

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!!



*July 2021  
Newsletter*



*Our Savior Lutheran  
Church Herald*

**Pastor's Devo...** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Hebrews 12:1-2*

Hello...it's July. And if you were expecting to once again read a devotion from me with the "Freedom from Sin" theme, I'm sorry to disappoint. There is another point I wish to focus on for this month's Newsletter devotion, being that we're in the Month of July...the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the year of Our Lord, 2021...SEVEN...the number of "completion" which often in God's Holy Word is synonymous with "Perfection".

"Perfection", as in the idea that after six days of creation, God rested from His work of creation...because He had finished...and having finished each day's work calling it "Good", and with our understanding that God's idea of "Good" stands without question, it is PERFECT, and even more so are those things He made that He called "Very Good"...that was man...human beings...those of His creation, that unlike everything else He made (Genesis 1:26-28), He made man "in His own image...and BLESSED THEM!!!

And He placed them in a garden, and He visited with them, and He consoled THEM when they broke HIS heart and promised them that they would receive a Savior for their disobedience...He then watched over their "fruitfulness" and continued to love them and watch over them, and at His time He sent them a pre-cursor of that promised Savior and had him lead them out of Pharaoh's control into a promised land where they could be a Holy people, where they were, sort of, anyway...for a little while...and He left them to struggle and strive under their own control, since they didn't want to be faithful to Him...

And then, at God's PERFECT time, He sent them the Promised One...born, just as HE promised, PERFECT in every way...to perfectly accomplish His plan of Salvation. He taught us humans how we ought to live...keeping God's desire for us to love Him with all our heart, mind, and strength and love our neighbors as ourselves. Establishing a New Covenant, and sealing that covenant with His own blood, shed on a cross at Golgatha, uttering those words, "It is FINISHED" (perfected), this plan of God's to save His people for their sins. And then, again, just as He promised, the Temple of God was re-erected (resurrected) in three days, helping to cement in the minds of His Disciples turned Apostles the power this Savior had...as the Holy One of God, taking His teachings out into the world to save the rest of mankind.

This Savior...known to us as Jesus, finished/completed/perfected His work on earth and returned to His Father's side, to prepare for that perfect day when He will return to finish or complete or perfect God's first promise to our first parents...those two Garden of Eden gifted, God's presence knowing, "Very Good" creatures who also were perfect heart breakers...and bring about the restoration of His creation...to make "Good" on the promise He revealed to bring all His people to a totally New Creation, that will be perfectly where anyone with even the slightest idea of what it might be like...that place where God dwells...because it will be SO MUCH BETTER than what we have now.

But we're not there yet, are we. And that's a "Good" thing. Because it shows that God hasn't finished (perfected) the attendance list...He has a desire that "All people be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:3-4) and I'm quite sure we all have people in our lives that don't have a "perfect" understanding of God's desire for them to know this truth..."and the TRUTH shall set you[them] free"...(John 8:32).

Well, I guess I worked "Freedom" into this devotion after all...Blessed July to you all...Amen!



**July 05** David Costello

**July 06** Ruth Noren

Ted Kalagian

**July 08** Kathy Thureau

**July 09** Rita Freitag

**July 17** Michael Veenstra

**July 24** Stene Anderson

**July 25** Ashli Bunch

**July 29** Susan Hanenkrath



**July 13** Pastor John & Rita Freitag

**July 16** Don & Sue Baldus

**July 28** Daryl & Pam Veenstra

## READING FOR JULY

<b>July 1</b>	Joshua 6:6-27, Acts 10:18-33
<b>July 2</b>	Joshua 7:1-26, Acts 10:34-48
<b>July 3</b>	Joshua 8:1-28, Acts 11:1-18
<b>July 4</b>	Joshua 10:1-25; <i>Joshua 10:28-22:34</i> , Acts 11:19-30
<b>July 5</b>	Joshua 23:1-16, Acts 12:1-25
<b>July 6</b>	Joshua 24:1-31; <i>Judg. 1:1-36</i> , Acts 13:1-12
<b>July 7</b>	Judg. 2:6-23, Acts 13:13-41
<b>July 8</b>	Judg. 3:7-31, Acts 13:42-52
<b>July 9</b>	Judg. 4:1-24; <i>Judg. 5:1-31</i> , Acts 14:1-18
<b>July 10</b>	Judg. 6:1-24, Acts 14:19-15:5
<b>July 11</b>	Judg. 6:25-40, Acts 15:6-21
<b>July 12</b>	Judg. 7:1-23; <i>Judg. 7:24-12:15</i> , Gal. 1:1-24
<b>July 13</b>	Judg. 13:1-25; <i>Ruth 1:1-4:22</i> , Gal. 2:1-21
<b>July 14</b>	Judg. 14:1-20, Gal. 3:1-22
<b>July 15</b>	Judg. 15:1-16:3, Gal. 3:23-4:11
<b>July 16</b>	Judg. 16:4-30; <i>Judg. 17:1-21:25</i> , Gal. 4:12-31
<b>July 17</b>	1 Sam. 1:1-20, Gal. 5:1-26
<b>July 18</b>	1 Sam. 1:21-2:17, Gal. 6:1-18
<b>July 19</b>	1 Sam. 2:18-36, Acts 15:22-41
<b>July 20</b>	1 Sam. 3:1-21, Acts 16:1-22
<b>July 21</b>	1 Sam. 4:1-22; <i>Acts 17:1-34</i> , Acts 16:23-40
<b>July 22</b>	1 Sam. 5:1-6:3, 10-16, Acts 18:1-11, 23-28
<b>July 23</b>	1 Sam. 6:19-7:17; <i>Acts 19:23-21:14</i> , Acts 19:1-22
<b>July 24</b>	1 Sam. 8:1-22, Acts 21:15-36
<b>July 25</b>	1 Sam. 9:1-27, Acts 21:37-22:16
<b>July 26</b>	1 Sam. 10:1-27, Acts 22:17-29
<b>July 27</b>	1 Sam. 12:1-25, Acts 22:30-23:11
<b>July 28</b>	1 Sam. 13:1-18, Acts 23:12-35
<b>July 29</b>	1 Sam. 14:47-15:9, Acts 24:1-23
<b>July 30</b>	1 Sam. 15:10-35, Acts 24:24-25:12
<b>July 31</b>	1 Sam. 16:1-23, Acts 25:13-27

## Looking Ahead...

**JOIN US SUNDAY MORNING** for a Bible Study on “Vocation”. Tom Ketner is leading this study, from the “Lutheran Difference” series. The morning begins with fellowship at 9:30 and the Study runs from 9:45 – 10:45. Hope to have you join us!

**PASTOR WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE** July 1<sup>st</sup> through the 3<sup>rd</sup> for the District Conference.

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PICNIC:** following Service on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**BIBLE SALE:** The 2021 Bible Sale is here. Information is located on the Bulletin Board in Narthex.

**CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed Monday, July 5.

**ELDER’S MEETING @ 6:00** Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

**LWML** meets Saturday July 10, 2021.

**COUNCIL MEETING @ 6:00** Tuesday, July 13, 2021.

**VOTER’S ASSEMBLY** Sunday, July 25.