



Sunday: Christian Ed. 9:15 AM  
Holy Communion 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Eucharist and Healing @ noon

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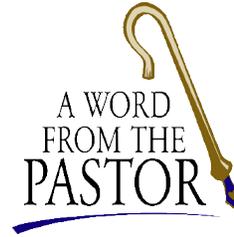
## House of Prayer Lutheran Church

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*Experience the Hope of Jesus Christ*

## June 2022



Today the rain pours down in violent outbursts, covering the sky in dark clouds echoing the grieving broken hearts of parents and families whose children have been brutally murdered and those who've been touched by incessant senseless violence.

One might ask “Where is God in all of this?” “What hope have we?” **This evil violence is not God’s punishment.** That is not the way of our loving Almighty god. God is love and loves heart breaks with every act of sin. Evil has caused all the violence and hatred. The devil seeks only to steal, kill, and destroy. Only Christ can save us and he already laid the way as Jesus gave himself to conquer sin, death, and the devil. Here is hope and here is help.

*Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8.* As people of God, we can pray for help and hope. We can repent for the sins of our world. We can intercede for our nation and the world. The love of Jesus heals hearts. His love is sufficient to sustain us and strengthen us. The Father loves us. The Spirit is love that surrounds us and fills us. As Christians, we have the love of Jesus in our lives and in our hearts. Let this love surround us and fill us anew and afresh. Let us be the church this world so desperately needs.

This morning as I was driving out and about, I began to pray protection over our schools and named as many as

I could think of. We must not diminish the power of prayer. Prayer tears down the strongholds of the enemy and lifts the name of Jesus.

*Psalm 46 speaks to a desperate time. <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. <sup>5</sup>God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. <sup>6</sup>Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. <sup>7</sup>The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Pray for repentance and a return to God. *Therefore tell the people: This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Return to me,' declares the LORD Almighty, 'and I will return to you,' says the LORD Almighty. Zechariah 1:3*

*The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Psalm 103:8.* His mercy endures forever.

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

In ministry together,  
Pastor Pam



## Small Groups

As a church, we need to engage one another in a more intentional way. For too long, we've experienced isolation and distance. So, we're forming small groups where we can meet with one another for encouragement in our daily walk with Christ. The format is simple, establish relationship, read a Bible lesson and discuss its meaning and application in our own lives, and pray together for needs and concerns. We will continue to establish the biblical foundations of what we believe and learn to share our faith with one another. This will help empower us to "go and make disciples of all nations," Matthew 28:19.

Meetings can be Zoom for those who choose not to meet in person, but the best way is in person. Sing up today. You'll be hearing more about this as we form these groups. You can opt out, but we hope you will join in.

Blessings to all, Cindy Lemons, Council President

## Pentecost Sunday

Sunday June 5 is Pentecost Sunday. We celebrate the coming of the indwelling Holy Spirit upon the church. Join us for a festival worship and Baptism of Braxton Brown, son of Dakota Brown and Sarah Hof. You may wear red that day recognizing the power of the Spirit.

## Father's Day

Don't forget Sunday June 19 recognition of Fathers. Pastor Chris will be our preacher that day.



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## Game Day



Join us for Game Day at the church on Saturday, June 25 from 2—4. Bring snacks and a drink to share. We can play cards, dominos, or whatever you like. Invite your friends. Come and meet new friends.

## Church Picnic

Join in the fun for our annual church picnic on Sunday afternoon, August 21 from 1-4. This year we're going to Freeman Lake park. Paddle boat, kayak, and row boats can be rented. We'll play games, eat, and visit. Come join the fun. Sign up sheet to come for which foods to bring.



## Bible Study/New Member/Adult Confirmation

Pastor Pam will begin a new topic for our Tuesday evening class. We'll look at the basics of our Christian faith using materials to include Luther's Small Catechism. If you are not sure what Lutherans believe, this is a good time to learn. Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 in person at House of Prayer or online through Zoom: Meeting ID: 882 1120 9023 Passcode: 572348



## Wednesday Noon Healing and Holy Communion

Wednesday, June 1st will begin a regular weekly service of Holy Communion with prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands. The service will last 1/2 hour. Take time to be refreshed mid-week.

## Prayer Time Helps

In any relationship, communication is paramount. Prayer is communication with the Almighty who is the One who loves us so. How do we pray outside of a written prayer? There is nothing wrong with praying a written prayer that someone else wrote. But prayer is not hard, as we would with someone else.

I remember one time in the preschool room at Vacation Bible School, the children were seated in a circle for prayer time. I little boy said, "I don't know how to pray." Another young man sitting close by said, "It's easy. You just close your eyes and start talking." It is that easy. (PT)

We can pray with eyes open, but closing them helps us to shut out distractions. Folding our hands keeps them from doing something else and helps us focus. It may help to pray out loud. That way we engage our voice as well and it helps to keep our mind from wandering. Yes, we're human.



Most of all, don't be afraid to praise our Lord. Here's a special song: It will lift you to the heavens.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above you heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



## Prayer Requests

We love to pray for one another. We have an active prayer group. If you have a special need, please call the office (270) 765-4212 to leave a request. You may also text a message to 270.872-8269 or Cindy Lemons.

Is someone in the Hospital? Visits by the pastor are now allowed. Please call Pastor Pam. A Chaplain is available on site for pastoral care, just tell a nurse. Please let Pastor Pam or Pastor Chris know if you are in the hospital or otherwise ill. We pray the healing love of Jesus to cover all and bring health and strength—in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## Congratulations Graduates 2022!



Sarah Hof is a graduate of Elizabethtown High School. .

Faith D'Ann Renee Baker graduated from Central Hardin High School.

Emmalee Pauline Krieg, former member here graduated from Widefield High School in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Faith Baker

Well done and congratulations for your accomplishment and all the hard work. Our prayers and blessings are with all our friends graduating High School and College.



## Shut-Ins

Please remember in prayer those who are unable to come to church. Gertrude Petit, Bob Pilette, and Joan Palmer.

## Disaster Response

House of Prayer was host to a team from Pennsylvania who came to work in the Hardyville area on houses devastated by the Tornado that came through in December. 13 men and women stayed in our building.

Many contributed food and hospitality to



make their time more comfortable. Many thanks to Joan Klotz who organized the week for us and the many who hosted and contributed excellent food. The mission was a success.

## Heartland Mission District Disaster Response Shed

We're building a warehouse in Connorsville, Indiana. The floor and footers are laid. Work will start soon. We'll join with other NALC congregations in the Mission District. .

