

June Newsletter



June 2017

From the Pastor

Thought of the Month

The management of time is the management of self; therefore, if you manage time with God, he will begin to manage you.

Jill Briscoe

Bible Trivia Question

Where was Jonah when he prayed to God with the voice of thanksgiving?

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To the Saints of God at St. Jacob,

My name is Rev. David Westphal; and I am your interim pastor. (Folks generally just call me “Pastor Dave”.) By the grace of God, I will be with you until you call and receive a new, full-time pastor. That being said, even though my time with you will be limited, I thought I’d use this forum to introduce myself.

I am recently retired as an ELCA pastor. (I turned 65 my last birthday.) Over the course of thirty-two years of ministry, I have served congregations in Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio. I am married to Elizabeth “Beth” who is also an ELCA pastor. She is currently serving as Manager of Mission Integration and Spiritual Care at the St. Francis Senior Center in Tiffin, Ohio. We are in the process of moving to Tiffin from our current home in Canal Winchester, Ohio – just outside Columbus. In September, we will be married ten years.

I was born and raised in Williamsport, Pennsylvania (the home of the Little League and site of the Little League World Series). My father was a firefighter for the city and my mother worked in manufacturing. Both have since passed. My two sisters and most of their families still live in the Williamsport area. My brother and his family live near Raleigh, North Carolina.

I have three adopted children, two of whom are special needs. Up until our move to Tiffin, our son Aaron lived with us. He is now living in independent housing in Columbus. Our older daughter lives in independent housing in Wheeling, West Virginia and our younger daughter in Garrison, North Dakota. I adopted these children with my wife Helen who died of cancer in 2004.

My initial study and work was in architecture. I have an Associate Degree in Architectural Technology and worked in the field for a number of years before entering seminary. I have a Bachelor of Art degree from Roanoke College (Virginia) and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (Pennsylvania). I have a certificate in Formative Spirituality from the Epiphany Academy in Pittsburgh and have done extended study in mission, missiology and church development. I enjoy art and jazz music, have an interest in history and architecture, collect maps and model (HO) trains, am an avid train buff, love to travel, and annually take a baseball trip with my best friend from Seminary. (We are trying to get around to all the Major League ballparks.) I enjoy writing and have published one book – a devotional on the Lord’s Prayer entitled: “*Thy Will Be Done in Me*”. My wife and I publish a daily devotion available by email.

Hopefully, this brief biography will give you some insight to who I am and where I come from. You will discover more about me through my sermons and my participation in classes and study groups. I hope to be able to meet and get to know many of you during my limited time with you. I will keep you and this congregation in my daily prayers asking that God guide us in journey together until you call a new pastor.

Blessings,
Pastor Dave

Thank You

Dear St Jacob Thrivent Choice Team, Thank you for the monetary gift of \$1,000. We are so grateful for all of the support and prayers of the entire congregation. Scott, Christa, Hayden, Logan, & Madison Weiskittel

Benevolent Christian Action Team, The lily you gave to me for Easter bloomed in all its glory for the Easter week. It helped to make this outstanding celebrated day one of joy. Thank you for thinking of me.
Virginia Fields

Dear Bereavement Team, We want to think you so much for the delicious food made in memory of our Dad, Edward Counts. It was much appreciated! Blessings, Cheryl Schemmel, Teresa Ase-lage, Diane Stephens & families

Thank you to all who remembered us at the death of my brother Derrell with cards, remembrances and kind words. They all have helped us during this time by reminding us of the resurrection promise and of the communion of saints that we already experience. Pastor and Sue Althausser and family

*Additional thank you are on the bulletin board in the office area: Luther Home of Mercy, Grace-works, Genacross Lutheran Services

Summer Vacation Bible School

Summer Vacation Bible School will be taking place on **June 12-16** here at St. Jacob! Kids 3yrs thru 6th grade (must be potty trained) are invited to join us as we experience “**Mighty Fortress-In Jesus the Victory is Won!**”. The fun happens from 9:00-11:30 a.m. every morning and features a variety of songs, games, Bible stories, and fun! Registration forms can be found at the church, on our website (www.stjacoblutheran.com), or included in this newsletter. Please complete the registration forms and drop off at the church or mail them back as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Kara Kipp 704-898-6988.



Emily Cavinder—with honors from Edison State Community College with a Physical Therapist Assistant degree.

Kendel Strasser—from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelors in Psychology (will be attending BG in the fall for her Masters in Mental Health Counseling).

Meredith Himmeger Yoder—from Aspen University (Denver, CO) with a Bachelors of Science in Early Childhood Education. She resides with her husband Isaac Yoder, who is stationed at Shaw Air Force Base.

Sunday Morning Servants

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Readers (8am)	Keith Elsass	Jeff Bertke	Jim Brandt	Mike Christman
Readers (10am)	Confirmation class	Darcy Steinke	VBS program	John Fahnestock
Acolytes	Bethany Althausser	Deacon	Deacon	Deacon
Crucifer	Kaylie Kipp			
Greeters	N-Larry & Patty	N-Frank & Lisa	N-Dave & Vickey	N-Dick & Darla
	Billing	Brady	Greer	Line
	S-Brad & Karla	S-Geoff & Jill Wilt	S-Jenni Shoffner	S-Deb Christman
	Pleiman			
Communion Asst	Joyce Ike, Kelsey Meyer		Judith LeFevre	
	Betsy Hammergren,			

Blood Pressure Ck Ashleigh Radick

HUGS-Relay for Life



HUGS are starting the **Wash Away Cancer** fundraiser for 2017. We are asking you to take a bottle of water home with you. After you drink the water we would like you to put your loose change of dimes in the bottle. One per family will be great, but if you want to fill more, that would be wonderful. We will need these brought back to the church of the end of July. Water bottles can be found at the back of the church. Dimes do add up, so let's see how many we get back. Please have filled bottles back to the church by **Sunday, July 30th**.

HUGS-Relay for Life Raffle - The fight against cancer goes on and we know we're going to win this thing! Hardly anyone we know can say they don't have a friend or relative that hasn't battled this terrible disease. We're asking for your help in raising funds because we think it is important that we all join together to help win. The St. Jacob HUGS Relay for Life team will be sponsoring a raffle to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. This is a community affair and fundraising event for our group to raise money. We are in need of donations for our raffle to be held at the Shelby County Relay for Life in August. All raffle items for this event are donated by businesses and community members. Donations can be monetary, gift certificates, or merchandise. Any and all contributions are appreciated. If at all possible, so we are prepared for the event, we would appreciate any donations by **July 3rd**. If you require additional information please contact me, Phyllis Evans 937-394-7214 and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Make checks payable to St. Jacob HUGS Relay 4 Life Team. Thank you for your consideration. The St. Jacob HUGS Relay team couldn't do it without the generosity of donors like you. Please give your donations to a Hugs team member: Jan or Steve Elsass, Phyllis Evans, Joyce Ike, Heather Althausser, Dianne Cavinder, Dave Fogt, Cheryl Pulfer, Carol Bodenhorn, or Betty Koppin.

SAVE THE DATE: Shelby County Relay is August 4-5, 2017 at the Shelby County Fairgrounds

June 1 Alvin Brandt, Piper Kipp, Donna Russell
 June 2 Jerry Baker, Justin Case, Kristen Rickert
 June 3 Kim Fogt, Joyce Jones
 June 4 Paul Butler, Lois Davis
 June 5 Libby Hampton
 June 6 Jake Kipp, Mark Mullen
 June 7 Andrea Shoemaker
 June 9 Braxton Althaus, Malari Himmeger, Gary Levi
 June 10 Carter Beam, Larry Butler, Jenna Thomas
 June 12 Wyatt Fogt, Eve Pleiman
 June 15 Audrey Krites
 June 16 Cory Eisenhardt, Cameron Eisenhardt, Whitney Rogers
 June 17 John Fahnestock
 June 18 Miya Thobe, Carol Tracey
 June 19 Addison Montague, Fred Zwiebel
 June 20 Jennifer McGraw
 June 21 Chad Bell, Miranda Evans, Megan Fogt, Betty Joe Kendall
 June 22 Kathy Grisez
 June 23 Betty Miars
 June 24 Ashley Anthony, Keith Elsass, Wyatt Sniffen
 June 25 Ricky Bertke, Jason Brandt, Harper Homan
 June 26 Aubrey Fogt, Shelby Robinette
 June 27 Ryerson Bergman, Paul Grisez, Bear Quatman
 June 28 Harold Ceyler, Maleena Miller, Stacy Troyer
 June 30 Jeff Bertke



June 1	Kay & Velma Billing	June 25	Geoff & Jill Wilt
June 4	Matt & Becky Liebrecht	June 26	DJ & Leslie Heintz
June 7	Jeff & Jennie Bertke	June 30	Charles & Wilma Elsass
June 11	Brad & Madilyn Cunningham, Shelby & Jason Gibbs		
June 15	Jim & Jill Brandt		
June 17	Mike & Deb Christman		
June 18	Ken & Violet Taylor, Joe & Wendy Yinger		
June 24	William & Heidi Beam, Gene & Judi Billing		

Summer Campers-LOMO

The following youth from St. Jacob will be attending church camp this summer.

June 11-16

Braelin Houston – Camp Mowana Trailblazers

June 18-23

Anna Brady – LMC Trailblazers

June 25-30

Audrey Krites – Camp Mowana Trailblazers

Joe Krites – Camp Mawana Pathfinders

July 23-28

Keira McGowan, Eve Pleiman – LMC Pathfinders

If you would like to mail a letter to these campers the address is Lutheran Memorial Camp P.O. Box 8 Fulton, OH 43321 or email lmc@lomocamps.org. Mowana Camp is 2276 Fleming Falls Rd., Mansfield, OH 44903 or email mowana@lomocamps.org. Please include the campers name & program. These campers would love to hear from their church family!



Summer Sunday School

The last Sunday school date for the current term will be May 28th. The first date for the fall term will be August 27th—Rally Sunday.

NOTE: The adult downstairs and upstairs classes will continue to meet throughout the



Luther League-2018 Youth Gathering



There is a sign- up sheet at the back of the church under the "This Changes Everything" poster for those interested in attending the 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston Texas. If you meet the age requirement and are interested in attending please sign up including your cell phone number so we can contact you about the time and place of an informational meeting. We are not looking for a firm commitment at this time we are just attempting to get an idea of the level of interest.

St. Jacob annual golf outing will be held **Sunday, August 6th, 2017** at Shelby Oaks Golf Course. The cost of this year's 4-person team scramble is \$50.00 for non-members and \$25.00 for members of the Oaks and will begin at 1:30pm. This years outing will benefit the HUGS-Relay for Life team of St. Jacob. If you would like to sponsor a hole for \$50.00, please contact the church office or Joyce Ike. Any donations for door prizes would also be appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the window in the back of the sanctuary.



Congratulation to the 2017 St. Jacob Confirmation class, which will be confirmed on **Sunday June 4th** at the 10am worship service. They include: Carter Beam, Kyle Evans, Travis Fogt, Wyatt Fogt, Piper Kipp, Justin Krites, Macy Wahl, and Camryn Wilson. Confirmation is a preparation period which will lead you into the rest of your life. God will be calling you to serve. We look forward to how the faith you proclaim on Confirmation Day will be fulfilled in the rest of your lives. May God help and guide you into the future he has prepared for you.

Church Council Minutes

May 21, 2017

Members in attendance:

Lisa Brady	Rick Ike	David Fogt	Dave Bell
Cheryl Pulfer	Jerry Pleiman	Jim Brandt	Ann Huffman
Deb Christman	Kim Klopfleisch	Keith Elsass	Pastor Westphal

Excused Members: Carol Bodenhorn

Listening for God's Guidance **Devotional by Cheryl Pulfer** The meeting was called to order by President Jim Brandt.

Secretary's Report

Roll Call was taken. The minutes from the April 23, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Kim Klopfleisch moved and Keith Elsass seconded to accept the Secretary's Report. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary's Report

For April, 2017, the Current Offering was \$20,842.50 and the Benevolence Offering was \$2,050.00. The Capital Campaign collected \$1,011.00. David Fogt moved and Jerry Pleiman seconded to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

For April, 2017 the receipts were \$18,561.00 and expenses were \$10,075.16 for a positive difference of \$8,485.84. This brings the Year-to-Date receipts to \$75,302.21 and the expenses to \$49,887.77 for a positive difference of \$25,414.44. Rick Ike moved and Keith Elsass seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Offering Our Gifts and Talents

Trustee's Report

Jerry Pleiman reported that the church bus is back and it looks fabulous. The repair company came in under the bid and they did excellent work. Jerry plans to detail the inside in the near future. Construction of the display cabinet which will showcase our different communion sets and historical items will begin soon. The Trustees recommended the bid from Low Voltage Solutions for the proposed security system. There will be a camera at each door, and one on the southeast lot side and southwest lot side of the church. Cheryl would be able to use the cameras to see who's at the door before opening it. The footage will be recorded. During the discussion of the quotes received, the resolution quality of the cameras was discussed. One of the quotes includes higher resolution cameras, so Jerry will check on this with Low Voltage. Jim will also talk to Jeff Bertke to get his input. Therefore, council will continue to study the issue to make sure it's done right. The organ repair company will let us know when they are coming so we can move the music cabinet and move a shelf in the room behind the organ. The custodians have created a list of things to be cleaned/tidied up in the church and the Trustees will take a walk through to complete the to-do list. Undercroft clean-up has begun. The Trustees have decided to fluff the mulch we already have versus having new mulch applied. There are a few spots that could use some mulch, so they will purchase a few bags to take care of these areas. Jerry reported that he has sprayed around the church and at the cemetery for dandelions. The gravel areas have also been sprayed. The Trustees asked council to think about replacing the 3 ash trees that were recently cut down at the cemetery. Jerry made a suggestion that we build a storage shed/building to keep the bus protected from the sun. Since we've just gotten the bus repaired and painted, it makes sense to keep it looking good and running well so we don't have to spend major money again in the future. Council gave the Trustees the go ahead to start investigating possible locations, zoning issues, etc.

Rick Ike moved and Ann Huffman seconded to accept the Trustees' Report. Motion passed.

Deacon's Reports

The Parish Ed committee reported that the last day of Sunday school will be May 28th. The older Sunday school kids are working on gathering items on the wish list from Dayton Children's Hospital. The Easter egg hunt that was held during the Sunday school hour on Palm Sunday was a big success, so this will most likely continue for next year.

Teen Scene recently had a pizza party. The Luther League made \$300 from the Palm Sunday Brunch. High School kids that are interested in going to the National Youth Gathering next summer are being asked to sign up. And Jane Wahl has volunteered to coordinate the senior quilt project.

The Worship Team had no updates to report.

The Vision Development Team reported that they met in April and discussed guidelines for catechism in the future. Pastor Westphal suggested that we need to review the entire youth program, in addition to catechism to make improvements across the board. He is willing to assist.

The Benevolence/Christian Action Team had no updates to report. The Evangelism Team had nothing new to report.

Dave Bell moved and Jerry Pleiman seconded to accept the Deacon's Reports. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Westphal reported that he has enjoyed meeting people in the congregation over the past 3 Sundays. There are 2 weddings coming up in July, so he asked council for any guidelines that he might need to know when conducting weddings at St. Jacob. Our shut-ins received communion in April and Pastor plans to start serving communion to these shut-ins on a regularly scheduled basis starting in June. Pastor reminded council that if there are any pastoral needs, Cheryl should be contacted and she will let him know. Pastor reported that he sat in with the catechism class to get to know them. He stated that the teachers are doing a great job. When asked if he needs to provide a written report at the meetings, council said that this would not be necessary.

Continuing Business

David Fogt gave an update on the call process. He said that the committee met with Jeff Wick to get the details on how the call process works. The call committee decides on the Pastor that they would like to call after the interview process is complete. The call committee will then come to a council meeting and explain their recommendation and hopefully get it approved. Once approved, it is the duty of council to prepare and approve a compensation package. Once that is complete, everything is sent to a special congregational meeting for two separate votes. The first vote is for approval of the candidate and the second vote is for approval of the compensation package. Council will need to approve the 10 page report/profile that the call committee creates for the synod to publish to recruit candidates. Once council approves the profile, Jeff will approve the profile for the synod office and then they will post the profile on their website for candidates to review. Jeff will talk to a couple of people that might be interested in the position, and we can create our own list of candidates as well. The call committee will need to cover travel costs if someone wants to come and interview from out of the area. Interviewing will hopefully be starting after July. The call committee is meeting every Wednesday right now. Committee attendance has been good.

Deb Christman gave an update on Team Hayden. They have raised some money through dining donations at Taco Bell, Chipotle, and Buffalo Wild Wings. They are considering other fundraising ideas and they are discussing a Hog Roast that would have multiple fundraising components included.

Jerry Pleiman will be driving the new and improved church bus in the Anna Homecoming parade.

New Business

Rick Ike presented a plaque to council in honor of Pastor Mittermaier to be placed on the sign that we moved from the front of the church to the end of the parking lot on the south side.

In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Cheryl suggested ordering bookmarks and magnets to be passed out at the Homecoming Parade while walking beside the church bus. Ann Huffman moved and Jerry Pleiman seconded the purchase of 400 bookmarks and 200 magnets. Motion passed. Pastor Westphal asked if there might be any interest in a Reformation class/seminar in the fall. The consensus of council was yes.

We received a letter from Tessa Leiseth, the missionary that we have been supporting in South Africa. Her mission time (5 years) is coming to an end and she suggested that we consider supporting the next missionary who is going to be taking her place. Jim asked council members to review Tessa's letter and think about what we want to do. We will discuss the issue at a future meeting.

Envisioning Business

The June Council Meeting will be scheduled, if needed, on a date to be determined.

Submitted by: Lisa Brady

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Staying strong, and growing, in our giving to Mission Support is one way to defy the individualism and materialism that is rampant in our culture. When we share resources so our witness to the gospel is widespread and strong, then we declare a different story from the one the culture tells-it is the story of love beyond self-interest that transforms us and embodies God's kingdom of love and justice in the world. It is a much needed story of forgiveness and joy, and the ELCA is a powerful narrator of that story.

Together with many partners, your generosity will enable us to reach even more places that need to hear and learn the story of God's grace.

Here at St. Jacob the entire amount you put in Benevolence is given for Mission Support.

Nancy Martin, St. Jacob Mission Interpreter

Reformation Banner

A new banner, in observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in year 2017, now graces our sanctuary wall. Special thanks and appreciation is extended to Sara Bertsch for designing the banner and also to Jane Wahl for assisting with this project.



Upcoming Events

- June 4 Blood Pressure Ck 9-9:45am
 - Confirmation Day 10am
 - June 12-16 VBS Week 9-11:30am
 - June 13 Ruth Circle 7:30pm
 - June 18 VBS Program 10am
 - June 21 Hannah Circle 12:30pm
- **Save the date: Aug 4-5 Shelby County Relay for Life

Bible Trivia Answer: In the fish's belly