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Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

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June 2016

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June Worship Schedule

All worship services will begin at
10:30 am

June 5—St. Luke, Streeter

June 12—English, Medina

June 19—St. Luke, Streeter

June 26—English, Medina

Our Mission:

Called to be shepherds, doing God's work, daily.

Grace, mercy, and peace, be unto you from God our Father, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

President John F. Kennedy once said, "Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." Even though President Kennedy only spent two months shy of three years in office, in that short time he was able to leave a mark on the American people that has kept him among some of the greatest presidents to ever serve our nation. In an article written in the *Washington Post* on November 22, 2013, fifty years after Kennedy's tragic assassination, writer Dylan Matthews makes mention of a Gallup poll that found that Americans rate President Kennedy "more highly than any of the other 11 presidents since Eisenhower." Matthews also cites a 2011 poll that showed President Kennedy coming in fourth amongst the greatest presidents of our nation's history behind the likes of Reagan, Lincoln, and Clinton. Here was a man that was and still is held in high esteem among the people whom he was elected to serve, and it seems he really did have a pretty good head on his shoulders. President Kennedy seemed to know a thing or two about how life operates; specifically when it comes to the changes life inevitably brings.

There is another old saying that says there are only two things in this life that are guaranteed, death and taxes. It seems to me from the quote above from President Kennedy he would include change on that list of guarantees in life.

By the time you will read this newsletter article we as a joint parish will have embarked on a new worship schedule for at least this month of June. Since the joint parish council decided to give this new endeavor a try back at the end of April, there has undoubtedly been some mixed feelings about alternating worship between Medina and Streeter every week for the month of June. There are some of you out there who are all for this idea. After all our individual churches attendance has a tendency to drop here in the summer months, so why not give ourselves an advantage of possibly having bigger numbers each week by combining. There are also some of you who are less than thrilled about this new idea. Eighteen miles each way can very well seem like a long distance to go to church, especially if it is not the church you are familiar with. I personally think that this could be a very good experiment for us to try and I do believe it could wind up being beneficial for both churches in various ways. After all another old saying goes, the family that prays together, stays together. The same could very well be said about the family of believers that make up our joint parish.

English Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

The council meeting of English Lutheran Church was held on May 4, 2016.

Members present were Bryan Behm, Janet Well, Darin Dockter, and Tammy Reis, along with Pastor Ryan.

President Bryan called the meeting to order with Pastor Ryan giving the opening devotions.

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Janet moved and Darin seconded a motion to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Church Council Covenant Exercise. Tammy will combine the suggestions made by those in attendance. They will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Explanations were provided for questions on last month's utility entries. Darin made a motion to approve with a second by Tammy.

Pastor Ryan presented his report. He received a letter from the Medina Cemetery Association to request financial support from each Protestant church in Medina to help cover the cost of cemetery upkeep. After discussion, a motion was made by Darin and seconded by Janet to make a \$400 donation and to ask the congregation if anyone is interested in donating money to offset the \$400. Motion carried. After further discussion, another motion was made by Tammy and seconded by Darin to donate \$50 to the Streeter Area Lutheran Cemetery Association to offset their upkeep costs, as well. Motion carried. Vacation Bible School will be held August 26-28 as Rally Sunday for Sunday school. We are still in need of two delegates for the Synod Assembly on June 4th and 5th, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

Pastor Ryan reported that Tim Olson will trim the trees and fix the parsonage mailbox.

Bryan will help Austin fix the gap in the gutters above the south door. Janet stated that Ron Otto volunteered to clean the gutters at the same time. The gutters at the parsonage will also need cleaning.

Pastor Ryan said that a neighbor is willing to till and reseed the former garden area and the boulevard at the parsonage. Tammy will pick up grass seed.

Pastor Ryan will meet with Leona Reuer to show her pictures of two options for the Gary Reuer Memorial sign. Bryan reported that there is no annual fee to post the sign.

BIRTHDAYS

June

July

Emelia Greer	June 1
Del Guthmiller	June 1
Kathy Hieb	June 2
Elaine Martel	June 5
Adeline Link	June 6
Darlene Dockter	June 7
Linda Morlock	June 9
Krysta Olson	June 12
Aiden Greer	June 14
Lane Schmidt	June 15
Kadie Gefroh	June 18
Gil Everding	June 18
Leroy Wieland	June 19
Maynard Link	June 20
Camden Hofmann	June 21
Sherry Schmidt	June 24

Evan Ferwerda	July 3
Frank Reis	July 5
Dawn Salinas	July 7
Trevin Behm	July 10
Austin Dockter	July 11
Loraine Schlaht	July 14
Jonathan Juelfs	July 14
Pat Everding	July 16
Dylan Dockter	July 17
Paige Gefroh	July 18
Sally Guthmiller	July 19
Betsy Ferwerda	July 20
Phillip Hofmann	July 23
Gordon Christensen	July 24
Randy Kapp	July 24
Darin Dockter	July 25
Gary Hieb	July 26
Melissia Kleven	July 26
Kendra Behm	July 27
Dani Eissinger	July 28
Jacen Eissinger	July 28
Vergil Neumiller	July 28

Celebrating June/July Anniversaries

Ron & Sharon Otto	June 3, 1972
Jeff & Linda Morlock	June 5, 1981
Leroy & JoAnn Wieland	June 10, ??
Gary & Kathy Hieb	June 13, 1987
Pastor Ryan & Betsy Ferwerda	June 14, 2008
Joe & Sherry Schmidt	June 15, 2001
Dale & Denise Wittmier	June 17, ??
Bill & Janet Well	June 20, 1959
Tim & Renae Olson	June 14, 1980
Jared & Julie Opp	June 29, 1974
Ryan & Becky Greer	July 1, 2006
Sky & Patty Roemmich	July 2, 2010
Gordon & Betty Christensen	July 6, 1974
Mike & Teresa Schleske	July 7, 2005
Bryan & Vicky Andres	July 9, 1988
Dylan & Taylor Dockter	July 26, 2014

June Worship Times & Events

Sun, June 5 **Third Sunday after Pentecost**
St. Luke 10:30 am
No services at English Lutheran

June 6—10 **VBS**
@ Streeter for Age 4 through 8th Grade

Sun, June 12 **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
English 10:30 am
No services at St. Luke Lutheran

Sun, June 19 **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
St. Luke 10:30 am
No services at English Lutheran

June 20-24 **VBS**
@ Gackle. Hosted by Gackle Area Ministerial Assoc.

Sun, June 26 **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
English 10:30 am
No services at St. Luke Lutheran

REMINDERS:

- *No WELCA Bible Studies June—August at either St. Luke or English
- *No Kids Bible Nite till September
- *No Council Meetings @ either St. Luke or English for the month of June

Sun, July 3 **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**
St. Luke 9:00 am
English 11:00 am

“SAVE THE DATES”

August 13 2016 Women’s Retreat
“Who’s Your Neighbor?”
@ Maryvale Provincial Center—Valley City, ND

Sept 17 2016 Synodical Convention
“Refugee’s & Immigrants”
@United Lutheran—Cavalier, ND

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