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July Update from Pastor Larson

Divine Service

It is wonderful to see Christians returning to weekly worship on Sunday mornings! We have now had several weeks of resuming worship at the 9 a.m. service, with a smaller service preceding at 8 a.m. How nice it is to be together again, gathered around the Risen Christ. This past Sunday after worship the weather was nice, so we enjoyed an outside coffee hour. What a joy that was to visit together, watch the children play, and enjoy conversation and family updates.

Over the last several months we had been meeting in groups of less than ten. At our high point we had 23 Divine Services a week during our COVID diaspora! These smaller services continue for some individuals and families throughout the week and are available by appointment. What a comfort it is to meet with Christ, our heavenly physician, during these tumultuous times for healing, health, and restoration.

For our restored corporate congregational services on Sunday mornings we have put away our hymnals temporarily and are using paper bulletins, which you are invited to take home with you. Prior to the administration of the Sacrament, the purificator, the cloth used to wipe the chalice, is soaked in alcohol to reduce the possibility of contagion. We take many other steps to be mindful of everyone's health. During all our worship services we continue to pray and intercede for all who have been affected by this virus, including the economic consequences and loss of livelihood for so many.

BLM Protests

A man named George Floyd died after being handcuffed on the street in the custody of the Minneapolis police on Memorial Day. Folks are rightly upset. An officer betrayed the trust of those whom he was called to protect, and has been charged with murder. The death of George Floyd has triggered unprecedented protests throughout our country. I distinctly remember being a kid and watching the Rodney King protests in Los Angeles, but that has seemed to pale in comparison with what we are now wit-

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Serving Us

Michael C. Larson, *Pastor*
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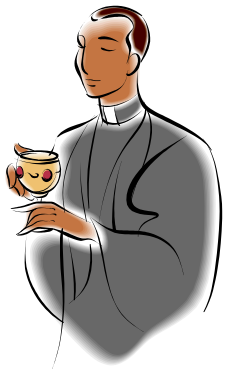
Martha Galvin, *Director of Music*
Julie Wohlrabe, *iO Director*
Hannah Engwall, *USC Coordinator*



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nessing. On Sunday evening, June 7th, Kristina and I woke up a little past midnight to a protest moving north on Maryland Avenue. That's right! Right past the church and parsonage. There was bumper to bumper traffic, blasting horns, and yells to defund the police. We have been praying every Sunday at the Divine Service for peace and justice, for equity and fairness, and also for law enforcement, that they would work on behalf of the people to promote safety and the general welfare of us all.

You have no doubt seen all the Black Lives Matter signs around. There are many in my neighborhood. Who could possibly disagree with that statement! The African American experience in America is filled with pain, slavery, and injustice. I looked up the BLM organization website and read through their statement of beliefs. Those beliefs also include promoting abortion, homosexuality, transgenderism, and "disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure." So even though all Christians should stand up for peace and justice for all, there are some significant conflicts there that need to be worked out.

Supreme Court Decision

The Supreme Court on June 15 acted to extend Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender). This extends the language of sex discrimination to LGBT. The consequences of this decision means, for example, that men who are biologically male can walk around in a female bathroom or locker room without repercussion. It also means that Lutheran schools, for example, may be forced to employ a teacher who is in a same-sex relationship or has undergone sex reassignment surgery (mutilation), both contrary to God's Word and basic Christian teaching. May God bless our Lutherans schools, colleges, and seminaries, that they would remain faithful to God's Word!

New Web Site and Social Media

We have an updated website for you to check out at lmcusc.org. Please be sure to check it out. Adam Scott, Mary Viets, and Prince Solomon helped setting this up. All the same features are there, and we have updated access to video and audio options to hear sermons and podcasts. If you have not "liked" our Facebook page, please do so. Check it out at facebook.com/LMCUSC

Kids Podcast

I have been thinking about ways to stay connected with the children during this time. We have started a new podcast just for kids. A "podcast" is just a funny-sounding word for a "talk show." Children of the congregation are invited to email me with questions that I can answer on a podcast. Questions can be Bible-related, dealing with current events, or totally random questions just for fun. I will also teach a brief lesson with a Bible story and Catechism lesson. Please see the podcast link under "resources" on our website, or, check out lmcusc.podbean.com

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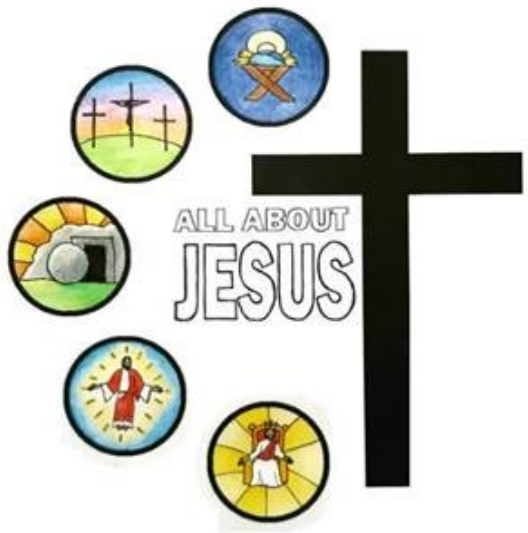
This year's VBS is "**All About Jesus**," based on the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.



VBS at LMC is August 3-7, 9 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

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Psalm 46

The 46th Psalm is a good psalm to learn by heart this summer. This was one of Martin Luther's favorite psalms. His hymn, "A Mighty Fortress," is based upon it. It is a song of complete trust in God as a strong refuge, particularly during a time of crisis. The key thought here is that God is almighty, and that He is with us, protecting us, and by our side. We experience many troubles in this life on account of the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature. But Christ is with us, and rules from God's right hand in heaven, calling us to "be still, and know that I am God!" May God strengthen our faith that we would trust in Him in these gray and latter days and fear nothing except losing Him.

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

TWO WEDDINGS AT LMC

David & Amanda Christensen, May 2, 2020

Andrew & Emily Newton, June 24, 2020

EXCERPTS FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM BY MARTIN LUTHER: THE CREED

Introduction from Luther's Large Catechism on
The Creed

Thus far we have heard the first part of Christian doctrine, in which we have seen all that God wishes us to do or to leave undone. Now, there properly follows the Creed, which sets forth to us everything that we must expect and receive from God, and, to state it quite briefly, teaches us to know Him fully. And this is intended to help us do that which according to the Ten Commandments we ought to do. For (as said above) they are set so high that all human ability is far too feeble and weak to [attain to or] keep them. Therefore it is as necessary to learn this part as the former in order that we may know how to attain thereto, whence and whereby to obtain such power. For if we could by our own powers keep the Ten Commandments as they are to be kept, we would need nothing further, neither the Creed nor the Lord's Prayer. But before we explain this advantage and necessity of the Creed, it is sufficient at first for the simple-minded that they learn to comprehend and understand the Creed itself.

In the first place, the Creed has hitherto been divided into twelve articles, although, if all points which are written in the Scriptures and which belong to the Creed were to be distinctly set forth, there would be far more articles, nor could they all be clearly expressed in so few words. But that it may be most easily and clearly understood as it is to be taught to children, we shall briefly sum up the entire Creed in three chief articles, according to the three persons in the Godhead, to whom everything that we believe is related, So that the First Article, of God the Father, explains Creation, the Second Article, of the Son, Redemption, and the Third, of the Holy Ghost, Sanctification. Just as though the Creed were briefly comprehended in so many words: I believe in God the Father, who has created me; I believe in God the Son, who has redeemed me; I believe in the Holy Ghost, who sanctifies me. One God and one faith, but three persons, therefore also three articles or confessions.

We All Believe in One True God
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1
We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need,
Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds,
All creation He upholds.

2
We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.

3
We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!

Twenty Bible Verses for Children to Learn by Heart

Recommended by Pastor Larson

I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
(John 14:6)

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
(2 Corinthians 12:9)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.
(Psalm 111:110)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
(Proverbs 3:5)

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
(Galatians 2:20)

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
(Matthew 22:37-39)

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
(Colossians 1:13-14)

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.
(1 Peter 4:8)

My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.
(Proverbs 6:20; 23:22)

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.
(Ephesians 4:26-27)

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
(Romans 10:9)

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.
(John 11:25-26a)

Godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.
(1 Timothy 6:6-8)

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
(John 15:12)

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.
(2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
(Lamentations 3:25-26)

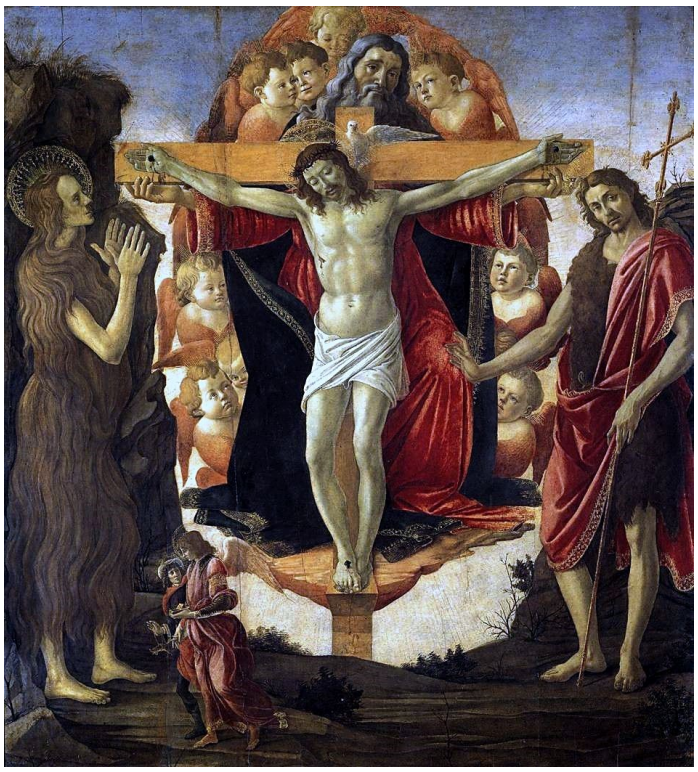
In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.
(John 16:33)

Let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him.
(1 Corinthians 7:17)

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
(Matthew 7:21)

This is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.
(John 6:40)

FOR THE LONELY



By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

1 John 4:13-15

Scriptures of Belonging

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.…
On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.…
I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Psalm 22:1-22

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Romans 12:4-5

Jesus prayed: "Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

John 17:24, 26

For the Lonely, the Church Prays:

Ever-present Lord, You have promised never to leave us nor forsake us but to abide with us to the end of time. Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely but find both comfort from Your promises and fulfillment in loving You and their neighbors all their days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Belonging: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

When here our pathways part,
We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
We hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

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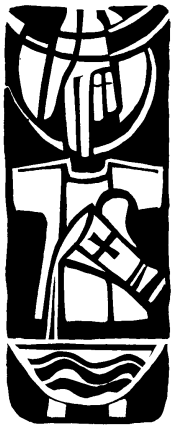
Baptismal Birthdays

John Swanson	July 2
Tanner Toll	July 6
Erica Wieting	July 6
Christopher Nickels	July 8
Patricia Baka	July 9
Darice Button	July 10
Miles Toll	July 12
Connor Pangallo	July 13
Joseph Bratz	July 15
Adam Buelow	July 16
Ruby Himsel	July 16
Madison Rebholz	July 16
Elspeth Sovitzky	July 18
Susan Kohut	July 20
Louis Sagert VI	July 27
Preston Kretsch	July 29
Eleanor Sagert	July 29
Lauren Toll	July 29
Sarah Nus	July 30
Richard Sovitzky IV	July 30
Shelby Stevens	July 31

Membership News

BAPTIZED *June 10, 2020:*
Amos Timothy German, *son of Brian & Kalia, born June 5, 2020*



NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED:
Karl Meier, Alex Schauer, Emily Newton

TRANSFERRED *June 15, 2020, to Elm Grove Lutheran Church in Elm Grove, Wisconsin:*
Tim & Cheryl Albers

Collects in July

The Visitation, July 2

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your Son and made known through her Your gracious regard for the poor and lowly and despised. Grant that we may receive Your Word in humility and faith, and so be made one with Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

St. Mary Magdalene, July 22

The Collect of the Day

O Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us perfectly to know Your Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life that, following His steps, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Preparation for the Lord's Day in July

We continue to celebrate the season of Trinity each Sunday of July with green paraments, symbolizing abiding life, rest, and the dominant color in nature. On Wednesday, July 1, we observe The Visitation at 9 a.m. Matins. On Wednesday, July 22, we observe the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene at Matins. White paraments are the choice for both of these feasts.

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
July 5	Fourth Sunday after Trinity	*LSB* 666	Gen. 50:15–21	Psalm 79	Rom. 12:14–21 *or* Rom. 8:18–23	Luke 6:36–42
July 12	Fifth Sunday after Trinity	*LSB* 688	1 Kings 19:11–21	Psalm 64	1 Cor. 1:18–25 *or* 1 Peter 3:8–15	Luke 5:1–11
July 19	Sixth Sunday after Trinity	*LSB* 562	Ex. 20:1–17	Psalm 28	Rom. 6:(1–2) 3–11	Matt. 5:17–26
July 26	Seventh Sunday after Trinity	*LSB* 819	Gen. 2:7–17	Psalm 47	Rom. 6:19–23	Mark 8:1–9

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC: *911 OR 91?*

BY JULIE WOHLRABE, IO DIRECTOR

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:4-7

This past Sunday while at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, one of my fellow members asked me about what is happening with International Outreach, particularly in view of the travel ban. What a good question! It's a question, a prayer really, that I've been asking God for quite a long time now. I have been in contact with different universities around our area, trying to get information from their international departments about their prospects for new or returning international students for the fall semester. If you have guessed that their enrollment numbers will be lower, you have guessed correctly, though, only God knows for sure.

Although still connected to International Student Ministry these past ten years, our ISM name was changed a few years ago to iO, International Outreach, to better identify the people we serve. It went from primarily college students to visiting scholars who brought along their family members such as a spouse, a child or children and a parent (grandma usually) to watch over their offspring. We have also had local Russian-speaking women in the Shorewood area who live here permanently but who have been interested in improving their English language skills and developing friendships. Having said that, I have been exploring different possibilities for reaching out to other internationals in our area, and I am hopeful.

Last month I concluded my June iO article by stating that I was working on something that had invigorated me, and I had hoped to update you about that situation in my next article, this one. Unfortunately, trying to facilitate the meeting of several people in this weird time of social distancing has turned out to be a slow process, but again, I am hopeful.

I remember studying Psalm 91 several years ago; during that time, the Bible study leader reminded us that when we are in trouble in society, we call 911 (although in these very odd days, depending on what big city you live in, that's not even a sure thing anymore, it sadly seems). Anyway, we were encouraged to think about Psalm 91 in the same way: call 911 = read Psalm 91, "My Refuge and My Fortress." It's a rather simple way to remember this soothing psalm, and in *The Lutheran Study Bible* the commentary on this psalm begins: "This strong confession of faith and example of a life entrusted to God's protective safety urges all readers to seek the Lord's refuge when fearful times arise." Verses 14-16 are promises of our Holy Triune God, and specifically in verse 15: "When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him." The commentary on this section states: "God assures all who trust in Him that He will be an ever-present help, fulfilled in Jesus (Jn 10:28-29)."

So, on behalf of iO (as well as for many people and for many situations) I have been calling upon the name of our Holy God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, for protection and direction. I know you have too. Thanks be to God that He hears our prayers, and as Jesus often said to His followers, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear" (Matthew 11:15).

Portals of Prayer and *The Lutheran Witness*

Members of Luther Memorial Chapel have had *Portals of Prayer* delivered to their homes for many years, paid for by Luther Memorial. The most recent *Portals of Prayer* people received was for the months of July-September. LMC also receives an order of 40 copies that are distributed throughout the church building. In an effort to save over $1000 per year, the Trustees voted to discontinue purchasing *Portals of Prayer* for home delivery and church distribution. Effective immediately, members will no longer be receiving these in their homes. If you are interested in having Portals of Prayer, you will need to contact Concordia Publishing House and purchase a subscription. The pocket-size *Portals of Prayer* are $15.50 per year or $28 for two years. They also print a 5"x7" digest-size *Portals of Prayer* for $16.50 per year and $29 for two years, as well as the Large Print version, which is $17.50 per year and $32 for a two-year subscription. Go to cph.org/portals to place an order.

Luther Memorial has also been purchasing a bulk subscription to *The Lutheran Witness* for several years. The Trustees also voted to discontinue this subscription. We have seven months remaining on our current bulk subscription, but it will not continue once that expires. The Trustees also voted for the church office not to handle subscriptions from the congregation. If you wish to renew a subscription, you will need to do so on your own. After the bulk subscription expires, you will also need to purchase a subscription on your own if you wish to read *The Lutheran Witness*. Too many copies are not being used and are just recycled. LMC can save about $300 annually by canceling this order.

Concordia Publishing House's website is https://www.cph.org. You can also call them at 1-800-325-3040 to subscribe to the publications you desire.

If you have any questions, please call Judy Swanson at 414-332-8277. Thank you.

Brightening Luther Memorial's Grounds

Many people have been working to make the exterior of the church more welcoming and appealing this spring. Recent projects include the installation of four large planters, which were donated by several families, and stand at the main entrances of the church.

It was an exciting Saturday when the planters, made in Wausau, Wisconsin, arrived on shipping pallets and each of the 780-pound concrete planters were wrestled into place. Many thanks to the men who used their muscles for this difficult task! Thanks are also due to Paul Hessel for arranging delivery of the many bags of river stones, top soil, and potting soil from Bliffert Lumber and Hardware store, with which the planters are filled.

After a busy morning of dragging, lifting, and planting, the new planters and their colorful array of annuals provide a bright, cheerful welcome for LMC's members and visitors.

The gardens surrounding the church continue to grow and expand. There is now a new flower garden along the parking lot in an area once overgrown with weeds and volunteer trees. Please take a look at and enjoy this garden.

The gardens along Maryland Avenue and Shorewood Boulevard continue to improve and are growing very well. The large bush at the office entrance was removed by members of the Board of Elders and grass seed was sown there as

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BRIGHTENING LMC GROUNDS

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well as in the area where the three ash trees were removed last fall. Additional Hosta plants have also been added along the north side of the education wing.

There are plans to improve the gardens at the northwest corner and the west side of the education wing. The tedious job of turning over soil and removing lots of weeds is currently in progress and new gardens should be in place next spring.

Thanks to all who have donated plants, time, and money to this effort. Please keep an eye on the gardens and enjoy the plants as they grow and bloom this summer.

ABOVE: How do you move a 780-pound concrete planter? Very carefully! Brian German, Jason Lane, Mark Paterson, and Pastor Michael Larson teamed up to wrestle one of the four into place.

ABOVE: With the planters in place and filled with river rock and soil, Barbara Knetzger, Martha Galvin, and Judy Swanson set to work filling them with a colorful assortment of annuals.

BELOW: Planted last year, the ferns and Hostas along Maryland Avenue are now well established and thriving.

Richard Sovitzky Seminary Update

Dear Saints of Luther Memorial,

I am pleased to announce that I have been accepted to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN, and will begin my studies there this upcoming summer with the intensive Greek language program.

I have lived in Prague, CZ, for over five years now. My older sister, Isabel, is also still in Prague, but the rest of the family lives in Chiayi, Taiwan. My father continues to serve the LCMS and is the Business Manager for Missions in Asia.

I am currently finishing a BA in the humanities at Anglo-American University, an English-speaking college here in Prague. I was blessed to receive a merit scholarship that has waived my tuition for the duration of my studies – a true answer to prayer! My degree does not have a major; rather, students concentrate on an area of study within the humanities and write an academic research thesis in their final semester. My interest has been in philosophy, and I am submitting a thesis about Stoicism, an ancient philosophy/religious movement in the Roman empire that was very influential among the elite in Jesus' day (St. Luke records in Acts 17 that St. Paul debated with Stoics in Athens).

Throughout my studies, I have become interested in responding as a Christian to the Postmodern philosophical movement, which is increasingly popular today and is gaining ever more influence in our society's politics. One great benefit of my degree was being able to engage with these ideas and gain insight into the spirit of our age. I hope my studies will be useful in the upcoming years at the seminary and later in the parish.

It was Pastor Wieting who inspired me most to pursue entering seminary. Growing up under his pastoral care influenced me more, I think, than anything else in life. In the intervening years since I have been away, I have attended St. Michael the Archangel, the Lutheran mission church in Prague, connected to the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Czech Republic, the Lutheran church body here.

The English-speaking congregation is small and struggles to keep members, as people come and go frequently from Prague. It is a very diverse group from all over the world. I have been very active at St. Michael's – teaching Sunday School, preparing the altar, making the church bulletins, and serving as Cantor for our parish. Church music has become a joy of mine, especially the church's heritage of Gregorian chant.

Last summer I traveled to Jerusalem to attend a summer-intensive course at Hebrew University, Israel's leading school, to learn Biblical Hebrew. It was a rewarding experience and a wonderful opportunity to prepare for the ministry. My greatest theological interests are in the theology of the liturgy and the historical practices of our church in celebrating it, in the Old Testament, especially the Torah, the historical books, and the Psalms (my favorites are 103 and 118), and in the Gospels and the art of preaching.

I shall return soon to the U.S., and I look forward very much to seeing everyone at LMC, old and new, and spending time with you all again this upcoming summer in the time between Greek and the meeting of regular classes in the fall.

Give glory to God for all things, especially in the midst of this pandemic – He is our help and our shield.

In the care of Christ, our Good Shepherd,

Richard Sovitzky IV,
Misericordias Domini
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