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## Pastor's corner:

### Faith in Action

As Lutherans we rightly believe that the whole enchilada of God's blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation are abundantly poured out upon us in the Word and Sacraments, ushering us into the kingdom of God. However, these blessing must be received and not rejected or they do us no good. Receiving these gifts is more than simply saying to God, "Thanks. I'll see you again next week."

During Christ's earthly ministry His family once tried to grab Him and bring Him home because they thought He'd gone crazy. Mark 3:32 records what happened: "And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.' And he answered them, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.'"

It's quite shocking. Jesus rejects his family by blood who do not believe in Him and embraces as family those who believe! But notice Jesus says that they are family not simply because they believe, but "Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

Christians often think of saving faith as an internal spiritual, mental and emotional exercise that doesn't necessarily manifest itself outside of one's self. That's not really what the Bible says. Jesus here says "whoever does," as in "doing," and "doing" is something that happens outside of self by the self in the world.

In the parable of the sheep and the goats Jesus says the righteous fed, clothed and visited Him. Other parables talk of Christ's followers "bearing fruit," and one hardly can bear fruit within themselves—bearing fruit has to be external. In Christ's "Great Commission" to His followers just before ascending to heaven Jesus said that the new believers should be taught "to observe all that I have commanded you." What Jesus had instructed wasn't just internal piety, it was external actions.

As we begin the season of Pentecost also known as the Time of the Church, let us remind ourselves that following Christ is faith in Him in action. It's a good time to reflect and ask yourself, "Is my faith in Christ manifesting itself in action in my life?"

Is there repentance—active repentance that seeks to more and more eliminate sinful habits from your days? Is there love—love of God that seeks to know Him more intimately through the study of His Word and to be communicating with Him often in prayer? Is there love—love of neighbor that humbles one's self and seeks to serve the best interests of others? Are you doing Jesus stuff in the Monday to Saturday part of you week?

Being the church of Christ doesn't just happen in the church on Sunday. True, if you're not receiving His Word and Sacrament there it should raise some serious questions about if you're actually in the family of the kingdom of God. But Jesus says His family is whoever is doing the will of God and He doesn't mean only on Sunday.

You have been baptized into the family of God. The abundance of His blessings stands poured out upon you. Receive it all with a faith that is both Jesus dwelling in His temple within you, and doing His love and holiness in the world around you.

### Lectionary Readings:

June 6, 2021—Second Sunday After Pentecost (Green)

Genesis 3:8-15, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

June 13, 2021—Third Sunday After Pentecost (Green)

Ezekiel 17:22-24, 2 Corinthians 5:1-10, Mark 4:26-34

June 20, 2021—Fourth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)

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

June 27, 2021—Fifth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)

Lamentations 3:22-33, 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15, Mark 5:21-43

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July 2021 Newsletter articles should be turned in to Lisa by  
Thursday, June 24th. You may email these to [secretary@gracehouma.org](mailto:secretary@gracehouma.org)

## Congratulations Graduates!

We congratulate the following members and friends of GLC who have graduated this spring:

**Alec Cunningham**, son of Jeanette Burke, will be graduating from Southern Law in Baton Rouge in July of 2021; **Hannah Cuneo**, daughter of Bret and Penny Cuneo and granddaughter of Marilyn Beach, will graduate from Louisiana State University in August and will be applying to PA school; **Riley Andrews** graduated from UL Lafayette with a BS in Computer Science and two minors in Math and Spanish. He will be working in Lafayette at an International Software Company. Riley is the grandchild of Mona and Richard LaCour; **Jonathan Dahl**, son of Matt and Heather Dahl and grandson of Gordon and Jerrie Fitzgerald, is graduating from Hahnville High School. He plans to attend Southern Miss. University in the fall.

May God continue to bless you all!

If you know of any other graduates, please contact the church office-thanks!

## The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter Article - June 2021

“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34)

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let’s explore this topic.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf. He did this in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper. And so, He doesn’t just do it for us but gives it to us. He makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” (Matthew 19:24) “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance - a conversion of the heart - and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are actually to live - think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) - a new life in Him. And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.

## Calling all Money Counters

If you were a money counter prior to COVID-19, or you are interested in being a money counter, please come to our “training” session scheduled for Sunday, June 6th after coffee time. Records are now being kept on a computer—nothing complicated or difficult to learn. Please let our Financial Secretary, Bonnie Dupre, know if you are interested in being a money counter.

Hopefully we will get enough volunteers so that your time commitment would be no more than once a month.

## Rummage Sale Volunteers Needed

Calling all rummage sale enthusiasts! We are in need of volunteers to help with our rummage sale scheduled for July 24th—from 6AM To Noon.

We will also need help with setup prior to the sale with sorting, pricing and placement on tables.

If you can help on the day of the sale, please let either Lisa Giroir or Bonnie Dupre know. Pricing dates will be determined later, but will more than likely start right after July 4th.

Proceeds from this sale are designated to offset the cost of the cement tables and chairs in our new rock garden.

## Vacation Bible School 2021 Rainforest Explorers—Jesus Leads the Way.

Our Rainforest Explorers VBS will take off July 25th through July 29th. We are looking for volunteers. The next planning meeting will be on June 13th at noon. The sign up sheets for children on the table in the narthex. Contact Lisa Giroir at 337-501-0234 for more information.

## In the palm of God’s Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Billy Palmer, Charles Beasley, Julie Damen, Marabelle Leggett, Margret Cuccia, Mary Deane, Virginia Cunningham

BATTLING CANCER: Cindy Gorham, Jay Cruse, John Adams, Ken Broussard, Nan Ashley Hebert & Penny Emling

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Bobby Torbert, Brian Hoover, Camile Adams, Cindy Deane, Connie Oswalt, Edna Marie Sevin, Helen Hoover, Jackie Webb, Kim Cape, Lisa Ledet, Richard LaCour & Sue Ackett

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Barbara Reaves, Jan Crawford, Jo Lowman, Landon Eschete, Mary Joe Mueller, Miriam Mix, Tammie Hahn & Wayne Jackson.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Amye Jakob & Stephen Carl Jakob, Jacey Corbitt & baby Corbitt, Kara Trahan & baby Trahan and Lori Prugh & baby Prugh.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Andrew Winn, Gage V. Romano, Haily Crawford, Heather Darce, Jack Hansen, Kyle Turcott, Leo Lampinen, Matthew Spolarich, Natalie Turcott, Nigel Koorie, Todd Mueller, Tom Hemminger, Victoria Shroyer & Zhain Shroyer

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Adriana Vitrano, Alec Cunningham, Allen Trahan, Annie Reaves, Armand Erhart, Blayne Barras, Brandon Cinnater, Brooks Thomas, Emma Thomas, Donovan Domangue, Fielden Baker, Gabbie Corbitt, Hannah Cuneo, Harleigh Dahl, Isabella Appenzeller, Jared Moise, Karly Kyzar, Lauren Boudreaux, Madeleine Boudreaux, Peyton Kraus, Riley Andrews, Ross Reaves, Sophia Miller & Victoria Thalheim


## Grace’s Mission

**Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness,  
Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Fellowship**



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# June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BD= Birthday BA=Baptismal Anniversary W=Wedding Anniversary	1	2	3	4	5	
	PASTOR RICH OUT OF THE OFFICE UNTIL JUNE 8TH					
	ECC Classes Begin Mari Tabor BD <b>II Kings 1-5</b>	Psalms 78-80	Proverbs 8-9	Clayton Hannusch BD R. & B. Rudnik W <b>Ezekiel 19-24</b>	Clayton Hannusch BA Ruby Souther BA <b>Luke 17-18</b>	Molly Blakely BD
<b>Pentecost II</b> Worship 9am/Food Bank Youth Biscuits follow	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Bible Study 1:00pm Altar Guild mtg 3:00pm <b>II Kings 6-10</b>	Potluck fellowship 6pm Praise & Praise 6:45pm <b>Psalms 81-83</b>	PRR Ordination 2007 Mari Tabor BA Proverbs 10	St. Barnabas, Apostle Brandy Lirette BD Victoria Shroyer BD John Hassell BA <b>Ezekiel 25-30</b>	Thibodaux Worship 5pm St. John's Episcopal Church <b>Luke 19-20</b>	
<b>Philippians 3-4</b>	Donald Greene BA <b>Leviticus 13-15</b>	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Pentecost III</b> Worship 9am/Mite Boxes MG Baked Goods follow SS for all ages 10:45am VBS meeting 12pm Kara Trahan BD Zhain Shroyer BD <b>Colossians 1-2</b>	14	Bible Study 1:00pm Heidi Lirette BD Michael Shroyer, Jr. BD <b>II Kings 11-15</b>	Potluck fellowship 6pm Praise & Praise 6:45pm <b>Psalms 84-86</b>	Proverbs 11-12 <b>Ezekiel 31-36</b>		
<b>Pentecost IV</b> Worship 9am Youth Biscuits follow SS for all ages 10:45am	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Bible Study 6:00pm Emily Boquet BD Diana Treuting BA <b>Leviticus 16-18</b>	Bible Study 1:00pm Gail Akins BA <b>II Kings 16-20</b>	Potluck fellowship 6pm Praise & Praise 6:45pm Joe Deane BD Michael Thalheim BD <b>Psalms 87-89</b>	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist PRR Installation 2007 <b>PIPELINER ARTICLES DUE</b> Bible Study 6:00pm Proverbs 13	The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530 <b>Ezekiel 37-42</b>	Mike Cape BD <b>Luke 21-22</b>
A. A. Carey W <b>Colossians 3-4</b>	28	29	30	<b>Grace Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center</b> 422 Valhi Boulevard Houma, LA. 70360 985-879-1865 / 1833 (fax) <a href="mailto:secretary@gracehouma.org">secretary@gracehouma.org</a> <a href="http://www.gracehouma.org">www.gracehouma.org</a>		
<b>Pentecost V</b> Worship 9am Baked Goods follow SS for all ages 10:45am	<b>Leviticus 19-21</b>	St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles Bible Study 1:00pm R. & M. LaCour W M. & L. LaPlume W <b>II Kings 21-25</b>	Potluck fellowship 6pm Praise & Praise 6:45pm Connor Cuneo BD <b>Psalms 90-92</b>			
Emma Gouaux BD <b>I Thessalonians 1-3</b>	27	28	29	 <a href="http://www.bible-reading.com/bible-calendar.html">http://www.bible-reading.com/bible-calendar.html</a>		
	<b>Leviticus 22-24</b>					