracious Emperor, this is a Confession that will even prevail against the gates of hell, with the grace and help of God."

Nine years after Martin Luther's famous stand at the Diet at Worms where Luther stood before Charles V and refused to recant, the most important rulers of the German territories were confessing their faith openly in spite of the threats to their lives from both the government and the Church. Courageous men indeed.



For Members

Jill Damec
Sam Judson
Darrell Root
Doug Schmidt
Marlene Schmidt

For Military

Captain Rob Landers (USAF) (Barry's Son-in-Law)
Gunnery Sergeant (USMC) Kyle Chase (Kari's Nephew)
Sergeant First Class (USA) Jordan Etchells (Dale & Kari's Son)

The two USAFA Cadets:

Cadet Alexander (4rd year);
Cadet Matthew (3nd year)

For Family Members

Judith Hein (Dr. Hein's Sister)
Rev. & Eunice Schaibley (Former Pastor and wife)
Patty Krueger (Barry's wife)
Kathi Chase (Kari's sister)
Ashlyn Mathes (Jim and Carol's granddaughter)
Janice Patterson (Pastor's mother)



06-01 Yong Patterson

06-05 Sue Groggel

06-12 Arryana Kueter

06-21 Brad Griffis

06-22 Paxton Kueter



06-05 Paul Schoesson and Patricia Cavanee

06-07 Ken and Heather Crafton

06-20 Pastor and Yong Patterson
Carol and Jim Ross

Children of the Heavenly Father



(Not all hymn writers are men.)

Compiled by Evelyn Law

While Mother's Day and Father's Day are on our minds, consider this woman, with no children of her own, whose poetry and hymns professed God's fatherly love for us all. Carolina Wilhelmina Sandell Berg (1832-1903) wrote "Children of the Heavenly Father" (LSB #725) when she was 17 or 18 years old. She was one of the most prominent and best-loved hymn-writers of the 1800s, especially in Sweden, where she was born. She preferred to be called Lina (pronounced Lie-nah).

Lina suffered paralysis at age 12 from which she eventually recovered, although doctors had declared her condition incurable. During this time, she took an interest in studying and reading extensively. Her father, Jonas Sandell, a Lutheran pastor, began to instruct her, and she had her own desk in his home office. She also began composing poems, eventually penning more than 650 hymns.

Lina experienced a period of personal tragedies starting in the summer of 1858. Her father drowned right in front of her when the steamboat they

were traveling on keeled over, and he was thrown overboard. The following spring her eldest sister, Charlotta, died of tuberculosis, leaving behind three children, the youngest only a newborn. The next year her mother, Fredrica, died. However, Pastor Sandell had taught Lina that losses were reminders of God's constancy and fatherly care. (Note verse 4 of this hymn.)

The Swedish Evangelical Mission in Stockholm created a special post for Lina. She worked as a hymn-writer, editor, and translator. She married Carl Oscar Berg, a wholesale merchant, in 1867. Yet another hard blow befell her when she gave birth to a stillborn daughter in 1868.

Despite remaining childless herself, Lina influenced many children. She raised several nieces and nephews in her own home. She also wrote and edited for many religious publications for children.

Lina died in 1903 and is buried at Solna Cemetery near Stockholm. Around a thousand people attended her funeral. Her tombstone is inscribed with a slight paraphrase of the first line from one of her most famous hymns, "No one could be safer."

From the proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel.

Proverbs 1:5

A wise man will hear and increase learning.

And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel.

Thank you, Gary and Evelyn,
for your ongoing work and contributions to
Shepherd of the Springs.

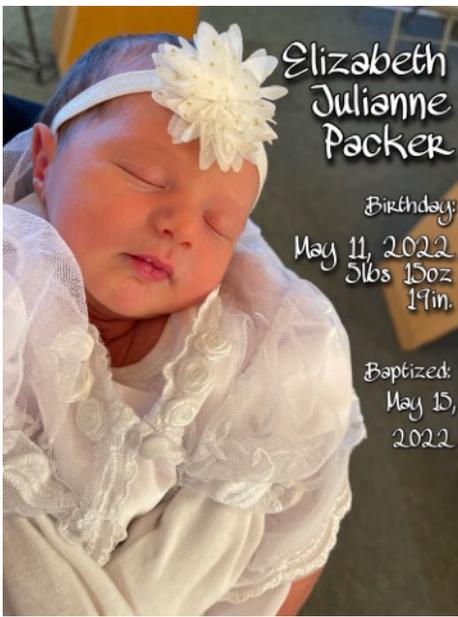


FAMILY AND FRIENDS



The joyful Kueter family welcomed home their “hero.” The Church also joined in the festive homecoming at an All-Church picnic on Sunday, May 29th. Watch for picnic photos posted in the Narthex.

Welcome home, Ben!



Lana Packer celebrates her birthday, June 7 with new baby girl, Elizabeth, and a new home:
135 Country Center Dr. STE F#47
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Congratulations, Lana and Jason.



From Cherie and Sam Penwell as they travel from Colorado Springs to Upstate New York to Virginia, on to Arizona, and home again by mid-June.

“We are in El Paso, TX tonight. We had a reroute from the GPS and ended up on some backroads. We planned to stay in a motel but as we were driving to it I noticed a sandstorm headed our way. I turned around but it caught us outside of town. I had to find a place to pull off and noticed a small pull off. We could see nothing but sand and the wind rocked our car.”

Newly commissioned, Air Force Academy Graduate, **Frederick Heidt**, son of Brian and Denise Heidt. Brian is the Pastor of St. Phillips Lutheran Church in Owosso, MI.



Happy Summer!



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