

ANNOUNCEMENTS WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2022

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim Cleveland; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora; Darlene Welsh; Brenda LeFever; Linda Comstock; Cheri Wyss

THANK YOU TO THE CHOIR for your singing this morning!

FAITH LUTHERAN T-SHIRTS: place your order on the tables! Ordering 6/6!

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT BIBLE STUDY: today we are joined by Mr. Gerry Wiley of the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society. He will present between services in the fellowship hall. Grab a brochure and join us!

LUTHERHAVEN OUTING: the youth group will be going to Camp LutherHaven in Albion for an overnight Friday, June 10 – Saturday, June 11. Cost will be \$20 per youth to help cover food costs. Sign up with Pr. Mullet!

NO MEN'S GROUP this Saturday, June 11. Stay tuned for our next gathering!

VBS: our first VBS evening of the year will be Tuesday, June 14, beginning with a potluck supper at 5:30pm. Bring the whole family!

TURTLE DAYS PARADE: 11am on Saturday, June 18. Let Pr. Mullet know if you're interested in participating or helping out!

TIN CAPS TICKETS: we have tickets for Sunday, July 10. \$10 each includes lunch and the baseball game. Sign up by the doors to reserve your tickets!

CALENDAR

Sun. Jun. 5 (Pentecost)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Siberian Lutheran Mission presentation
Tue. Jun. 7	8:30am Greek Study
Wed. Jun. 8	8:30am Matins 9:00am Book of Concord Study 7:00pm Divine Service
Thu. Jun. 9	7:00pm Bible Study (Ephesians)
Fri. Jun. 10	6:00pm Youth Group to LutherHaven (return 7:00pm Saturday, Jun. 11)
Sun. Jun. 12 (Holy Trinity)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Bible Study

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The festival we call Pentecost originated thus: When God led the children of Israel out of Egypt, he had them to celebrate the Easter festival [i.e., the Passover] the same night, and commanded them to celebrate it annually, as a memorial of their exodus out of Egypt. Counting from that day, they journeyed in the desert for fifty days, to Mount Sinai, where the Law was given to them by God, through Moses. Hence they celebrated the festival we call Pentecost. For the little word “Pentecost” is derived from the Greek *Pentecostes*, signifying the fiftieth day . . .

We celebrate the festival, not because of the old, but because of the new, event, because of the sending of the Holy Spirit. Therefore we must offer a little explanation and show the difference between our Pentecost and the Jews’ Pentecost. In the first place, the Jews celebrated the festival because the Law had been given them in writing; but we ought to celebrate it because God’s Law is given to us spiritually . . .

It [the Law given spiritually] is not written with pen and ink, nor spoken by word of mouth like the Law on the stone tablets handled by Moses, but, as we see in Luke’s narrative [Acts 2], the Holy Spirit falls from heaven and fills all the company assembled together, manifesting itself upon them in cloven and fiery tongues, causing them to preach boldly and with a power they had not before, so that all the people were pricked in their hearts and marveled. The Holy Spirit streams into the heart and makes a new man, one who now loves God and gladly does his will. Such is the Holy Spirit himself, or rather the work he does in the heart. He writes in fiery flame on the heart and makes it alive, causing it to find expression in fiery tongue and active hand; a new man is made, who is conscious of a reason, heart and mind unlike he formerly had.

Everything is now alive: He has a live reason; he has light and courage and a heart which burns with love and delights in whatever pleases God. This is the real difference between the written and the spiritual laws of God; and such is the work of the Holy Spirit.

From Luther’s 1523 Pentecost sermon. English available in *The Complete Sermons of Martin Luther*, vol. 2. Ed. & trans. by John Nicholas Lenker. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2000.