



Newsletter

June & July 2021

Community Lutheran Church

Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within them."

John 7:38



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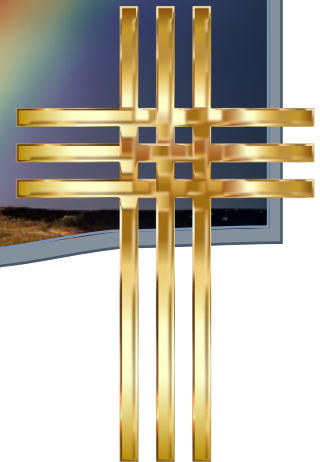
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*Weeping may endure
for a night, but*

Joy

comes in the morning

Psalms 30:5



Mission Statement of Community Lutheran Church:

Living Christ's love in all we do.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM



“God’s Promise in a Pandemic”

“God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.” (Genesis 9:17)

After a long year of a global pandemic that left nations of the world struggling to respond to the growing catastrophe, hospitals filling at alarming rates with people sick and dying of the COVID virus, and other issues of injustices in society being painfully exposed, there are finally signs of hope among us. Vaccines are available for all adults and becoming available for youth and children for free. The hospitalization rates and death rates are rapidly declining throughout the United States. Businesses are opening up more. And churches – including CLC – are lifting their social distancing and mask-wearing requirements. Our lives are finally going back to a way that is more normal.

God promised Noah after the Great Flood that God would never again punish and destroy the world for its sins and gave the rainbow as a sign of that truth. When rainbows appear, it is still storming somewhere, but the clouds are clearing so sunshine can come yet again. And in the same way, the entire world has been engulfed with this pandemic – like the great flood- but now signs of hope abound that better days are coming because of God’s grace.

Even when you see rainbows, you still need to be a little cautious about the weather. The storm may not be over yet. Torrential rains may still come. The aftermath of the storm may require some cleaning up. And so in the same way, we are trying to live with hope in a cautious manner at CLC.

Even though we have lifted our mask requirements and social distancing requirements, we are not going back to ‘normal’ right away. We hope to have Holy Communion at the altar in August, but even then we won’t be going back to receiving communion by intinction. We hope to increase the length of our hymns and eventually have more special music by September. So hope is on the horizon, but we still need to be cautious nevertheless.

The Bible certainly says that we are to trust the Lord in all things. But the Bible also tells us to be humble in our attitudes and mindful of the well-being of others. And we can do both – trust in God in all things and be more diligent in serving others and not just our own desires.

So if you feel that you need to wear a mask a little bit longer or keep your distance from others, please do so. That is your calling. But if you feel you can safely engage with others without being so cautious, and then please do so, Just be respectful to others who are not quite ready yet. This after all is what Christian love and service looks like in a pandemic – even toward the end of a pandemic.

May God bless you in these hopeful and cautious times.

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Tim



***A MESSAGE FOR JUNE,
FROM LINDA MILLER***



“...What if trials of this life are our mercies in disguise?

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear.

We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near.

We doubt your goodness, we doubt your love...”

Lyrics from the song “Blessings” by Laura Story



“WHY GOD?”

We all have had those times when we think (and maybe even say out loud) WHY GOD? Why now? Why her? Why him? Why me? The answer to those whys may or may not be answered to our satisfaction in our lifetime. So, should we just not ask?

I recently re-read some thought-provoking messages by Laura Story on faithgateway.com on this topic. The reason I was re-reading them, was that I had a very challenging week a couple of weeks ago. I got several items of news that left me with questions.

“Why God?” “Why that young lady?” “Why him?” “How could this happen to my friend?” So, I pulled up Laura’s info again and decided it would be a great refresher for all of us. In **“When God Doesn’t Fix It: Lessons You Never Wanted to Learn, Truths You Can’t Live Without,”** Ms. Story gives us much food for thought. She says, we ask God why because we believe the answer will provide us with some kind of deep soul satisfaction, will help us understand, will take away the pain.

But much of the time, the answer isn’t what we hoped it would be—or we may not “hear” an answer so we feel like God isn’t listening or answering...but He is. We ask these questions because we need help getting through our pain, our loss, or our mourning. We are broken, and we want God to “fix us.” The questions help us express how we’re feeling and share our frustration.

She reminds us that the Scriptures are full of people asking these kinds of questions. Look at Psalms, David wrote many of them when he, too, was broken. He poured out his heart and asked painful questions. Sometimes he got answers; sometimes he got silence. But, always, David’s faith in God was stronger than his need to know.

That’s what we need to remember. It is our faith that gets us through.

Our why questions let us pour out our hearts to the Lord and to continue to process and move through whatever it is we are going through. But it is also important to remember that nowhere in the Bible does it promise that all our questions will be answered—at least not while we are on earth!

The answer to why doesn’t help us heal. But knowing that God’s glory remains—is present all around us every day—even in our brokenness, gives us hope, reaffirms our faith and helps us move on, despite our circumstances. If we stay stuck at “Why?” we can soon become bitter and turn away from God. This is exactly the time we need to run TO God, not run away from Him.

God will not forsake us. We know that God has a plan for us and others going through these situations; our faith tells us sometimes that has to be enough. God is with us through every trial. We move forward not by asking “Why?” but by remembering that God knows what we can handle with His help, and He is there with us always!

By the way, there are three key words in that last sentence “...with His help...” I know I personally have said, “I know God only gives us what we can handle, but I wish He didn’t trust me quite so much.” But I left those three important words out of the statement...God only gives us what we can handle **with His help**.

Remember...It is our faith that gets us through.

God’s Blessings Always...

Linda Miller



***A MESSAGE FOR JULY,
FROM LINDA MILLER***

Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2



What are you thinking?

Have you ever noticed that what you think is what you do? Your thoughts do control your actions. You are only as happy as you choose to be. Remember hearing “You can’t control what happens to you or around you, you can only control how you respond to it.”

Your thoughts are very powerful. If you regularly think, “I can’t do that...” Well, you very likely can’t. However, you certainly have a much better shot at it if you think “I can do that...”

What if David would have thought, “I can’t slay this giant...I’m small and weak, he’s big and strong.” Have you noticed that when David referred to Goliath, he never called him a giant. That put a picture in his mind he didn’t want. Rather, he called him an “uncircumcised Philistine.”

David downplayed his size because he refused to make Goliath into something he couldn’t handle. David kept God in his heart. He said to Goliath, “You come against me with a sword and spear, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel.”

He thought positively—and he knew that God was with him. And if God is with us who can be against us?

You may be facing a giant problem. If you aren’t careful, you can let that problem become out of control. If you think, “I can’t deal with this.” You allow the problem to consume you with worry. No, we can’t deal with it alone. We need to “let go and let God.” In Philippians 4, we hear, “Don’t worry about anything; instead pray about everything.”

God is in control...He's got this! God already has the solution to your problem, the answer to your prayers. But, if you remove God from His place, you allow your problems and worries to fill that space.

Here's the key. Give God permission to work in your life. God works where there is an attitude of faith--a place where we don't let our own thoughts and worries consume us, but give our problems and worries to Him and know that He is with us. Stay open to the solution God has for your problem...watch and listen. It may be something other than you thought. But God knows what we need.

You can't have God and your problem in the same space. There's only room for one...Keep God in your heart.

Blessings,

Linda Miller



Stewarding Our Relationships: Rehab, Renew and Repair

Doctors order rehabilitation – intensive exercises and therapy -- for patients to regain muscle strength and flexibility after a serious illness or injury.

The time is right for us to use the same approach for our friendships and family relationships after Covid-19. The worst seems over now that the vaccines are percolating through our nation, and we are entering the summer, when it is comfortable to gather in the relative safety of the outdoors.

It will take serious rehab to repair and renew the friendships and family relationships that Covid-19 forced us to neglect. Hunkered down in our homes for safety, we ceased gathering for friendship, fellowship and recreation – the very activities that keep relationships strong. Churches put worship and social gatherings on hold.

The pandemic's impact on relationships wielded a double whammy: It left us stressed and needing friends at the very time that Covid-19 prevented us from tending to our relationships. It has left us disconnected and hurting.

Keeping in mind that the Covid-19 risk is diminished but not gone, as summer unfolds, you can look for safe ways to rehab, renew and repair your relationships.

Reach out: Go through your list of friends and contact them by phone, email, text – whatever's best. Tell them you missed them and want to get together.

Make plans: Don't put it off. Be creative and find safe ways to get together. Outdoors is safer. Backyard barbecues, coffee at a sidewalk café, a walk, a game of bocce, iced tea on the porch. It's all good.

Every little step you take will help your relationship “muscles” to get stronger, and in the process you'll become healthier as the love, support and joy of friends and family flows into your heart.

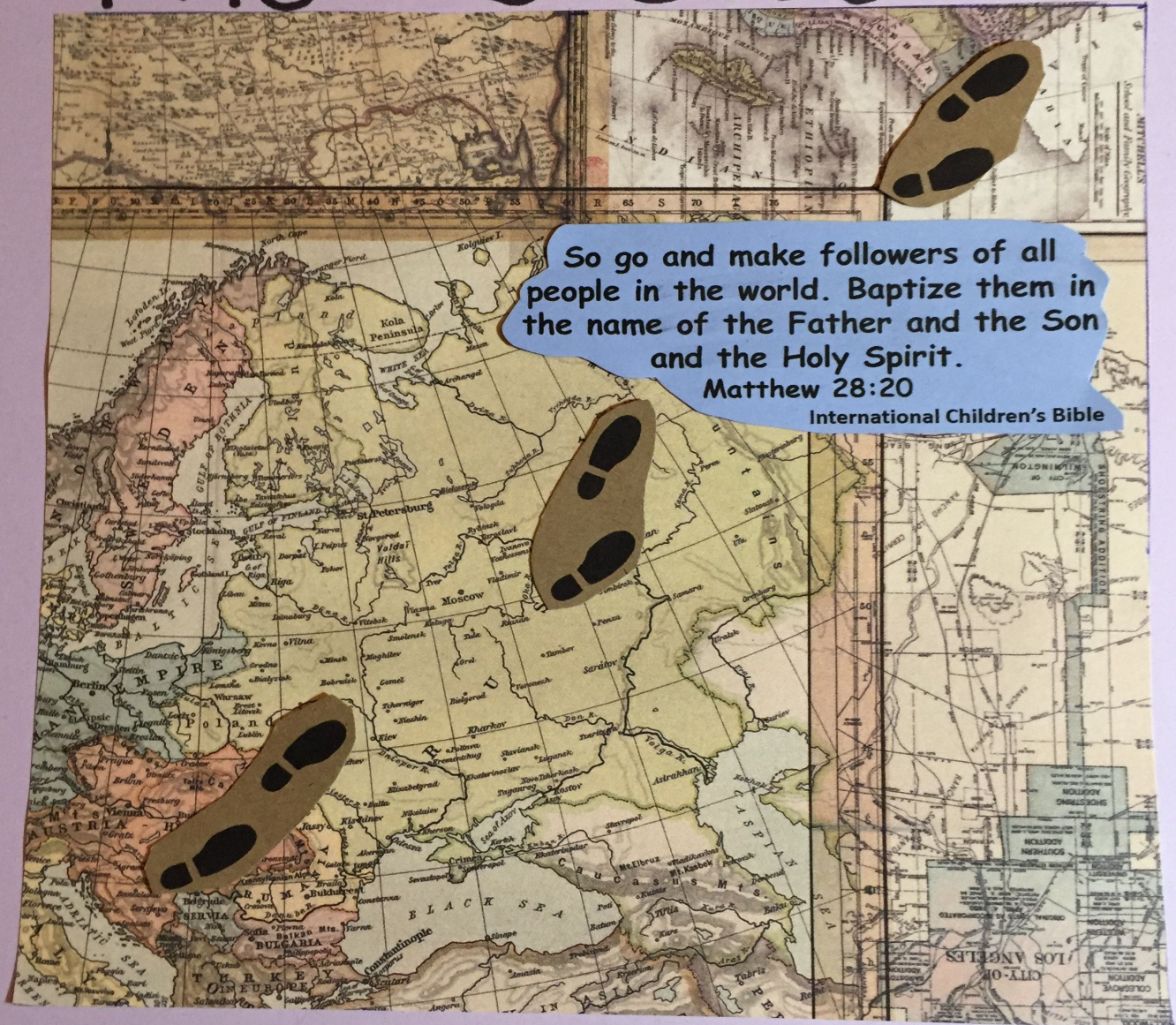
--Rob Blezard

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THOUGHT FOR THE NEXT TWO
MONTHS:

The Great



Commission

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 8:30 am & 10:00 am Worship Services	7 Office Closed <i>Pastor's 29th Anniversary of Ordination</i>	8	9 Visit by Bishop Hutterer	10 6 pm Council Meeting at church	11 SYNOD ASSEMBLY	12
13 8:30 am & 10:00 am Worship Services	14 Office Closed	15	16	17 11 am Pastors' Meeting Las Vegas	18	19
20 8:30 am & 10:00 am Worship Services 	21 Office Closed	22	23	24	25	26
27 8:30 am & 10:00 am Worship Services	28 Office Closed	29	30			

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 8:30 am & 10:00 am Worship Services 	5 Office Closed	6	7 Camp Formation Mt Olive Lutheran Church, LHC	8 6 pm Council Meeting at church	9	10
11 8:30 am & 10:00 am Worship	12 Office Closed	13	14	15	16	17
18 8:30 am & 10:00 am Worship Services	19 Office Closed	20	21	22	23	24
25 8:30 am & 10:00 am Worship Services	26 Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31

General Notes:

Our social distancing restrictions have been lifted. If you feel you would like to wear a mask, please do so and please respect the wishes of others.

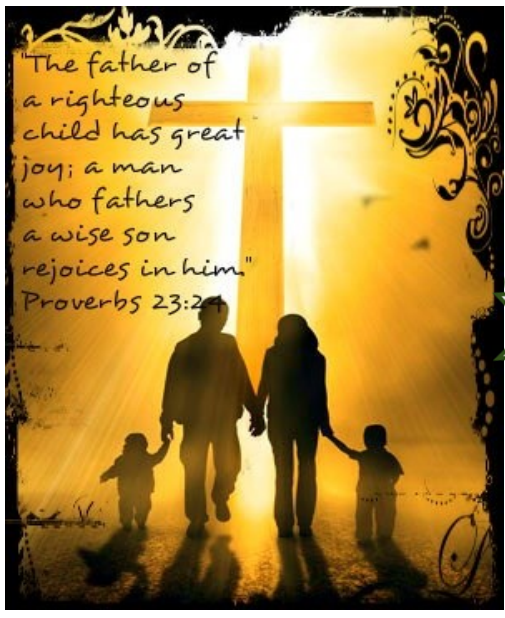
SYNOD ASSEMBLY: JUNE 11-12, 2021



“Under the theme *Freed in Christ*, we gather via Zoom and Facebook live on Friday evening, June 11, through Saturday, June 12, 2021.”



You can find more information on their website: www.gcsynod.org/assembly, or follow it on Facebook (Grand Canyon Synod ELCA.) Joann Hoffmeyer is one of the voting members! Please lift this assembly up in your prayers.



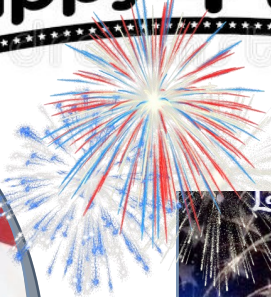
GOD BLESS *our Fathers*



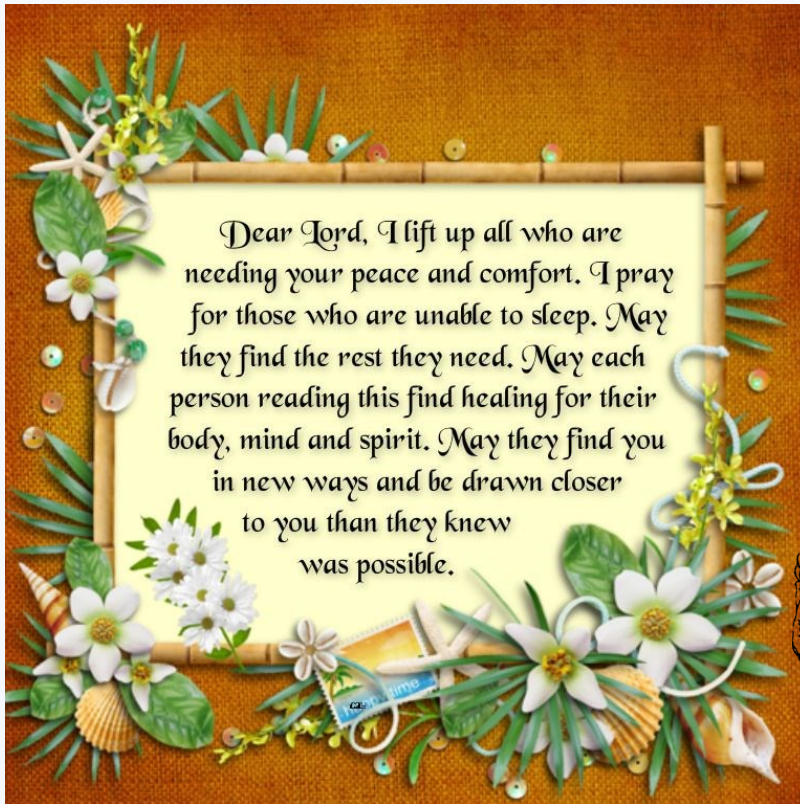
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Celebrate



PRAYER REQUESTS



If you know someone who would like to be included in the ongoing monthly prayer list, be it for prayer or thanksgiving, please let the office know!



PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue to pray for all the persons whose names have been offered up by members and friends of the congregation.*
- *We pray for healing, comfort, guidance, strength, recovery, safe travel, and unrevealed needs, as well as for those with thankful hearts and for those who grieve.*
- *Lew Beasimer and Ed Ecker went to be with the Lord in the past two months. Please lift up their families and loved ones.*
- *Ed & Diane Newbold and Anetta Knodel will be leaving us this month! They are moving to be close to their families. We will miss them! Please keep them in your prayers.*

• **Children Camp!**

July 7th is Camp Formation, organized by the Mt Olive Lutheran Church, Lake Havasu City. Please pray for all the children and staff attending, may God bless and protect them.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Birthdays

1	Peggy Boone	19	Luther Johnson
1	Joan Cumberland	19	Zachary Luna
4	Theon Hoffmeyer	22	Del Eastes
10	Carol Lott	27	Frank Gonzales
16	June Dirks		



July Birthdays

5	Betty Nelson	24	CharLynn Brooks
6	Christina Hoffmeyer	29	Don Oman
18	Bonnie Swandal	29	Ken Grondahl
20	Dick Grumbine	31	Barbara Leuthauser



June Anniversaries

4	Dennis & Carole Gallagher	18
7	Brad & Christina Hoffmeyer	13
9	Murl & Gail Shaver	65
12	Del & Teddie Eastes	10
19	Dean & Barbara Leuthauser	56
23	John Casson & Mary Weyant	15



July Anniversaries

4	Kent & Cheryl Wilson	30
27	Dick & Linda Grumbine	57



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