



And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory." –Isaiah 6:3

Monthly Meditation



You only have a few days left to finish your preparations for Pentecost. But, maybe you already have completed your plans. The menu for the family feast is posted on the refrigerator; there are still a few items to pick up at the grocery store. The new red top you bought is hanging in the closet and you can't wait to wear it to church Sunday morning.

What? You don't have special plans for Pentecost weekend? We don't at our house either. In our current culture, most people don't celebrate Pentecost with special plans outside of possibly attending church on Pentecost Sunday.

German tradition treated Pentecost in ways that would amaze us. Pentecost was treated like Christmas and Easter. There would be church services on two days to welcome the coming of the Holy Spirit. Four freshly-cut birch trees with leaves still attached were brought to the church. Two of the trees were set up in the church and two would be at the front entrance. The trees were there to remind us of the Holy Spirit's work in growing His church and calling us to eternal life. The Third Article tell us that the Holy Spirit, "calls, gathers, and enlightens us with His gifts," just as He does the Church. Scripture also tells us,

"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words (Rom 8:25-27)." The Germans would also fill their homes with fragrant lilacs to remind everyone that the Holy Spirit's prayers for us are like a sweet fragrance in the Father's nose!

This year, rejoice in Christ's gift of the Holy Spirit. Rejoice in the Holy Spirit's work in your heart and the church. After the Festival of Pentecost is over; don't let your worship to God, the Holy Spirit, cease as He works in our lives to comfort and advocate for us!

Introducing Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kraatz



Dodging rain drops on June 1, Joey Kraatz and Page Mallory were united in Holy Matrimony at the Kraatz home on Little Glen. As their marriage symbolizes the relationship between Christ and His Bride, the Church, we pray God's richest blessings upon them.



The combined Council/ Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 23, following fellowship. (Due to many date conflicts, the meeting was moved from June 9.) Please join us for this quarterly business meeting.

Fourth of July Hot Dog Sale



Please join us for BLC's Annual Hot Dog Sale on July 4th. This event has always been successful and provides a lot of fun for both the workers and the participants! Help us celebrate the Fourth as we greet many visitors!

LCMS Triennial Convention



From July 20-25, our Synod (national church) will meet in convention to deliberate many memorials (proposals) that will impact the future of our church body.

Three men are running to be the Synodical president for a term of three years. These men include:



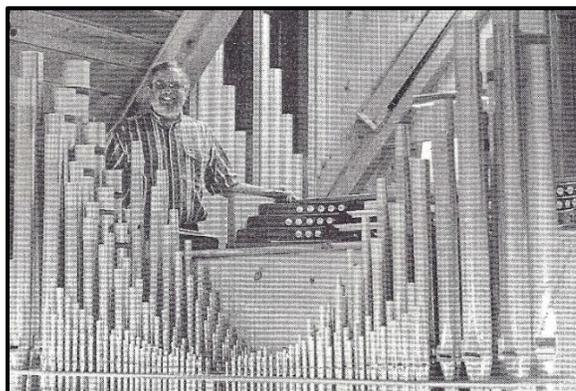
(Left) Rev. Matthew Harrison, is the incumbent candidate, and has been a faithful pastor and servant of the church.

(Middle) Rev. David Maier, currently the MI District President, is seeking the office for the second time and has served the MI District faithfully for several terms.

(Right) Rev. Timothy M. Klinkenberg was ordained in 1991 and has served in various parish and district roles in his ministry.

We pray the Holy Spirit to "guard, guide, and direct" our church into its Scriptural path and confessional faithfulness.

Organ Deferred Maintenance



Installed in 1996, our pipe organ has served us faithfully over the years. Like any mechanical device, it experiences wear and tear in use and we have deferred many repairs. Unfortunately, it needed to be done and now it sounds so bright and majestic. The cost was \$2600 and still needs to be tuned. If you have heard it recently or seen the smile on John's face, you know the dulcet tones are back!

"Thanks, Sod Squad"

We want to thank all of the faithful volunteers who have cut and trimmed the grass over the years. A donor has stepped forward to cover this year's costs.



Caring Ministry



We are starting a new ministry to care and give cheer to members of our congregation who are in nursing homes, hospitals, home bound or are sick.

This could include visits, cards, phone calls or anything that seems appropriate. Check with Pastor Dan to see who needs care when it is your turn to volunteer.

Please chose a month and sign up on the clipboard in the Fellowship Hall in teams of 2.

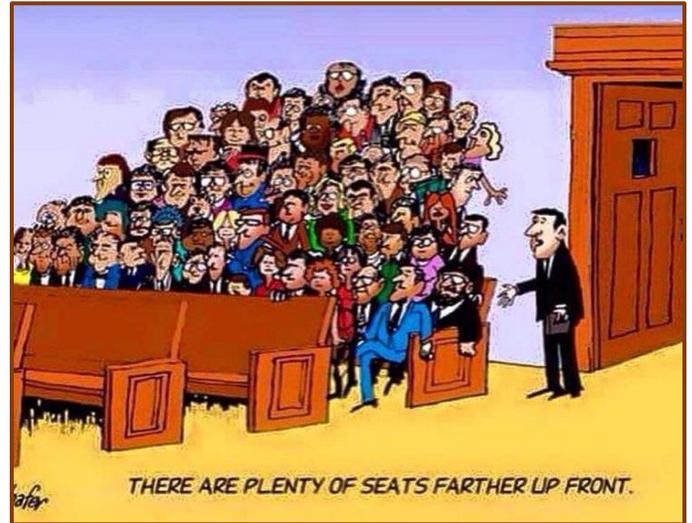
“Old Chestnuts and Spring”

On May 5, BLC was privileged to host the Leelanau Community Singers for our neighbors. As always, the performers were amazing and BLC’s reception was topnotch! Thanks to everyone who made the evening successful.



(Photo Courtesy of Chris Nettleton)

It’s Just Not Us!



(Courtesy of Grace Lutheran – Auburn, MI)

HOST A FELLOWSHIP HOUR!

Do you ever wonder who puts out the food and coffee every Sunday morning? Volunteers!!!! We are looking for some more volunteers to host coffee hour on Sunday mornings throughout the year. It doesn't have to be anything fancy, and we'll give you easy-to-follow directions on how to do everything! Grab some friends and do it together! What a GREAT way to serve your congregation!



- Fae Shalda as she rehabs in Mt. Pleasant

- Janet Pepper as she rehabs from her fall

- Pat Bennett as she rehabs at home



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

A righteous man who walks in his integrity - how blessed are his sons after him.

PROVERBS 20:7



Call Day for Pastoral Candidates

When God calls a man to the Office of Holy Ministry, it requires four years of undergraduate studies and four years of seminary. (One of those years is spent in vicarage or "practice pastoring" under the direction of an ordained pastor called a "bishop.")

During the last week of April of his senior year, the Holy Spirit divinely calls him to serve a parish or ministry site. The Holy Spirit uses the seminary and the Council of President from all the districts to

assign these men. They have no idea or say in where they will be assigned other than general regions or places that they would not prefer such as large cities. Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne Call Service is on a Tuesday and Concordia Seminary-St. Louis is on the following Wednesday. In the picture above (Kramer Chapel in Fort Wayne), you will notice the pastor-elect receiving his paperwork from Dr. Rast (Seminary President), Dr. Harrison (Synodical President), and Dr. Maier (President of the Council of Presidents and MI District President). Please know it is the Call of the Congregation that is the Call into Ministry, but the seminaries and synod examine and certify the men for placement.

Matro Minute



We will be leaving PNG on June 23rd and will settle back in Michigan for the summer. We are looking forward to time with our family, including the baptism of our newest grandson, James Oliver Smith! (FIVE

grandchildren have been born since we came here and we are looking forward to getting to know (aka spoil) them!) Larry will be waiting for a Call from a congregation, hopefully by the end of August. Look for one more newsletter that will tell you what happened here as we said "Good Bye to PNG" and to let you know where the Lord and His church have sent us to serve next. God i stap wantaim yu! (God be with you!)

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- June 16 - Diaper Drive Ends
- June 23 - Voters
- July 04 - Hot Dog Sale
- Sept 24 - Tea Cup Tea by Mary Martha

Did you notice John DeKorne standing among the organ pipes on page 2?

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