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**From the Pastor’s Desk – June 2024**

***“The Life of Jesus in Us”***

***For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord***

***and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’s sake. For it is the God who said,***

***“Light will shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the***

***light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.***

***But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that***

***the extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are***

***afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair,***

***persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, always carrying***

***around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be***

***made visible in our bodies. For we who are living are always being handed***

***over to death for Jesus’s sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made***

***visible in our mortal flesh.* (2 Corinthians 4:5-11 NRSV-U)**

In June, and into the first part of July, our second readings each Sunday will come from Paul’s second letter to the church in Corinth.

The Book of Acts tells us that Paul spent a year and a half in Corinth after first proclaiming Christ as Lord of all and establishing the church in that Greek city that was a major crossroads in the ancient world. The New Testament includes two rather lengthy letters from the apostle to that community of believers, more than his writing to any other of the churches he had founded. He had come to know these believers well. He knew the issues being faced by these sisters and brothers as they sought to live out their faith in a world that was opposed and hostile to who they were and what they believed. He writes sometimes to encourage them and at other times to correct them but always in love for them so that they might more powerfully and effectively reflect God’s love in Jesus Christ to those around them.

In the 1990’s, one of my favorite Christian bands was Jars of Clay. If you aren’t familiar with them, I would encourage you to look them up on YouTube or your music streaming service of choice. While they might be called a rock band, their music is far from hard rock and is very accessible. I especially recommend their self-titled first album. If you read the passage from 2 Corinthians 4 at the top of this article, you may have caught the source of the band’s name. Paul writes that “the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ” has been given to us, BUT “we have this treasure in clay jars, also that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to go and does not come from us.”

That’s you and me – we are merely jars of clay. We are fragile, highly breakable vessels. By God’s grace in Christ, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are blessed with this amazing knowledge, this light reflecting the glory of God out into the world, but it’s not about us. It’s always about God, always about “the light of the glory of God in the face of Christ.”

In the Prophet Jeremiah we find the image of the potter and the clay. Just as the clay cannot dictate to the potter what will be made, so we are in no position to tell God what he should or must do with us or for us. We are his workmanship. He has made us for his glory and we are precisely who we are meant to be. We will never carry out the divine will perfectly. We are merely jars of clay, but we are filled with the love of God that we might carry this precious treasure out into the world. We are loved as we are. Graciously, in Jesus Christ, our sins, our failures and shortcomings are forgiven. That good news is the message we have to share with everyone we meet in life, bearing witness to God’s love in Jesus Christ. As Paul writes to the church in Corinth, ***“so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh.”***

Blessings to you and Peace in Jesus Name.



Pastor Mike

**HOLY TRINITY ACTION**

**MINISTRY**

**Thrift Shop: Tues. 9am-12:30pm**

**\*Reminder:** If you signed up, the Iron Pigs game is June 7!

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 09, 2024**

**KNOEBEL’S AMUSEMENT PARK**

There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex for the picnic, carpooling, and food. Please join us for a day of fun food and fellowship.



**FINANCE & ATTENDANCE**

**JUNE**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

June 05 Loren & Lorene LaRose 47 years

June 12 Richard & Jeanette Hyer 14 years

June 15 Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield 50 years

June 17 Christopher & Jessyca Fredericks 24 years

June 18 Thomas & Nadine Schmidt 41 years

June 30 Jon & Jessica Kistler 06 years

**WE WISH YOU A**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



June 01 Kelly Heinrich

June 02 Wyatt Spalding

June 05 Deb Hansut

June 05 Kathy Jahelka

June 08 Andrew Hollywood

June 14 Benjamin Jahelka

June 16 David Stemler

June 19 Eric Reif

June 24 Gerry Dorshimer

June 25 Nancy Treskot

June 28 George Husack IV

June 28 Janene Smith

*NOTE: If we have omitted your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.*



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| **Apr. Monthly Envelope Offering:** | $ 4,654 |
| **Apr. St. Matthews Pastoral Service** | $ 3,300 |
| **Apr. Additional Income** | $ 5,274 |
| **Apr. Monthly Expenses:** | $ 11,700 |
| **Attendance:** |  |
| **April 07, 2024** | 41 |
| **April 14, 2024** | 31 |
| **April 21, 2024** | 40 |
| **April 28, 2024** | 41 |
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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

June 16 11:30 a.m. Council Meeting

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Terry Holland President**

**Jon Kistler Vice-President**

**Karen Talamantes Secretary**

**Larry Arner Treasurer**

**Jim Miller Asst. Treasurer**

**Steve Berger**

**Gerry Dorshimer**

**Scott Heinrich**

**Krissy Keblish**

**Ron Keblish**

**Eric Reif**

**Ray Talamantes**

**FINANCIAL PERSONNEL**

**Larry Arner Treasurer**

**Carol Heffelfinger Financial Sec.**



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE 10:15 AM**

**June 02, 2024 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Rich Hyer

**Ushers:** Kelly & Scott Heinrich

**Altar Guild:** Gerry Dorshimer & Deb Hansut

**Flowers:** Gerry Dorshimer IHO Deb Hansut’s B’Day

**Bulletins:** Charlotte Koenig

**Communion** **Bread:** Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield

**Times News / Website:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

**June 09, 2024**

**\*Knoebel’s Day – No Service\***

**June 16, 2024 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Deb Hansut

**Ushers:** Loren LaRose & Carol Heffelfinger

**Altar Guild:** Gerry Dorshimer & Deb Hansut

**Flowers:** The Sosik Family for Michael’s B’Day

**Bulletins:** Eleanor Scheirer

**Communion** **Bread:** Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield

**Times News / Website:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

**June 23, 2024 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Lynn Perone

**Ushers:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer

**Altar Guild:** Gerry Dorshimer & Deb Hansut

**Flowers:** Deb Hansut IHO Gerry Dorshimer’s B’Day

**Communion** **Bread:** Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield

**Times News / Website:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

**June 30, 2024 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Larry Arner

**Ushers:** Gordon & Mary Walls

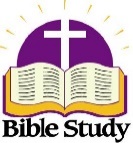
**Altar Guild:** Gerry Dorshimer & Deb Hansut

**Flowers:** The Sosik Family IMO Loved Ones

**Communion** **Bread:** Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield

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**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

Pastor Mike will have a children’s sermon on the second Sunday of each month.

**Bible Study**

Mondays 1:30 PM - 3 PM at St. Matthew’s

Thursdays 10:30 AM - Noon at Holy Trinity

**HOME VISITS**

Home visits and shut-in visits are being planned for May. If anyone would like to receive communion from Pastor Mike, please call the office @ 610-826-2524.



Good afternoon Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent donation, of $942.83, to Heifer International! Your support means so much to us and to all the families around the world that will be receiving assistance thanks to your great efforts.   
We are reaching out to thank you for your support and extend the offer for any additional resources you may need for any upcoming fundraisers or events. You can order resources here: <https://www.heifer.org/what-you-can-do/get-involved/faith/index.html> or give us a call at 888.548.6437.  
Also, we wanted to let you know that your donation was matched! We also have an ongoing Community Marketing match that will double the value of donations postmarked by June 30, 2024. This is a wonderful opportunity and we hope we can assist you in taking advantage of this match. Please let us know if you have any questions or are in need of any additional resources.  
We are honored to have you as a valued supporter. Again, we want you to know that your support plays a vital role in the success of our mission. With your contribution, we can make a meaningful impact and bring positive change to those in need. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of many, and your commitment to our cause is truly appreciated. Have an amazing day!

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us using any of the methods listed below or browse our website at [www.heifer.org](https://www.heifer.org). With your support, we have power over poverty and hunger!  
  
Kind regards,  
  
Amari Briggs  
Donor Services Representative  
Heifer International



***June Happenings***

* **June 5** is [**World Environment Day**](https://www.almanac.com/calendar/date/2024-06-05)—a day meant to raise environmental awareness across the globe.
* **June 14** is [**Flag Day**](https://www.almanac.com/content/flag-day-celebration-american-flag) (U.S.). Be sure to raise the flag!
* **June 16** is **Father’s Day** this year.
* **June 20** is the [**summer solstice**](https://www.almanac.com/content/first-day-summer-summer-solstice), whichheralds the start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. It’s the day with the most hours of daylight. In the Southern Hemisphere, winter begins at this time.
* **June 21**is this month’s **Full Moon**.
* **June 24** brings **Midsummer Day**, also St. John the Baptist’s Feast Day. Traditionally, this was the midpoint of the growing season, halfway between planting and harvesting. It is celebrated in many cultures on the night of **June 23**, as Midsummer Eve!

**9am-1pm**



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