



# Herald

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## From the Pastor

*"Give us this day our daily bread."*

It is here in this petition that our Lord brings our attention to the needs of daily and earthly life. "He [God] wishes that we pray for these goods in order that we may recognize that we received them from His hand and may feel His fatherly goodness toward us in them [Psalm 104:25; 145:16]. For when He withdraws His hand, nothing can prosper or be maintained in the end" (Large Catechism). This is the primary purpose of our Lord when He teaches us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread."

In and through the mighty and loving hands of our God we are given everything that we need to support this body and life. And so when we pray this petition our minds should be on so much more than the bread that is in our pantries. Under no uncertain terms, the very food that we eat is above all a gift of God, and we should thank Him for that which we place our on tables. But this petition goes so much further than that.

We pray for the very lands that provide the abundance that graces our plates. We petition our Heavenly Father for good and seasonable weather so that the fields might produce for us our daily bread. We ask for protection from fire, flood, hail, draught, or any such thing that might hinder these gifts from God. Yet even after all of this, the fourth petition pleads for something more.

"Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like" (Small Catechism). All of these things are gifts from God; given to the faithful and the unfaithful alike. If He were to remove His gracious hand for even one second none of these things would stand. They would all be taken away in the blink of an eye. So we pray in this petition that God might never do this; and plead for Him to ever remind us of all of His gifts. ... One might go so far as to say that the entire Prayer of the Church during the Divine Service is nothing but an exposition on this one petition.

Included in this prayer is a request for the preservation of our nation and the government that leads us in quiet and peaceable lives. We pray that our Heavenly Father would continually supply for those in authority health and well-being so that they might lead us in good order and peace. We pray that He might give to them His true knowledge so that they might not impose on us anything that might first subvert His Word and second steal away our daily bread.

And above all this petition is a request directed against the devil himself. Satan not only desires to ruin the Church through his attempts at keeping God's Name from being hallowed and from His Kingdom from coming, but he also desires to bring pain and suffering to all of God's creation in this temporal life as well. . He, "prevents and

hinders the stability of all government and honorable, peaceable relations on earth. There he causes so much contention, murder, treason, and war. ... If it were in his power and our prayer (next to God) did not prevent him, we would not keep a straw in the field, a farthing in the house, yes, not even our life for an hour. This is especially true of those who have God's Word and would like to be Christians" (Large Catechism).

And so in this petition we earnestly pray for all things that pertain to the good of our bodies and are supplied for us by our Heavenly Father. May He keep us steadfast in the knowledge that they are all from Him. And may He continually bless and preserve our earthly life through these things. ... Give us this day our daily bread.

Rev. Eli

### **For Further Personal Study**

Through Faith Alone

By: Martin Luther

The phrases, "God's Son," "loved me," and "took the punishment for my sins," are lightning and thunder from heaven against the idea that we are saved by good works. Our will and understanding contained such great wickedness, error, darkness, and ignorance that we could only be freed by an exceedingly high-priced ransom. Why do we think that our human reason is naturally inclined to the best and can correctly lead us? Why do we think each person should do as much as he can? Why do we bring our terrible sins, which are mere straw, to an angry God, who Moses calls "a raging fire"? Why do we want to haggle with God, trying to exchange our stubble for grace and eternal life? Listen to this passage. It says there's so much evil in our nature that the world and all creation can't reconcile us to God. God's Son had to be offered for our sins.

But consider the price of this ransom carefully. Look at Christ, who was captured and offered for you. He is infinitely greater than and superior to anything else in creation. How will you respond when you hear that such a priceless ransom was offered for you? Do you still want to bring God your own good works? What is that compared to Christ's work? He shed his most precious blood for your sins.

## What We Believe—Augsburg Confession

### **Augsburg Confession Article XXIII: The Marriage of Priests (1-13)**

*Note: Underlying the issue of forced priestly celibacy, as with other abuses arising in the Church, is the authority of the Church to command and forbid something not mentioned in Scripture. The Lutherans maintained that the Church has no authority from God to command what He has not commanded, nor to forbid what He has not forbidden. The Bible clearly teaches that the apostle Peter had a wife. This teaches that the apostle Peter had a wife. This example should have served as convincing proof that priestly marriages were God pleasing. That there are men who are given the gift of chastity is affirmed, but the view that the Church can, and should, forbid all who wish to be priests from marrying is resoundingly rejected. Marriage is a gift from God to be received with thanks both by laypeople and clergy. To suggest otherwise is to introduce a teaching of the evil one into the Church (See also Ap XXIII; SA III XI.)*

Complaints about unchaste priests are common. Platina writes that it is for this reason that Pope Pius is reported to have said that although there are reasons why marriage was taken away from priests, there are far more important reasons why it should be given back. Since our priests wanted to avoid these open scandals, they married wives and taught that it was lawful for them to enter into marriage. First, because Paul says, “Because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife” and “It is better to marry than to be aflame with passion” (1 Corinthians 7:2, 9b).

Second, Christ says, “Not everyone can receive this saying” (Matthew 19:11), where He teaches that not everyone is able to lead a single life. God created human beings for procreation (Genesis 1:28). It is not within a person's power, without God giving a unique gift, to change this creation. <For it is clear, as many have confessed, that no good, honest, chaste life, no Christian, sincere, upright conduct has resulted from the attempt to lead a single life. Instead, a horrible, fearful unrest and torment of conscience has been felt by many until the end.> Therefore, those who are not able to lead a single life ought to marry. No human law, no vow, can destroy God's commandment and ordinance. For these reasons the priests teach that it is lawful for them to marry wives.

It is clear that in the Ancient Church priests were married men. For Paul says, “An overseer must be the husband of one wife” (1 Timothy 3:2). Four hundred years ago in Germany, for the first time, priests were violently forced to lead a single life. They offered such resistance that when the archbishop of Mainz was about to publish the pope's decree about celibacy, he was almost killed in a riot by enraged priests. This matter was handled so harshly that not only was marriage forbidden in the future, but existing marriages were torn apart, contrary to all laws, both divine and human. This was even contrary to canon law itself, as made by not only popes, but also by the most celebrated synods.

## The Dedication of the New Processional Cross

*“...we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles..”*

1 Cor. 1:23

Wheat Ridge Evangelical Lutheran Church will dedicate a new processional cross this November. This processional cross is the special gift from the Rev. Jim and Pauline Groerich Memorial. This new addition to our worship space is an important element for the life of believers who worship here. This new cross is more accurately know as a “crucifix” because the crucified body of Christ rests upon it.

The crucifix emphasizes the incarnation of Christ and His atoning sacrifice. We confess that the risen Christ still bears the scars that he received in his crucifixion. The crucifix reminds us that Jesus remains incarnate, in the flesh, for us, wounds and all.

When the congregation assembles in the sanctuary, the crucifix reminds us of St. Paul’s words to the Corinthians, *“For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.” (1 Cor. 2:1)* Here Paul is reflecting upon his humility as a preacher but the message of Christ crucified is clear for us. The Gospel of Jesus Christ, depicted in the crucifix, is to predominate **visually** in the worship space and **in the word proclaimed** by the pastor from the pulpit.

As the communicants gather at the altar, the crucifix is a visual reminder of what is about to be received. In the Sacrament the believer receives the forgiveness of sins earned by Christ’s sacrifice on the cross in His true body and blood.

May this crucifix be a blessing to all who enter. *SDG*



*THANKS for using the Loyalty Card:* King Soopers has sent us \$381.81 from their Loyalty Card Program for the period July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Altogether 31 Households participated. If you have any questions about how to sign up to help our congregation through this program, please email Lucy at [office@wrlutheran.org](mailto:office@wrlutheran.org).



Welcome to all women of the congregation!

“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!” Psalm 46:10

### **LWML Missions of the Month**

#### **Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa’s Children**

#### **Lutheran Heritage Foundation — \$100,000**

Lutheran Heritage Foundation continues its work of translating, publishing, distributing, and introducing Lutheran materials throughout Africa where the population is more than 1.216 billion people. Sadly, over half those souls are still waiting to be introduced to the one true Savior, Jesus Christ. Islam has made huge inroads in the continent. But thanks be to God, Christian missionaries have been spreading the Light of the Gospel also. Economic and political conditions may force missionaries to leave a country, but the Lutheran books they leave behind stay — and teach — for generations. This grant will fund the printing and distribution of 129,500 engaging, colorful books which will introduce children to Jesus in their Lutheran schools, Sunday schools, and orphanages.

#### **Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life**

#### **LCMS Life Ministry — \$92,000**

*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations”* (Jeremiah 1:5). The sanctity of life created by God, and the family as God designed it, has been under attack by pro-choice organizations who are expanding their movement to reach children of younger ages, to attack chastity and promote promiscuity, and to influence our children causing devaluation of life, marriage, and the family. The continued development of “Life” curricula is one of the most frequent requests by LCMS schools. With this grant, LCMS Life Ministry will build a set of developmentally appropriate resources and curriculum for early childhood, young children, and elementary-aged children and their families.



**The Next LWML Meeting is Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am.**

**ALL WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

the  
**ACT!ON CENTER**  
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**A BIG THANK YOU** to the congregation for bringing in your bags of donated groceries and helping keep the shelves stocked at The Action Center. Your generosity will help many families with the non-perishable goods you gave.



**COOKIE WALK COMING**

Back by Popular demand, Wheat Ridge Lutheran LWML is hosting a Cookie Walk once again. In preparation for that, we are in need of some cookie tins. Please bring them to the church kitchen between now and December 1st.

Thank you in advance for your help. We're looking forward to seeing you at our **Cookie Walk, Sunday, December 19th.**



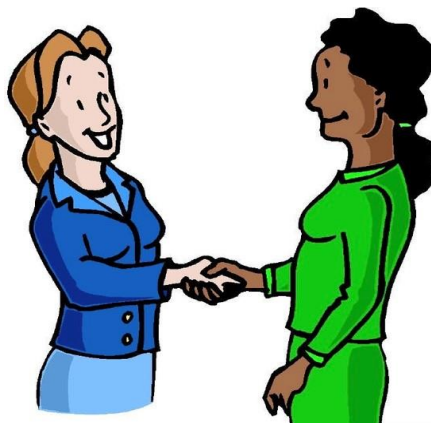




**STEWARDSHIP TODAY:** A simple challenge; The call for individual stewards to be faithful does not originate with any congregational need. It originates with the purpose of the individual. One does not need 40 days to determine their purpose as a steward. This purpose is found in creation. The steward was created for this! To be anything less than a faithful steward is to frustrate the purpose for which the

steward has been created. Created to be a conduit of God's extravagant generosity. God gives. We give. God loves. We love. God serves. We serve. It is just that simple. (from: *StewardCast – LCMS*)

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort Your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. ( 2 Thessalonians 2: 16-17 ESV)



### **November Greeter's Schedule**

**November 7<sup>th</sup> Jolene Weddingfeld and Lou Nelson**

**November 14<sup>th</sup> Carol & Megan Harper and Joyce Wonnacott**

**November 21<sup>st</sup> Linda Barros and Barbara Trick**

**November 28<sup>th</sup> Pat Proell and Mel & Donna Furgeson**



The next Parish Planning Council meeting will be held Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.



**The next regular voter's meeting will be held after the service on Sunday, November 21, 2021. This is an important meeting as the main agenda item will be to discuss and vote on our 2022 church budget. Please plan to give us your time to participate in this annual budget process.**





## Library News

### New on our shelves:

**Redeemed: Our Lives as Sinners and Saints** by Dan Hoppen. We all sin, even the Bible's greatest heroes stumbled. See why inspirational people like Gideon, David, Jonah,

and Peter chose to stray from the path they knew was right. Look at how God responded to them and how Jesus responded when faced with similar situations.

**C.S. Lewis: Readings for Meditation and Reflection:** Edited by Walter Hooper. This book contains a cross section of Lewis's finest work.

**Reading between the Lines: A Christian Guide to Literature** by Gene Edward Veith, Jr. This is a guidebook for those who want to learn how to cultivate good literary taste. Veith explores ways comedy, tragedy, realism, and fantasy can portray the Christian worldview.

### Coming soon:

**Holy People Holy Lives: Law and Gospel in Bioethics** by Richard C. Eyer (recommended by Pastor Eli)

**On November 21<sup>st</sup>**, we will be **giving away** a few used books for children: e.g., a Child's Garden of Bible Stories by Arthur W. Gross with lovely illustrations by Marilyn Barr. **Stop by the library before and after church.**

\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW LIBRARY SIGN \*\*\*\*\*

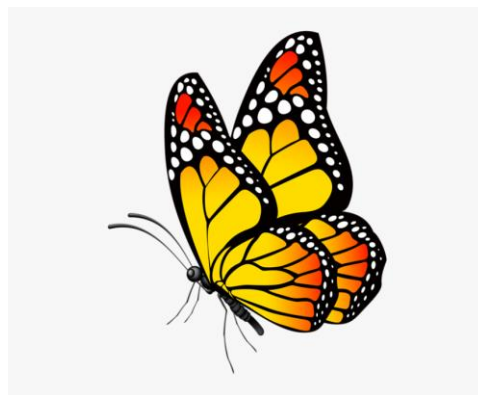
Our library is on a self-checkout system: take the checkout card from the book, put your name and return date on it, put the card in the holder next to the BOOK RETURN BOX.

ENJOY!

To our Wheat Ridge Evangelical Lutheran family,

For the month of November we have a number of memorial gifts to announce:

- You'll find new hymnals in the parish hall specifically for Bible study, morning prayer, and personal devotions that have been gifted by the Ramona Monroe memorial.
- The Robert and Mable Sprengel, Virginia Bennett, Ted and Lydia Schreiber, Joanne Smith, Carol Braun and Velma Parker memorials have together given the congregation an amazing commercial-grade coffee brewing system that will become an integral part of our parish life. Stop by the kitchen to watch this Marvel of Hot Beverage Technology in action!
- Because cremation has become a more common end-of-life choice, the Ramona Monroe, Rick Walters and Margaret Richardson memorials have gifted a set of ossuary and urn palls. This will allow us to continue to serve those members and families who have chosen cremation in a dignified manner.



We thank the families of our members who are now part of the Church Triumphant for their input and help with deciding where to spend these funds, and for the opportunity to honor their memory.

Again, the committee's guiding principle is to apply funds to those things that the congregation will be able to see and use in our liturgical and educational life together, or items that will be used in the long-term service of the congregation. If you have any ideas for items that would be appropriate for Memorials to consider, please let us know.

At your service,

the Memorials Committee

Lucy Simons

Joe Broscheit

Judy Kugler

Pr. Lietzau

Steve Morsch

- ❖ **Family Game Night:** Mark your calendars!! We are going to go back to the **Third Friday of every Month** at **6pm** here at church for Family Game Night. Bring a snack to share and a game to play (Board game, card game, or anything of the sort). Enjoy Fun, Food, and Fellowship. Mark your Calendars for the following Friday nights:



**Nov. 19**

**Dec. 17**

- ❖ **Thanksgiving Day Dinner:**



For anyone who does not have family to spend Thanksgiving with, or for those who don't want to spend Thanksgiving with their family, or you find yourself simply not wanting to cook all that food, please join us here at church for Thanksgiving dinner. The ACTS group will provide turkey and mashed potatoes with gravy. We simply ask that you bring your favorite Thanksgiving side. We will meet here at the church at **noon on Thanksgiving Day Nov. 25th.** A sign up sheet will be available in the Narthex to determine numbers of people planning to attend.

- ❖ **Caroling:**

ON 12/11/21, come and spread Christmas cheer by singing loud for all to hear. We will gather together here at church on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, in the early afternoon. We will then travel to shut-ins and nursing homes to bring a little joy to others through music. We will then gather back at church for light refreshments and hot cocoa.



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*Wheat Ridge Lutheran Schedule 2021-2022*

1. November 2021
  - a. PPC Meeting - November 11, 2021
    - i. Prior to Voter's
    - ii. Set Agenda for Voter's Meeting
  - b. LWML 11/13 Meeting
  - c. ACTS 11/19 - Game Night
  - d. Regular Voter's Assembly - November 21, 2021
    - i. Approve 2022 Budget
  - e. ACTS – 11/25 – noon Thanksgiving dinner
2. December 2021
  - a. ACTS – 12/11 - Caroling
  - b. Christian Ed – 12/8 – Children's Pageant/Advent Service
  - c. ACTS 12/17 Game Night
  - d. Christmas – Saturday, December 25, 2021
3. January 2022
  - a. ACTS or LWML – 1/6 – Gentile Potluck
  - b. LWML 1/8 - meeting
  - c. PPC Meeting - January 20, 2022
  - d. ACTS 1/21 Game Night
  - e. New Years – Saturday, January 1, 2021
4. February 2022
  - a. ACTS – 2/12 – Silly Supper
  - b. ACTS 2/18 Game Night
5. March 2022
  - a. PPC Meeting - March 17, 2022
    - i. Set Agenda for April Voter's Meeting
  - b. ACTS 3/18 Game Night
6. April 2022
  - a. ACTS 4/15 Game Night
  - b. Regular Voter's Assembly - April 24, 2022
7. May 2022
  - a. PPC Meeting - May 19, 2021
    - i. Set Agenda for June Voter's Meeting
  - b. ACTS 5/20 Game Night
8. June 2022
  - a. ACTS 6/10 Game Night
  - b. Christian Ed – 6/12 through 6/16 - VBS
  - c. Regular Voter's Assembly - June 26, 2022

# Happy Birthday!

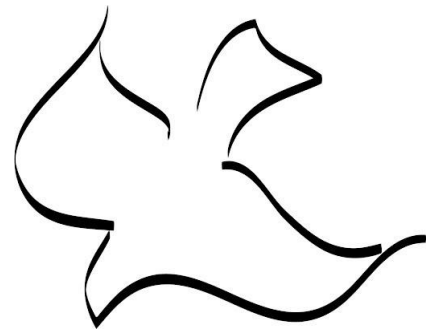
1 – Sherri Lowrey  
2 – Melia Weddingfeld  
3 – Mamiko Bickner  
5 – Sherry DuValle  
6 – Kai Bickner  
8 – Zach Reinebold  
9 – Jordan Davidek  
9 – Elena Reinebold  
9 – Danielle Robinson  
10 – Douglas Cheterbok

14 – Evan Weddingfeld  
15 – Arimathea Lietzau  
18 – Samantha Broscheit  
20 – Steve Morsch  
27 – Jeannette Woolery  
28 – Noah DeLaet  
28 – Jackie McDermott  
28 – Rosemary Neville  
29 – Brian DeLaet

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## Baptism Birthdays

Julienne Bolduc  
Douglas Cheterbok  
Anna Clifton  
Jordan Davidek  
Anna DeLaet  
Elaine Dyslin  
Jack Einspahr  
Leo Folkmann  
Abby Hess  
Arimathea Lietzau  
Sherri Lowrey  
Dave Matthews  
Audrey Robinson  
Melia Weddingfeld



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# Happy Anniversary

15 – Alan & Lucy Simons  
24 – Joseph & Lora Davidek  
24 – Buck & Lou Nelson