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The Newsletter of
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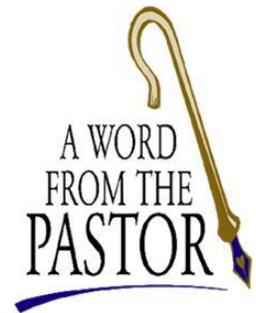
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“We Serve Because Jesus Loves You”

Summer 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Who remembers the last time the newsletter was published? I don't either. A pandemic certainly changes things, doesn't it? It was June 21, 2020, when we were finally able to come together again as the people of God to hear His Word in the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ and to receive the Savior's Body and Blood at His altar. What a great day that was, reuniting in the name of Jesus—the Name above all names!



Life for so many has changed over the past year. But what hasn't changed is Jesus: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Heb. 13:8 ESV). What hasn't changed is the Word of God: “But the word of the Lord endures forever” (1 Pet. 1:25 NASB). I again pledge to you that I, the Lord helping me through the power and grace of His Holy Spirit, will continue to perform the duties of the office to which you have called me in accordance with the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. I will perform the duties of the office in accordance with the Lutheran Confessions because they are in accord with the Word of God.

As Jesus and His Word do not change, so I will not waver from proclaiming the Law and Gospel according to the Scriptures and our Confessions. The world may go off after myths and lies and distortions of the Word, but we will not. As Paul instructed Pastor Timothy, “I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry” (2 Tim. 4:1–5 ESV).

The Lord helping us together as pastor and people, we will, with the help of the Holy Spirit, remain steadfast to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We will remain faithful to the Holy Scriptures and the orthodox teaching of the prophets and apostles. I pray that our God and Savior will continue to bless our partnership in the Gospel and I look forward to seeing where the mission of God leads us next in our community.

Serving HIM with you,

Pastor Coons



Car Show

June 26, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sign up to help on the church
bulletin board.
Any Questions? See Jane Murray
860-841-7474

Congratulations and God’s Blessings to our 2021 Graduates

Enfield High School June 22



Aaron Coons (High Honors)
Attending Liberty University (online) to study
History.

Cassidy Currier (Honors)
Attending Asnuntuck Community College to study
aesthetics and cosmetology.

Kyle Labak (High Honors)

Jordyn Medina



Howell Cheney Technical High School

Brian Lees

Somers High School June 16



Olivia Suter (Valedictorian)
Attending Sacred Heart University to study biology
on the secondary education track.
She will be running on their track and field team.

Congregational Meeting

June 27, 9:20 a.m. – Election of Officers. Offices for
election are Vice President, Treasurer, Fellowship
Chair, Property Chair. If you would like to stand for
election and want to know more about a position,
see our Congregation President, Dave McCollum.

Cleaning Volunteers are needed for June,
July, and August. Please sign up to clean on
Saturdays. Thank you for serving.

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible
School for Grades
PreK3 – Grade 6
will be held on

July 26-30 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Volunteers
are needed to serve! To register as a volunteer or
to register your child(ren), please go to
[https://lcorct.org/vacation-bible-school-
registration](https://lcorct.org/vacation-bible-school-registration)

Please register by July 3!

We will be following any CDC guidelines. As in the
previous years, your child(ren) will be with the
same group all morning. Opening and closing will
be inside as well as crafts. Snack, games, and Bible
stories will be outside.

Preschool children, as in previous years, will be in
the classrooms. However, we will be doing
different activities outside, so they are not inside
all morning.

This year’s snacks will be pre-packaged with a juice
box or 8oz water bottle (Snack menu to be posted
at later date). There will be hand sanitizer available
at all areas for your child to sanitize their hands.
Masks will be worn inside and can be taken off
outside per CDC guidelines.



We will resume altar guild service to the Lord's church for August. Please follow the schedule listed here for the rest of the year. If you are unable to serve, please contact Tom Savage, Worship Chair.

August: Sue Thorpe
 September: Jane Murray
 October: Gayle Pueschel
 November: Darlene Johnson
 December: Linda Stevens

Sunday Readers

If you would like to volunteer, please see Tom Savage or Pastor

8:00 a.m.

June 6 Marcos Iglesias
 June 13 Tom Savage
 June 20 Rich Suter
 June 27 George Arendt
 July 4 Olivia Suter
 July 11 Gayle Pueschel
 July 18 Marcos Iglesias
 July 25 Tom Savage
 Aug 1 Rich Suter
 Aug 8 George Arendt
 Aug 15 Olivia Suter
 Aug 22 Gayle Pueschel
 Aug 29 Marcos Iglesias

10:30 a.m.

June 6 Darlene Johnson
 June 13
 June 20 Linda Stevens
 June 27

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 July 11
 July 18 Linda Stevens
 July 25
 Aug 1 Darlene Johnson
 Aug 8
 Aug 15 Linda Stevens
 Aug 22
 Aug 29

Ushers' Schedule

June: 8:00 a.m. Jack Prajzner / Rich Suter
 10:30 a.m. Dave & Jacob McCollum
 July: 8:00 a.m. Michael Stimpson / Mark Parlapiano
 10:30 a.m. Eric & Lisa Ramaeka
 Aug.: 8:00 a.m. Rich Plumb / Tom Savage
 10:30 a.m. Dave Herzig / Aaron Coons
 Sept: 8:00 a.m. Bill Reis / Rich Suter
 10:30 a.m. Dave & Jacob McCollum



What Luther Says

"It is better to omit everything but the Word. Nothing deserves to be fostered more than the Word; for the entire Scripture shows that this is to be in common use among Christians, and

Christ Himself says (Luke 10:42) that one thing is needful: that Mary sit at the feet of Christ and hear His Word daily. This is the best part that is to be chosen, and it will never be taken away. It is an eternal Word. All the rest must pass away, no matter how much work it gives Martha to do."