The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 6, 2025

Announcements

<u>Flowers on the Altar</u> are given to God's glory by Toni Vasill in thanksgiving to God on her birthday, and by the Scotts in thankgiving to God for His countless blessings.

If you would like to honor a special occasion with the donation of altar flowers, choose your date on the <u>Altar Flowers</u> chart in the fellowship hall next to the entrance into the narthex and follow the instructions on the Altar Flowers Form.

<u>Our Mission Focus Offering</u> for July will support our *Partners in Mission* initiative and the work of Pr. Jonathan Naumann and his wife, Deaconess Cheryl Naumann, in the Dominican Republic. We will receive a special offering on the last Sunday of the month (July 27) to support their work. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd, and ear-mark them for *Partners in Mission*. Thanks for whatever support the Lord enables you to give.

<u>For those who made donations</u> to the Fort Wayne seminary's Food and Clothing Co-op this past April, donations slips for your tax records are available from the *Welcome Center* table.

Ladies of the congregation are invited to the annual LWML picnic to be held here at the church this Tuesday, July 8, beginning at 6 PM. Grilled hot dogs, drinks, and table service will be provided. Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. We look forward to the fellowship. A sign-up sheet is posted at the *Welcome Center*.

The Board of Discipleship is again organizing our Classic Car Show. The chosen date is August 2 (August 9 rain date), and we are again asking for volunteers and donations to help put on this popular event that has become a great opportunity to get acquainted with our community and issue an invitation to visit us for worship. To volunteer, sign up on the Volunteer Sign-up Sheet now displayed on the Welcome Center table. Areas are divided into 2-hour shifts, and we invite you to sign up for as many shifts as you would like in the area you prefer. (Most of the first shifts are pre-filled.) To donate, sign up on the large Donations Board poster displayed on the table adjacent to the Welcome Center. Here, you can "adopt" an item or more that you would like to provide (including some equipment we would like to borrow). Except for baked goods and ice, we ask that donations be brought to church on or before July 27. If you volunteer to bring baked goods, please take one of the "Baked Goods Instructions" sheets which will explain important directions that will greatly help to simplify our preparations.

Important Notice to Keyholders: If you have not already done so, you will want to pick up one of the "Security System Instructions" sheets located at the Welcome Center to help you through the process of disarming and arming our new security/fire system when you enter or exit the building.

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<u>Life Quotes:</u> "As you walk the path of life with your neighbor, learn and celebrate the depth and breadth of the infinite worth of their life—whether they are preborn, homeless, destitute, dying, friend, or foe. Learn, through the trials set before you and the sacrifices you make to improve the life of your neighbor, the awesome worth of life. Life is sacred. Every life matters." Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church—Canada — A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Pr. Scott will be out of the office this Thursday through Friday the 18th as he and LeAnne head to Colorado for some vacation time. In the event of an emergency requiring pastoral assistance, please contact Pr. Tim Loewe of Christ the King Lutheran, Lambertville. Pr. Loewe can be reached at 989-280-4690.

For next Sunday's distribution procedure, we will use a procedure similar to what we used during the pandemic to assist Pr. Habrecht, who has mobility issues following his back surgery. The procedures will be spelled out in next week's announcements.

<u>Last week's scheduled Semi-Shut-In service</u> was postponed because of an air-conditioning problem. We hope to hold the service this Wednesday (2 PM), although several of our "regulars" have scheduling problems. Please help spread the word that the service will be held this Wednesday, assuming enough people are able to make it to make it a good use of time/resources.