

THE GOOD NEWS

The Newsletter of Cornerstone Lutheran Church

July 2017



"Reformation Truths for Today"

We join many other Christians throughout the world this year in remembering and celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This month we will conclude our worship series entitled "Reformation Truths for Today". Join us as together we discover that many of the scriptural truths debated and discussed 500 years ago are just as relevant for us today in the 21st century.

July 8-9

"It's Your Call: The Priesthood of All Believers"

July 15-16

"It's Your Call: Take This Job and Love It!"

July 22-23

"It's Your Call: A Double Citizen"

July 29-30

"It's Your Call: Sinner/Saint at the Same Time"

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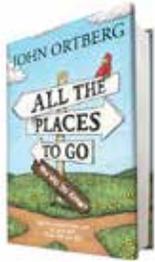
Cornerstone Lutheran Church is reaching out, caring for, and building people toward maturity in Christ!

Summer Studies & Classes

College-age summer Bible study

- Sundays (through July 23), 9:30 a.m.
- CLC Carmel, upstairs from Worship Center

Welcome back, friends! We are so glad to have you back at Cornerstone for the summer. Be sure and join your friends for our Bible study just for you at our Carmel site this summer called *All the Places to Go*, by John Ortberg.



Through this study, the author opens our eyes to the countless open doors God places before us every day, teaches us how to recognize them, and gives us the encouragement to step out in faith and embrace all of the extraordinary opportunities that await. See you there, and bring your friends!



Financial Peace University

- Thursdays (beginning July 13), 6:30-8 p.m.
- CLC Fishers

Financial peace. We all want it, but it can be a struggle to get there. Stop the struggle! You can turn to God for help, and learn how to handle money his way. And guess what? God's ways work!

Through Financial Peace University (FPU), you'll use biblical principles to learn how to get rid of debt, prepare for generations to come, and become generous givers. Whether you are in over your head, or you're doing okay right now, FPU will help you learn the steps to get you where you want to be.

Now is your time! It is time to take control of your money. It is time to get ready for what God has for you. Join Mike Knotts as he leads FPU at our Fishers site. Cost for materials is \$80 per household.

Let the church know of your interest! You can sign up at www.CornerstoneLutheran.church (search "FPU"), or email Clarissa Hay (chay@cornerstonelutheran.church).

Discover Cornerstone Lutheran classes

- Sundays (beginning August 8), 9:30 a.m.
- CLC Carmel, room 102

Discover Cornerstone Lutheran (DCL) is specifically geared toward those individuals interested in learning more about what it means to be a disciple and partner with us in our ministry. In this class, participants will have the opportunity to discover at least three things:

1. What we at Cornerstone Lutheran Church believe;
2. What our purpose is and which ministries we advance; and,
3. What each member's unique role is as a disciple at Cornerstone Lutheran Church.

The class is also a chance to get better-acquainted with the pastoral staff and a great opportunity to meet other individuals and families.

DCL meets during the education hour for 8 weeks. On Reception Sunday (week 9), we welcome those wanting to be active disciples at Cornerstone Lutheran Church through a Rite of Welcoming during worship services.

If God has been drawing you to the ministry of Cornerstone Lutheran Church, then know that we are certain there is a purpose and a place for you here. We would be pleased to have you partner with us in our mission of building others up with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

For your children, Sunday school is available during class time for those 3 and up and nursery care for children 3 and under.

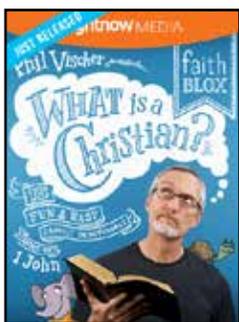
For questions or to sign up for any upcoming class, go to www.CornerstoneLutheran.church/dcl, or contact Clarissa Hay (chay@cornerstonelutheran.church, 317.814.4252 x216).

Other upcoming DCL dates:

- Fishers Site (10:15 a.m.)
October 15 – December 10
- Carmel Site (9:30 a.m.)
January 7 – February 25

Bible study, devotional aids

RightNow Media suggestions for kids and families

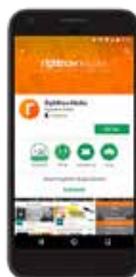


We know that parents are the primary spiritual leaders of their kids. That's one reason why CLC has a video library, called RightNow Media, which has thousands of videos for everyone in the family. As your children or grandchildren enjoy their summer break, introduce them to over 2,000 of the best kids' episodes. RightNow Media has shows like *What's in the Bible?*, *Boz*, *Superbook*, *Paws & Tales*, and more. They also have a new resource of family devotionals called *What is a Christian?*, from

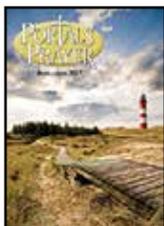
Phil Vischer, the creator of *VeggieTales*. It includes free downloadable family discussion handouts for each video.

If your children are a little older, RightNow Media includes a whole library specifically for Youth Ministry. It has hundreds of youth studies from Matt Chandler, Francis Chan, Eric Mason and more.

All CLC families can have their kids watching Bible-based videos from their cell phone in the back seat of the van, on a Roku, or an AppleTV in their living room. The best part is parents know that everything is safe! You can get signed up at RightNow.org/Account/Invite/cornerstonelutheran. Be sure to check out the app as well. It is even more user-friendly with updates and additional access to videos.



Portals of Prayer app



Portals of Prayer is a favorite of readers looking for ways to stay in God's Word with easy, daily devotions. It's a great way to start each day, and readings feature a Bible passage, meditation, and prayer in an easy-to-read format. CLC offers free copies of this booklet in both a pocket-sized and large-print edition, available at a Welcome Desk.

But, did you know that *Portals of Prayer* now has an app for your iOS and Android devices? Go your device's App Store and search "Portals of Prayer". Once you have the app, you can read or listen to recordings of each day's entry. You can also search past devotions (over 2,500!) by keyword and save your favorites.



CLC Bible Study & Ministry Open House

Come to the gym at our Carmel site and the gathering area at our Fishers site during the education hour on August 20. While there you'll meet our Bible study and ministry leaders, review materials, and find out more about becoming part of a life-changing group.

Are you a ministry leader at CLC who would like to share information with others? Contact Clarissa Hay (chay@cornerstonelutheran.church, 317.814.4252 x216) to learn more.

July Donations

Back to school collections

Backpacks & school supplies

During July, pick an apple from the tree (or table) outside a worship area at CLC Carmel and Fishers and fill a backpack with school supplies for the students at Holy Cross Central School on Indianapolis' near eastside. Stop by the display for a supply list and help a student have a great start to their school year! Questions? Contact Karen Carlson (krncarlson@comcast.net, 317.440.3662). Filled backpacks are due back by July 30.

Buy a Brick, Clothe a Child

- July 15/16 & 22/23

Look for the schoolhouse display outside a worship area and help "build" the schoolhouse with your donations!



Money collected will provide school uniforms for kids at Emmaus Lutheran School in Fountain Square and the families served through The Sharing Place's *Ready, Set, Learn!* program. Last year this program supported over 200 students from 15 different IPS locations. You can also donate online at www.CornerstoneLutheran.church (click on "Online Giving" at bottom of page, then choose "Back to School Blitz"). Questions? Contact Mary McGhiey (mcghieym89@gmail.com, 317.413.2338).

For more information, including a short video on this project, visit www.CornerstoneLutheran.church (search "buy a brick").

Upcoming Special Events

Come on outside at CLC Fishers!

The following events are good times to invite friends and neighbors, to introduce them to our church in a fun way.

Suburban camp out

- Fri., July 28 to Sat., July 29

Camp out at the Fishers site! Bring your trailer (dry camping only), your tent, or, for the brave, just your sleeping bag. We will have a roaring campfire with s'mores, an evening worship service around the fire, and plenty of opportunity to get to know other people while stargazing. Breakfast will be served!

Movie night

- Friday, August 18 (time TBA)

Summer isn't over just because the kids are back in school. Come enjoy a family-friendly movie with free popcorn. More information will be available, but be sure to mark your calendar!



- Friday, August 25, 11 a.m. at Bear Slide Golf Course in Cicero

Help support Student Ministry by participating in this year's Golf Scramble. Presented by the Cornerstone Lutheran Foundation, this year's Scramble is at the acclaimed Bear Slide Golf Course in Cicero, Indiana. Your participation in this Golf Scramble gives our students the chance to participate in gatherings and service events in our own church, our community, and the larger church body.

Your donation of \$95 (\$380 for a foursome) includes 18 holes of golf, use of cart, range balls, a box lunch, free beer and drinks, and a 19th Hole gathering with Ernie Verbag, 2014 Indiana State Fair BBQ Champion!

Registration is now open at www.CornerstoneLutheran.church/golf. You will find both registration and sponsorship links. Registration deadline is July 31, and late registration deadline is Aug. 20 (with a \$10 late fee). Contact Shawn Hecksel (shecksel@cornerstonelutheran.church, 317.814.4252 x220) for more information.

Young Adults summer events

We had a great time in June as we gathered to grow friendships and enjoy music on the lawn of the Nickel Plate Amphitheater in Fishers (see photo to right). All young couples and singles are invited to more events this summer. The events listed below are free. Bring a friend or two along for the fun! Contact Clarissa Hay (chay@cornerstonelutheran.church, or text/call 317.417.5447) for more information.



Summer concert

- Friday, July 21: "Trippin' Billies", 8:30-11 p.m.
- Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (6 Municipal Dr., Fishers, Ind.)

Grab a chair and join in the fun as we enjoy music, snacks, and fellowship at the Nickel Plate Amphitheater in Fishers. Look for the "CLC" sign on the eastern side of the green space. We will have a spot saved for you!

Bonfire at CLC Fishers

- Friday, August 4, 7:30-10:30 p.m., CLC Fishers

It's a 3D bonfire: Devotion, 'Dogs, and Dessert! Come to the Fishers site barn and fire pit for a fun evening! Take the gravel road on the western side of the parking lot back to the barn. (Bring a chair.)

Generosity Update

We raised a concern and you responded!

In late May we shared that our Pastors' Discretionary Fund, from which we assist those who find themselves in a short-term financial crisis, was extremely low. Through the incredible generosity of many individuals offering contributions both large and small, the fund balance has seen dramatic improvement. Since late May over \$16,000 has been contributed! Thank you so much!

If you haven't had a chance to give and would like to share from your abundance with those who are in a pinch, we are always accepting of contributions. The need in both the CLC community of faith and the Hamilton County area remains significant. You can donate online at www.CornerstoneLutheran.church (click on "Online Giving" at bottom of page, then choose "Pastors' Relief Fund").

Thanks for your generous support of CLC ministries

The school year has ended and summer vacation has begun! As we have finished a fiscal year (July 2016-June 2017) and have started a new one, we give God thanks and praise for his many blessings and for the ministry activities enabled by your generous support of CLC.

Your family may be looking forward to vacation and the rest and renewal that vacation brings. As we head into summer, keep in mind that exciting ministry goes on at CLC even during the summer months. You can check out those summer happenings in the Summer Ministry Catalog (available at church and online). You can continue your support of CLC ministries, like Fine Arts Academy, VBS, summer Bible studies and the UKANDU mission trip even while you're away by mailing in your offering using your offering envelopes or by taking advantage of online giving opportunities. Thanks for helping CLC finish the fiscal year strong, and for your ongoing ministry support throughout the summer months.

CLC Columbarium

A final place of rest

Cornerstone Lutheran's Columbarium and Prayer Garden at the Carmel site was established to provide a reverent place for our disciples to have their cremated remains inurned at their church home. If this is a choice you would like to consider please contact Bruce Williams (bwilliams@cornerstonelutheran.church, 317.814.4252 x245) to discuss the application process. The CLC Foundation Board is always available to answer your questions, as well.



General Info

Discover Indy Books

If you have a standing order to have Group One send you a Discover Indy Book each year (restaurant and entertainment coupon book), help us out by canceling your automatic renewal today and getting your 2018 Discover Indy Book at CLC.

By purchasing your book at CLC, you are making a \$10 donation to Pastor Roeske to use in his mission trip to the Philippines.. We sold 100 Discover Indy Books for 2017 (with a profit of \$10 on each book), which allowed us to send \$1,000 to him! Sales will begin the weekend of Aug. 19/20 at the Sanctuary Welcome Desk.

Rate your photography experience

From April through June, Lifetouch was at CLC Carmel & Fishers to take photos of our disciples for the upcoming photo directory. What was your experience like? Let us know, good or bad, by filling out a brief, anonymous survey. You can go to www.CornerstoneLutheran.church (search "Lifetouch") for a link to it.

Oktoberfest 2017!

Save the date for CLC's Oktoberfest! This fun-filled family event will be held on Friday, September 22, from 4-10 p.m., and will include a German supper, beer garden, an authentic polka band, dancing, and lots of kids' activities! Keep up-to-date with the latest information by joining our Oktoberfest group on Facebook: go to [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and search "CLC Oktoberfest"

Volunteer Spotlight On...

The Matt Thompson Family

Volunteering is an invaluable part of the life of Cornerstone Lutheran Church! There are many things—most things—that can't happen without the dedication of our volunteers. Starting this month, we will spotlight one (or more) of our great volunteers and the work he or she does. (Want to nominate someone for a Volunteer Spotlight? Email cklemm@cornerstonelutheran.church).

Matt and Lindsey Thompson and their children, Liesel (8) and Gavin (5), attend church at CLC Fishers. Matt works as an account executive with Aon and Lindsey does freelance marketing and writing. They both enjoy running, working around the house and entertaining friends and family.

We asked them about their experiences volunteering:

In what ways do you volunteer at CLC, and is one role a favorite?

With the opening of the Fishers site, we've had the privilege of doing a little bit of everything there. Matt loves playing guitar and teaching the youth. He also helps run the sound/AV board during worship. Lindsey's favorite roles are playing hand bells and leading the Military Ministry.

Do you volunteer for any other organizations?

We volunteer with Nehemiah Vision Ministries, an organization helping the people of Haiti. We also volunteer at our kids' school, Holy Cross Lutheran School, in the classroom and with special events. Matt is also their junior high girls' volleyball coach.

Why do you think it's important to volunteer?

It's cliché, but it really is better to give than receive. We think as a young family, it's important to volunteer to set that example for our kids. We want to instill a

servant heart into them early. We can't always give financially, so we love that we can still give of our time and talents.

Do your kids volunteer with you?

Yes, they help out a lot! Liesel loves helping put together the Military Ministry care packages and Gavin is already learning the sound and AV boards. 😊 They love going along to church things and just being there with all their friends.

Tell about an especially meaningful time as a volunteer at CLC.

The first public Sunday service at Fishers. It was a culmination of years of effort and time that got us to that point, and it was so amazing to see people come through the doors that we could share Jesus with.

How have those you've served responded?

Overwhelmingly grateful, plus we've developed some awesome relationships in the process.

Has volunteering had an impact on you?

Definitely! When you're thinking of others, you're not thinking so much of yourself.



Matt, Gavin, Liesel, and Lindsey Thompson

What have you learned about yourself through volunteering?

We've been asked to things that we never would have dreamed we could or want to do, but found out that we ended up loving those things.

If you could encourage someone else to volunteer at CLC, what would you say?

Just do it! Start in an area you're passionate about (teaching, music, etc) and go from there. Once you make the first step, you'll be hooked!

Fun facts about the Thompsons:

We love watching/playing sports, especially the Bengals. We are a house divided when it comes to baseball, though—half Indians, half Reds. We also have two cats, Penny and Leonard (yep, we love The Big Bang Theory!).

Discipleship: Small Group Focus

It keeps growing... and growing!

by Catherine Wagner

Our small group has been together in some fashion since 2011, with two of the couples meeting through an information session at the CLC Carmel site. Since then, we have grown to include five couples and four children (as well as four dogs and a cat)! Surprisingly, one of the ways our small group expanded was by meeting new couples through visits during the "Hearts Compelled to Share" Capital Campaign.

We have enjoyed growing as couples together and expanding our families together. From March 2015 through January 2016, we welcomed the four babies featured in the picture below into our group. We look forward to watching them all grow up together!



As a group, we have loved using the RightNow Media site for our group Bible studies. We just finished the study *Thriving in Babylon* and really enjoyed it.

It has been wonderful to have a core group of friends from church that you know will support you in life's ups and downs. Beyond our monthly gatherings for dinner and Bible study, members of our small group have met to enjoy shared hobbies like beer brewing, playing softball, golfing, and "girls' days."

(Their small group is Travis & Jessica Birge, Mike & Kat Roth, John Schumm, Alyssa Brune, George & Paige Vauter, Kevin & Catherine Wagner.)

Where are the worship volunteer schedules?

Don't have email or internet? The monthly worship volunteer schedules that used to be published in the newsletters can now be viewed at the following locations:

CLC Carmel: Bulletin board by room 124, and a Welcome Desk outside a worship area

CLC Fishers: Welcome Desk

Outreach

Scholarships available for students attending Lutheran schools

NOTE: Due to a glitch with downloading forms from our website, the deadline has been extended to July 10.

The Outreach Team is accepting scholarship applications from disciples of CLC. Scholarships are available to those who are pursuing a university education in the areas of preaching, teaching, and other ministries of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Funds are also available for those attending Lutheran High School Indianapolis or one of the Lutheran elementary schools or kindergartens in the central Indiana area.

For a copy of the policies and an application, go to www.cornerstonelutheran.church/lutheran-schools (see right sidebar).

To submit your application:

- **Mail:**
Cornestone Lutheran Church,
Attn: Outreach Team, 4850 E.
Main St., Carmel, IN 46033
- **Email:**
High School/Elementary –
John Happersberger
(johnhappersberger@gmail.com)

Colleges/Seminaries –
Dave Reed
(davidcsa@aol.com)
- **Drop off at church:** Mark the envelope "Outreach Team"

Please direct any questions to the contacts listed above. The Outreach Team hopes this scholarship assistance will make it possible for more of our student disciples to attend Lutheran schools!

Care Ministries

Cancer Companions training

- Tuesday, July 18, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- CLC Carmel, room 102

Have you gone through cancer and now want to help others currently going through it? Do you want to reach out to cancer families in a supportive, meaningful way?

Cornerstone Lutheran is starting its own Cancer Companions support group and will be providing a day-long volunteer training on Tuesday, July 18, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at CLC Carmel, room 102. Cost is \$110 per person (lunch and training materials provided) or \$25 per person to repeat training.

Training will be led by John Inderstrod, Indiana Regional Representative and certified trainer. Based on materials written and developed by Marriage and Family Therapist Karen Tripp MS LMFT, who has years of experience working with people impacted with cancer, this training will guide volunteers to be Cancer Companions who reach into the lives of cancer families and support them through their struggles. This full-day training includes important content concerning the cancer experience, as well as skill training which is vital for any Cancer Companion.

Cancer Companions are trained to:

- Lead a Cancer Companions support group for anyone in cancer treatment or post treatment, or for their loved ones
- Meet one-to-one with anyone in cancer treatment or post treatment, or with loved ones

For more information on this training, contact John Inderstrod (john@cancer-companions.org, 317.752.7577).

To register, visit www.CornerstoneLutheran.church/cancer-support (see article, right sidebar).



CLC Preschool

Cornerstone Lutheran Preschool is hiring

Due to increasing enrollment for the upcoming school year, Cornerstone Lutheran Preschool is seeking to fill two additional lead teaching positions and two classroom assistant positions. These positions will be responsible for a 2's class and a 3's class that will meet from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.



Lead Teacher candidates should have an active faith life, a passion for children's education, a degree in elementary education, and preferably, an endorsement in early childhood education, an Indiana teaching license, and relevant classroom experience. Classroom Assistant candidates should also have an active faith life, a passion for children, the ability to work in a team and, preferably, relevant classroom experience.

Interested and qualified candidates should send a resume to Bruce Williams (bwilliams@cornerstone.lutheran.church) by Friday, July 17.

Senior Adult Fellowship

No Senior Luncheon in July

Our CLC Seniors Luncheon will not take place in July due to the church office being closed July 3 & 4 for Independence Day and Vacation Bible School the following week.

We invite you to our next Seniors Luncheon on Monday, August 7, starting at noon in room 102 (CLC Carmel). Our presenter will be Sven Schumacher of Lutheran Child & Family Services (LCFS), who will talk about the "Land of Martin Luther Today—500 Years of Reformation". He'll also be discussing LCFS's prevention activities regarding abortion and child trafficking.

Women

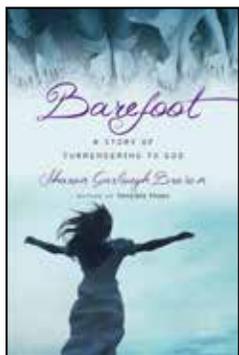
Bridges Ministry

- Sunday, July 16, 9:25 a.m.
- CLC Carmel, room 101A

Have you ever used God to run from God? Sometimes as a disciple, we can create all kinds of "God activities" to keep busy and avoid the difficult areas of our lives where God is working on change. Join us for the conversation, accountability, and affirmation that the Bridges Ministry can offer through woman-to-woman interaction. Open to women of all ages.

Women's Ministry meets Women's Book Club

- Tuesday, August 1, 7 p.m.
- Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Westfield



On the evening of August 1, the Women's Book Club will meet at Barnes & Noble to discuss one of the summer's Women's

Ministry reads, *Barefoot* by Sharon Garlough Brown. If you have not read the full series (*Sensible Shoes*, *Two Steps Forward*, *Barefoot*), they are enjoyable reads with some spiritual value and great books to discuss. So read the book(s), find a friend, and come on August 1, or gather some friends for coffee on your own and have a great discussion.

Fall Bible study preview

Our fall Women's Bible studies begin the week of September 4. Be sure to visit CLC's Bible Study and Ministry Fair on August 20 for a sneak peek at these studies.

CARMEL

- Sundays, 9:30 a.m. – "Sermon on the Mount" (*Precept In and Out*)
- Tuesday, 9 a.m. – LIFT: "The Book of Judges"
- Wednesdays, 6:30 a.m. – "The Book of Judges" (*Precept In and Out*)
- Wednesdays, 9:15 a.m. – "To Live is Christ: The Journeys of Paul" (*by Beth Moore*)
- Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. – "Soul Spa" (*by Sharla Fritz*)
- Thursdays, 9:15 a.m. – "The Book of Judges" (*Precept Upon Precept*)
- Thursdays, 7 p.m. – "Finding I AM" (*by Lysa Terkeurst*)

DOWNTOWN (Pearings Cafe)

- Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. – "The Wisdom of God" (*by Nancy Guthrie*)

FISHERS

- Tuesdays, 7 p.m. – Studying the Bible readings for each Sunday
- Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – "The Wisdom of God" (*by Nancy Guthrie*)

ONLINE

- "His Last Words" (*by Kim Erickson*)

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Pick up your copy of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly

Copies of the Summer 2017 *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* are available at a Connection Center. Articles include "Praying the Psalms" and "High and Holy Purposes for Our Suffering". Bible studies include: "Life in God's Kingdom", "Be Still and Know that I Am God", and "The Profound Search for Wisdom" by Jan Brunette. She writes: "We forget that the answer to our need for wisdom rests in a book that too often sits unread in our homes. Although offered to us as God's love letter, we overlook it as our source of true wisdom today."

LWML Treatshop Aug. 19

We need help with getting ready for the over 150 women who will attend the LWML Treatshop at Cornerstone Lutheran Church Carmel. If you can help with any of the following, call Pat Nash (317.844.2329).

- Men are needed to set up tables and chairs on Fri., August 18, 1 p.m.
- Help put tablecloths and centerpieces on the tables, August 18, 1:45 p.m.
- Make a dessert for the lunch (cake, pie, cookies)
- Make drinks and help serve or clean up on Sat., August 19
- Wash and iron six round tablecloths

Prayer

Cover Our Kids in prayer

Cornerstone Lutheran Church is proud of our young people and wish to support them spiritually as they commit to deepening their Lutheran faith. The "Cover Our Kids" ministry pairs an adult Prayer Partner with every 7th & 8th grade student going through confirmation at CLC Carmel and Fishers. (All Prayer Partners go through background checks)

Would you consider praying for one specific confirmand this upcoming school year? As a Prayer Partner, you are asked to do the following:

- Include the confirmand that you are paired with, and their family, in your daily prayers.
- Attend a "Meet and Greet" on Sunday, August 13. At CLC Fishers, this will be at 1:15 p.m.; at CLC Carmel it will be at 6:15 p.m. This will be the only organized meeting between the Prayer Partner and the confirmand, so attendance is strongly encouraged.
- Twice during the confirmation year (between August and May), send a written communication to your confirmand letting them know that you are still praying for them and their families, and encouraging them on their faith journey.

You can sign up to be a Prayer Partner at www.CornerstoneLutheran.church/prayer. If you have questions, contact Michele Oakley (sjmloakley@sbcglobal.net, 317.566.0889).

With Thanks

Thank you for the baby gifts

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) thanks you for the many items donated to the Baby Shower for The Sharing Place and the Ft. Wayne Seminary. There is a great need for these baby items, so watch for sales and buy baby items year-round for our Baby Shower next May.

Your kindness is appreciated

Dean Villani would like to thank all those who offered their prayers and support at the death of his wife, Gayle. He would also like to thank the wonderful ladies who prepared and served food at the luncheon.

A Tribute to MaryAnn

I start this tribute with a sincere statement of gratitude for the many cards, gifts, and expressions of sympathy from a great number of you. I am sure that if the situation was reversed, MaryAnn (MA) would have been much more proper in her response. She seemed to have a limitless capacity for expressions of gratitude. Although I do not share her gift, I want you to know that my family and I are deeply appreciative of your thoughtfulness.

Our Lord graced me with MA's love and companionship for about 62 years (60 years of marriage). I thanked him repeatedly for that blessed gift while we were one, and I thank him still for the lifetime of memories that surround me now.

When we first married, she realized and exclaimed that we "could celebrate our golden anniversary someday". At the time it seemed a far off dream, and no one in Crawfordsville, Indiana, believed we actually would. On the occasion of our 50th, I shared with her my heartfelt observation that it was really not so very long, that our lives together had been a great privilege and joy, and that we proved the doubters in Crawfordsville quite wrong....

My wife was a good woman (a Proverbs woman), a role model mother and grandmother, and a lifelong soulmate directly from God. She is with him now and reunited with our daughter who beat her to Heaven by a year. Our Lord Jesus has made this all possible, and I am so grateful to him for the family reunion that awaits us one day. I cannot imagine going through this without that firm knowledge.

Thank you again for your love and your prayers.
Frank McMurry



Among Us

Births

- Alexander Cash Lamorand, son of Brian & Tiffany, on March 6.
- Kendall Marie Kruse, daughter of Paul & Amanda, on May 31.
- Layla Ann Grove, daughter of Andy & Shannon, on May 31.
- Evelyn Elizabeth VanDyke, daughter of Tim & Sara, on June 2.
- June Marie Ahlersmeyer, daughter of Sam & Emily, on June 20.
- Kaiden Oliver Williams, grandson of Kirk & Kathy Williams, on May 28.

Baptisms

- Audrey Fay Mielke, daughter of Ross & Britta, on June 3.
- Amanda Lee Pharis, daughter of Jerry & Bridgett (and granddaughter of Rick & Deborah Mathis), on June 10.
- Henry Michael Saffen and Zoey Piper Saffen, children of Jon & Bree, on June 11.
- Olivia Lyn Schnelker, daughter of Nathan & Audrey, on June 25.
- Megan Lynn Rubey (adult baptism) on June 25.

Weddings

- Austin McMillan & Morgan Wade on June 3.
- Seth Conlon & Ashley Colsten on June 4.
- Brandon Bowen & Breanna Conrad on June 17.
- Nick Daily & Elizabeth Haney (Douglas & Tammy Haney's daughter) on June 17.
- Charles Luther & Madeleine Willard (Doug & Carolyn Willard's daughter) on June 18.

Sympathies to the families of:

- MaryAnn McMurry
- Don Szucs
- Geraldene Reahard (Rhod Fitzpatrick's grandmother)
- Gerald Hackman (Connie Hackman's brother-in-law)
- Buford Curry (Diane Wallace's father)
- Roseann Weisenbach (Tom Weisenbach's mother)
- Renee Styzen (Mike Highum's sister)
- Esther Woodworth (Patrick Woodworth's mother)

Meet our summer intern

Jon Geidel, a 2017 graduate of Concordia University Irvine (California), is our Worship Arts intern this summer. Under the leadership of Pastor Max Murphy, Jon's internship includes playing guitar and drums for contemporary worship services and VBS, leading and rehearsing with the worship band, and taking part in worship planning and leading.



A native of Hesston, Kansas, Jon graduated with a degree in Humanities and Fine Arts, with an emphasis in music. His degree allowed him to combine the academic with music, both of which he loves. "I took a lot of theology, philosophy, and music classes," Jon said. "And I was in all the music ensembles, except for handbells."

Jon has found that transitioning from a small church (where he grew up) to a large church like CLC can be hard, especially getting used to a new system and the way everything works. "Your ministry is completely different from what I've seen before. But I love learning about what this church does—how your new multisite works and seeing your growth mode.... You do contemporary worship and music so well. You're doing amazing things here. And, the facilities are awesome!"

He sees music as fulfilling a greater purpose. "I love using music, not just playing it, but using music as a way to express what's important. Combining the medium and the message is a real honor for me."



Way to Go!

Dr. Sheri Robb, a prominent researcher in the field of music therapy, presented "Breakthroughs with Music Therapy—Sound Health: Music and the Mind" at The Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, along with singer-songwriter-composer Ben Folds.

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Flat Luther and his travels

Have some fun getting ready for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with Flat Luther! Color, cut out, and take photos with him wherever you go between now and Reformation Day (Oct. 31), including your summer vacation! (Some of Flat Luther's travels are shown below. Thanks for your submissions so far!)

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Attending a Cardinals/Reds game in Cincinnati with the Luepke's.



Assisting with bulletin assembly.



Enjoying "Luther Bier" in Wittenberg, Germany.



Listening to music at Symphony on the Prairie.



Visiting Ireland with the Pedde's.