

REV. JUSTIN & VICTORIA WOODSIDE  
AND ADAM & REBECCA EMTER  
REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE  
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR CHILDREN



Dear members of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church,  
Greetings from Martin Luther School!

Our theme for the 24-25 school year is "Endure," based on Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

I cannot help but think of you as part of that "great cloud of witnesses," partnering with us in the mission at MLS. Your support helps us continue to "run the race," and reach more families with the love of Christ.

School may be out for the summer, but our teachers have continued their journey in learning more about classical Lutheran education. They have already taken part in two workshop days to learn more about our curriculum. We are so thankful for our dedicated staff!

We will be celebrating our 30th anniversary! We'll have an open house celebration event on Saturday, September 28th at MLS so mark your calendars! We have other events planned throughout the year to remember this milestone anniversary.

We are growing and once again able to offer the 6th-8th grades back to our program! We have hired Brenna Quirk to serve as 6th grade teacher. Joy Mehlhoff has been added to the staff as a classical education advisor and assistant to Mrs. Wolfgram with the 7th and 8th grades classes. We are running out of space in our current location, but that is a good problem to have! Some how we will make it work.

Our enrollment for the up coming year is currently at 87 for K-8, our full day preschool is full at 30, and ½ day Monday- Friday preschool has two spots left. We still have inquiries through the summer about enrollment, so if you know of anyone interested in learning more about Martin Luther School, please feel free to send them our way.

Continue to keep MLS is your prayers. It is our joy and privilege to partner with you in the Gospel as we enrich lives and share Christ through quality Lutheran education.

Our congregation is being invited to join a growing movement of a new/old educational approach that returns us to our Lutheran roots in the Reformation and to the time of the founding of the LCMS. Luther Classical College, Casper, Wyoming is founded on this approach and is gaining support around the country.

Luther Classical College is addressing the needs of a failing education system in our country and also helps families and churches flourish. The college...

Immerses students in the Scriptures and the founding documents of the Lutheran Church.

Immerses students in the best of Western culture.

Has tracks for students in a variety of fields: the trades, teaching, music and pre-seminary.

Has a campus culture that nourishes life-long friendships, forms the faith in students and builds up godly mothers and fathers.

Is committed to low annual tuition (\$8,500 per year)

Takes no government money and so is fiercely independent and strong.

The college is breaking ground this Summer on the new campus on a beautiful tract of land at the foot of Casper Mountain in Wyoming.

Come and here this fascinating presentation about a movement and new college that is seeking to address our collapsing culture and shrinking church with the best of Western Culture and an immersion in Scripture and the Lutheran faith: Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> @ Bethel Lutheran Church.



### Women's Bible Study Coming In September

Ladies of the congregation are invited to participate in a twice-a-month Bible study on the second and fourth Monday of the month starting September 9th. Each session will begin at 6:00 pm. The first session will focus on the account of Joseph and his brothers from the book of Genesis entitled, "Meant For Good, A Study of Joseph."



Isaac Hansen  
Woodside  
&  
Katherine Elizabeth  
Emter

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SATURDAY 10 AT 2 PM  
2024

Bethel Lutheran Church  
Bismarck, North Dakota



"Please join us for the annual SOTV church picnic Sunday, July 14 from 11:00-3:00 at the community center in Sertoma Park.

Fried chicken, water, coffee, and soda will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. PLEASE sign up (by July 7) with the number of people in your family attending so we know how much chicken to order."

Thank-you

Stewardship Committee

# Happy Birthday!

Gage R	7/1
Colleen B	7/10
Daisy A	7/11
Susan B	7/12
Reese D	7/12
Audrey H	7/14
Mark N	7/14
Abby Z	7/17
Brad K	7/18
Sharon S	7/18
Tom S	7/18
Korrine L	7/21
Judy O	7/21
Craig H	7/25
Patrick W	7/27
Carey B	7/28
Olivia D	7/31
Marilyn S	7/31

	Pat B	7/1
	Shirley C	7/1
	Denise W	7/3
	Madison G	7/8
	MacKenzie G	7/8
	Evan P	7/14
	Nolan P	7/14
	Todd S	7/18
	Lisa M	7/19
	Craig H	7/25
	Julia D	7/27
	Loren S	7/29

Brad & Anne-Marie	07/12
Tom & Cathy	07/26



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July 7	Sylvia D.
July 14	Sam N.
July 21	Madison G.
July 28	Mackenzie G.

**1-15 Lee R**

**16-31 Dick D**



WITH SUMMER HERE, increased traveling often takes us out of town on Sundays and/or at other times when our congregation's worship services are normally being held. And yet, our need for the spiritual nourishment of God's Word and Sacrament - as well as the blessing of gathering together with fellow believers in Jesus - remains as much as ever! With this in mind, please find a sister LCMS congregation wherever you find yourself; and also remember our LCMS "Main Street Living" media ministry broadcast each

week.

Please continue to share information about our LCMS "Main Street Living" media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view archived programs anytime at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) – then click on the link identified as "**Fargo / Bismarck**". Worship services from the five other MSL broadcast areas, as well as the weekly "*This Is the Life*" programs, are also available for viewing on the website.

**"MSL North" Programs for July 2024:**

**July 7<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Paul Preus, Zion Lutheran Church, Ellendale, ND, presents the message: "**Righteousness**" based on Matthew 5:20-26. *This Is the Life* program: "**No Laughing Matter**" - A woman must learn to deal with her past in order to help someone else in her present.

**July 14<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Eric Souer, St. Johns' Lutheran Church, Barnesville, MN, presents the message: "**The Compassion of Christ**" based on Mark 8:1-9. *This is the Life* program: "**My Husband, My Sorrow**" - A man and woman must deal with whether they should consummate an adulterous affair.

**July 21<sup>st</sup>:** Rev. Matthew Lorenz, Zion Lutheran Church, Alexandria, MN, presents the message: "**Only An Appetizer**" based on Mark 6:30-44. *This is the Life* program: "**The Cup**" - The dilemma a trucker must face when a good friend dies trying to protect him.

**July 28<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Chris Waldvogel, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "**Take Heart; it is I. Do Not Be Afraid!**" based on Mark 6:45-46. *This is the Life* program: "**Stranger at the Door**" - Having given up a baby for adoption 22 years before, a man shows up on her steps saying he is looking for his mother.

"MAIN STREET LIVING" is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program (normally "This Is the Life," along with occasional church-season specials).

Programs are broadcast starting at 10:00 am Central Time 9:00 am Mountain time on the following WDAY XTRA Channels: Bismarck/Dickinson: KBMY Xtra Channel 17.3



2024 Summer Midweek Preaching Schedule

Wednesday, 6:00 pm  
Shepherd of the Valley

July 3	Voss
July 10	Woodside
July 17	Zellers
July 24	Wolfgram
July 31	Woodside
August 7	Otto
August 14	Woodside
August 21	Marcis
August 28	Wolfgram



Dear Future Wisdom Warrior Mentors,

As a church family, our mission is to share, nurture, and live our faith in Christ. The Wisdom Warriors program aligns perfectly with this mission. While we often discuss the benefits for the mentees, the advantages for mentors are not always as apparent. Being a mentor to church youth is not only a rewarding experience but also a way to positively impact the faith life of the younger generation. Here are some key benefits of taking on this role:

**Guiding the Next Generation:** As a mentor, you will guide and shape the lives of young individuals, helping them grow in their faith and character.

**Building Strong Relationships:** Mentoring allows you to build strong meaningful relationships with the youth in our church, strengthening our church family.

**Leading by Example:** By being a Wisdom Warrior mentor, you can lead by example and demonstrate Christ-like behavior and values to the Wisdom Warriors you will be mentoring.

**Growing Your Own Faith:** Being a Wisdom Warrior mentor can also deepen and strengthen your own faith as you share your beliefs, experiences, and wisdom with others, both in the Wisdom Warriors program and those not yet in the program.

**Making a Lasting Impact:** The impact you have as a mentor can have an eternal, lasting effect on the lives of the youth you mentor, influencing them for years to come and beyond.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Wisdom Warrior mentor. We encourage you to experience the many benefits of this important role.

Love in Him,

The Wisdom Warriors leaders (Michelle, Carrie, Sam, and Korri)



Soul 57 and The Race for Life Endurance Series:

Matthew Schirado (Messiah Lutheran church member), Timmy Ell (Messiah Lutheran church member) and Micheal Henke (SOTV member) have partnered with Soul 57 in hopes of raising awareness and funds to further support the mission of Soul 57. Soul 57, with its focus on youth grief services, is a local charity that fits a previously unmet need for the youth in our community. The goal of Race for Life Endurance Series is to bring awareness to Soul 57 and their cause through the platform of Ultra Endurance Sports.

Matthew Schirado, Maah Daah Hey 100 trail run: a 116 mile out and back trail through the badlands of North Dakota

Timmy Ell, Black Hills 100: a 105 mile out and back trail on the Centennial trail Black Hills South Dakota.

Micheal Henke, Maah Daah Hey 100 mountain bike race; a 107 mile point to point bike race through the badlands of North Dakota.

Please take a moment to learn more about Soul 57 and if you feel so moved consider supporting this growing organization by a donation using the QR code or website. Please talk with Micheal Henke for more information or want to know more about how you can help the mission of Soul 57.

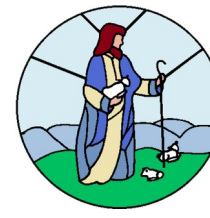


Race for Life Endurance Series donation URL: <https://soul57.ddock.gives/?givingPageId=823ca335-55c1-4b94-b3a8-72dea6d00fff>



Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads is the area of focus for Human Care during the second quarter of 2024. SH@CR is a Lutheran Bible Camp located near the International Peace Garden and is a Registered Service Organization of the LCMS. SH@CR provides Christ-centered ministry with retreats and Bible camp opportunities for persons of all ages. We rejoice in the blessing that SH@CR is for individuals and families across ND as they provide outdoor ministry opportunities for Christians to grow in their faith in Christ through Bible study, fellowship, and enjoying God's creation. To learn more about camp and retreat opportunities go to their website at <https://www.shretreat.org/>.

# July



S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
30 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour	1	2 <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	3 <u>6:00pm</u> Worship (Voss)	4	5	6
7 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour	8	9 <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	10 <u>6:00pm</u> Worship (Woodside)	11	12	13
14 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>11:00am</u> Congressional Picnic	15	16 <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	17 <u>6:00pm</u> Worship (Zellers)	18 <u>6:30pm</u> Elders	19	20 <u>4:30pm</u> Hang Out
21 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Middle School Youth	22	23 <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:00pm</u> Bible Study	24 <u>6:00pm</u> Worship (Wolfgram)	25	26	27
28 <u>9:00am</u> Divine Service <u>10:30am</u> Education Hour <u>1:00pm</u> Senior High Youth <u>7:00pm</u> Council	29	30	31 <u>6:00pm</u> Worship (Woodside)			

### God Words: Part 1

#### What are they?

This month's article is the first in a series called "God Words." What do I mean by *God words*? God words are religious words that are used so frequently in the church and in the culture at large, that their actual Biblical meaning has often become misunderstood. The devil has a fine way of taking words and trying to change, twist, or cloud their meaning. Why is this? Because it breeds confusion. This is bad enough when we confuse the meanings of neutral words, but when it comes to words of eternal importance (words that we will be referring to as "God words") the consequences can be spiritually fatal. Some of the words that I want to discuss over the next several months are:

1. God
2. Love
3. Faith
4. Heaven
5. Good
6. Truth
7. Sin

The problem with these words is that most people in the world think they know what these words mean, but in actuality, if pressed to actually define them, they would quickly find that their assumed definitions are either overly simplistic or else completely wrong. This is, by the way, no new problem. The ancient Greek philosopher, Plato, in his dialogues, attempts to define these words. If you have never read any of his dialogues, I would recommend it, because what he demonstrates is that human beings have a serious problem defining words like these. Our definitions are riddled with contradictions and non-sense!

Left to our own, we seem to be unable to really properly define these God words. But words like God, love, faith, heaven, good, truth, and sin are the very words that we most need to understand! Our lives literally depend on it. Why are we so foolish as to seemingly be unable to explain the meanings of such apparently simple words?

In Romans 1 Paul writes about the fall of humanity into sin. One of the results of this is foolishness.

**<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.** (Rom 1: 21-23, ESV)

Of course, the real foolishness here was turning away from the true God to false ones. But with it, I would argue, we also lost a firm grip on the truth. Our thinking is clouded and murky. We are stumbling around in the dark, unable to find the truth or even define what the word truth really means. So how do we find it? It is shown to us.

Scripture says in Psalm 119: 105: **"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."** Jesus, the Word made flesh also says, **"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**(John 8:12, ESV)

Indeed, our only hope of really understanding these critically important God words, is through scripture itself. God must tell us! Next month I plan to discuss the first of these God words: God. When someone says, "I believe in God." What does that mean? If asked to define "God", I think one would get a lot of *different* answers. This is a problem, because there are *not* a lot of *different* Gods. There is only one who saves: The God of scripture!

In Christ,

Pastor Woodside