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Ascension Day: *Just the Beginning?*

by Pastor Larson

I just love the first verse of the Book of Acts! The writer Luke writes, *"In the first book [Gospel of Luke], O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up...."* Luke is saying, in my first book (the Gospel bearing his name) I recorded for you the birth, teaching, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ up through His ascension. But that wasn't the end of the ministry of Jesus. According to this first verse in Acts, Luke is saying the Ascension is just the beginning of the ministry of Jesus!

On the fortieth day after His resurrection, our Lord ascended to the right hand of the Father, Jesus' position of authority from the Father to reign over all things for the sake of His Church. Therefore, Christ is ascended but by no means absent! He now fills all things in heaven and on earth. He continues "to do and to teach" (Acts 1:1), through altars and pulpits the world over, preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins through those sent in His name (Mark 16:14–20; Luke 24:44–53), giving you His true body and blood in the Supper.

He is Lord over all things for the sake of the Church, and He whom heaven cannot contain has raised your human nature to share fully in the glory of God. You are baptized in Christ and are therefore already sitting in the heavenly places because you are in Him who is at the Father's right hand. When Jesus comes again in the clouds on the Last Day, you also will appear with Him in glory.

We will have a joint Ascension Service with Our Savior Whitefish Bay at Luther Memorial Chapel on Thursday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. An ice cream social will follow in the fellowship hall.

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

Please don't forget to send in your weekly offering to the Lord. There continue to be many financial obligations to meet each week.

The church mailing address is right above the headline on this page.

You may also give online at lmcusc.org/give

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE

INAUGURAL LMC MAY DAY 10K RUN/WALK ALONG THE MILWAUKEE RIVER (WITH 5K OPTION)

Saturday, May 1, 2021
(*Bad weather make-up day is May 8*)

Run or walk the trail along the Milwaukee River! Runners will depart the church parking lot shortly after 9 a.m. The 10k run/walk will take 1-2 hours, depending on your speed. You can opt for a shorter course with the 5k turnaround. You will see a red 5k sign which will indicate that you may turn around and head back to the church.

Before entering Hubbard Park, you will run past the Rebholz residence on Menlo Blvd. Tom and Sue will provide some encouragement for you as you enter the river trail. Sue has a cow bell, so you can expect to get pretty amped up here!

When you cross the footbridge over the river on the southernmost part of the course, John and Diane Kretsch will greet you at a water station.

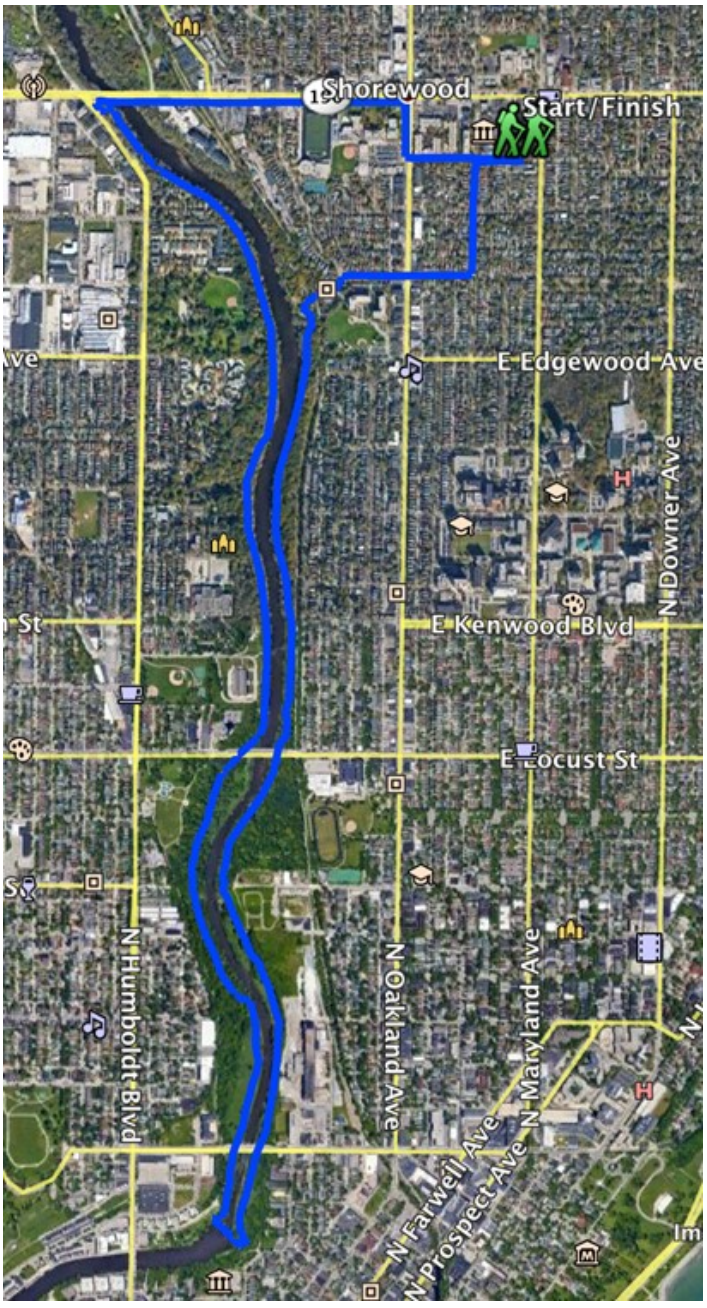
All finishers can expect some race swag. Upon returning, runners and their families will be treated to brats, hot dogs, chips, and refreshments.

During the run/walk, the children will watch *Prince of Egypt* in the USC room (excellent movie about Moses and the Exodus).

Please RSVP to me by Friday, April 30. Indicate how many runners and how many family members may be attending with you. I want to make sure there is plenty of food for all. Total fee is $5 per runner to help offset costs. No fee for any family members attending with you!

The aim of this event is to do something new, challenging, and fun! I hope you will consider participating! See map on this page.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Larson



Baptismal Birthdays

God's Child	Rebirth Date
Roxanne Tibbits	May
Kelly Clark	May 1
Caleb Fitzgerald	May 1
Tristan Zirkle	May 2
Sophia Carlton	May 4
Anjelica Visgin	May 6
Richard Sovitzky III	May 10
Brittany Fremder	May 11
Alexis Rebholz	May 12
Susan Simon	May 13
James Walters	May 13
Teresa Staff	May 16
Catherine Andersen	May 17
Barbara Knetzger	May 17
Barbara Gregory	May 19
Magdalene Lane	May 22
Lazarus Larson	May 25
Evelyn Kelm	May 26
Garrett Stevens	May 28
Rheanne Tibbits	May 28
Rachel Ploetz	May 30

Membership News

BAPTIZED *February 20, 2021:*
Leylani Marie Camacho
Elisabeth Marie Sanchez

TRANSFERRED *April 13, 2021*
Kirsten Nus to Bethany Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN

RELEASED *April 13, 2021*
Karl Meier to St. Peters Lutheran Church, Sturgeon Bay, WI

From the Trustees

Thank you for continued contributions to LMC's Capital Reserve Fund. We now have over $22,000 in this fund.

The purpose of this fund is to finance church repairs. Please be encouraged to continue using the monthly Capital Reserve Fund envelopes in your box of offering envelopes.

The Trustees are currently meeting with a roofing consultant and restoration company to discuss the future needs of the church roof and repairs needed to the church's facade. More details will be reported in June.

Preparation for the Lord's Day in May

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
May 2	Fifth S. of Easter (Cantate)	*LSB* 556	Is. 12:1–6	Psalm 98	James 1:16–21	John 16:5–15
May 9	Sixth S. of Easter (Rogate)	*LSB* 766	Num. 21:4–9	Psalm 100	1 Tim. 2:1–6 *or* James 1:22–27	John 16:23–33
May 13	The Ascension of Our Lord	*LSB* 491	2 Kings 2:5–15	Psalm 110	Acts 1:1–11	Mark 16:14–20 *or* Luke 24:44–53
May 16	Seventh S. of Easter (Exaudi)	*LSB* 539	Ezek. 36:22–28	Psalm 27	1 Peter 4:7–11 (12–14)	John 15:26—16:4
May 23	Day of Pentecost	*LSB* 497	Gen. 11:1–9	Psalm 68	Acts 2:1–21	John 14:23–31
May 30	The Holy Trinity	*LSB* 498	Is. 6:1–7	Psalm 8	Rom. 11:33–36	John 3:1–17

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC:

A 'PIVOT' SKYPE…FROM A BEIJING POLICE STATION?!

BY TIM ALBERS

"I'm in a police station. Please pray for me. It's okay: they don't speak English." We're no longer surprised at where exactly our next international Skype might be coming from. But we're still astonished at what comes with it—an intense, risk-taking hunger for fellowship, teaching and prayer. In this case, the video call was from a forty-ish woman whose professional expertise is much in demand in her highly specialized field. A 'graduate' of our LMC "Worldview Conversations" class several years ago, she had become a believer while she was with us and was now calling from a police station in her country's capital. This dear sister in Christ didn't want to miss our weekly time together completely even though she'd just been in a car accident! (And yes, we were relieved to learn that it was 'only a car accident.')

After we'd finished praying together, as Cheryl and I were signing off, our friend leaned into her iPad from a bench in that police station and exclaimed, "I'll join you next week! I *need* this time, this fellowship!" "No, I replied, "*we* need this fellowship!" Our international friends sometimes can't appreciate how much we volunteers in iO *also* benefit from our many international Skypes each week, how much we—and those who support us in prayer here at home—gain from these ongoing contacts.

iO has indeed pivoted almost completely to Skype… at least for now. 'Pivot,' of course, is the trendy word bandied about by business consultants during the past year of pandemic. "Find a way to keep doing what you do best," they advised. Well, at our best, we in iO share the Gospel and its defense with internationals, and we've continued to do just that. We praise God every day for the gifts of access and technology, never knowing when *this* window might close as well, but trusting in His plan of salvation for all nations.

Our in-person events—Bible studies, ESL classes, group hospitality gatherings and Worldview Conversations—disappeared almost overnight last spring. In a toxic brew of pandemic fears and realities and heightened international tensions, the pipeline of visiting scholars dried up completely. But, amazingly, a dozen or so of our 'graduates' have sought us out online, asking for Bible studies and mentoring in the faith. And, of course, they still want answers to their pressing questions about how the Bible 'fits' with science, logic and history. They've Skyped us from hospital rooms, business and professional conference trips, vacation getaways and yes, even a police station. But even more astonishing to us is this: *the internationals* have done all the initiating! Every one of the half-dozen or more of these Skypes that Cheryl and I are engaged in each week—some lasting over two hours, some coming from abroad and some from within the U.S.—has been at their request.

And much of this, it turns out, is the sometimes hard and often-messy business of long-term follow-up of earlier outreach. No more, the excitement of meeting a new and interesting person from one of a dozen countries *almost every week*. No more, the thrill of baptisms out of 'impossible' circumstances. Now, it's the gritty stuff of everyday life, living together online with fellow sinner-saints—and that often overlaid with the threat of persecution. Now, in addition to Bible *study*, it's Bible *application*. It's wrestling together through the problems of life—the giving of Christian counsel on marriage, family, parenting, illness, getting along with bosses and colleagues.

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The sessions are often difficult—well beyond the usual complaints and constraints of having to conduct business online—and sometimes they are even shocking. Picture two average American Christians working from a condo dining room table to offer support to a woman 7,000 miles away who's experiencing terrifying, disabling flashbacks after a violent and bloody incident in which she was injured at the hands of a loved one suffering from mental illness. By God's grace, our international friends and we have faced every one of these challenges together online in the past twelve months. He has *indeed* "given us everything we need for life and godliness," just as the Apostle Peter promised (2 Peter 1:3).

While many Christians here have lamented our inability to gather freely and hug, and kneel shoulder to shoulder en masse at the Lord's Table, many of our international friends in countries of persecution, of course, have faced much of this isolation reality for years. A recurring topic in some of our weekly sessions is stark: making the decision about when and where to risk joining an underground church. But most often it's the stuff of everyday life so familiar to us here at home. As I write this, I can hear Cheryl in the other room telling the wife of a former Chinese visiting scholar, "This is hard work, changing your habits to conform to God's Word. It requires practice! It requires that you…" And "No, it's not *pretending*. It's *practicing* the truth even when it doesn't *feel* true. You need to work to ignore your emotions and follow the truth…"

And we've been blessed to learn of continuing 'ripple effects' on both sides of the world as a result of these Skypes. In another room, just a few minutes later, on another laptop, I offered encouragement to our very first Worldview graduate, also back in his home country. As a now-mature Christian, he's giving counsel from Scripture to a professor from another university, an unbeliever who's lonely and angry. This man sought out our friend's underground church in desperation, seeking relief from the intense, raw pain over being cut off completely from his young son after an ugly divorce.

And Cheryl and I have the great privilege, in yet another weekly Skype, of working our way through the Gospel of Mark with a group that includes three of our international godchildren! They're in very different circumstances, seemingly with little in common: a 30-something man and his wife in one city and a teenaged boy and his family in another, as they come together with us and iO volunteers John and Nancy Wolck. When they were cut off from their churches early in the pandemic, these two families asked for weekly teaching from us. Their hunger for this fellowship and study now continues even as they transition back to in-person worship.

So, iO has pivoted. And while we pray fervently that the pipeline of visiting scholars might flow into Milwaukee once again one day, we ask that you join us in another prayer—that this new, pandemic-triggered connection, this knitting together of the Body would *also* continue. Truly, "the Body is a unit" (1 Cor. 12:12).

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

Romans 12:12

2021 Schedule for LMC's Fighting Sheep

Come and cheer your church team on!

Thursday evening games @ Sijan Field (about 2800 S. Kinnickinnick, across from Outpost Foods Co-op). Parking on KK or California St. by the tennis courts.

MAY	JUNE	JULY
May 13 @ 9:15 p.m.	June 3 @ 7:15 p.m.	July 1 @ 8:15 p.m.
May 20 @ 6:15 p.m.	June 10 @ 7:15 p.m.	July 8 @ 6:15 p.m.
May 27 @ 7:15 p.m.	June 17 @ 6:15 p.m.	July 15 @ 8:15 p.m.
	June 24 @ 9:15 p.m.	

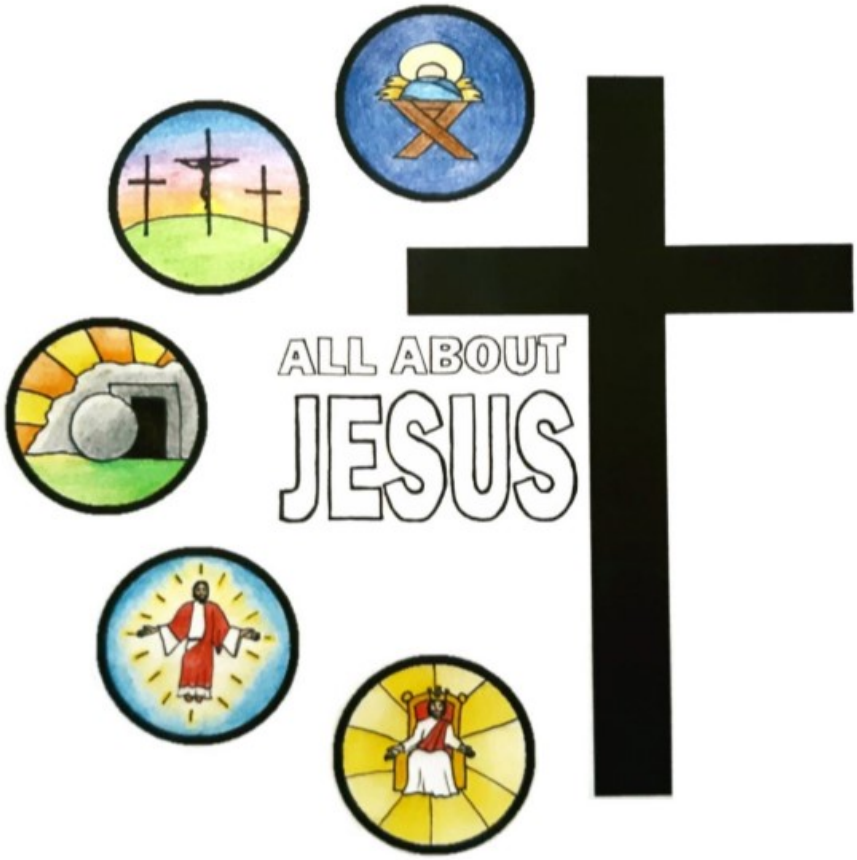
Spring Country Dance April 23

Excerpts from the Large Catechism by Martin Luther
The Lord's Prayer: Part 5 of 5

Therefore, every one of us should accustom himself from his youth daily to pray for all his wants, whenever he is sensible of anything affecting his interests or that of other people among whom he may live, as for preachers, the government, neighbors, domestics, and always (as we have said) to hold up to God His commandment and promise, knowing that He will not have them disregarded. This I say because I would like to see these things brought home again to the people that they might learn to pray truly, and not go about coldly and indifferently, whereby they become daily more unfit for prayer; which is just what the devil desires, and for what he works with all his powers. For he is well aware what damage and harm it does him when prayer is in proper practice. For this we must know, that all our shelter and protection rest in prayer alone. For we are far too feeble to cope with the devil and all his power and adherents that set themselves against us, and they might easily crush us under their feet. Therefore we must consider and take up those weapons with which Christians must be armed in order to stand against the devil. For what do you think has hitherto accomplished such great things, has checked or quelled the counsels, purposes, murder, and riot of our enemies, whereby the devil thought to crush us, together with the Gospel, except that the prayer of a few godly men intervened like a wall of iron on our side? They should else have witnessed a far different tragedy, namely, how the devil would have destroyed all Germany in its own blood. But now they may confidently deride it and make a mock of it, however, we shall nevertheless be a match both for themselves and the devil by prayer alone, if we only persevere diligently and not become slack. For whenever a godly Christian prays, "Dear Father, let Thy will be done," God speaks from on high and says, "Yes, dear child, it shall be so, in spite of the devil and all the world."

Let this be said as an exhortation, that men may learn, first of all, to esteem prayer as something great and precious, and to make a proper distinction between babbling and praying for something. For we by no means reject prayer, but the bare, useless howling and murmuring we reject, as Christ Himself also rejects and prohibits long palavers. Now we shall most briefly and clearly treat of the Lord's Prayer. Here there is comprehended in seven successive articles, or petitions, every need which never ceases to relate to us, and each so great that it ought to constrain us to keep praying it all our lives.

Vacation Bible School 2021



July 26-30, 9:00-11:45am

Luther Memorial Chapel &
University Student Center
3833 N Maryland Ave, Shorewood, WI

Christ-centered Bible stories, crafts, music, based on the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.
Play and snacks included.

Every day starts with Matins at 9:00am

Adults & teens are welcome to stay for
Bible study, food, fellowship & music.

To sign up, please email jengrasse1993@gmail.com Include number and ages of the children. Put

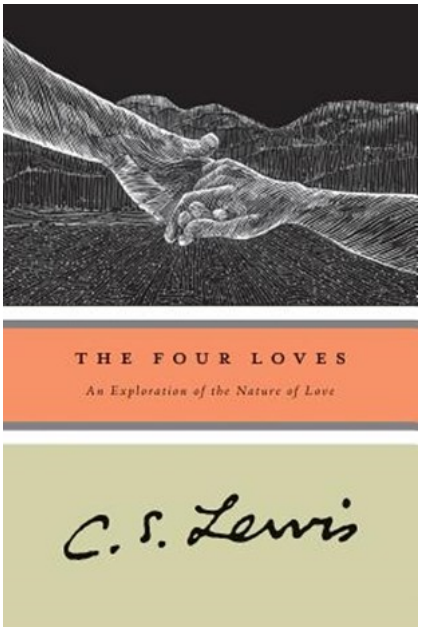
May 2021 at LMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Break **10:45 AM** Bible Study, Sunday School, Catechesis	26 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	27 **6:30 PM** Church Council	28 **9:00 AM** Matins	29 **1:00 PM** LEARN **5:30 PM** New Member Catechesis	30	1 **9:00 AM** May Day 10k Run/Walk
2 **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Break **10:45 AM** Bible Study, Sunday School, Catechesis	3 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	4	5 **9:00 AM** Matins	6 **1:00 PM** LEARN **5:30 PM** New Member Catechesis	7	8 **8:00 AM** Confession
9 **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Break **10:45 AM** Bible Study, Sunday School, Catechesis	10 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	11 **6:00 PM** Trustees	12 **9:00 AM** Matins	13 **1:00 PM** LEARN **5:30 PM** New Member Catechesis **6:30 PM** Ascension Day Divine Service	14	15 **8:00 AM** Confession
16 **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Break **10:45 AM** New Member Catechesis	17 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	18 **6:30 PM** Elders	19 **9:00 AM** Matins	20	21	22 **8:00 AM** Confession
23 **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Break **10:45 AM** New Member Catechesis	24 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	25	26 **9:00 AM** Matins	27	28	29 **8:00 AM** Confession
30 **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Hour & Fellowship **10:45 AM** New Member Catechesis	31 Divine Service *CANCELLED FOR MEMORIAL DAY*	1 **6:30 PM** Elders	2 **9:00 AM** Matins	3	4	5 **8:00 AM** Confession

Next LMC Book Club Saturday, July 17

We will read and discuss ***The Four Loves*** by C. S. Lewis.

In English we have one word for love, but the Greeks had four different words! Storge (empathy), Philia (friendship), Eros (romantic), Agape (unconditional, sacrificial love). C. S. Lewis explores the nature of love and reflects that human love is a reflection of divine love.



Schedule
9 a.m. Matins in the Small Chapel
9:30 a.m. Discussion
10:30 a.m. Break
11:30 a.m. Depart