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The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge.

Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”

Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM.**” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

John 8:48-59

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

June 2	Acts 1:12-26 Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20 John 17:20-26
June 9	Genesis 11:1-9 Acts 2:1-21 John 14:23-31
June 16	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Acts 2:14a, 22-36 John 8:48-59
June 23	Isaiah 65:1-9 Galatians 3:23-4:7 Luke 8:26-39
June 30	1 Kings 19:9b-21 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

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MUSICAL NOTES FROM JUDY

IN THE CHURCH YEAR, June is an exciting celebratory month. We begin on June 2nd with the closing of the official Easter Season, with the 7th Sunday of Easter, when we explore Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. The next Sunday begins THE TIME OF THE CHURCH in the Church Year....

Next is PENTECOST on June 9th. It is sometimes called the Birthday of the Christian Church. This is a **WEAR RED SUNDAY!** This day we will focus on the Holy Spirit as our "Teacher and Counselor". The closing hymn will be Holy Spirit Light Divine, and Sandy Smith will "sign" it for us with ASL (American Sign Language). Signing hymns is not just interpreting the words, but also the concept of the words in a visible and meaningful way. Thanks to Sandy, who is a regular visitor here at Living Savior! The altar paraments will also be red just for this Sunday.

The celebration of TRINITY SUNDAY is June 16th, and the Altar Guild ladies will be busy once again with changing the paraments to white. This is the one and only Sunday that we use the Athanasian Creed, which will be read responsively. Most of our liturgy this day will be to the tune of the doxology, and Holy, Holy, Holy will be running through your mind all week.

With practical applications for our growth, (**green paraments now**), we will be reminded to Live Out Who You Are on the lessons from Paul's letter to the Galatians on the 23rd. June 30th will also continue with Galatians wisdom as we are Free to Follow

Our Choir continues to prepare for these special services with wonderful hearts.

We are beginning to prepare for our eventual Dedication Service. Regular Practices will be suspended for a bit as Special Summer music is still on the drawing board. If you would like to sing a solo, duet, or be part of a trio or quartet, please let Judy Kutach know.

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While you are traveling, pick up a bulletin where you worship, and please give to any member of the Worship Committee. You'd be surprised how many good ideas we glean from them. Committee members are: Helga Schuller, Velma Powell, Ron Fangmann, Tom/Nancy Ayres, Lisa Schoppa, Judy Kutach, Pastor and Cheryl.

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Psalm 96:2

Let us ever walk with Jesus!



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Ladies' Lunch Bunch

The Ladies will meet on Thursday, June 6 at **Ransom's Steak House** at 11:30 am. Ransom's is located at 200 CB Stewart Dr., Montgomery, TX 77356.

**Thursday Morning Ladies' Bible Study**

The Thursday Morning Ladies' Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:00. Susie Yeager is currently leading a Bible study on the book of Jonah. We will finish this study on Thursday, June 13. This will be the final Bible study until we resume in September.

Third End of Life Planning Seminar scheduled

Our third Life Planning Seminar is scheduled for **June 25th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm**. The second gathering, that included non-member guests, was again well attended. The objective of these sessions is to provide some guidance and answers to members, but also to be a way to interact with our local community, inviting interested parties to attend and learn something and also learn about Living Savior. In our May 14th session, we discussed things to do to prepare for disasters, steps to take with the death of a spouse and some of the current scams that are prevalent in today's world. In our June 25th session we will begin with additional steps to consider and take concerning identity theft. Then Larry Foerster, a local county historian and attorney in Montgomery will talk about Estate Planning, including wills, POAs, the cost of those documents, using available computer software packages, living trusts, probating wills, and other related topics. Larry was unable to join us in May because of a last minute medical procedure. There will be time for questions which are definitely encouraged. Larry is a fellow Christian with deep Lutheran roots and he is not trying to create a client list, but is doing this as a Christian service.

A sign-up sheet will be on the fellowship bulletin board or you can contact Tom Schmidt (936-756-9187) to indicate you will be there or if you have any questions.

ROAR! For VBS

Vacation Bible School kicks off on June 24 at 9:00 AM. The Theme is "Roar: Life is wild—God is Good".

VBS continues through the 28th, ending each day at noon. Ages from 3 years through the 5th grade are invited and volunteers are always welcome.

**Ladies' Summer Book Study planned**

A book study is planned for July and August. The book is the **ROCK, the ROAD and the RABBI**. It is a video series so it is not essential that you purchase the book.

Look for more information in the July newsletter or contact Annet Riley at asriley@ymail.com or (713) 598-2556.



LWML JUNE MITE MISSION GRANT: RAISING PASTORS AND DEACONESSES (\$97,000)

Mission Grant #22, 2017-2019, **Raising Pastors and Deaconesses**, for \$97,000 was requested for the construction of a Seminary building for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia. The purpose of these funds is to train pastors, deaconesses and other church leaders.

The LWML Board of Directors voted in January 2019 to change the allocation of this grant, which is now as follows:

- * **\$30,000 to LeadaChild for establishment of Teacher Training “hubs” in West Africa/Asia.**
Rationale: LeadaChild was the originator of this grant. These teacher hubs will support teachers who are teaching in their schools already established in Liberia and other African and Asian countries.
- * **\$40,000 to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, for education costs of its Graduate School’s students who are from African countries with special consideration given for Liberian students.**
Rationale: This will benefit African students studying for advanced degrees in St. Louis. For the 2018-2019 school year costs for international students to attend the Graduate School are: \$33,372 for a residential student, including living expenses; and \$6,225 for a non-residential student.
- * **\$7,000 for Grace Rao, Office of Deaconess Ministry for Liberian Deaconess training.**
Rationale: Deaconess Rao travels to Liberia for certain parts of the Deaconess training course. This will go for transportation costs, books, lodging, and curriculum mission trips taken by the students.
- * **\$20,000 for the seminary in Sierra Leone.**
Rationale: With no seminary in Liberia, the seminary in Sierra Leone will be the one that Liberian students would attend. This seminary has good accountability for funding and for education value.

These changes have been discussed and approved by LeadaChild, Seminary Advancement at Concordia, St. Louis, and with the LCMS Office of International Missions and West Africa Area Director for LCMS.

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APACHE YOUTH MINISTRY

On May 11th, I made my sixth annual trip to Whiteriver, AZ, on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. The purpose of these trips has been to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Donations collected over the recent months were distributed with the help of the teens from AYM. Five ministries on the reservation benefited: Apache Youth Ministries, the White Mountain Apache Christian Church, Hope Center Ministry, Our Children Shelter and Adult Custodial Care Facility. Your donations filled a 14' cargo trailer and the 8' bed of my truck.

Books and a box of toiletries were dropped off at the Adult Care Facility.

Pete Kemp, Pastor of the White Mountain Apache Christian Church and his wife, Kim, were thrilled with the donation of Sunday School and VBS materials. They said the materials will be put to use right away.

Danielle Brock, co-director of Apache Youth Ministries was very pleased with the check (from your cash donations), a new printer and some office supplies, bathroom cleaning and paper supplies, kitchen paper and plastic ware and the popcorn and lemonade. With a smile on her face, her reaction was "Now I don't have to go to Walmart for a while!"

The reaction from the staff at the Hope Center Ministry as we off loaded quite a few large hefty bags of shoes and clothing, was very simple and to the point, "This is awesome!"

The major portion of the donations collected went to Our Children Shelter which included hygiene supplies, children's clothing, inside and outside toys, baby and toddler furnishings, bedding and cleaning supplies. As she saw the truck and trailer being unloaded into the facility, Rinda DeClay, Director of



the Shelter watched with tears of joy in her eyes and simply said: "God bless you all!"

To those who participated, I wish to extend a heartfelt "thank you" on behalf of these ministries. As stated in previous articles, the needs are great! Depression, abuse of drugs and alcohol, as well as sexual and physical abuse grip the Apache Tribe, especially the youth. To cite a dark statistic, the teen suicide rate on the reservation is more than 10 times the national rate. These ministries, with the Lord's help, are making a strong effort to change that, through meeting basic physical needs, worship, Bible study, counseling, tutoring, teaching practical skills and Christian fellowship. Ministries such as these need continual support through our gifts and our prayers.

We are making an eternal impact on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation through the love of Jesus Christ.

Submitted by Gary Mattfeld



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT PACN

If you have an interest in volunteering for the Pregnancy Assistance Center North, please note the volunteer training seminar detailed below:

Dates / Times:

June 3,4,6,10,11,13 from 6:00PM to 9:30PM. Total of 21 hours. A light dinner will be served.

Location:

PACN Spring/Woodlands Center, 26464 I-45 North, Spring TX 77386

For more information, please call Donna at 936-441-7755 or check out the following website, for online registration : <https://www.pacncommunity.org>

IN OUR PRAYERS

HEALING/SURGERY/HOSPITALIZATION

Jerry Schofield (Darlene Brown's brother)

Cancer treatments

Ginny Kapeel (Barbara Handley's extended family)

Cancer treatments



CANCER/LONG-TERM ILLNESS

Jan Baker (Joice Fangmann's sister)

Stomach cancer

Gloria Boddeker (Anita Lee's mom)

Long-term health care

Lisa Dinning

Testing for severe recurring headaches

Elizabeth Dunlap (LSLC neighbor)

Blood disorder

Ann Griffin (Charlotte Wilson's friend)

Skilled nursing for cancer care

Mary Hayslip (Doyle Hayslip's mother)

Cancer and ongoing chemo treatments

Everett Itschner (Shoppes' great-nephew)

Dealing with RSV and heart irregularity

Katie Langlois

Thyroid cancer treatments

Cathy Luedke (Jennifer Wynn's friend)

Breast cancer

Gregg Martin (Darlene Brown's cousin)

Brain tumor

May Mitchell (Susie Yeager's niece)

Ocular migraines

Joanne Musule (Stefflers' extended family)

Breast cancer

Donald Oakley (Bruce Shutt's brother-in-law)

Multiple myeloma

Bart Powell

Treatments for cancer & pain management

Warren Richards

Physical therapy after stroke

Butch Robertson (Steffler's friend)

Treatments for cancer

Rick Schoppe

Treatment for bladder cancer

Al Schuller

Weakness and breathing difficulties

Patty Thibodeaux (Micki Lineberger's sister)

Ovarian cancer

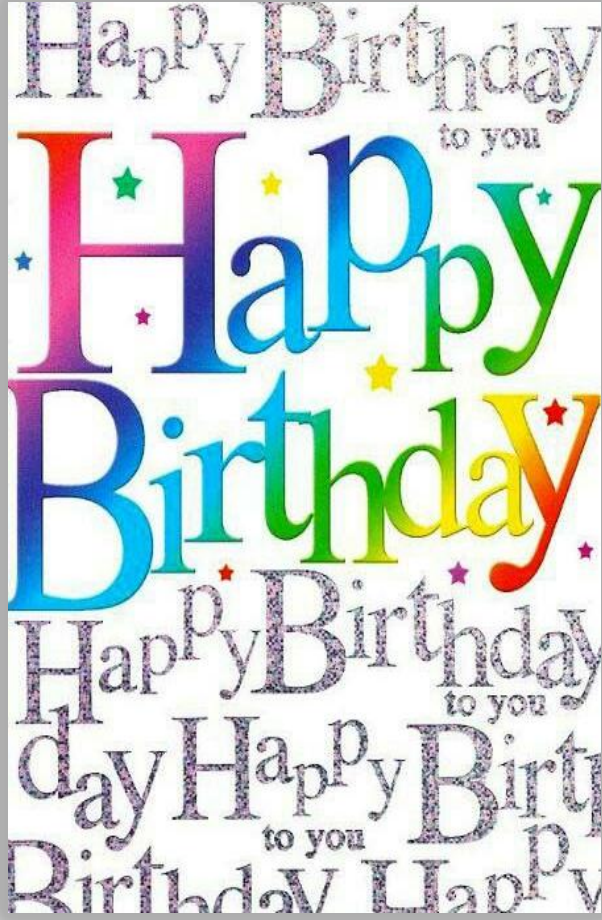
Jim Wasmund

Dealing with macular degeneration

Haydon Wilson (Charlotte Wilson's great-grandson)

Treatments for a rare blood disorder

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Kathryn Langlois	6/2
Danielle Langlois	6/3
Suzann Hames	6/4
Karen Seidl	6/4
David Wynn	6/5
John Walling	6/7
Kathy Lamprecht	6/9
Lieschen Cluiss	6/11
Debra Demery	6/11
Evie Mold	6/11
John Puffer	6/12
Tim Yolich	6/12
Chase Vahrenkamp	6/13
Kent Harbaugh	6/16
Mary Schroeder	6/16
Charley Wernli	6/17
Victoria Mattfeld	6/21
Elaine Henry	6/22
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Timothy & Jennifer Steen	6/11
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Albert & Helga Schuller Jr.	6/13
Ervin & Edwina Wieghat	6/13
Mark & Leann Wernli	6/18
August & Kim Wunderlich	6/20
Terry & Carolyn Behnke	6/22
Doug & Julie Krenz	6/22
Hunter & Elaine Henry	6/24
Mark & Lisa Dinning	6/25
James & Lorna Lipsey	6/29
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LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE AT LIVING SAVIOR

Introduction

Living Savior has partnered with a company called VANCO to provide optional online giving. VANCO is the preferred vendor of financial services for Concordia Technology Solutions and is widely used both in business and with religious institutions. Concordia Technology provides many of the software products we currently use at Living Savior and has a solid reputation as a software vendor for churches like ours.

VANCO was selected both for its competitive cost and fee structure and because of its compatibility with our church database, Shepherd’s Staff. Shepherd’s Staff is the CTS product we use to manage both financial and non-financial data.

Offerings Option

Online offerings can now be made by selecting the **Offerings** menu option, then clicking on the **Give Now** button.

Security

All of the financial data that you provide for the online giving screens is

secured within VANCO. None of this data is saved on Living Savior’s website. The LSLC website “knows” nothing about your personal financial data.

Type of Transaction	ACH Fee	Transaction Fee
eCheck (<i>Transfer from Checking or Savings Account</i>)	\$0.45	1%
Debit or Credit Card		
<i>Visa/Master Card/Discover</i>	\$0.45	2.75%
<i>Amex Card</i>	\$0.45	3.50%

Fees

As with other electronic payment options, there is a fee associated with online giving to a church. VANCO was selected, in part, because of competitive fee structure. These fees are documented above.

Help

For help in using the **Give Now** screen, click on this link :

https://00.b5z.net/i/u/10159209/f/giveplus_online_embed_how_it_works.pdf

To learn how to use the **Mobile Phone App**, click on this link :

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/262292774?title=0&byline=0&portrait=0>

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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8:00 Early Service 9:15 Fellowship 9:30 SS & Bible class 10:45 Late Service		5:00 Girl Scout Troop 10822 Meeting	5:30 Choir Practice	10:00 LWML	- Pastor's Day Off -	10:00 Music Practice
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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