

THE CARILLON  
ST MATTHEW LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

*Our mission is to be...  
The living evidence of the  
mercies of Christ.*

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— The Power of a —  
*Praying Man*

*“The prayer of a righteous person  
is powerful and effective.”*

— James 5:16 —



Prayer is not weakness—it is spiritual strength.  
*A praying man invites heaven into earthly situations.  
When you pray, God fights battles you cannot see.*

# GOING ON NOW

## Confirmation Classes

This instructional course on the basic tenants of the Christian faith is made available for any child ages 11-14. If you have a child or know of a child that would like to enter into Confirmation, contact the Pastor.

## Praise Team

The Praise Team currently provides most of the instrumental pre-service music for our Sunday services. If you have any questions regarding the Praise Team, please contact Ken Young or Dan Morrison.

## Lutherans Women's Mission League (LWML)

We meet **Each Month, dates change per the event.**  
Come contribute to Lutheran Missions Worldwide!  
**All women are welcome!**

## Altar Guild

Since the morning of Christ's resurrection, as the women approached to prepare the body of Christ for burial, ladies have gathered before the Sunday service to prepare the body of Christ for communion. If you are interested in helping with this sacred task, contact Lillian Holtum.

## Free Community Dinner!

Community free dinner served every **Wednesday at 5pm.** If you are interested in joining this ministry contact our Human Care Chairman, Kay Hermann.

## Choir

Practices are on **Wednesdays at 6pm.**  
Contact Rod Larson or Ken Young, if interested in joining.

## New Member's Class

Anyone interested in becoming a new member, please contact Lynn Vernon or the church office.  
360-457-4122.

# UPCOMING SERVICES

<i>June 7th</i>	<i>Second Sunday after Pentecost Matt 9:9-13</i>
<i>June 14th</i>	<i>Third Sunday after Pentecost Matt 9:35-10:8</i>
<i>June 21st</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 10:5a,21-33</i>
<i>June 28th</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 10:34-42</i>
<i>July 5th</i>	<i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 11:25-30</i>
<i>July 12th</i>	<i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Matt 13:1-9,18-23</i>
<i>July 19th</i>	<i>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 13:24-30,36-43</i>
<i>July 26th</i>	<i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 13:44-52</i>
<i>Aug 2nd</i>	<i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Matt 14:13-21</i>



## *St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Preschool*

To: St Matthew Lutheran Church Congregation

As requested at the May 17, 2026 Congregational Meeting, with the goal of a well-organized meeting allowing for healthy conversation & being respectful of each member's time and energy, the Constitution Revision Committee is allowing additional time for congregational members to submit requests for revisions/corrections/deletions to the draft version of the Constitution and Bylaws of Saint Matthew Lutheran Church.

Submissions will be reviewed by the Constitution Revision Committee and added to the existing Draft version of the Constitution and Bylaws.

A revised Draft version, along with an appendix sheet to ease identification of submissions will be presented to the congregation, allowing time for personal review, prior to rescheduling a congregational meeting. The purpose of that meeting will be the review and approval of said Draft of Constitution and Bylaws of Saint Matthew Lutheran Church.

**The deadline to submit written changes is June 20, 2026.** Submissions must include contact names, along with phone number or email address, if questions of clarification arise.

Requests may be submitted by email, cell phone text, standard mail or placed in my mailbox located in the church narthex.

Please submit changes, corrections, deletions to

Leroy Peterson, Chairman of Constitution Revision Committee

If requested revisions/corrections/deletions are not received for review by the Constitution Revision Committee by the June 20, 2026 deadline, they will not be included for discussion at the next congregational meeting at which the Constitution and Bylaws will be discussed and approved.

Respectfully,

Leroy Peterson

# SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE!

Our Sunday School program is off to a wonderful start! It is so fun to see the children grow in their understanding of God's love as we learn through music, crafts, games, and engaging video stories.

We currently have an enthusiastic group of nine children, ranging in age from 3 to 11. We are learning the wonders of the Creation story and the Ten Commandments. There's a lot to explore in these lessons so we will be here for some time. On our opening Sunday, we had a blast learning about "Joshua and the Battle of Jericho!"

## Ways You Can Help

I am personally loving every minute of this experience, but I could use a little extra support to make our time together even more special:

- **Calling All Creatives:** I am looking for someone who would enjoy leading Craft Time on occasion. If you have a knack for fun projects that help bring our lessons to life, I would love to hear from you!
- **Guest Teacher Needed:** My daughter and her family are visiting from NY in July. We will be taking a mini trip to Victoria so I am looking for a volunteer to serve as a substitute teacher for our session on Sunday, July 5th.

Thank you all for your continued prayers, encouragement, and the wonderful support you show our young ones each week. It truly makes a difference.

If you are interested in helping with crafts or can assist with the class on July 5th, please reach out to me directly at 360-775-0910.

Warmly,

Janis Deverter



## A heartfelt THANK YOU!

to each person who contributed to the

LWML Mission Focus

supporting

Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch!

Together we raised

**\$1,548.58**

God 'desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the Truth. For there is one God, and there is one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all'

I Timothy 2:4-5

What a Blessing to share God's Word through the purchase of

Action Bibles

for incoming residents of the Ranch!

# PREsCHOOL

Hello Congregation,

This year has flown by! We have had so much fun learning and growing with our students. This past month we had fun reviewing our favorite lessons and activities from earlier in the year. The students helped conduct their favorite science experiments, including making a “telephone” using paper cups and string and a rainbow out of Skittles and water. We also reviewed our lesson about Fall animals. The students had fun pretending to be Bats using echolocation to find food. We also reviewed our favorite Bible lessons, including Creation and Noah and the Ark. The students especially enjoyed building an ark out of blocks and pretending to be different animals on the ark.

On the last day of class, we had our annual Spring concert. This is our students’ chance to share with their parents what they have learned throughout the year. We sang our favorite songs, and the students shared their “Morning Circle” routine, including the Pledge of Allegiance, and reciting the Bible memory verses they have memorized. The concert turned out wonderful, and afterward we enjoyed popsicles with the parents outside in the playground.

Thank you for all your support and prayers this year!

Please continue to pray for our Teachers, Students, and Families.

The Preschool



**CUT HERE TO SHARE OUR FLIER**

**NOW ENROLLING**

For 2026-2027 School year

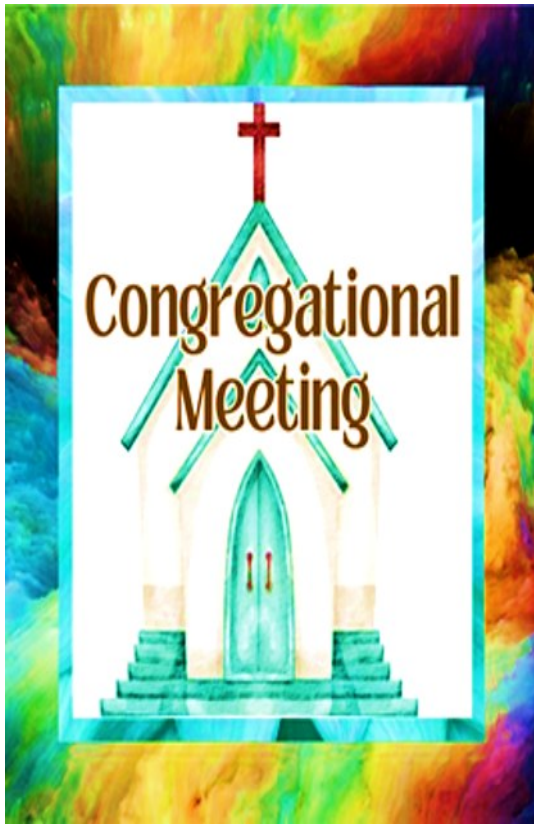
## St Matthew Lutheran Preschool

Christian play based learning for children ages 3-5 years old

8:30 am — 11:30 am, Tuesday—Friday

Register online at [stmatthewpreschool.org](http://stmatthewpreschool.org)

360-457-4122



**JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>**

# To Approve the July 2026 – June 2027 Church Budget

Copies of Proposed Budget will be emailed prior to the meeting for your review or a paper copy can be picked from the office.

**MEN'S PRAYER  
& BREAKFAST**

**TUESDAYS 7AM**

CONTACT **TIM STONE**  
OR **CARL DEVERTER** TO  
GET ON THE EMAIL LIST  
TO FIND OUT LOCATION  
EACH WEEK



**TUESDAYS: 6PM - 8PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Dinner & Bible Study for Families**

**RSVP TO TIM ROBERTON**

**Women's Bible Study** is off for the summer but will start again on **Tuesday, September 8th at 10 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be using the book **"Nothing is Impossible with God"** by **Shannon Bream**.

The church office can order the books in bulk at a reduced rate of around \$22. The books will be ordered in late July or early August. Please sign up to have the church office order you a book and to join this wonderful bible study.



**St Matthew Book Club**



a reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, the man who never reads lives only one.

**CANCELLED**  
**FOR**  
**JUNE**  
**& JULY**

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# CHURCH COUNCIL

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## **St. Matthew Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, April 9, 2026**

(Follow-up actions are *italicized* )

### **Members Present:**

- |                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Pete Pettit              | President                |
| 2. Leroy Peterson           | Vice-President           |
| 3. Kathy Smith              | Treasurer                |
| 4. Mary Heller              | Recording Secretary      |
| 5. Bill Hermann             | Chair, Board of Elders   |
| 6. Carl Deverter            | Co-Chair, Evangelism     |
| 7. Peggy Romero             | Chair, Fellowship        |
| 8. Kay Hermann              | Chair, Human Care        |
| 9. Lynn Vernon              | Chair, Stewardship       |
| 10. Dan Smith               | Chair, Trustees          |
| 11. Janis Deverter          | Chair, Youth & Education |
| 12. Pastor Roger Sonnenberg |                          |

### **Members Absent:**

- |           |                               |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Vacant | Chair, Preschool              |
| 2. Vacant | Chair, Information Technology |
| 3. Vacant | Chair, Finance                |

### **Guests:**

None

**Meeting was called to order** by President Pete Pettit at 6:23 pm. Pastor Sonnenberg opened with prayer.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the March 12, 2026 Council Meeting were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion was approved by voice vote.

**Pastor's Report:** No report

### **Council Reports:**

**President's report (Pete Pettit):** No report

**Vice-President's report (Leroy Peterson):** No report

#### **Treasurer (Kathy Smith):**

- 1) Quarterly reports of expenses were distributed to each chair.
- 2) Graph reports of Income and Expenses, preschool Income and Expenses, Restricted Fund balances as of March 31, 2026, and average Sunday attendance and giving were distributed to all.
- 3) Kathy reported that overall spending is down and much appreciated, and the carpet fund balance is increasing. The 116 roof replacement will be paid from the Special Projects fund which will cause this balance to decrease. IT budget expenditures are over budget due to the necessity of new sanctuary microphones and a new office computer.
- 4) Kathy reported that choir loft microphones need to be replaced, and requested a decision on doing this now or after the start of the new fiscal year. After a short discussion, consensus was to go forward now, even though IT expenditures are already over budget. A suggestion was made to remind the congregation about considering increasing their tithing to keep up with inflation.

#### **Board of Elders (Bill Hermann):**

1. Easter season services were all well attended, including the mid-week Lent services.
2. The Easter breakfast was well attended with approximately 90 persons participating.
3. The Choir did very well at Easter worship and was much appreciated.
4. The elders will start work to set up a Call Committee.
5. A new season of confirmation classes will start in May, with an expectation of 3-4 students.

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**Evangelism (Carl DeVerter):** no report

**Fellowship (Peggy Romero):**

1. Peggy expressed thanks to the elders for hosting the Easter breakfast.
2. There was a great turn-out at the Easter fellowship time following worship.
3. Samantha had her baby, named Murphy Rose. *Meals will be coordinated for this family.*
4. Marcy Hogle's funeral will be held soon.

**Human Care (Kay Hermann):** no report

**Stewardship (Lynn Vernon):**

1. Lynn is researching various Spiritual Gifts analysis surveys.
2. Lynn will host a New Member dinner in the near future.

**Trustee (Dan Smith):**

1. The new exterior sign installation has been delayed due to significant personal difficulties of the sign vendor, but this job should be completed soon.
2. Dan has received the final estimate for the 116 roof replacement.

**Youth & Education (Janis Deverter):**

Sunday School is being planned for ages K-6th grade.

Postcards with an invitation to Sunday School and worship have been drafted for distribution to our surrounding neighborhood, and Janis will look into getting an outside banner. After a short discussion of various scheduling options, Pastor stated his support for Janis' preference for children to exit the sanctuary at the conclusion of the Children's Message. A motion was made and seconded to start Sunday School immediately following the Children's Message on a 6-month trial. Motion was approved by voice vote. It was suggested to not send out the neighborhood postcards for 1-2 months, to give time to determine if this start time is working.

**K. Finance Chair (Vacant):** No report.

**G. Information Technology (Vacant):** No report.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Constitution and Bylaws (Leroy Peterson):** Leroy *will provide an updated draft constitution and bylaws to Kathy to be sent electronically to the congregation for their review.* Hard copies will be available for anyone who prefers that method. Leroy proposed a special congregational meeting on May 17 to discuss and approve the draft.

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(Follow-up actions are *italicized* )

### Unfinished Business:

- A. draft Annual Report was distributed, with a request for comments and suggestions. Several additional items will be added, such as Women's Bible Study, Music Ministry/Choir, and Book Club. The target date for distribution to the congregation is late June.
- B. Tithe Committee. Pete *suggested a note about tithing be placed in the Scroll, with a reminder to consider a cost of living increase, and for the elders to make announcements.*  
Kathy suggested to post the Easy Tithe QR code at each pew, suggestion to be tabled for now.
- C. Elder renewals were inadvertently omitted at the last congregational meeting, so will be taken up at the next congregational meeting.
- D. The article "Everyone on the Wall" was briefly discussed. One point mentioned that, in a typical congregation, 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people. Discussion was initiated on how we at St Matthew can improve on congregational participation. Bill stated his belief that we are already ahead of that statistic, and Pastor agreed that we are an enthusiastic and hard working congregation. A concern was expressed about burn-out among our hardest working volunteers.

### New Business:

- A. FY 2026-27 budget. Each chair was given a summary of the prior year budget with a request to consider goals for next year as new budgets are formulated. *Each chair was asked to give their budget requests to Kathy prior to the next council meeting on May 14.* Right now our overall finances look satisfactory, and Pastor suggested a public acknowledgement of good congregational giving.
- E. The next Lifeline Screening is scheduled on April 20.
- F. Kathy received a call from a non-member to rent tables and chairs for a wedding at an outside location. A strong consensus was reached to decline this request.
- G. Some less-able members may be leaving without attending worship if they cannot get a close-in parking spot. It was suggested that an appeal be made to the congregation to park on the street if possible, in order to keep close-in spaces available for those who need them.
- H. There were fewer children at the Easter Egg hunt this year than last year, likely due to illnesses and school Spring Break just ending.

**Closing:** Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm with closing prayer by Pastor.

Mary Heller

Recording Secretary

### Recap of follow-up actions:

Peggy will coordinate meals for Sam's family.

Leroy will provide an updated draft constitution and bylaws to Kathy to be sent electronically to the congregation for their review.

Kathy to include a note about tithing in the Scroll, with a reminder to consider a cost of living increase. Elders to make announcements.

Each council chair to give their budget requests to Kathy prior to the next council meeting on May 14.

**PAHS VOCAL  
UNLIMITED**  
*Dessert Night*

**WHEN?**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH**

DOORS OPEN 5:30PM

PERFORMANCE STARTS

**6:00PM**

**WHERE?**

ST. MATTHEW  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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COME JOIN US FOR SOME  
SINGING AND DESSERTS



**No classes on  
Wednesday  
June 3rd & 10th**

# StewardCAST

A monthly e-newsletter of LCMS Stewardship Ministry

[lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)



## Stewardship: Identity Leads to Activity

The single most frequent question that pastors and steward leaders get asked by people looking to grow in stewardship faithfulness can be boiled down to one sentiment: “What am I supposed to do as a steward?” This is understandable, because so much of what the church has considered and taught about stewardship is about activity. Percentage giving charts, challenges “to grow one step,” commitment cards that not only include pledged amounts of giving but include worship attendance, Bible class attendance and communion attendance, are all aspects of how the church has taught stewardship.

This makes pragmatic sense. Stewardship is a very difficult thing to measure in keeping with the Scriptures and the Confessions. Charts, percentages and commitments which point to activity are easy. They are the low-hanging fruit of steward leadership. They are easy to track. They make for good reporting. They present data that looks really good on an info graph.

### The pragmatic approach?

But is the pragmatic way, which is also the easiest and slickest, actually the best and most faithful way to lead and measure stewardship? Perhaps not. Especially since it also appeals to the old Adam in the steward. That old Adam is on display in the words of the rich young ruler in the Gospels: “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” (MARK 10) Countless sermons have



been proclaimed highlighting the non sequitur relationship between doing and inheriting. One doesn't do anything to inherit other than outlive the one making the bequest. In the same way, to equate doing and stewardship is a bit of a non sequitur. One is not a steward based on what they do. The steward is a steward because of the purpose for which he or she was created by God.

Look at Genesis 1:26–28 to find the “words of institution” for the office of steward. The steward is to reflect the image of God toward the creation which God has

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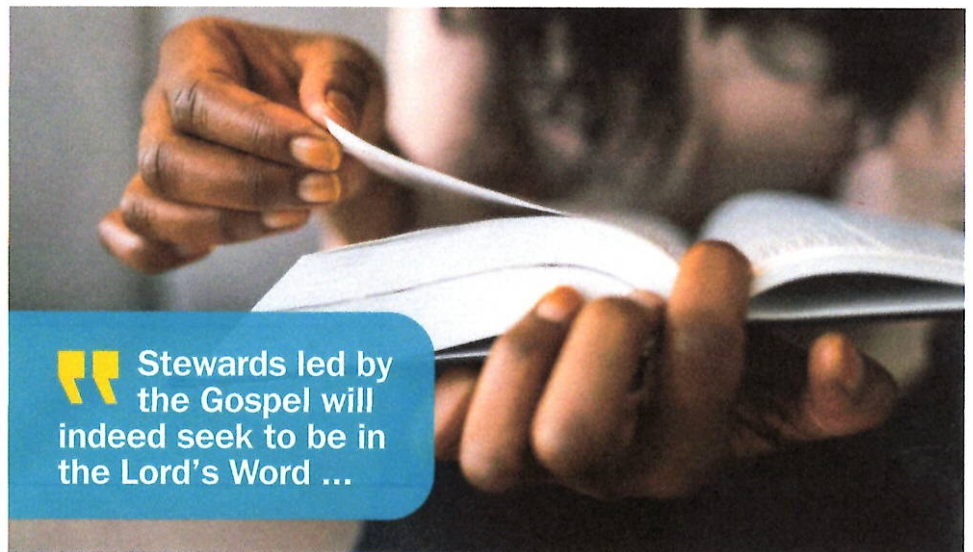
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### Support LCMS National Mission

The LCMS Office of National Mission works within the borders of the United States to support the programs and resources available to congregations, districts, schools, Recognized Service Organizations, and other Lutheran organizations.

**GIVE NOW**



“Stewards led by the Gospel will indeed seek to be in the Lord’s Word ...”

entrusted to humanity. The purpose leads to activity. The activity doesn’t define, it simply demonstrates the purpose.

St. Paul captures this idea in Romans 12: “For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness” (ROM. 12:4-8).

If one reads over this quickly, a default reading could well lead to an activity-based understanding of stewardship. Prophecy, service, teaching, exhorting, contributing, leading and mercy-showing certainly sound like activity! But here is where the context helps us understand that it is not activity but identity. Flip back to the start of the chapter and see that Paul points to the merciful activity of Jesus on behalf of the steward long before the activity of the steward. God acts in creation before the steward serves. Jesus acts in redemption before the redeemed steward serves.

### The gift of identity

Starting a journey in the wrong place can never get you to the necessary destination. To start stewardship teaching with activity is to labor in the realm of the Law. The Law demands. It places burdens. Stewardship

under the Law is only a burden. But flip the stewardship script and see that faithful stewardship is only doing what the Lord has given the steward to do, and stewardship becomes a source of great joy! The steward simply does what the Lord has given them to do! The joy comes in living out purpose, not meriting or measuring. This stewardship focuses on serving the Lord and those who have been given to be served, not on the steward themselves.

Steward leaders, point the growing stewards under your care and leadership to the correct starting place. Point them to the stewardship of their souls undertaken by Jesus. The baptized steward has put on Christ. Living in this gifted identity points the steward outside themselves. They will not focus on what they do, but on how the Lord will work in and through them!

This does not mean that we should not do commitment cards. This is not intended to discourage stewards to grow, either in steps or wisdom. Stewards led by the Gospel will indeed seek to be in the Lord’s Word, in His house and at His table. It is a call to teach stewardship with a true sense of freedom. This freedom comes from the mercy of Jesus Christ. This mercy calls the steward to live out the identity given to them freely and willingly and joyfully in Holy Baptism! The name of Jesus, when placed on a newly baptized steward, changes who they are. It will also by nature change what they do. But they do these things not to inherit anything. What they need has been given them: the mercy of Jesus! This kind of steward leadership and teaching will set stewards free!



*Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church*

**WA-AK DISTRICT  
JUNE 2026**

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for Spanish broadcasts

### **GOD PROVIDES DISTRICT WITH A NEW BOARD MEMBER!**

WA-AK district welcomes Jennel Dompier from Messiah, Prosser, as our newly appointed Vice President. Jennel attended her first board meeting on April 23rd and is excited to join with us in sharing the Gospel through LHM. Jennel has been serving as an ambassador at Messiah, which she will continue, and she will be partnering with Doris Wurl, Zone 7 President, in strengthening LHM in south central WA.

**Join LHM and be a part of this exciting worldwide ministry!**

[lhm.org](http://lhm.org)

### **SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAKING CHRIST KNOWN**

In many Lutheran congregations summer becomes a time to take a break from church monthly activities, meetings, regularly scheduled events. For others, members engage in VBS, Christian camps, youth encounters and the like. As your church seeks to encounter those who do not know Jesus, consider the many public events that 'pop up' during the summer in your community. LHM stands ready to help churches reach out in meaningful ways in your neighborhoods and cities. Street fairs are becoming more and more popular and usually welcome most groups who want to share what they know with the public. You can check online to learn about possibilities where you live. LHM resources can be found online at [lhm.org/resources](http://lhm.org/resources) for children and adults. Check out the Project Connect booklets for timely topics that appeal to all ages, booklets for those living with cancer, PTSD, parenting challenges, and more. You can share the "Jesus Bundle" a set of 3 booklets that tell who Jesus is, why he had to die, and what faith in Jesus is. For those in multicultural communities, many resources are in Spanish. An LHM ambassador can help you with ideas and resources. If your church does not have one, consider serving as one and contact your WA-AK District President (David Dybwad at [dldybwad@nventure.com](mailto:dldybwad@nventure.com)) to learn about using LHM resources and sharing them at public events.

When your church holds VBS or a Kid's Day and the like, LHM has resources for you to use to add that something extra about Jesus to your event. Consider using Gospel Adventures Mongolia with the children in groups or at home. Youth leaders and teenagers are loving the new "Friends and Family" spiritual conversations lessons written just for them.

### **WA-AK DISTRICT PROJECT MOVES FORWARD**

The district board is excited to announce the opportunity to connect with LCMS churches in southwest Alaska. In early November Pastor Don Petersen and David Dybwad plan to hold LHM Sundays and Hopeful Neighborhood workshops with churches there to strengthen their ministry and our relationship with them. They will be serving with Rev. Scott Shields at Star of the North Lutheran Church in Kenai, AK. Please support this outreach with your prayers for God's guidance as plans are made to support the Lutheran Hour Broadcast there and ministry outreach.

## In God's Image By Cindi McMenamin

"God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them"  
Genesis 1:27

Have you noticed the trend? We often refer to ourselves—and our daily activities—in electronic terms as if we were devices. In our culture, as well as across the world, many people use Google as a verb and often feel more comfortable with their electronic devices than with one another. I can't help but think it makes us feel more alone than ever—like objects rather than people, and digital code rather than designed creation.

Think about it. How often have you been encouraged to **plug into** a church and to **unplug** from your busyness? After a conference or webinar, do you find yourself saying you need to **defrag** from information overload? And when you're high on adrenaline, you might consider yourself **wired**, when you're burnt out, you might say you've **run down the battery**. When you and I need to rest, we say we must **recharge**. And our interpersonal relationships are often mostly **internet** relationships. FaceTime used to mean what it sounds like, and it didn't involve a phone, tablet, or laptop screen. Social used to mean talking or being with one another, not **scrolling on a device**. You and I were made in the image of God, not in the likeness of a smartphone. Our sustainer is God Almighty, not Apple, Microsoft, Google, or even Amazon! So how do we reclaim (or just remind ourselves of) our human status as God's creation? How do we remember we were made in His image and for His glory? We can start by reassessing where our dependence lies.

The next time you are drained of power and need to recharge your body (or your phone), let your device run dry and keep it off for an hour or two. If you fall behind on what happened on social media or you miss a call, someone can leave a message, like back in the days when instant communication didn't dictate our lives. (With your phone off, or in the other room, you'll be surprised how much more time and space there is in your day for creativity, meaningful conversations, and thoughtful execution of what you deem your top priority).

God never told us in His Word to hurry up, produce more, or run down the battery. His words resonate at a different pace: "Be still and know that I am God," (Psalm 46:10) and "Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28) Yet our next-day or even "same-day delivery with Prime" has made us even more incapable of waiting on God who is not bound by time or delivery schedules. The words of the psalmists were not "Hurry up, God, I need an answer within the hour" but rather, "I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning" (Psalm 130:6) Good things, rich things, priceless things come to those who wait on God and His perfect timing.



Do you need to revisit some of the things humans, rather than devices, do so you can become a vintage believer who experiences the beauty of waiting on God?

# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7am <i>MEN'S Breakfast!</i> 6pm FAMILY BIBLE STUDY	3 10am Crafttime 5pm Dinner 6pm Choir	4 6pm Elders Meeting	5 5:30 pm PAHS VOCAL UNLIMITED Dessert Night	6
7 8:45 am Bible Study 10am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School LWML Sunday	8	9 7am <i>MEN'S Breakfast!</i> 6pm FAMILY BIBLE STUDY	10 10am Crafttime 5pm Dinner 6pm Choir	11 6pm Church Council	12	13
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