

Dr. Martin Luther  
Evangelical Lutheran Church

June, 2018

# The Church Door

## Congratulations Graduates!

**Reed Snider**  
Kenowa Hills High School



**Tony Vest** (*Pastor Chris Anderson's Grandson*)  
Palomar Valley Christian Academy

**Lilly Whelpley**  
Fruitport High School



Jeff Ward, Russ Tilden, Braxton Ward and Hope Shunta all donned Sombreros and helped kick off the B.I.B.L.E. Club's Taco Salad Bar on May 20 after worship.

The congregation was treated to a delicious lunch and a few spirited individuals in costume!

Thank you B.I.B.L.E. Club for the wonderful treat and all your hard work this year!



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# PASTOR'S CORNER

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

What's in a name?

As Katie and I finish up the preparations for the birth of our baby, there are two questions we get asked a lot: 1) Is it a boy, or a girl? 2) Do you have a name? The answer to the first one is, they tell us it's a boy! The answer to the second one is, yes, but even grandparents have to wait until he's born to find out what his name is. That said, the question of what his name will be is good one. Names are important. The Scriptures place a strong emphasis on names. Names mean something. They tell us about a person's relationship to God - such as when God changes Abram and Sarai's names to Abraham and Sarah after He makes His covenant with them, or how God changes Jacob's name from Jacob (which means Heel, because he was gripping Esau's heel when Esau came out first, and because that's what he was, a heel), to Israel (Meaning, "You have wrestled with God and won.").

Names matter. Names have meaning. My own name, Michael, is Hebrew. It means, "Who is like the Lord?" It's the name of the archangel who leads the Heavenly Host - the army of God. It's a challenge, and it's the Archangel's weapon against Satan, or anyone else who would set themselves up in the place of God. "Who is like the Lord?" Not you, not me. And yet, through baptism the Father's promise is that I will, you will be made into children of God just like Jesus.

It's Jesus' name that is the most important after all. In Hebrew it's Y'shua. It comes to us in two variants: Joshua, and Jesus. They both mean the same thing: He will save His people, or Savior of His People. This is what the angel tells Joseph before the Lord is born, "*You shall name Him Jesus (Y'shua) for He will save His people from their sins.*" Jesus' name is a promise. It is God's promise to you. He will save you, His people, from their sins. This little baby, born in Bethlehem, will live into His name in the cross, grave, and resurrection.

To say His name; to know that His name has been placed upon you in your baptism; to say His name as you make the sign of His cross is to remind yourself of the promise inherent in the meaning of His name. You are the one He has saved from sin. Your sins are the sins from which He saves. The meaning of this name is nothing else than your own salvation, your own hope in the face of sin, death, and the devil.

So while you will have to wait just a little longer to learn our son's name, know that you have been marked and sealed with best name of all: Jesus Christ, who has saved you from your sins.

Yours in Christ,

- Pastor Mike

**SUMMER  
READING  
CHALLENGE IS  
BACK!!**

**DID YOU ENJOY  
OUR BIBLE  
READING  
CHALLENGE LAST  
SUMMER?**

**PLEASE JOIN US  
ONCE AGAIN FOR  
OUR SUMMER  
READING  
CHALLENGE!**

**WATCH FOR DETAILS  
ON FACEBOOK AND  
VIA EMAIL. ALSO  
CHECK OUR  
BULLETIN BOARD  
FOR UPDATES!**

# LESSONS & HYMNS

## June 3, 2018— Second Sunday after Pentecost

	Lessons	Hymns
<i>Deacon</i> Cindy Borreson		
<i>Accomp.</i> John Deppe		
<i>Lector</i> Rose Justian	Deuteronomy 5:12—15	#840—Now Thank We All Our God
<i>Acolyte</i> Makenzie Pastoor	Psalm 81:1—10	#521—O Day of Rest and Gladness
<i>Ushers</i> Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden	2 Corinthians 4:5—12	#182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
<i>Safety</i> Ray VanderStelt & Jeff Ward	Mark 2:23—3:6	#471—Let Us Break Bread Together
<i>Nursery</i> Donna Whitehead		#759—My Faith Looks Up to Thee
<i>Counters</i> Tom & Donna Whitehead, Cindy Borreson		

## June 10, 2018— Third Sunday after Pentecost

	Lessons	Hymns
<i>Deacon</i> Jeff Ward		
<i>Accomp.</i> Ardy Bulthouse		
<i>Lector</i> Marcia Kitchka	Genesis 3:8—15	#504—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
<i>Acolyte</i> Hope Shunta	Psalm 130	#795—God, My Lord, My Strength
<i>Ushers</i> Brad Johnson & Ray VanderStelt	2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1	#182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
<i>Safety</i> Dave Justian & Russ Tilden	Mark 3:20—35	#461—All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
<i>Nursery</i> Lauren Johnson		#537—On Our Way Rejoicing
<i>Counters</i> Brad & Lauren Johnson, Randy Borreson		

## June 17, 2018— Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

	Lessons	Hymns
<i>Deacon</i> Andrew Kitchka		
<i>Accomp.</i> Jacqueline Fisher		
<i>Lector</i> Paul Filka	Ezekiel 17:22—24	#689—Praise and Thanksgiving
<i>Acolyte</i> William Pastoor	Psalm 92:1—4, 12—15	#516—Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast
<i>Ushers</i> Randy Borreson & Dustin Shunta	2 Corinthians 5:6—17	#182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
<i>Safety</i> Tom Whitehead & Rich Wygant	Mark 4:26—34	#484—You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
<i>Nursery</i> Nancy Johnson		#856—How Great Thou Art
<i>Counters</i> Tom & Betty Proksa, John Moore, Tom Whitehead		

## June 24, 2018— John the Baptist

	Lessons	Hymns
<i>Deacon</i> Tom Whitehead		
<i>Accomp.</i> John Bryson		
<i>Lector</i> Barb Anderson	Malachi 3:1—4	#249—On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
<i>Acolyte</i> Braxton Ward	Psalm 141	#533—Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
<i>Ushers</i> Michelle & Jeff Ward	Acts 13:13—26	#421—By All Your Saints
<i>Safety</i> Andrew Kitchka & Tom Proksa	Luke 1:57—80	#184—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
<i>Nursery</i> Rose Justian		#618—Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
<i>Counters</i> Randy & Cindy Borreson, Michelle Ward		#250—Blessed Be the God of Israel

# GROUP NEWS

**The Dorcas Circle** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. The next meeting is Thursday, June 7, at 10:00 am. In May the ladies met and helped plan, decorate and host Pastor Mike and Katie's baby shower. For more information on the Dorcas Circle please contact Betty Proksa.

**The Men's Club** meets for breakfast the second Saturday of each month at 9:00am for a time of fellowship and to discuss or take care of miscellaneous things around church. The next meeting is Saturday, June 9, at 9:00am at Whitlow's Forerunner Restaurant. In May the Men's Club provided all of the mothers of the congregation with carnations for Mother's Day. Contact Tom Whitehead at 231-740-2144 for more information.

**The B.I.B.L.E. Club** meets immediately following the Children's Sermon during Sunday worship. The Children of B.I.B.L.E. Club recently helped plan, decorate and host Pastor Mike and Katie's baby shower. The B.I.B.L.E. Club also threw a Taco Salad Luncheon for the congregation to celebrate their last day before summer vacation on May 20. The children of B.I.B.L.E. club also planted petunias as Mother's Day gifts to the women of the congregation. B.I.B.L.E. Club will begin meeting again in the fall. Please contact Dawn Snider at 616 791-4413 for more information.



## MILITARY FAMILY

*Please remember those serving*

**Master Chief Russ  
Tilden, Jr.  
United States Navy**

**Staff Sergeant Lance  
Hughson  
United States Air  
Force**

## Council News

Council met on May 1. The meeting was called to order by President Janeen Pastoor and Pastor Mike led with devotions and a reading from John 15. Reports were received from all committees and special groups. Among the topics discussed were the estimates for repair of the Bell Tower which the congregation will vote on in a special meeting June 3 after worship as well as the arrival of Baby Johnson and Pastor Mike's paternity leave. Pastor Michnay will fill in when able during this time. Council is also still investigating the framing of the pastors' pictures that hang in fellowship hall and adding Pastor Mike's picture and biography to the collection. Property Committee is looking into obtaining a fireproof file cabinet for parish registers and other valuable papers as well. Church Council meets again June 5 at 6:30pm.



## Prayer List



Craig Anderson

Roger Anderson

Pari Bailey

Christine Praskac

Ryder & Tyler Chartrand

Gene Fortune

Ada Filka

Sue Galekovich

Ann Hamil

Tom Hulka

Tillie Jandris

Nancy Johnson

Tom Fortenbacher

Jan Kerekrety

Charlie Majersky

Danny Moore

<sup>4</sup>  
Gary VanderStelt

Jackson Chartrand

The Sevrey Family

Kim & Sarah Stonex &



# CALENDAR OBSERVANCES-JUNE 2018

## Friday, June 1

### **Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165**

Justin was born of pagan parents. At Ephesus he was moved by stories of early Christian martyrs and came under the influence of an elderly Christian man he met there. Justin described his conversion by saying, "Straightway a flame was kindled in my soul and a love of the prophets and those who are friends of Christ possessed me." Justin was a teacher of philosophy and engaged in debates about the truth of Christian faith. He was arrested and jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion. He refused to renounce his faith, and he and six of his students, one a woman, were beheaded.

Justin's description of early Christian worship around the year 150 is the foundation of the church's pattern of worship, East and West.

## Sunday, June 3

### **The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886**

Christianity had been introduced to Uganda after 1877, but was made available primarily to those in the court of King Mutesa. His successor, King Mwanga, was angered by these Christian members of the court whose first allegiance was not to him but to Christ. On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. Other martyrs followed. But many were impressed by the confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths, and the persecution led to a much stronger Christian presence in the country.

## Sunday, June 3

### **John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963**

In his ministry as a bishop of Venice, John (then Archbishop Roncalli) was loved by his people. He visited parishes and established new ones. He had warm affection for the working class—he himself was the child of Italian peasants—and he worked at developing social-action ministries. At age seventy-seven he was elected bishop of Rome. Despite the expectation that he would be a transitional pope, he had great energy and spirit. He convened the Second Vatican Council to open the windows of the church and "let in the fresh air of the modern world." The council brought about great changes in Roman Catholic worship, changes that have influenced Lutherans and many other Protestant churches as well.

## Tuesday, June 5

### **Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754**

Boniface (his name means "good deeds") was born Wynfrith in Devonshire, England. He was a Benedictine monk who at the age of thirty was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes in Germany. His first missionary attempt was unsuccessful, but he returned two years later and was able to plant the gospel in an area filled with superstitious and violent practices. He led large numbers of Benedictine monks and nuns in establishing churches, schools, and seminaries. Boniface was also a reformer. He persuaded two rulers to call synods to put an end to the practice of selling church offices to the highest bidder. Boniface was preparing a group for confirmation on the eve of Pentecost when he and they were killed by a band of pagans.

## Thursday, June 7

### **Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866**

Noah Seattle was chief of the Suquamish tribe and later became chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, a tribal alliance. When the tribes were faced with an increasing number of white settlers, Seattle chose to live and work peacefully with them rather than engage in wars. After Seattle became a Roman Catholic, he began the practice of morning and evening prayer in the tribe, a practice that continued after his death. On the centennial of his birth, the city of Seattle—named for him against his wishes—erected a monument over his grave.

## Saturday, June 9

### **Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church**

These three monks from the British Isles were pillars among those who kept alive the light of learning and devotion during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries, including one on the island of Iona, off the coast of Scotland. That monastery was left in ruins after the Reformation but today is home to an ecumenical religious community. Aidan, who helped bring Christianity to the Northumbria area of England, was known for his pastoral style and ability to stir people to charity and good works. Bede was a Bible translator and scripture scholar. He wrote a history of the English church and was the first historian to date events *anno Domini* (A.D.), "year of our Lord." Bede is also known for his hymns, including "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!" (ELW 393).

## Monday, June 11

### **Barnabas, Apostle**

The Eastern church commemorates Barnabas as one of the Seventy commissioned by Jesus. Though he was not among the Twelve mentioned in the gospels, the book of Acts gives him the title of apostle. His name means "son of encouragement." When Paul came to Jerusalem after his conversion, Barnabas took him in over the fears of the other apostles, who doubted Paul's discipleship. Later, Paul and Barnabas traveled together on missions. At the Council of Jerusalem, Barnabas defended the claims of Gentile Christians in relation to the Mosaic law.

## Thursday, June 14

### **Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Con-**

### **stantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379**

The three men in this group are known as the Cappadocian fathers; all three explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil was influenced by his sister Macrina to live a monastic life, and he settled near the family estate in Caesarea. Basil's Longer Rule and Shorter Rule for monastic life are the basis for Eastern monasticism to this day, and express a preference for communal monastic life over that of hermits. Gregory of Nazianzus (nah-zee-AN-zus) was sent to preach on behalf of the Orthodox faith against the Arians in Constantinople, though the Orthodox did not have a church there at the time. He defended Orthodox trinitarian and christological doctrine, and his preaching won over the city. Gregory of Nyssa (NISS-uh) was the younger brother of Basil the Great. He is remembered as a writer on spiritual life and the contemplation of God in worship and sacraments.

Macrina (muh-CREE-nuh) was the older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa. She received an excellent education centered on the Bible, and when her fiancé died, she devoted herself to the pursuit of Christian perfection. She was a leader of a community, based at the family estate, dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer. Macrina's teaching was influential within the early church.

## Thursday, June 21

### **Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931**

Onesimos (oh-NESS-ee-mus neh-SEEB) was born into the Oromo people of Ethiopia. He was captured by slave traders and taken from his homeland to Eritrea, where he was bought, freed, and educated by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into Oromo and returned to his homeland to preach the gospel. His tombstone includes a verse from Jeremiah 22:29, "O land, land, land, hear the word of the Lord!"

## Sunday, June 24

### **John the Baptist**

The birth and life of John the Baptist is celebrated exactly six months before Christmas Eve. For Christians in the Northern Hemisphere, these two dates are deeply symbolic. John said that he must decrease as Jesus increased. According to tradition, John was born as the days are longest and then steadily decrease, while Jesus was born as the days are shortest and then steadily increase. In many countries this day is celebrated with customs associated with the summer solstice.

## Monday, June 25

### **Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530**

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time. In 1580 when the *Book of Concord* was drawn up, the unaltered Augsburg Confession was included as the principal Lutheran Confession.

## Monday, June 25

### **Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560**

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon (meh-LAHNK-ton) is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany." The University of Wittenberg hired him as its first professor of Greek, and there he became a friend of Luther. Melanchthon was a popular professor—even his classes at six in the morning had as many as six hundred students. As a reformer he was known for his conciliatory spirit and for finding areas of agreement with fellow Christians. He was never ordained.

## Wednesday, June 27

### **Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, theologian, died 444**

Remembered as an outstanding theologian as well as a contentious personality, Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ against Nestorius, bishop of Constantinople. Nestorius taught that the divine and human natures of Christ were entirely distinct, and therefore Mary could not be referred to as the *theotokos*, or bearer of God. This conflict, which also had roots in a rivalry for preeminence between Alexandria and Constantinople, involved all of the major Christian leaders of the time, including the patriarchs of Rome, Antioch, and Jerusalem, and finally also the emperor. In the end it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

## Thursday, June 28

### **Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202**

Irenaeus (ee-ren-AY-us) believed that the way to remain steadfast to the truth was to hold fast to the faith handed down from the apostles. He believed that only Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were trustworthy gospels. Irenaeus was an opponent of gnosticism and its emphasis on dualism. As a result of his battles with the gnostics, he was one of the first to speak of the church as "catholic." By catholic he meant that local congregations did not exist by themselves but were linked to one another in the whole church. He also maintained that this church was not contained within any national boundaries. He argued that the church's message was for all people, in contrast to the gnostics and their emphasis on "secret knowledge."

# JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pastor Mike will be on leave for three weeks beginning with the arrival of his son. 					1	2
3 Second Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am	4 Congregational Life 7:00pm	5 Church Council 6:30pm	6	7 Dorcas Circle 10:00am	8	9 Men's Club 9:00am @ Whitlows
10 Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am	11 Parish Education 7:00pm	12 Finance Committee 6:30pm	13	14	15	16 Benefit for Tristan & Trinity Sevrey 5:00 pm
17 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am  Father's Day	18 Property Committee 5:30pm	19	20 Shipshewana Trip 8:00am	21	22	23
24 John the Baptist 10:00am	25	26	27	28	29	30



## Children's Prayers

Please give people strength and power to live day after day.

– Braxton Ward

Thank you for the rain for the farmers. Thank you for trees and the food we eat.

– Oliver Shunta

Thank you for the world so sweet. Thank you for everything.

Thank you for the animals.

– Hope Shunta

Thank you for my grandma.

– Tyler Sparks

Dear God, Let all people believe in you forever until death.

Please let all people be holy.

Thank you God.

– William Pastoor

**\*\*date & agenda change\*\***

## Special Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, July 8, 2018**

### Following worship

#### Purpose of meeting

To vote on approving funds for repairs to the bells and renovations to Pastor Mike's office. It is your privilege and responsibility to attend this very important meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of Council or Property Committee.

## Benefit to Support Trinity and Tristan Sevrey

Saturday, June 16, 2018

5:00pm — 7:00pm

St. Mark Ev. Lutheran Church

4475 Henry Street

Norton Shores

Spaghetti Dinner

\$6.00 — adults \$4.00 — children

*Hosted by Beach and Reeths Puffer Softball Club*

The B.I.B.L.E. Club would like to thank the congregation for its generous support of this year's B.I.B.L.E. Club project, Miro's Dream. Over \$2,062.61 has already been raised!  
Thank you all!

### Did you Know? We have Office Hours!!

Pastor Mike is in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm!

Andrea is in the Office Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00pm

Stop in and See us!

## Mission Statement

We are a people of God in Christ, called to believe and sent to serve.

The "Church Door" title is taken from the "Theses Door" of the Castle Church which has made Wittenburg so famous.

Just as the "Theses Door" was used as a bulletin board for notices in Luther's time, this newsletter can also be used by our members to communicate with each other and our guests about church life and events. Published monthly, The Church Door is available the last Sunday of the month.

Please contact Andrea Iams  
(231-730-3584 or  
ai.dmlc@outlook.com) if you'd  
like to add an article or event to  
next month's newsletter!

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 20  
**4th Annual Shipshevana Trip**

Sunday, June 24  
**John the Baptist 10:00am**

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