

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEK OF JULY 11, 2021

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Ashlyn; Jim Cleveland; Aiden Snyder; Emily Slone; Ralph Hammel; Ralph & Brenda LeFever; Barb Myers; Carolyn Wilkins; Brian LeFever; Ken Lahrman

**THE VOTERS' MEETING** for the summer quarter is TODAY at 9:00am.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Our next VBS evening will be **this Tuesday**, July 13, beginning at 5:30pm with a potluck supper. The topic will be "What is Worship?" Sign up by the doors!

**TIN CAPS!** We still have a few tickets for today's game! See Pr. Mullet!

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:** we are updating our records for a few reasons—a new directory soon, better mass communication, etc. If you are willing to share your most up-to-date contact info, please fill out one of the half-sheets on the table by the doors. Or, you can call or email the church office or Pr. Mullet. Thank you!

**LIFE TEAM INTEREST:** is anyone interested in joining a Life Team or starting our own? For more information (or to find out what a Life Team is!), talk to Pr. Mullet or Sem. Woodhouse.

### CALENDAR

Sun. July 11 (Trinity 6)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Voters' Meeting 12:00 / 1:00 Tin Caps lunch / game
Tue. July 13	5:30pm VBS
Wed. July 14	7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. July 15	7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. July 18 (Trinity 7)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study
July 20-23	Higher Things Conference (Grand Rapids, MI)
July 26-28	Pastors' Conference (Racine, WI)

## **THE BACK PAGE**

The Board of Elders, after much study of the Scriptures and the Book of Concord, much prayer, and much discussion with Pastor Mullet, believe moving toward offering Holy Communion at every Sunday service is in the best interest of the congregation both in terms of faithfulness to the Scriptures and the Confessions and in terms of spiritual life and health.

However, we do not wish to bring any changes upon the congregation without also including you in the conversation. We want to take time to help you understand why we came to this conclusion, what factors we've been discussing, and to respond to any questions or concerns that may arise. This change will by no means take place immediately! If we move in that direction, we want to do it together.

The Lord's Supper is a great gift of God, and should never be forced upon anyone! Instead we hope everyone will rejoice in being able to receive it. We learn in the Bible that Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins, for in receiving it we do not receive merely bread and wine but the very body and blood of our Lord which once hung on the cross to pay for our sins! So great a gift is this Sacrament that one early church father, St. Ignatius of Antioch, called it the "medicine of immortality." Martin Luther recognized the great benefit of receiving the body and blood of Jesus in terms of spiritual warfare, writing in the Large Catechism "if you could see how many knives, darts, and arrows are every moment aimed at you [by the devil], you would be glad to come to the Sacrament as often as possible."

There are many other passages of Scripture and the Book of Concord that we have examined together as your Elders. As it happens, there is also a synodical resolution which calls for weekly communion. At this point, however, our encouragement is simply for you to consider these things! Ask questions and voice your concerns. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters and "back pages." Pastor may hold a few open-forum Q & A sessions as well. We want to hear from you and work with you for the sake of our congregation and the Kingdom of God! God's blessings to you!

Sincerely in Christ,

The Board of Elders