



# Share, Serve, Celebrate

Week of June 16, 2024

“We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7 ESV). These words are ones that I often hear people say when they find something difficult to understand – typically when talking about the Christian faith, but sometimes about other things as well. What exactly does it mean to walk by faith and not sight?

Faith is the assurance of things that we have not or cannot see. None of us was alive during the Revolutionary War or Civil War, yet we believe that these wars truly happened because those who were there recorded the events in various ways: letters, diaries, journals, news reports, and more. In the same way, our Christian faith is based on events that happened that we did not witness.

For example, we have faith that God created the world from nothing. None of us was there, yet we confess it as true. Why? We believe it because the Word of God tells us. The one who *was* there has revealed it to us through His Word. So also, we believe that Jesus was truly crucified, died, was buried in a tomb, and rose from the dead on the third day. We did not witness these things, but we have the sure and certain word of others who were there – the apostolic witness.

Yet, our Christian faith is about more than just trusting that certain events actually happened. We also believe that these things have particular promises attached to them. Through God’s work of salvation and life culminating in the death and resurrection of Jesus, He gives forgiveness and life to us. God delivers His life-saving gifts to us through His Word and Sacraments. As Hebrews 11:1 (ESV) states: “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” God’s Word gives us the assurance of His promises. Yes, our conviction of these things of faith way weaken at various times as we want to obtain these things by sight rather than faith. Thanks be to God that He fulfills his promises to us even when we falter.

~Pastor Kevin Mann

## IN OUR CONGREGATION...

### LCMS Stewardship Ministry

**Stewardship Thoughts** [www.lcms.org/stewardship](http://www.lcms.org/stewardship)

**Luke 6:40** – “A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.” This statement is the key to understanding all of sanctification (how we are made holy): It starts with Jesus. He has redeemed us by His sacrifice on the cross, and now we are to follow Him. We are to grow into the image of God, to be like our Teacher, Lord, and King Jesus. We learn generosity from the one who gave His all for our sake. How is the Lord calling you to imitate His generosity in your callings in home, church and society?

### S’mores and Song—June 27



What’s S’MORE fun than a remix of “Soup and Songs?”...S’mores and Songs! This is time to gather for fellowship, dinner, and some singing of your favorite camp and patriotic songs. We will have hot dogs, chips, and s’mores! Join us outside on the Sharing Peace Patio, weather permitting, starting at 5:45PM! Invite your friends and share the Good News of Jesus through song. Bring your own lawn chair in case we need more seating!

*What we need:*

- Songs - What are your favorite camp/ patriotic songs?
- A Fire-Pit Master!
- Helpers for Set-up/ Clean-up
- Fire Poker Sticks Needed

Please RSVP in the back of the sanctuary and contact Kasey Hapner if you can help!

### Partners in Prayer

Prayer changes us and shapes us toward the purposes our Father has for us. Peace Partners in Prayer is an informal group providing the opportunity to gather and share praises and petitions in a confidential and supportive space. Participants can choose to pray out loud or just bring the gift of their presence and have others pray on their behalf. Partners in Prayer meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month, from 5:30-6:30, in the church lounge.

**Church Directory Update:** “Online Church Directory Update” forms are in the church office. If you haven’t yet, please complete a form and put in the Rutkowskis’ mailbox. Contact Dick at 260-760-8529 with questions.



### SAVE THE DATE! - Rummage Sale

WinGS is joining with Bethlehem and Mt. Calvary to host a rummage sale benefiting LSUS. Save the dates - Sept 26, 27, and 28. A rummage committee meeting is Saturday, June 29 at 10am in Bethlehem fellowship hall (enter at door 7) for all those interested in volunteering. Peace will be hosting our bake sale as part of this event so stay tuned for more info!

### FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY

**YAMz** (Young Adult Ministry on Zoom) meets (usually) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month at 7:30pm. Young adults 18 and out of high school are welcome to join. If you would like to be a part of the conversations, contact Rose at [cafeministry@peacelutheranfw.org](mailto:cafeministry@peacelutheranfw.org) or 260-402-1679.

**Youth Group** is for youth in grades 6 -12. During the summer, we will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays from 1-4pm for devotions, prayer, to share highs and lows and where we find Christ in all of them. There’s also time for games and snacks too. Bring a friend!



### IN OUR CAFÉ...



### Monthly Featured Drink:

June’s featured drink: Summer Burst— A strawberry/lemonade smoothie with whippy and sprinkles (optional). It’s delicious!!

### Playdate Wednesdays

School is out - but your kids still need friends to play with (and so do you!). Come to the Sharing Peace Cafe on Wednesday mornings 9-11:30am in June and July. Grab an iced mocha and make some new adult friends, and let your littles play on our ark, color with sidewalk chalk, or blow some bubbles. Come and hang for half an hour or the whole time - there will always be someone to play with!

**Cards & Games in the Café**

Join in the fun and friendly competition at the Cafe on the 2nd & 4th Mondays from 1-3pm. We're playing Euchre, as well as Rummikub and a favorite game you may want to add to the mix! It's always a great time, and we enjoy some tasty snacks too! Bring a friend!

**Exercise Class Schedule**

Classes are held in the Wellness Room below the stairs. Enter via door #3 from the parking lot. No previous experience necessary. Everyone is welcome for fun, fitness, and fellowship. \$5 per class session, except yoga with Tara is \$10.

- Chair Yoga: Monday and Friday, 11am-12pm
- CardioTone: Monday and Thursday, 5-5:45pm
- Yoga with Tara: Tuesday, 5:30: Saturday, 11am

**IN OUR SCHOOLS**

**CLHS Employment Opportunities**

Concordia Lutheran High School has numerous open positions available for the upcoming school year! Please take a look at the open positions and share them with anyone you think might be interested. Positions include Admissions Counselor, Cafeteria Assistant, Full-Time Student Interventionist, Head Boys/Girls Swim Coach, Head Boys/Girls Tennis Coach, Head Girls Softball Coach, JROTC Army Instructor, Multi-Department Teacher, and School Counselor. You can find and apply to these positions at:

<https://www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment>



**IN OUR SYNOD**

**LCMS Tax Tip**

Planning a gift for ministry from your estate can generate concern about whether that ministry will be still in existence when the Lord calls you home. Gift planning offers solutions to these concerns. It may be that your worries are not substantiated. Conversations with ministry leaders can offer you assurances about the future vision for ministry. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can facilitate that conversation. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or [mark.muehl@lfnd.org](mailto:mark.muehl@lfnd.org).

**Lutherans for Life**

“The state of marriage is under a full assault from the devil. He will use whatever means necessary to destroy what God has created. Pray also for all God’s children. Pray that love may abound in all homes. Pray that forgiveness may be the first word spoken between husbands and wives, parents and children. Pray that you and all people receive an increase of the Holy Spirit, for it is only through Him that we may repent of our sinful lives, amend our ways, and live joyfully in the comfort of God’s grace.” Rev. Matthew Wietfeldt, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



**This Week at Peace June 16-23, 2024**

Sun June 16	9:00am 10:30am	Worship Service BP Screenings Education Hour
Mon June 17	11:00am 5:00pm 5:00-8:00pm	Chair Yoga Cardio Tone VBS <i>PY Articles Due</i>
Tues June 18	5:30pm 6:00pm-8:00	Yoga with Tara Youth Group <i>Bulletin Items Due</i>
Wed June 19	5:30 6:30pm	Partners in Prayer Worship Service
Thurs June 20	5:00pm	CardioTone
Fri June 21	10:00-11:30am 11:00am	Parish Nurse is In Chair Yoga
Sat June 22		
Sun June 23	9:00am 10:30am	Worship Service with Communion Education Hour

**Next Sunday Scripture Readings (Fifth Sunday After Pentecost)**

Job 38:1-11                      2 Corinthians 6:1-13                      Mark 4:35-41