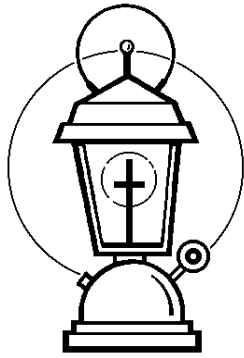


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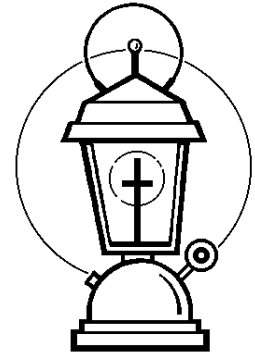
June/July 2014



The June/July Lantern

“Reaching Upward and Reaching Outward”

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Dear Members and Friends of First & Bethany Churches:

It seems that Spring is time to do some cleaning so I began weeding through several of my files and I found a hymn that I had written fourteen years ago. There was a time back in the 90s when I wrote several texts for synod assemblies, congregations or just for the joy of writing and setting the texts to familiar tunes. Since we celebrate Church Music Sunday within our congregations on Sunday, June 8 it only seems appropriate to add my limited musical resources to the festivities. Here is a text, I wrote in March of 1997, the occasion I have long since forgotten. The hymn is set to St. Denio (“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”).

1. Alive in our heritage – children of God,
We walk not in darkness but where Christ has trod.
Through water and the Word God has made us his own,
With Spirit-filled lives we are making Christ known.
2. Alive in our hope – Lo, our gracious God reigns.
The cross and the crown to the Son he ordains.
For God loved the world as he gave us his Son,
Yes, Christ rose on Easter – the victory won.
3. To all who are suffering, To all pained with fears,
The Spirit brings comfort and wipes away tears.
We need not fear death, nor the devil, nor sin;
For these Christ has conquered, a new life begins.
4. So hearken you people. Proclaim the Lord King!
Rejoice with glad tidings, sweet hymns of praise sing.
Eternal life given, his children restored.
To God be the glory, forever adored. © 1997

Blessings to you for a safe and happy summer. May you find renewal and rest during this season of picnics, vacations and taking in the sun! See you in church!

Your Servant in Christ, Pastor Dave

Our annual GRADUATION LUNCH will be celebrated on Saturday, June 7th at 11:30 a.m. We have 8 students graduating from high school this year and we want to congratulate them on finishing this chapter in their life and look to the beginning of a new chapter! Graduating seniors are *Kirsten Beardsley, Sydney Ewing, Ben Frederick, Cassie Johnson, Rachel Labowski, Will Mickle, Jake Newbill, and Zakkery Stover.*



LUTHERAN'S TOGETHER – June- July 2014

(Informing the families of Bethany, First, and St. John's Lutheran Churches of the worship, service and fellowship opportunities)

Sunday Morning Worship:

First: 8:00am & 10:00am St. John's: 9:30am Bethany: 11:15am

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Date	First	St. John's & Bethany
June 1	7 th Sunday of Easter	Pastor Dave Pastor Jeff
June 8	Pentecost	Pastor Jeff Pastor Dave St. John's 8:30am Bethany No Service
June 15	Holy Trinity	Bishop Ralph Jones Pastor Dave Pastor Jeff
June 22	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	Pastor Jeff Bishop Ralph Jones
June 29	Peter & Paul, Apostles	Pastor Dave Pastor Jeff
July 6	4 th Sunday after Pentecost	Pastor Jeff Pastor Dave
July 13	5 th Sunday after Pentecost	Pastor Dave Pastor Jeff
July 20	6 th Sunday after Pentecost	Pastor Jeff Pastor Dave
July 27	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	Pastor Dave Pastor Jeff

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**ALL LUTHERAN REGATTA AND PICNIC
PLANNED JUNE 22ND
(nice weather prayed for - you remember last
year???? OY!)**



Join us on Sunday, June 22nd at the tailwaters near the dam at 1:00 p.m. for our annual canoe trip down the mighty Allegheny! We'll be taking out at Allegheny Outfitters and heading over to St. John's for our annual all Lutheran picnic beginning at 4:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service! Hot dogs, drinks and more provided! Sign up in the Narthex so we know how much food to prepare! Remember, you don't have to go down the river to come to the picnic – just meet us at 4:30 so we can share a meal together (and so we can tell you the story about a certain someone falling out of the canoe....)!

BETHANY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES JUNE-JULY

6/ 5 Scott & Vanessa Steffan
6/6 Karen Shick
6/ 9 Kelsi Silves
6/11 Jean Dunn
Denise Pierson
6/16 Rick Moore
6/17 Donald & Elizabeth Watts
6/19 Carl & Florence Anderson
Jeff & Patch Baker
6/23 Harold & Janet Schopper
6/24 Joslyn Rubendun
6/26 Jeff & Judy Scalise
6/27 Chauncey Traister

7/7	Walt Elmquist Larry Koza Gordy & Avel Lubold
7/10	Katherine Feidler
7/12	Larry & Debbie Koza
7/13	Jodell Barner Elin Scalise
7/17	Sherry McMillen
7/18	John & Ellen McLaughlin
7/19	Elizabeth Watts
7/21	Carl Anderson
7/25	Bob Stewart
7/29	Savanna Cochran

PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISMS Received into God's family by the Sacrament of Baptism, Brooklyn ReNae Streit-Ludwig at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 25, 2014. Welcome Brooklyn!

WEDDING Joined together in marriage were Michael Taraska and Ashley Mathers at First Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 17, 2014. Congratulations to Michael and Ashley!

FUNERAL A celebration of new life was given for Stephen A. Robatzen who joined the Church Triumphant, Thursday, May 13, 2014. The funeral was held at the Bracken Funeral Home, Corry on Sunday, May 18, 2014.

A celebration of new life was given for Judy A. Barner who joined the Church Triumphant, Monday, May 19, 2014. The funeral was held at Bethany Lutheran Church, Sheffield on Thursday, May 22, 2014.

A celebration of new life was given for Jeanne A. Williams who joined the Church Triumphant, Wednesday, May 21, 2014. The funeral was held on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at First Lutheran Church.

A memorial service was held for Mary P. Schwanke at St. John's Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 31, 2014. Mary joined the Church Triumphant on Friday, May 16, 2014.

"Rest eternal grant them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them."

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

June 7th- 9AM Breakfast at Bethany

June 21- Weinie Roast for returning Confircampers and families. Join us at 11:30am for some delicious food as we welcome back our campers.

July 15th- Grand Pubah Randy Britton's birthday celebration! (Ballgame, anyone?)



eXtreme Losers: YOUTH EVENTS!

Hah! You thought I'd list them here didn't you?! Gotcha! You'll have to check the weekly bulletin and facebook to find out what's going on this summer – all I can tell you is that it's going to be a fun one!!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council met Monday Evening, May 19, 2014 and received reports from various committees. Don Reed expressed concern over the short fall between the budget and our revenue received to date. Council encourages everyone who can to try to fulfill their pledges timely. Christian Education committee informed council that Confirmation Camp begins the week of June 15. June 22 is the All Lutheran Picnic with canoeing beginning at the tail waters, take out at Allegheny Outfitters and culminating at 4:30 Picnic at St. John's. The Witness committee reminds us to start buying water for the Fourth of July water tent. Everyone is encouraged to help pass out water at the parade, see Randy Britton or anyone on the Witness committee for details. Our Social Ministry committee says that our first Produce Express went well. We had plenty of volunteers and served 80 families, over 200 people. The date for our next Produce Express has been changed from June 27th to Monday, June 16th. The Social Ministry committee will hold a coffee hour sometime near the end of June. Worship and Music announced that Altar Guild chair Meredith McIntosh is stepping down and Peggy Dennis and Denise Bleech will take her place. We thank Meredith for her good service. Bishop Jones will preach June 15th and new acolyte and worship assistant robes have been ordered and will be dedicated in the fall. The next meeting of Church Council is Monday, June 16, 7:00 church parlor. People with concerns, suggestions or questions are encouraged to discuss them with their church council representatives.



Persons interested in joining Bethany, St. John's or First Lutheran Churches are encouraged to attend the New Member Classes that will begin on June 4 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. The classes will be held for four evenings over a four week period. The first class will be held in the Parlor at First Lutheran

Church. Pastor Dave and Pastor Jeff will be the instructors. Long-time members are welcome to join us as well. Classes focus on basic Christian beliefs, our Lutheran Heritage and the ministries of our three congregations. For more information please contact Pastors Dave or Jeff at 723-6450.

The Rev. Ralph Jones, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod will be visiting our three congregations on Sundays, June 15 and 22. Bishop Jones will preach at First Lutheran Church's 8:00am & 10:00am services on Sunday, June 15.

He will preach and preside at St. John's 9:30am service and Bethany's 11:15am worship service on Sunday, June 22. Please join us at one of these services for an opportunity to meet Bishop Jones and to participate in worship with the shepherd of our synod.



Pastor David Blank has been selected to serve as chaplain at the Lutheran House during the first week of the Chautauqua Institute's 2014 Season (June 21-27). The chaplain's responsibilities at the Lutheran House will include preaching and presiding at the Sunday morning Eucharist, a mid-week Vespers service and a Bible Study.

Lutheran Clergy are chosen via nominations provided by members of pastor's parish. Mary Kay Young and Eunice Herrington nominated Pastor Dave for consideration. One other pastor of the Northwestern PA Synod, Pastor Andrew Edwards, St. John's Lutheran Church, Girard was selected to serve during a week later in the season.

CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY – June 8 is Church Music Sunday and we will be celebrating as one community at First Lutheran Church at 10:00am. A combined choir from Bethany and First will provide choral music and the Joyful Sounds Handbell Choir will also be ringing some special selections for this festive service. Our congregations have some extraordinary musical talent and we celebrate God’s gift in sacred song. This Sunday marks the last worship service the choirs will share their talents before they take a well-deserved rest during the summer months. Members of Bethany, St. John’s and First are encouraged to come together to lift up praise and adoration to God in music. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. A special word of thanks is given to all who sing and/or play bells in our choirs and assisting us in leading the worship services. Thank you to our Music Directors, Jack Hemink (First) and Alice Stewart (Bethany). First will hold a shortened form of the traditional Lutheran Communion at 8:00am and St. John’s have moved their service to 8:30am. There will be no worship service at Bethany.



**PRODUCE EXPRESS
SUMMER DATES**

Our first produce express distribution went very well even though the weather did NOT cooperate with us! We served 80 families and over 200 people! Thank



you to all the wonderful volunteers who made the day go so smoothly! Distribution dates for the summer are as follows: Monday, June 16th, Thursday, July 17th and Thursday, August 21st. Distribution begins at 4:30 and we will have a volunteer sign-up sheet for folks who are interested in helping out!



MISSION TRIPPERS HEADING OUT ON JULY 13TH

Please keep the folks going on the mission trip in your prayers as they travel to Cherokee, North Carolina for a week of service. We will return home on Saturday, July 19th. While there we will be serving folks on the reservation by hosting a VBS for 50 kids, river clean up, house upgrades and whatever other work needs to be done.



First Lutheran Church will serve as the host for a Worship Workshop sponsored by the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod’s Worship Committee on Sunday, August 24 from 2:30pm – 5:00pm. The workshop will be featuring Mr. Jared Jacobson, Coordinator of Worship and Sacred Music for the Chautauqua Institute and Director of Music at First Lutheran Church of San Diego, CA. The workshop will include a hymn sing, breakout sessions on “Worship Planning for congregations with limited resources,” “Learning to Intone the service,” and the “Congregation Sings.” A light supper will follow. The cost of the event is \$5.00. More

information will be available in the weeks to come and in the August newsletter Persons interested in attending are to contact either Jack Hemink or Pastor Dave.

The Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14 at Thiel College. This is the first year the event will be only two days. At this time only Pastor Dave is attending. Each church is entitled to be represented by two lay voting members and the pastor. Since the assembly will begin Friday morning, there will be a special worship service held at 7:30pm on Thursday evening at Thiel's David Johnson Memorial Chapel for those who will be arriving Thursday night. The service is a Festival of Lesser Festivals which will be a celebration of readings, hymns and special music. The festival is open to anyone who would like to attend. The Festival of Lesser Festival has been designed by the NW PA Synod's Worship Committee of which Jack Hemink, First's Music Director and Pastor Dave are members. Pastor Dave serves as the Committee Chairman.

Next year's assembly will return to a three day format and will be a joint gathering of both the Northwestern and Southwestern Pennsylvania Synods.

LESSER FESTIVALS AND COMMEMORATIONS IN JUNE & JULY

June 29 – Peter & Paul, Apostles – The most familiar of the Apostles, these two great apostles' ministries reached out to the Jewish and Gentiles community. This date is one of the oldest dates chosen to commemorate these two saints since the year 258. Tradition records that both Peter and Paul ended up in Rome where both met a martyr's death. It is believed that Peter was crucified upside down. The last we hear of Paul is that he is in Rome. However, legend suggests Paul continued his missionary work into Spain and then returned to Rome where he was beheaded by Nero.

Commemorations –

June 1 – Justin, martyr at Rome, c.165 – was born of pagan parents. He became a Christian and taught at Ephesus and Rome. He, along with some students were denounced as Christians and required to make a pagan sacrifice. When they refused they were scourged and beheaded. The records of their martyrdom, based upon official court reports survives to this day.

June 7 – Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy – Seattle was born in the Puget Sound area of Washington c. 1790. He became chief of allied tribes known as the Duwamish Confederacy. He rejected war and was a proponent of peace. He converted to Roman Catholicism in the 1830's and lived in such a way that he earned the respect of Indians and white men. He died in 1866 and on the centennial of his birth the city of Seattle, Washington was named for him.

July 6 – Jan Hus, martyr, 1415 – Born in Bohemia to peasant parents in 1371, he was ordained a priest in 1401. Hus became increasingly concerned about church abuses. He was excommunicated in 1409 and summoned to recant of his writings. When he refused, he was burned at the stake on July 6, 1415.

July 17 – Bartolome de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, 1566 – Las Casas was originally a lawyer. He accompanied the Spanish governor to Hispaniola in 1502. He was ordained a priest in 1510 and most likely the first person to be ordained in the New World. He became a missionary and defender of the Indians against the exploitation of the Spanish settlers. In 1543 he was made bishop of Chiapa, Mexico. He retired in 1551 and continued to support the Indians in his writings. He died at the age of 93.

There are many more commemorations for June and July. Find out who we commemorate by turning to pp. 15-17 in "Evangelical Lutheran Worship."

June serving schedule

Ushers: (8AM) Tim Bleech, Don Reed, Dan Knupp and Gayle Neidig (10AM) Tom Schultz, Gary Candreia, Cherri Kellogg, Jim Pearson, Ralph Farone and Earl Ross **Altar Guild:** (8AM) Jane Beardsley and Jan Peterson (10AM) Mary Kay Young, Roberta Stewart and Penny Lester

Visitor Greeters 8:00 a.m.

6/1 Harry and Dot Boekeloo
6/8 Randy and Sandy Britton
6/15 Andy and Jane Beardsley
6/22 Joan Loree
6/29 Doris Sadler

10:00

Charles and Rita Cox
Dale and Nancy Clark
Denny and Vonda Hedges
Phil Howard
Charles Merroth

Greeters

6/1 Gayle Neidig
6/8 Jan Peterson
6/15 Don and Kate Reed
6/22 Doris Sadler
6/29 Marjie Stevenson

Amy Justice
Koebley Family
Cherri Kellogg
Gary and Penny Lester
Mary Ann Mead

Acolytes

6/1 Jackson Knupp
6/8 Taige Honhart
6/15 Erika Stevenson
6/22 Liam Stevenson
6/29 Megan Koerselman

Allison and Emily Koebley
Stephanie Rowland and Elyse Hedges
Haley Justice and Christie Hillard
Aidan Colosimo and Cole Chementi
Jack Holland and Aidan Flannery

Assisting Ministers

6/1 Kris Whitaker
6/8 Elizabeth Beardsley
6/15 Randy Britton
6/22 Barb Kersey
6/29 Don Reed

Bob Engstrom
Randy Baughman
Heidi Colosimo
Denny Crandall
Mary Donaldson

Cantors

6/1 John Beard
6/8
6/15
6/22
6/29

Brenda Hunter
Kevin Hunt
Joan Griesbach
Adri Hunt
Roz Hupp

Nursery (11:00)

6/1 Diane Stenstrom and Sydney Ewing
6/8 Joyce and Rachel Rowland
6/15
6/22 Bonnie Abplanalp and Stephanie Rowland
6/29 Amy and Kevin Downey

Crucifer

Rachel Labowski

July serving schedule

Ushers (8AM) John Hyde, Andy Beardsley, Bob Buerkle and Craig Whitaker (10AM) George Boyer, Phil Howard, Mark Simpson, Jim Rapp, Joe Whipp, Mike Wachter and Tim Huber **Altar Guild** (8AM) Hope Green and Ann Benson (10AM) Lori Howard, Colleen Witmer and Karen Caldwell

Visitor Greeters – 8AM

7/6 Harry and Dot Boekeloo
 7/13 Randy and Sandy Britton
 7/20 Andy and Jane Beardsley
 7/27 Joan Loree

Acolytes

7/6 Jackson Knupp
 7/13 Taige Honhart
 7/20 Erika Stevenson
 7/27 Liam Stevenson

Assisting Ministers

7/6 Kris Whitaker
 7/13 Elizabeth Beardsley
 7/20 Randy Britton
 7/27 Barb Kersey

Cantors

7/6
 7/13
 7/20
 7/27

10AM

Jim and Velma Zock
 Bonnie Abplanalp
 Charles and Rita Cox
 Dale and Nancy Clark

Abby Koebley and Rachal Rowland
 Nathan and Jared Labowski
 Allison and Emily Koebley
 Stephanie Rowland and Elyse Hedges

Bob Engstrom
 Joan Griesbach
 Roz Hupp
 Meredith McIntosh

Joan Griesbach
 Nicki Tremblay
 Bob Engstrom
 Roz Hupp

First Lutheran Church Current & Benevolence Report

	Year to date April 30, 2014	Year to date Budget	Amt. over or (under) Budget	Percent of Budget	Last year at this Time
Regular Envelope Giving	\$ 78,919.00	\$ 85,976.67	\$ (7,057.67)	91.8%	91.3%
Total Current & Benevolence Income	\$ 126,768.23	\$ 135,680.25	\$ (8,912.02)	93.4%	93.9%
Total Expenses	\$(128,460.83)	\$(129,365.72)	\$ (904.89)	99.3%	94.8%
Net Revenue over Expenses	\$ (1,692.60)	\$ 6,314.53	\$ (8,007.13)		

Did you know?

That you can make your regular contributions automatically from your bank account?
 You continue to support your church, even when you're away from home.
 Makes your budgeting easier
 Saves you the cost of checks and postage.

There are several ways to make automatic electronic payments. Call Tom Schultz or one of the Pastors at 723-6450 or Treasurer Don Reed at 723-4520 to learn more and find the best method for you!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH 2014

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6/2 Nickolas Brooks, Shelby Rhoades
6/4 Connie Buerkle, Erika Stevenson
6/5 Nick Carr, Jerry Nelson
6/6 Nathan Labowski
6/7 Haley Ferrie, Chuck Olson
6/8 Zachary Smith
6/10 Bill Kramer
6/11 Judy Blank, Mike Cronmiller, Erica Littlefield,
Demeyer Pearson
6/12 Kerry Litzinger
6/14 John Kersey
6/15 Shelly Ristau
6/16 Cole Chimenti, Sue Colosimo,
Robin D' Alessandro, Jack Donaldson
6/17 Kayla Hunter, Russell Stenstrom
6/18 Jean Engle, Meredith McIntosh
6/20 Betty Berry, Sandy Wachter
6/21 Vi Ahlquist, Amy Kuppertz, Jo Loree
6/22 Olivia Hecei, Brandon Williams
6/23 Brad Smith
6/24 Kenny Anderson, Nathan Britton, Jen Kersey
6/25 Melanie Ewing
6/28 Charlotte Brown, Sally Hawkinson,
Irene Keller, Rodger Taraska
6/30 Suanne Beardsley

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/3 Ron & Alice Rapp (14)
6/4 Ed & Bonnie Abplanalp (31)
6/5 Matt & Wendy Andersen (10)
6/6 Andy & Amy Kuppertz IV (22)
Roger & Shelle Tubbs (22)
6/9 Chris & Caroline Check (8)
6/10 Bill & Twila Kramer (42)
6/12 Brian & Melissa Marfink (15)
6/14 Ralph & Joan Loree (30)
Kelly & Beth Nelson (32)
6/15 Denny & Vonda Hedges (57)
6/20 Jack & Madolyn Elder (61)
6/23 Frank & Lois Hodas (64)
Trevor & Katie Rodgers (13)
6/26 Kevin & Adrienne Hunt (4)
Don & Kate Reed (21)
6/27 Jim & Denny Pearson (33)
6/28 Darin & Amy Schulz (6)
6/29 Jack & Mary Donaldson (57)
Steven & Barb Hoden (2)
6/30 Dick & Connie Coon (53)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/1 Ron Hillard
7/2 Eric Smith
7/4 Frances Eyer, Ruth Long
7/6 Gordon Bennett, Jr., Amy Downey,
Todd Koebly
7/7 Tammy Rice
7/8 Claire Abplanalp, Linda Jacobson,
Donna Kavinski, Sharyn Stone
7/9 Jerry Huber, Lynne Rich, Cory Spattifor,
Meghan Stewart, Mike Taraska
7/10 Charmaine Check, Arden Tremblay
7/11 Erica Kridler, Arthur Stewart
7/12 Elizabeth Beardsley, Jack Bergquist,
Randy Swanson
7/14 Bob Ewing, Scott Koerselman,
Polly Van Volkinburg
7/15 Randy Britton
7/17 Carol Johnson, Ray Kavinski
Isabella Knupp, Todd Phillips
7/20 Dane Reed
7/21 Twila Kramer, Mary Kay Young
7/23 Karen Caldwell, Blake Ristau,
Cindy Wiedmaier, Darren Williams
7/24 Christie Hillard, Stephanie Rowland
Debbie Suppa, Jim Young
7/25 Erik Campbell, Katie Rodgers
Teddy Russell, Allene Stahlman
7/26 Cindy Elmquist, Hanna Marfink, Kim
Nelson, Cathy Southwell
7/31 Michael Rodgers, Don Trubic,
Blaine Williams

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/6 Nathan & Victoria Brooks (14)
Kevin & Amy Downey (32)
Gary & Penny Lester (41)
Craig & Kris Whitaker (35)
7/7 Randy & Tammy Rice (24)
7/11 Scott & Sue Colosimo (11)
7/14 Brian & Brianna Check (11)
7/16 David & Cindy DeChano (48)
Rodger & Elaine Taraska (43)
7/17 Walt & Joan Griesbach (5)
Nathan & Gayle Neidig (15)
7/20 Ken & Joyce Rowland (18)
7/27 Rick & Lori Eaton (29)
7/29 Aaron & Lisa Feeney (14)
7/30 Greg & Jill Fraser (31)
7/31 Kyle & Jennifer Young (4)

