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6th Sunday after Easter

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TO OUR VISITORS - In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bid you welcome. May the Holy Spirit bless your, and our, hearing of the Word of God. *** Would you please sign the GUEST REGISTER [please also include your address] in the NARTHEX before leaving the church?

OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE - PAGE 5 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.

SILENT PRAYER upon entering the nave: Loving heavenly Father! I have come to hear Your Holy Word that makes the soul righteous. So then, put Your Holy Spirit in my heart that I may accept Your Gospel with awe and truly believe it. Amen.

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Father Answers Our Prayers Because of Jesus *“Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My Name, He will give it to you.” (John 16:23)* To pray in Jesus’ Name is to pray as one who has been baptized. For it is in the water that He put His Name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a child of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus’ Name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all. *(1 Timothy 2:1-6)* Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before God. He was lifted up for us on the cross in order to save and restore our fellowship with our heavenly Father. *(Numbers 21:4-9)* In Christ, we pray with confidence as dear children of God. *(lcms.org/lectionary-summaries)*

A READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

Summary: Prayer is not an option for the baptized believers and Christ's Church. It is a gift of God by which we are privileged, invited and even commanded to call upon God's Name, asking for every good and gracious blessing He bestows according to His Word.

The Second Commandment: You shall not take the Name of the Lord, your God, in vain. Now you understand what it means to take God's Name in vain. In sum it means to 1) use His Name simply for purposes of falsehood, 2) to assert in God's Name something that is not true, or, 3) to curse, swear, summon the devil, and, in short, to practice whatever wickedness one may.

Besides this you must also know how to use the God's Name rightly. For when He says, "*You shall not take the Name of the Lord, your God, in vain,*" He wants us to understand at the same time that His Name is to be used properly. For His Name has been revealed and given to us so that it may be of constant use and profit. Since this commandment forbids using the Holy Name for falsehood or wickedness, we are, on the other hand, commanded to use His Name for truth and for all good. This commandment also applies to right teaching and to calling on His Name in trouble or praising and thanking Him in prosperity, and so on. All of this is summed up and commanded in Psalm 50:15, "*Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.*" For all this is bringing God's Name into the service of truth and using it in a blessed way. In this way His Name is hallowed, as we pray in the Lord's Prayer. (*The Large Catechism; Explanation of the Second Commandment*)

† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL (CALL TO WORSHIP)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: ♪ 190

SERVICE OF THE WORD [PAGES 5 TO 14, FRONT OF HYMNAL]

INTROIT (ENTRANCE INTO THE SERVICE OF THE WORD)

PASTOR: [With a loud voice singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alleluia.

CONGREGATION: The Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob! Alleluia.

P: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

C: sing the glory of His Name.

P: I cried to Him with my mouth,

C: and high praise was on my tongue.

P: But truly God has listened;

C: He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

P: Blessed be God,

C: because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me! (*Isaiah 48:20; Psalm 66:1-2; 17, 19-20, with Alleluia*)

♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: O Lord God, heavenly Father, Who, by Your Son promised to us that, whatever we ask in His Name, You will give to us: Preserve us, we implore You, in Your Word, and grant Your Holy Spirit to rule and guide us according to Your will. Keep us from the tyranny of the devil, from false teaching and from improper worship, and preserve our body and being from every evil. Grant us Your blessing and peace, that we may always know Your gracious help, and through Christ honor and praise You as our gracious Father; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: OLD TESTAMENT – NUMBERS 21:4-9

P: ^{21:4} From Mount Hor Israel set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶ Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107:1-9

P: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!

C: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

P: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;

C: hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

P: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.

C: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

P: Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man!

C: For He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul He fills with good things.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON – 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-6

P: ^{2:1} First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ Who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

TRIPLE HALLELUJAH AND READING OF THE GOSPEL LESSON – JOHN 16:23-33

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

P: [Jesus said:] ^{16:23} “In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My Name, He will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in My Name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

²⁵ “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in My Name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹ His disciples said, “Ah, now You are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that You know all things and do not need anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came from God.”

³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. ³³ I have

said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

APOSTLE’S CREED (CONFESSION OF FAITH) [PAGE 12]

HYMN OF THE DAY: ♪ 458:1-5

SERMON: LORD, REMEMBER US IN YOUR KINGDOM, AND TEACH US TO PRAY – JOHN 16:23-33

“Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” (Jn. 16:24) Amen.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, the Firstfruits of those who’ve fallen asleep. Amen. Prayer, as we’re taught in Scripture and in the *Catechism*, prayer is “an act of worship in which we call upon God’s Holy Name.” (*Catechetical Review: A.H. Lange*) St. James the Apostle bids us call upon the Name of the Lord in prayer, writing, “If anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask God.” (*James 1:5*) The Apostle further declares: “The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” (*James 5:16*) Why so? “Whatever you ask of the Father in My Name,” your Lord Jesus says to you, “He will give it to you.” (*Jn. 16:23*) So prayers – in order to be godly prayers – are to be prayed by faith in the Son of God. Also, Christ insists: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ... [For] your Father Who is in heaven [will] give good gifts to those who ask Him.” (*Mt. 7:7-8; 11*)

We and all who pray recognize our total dependency upon God. If we had no need for Him to provide for us, to protect and defend us from all harm and danger, to help us in our times of need, to forgive us, to save us from the world and the devil, then we wouldn’t ask for any of these things in prayer. But we do have need of all these things and then some, so we pray. In the Spirit we pray. With the words of Psalm 50:15 in our hearts and on our lips we pray: “Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me.”

When Jesus’ disciples asked of Him, “Lord, teach us to pray....,” (*Lk. 11:1*) He was more-than-happy to accommodate their request. Right-then-and-there He taught them the “Prayer of prayers” – what has come to be known as the *Lord’s Prayer*. In fact, when our Lord invites and calls upon His apostles to pray to the Father in His Name in our Gospel lesson, no doubt He has the prayer He taught them in mind.

Prayer is always Trinitarian. Whenever we pray to God our heavenly Father – as we do in the *Lord’s Prayer* – we pray at the same time to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, according to 20th-century LCMS Pastor Martin Franzmann.

So regard this wondrous prayer as not just a prayer to the Father, but also to the Son and to the Holy Spirit – to the one true God of heaven and earth! Every prayer you pray is directed to the Father, through the Son, in the Spirit.

Ask anything of your Father in heaven – in the prayers of the Church, in your family or personal prayers – especially in the Lord’s Prayer, ask it in the Name of Jesus, and you will receive it, and your joy will be complete! (*See Jn. 16:24*) In the “Our Father,” our gracious God invites us to ask Him for all good things which have to do with our bodies and souls, as “dear children ask their dear [earthly] father,” in the words of the *Small Catechism*. (*Intro. To the Lord’s Prayer*) We are praying, in effect, “Our Father in heaven, almighty Ruler over all things, we, Your beloved children through faith in Christ Jesus, pray to You.” (*O. Riess, What Does the Bible Say? A Book of Instruction on the Christian Faith, 72*)

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory,” we hear in Isaiah 6:3 and sing in the *Sanctus*. In our Divine Worship together as the people of God; in our prayers here, at home and in private, we “exalt the Lord our God; [we] worship at His footstool. For He is holy!” (*Ps. 99:5*) The *Small Catechism* reminds us that “God’s Name is certainly holy in itself,” (*S.C., Explanation of the 1st Petition*) so that we don’t have to make it holy for ourselves. What we are to do and must do is treat God and His Name as holy: sinless, pure, good, just, sacred. Only God is holy – as well as all those to whom He confers His holiness by faith alone in His Son. His holiness signifies a state of being set apart, specifically from sin and evil; it is absolute purity and perfection. So in praying to God, “Hallowed be Thy Name,” (*Lk. 11:2*) we’re asking Him to bestow His own holiness upon us, for we never have any holiness of our own before Him.

We’re also imploring Him to aid us in keeping His Name holy in our worship, prayer and daily lives. Our *Catechism* teaches us that “God’s Name is kept holy [in our midst, by us] when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity” (*S.C.*

Explan. of 1st Petition) and we, as His dear saints, “hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.” (*S.C., Explan. of the 3rd Command.*)

“We, as the children of God, [are] also to lead holy lives according to” (*S.C. Explan. of 1st Petition*) God’s blessed Word and our most holy Christian faith. So we pray, “[O God,] let us not dishonor You by [falling for] false [religious] teaching and ungodly living, but help us to cling faithfully to Your pure and precious Word and to lead a life which is well-pleasing to You.” (*O. Riess, What Does the Bible Say? 72*)

Since our utmost desire is for God’s Kingdom to come to us, next we pray “*Thy Kingdom Come*” (*Lk. 11:2*) in the prayer our Lord taught us. There are three key things we request of our beloved heavenly Father in this petition. First, that He give “us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe in His Holy Word and lead holy lives here in time and there in eternity.” (*S.C., Explan. of the 2nd Petition*) God poured out the Holy Ghost on us, and with Him forgiveness of sins, faith and new life in Christ in our Baptisms. He also keeps on giving us the Spirit as we hear, “read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest” (*Collect of the Word*) His Holy Scriptures in Church and in the home. Apart from Baptism and God’s Word in our ears, on our eyes, the Holy Spirit doesn’t come to us. So receiving the Holy Spirit and His faith-building, saving gifts in Scripture, in His Church especially, is absolutely essential for our Christian lives! The alternative is neglecting God’s Word in His Church, spiritually-starving oneself, and in the end death and divine judgment. “Protect us from this, heavenly Father!” (*S.C., Explan. of the 2nd Petition*)

The second blessing for which we pray in this petition is God’s Churchly Kingdom to flourish amongst us – and us in it. And for the devil’s kingdom to be defeated – crushed by the Lord’s hand forever. And the third blessing we ask God for is the *Second Coming* of Christ, the end of the world and eternal life with our Savior.

Our heartfelt cry for God’s will to be done on earth as it is in heaven reminds us that His good and gracious will for us far surpasses our own will for ourselves and others. As we believe, so we sing: “*The will of God is always best.*” (*TLH 517:1*) Since it’s God’s will to break and hinder every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world and our sinful nature (see *S.C. Explan. of the 3rd Petition*), we request of Him to do so, and He does! We beseech Him to strengthen and keep “us firm in His Word and faith until we die,” (*S.C., Explan. of the 3rd Petition*) and He’ll surely do this too!

Since we must be nourished, kept alive in our bodies, carried in love all our days, our Lord Jesus has us petition our Father above for daily bread: “all that [we] need to support this body and life,” which God “richly and daily provides” us. (*S.C., Explan. of the 1st Art. of the Creed*) So we pray here: “[O God,] give us each day the things we need for this life, and make us truly grateful for them. Let us cast all our cares on You, for You will care for us.” (*See 1 Pet. 5:7*) (*O. Riess, What Does the Bible Say? 72*)

As we pray the *Lord’s Prayer* and all other prayers, we do so mindful of Jesus’ words to us that we’re not asking Him to take our requests to the Father. Whenever we pray, we pray directly to our majestic Father – in the glorious Name of Jesus! God gladly hears us directly because He has chosen us in Christ from eternity, and loves us always in Him!

We pray to heaven for forgiveness because “we daily sin much and...deserve nothing but punishment.” (*S.C., Explanation of the 5th Petition*) Our confession of sin must be like that of Ezra the Scribe in the Old Testament: “O my God, I am ashamed and embarrassed to lift up my face to You, my God, because [my] iniquities are higher than [my head,] and [my] guilt has reached the heavens.” (*Ezra 9:6*) “If we say we have no sin, we lie to ourselves [and to God], and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (*1 Jn. 1:8-9*) So confess all your trespasses always, since Christ “Himself bore [your] sins in His body on the tree, so that [you] might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you are healed.” (*1 Pet. 2:24*) What’s more, Jesus rose from the dead on the third day as a sure-and-certain sign that God has accepted His holy sacrifice on the cross for your forgiveness, life, redemption!

God is never the author of evil and so tempts no one to sin, ever. So we ask Him to deliver us from our temptations, or to help us endure them and overcome them. We pray like so: “Do not let the devil and other enemies tempt us, [Holy Father,] and if for our own good You permit them to do so, make us strong and victorious. Also help us to remember that we must never willfully expose ourselves to temptation.” (*O. Riess, What Does the Bible Say? 72*)

The Rev. Luther teaches us that when we pray to God “deliver us from evil,” (*Lk. 11:4*) the evil of which we speak is every evil force around us, especially Satan the evil one. So we petition our heavenly Father to “rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.” (*S.C., Explanation of the 7th Petition*)

In a world where peace, especially the peace of God, is lacking, thank and praise Him that in Jesus we have true, lasting, eternal peace! Peace with God and with one another in this sanctuary, since He has reconciled us to Himself and to each other by the blood of Christ's cross. (*See Co. 1:20*) Jesus' shed blood and His sacrificial death has overcome the world for us, and comforts us in all our tribulations. Amen. *The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

OFFERTORY (ANTHEM PRECEEDING THE OFFERING OF TITHES) [PAGES 12-13]

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

P: God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your Holy Name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious Name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: May Your Kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ Your Son by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend _____ and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, we thank You for everyone who has served our nation through military service, and we gratefully remember this Memorial Day weekend those who gave their lives for us and for the cause of freedom. Help us to honor their sacrifice by using our liberty responsibly. Bless and keep safe all who travel now, soon and in the summer months to come, that they would reach their desired destinations safely. And grant our nation your blessings, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER [PAGE 14]

HYMN: ♪ 458:6-9

CONCLUDING COLLECTS

P: O God, the Giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: ♪ Amen.

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior, Jesus Christ, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: ♪ Amen.

P: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of Truth Whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:  **201**

† **TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY** †

OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.		Offerings
Trinity	52	41	7		\$3,503.00
St. James	55	41	4	8	\$1,814.25

	Sunday Offerings—Trinity, Fedor				
	Operating	Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	29,780.00				
Actual	47,531.75		3,020.00		20
Last Week	1,523.00	1,730.00		250.00	

	Sunday Offerings—St. James, Lexington				
	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	54,460.00			54,460.00	
Actual	37,329.56	290.00	865.00	38,484.56	18
Last Week	1,764.25	50.00		1,814.25	

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THIS WEEK

TODAY 3:00PM: *American Legion Memorial Day Salute*
FRIDAY *Pastor's Day Off

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

+++**We remember in our prayers:...****at Holy Trinity...***Frank Newkirk, Eldor Brade, Monroe Brade, Carolyn Nitsche;***...at St. James...***Curtis Yurk, Charles Hartfiel, Della Biehle, Bernice Lay, Darvin Drosche, Tom Kleinschmidt, Ronnie Iselt, Egor Raines, Genell Boettcher, Ernest Biehle, Charles Kaiser, Ginger Clifford, Walter Dube Jr., Lorine Lerche, Gloria Evans* [mother-in-law of Randall Sullivan (St. James)], *Diane Sommers* [sister of Janet Frosch (St. James)], *Zachary Hartfiel* [nephew of Charles Hartfiel], *JoAnne Meyer* [mother of Pastor Meyer], *Carole Heller* [mother of Juanita Clifford (St. James)], and *all of our sick and shut-ins.*

*****TODAY...**everyone is invited to attend the American Legion Memorial Day Salute at 3pm on the south end of the Square on 3rd Street sponsored by the American Legion Post 6. Guest speaker will be Eben Jones. **“Saluting Those That Gave Their Lives For Our Freedom”.**

+++**St. James** ...the congregation and LWML will be hosting a dinner honoring Dorothy Wachsmann who has retired after 40+ years of dedicated and faithful service as one of our congregation's organist! We encourage everyone to join in coming and celebrating with us on Sunday, June 8, following the service at the parish hall. We are asking members to bring a dessert. There will be a basket available for anyone who would like to personally give her a card, etc., to show their appreciation to her for many years of service!

*****Baby Bottle Campaign:** It's time for the annual baby bottle campaign fundraiser for Place of Hope Pregnancy Center in Rockdale. This fundraiser runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Be sure to pick up a bottle from the narthex and fill it over the next weeks. Thank you for supporting life!

+++**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**...our joint VBS will be held the week of June 23 thru 27 from 9am-11:30am!!! We encourage our children from 3 years through the 8th grade to come join in! We are needing and asking for volunteers to **HELP**...how about you?!!! Our theme this year will be "Hero Hotline...Called Together to Serve God"! Please contact the church office to volunteer!!!

*****Disciples of the Way handmade items available:** Please see the display in the narthex of St. James that features handmade zipper pouches sewn by the women in the program "Sewing Seeds of Faith." This program is hosted by Disciples of the Way, the ministry of Pastor Karim Baidaoui, who has been our mission speaker before. Your gift of \$10 per purse will support the refugee women who make them. These pouches make great gifts and are helping support the ministry of Disciples of the Way as they reach out to Muslim immigrants with the Word of Christ!

+++**St. James**...we have graduation cards on display on the table in the hallway, as well as a variety of cards available individually or by the box...see either Ruth Meyer or Sandra Lay!

***The Flowers last week at Holy Trinity were placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Charles Winkler by his family!

+++Devotional book available: Copies are available in the office of Ruth Meyer's book, "**Truth Notes**", as well as her other books [*Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Hope Alone, and Stand Alone* (\$12.00)]. This devotional is based on her past blog post and point to God's timeless truths in a changing world. Books are \$15 each. See either Sandra Lay or Ruth Meyer to purchase yours!

*****ST. JAMES**...how about **YOU**! We are looking for **Sunday School teachers** to teach either every other Sunday or just once a month. **YOU** can do it..just contact the church office!!!

+++**QUILTING UPDATE**...St. James LWML will be quilting every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9-12!!!

*****THE FLOWER CHARTS**...are posted in the Narthex at both Holy Trinity and St. James...sign up for birthdays, anniversaries, or "just because".

+++**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**...Holy Trinity-Grace Castell, 26;...St. James-David Boettcher, today; Candy Brown, today; Charlee Johnson, 27; Connor Johnson, 27; Egor Raines, 27; Gloria Brockenbush, 26; Archer Clifford, 29; Walter Dube, 31.

*****ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**...Holy Trinity-Leslie & Debbie Schubert, 30;...St. James-Steven & Christine Heller, 27.