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# ***PARISHSCOPE JULY AND AUGUST 2021***



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## Pastor's Ponderings

This summer we have several special days we'll be celebrating in church. Two are Saints' Days: St. James the Elder (one of the twelve apostles and the brother of John) on July 25 and St. Mary, Mother of our Lord on August 15. Now, when I grew up in southern Ohio and attended Christ Lutheran, we never celebrated any Saints' Days. That was a Catholic thing! I thought we Lutherans didn't have saints?

Well, here's where it's good to go back to the 1500's and the beginning of the Lutheran Church. Remember that Luther didn't intend to start a new Church but simply wanted to reform the Church, as over the centuries since Christ it had drifted away from the teachings and practices of the apostles. Luther was a conservative reformer. He kept practices that the people knew and were used to, even if they weren't practiced in the early Church, as long as they didn't conflict with the teachings of the Scriptures. An example of this is Saints' Days.

When the Lutheran princes presented a summary of Lutheran teaching to Holy Roman Emperor Charles V at Augsburg in 1530 – thus marking the beginning of the Lutheran Church as a separate Confession – they had this to say regarding the Saints:

*Of the Worship of Saints they teach that the memory of saints may be set before us, that we may follow their faith and good works, according to our calling, as the Emperor may follow the example of David in making war to drive away the Turk from his country. For both are kings. But the Scripture teaches not the invocation of saints or to ask help of saints, since it sets before us the one Christ as the Mediator, Propitiation, High Priest, and Intercessor. He is to be prayed to, and has promised that He will hear our prayer; and this worship He approves above all, to wit, that in all afflictions He be called upon, 1 John 2:1: "If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father," etc.*

*This is about the Sum of our Doctrine, in which, as can be seen, there is nothing that varies from the Scriptures, or from the Church Catholic, or from the Church of Rome as known from its writers. This being the case, they judge harshly who insist that our teachers be regarded as heretics.*

*There is, however, disagreement on certain abuses, which have crept into the Church without rightful authority. And even in these, if there were some difference, there should be proper lenity on the part of bishops to bear with us by reason of the Confession which we have now reviewed; because even the Canons are not so severe as to demand the same rites everywhere, neither, at any time, have the rites of all churches been the same; although, among us, in large part, the ancient rites are diligently observed.*

*For it is a false and malicious charge that all the ceremonies, all the things instituted of old, are abolished in our churches. But it has been a common complaint that some abuses were connected with the ordinary rites. These, inasmuch as they could not be approved with a good conscience, have been to some extent corrected.*

The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, written to defend the teaching presented in the Augsburg Confession after the Catholic theologians rejected it, added this:

*Our Confession approves honors to the saints. For here a threefold honor is to be approved. The first is thanksgiving. For we ought to give thanks to God because He has shown examples of mercy; because He has shown that He wishes to save men; because He has given teachers or other gifts to the Church. And these gifts, as they are the greatest, should be amplified, and the saints themselves should be praised, who have faithfully used these gifts, just as Christ praises faithful businessmen, Matt. 25:21, 23.*

*The second service is the strengthening of our faith; when we see the denial forgiven Peter, we also are encouraged to believe the more that grace truly superabounds over sin, Rom. 5:20.*

*The third honor is the imitation, first, of faith, then of the other virtues, which everyone should imitate according to his calling.*

So, expect to hear and learn this summer about James the apostle and Mary the mother of our Lord. Don't expect to pray to them, however! Our prayers are directed to the only One who has promised to hear and has the power to answer: Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Finally, summer will wrap up at church with a very special day: the Confirmation on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, of Nicholas, Christian, and Lucia Eklund and Josiah and Bryce Saladyga. These five cousins completed their studies during the winter, but just started to be able to get back to church this summer. September 5 will be a joyous day for them, for their families... and for us all!

God's blessings during these summer months! I'll see you in the house of Him who never rests or takes a vacation from keeping us (Ps. 121).

In Christ, our Lord,  
Pastor

### **BIBLE STUDY**

The Thursday evening Bible study at 7:30 pm on Zoom will continue through the summer months.

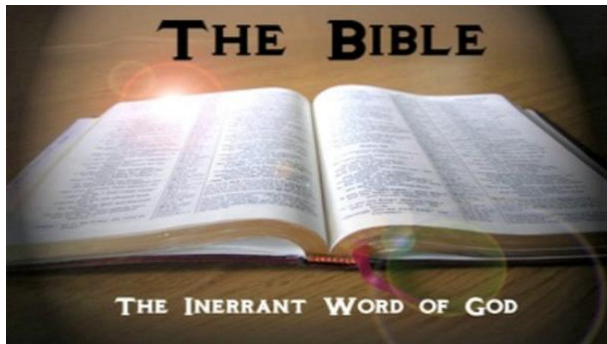
### **LITURGY CHANGES**

Now that things are much better and Covid is on the decline, you'll be seeing changes in the conduct of the Service at church. Please be understanding and patient if things seem to be going too slowly – or too quickly. If you have questions or concerns, or suggestions, please speak with Pastor, or Fay Sobottka (President), or one of the Elders (Ian MacKenzie, Carl Mathis, Rick Castillo).

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

On July 3 Tom Gallagher and Kristen Hummel were joined in marriage by Pastor Beinke. The wedding and reception took place at the Keeler Tavern in Ridgefield. The Scriptures Tom and Kristen chose for their wedding were Gen. 2:18, 21-24; 1 John 4:7-16; and 1 Cor. 13:4-13. They will be honeymooning in Charleston, SC. God's blessings in Christ to the Gallagher's!

On July 11 Vignette Aletta Pearsall, the daughter of Brian and Aletia and sister of Euan, will be made a member of God's kingdom through Holy Baptism. Vignette was born prematurely on Sunday, April 18 and spent over two months in the NICU at Yale. But, from the beginning she was strong and healthy – thanks be to God!



## UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT YEADON

July 1, 2021

My dearly loved New England District Family,

I wish to keep you apprised of my situation whenever I can. In this case it is a progress report. My ultimate goal as many of you heard is a liver transplant. But before that can happen some preliminaries need to be achieved. My blood levels need to improve so that I can be ready for a transplant. Now that I am exercising and eating what the doctors have ordered I do show some improvement and there is a noticeable difference in my activity levels. I strive for goals in walking and do physical therapy exercises and I can do stairs and other activities I was incapable of doing just a few weeks ago. I may also when ready have a cardiac bypass to get the heart ready for same.

Brothers and Sisters, I cannot overlook that what I have is life-threatening. I am convinced that only the love of Jesus fueled by your gracious prayers have brought me to this point. Thank you for them all and please, please do not stop praying. Your love and support and cards truly reflect the Christians you all are, both congregationally and as individuals!

I can have limited visits now. I simply ask that you call my wife to find out if it "is a good day." Believe me I long to see you in person. However I have so many doctors' visits on almost every day of the week that an unexpected drop-in may lead to disappointment. Some days I am entirely visiting doctors, believe it or not. So if you would like to visit me, and I hope you can, please arrange the right time with my wife Ruth. Her cell phone number is (860) 307-8828.

A word of thanks must go to Pastor Bob Beinke who is acting District President in my place right now. All business with my office should go to him. Managing the extra work that comes with my job is a yeoman's task and he is to be commended. I try to stay in regular contact with him. Also we have our faithful Brenda Bacon managing things at Headquarters. Years of service by her to the Lord our God continues now – thank you to both of them and to members of the Praesidium and any others who are helping at this time.

I do live by the creed first penned by St. Paul: "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain!" Jesus is with me side by side and I pray more than ever in a manner I pray pleases the Lord. I also take nothing for granted and discover the joys in flowers, blue skies, a wonderful home, and the like.

God be with you, dear Friends and thank you again for your prayers for me and also for Ruth.

Rev. Dr. Timothy Yeadon, President

New England District, LC-MS

**JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH**  
**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN NEW ENGLAND**

Orphan Grain Train is a non-profit Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies, Christian-centered literature, and other needed items to people in 69 different countries including the USA. These materials have been sent to the 69 countries and several disaster areas in the US since 1992.

Volunteers sort and pack the donated items in their warehouses across the US. Eleven dollars (\$11.00) sponsors the shipment of one box of aid.

For more information and to view the branch locations, and/or sign-up for their newsletter, visit the website at [www.oqt.org](http://www.oqt.org).

**AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH**  
**OPEN DOOR SHELTER**

This organization's mission is to effectively address the causes and complexities of the homeless and working poor by providing shelter, food, clothing, case management services, treatment services, transitional planning for short-term and long-term goals, subsidized housing, education, employment, and a path towards independence and success. They operate the Manna House Kitchen and pantry. Meals are served 3 times per day. Boxed and canned goods are provided to the working poor to help make ends meet.

The shelter operates primarily from private donations, with less than 40% of their operating budget coming from government funding. Their board is comprised entirely of uncompensated volunteers.

Doors are always open, 7 days/week, 365 days/year.

**PASTOR'S VACATION**

Pastor will be away on vacation from July 12-18. Our guest pastor on July 18<sup>th</sup> will be Rev. Eric Wismar. Pastor Wismar has been a pastor in the New England District since 2004. He pastored Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in New Fairfield, CT as well as Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Trumbull. Throughout this time he was also a chaplain (part-time/traditional guardsmen) in the air National Guard, serving at the 103<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing located at Bradley International Airport. Two years ago, he was given the opportunity and call to serve the Connecticut National Guard as the state's only full-time Support Chaplain. He now serves the 5000 soldiers and airmen of the Connecticut National Guard in this full-time position. He and his family live in Simsbury, Connecticut.

**SUMMER CONCERTS**

Below are the dates for concerts by the Fairfield Counts, the band that practices at our church.

Sun. Aug. 1 - Calf Pasture Beach 5:00-7:00 pm

Thu. Aug. 19 – Byram Public Library, Byram, CT  
7:00–8:15 pm

Tue. Aug. 24 – The Levitt Pavilion, Westport  
7:00 pm

**\* Extreme\*Makeover**  
**\* SPLC \***

The renovation of the restroom area will be underway soon. At the recent Congregational Voters' Assembly Meeting on June 13, the designer Sharon Zilich gave an overview of the plans and the process for selecting the General Contractor, Jon Cebulski. You may remember this name as Cebulski Construction as they installed the windows over 10 years ago.

The new restroom area will have four new private powder rooms designed with privacy in mind. We will share these much like we do at home; there will be no dedicated men's or women's rooms. One of the restrooms will be sized appropriately for handicap access.



There will also be a space for new moms where they can nurse and change their babies in privacy. The moms' room will have a comfy chair, sink, and small refrigerator.

The powder rooms will have wall mounted toilets and vanities so the entire floor can be cleaned. The floors will be grey non-slip tile and the walls will have several feet of subway tiles.



The waiting area flooring will be a wood-grain pattern vinyl tile which is easily cleaned by a mop. Samples of the materials are by the display in the sanctuary.

Construction will begin as soon as the materials and fixtures are delivered and STAR has completely moved out, hopefully August 1.

### **BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY AND AUGUST**

July 1: 2 Kings 18:13—19:37  
Acts 21:1-16  
Psalm 149:1-9  
Proverbs 18:8

July 2: 2 Kings 20:1—22:2  
Acts 21:17-36  
Psalm 150:1-6  
Proverbs 18:9-10

July 3: 2 Kings 22:3—23:30  
Acts 21:37-22:16  
Psalm 1:1-6  
Proverbs 18:11-12

July 4: 2 Kings 23:31—25:30  
Acts 22:17-23:10  
Psalm 2:1-12  
Proverbs 18:13

July 5: 1 Chronicles 1:1—2:17  
Acts 23:11-35  
Psalm 3:1-8  
Proverbs 18:14-15

July 6: 1 Chronicles 2:18—4:4  
Acts 24:1-27  
Psalm 4:1-8  
Proverbs 18:16-18

July 7: 1 Chronicles 4:5—5:17

July 8: 1 Chronicles 5:18—6:81  
Acts 26:1-32  
Psalm 6:1-10  
Proverbs 18:20-21

July 9: 1 Chronicles 7:1—8:40  
Acts 27:1-20  
Psalm 7:1-17  
Proverbs 18:22

July 10: 1 Chronicles 9:1—10:14  
Acts 27:21-44  
Psalm 8:1-9  
Proverbs 18:23-24

July 11: 1 Chronicles 11:1—12:18  
Acts 28:1-31  
Psalm 9:1-12  
Proverbs 19:1-3

July 12: 1 Chronicles 12:19—14:17  
Romans 1:1-17  
Psalm 9:13-20  
Proverbs 19:4-5

July 13: 1 Chronicles 15:1—16:36  
Romans 1:18-32  
Psalm 10:1-15

	Proverbs 19:6-7		
July 14:	1 Chronicles 16:37—18:17 Romans 2:1-24 Psalm 10:16-18 Proverbs 19:8-9	July 25:	2 Chronicles 14:1—16:14 Romans 9:1-21 Psalm 19:1-14 Proverbs 20:1
July 15:	1 Chronicles 19:1—21:30 Romans 2:25-3:8 Psalm 11:1-7 Proverbs 19:10-12	July 26:	2 Chronicles 17:1—18:34 Romans 9:22—10:13 Psalm 20:1-9 Proverbs 20:2-3
July 16:	1 Chronicles 22:1—23:32 Romans 3:9-31 Psalm 12:1-8 Proverbs 19:13-14	July 27:	2 Chronicles 19:1—20:37 Romans 10:14—11:12 Psalm 21:1-13 Proverbs 20:4-6
July 17:	1 Chronicles 24:1—26:11 Romans 4:1-12 Psalm 13:1-6 Proverbs 19:15-16	July 28:	2 Chronicles 21:1—23:21 Romans 11:13-36 Psalm 22:1-18 Proverbs 20:7
July 18:	1 Chronicles 26:12—27:34 Romans 4:13-5:5 Psalm 14:1-7 Proverbs 19:17	July 29:	2 Chronicles 24:1—25:28 Romans 12:1-21 Psalm 22:19-31 Proverbs 20:8-10
July 19:	1 Chronicles 28:1—29:30 Romans 5:6-21 Psalm 15:1-5 Proverbs 19:18-19	July 30:	2 Chronicles 26:1—28:27 Romans 13:1-14 Psalm 23:1-6 Proverbs 20:11
July 20:	2 Chronicles 1:1—3:17 Romans 6:1-23 Psalm 16:1-11 Proverbs 19:20-21	July 31:	2 Chronicles 29:1-36 Romans 14:1-23 Psalm 24:1-10 Proverbs 20:12
July 21:	2 Chronicles 4:1—6:11 Romans 7:1-13 Psalm 17:1-15 Proverbs 19:22-23	August 1:	2 Chronicles 30:1—31:21 Romans 15:1-22 Psalm 25:1-15 Proverbs 20:13-15
July 22:	2 Chronicles 6:12—8:10 Romans 7:14—8:8 Psalm 18:1-15 Proverbs 19:24-25	August 2:	2 Chronicles 32:1—33:13 Romans 15:23-16:7 Psalm 25:16-22 Proverbs 20:16-18
July 23:	2 Chronicles 8:11—10:19 Romans 8:9-21 Psalm 18:16-36 Proverbs 19:26	August 3:	2 Chronicles 33:14—34:33 Romans 16:8-27 Psalm 26:1-12 Proverbs 20:19
July 24:	2 Chronicles 11:1—13:22 Romans 8:22-39 Psalm 18:37-50 Proverbs 19:27-29	August 4:	2 Chronicles 35:1—36:23 1 Corinthians 1:1-17 Psalm 27:1-6 Proverbs 20:20-21





August 5:	Ezra 1:1—2:70 1 Corinthians 1:18—2:5 Psalm 27:7-14 Proverbs 20:22-23	Psalm 30:1-12 Proverbs 20:28-30
August 6:	Ezra 3:1—4:24 1 Corinthians 2:6—3:4 Psalm 28:1-9 Proverbs 20:24-25	August 9: Ezra 8:21—9:15 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 Psalm 31:1-8 Proverbs 21:1-2
August 7:	Ezra 5:1—6:22 1 Corinthians 3:5-23 Psalm 29:1-11 Proverbs 20:26-27	August 10: Ezra 10:1-44 1 Corinthians 6:1-20 Psalm 31:9-18 Proverbs 21:3
August 8:	Ezra 7:1—8:20 1 Corinthians 4:1-21	
August 11:	Nehemiah 1:1—3:14 1 Corinthians 7:1-24 Psalm 31:19-24 Proverbs 21:4	1 Corinthians 11:17-34 Psalm 35:17-28 Proverbs 21:19-20
August 12:	Nehemiah 3:15—5:13 1 Corinthians 7:25-40 Psalm 32:1-11 Proverbs 21:5-7	August 19: Esther 4:1—7:10 1 Corinthians 12:1-26 Psalm 36:1-12 Proverbs 21:21-22
August 13:	Nehemiah 5:14—7:60 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Psalm 33:1-11 Proverbs 21:8-10	August 20: Esther 8:1—10:3 1 Corinthians 12:27—13:13 Psalm 37:1-11 Proverbs 21:23-24
August 14:	Nehemiah 7:61—9:21 1 Corinthians 9:1-18 Psalm 33:12-22 Proverbs 21:11-12	
August 15:	Nehemiah 9:22—10:39 1 Corinthians 9:19—10:13 Psalm 34:1-10 Proverbs 21:13	August 21: Job 1:1—3:26 1 Corinthians 14:1-17 Psalm 37:12-29 Proverbs 21:25-26
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August 17:	Nehemiah 12:27—13:31 1 Corinthians 11:3-16 Psalm 35:1-16 Proverbs 21:17-18	August 23: Job 8:1—11:20 1 Corinthians 15:1-28 Psalm 38:1-22 Proverbs 21:28-29
August 18:	Esther 1:1—3:15	August 24: Job 12:1—15:35 1 Corinthians 15:29-58

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August 25:	Job 16:1—19:29 1 Corinthians 16:1-24 Psalm 40:1-10 Proverbs 22:1	August 29:	Job 31:1—33:33 2 Corinthians 3:1-18 Psalm 43:1-5 Proverbs 22:8-9
August 26:	Job 20:1—22:30 2 Corinthians 1:1-11 Psalm 40:11-17 Proverbs 22:2-4	August 30:	Job 34:1—36:33 2 Corinthians 4:1-12 Psalm 44:1-8 Proverbs 22:10-12
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August 28:	Job 28:1—30:31		

# ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

## JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	2	3
4 10:00 am Worship Service  shutterstock · 651681778	5	6	7	8  7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	9	10
11 10:00 am Worship Service  Coffee/Refreshments on the porch	12  →	13  Pastor	14  Away On	15  Vacation  No Zoom Bible Study	16  →	17
18 10:00 am Worship Service  Coffee/Refreshments on the porch	19	20	21	22  7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	23	24
25 10:00 am Worship Service  Coffee/Refreshments on the porch	26	27	28	29  7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	30	31 

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<b>1</b> 10:00 am <b>Worship Service</b>  Coffee/Refreshments on the porch	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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