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## From The Pastors Desk: On Summer

Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.

This is the 3rd commandment given to us by God through Moses. But what does this mean? Luther writes:

*“We are to fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.”*

*~ Luther’s Explanation of the 3rd Commandment,  
the Small Catechism*

We are entering into the summer months and we all know what that means: trips, vacations, rest, aaaand church attendance is down. While I would love to see you in the pews every single Sunday, I understand that this is not a real expectation or even a possible hope. Which is why we need to emphasize what is meant by the 3rd Commandment. Notice in this brief explanation that a specific day of the week is not mentioned. It is not necessarily important which day is used - every day is holy as God has created every day - rather, what is important is the hearing and learning of God’s Word.

*“God’s Word is the treasure which sanctifies everything, and by which even all the saints themselves were sanctified. At whatever hour, then, God’s Word is taught, preached, heard, read or meditated upon, there the person, day, and work are sanctified thereby, not because of the external work, but because of the Word, which makes saints of us all.” ~ Luther’s Explanation of the 3rd Commandment, the Large Catechism*

Now, by tradition, we gather on Sundays. For the sake of consistency, of having a time and place for the masses together, it is important that we have a day so that we can gather together and have a divine service - a service to hear God’s Word, receive His Word of Absolution and mercy. If Sunday does not work for you for whatever reason (it’s not my place to judge your schedule), then I highly encourage you - and in fact God commands you - to make a time in your week to rest, hear God’s Word, sing, and pray.

Our weeks get so busy so quickly. It is foolish for us to think that summer is a time of freedom, and a time away from busy-ness. So carve out that time. If you can’t make it to Sunday worship, you do have options! There are plenty of services on Youtube. Take a moment, open your Bible. Search “worship songs” on your favorite music streaming source. Shut the world out and pray. Even if you can and do attend Sunday worship services, all these things are great practices to have.

Above all else, heed the commandment: Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. Gladly hear and learn God’s written and preach Word. God commands this of you not so that you can be a good little Christian, but so that you may hear of His goodness and mercy He has given to you.

This is most certainly true.

*Pastor Max Whitehead*



# June Calendar

## Sunday, June 01

- 10:30AM** **Worship Service**
- 11:30 AM Council Mtg
- 1:00 PM Bible Study (Bethany Church)
- 7:30 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, June 4

- 2:00 PM Bible Study

## Sunday, June 08

- 10:30AM** **Worship Service**
- 7:30 PM VCIS

## Monday, June 09

- 2:00 PM Circle Group

## Wednesday, June 11

- 2:00 PM Bible Study @ Parsons Ins

## Sunday, June 15

- 10:30AM** **Worship Service @ Glood Park**
- 7:30 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, June 4

- 2:00 PM Bible Study @ Parsons Ins
- 7:30 PM Bible Study @ the Daneville Inn

## Sunday, June 22

- 10:30AM** **Worship Service**
- 7:30 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, June 29

- 2:00 PM Bible Study

## Sunday, June 29

- 10:30AM** **Worship Service**
- 7:30 PM VCIS



# Ushers & Cleaners

## June Ushers

- ❖ Brett & Julie Hartman,
- ❖ John & Kara Edelman,
- ❖ Sheila Wek,
- ❖ Janet & Anna Munkvold

## Cleaners Jun 1 - 14

- ❖ Brett & Julie Hartman,
- ❖ John & Kara Edelman,
- ❖ Sheila Wek,
- ❖ Janet & Anna Munkvold

## Cleaners Jun 15 - 28

- ❖ Julie Hartman,
- ❖ Sheila Wek,
- ❖ Kara Edelman

## Cleaners Jun 19 - Jul 12

- ❖ Linda Larsen,
- ❖ Ashley Larsen,
- ❖ Kayla Larsen



# Looking Ahead to July

## Wednesday, July 02

- 2:00 PM Bible Study

## Sunday, July 6

- 10:30AM** **Worship Service**
- 11:30 AM Council Mtg
- 1:00 PM Bible Study (Bethany Church)
- 7:30 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, July 09

- 2:00 PM Bible Study

## Sunday, July 13

- 10:30AM** **Worship Service**
- 7:30 PM VCIS

## Monday, July 14

- 2:00 PM Circle Group



# Worship Helpers

## Sunday, Jun 01

Reader ..... Mitch Larsen  
 Acolytes ..... Volunteer  
 Communion Helper ..... Volunteer  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

## Sunday, Jun 08

Reader ..... Dawn Kludt  
 Acolytes ..... Volunteer  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

## Sunday, Jun 15 @ Glood Park

Reader ..... Faydra Christensen  
 Acolytes ..... Volunteer  
 Communion Helper ..... Volunteer  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

## Sunday, Jun 22

Reader ..... Karen Larsen  
 Acolytes ..... Volunteer  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Praise Band

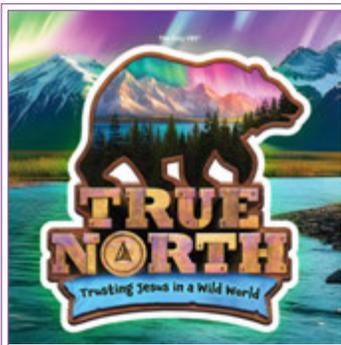
## Sunday, Jun 29

Reader ..... Dawn Kludt  
 Acolytes ..... Volunteer  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Praise Band

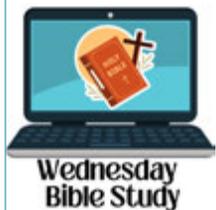


## June Scripture Readings

Jun 1: Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26  
 Jun 8: Genesis 11:1-9, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Acts 2:1-21, John 14:8-17, (25-27)  
 Jun 15: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15  
 Jun 22: 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a, Psalm 22:19-28, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39  
 Jun 29: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Psalm 16, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62



July 28, 2025 — July 31, 2025  
**SIGN UP TODAY!**  
 Watch the Video to learn more



You're invited to participate in the Bible Study at Parsons Insurance, which is also conducted online via Zoom. While an in-person Bible study will still take place, the Zoom format allows for remote participation too. Join Us!

**Topic:** Weekly Lectionary  
**Date:** Wednesdays, 2:00 PM  
**URL:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5453946071>  
**Meeting ID:** 545 394 6071

# Confirmation

**Grades 6-9 • Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 • Supper at 5:30**

We wrapped up the year playing games at the nursing home with the residents! And now we look to next year. We will continue our study of the Small Catechism as well as Biblical teachings. We will also continue spending one Wednesday per month with the residents at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home. We will be adding a new element however! One Wednesday out of the month, we will make the communion bread that will be used for Holy Communion! As always, I am very thankful for the year that we had, and am very excited for the year to come.

A new development we had this year was also to ask for you, the congregation, to help serve our students supper. We will continue with this, and will add a little more to it: if you could stay and help serve the kids the meal that you provide, that would be wonderful! Feel free to get a group together to serve the kids. Things are always more fun when done as a group.

Here is a link to a sign up sheet. If you have trouble accessing it or are not comfortable with the internet, text this number: (605) 368-1424 and I will get you marked down. The information we are looking for is:

- What day?
- What will you be providing?
- Can you stay to help serve?  
If you want to provide a meal but cannot stay and serve it, that is okay too!



Scan the QRCode  
to sign up

## JR VCIS Grades 1-6

It was another good year! It seemed like almost every week we were having more and more kids show up, both kids who belonged to Our Savior's or Spring Valley and kids who did not! Just like the Confirmation note, I am happy with the year, and am even more excited for the year to come.

I have already begun making plans for the fall. At some point we will spend some time studying "The Jesus Way", "Advent", "Lent", and "The Water of Life". We will have snacks and scripture and songs and of course fun!

Similar to the confirmation meal situation, I am asking for your consideration to help feed the kids. Everybody tends to play and listen better when they have had a little snack! So I have created a spreadsheet to help serve our kids. If you could stay and help serve the kids the snack that you provide, that would be wonderful! Feel free to get a group together to serve the kids. Things are always more fun when done as a group.

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# VCIS

Grades 7-12

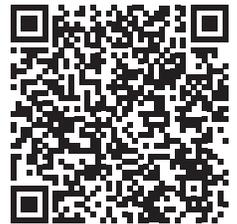
This year is over, and we look forward to the 2025-26 year!

A few things:

1. We will be adjusting the start time to 7:30 and adjusting the grade level to be 8th grade and up. The reason behind the time change is to give myself and the helpers an opportunity to breathe and prepare for the next group of kids; plus most of the upperclassmen showed up a little before 7:30 much of the time anyways.
2. The reason behind shifting the age range up is so that we can narrow down the age range so that we can get into deeper conversation with the upperclassmen - and the middle schoolers have already been talking and thinking theologically for an hour or so; not to mention some of the middle schoolers otherwise don't get home until very late coming from school to practice to church.

Over the past year, the upperclassmen were usually pretty good at cleaning up whatever leftovers there were from the Confirmation supper. Moving forward, I will put it out there for another person/group to serve the VCIS! It can give us another opportunity for youth/congregational group communication and bonding. Scan the QRCode if you'd be interested in signing up!

Also, in August, I am planning a selection party! More details yet to come. But the idea is that we will look into all the options for a 2026 Mission Trip and narrow them down to a couple, then meet with parents as well before anything is finalized. I have already compiled a list of sites, organizations, distances, travel times, and prices! Keep your eyes and ears open for where we might be going in 2026. Fundraising opportunities will be released by the July newsletter as well.



Thank you for the continued support of all of these groups! It's been fun for me to get to know these kids and to continue to grow the various programs. I am excited to keep growing this ministry!



*God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea, the generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight, the joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need, then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, and so,*

*He called it ... Dad.*

*- Author Unknown*



## 2025 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Camp refers to the grade child is currently completing (24-25 school year)

Please choose one day or week. We have expanded our camp dates to make room for more kids.

**Register by May 31 and receive \$25 off your registration**  
**Overnight Campers – Register by May 1st and get a free t-shirt**

<b>(All grades refer to 2024-2025 school year)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Price</b>
Day Camp 1 (Pre-K-2nd Grade)	June 12	\$50
Day Camp 2 (Pre-K-2nd Grade)	June 13	\$50
Day Camp 3 (Pre-K-2nd Grade)	June 16	\$50
3rd & 4th Grade Camp 1	June 4-6	\$155
3rd & 4th Grade Camp 2	June 8-11	\$195
5th & 6th Grade Camp 1	July 13-18	\$285
5th & 6th Grade Camp 2	July 20-25	\$285
7th & 8th Grade Camp 1	June 29-July 4	\$285
7th & 8th Grade Camp 2	July 6-11	\$285
Senior High Camp (Grades 9-12)	June 22-27	\$285

Call with questions if any part of the information here doesn't match up with what you have seen elsewhere, call the camp office at (605)326-5690 to make sure we are handling registrations for that specific event. Other organizations use these facilities and may be handling the registration process differently.

\* Camp Scholarships for 3rd grade thru Senior High are available upon request. Please call the camp office at (605)-326-5690 .

Visit <https://myslcc.com/> for more details or scan the QRCode



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LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Spring Valley



Join us for the Spring Valley Circle group! We meet on the second Monday of each month at 2:00 PM for fellowship, delicious desserts, and to explore the teachings of God's Word. Everyone is welcome to join us!

## FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of all grocery items. We **DO** **NOT** need the following: All other food items are



- Green Beans,
- Mac & Cheese
- Soups,
- Hamburger Helper
- Tomato Sauce,

welcome and very much appreciated. We also have a fridge and freezer for cold storage items such as meats and cheeses. Thank you so very much in advance!



WE HAVE

**MOVED**

Have you moved? Or has your information changed? If so, we'd like to know! Please send your new/updated information to [svlc.office@svlcvib.org](mailto:svlc.office@svlcvib.org)