

# July Newsletter 2016



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*July 25-29 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM*

**Ebenezer Lutheran Church – Port Hudson**

**The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**

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## From the Pastor's Desk:

### The Eyes Have It

*“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness” (Matthew 6:21–23).*

In our Lord's parable of the vineyard workers, the vineyard owner says to those who worked the longest, “Or do you begrudge my generosity” (Matthew 20:15)? It's an unfortunate translation. It's not wrong, but it doesn't give us the full picture. What the vineyard owner actually says is this: “Or is your eye evil because I am good?” Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus said, “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness” (Matthew 6:21–23).

This statement comes right in the middle of our Lord's teaching about giving. He said, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other,

or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Matthew 6:19–24).

Having an evil eye does not let in the light. Having an evil eye means that we are so focused on what we don't have, that we are unable to rejoice in what God has given. An evil eye makes us distressed when we see others prosper. It makes us rejoice when others suffer. An evil eye makes us so love ourselves and our money, that we don't want to share with others; we don't want to give of what we have because we are so focused on keeping what we have and getting what we don't.

Whereas a good eye is an eye that lets the light in so that our lives are filled with it. This light shines upon all that we have and reveals that it comes from our Father's divine goodness and mercy. A good eye that lets in the light, unencumbered by the darkness, so that we have a good will, a benevolent disposition, and a genuine happiness to see others prosper and the desire to be part of it.

Jesus came to give you a good eye and to take away the darkness that fills your life. Christ our Lord, through His death and resurrection, has forgiven your sin, removed your evil eye and given you new eyes that let in His light and truth. “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9).

The reality is that you have all that you need and more. You have the love of God in Christ Jesus. You have the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. You have house and home, all that you need for this body and life. So, lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy. And you will see that your hearts will follow, just as Jesus promised.

**Prayer:** Lord of glory, you have bought us  
With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust you boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on you;  
But, oh, best of all your graces,  
With your love our love renew.

### **Vacation Bible School - Barnyard Roundup**

**The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is Barnyard Roundup. It will be held July 25 – 29 – 9:00 – 11:30 AM.** It's almost time for VBS here at Ebenezer. Psalm 23 is the Bible Memory focus for this year. This beloved Psalm shares our confident trust that our Lord is with us now and forever, provides all we need, and protects us. Mission projects for this year are: Kids Against Hunger, Shoeman Water Projects and a collection of basic new school supplies. During the week we will be collecting old shoes for the Shoeman, one day we will pack meals for Kids Against Hunger, and through the week we will be collecting new school supplies to be distributed to the area schools. The following is a list of items that we are collecting for distribution to the local public schools in our area. There is a poster board at the back of Church with cards identifying the items we would like to collect. Please check the supply list before purchasing the following items:

- Pencil Sharpeners
- #2 Pencils (Pack of 12) Dixon or Ticonderoga Brand
- Pens – Black or Blue ink Pentel RSVP or Papermate Brand
- Tissues – Rectangular box
- Dry Erase Markers – Expo Brand
- Small pencil case or pouch
- Back Pack – Elementary School Size

Crayola Brand Crayons 24 count box  
 Wet Wipes  
 Crayola Brand Wide Tip Markers Packs of 8  
 Crayola Brand Fine Tip Markers Packs of 10  
 Wooden Rulers  
 Spiral Notebooks – Wide lined  
 Child Scissors  
 Beveled erasers  
 Glue Sticks – Elmers or Scotch Brand

You may choose a school supply or supplies from the list and return it at any time. The children will be putting together the school supplies into individual bags during Bible School.

The bags will then be distributed to area school.

We will also have on-line registration for those that prefer to register in that manner. Paper registration will also be available. The on-line registration can be done at:

<https://vbsmate.com/EbenezerLutheranPortHudson>

Please keep watching the bulletins and July Newsletter for updated information.

### **July Birthday – God’s Blessings on Your Birthday**

Lyndon Kassebaum	7-1	Lydia Groce	7-17
Phil Pelster	7-1	Adam Scheer	7-19
Doug Scheer	7-1	Sarah Summers	7-20
Cierra Donatti	7-3	Bernard Redhage	7-22
Tammie Pohlmann	7-4	Joyce Mae Hohlt	7-23
Tyler Gardner	7-8	Robert Bunge	7-23
Zachary Brunkhorst	7-8	Becky Inman	7-24
Faron Kasmann	7-8	Brian Kasmann	7-27
Doug Brune	7-9	Donna Pohlmann	7-28
Susan Allmeroth	7-14	Patty Kellmann	7-29
Marvin Pohlmann	7-14	Larry Brune	7-29

## **July Anniversaries**

Mike and Becky Inman 7-10  
Faron and Dana Kasmann 7-17  
Bernard and Janet Redhage 7-25  
Bob and Penny Schreiner 7-28

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or listed incorrectly, please let Mary know.  
Thank you!!*

## **Acolyte Schedule for July 2016**

### **July 3**

Danielle Gerding  
Trent Huellinghoff  
Ava Monzyk

**Bell Ringer**  
Cody Adams

### **July 10**

Kayleigh Crego  
Paige Thurmond  
Cierra Donatti

Jeff Hohlt

### **July 17**

Danielle Gerding  
Trent Huellinghoff  
Ava Monzyk

Tyler Kasmann

### **July 24**

Tyler Kasmann  
Kayleigh Crego  
Cierra Donatti

Corey Adams

### **July 31**

Danielle Gerding  
Trent Huellinghoff  
Ava Monzyk

Cody Adams

**Usher Schedule for July**

- 1: Craig Monzyk
- 2: Harvey Quinn
- 3: Donald Hoemann
- 4: Tyler Gardner
- Alternate: Alan Hilkerbaumer
- Head Usher: Marvin Kassebaum

**Altar Guild for July**

Joan Menke and Margaret Zastrow

**Monthly Treasurer’s Summary  
May 2016**

Beginning checking balance	\$15,507.24
Receipts	\$8,695.78
Disbursements	\$11,862.51
Ending checking balance	\$12,340.51
LCEF savings balance	\$35,296.17
Thrivent FPDA balance	\$21,028.67
Pledged to Missouri District for year	\$4,800.00
Paid to Missouri District this year-to-date	\$2,000
Year-to-date income less expenses	-\$10,838.70

**Ladies Aid Meets July 8**

**Because of the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, Ladies will be meeting on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.** Pastor will have the topic titled, “We the Church: The Priesthood of All Believers.”

From immigrant communities of German Christians to a mainline denomination of more than 6,000 congregations, We the Church: The Priesthood of All Believers focuses on the

origin and development of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) and how the early LCMS met the outreach challenges of its new "American" setting. Beyond the historical context, this video resource examines how early church leaders viewed the role of laity inside and outside of the church. It also challenges today's church members to embrace their rich heritage as disciples by sharing the message of hope we have in Christ Jesus. Everyone, yes, even men, are invited to see this 17 minute video and take part in Ladies Aid.

### **Recycle Update**

We are pleased to report the addition of \$10.50 from recycle aluminum and \$28.20 from the Sunday School birthday bank. This brings our grand total for recycle aluminum to \$4905.65, the grand total for cash donations to \$2636.60, and the grand total for all recycle funds to \$9427.30. Sincere thanks for your support of our recycle for missionaries project.

**REMINDER - PLEASE NO PLASTIC OR CARDBOARD IN THE PAPER DUMPSTER.**

### **Voters' Meeting**

Our quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held on Monday, July 11 at 7:30 PM. Our officers' meeting will be held Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Please plan to attend these important meetings.

**Tom Anderson and Rev. Jacob Ehrhard Washington  
Circuit Delegates to the 66<sup>th</sup> Synodical Convention in  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**



Tom Anderson, Elder at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, and Rev. Jacob Ehrhard, Pastor of Trinity, New Haven, are convention delegates to the 66<sup>th</sup> Synodical Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin July 11 – 14. We pray for them as they decide with the other delegates the business of our Synod and the election of our Synodical officers.

### **Harrison re-elected to third term as LCMS president**

The **Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison**, having received 56.96 percent of the votes cast, is the president-elect of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for a third term of office, 2016-2019.

The nomination process for the position of Synod president began last fall with the mailing of nominations ballots to all congregations of the Synod. All nominations were required to be submitted by Feb. 9, 2016, or five months prior to the start of the Synod convention, when the ballots, received by an outside auditor, were tallied and delivered to the secretary of the Synod.

The resulting candidates for the office of president were the three ordained ministers who received the highest number of votes in the nominations process and who consented to serve if elected. The three nominees for Synod president were Harrison, the Rev. Dr. David P.E. Maier and the Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer.

Four weeks prior to the convention, the secretary's office provided a secure method and opportunity for two voting delegates from each congregation to participate in the vote via electronic balloting services provided by Election-America, a Garden City, N.Y., company that conducted the balloting via a Web-based voting site, June 11-14. The voters in the

president's election were the congregations' delegates in attendance at the 2015 district conventions.

The results of the ballot tallied and reported to the secretary of the Synod by Election-America are as follows:

- Harrison was voted president-elect with 3,507 votes (56.96 percent);
- Meyer received 2,257 votes (36.66 percent); and
- Maier received 393 votes (6.38 percent).

The Bylaws of the LCMS instruct the secretary of the Synod to notify the candidates in the Synod's presidential election of the results of the balloting at least two weeks prior to the convention. The candidates were informed June 15, of the results of the June 11-14 ballot.

### **One More Note of Appreciation**

**Thanks to all of our Silent Auction & Picnic Contributors – we couldn't do this without your help!**

**We accidentally omitted Jane Redhage on our list of contributors for our silent auction. Thank you Jane**

We also want to extend our thanks to Thrivent for \$500.00 for the picnic, Jim Wesselschmidt for cream and butter and New Haven Pepsi for drinks for the picnic.

Thank you to all the people who helped out at our picnic in June. A special thanks to the members who helped all day serving, and helped set up and clean up. We served approximately 400 people who got fed well.

Judy Hubenthal certainly appreciated the wonderful clean-up that everyone did after the picnic. The clean-up really helped her out!

**We also received a note of appreciation from Carol Roth at the New Haven Senior Center:** “Dear Friends at Ebenezer – Thank you once again for sharing all the wonderful food with the Senior Center. We greatly appreciate the donations!”

# July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Worship w/ Holy Communion 5:00 PM
3 Sunday School 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:00 Sprick Reunion	4 Independence Day	5 Elders 7:00 PM	6 Bible Study the Ten Commandments 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM	7 Officers Meeting 7:00 PM	8 Ladies Aid 1:30 PM	9 Worship 5:00 PM
10 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00	11 Voters' Meeting 7:30 PM Adult Class 4:30 PM	12	13 Bible Study the Ten Commandments 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM	14	15	16 Cub Scouts Worship w/ Holy Communion 5:00 PM
17 Sunday School 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:00	18 Adult Class 4:30 PM	19	20 Bible Study the Ten Commandments 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM	21	22	23 Worship 5:00 PM
24 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00 VBS Set Up after church	25 VBS 9:00 – 11:30 AM Adult Class 4:30 PM	26 VBS 9:00 – 11:30 AM	27 VBS 9:00 – 11:30 AM	28 VBS 9:00 – 11:30 AM	29 VBS 9:00 – 11:30 AM VBS Closing 7:00 PM	30 Worship 5:00 PM
31 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00						