

CROSS-WORD NEWSLETTER

ENCOURAGE

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits” (Matt. 7:15–16a, ESV).

In 1533, Martin Luther preached on Matt. 7:15–23, saying: “Where our Lord God builds a church, there the devil builds a tavern” (*House Postils*, 2:342). When God gives something good, the devil tries to spoil it with a rotten imitation. Luther continued: “It has always been this way, that where the truth is preached, there the devil has intermingled false doctrine and heresy” (*House Postils*, 2:342).

Hence, Jesus exhorts us: “Beware of false prophets.” They may look like sheep, but inside their woolly costumes they are really “ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits.” Such fruits are not outward deeds or immoral behaviors (though these may be telltale signs); they are the false teachings, messages, and proclamations.

How might you detect a false prophet? Consider how the bank teller learns to beware of counterfeit money. The teller works with stacks and stacks of genuine legal tender, counting out the bills over and over, getting the feel of the genuine article. It becomes automatic and second nature. Then, when a manager sneaks a counterfeit bill into the stack for training purposes, the teller can easily and quickly discern the difference and remove the fake.

How can you discern when the devil builds a tavern next to—or even within—God’s church? Know the genuine article, the true, life-giving Word. Luther said:

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Service 9:00 AM
Bible Study following service

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:
Responsive Prayer Service
10:00 AM

Tuesday Bible Study:
10:30–11:30 AM

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“For where a Christian is diligent, possessing nothing more than the catechism, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the words of our Lord about baptism and the Sacrament of the Altar, he could defend himself very nicely with them and hold his own against all heresies. No better word or doctrine will arise than what has been summed up in the catechism from Holy Scripture” (*House Postils*, 2:343).

The Commandments keep us centered on trusting God above all and loving neighbors as ourselves. The Creed keeps our eyes fixed on all God has done and still does for us—creating us, redeeming us, and making us holy. The Lord’s Prayer leads us to rely on and call upon our true Father for all our needs of soul and body. Baptism, Absolution, and Lord’s Supper all deliver the genuine articles of Jesus’ forgiveness, life, and salvation.

As Luther proclaimed: “If we shall diligently hear and learn this Word, we can well fend off the false word, and the devil will have to yield” (*House Postils*, 2:349).

Prayer:

*“Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done” (LSB 655:1).*

In Christ’s service,

Rev. Randy K. Asburry
Second Vice President
Missouri District

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jour de Fete – August 8 & 9, 2026

➤ **Jour de Fete Collectibles Sale Donations**

Donations are now being accepted for the Jour de Fete collectibles sale. Please bring items to the old basement.

Items we can accept: books, holiday decorations, dishes, pots and pans, toys, tools, small working appliances, CDs, DVDs, gently used bedding, crafts, knick-knacks, and jewelry.

Items we cannot accept: clothing, large or heavy furniture, electronics, computers, phones, printers, or encyclopedias.

➤ **Homemade cookie and brownie donations needed**

Roll up your sleeves, put on your apron, and gather your baking supplies! We need members who enjoy baking to donate homemade cookies and brownies for our Jour de Fete bake sale.

Please package cookies and brownies in plastic bags with 6 or 12 items per bag. Label each package with its contents, any possible allergens, and whether the items are gluten-free or sugar-free.

Please drop off baked goods during one of the work days: Wednesday, Thursday, or Saturday.

➤ **Donations needed for Jour de Fete and throughout the church year:**

- Bottled water, 16.9 oz.
- Paper towels
- Toilet tissue
- Large trash bags, 40 gallon
- Tall kitchen bags, 13 gallon
- Plastic storage bags – quart and gallon sizes
- Masking tape
- Large rubber bands
- Styrofoam cups, 8 oz.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 5** – Jour de Fete work day – 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided.
- **August 6** – Jour de Fete work day – if not finished on Wednesday.
- **August 8 & 9 – Jour de Fete**
- **Flowers for the altar – August dates available!**
Look for available dates on the flower chart located on the wall by the kitchenette above the water fountain. Print your name and occasion clearly when signing up and place your payment of \$25 in an envelope marked “Flower Fund” in the offering plate.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

August 2 – Rachel Schremp

August 7 – Angela Huck

August 8 – Tina Port

August 8 – Valerie Rakey

August 9 – LaJune Rottler

August 16 – Rick Hutson

August 18 – Monica Willis

August 22 – Damien Phillips

August 28 – Amanda Ringwald

August 30 – Dean Schlueter

Wedding Anniversaries

August 20 – Ethan & Meaghin Schremp (4 years)

August 25 – Darrin & Laura Fallert (36 years)

August 25 – Chris & Linda Trimmer (47 years)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Flower Watering Help Needed –**
Signup sheet is on the table in the sanctuary if you are willing to help water the flowers in front of the church this summer.
- **Jour de Fete –**
Volunteers needed for cashier and bagger shifts inside and outside both days for the water stand, collectibles and cookie sales, and popcorn/cotton candy stand.
Please sign up on the sheet located on the table in the sanctuary.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

LCMS Stewardship

Define Your Life by How You Give

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Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For, giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living have on us. When we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others?” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, nor do we become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the Divine Nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

LCMS Family Ministry

1 Thessalonians 5:11 – “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” August is a crazy time. Kids are going back to school, with all the activities and bustle. Parents are trying to make sure that their kids have all the things that they need to succeed in this new school year. In the midst of this time of new beginnings and transitions, it can be a challenge for a family to have meaningful connections with each other. Eating meals together can be a wonderful way to spend time together. In the midst of all the bustle and busyness, it is helpful be intentional about having time as a family where you can connect. At the beginning of each week, plan what meals you will eat together as a family. Make the most of them by having a family devotion, encouraging each other, building one another up, or having a time of prayer.

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 8:00 a.m. Sharper Iron
 9:00 a.m. The Coffee Hour
 9:30 a.m. Sacred Music
 10:00 a.m. Daily Chapel
LCMS International Center
 10:30 a.m. Sacred Music
 11:00 a.m. Thy Strong Word
 12:00 p.m. Sacred Music
 3:00 p.m. Issues, Etc.
 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
 5:30 p.m. Sacred Music

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 9:00 a.m. Wrestling with the Basics
 9:30 a.m. Liberty Action Alert from LCRL
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 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
 5:30 p.m. Sacred Music

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KFUO The Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

August 2,
2026

“Why Jesus Told Parables”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Archives August—Effective communicators tell stories to make a point. Hear how Jesus' parables point us to Himself.

Mark 4

August 9,
2026

“Extreme Neighborliness”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Archives August—Jesus is the ultimate “Good Samaritan,” the unlikely Rescuer who binds our wounds, carries us to safety, and pays the price through His cross.

Luke 10:25-37

August 16,
2026

“Look at Me”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Archives August—God hears our cry for justice, not as an indifferent judge, but as our merciful heavenly Father.

Luke 18:1-8

August 23,
2026

“Real Riches”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Ken Klaus

Archives August—It's not wrong to have possessions, but to love anything in such a way that it takes the place of God is spiritually deadly.

Luke 12:15

August 30,
2026

“Tell Me a Story!”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer

Archives August—God lavishly sows the seed of His Word. Responses vary.

Mark 4:1-20, 26-34

Jour de Fête

WORD SEARCH

👉 Celebrate Faith, Community & Fun! 👈

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FIND THESE WORDS

AUGUST

COLLECTIBLES

COTTON CANDY

HOLY

SUMMER
VOLUNTEERS

BASEMENT

COOKIES

FELLOWSHIP

POPCORN

WATER

CHURCH

CROSS

FESTIVAL

SALE

WEEKEND
WORKERS

Three Eggs and \$10,000!

A longtime pastor was at home one day getting something from the top shelf in the bedroom closet. He came across a shoebox hidden away on the shelf. He opened it and found three eggs and \$10,000 inside. He wondered what this was all about. When his wife came home, he asked her, "Honey, do you know anything about this box with eggs and money?" His wife then told him, "Oh, honey, I'm so embarrassed. I've been keeping this secret from you since we've been married and you started preaching." "What secret?" he asked his wife. She told him, "Well, every time I thought you gave a rather poor sermon, I would put an egg in the box." The pastor then felt rather proud of himself, as he told her, "Well, I've been preaching for 30 years! And only three eggs! That's not really bad at all." Then he proudly said, "So I bet when you thought I had a good sermon, you put money in the box, is that right?" "Well, no, not exactly," she told him. The pastor then asked her, "Then what's all this money in here for?" She then replied, "From selling eggs."

MEMORY VERSE

**Let no corrupting talk
come out of your mouths, but only
such as is good for building up,
as fits the occasion, that it may
give grace to those who hear.**

EPHESIANS 4:29



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