



The Monthly Herald

June & July 2024

Summer Chaos and Peace

And before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. Revelation 4:6

Summer is finally here! What summer plans do you have? Any fun vacations, or chilling at home? Our youth group is going to be quite busy this summer, as you can tell by the Calendar. And it seems as though water is the theme this summer! At VBS we are going to be talking about Scuba diving, then we have a youth beach party and a pool party! This is all before our Senior High youth head down for their House Boat Retreat! We are going to be spending a lot of time out on the water!



Jesus also seemed to spend a lot of time out on the water. This made sense, since many of his disciples were fishermen. Yet being on the water was not the joy for them the way it is for us. The disciples relied on being on the water for their careers. There were myths and legends about monsters that lived out on the sea. And it also feels like every time Jesus and the disciples went sailing they were caught in a storm. Having a weather app, or the weather channel is certainly a great thing to have when deciding whether to go to the beach or not! For us we think of beach/boat days as calm and peaceful. But for them it was work, and it could be hazardous. It was hard, for the sea was chaos unable to be controlled.



Though we ourselves do not experience the chaos of the sea out on lake Michigan, we each know what it is like to go through chaos. The summer seems to go by too quickly, and suddenly we are thrown back into the chaos of the school year. Even during the summer trying to balance the vacations and fun with everything we have to do can really feel chaotic. Trying to make the summer bend to your will is like trying to stop a wave from crashing onto the shore, it cannot be done.

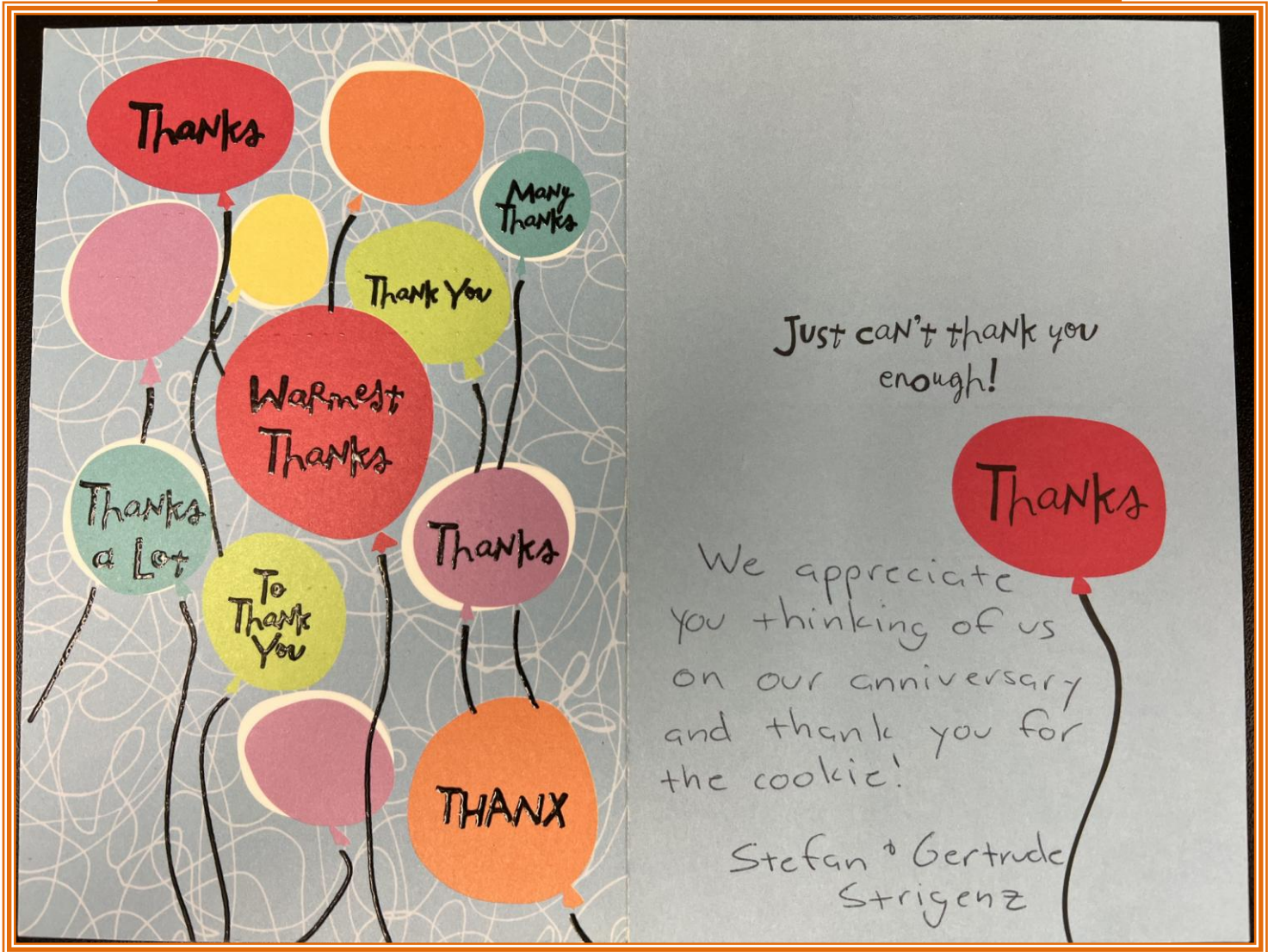
Yet in John's vision in Revelation 4, as he is viewing the great throne room of God, there is the chaotic sea. Yet it is no longer chaotic, but it is calm and at peace as though it were peaceful. Our God is the one who made the sea out of nothing, who forgave all sins with nails. He is able to calm all chaos, he is able to bring calm to every situation. He is the good God who has the power to save. He can bring calm into the chaos of your summer, and into your life. So bring the craziness, bring the chaos to him and watch him restore it with his peace. He may not do this immediately, but when we trust that all things work together for the good of those who love him we can be calm in any circumstance. For the Lord who can calm the sea, is with us, assuring us that there is a day when the sea and chaos will be calm forever.

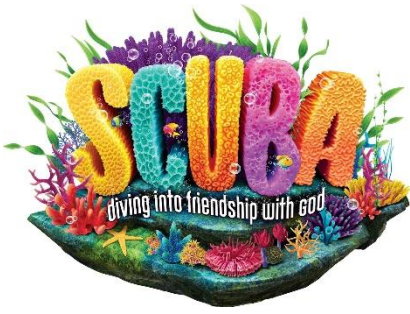


Have a wonderful summer everyone!

Pastor Josh

Bible Studies - Resume in September





Dive into the fun of Vacation Bible School on June 10th-14th. Children entering Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to join us for SCUBA-Vacation Bible School here at St. Paul's from 9am-12pm.

Go to vbspro.events/p/86f8e5 to register today!

Board of Missional Community Events

Outdoor Movie Night "Sleeping Beauty"

June 19th at 8 pm

Join us on the playground for our first outdoor movie night!

Bring a lawn chair and a drink. Popcorn will be provided.

Cookout and Movie Night "Finding Nemo"

July 10th

Immediately following the Wednesday Night Service, there will be dinner and a movie outside on the playground!

Bring your lawn chair and a drink.

Our Final Movie Night - "Honey I Shrunk the Kids!"

August 7th

Immediately following our Worship service.

Again, bring lawn chairs and drinks. Popcorn will be provided.



Ladies Groups

Widows Lunch

All widows in the congregation are invited to lunch at Aliota's on Hwy 100 & Burleigh on June 12th at 11:00am.

Quilter's Patch

The other week I received a call to pick up a fabric donation. My car was filled with three boxes of fabric. We also received sheets from two other families. These are wonderful blessings that we incorporate into the quilts we make. We always have room for one more person to work on the quilts...No experience is necessary. As I say, "We can train you." We meet in the fellowship hall at 9am to 11:30 on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays.

Below is the schedule for June through August.

June – 3rd and 17th

July – 1st and 15th

August – 5th and 19th

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Ziolecki via phone or text at 414-841-6097 or email at dzwolf2012@gmail.com.

Ladies Guild

It is hard to believe that summer is just around the corner. Even though we will not be meeting during the summer, the district convention is happening June 14th and 15th in Sun Prairie.

This last year we tried something new with the servant event activities. A total of 990 witness bracelets were made at two of the servant events. We are still looking into other opportunities to do at these events. So keep an eye out for news of our next servant event. Our next business meeting is Monday, September 23rd at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. All ladies 18 yrs old and older are welcome to attend.

For additional information you can contact Dawn Ziolecki at cell, text, 414-841-6097 or dzwolf2012@gmail.com OR Toni Dunn at cell, text, 414-335-3553 or tdunnusa@outlook.com

Emergency Pastoral Care: 217-779-7985 or 608-290-9837



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Thank you!

Youth News



Beach Day June 23rd

Come and enjoy some time at South Shore Beach on a nice summer afternoon! If your youth is interested in a bike ride as well we will be meeting at Grant Park Picnic Area 7 and biking to South Shore from there. We will meet at the picnic area at 1:00. It will be about a 6 mile ride. Otherwise meet us at the South Shore Beach for a wonderful afternoon! Contact Pastor Josh for further information.

High School Youth - Romano Pool Party July 2nd

The Romano's have graciously opened up their house for a youth party! Bring swim wear as they have a pool! It will be a wonderful way for us to relax and enjoy some fellowship on this Summer afternoon! Contact Pastor Josh for more information.



Houseboat Retreat July 14-19

Pray for all of our youth who are participating in the House Boat Retreat! We will be enjoying some time on the water, watching a wonderful performance of Esther at the Sight and Sound Theatre, and talking about what Godly friendships and relationships look like. It will be a wonderful experience for all involved.



Youth Hiking Trip July 29th

Location TBD if you know of any great locations let Pastor Josh know! 6th-12th grade is welcome to come!

Six Flags August 20th

Put it in your calendars and let Pastor Josh know if you would like to go! 6th-12th grade are invited!



Sharing God's Bounty

Overcoming Pride

In his book *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis wrote the following about pride: “Pride is the one vice of which no man in the world is free; which everyone in the world loathes when he sees it in someone else; and of which hardly any people, except Christians, ever imagine they are guilty of themselves.” We demonstrate pride when go our own way and do our own thing. It is “my will be done” not “thy will be done.”

Pride is sinful and destructive. It destroys gratitude to God for all his kindness to us. It destroys our desire and ability to serve others. It destroys contentment for it feeds our competitive nature so that we are not satisfied with just being wealthy or intelligent, but we want to be wealthier and more intelligent than anyone else.

Through faith, we are changed by God from being self-serving, proud people into people who are humble and seek the welfare of others before ourselves. God changes us from being people who always want to be in control into people who desire to be controlled by God. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, “*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth*” (Matthew 5:5). In Rick Warren’s book *The Purpose Driven Life*, he wrote, “Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.” Through faith, we understand our need for humility. We become more humble as God molds and transforms us by the renewing of our mind (Romans 12:2).

Pride has no place in our lives as Christians and stewards. First Peter 5:6 reads, “*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand that he may lift you up in due time.*” It is God alone who can exalt us (Psalm 75:7). If Christ himself, God’s only begotten Son, humbled himself, should we not follow his example and humble ourselves? Because Christ humbled himself, God exalted him (Philippians 2:9)

David, the shepherd-king, put our situation in proper perspective: “*When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?*” (Psalm 8:3-4). The inference is that, although we are insignificant, God has exalted us: “*You made [us] ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under [our] feet.*”

Humility allows us to accept our smallness and God’s goodness. In the words of Martin Luther, humility is the decision to “let God be God.” We are stewards through humility. We are to honor him with what we have, what we are, and what he will make of us.

Let us be generous with gifts we can give to others: Time, Good Example, Acceptance, Seeing the Best in People, Self-esteem, Self-disclosure, Helping Someone Learn Something New, Listening, Fun, and Letting Others Give to You.



The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the plans of His heart to all generations.
Psalm 33:11

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Music Notes



Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;
let them sing before the Lord.

In the summer, it's easier to relate to these words of Psalm 98. Let's join in with nature in praising God. Let's also say with the psalmist, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" (Ps 122:1)

And, as always, if you would like to sing or play during a service, please let me know!

Have a blessed summer!

Deaconess Carole

South Wisconsin District Family Life Conference
June 8th at
Concordia University Wisconsin



June 16, 2024

ROCK OF AGES

Classic Car and Bike Show



Saturday, June 1, 2024

9AM - 3PM

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Food and Refreshments – Fun for Everyone!

Proceeds are donated to the New Berlin Food Pantry.

Please support the pantry by bringing a non-perishable food item.

Please – No sales on the grounds

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A Place of Refuge ministries is proud to announce:

LifeWalk 2024

will be hosted by

Immanuel Lutheran Church

on Saturday, June 22nd

13445 Hampton Road, Brookfield, WI

Schedule:

9:00 Registration

10:00 Welcome, Opening Prayer & Start of the Walk

11:15 Finish the Walk, Prizes, Music & Lunch

To register, please go to

aplaceofrefuge.org

and click on the Life Walk page.

Get friends and family to sponsor your walk!

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Join us for a fun filled and Love-for-Life event!

For details contact Dennis Greese 414.881.3640

Or Dave Meissner 616.450.1507

“But Jesus said, Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14)

Camp LuWiSoMo

Summer 2024 Youth Camps

LuWiSoMo Family Day – August 10th

Details and registration information at
www.luwisomo.org



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Building Safety Update DOOR CHECKERS NEEDED



Church and school leadership have been meeting and discussing ways to improve the security of our campuses. One thing we want to do is form a committee of parents and church members to do nightly door checks. The task would simply be to walk around the outside of the buildings and check to make sure that each door is closed and locked.

Please call the office if you'd like to help! 414-541-6250