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The Athanasian Creed: At many LCMS churches on the Sunday after Pentecost, the congregation will sit for the creed instead of standing. Instead of turning to the Nicene Creed or loosely holding their bulletin, they will turn to a page in the hymnal used only once a year. As they speak of their faith in the Holy Trinity, pastors and people alike will not close their eyes or look at the altar; everyone will be reading the words. They will be reading the words because the creed they are speaking is used so infrequently and is so lengthy that few (if any) have it memorized. It's the Athanasian Creed. And it is a doozy—repetitive, long, intricate and confusing. But it's thorough, detailing who the Holy Trinity is and what He isn't, and that is why it's used.

In all three creeds we recite—the Apostles', the Nicene and the Athanasian—we confess that the Son of God is begotten of the Father. This does not mean that the Father reproduced Himself to form the Son in a biological way, like a father begets a son in our lives, but the First Person of the Trinity's relationship with the Second is like that of Father and Son. And it always has been that way, because the Son is eternally present.

The Nicene Creed confesses it this way: that the Son of God was “begotten before all worlds.” In other words, the Son has existed with the Father since eternity. That is hard to imagine—impossible, really—but the fact remains that before the beginning of time there was Father and Son, together one God, yet in a relationship to one another like that of Father and Son.

The creeds also express the relationship between the Father and Son together and the Holy Spirit. But in this relationship, the Nicene Creed confesses that the Spirit “proceeds from the Father and the Son.” Again, it is impossible for us to imagine what this means or looks like. But it does affirm that there is a relationship between each of the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity.

Scripture testifies to this “inner relationship” of the Trinity. We can see this relationship that is at the heart of the Godhead when St. John writes, “God is love” (1 John 4:8). This is more than a warm and woolly feeling, more than a vague and emotional statement. It is at the heart of who God is. In order to love, there must be someone to love. St. Paul refers to this in the famous passage from 1 Corinthians, “Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful” (1 Cor. 13:4–5).

If God is love itself, then God must have another to love. It is not enough to say that He loves His creation. He does, but if that is the only “other” that He loved, then before creation, God would not have been love. No, if God is love in its perfect and biblical definition, then love also describes His relationship with Himself. The Father loves the Son and the Spirit. The Son loves the Father and the Spirit. The Spirit loves the Father and the Son. In other words, God is One, but since God is love, He loves within Himself, in the way of the Holy Trinity.

When we confess the Athanasian Creed, we also see that God is never alone. God Himself is a community, a relationship. He is One but also Three and always One in Three and Three in One. This love of God passes to us who have been created in His own image, who were also created in a community with Him and given a community with one another. We, too, are created to express our love not by ourselves, not by looking in a mirror, but in community with spouse and children, friends and neighbors.

The church has been confessing the Athanasian Creed since the fifth century. Many churches confess the creed on Trinity Sunday, when the Church specifically reflects on this great mystery. “The creeds are glorious confessions of the faith, brief, devout, and founded on God's Word”

by Rev. Christopher Hall, *Reporter*, June 2011

Worship Schedule
 9:00 AM, Sunday Worship Service
 Adult Bible Class, 10:15 A.M.

June's Calendar

June 02 Seventh Sunday of Easter
 Worship with Holy Communion
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June 03 LifeLight Study 1:00 PM

June 09 Pentecost Observance
 Worship with Holy Communion

June 10 LifeLight Study 1:00 PM

June 13 WOF Meeting 10:00 PM

June 14 Flag Day

June 16 Holy Trinity Sunday
 Worship with Holy Communion
 Father's Day Observance

June 17 LifeLight Study 1:00 PM

June 18 Elders Mtg. 6:30 PM
 Church Council 7:00 PM

June 23 Second Sunday after Pentecost
 Worship with Holy Communion

June 24 LifeLight Study 1:00 PM

June 30 Third Sunday after Pentecost
 No Holy Communion

Altar Guild Schedule

June 02	Mary Hahn	White
June 09	Kari Tavares	Red
June 16	Sharon Larson	White
June 23	Mary Hahn	Green
June 30	Marilyn Sturtevant	Green

Weekly Ushers:

1st Sunday: Gary Hahn & Kevin Hull
 2nd Sunday: Eric Cervantez & Nick Leezer
 3rd Sunday: Nick Philips & Randy Stockner
 4th Sunday: Mike Leezer & Wendell Hier
 5th Sunday: Kevin Hull & Ted Sturtevant

Elders List:

Wayne Becker: 309-853-8783
 Kevin Hull: 309-852-0801
 Ron Larson: 309-853-5111
 Mike Leezer: 309-286-3014
 Ted Sturtevant: 309-853-8203
 Wendell Hier 309-853-8388

Lutheran Hour Ministry Radio Program

Station	City, State	Freq.	Day & Time
WKEI	Kewanee, IL	1450 AM	Sun 5:30 AM

Those For Whom We Pray: Please include the following in your thoughts and daily prayers.

Our Faith family: Cari Bridgewater, Betty Godke, Tootie Godke, Fred Stapel, Bonnie Nuding, Nancy Tudder, and Heidi Heinrich.

Friends: Jeff Bowman, Karen Wright, Judi Umbarger, Ray Rumbold, Glen Quart, and all military personnel.

Inactive Members—Pray the Holy Spirit bring them to the understanding of their need to be in regular worship in church on Sunday, and that we as their brothers and sisters in Christ would reach out to them.

CID: Our campus, prison, deaf, and Hispanic missions in the District need your prayers and support.

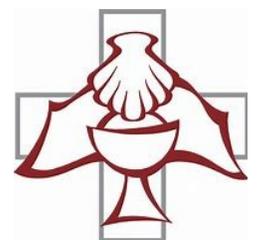
R.I. Cir: St. Matthew, Milan, and Trinity, Coal Valley, are calling shepherds to lead their congregations. Pray that God grant these congregations patience, wisdom, and discernment in this process.



Prayer Requests: Have someone or something that you would like Pastor Weber to include in either his personal prayers or in our public Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request, place in an envelope, and leave it in the office or hand it to Pastor.

Welcome: Ethan Michael Cole, son of Jenny (Leezer) and Jeremy Cole, was brought into God's family on May 26, 2019 through Holy Baptism. His sponsors were Lacey Leezer and Nicholas Leezer. His material grandparents are Mike and Paula Leezer.

In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."



JUNE Birthdays

June 2	Kaitlyn Tudder
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June 3	Karen Adkison
June 7	Kathy Peed
June 8	Kamdyn Hicks
June 8	Austin Peed
June 13	Jeffrey Heinrich
June 17	Kevin Hull
June 28	Glen Godke
June 29	Karen Stapel
June 30	Halea Damm

Baptism Dates

Cari Bridgewater	6/11
Donald Bridgewater	6/11
Joshua Carpenter	6/19
Gary Carper	6/19
Michelle Croegaert	6/29
Peggy Faber	6/12
Logan Hernandez	6/20
Katherine Talbot	6/06
Jacob Townsend	6/15
Lorie Townsend	6/13
Deborah Woods	6/15
James Woods	6/21



As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
Psalm 103:13

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Wedding Anniversaries

Mark and Kim Tudder	June 3
Wayne and Donna Becker	June 11
Joy and Troy Butler	June 20
Robert and Linda Jacobs	June 29

REMEMBER: Please contact the office and inform us of any changes of name, address, marital status, e-mail, phone, and cell phone.

Women of Faith: The ladies will be meeting on Thursday, **June 13**, at 10:00AM. Mary Hahn will be hostess and lead a devotion. All ladies are invited to attend. The ladies will be baking goodies and will distribute them to our shut-ins.

On June 2 you have the opportunity with your mites to support the LWML Mission Grant, Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference. This mission grant provided funding for a 2-day conference, providing networking, resources, and training for 150 seasoned LCMS Jail Ministry Chaplains and new volunteers. Women of Faith thank you for your contributions.



The LWML is once again collecting cell phones and ink cartridges for recycling as well as cancelled stamps. All money goes to support missions. You can leave your donations in the designated box in the Narthex. God bless you.

Congratulations to:

Natalie Novak, from Faith Lutheran High School, Las Vegas, Nevada. Natalie is the granddaughter of Ron and Sharon Larson. Natalie is graduating with highest honors and will be attending the University of Alabama this fall to study psychiatry.

Nathanael Weber, son of Pastor and Heather Weber, has graduated from high school this year- a year early. He has all his requirements completed and has a scholarship from Western Illinois University- Quad Cities Engineering program, where he will be attending in the fall.



God's blessings to all those who have or will be graduating this year as they move on to the next step in their life.

R.I. Circuit News: Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Colona, IL has decided to close their church. On June 8th they will offer their furnishings to LCMS congregations on a first come basis. The trustees from Faith will be going to determine if they have anything that we might need.

Rev. Timothy Nerud has accepted a call from St. John Lutheran, Geneseo, to serve as Pastor. Rev. Nerud will be installed on Sunday, June 9, 2019. This service will begin at 3 pm followed by a dinner.

Holy Cross Vicar-elect is Paul Marks of Angola, New York. He was given his assignment on April 29 at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. St. John's, East Moline, Vicar for 2019-2020 is David Ahn.



The LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces supports almost 200 chaplains, who represent the church on active duty, the reserves, the National Guard, and Civil Air Patrol. Chaplains meet the needs of military personnel and their families.

The LCMS cares deeply for those who currently serve, for those who have donned the cloth of our nation in uniform, and for those who served our nation and live in our communities.

The LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces assists and trains congregations through project Operation Barnabas. The goal is to equip and encourage local LCMS members in compassionate care and witness by training outreach to all military connected people (active, reserve, retired, veterans and their loved ones).

Our LCMS Barnabas congregations and chapters reach out to these families through witness and mercy at the local level, whether it is the families of loved ones deployed or assisting those who have served to reintegrate back home with their family, their church and their community.

July 4th Concessions: A signup sheet will be available for anyone wishing to help run a concession stand at our church on the evening of July 4th for the city's fireworks display. We will have the stand only if we can get enough volunteers to prepare and man it. Drinks, popcorn, and baked goods are offered. We serve from 7:00 PM until the show begins.



2019-21 LCMS National Offering: Every three years, our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod meets in convention to determine mission and ministry priorities for the coming three years. This year, we will gather in Tampa under the theme "Joy:fully Lutheran."



As part of the preparation for the triennial convention, LCMS households, congregations and organizations are invited and encouraged to participate in a Synod wide gathering of special gifts called the National Offering. The 2019 National Offering theme is "Joy to the World."

You may make go to the LCMS website and make your gift directly to the Synod, or a door collection will be taken on **June 9th** for those members wishing to contribute to this thank offering. If you wish you may put your gift in an offering envelope and mark it as LCMS thank offering. Be sure to include your name. Gifts to the 2019 LCMS National Offering will empower the work God has given us to do in His name to bring joy to the world, as we vigorously make known the Good News of Jesus Christ, that all might rejoice and give thanks to God our heavenly Father.

Council News: Chairman, Bill Croegaert has found someone to maintain our hay field this year. It will be cut later this summer and plowed under next fall to eliminate the weed problem.

Council has approved a bid of \$2369 to replace the organ speakers in the loft. These are the original speakers that came with the used organ. There is a loud humming noise and distortion of sound when the organ is used. Hopefully, Memorial monies can be used to offset this expense.

The July Voter's meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, July 14.