

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement

Our Mission is to Honor God, by sharing His love, living in Christ, and serving our community.



The sermon will be better if you listen to it as a Christian rather than a critic.



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Finding Stability in Times of Transition

The Circuit Pastors met on *Zoom* this week. The speaker, Bruce Hartung, a Concordia professor Emeritus, shared some thoughts on how the pandemic is impacting pastors. He pointed out it is first of all, a time when pastors are experiencing the exact same situation as all their parishioners. That doesn't always happen. His opening question was, "How are you doing: spiritually, physically and mentally?" I gave some thought to that question.

So, I ask you the same question, "How are *you* doing spiritually, physically and mentally." I encourage you to give that question some thought as well. Where are you spiritually? What are you doing to maintain your spiritual health? Are you doing any physical activity to maintain your physical health? What about your mental health? Are you limiting the amount of "bad news" you hear every day?

Hartung also pointed out that the public seems to be both *mad* and *sad*. Perhaps we are angry because of the limitations currently placed on us. We may be sad because we are mourning the loss of the way things were and dread the "new normal" that we keep hearing about. *That means we are in a position of ambiguity.* We are stuck having lost the comfortable past but not able to visualize a future that is vague and uncertain. Some say

we have been in a time of transition for the last couple of decades and the pandemic has simply accelerated the process. Times of transition are uncomfortable because nothing seems stable. We want and need stability in our lives. When there doesn't seem to be any stability we suffer spiritually, mentally and physically.

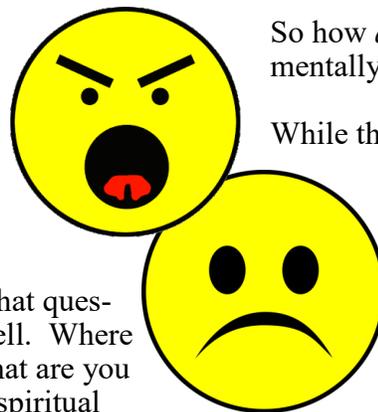
So how *are* you doing spiritually, mentally, and physically?

While there may be worldly instability there is stability in Jesus Christ. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He was in the beginning, is today and will be in the future. God called himself "I am" meaning he is always with us. He was with us yesterday, is with us today and will still be with us tomorrow; hence he is always with us in the present.

Not long ago, Ascension Day passed with hardly more than a fleeting remembrance. But it was on that day when Jesus gathered the disciples on the Mount of Olives and gave them this promise just before he returned to heaven, "Behold, I *am* with you always, even to the end of the age."

We always have stability in Jesus. Keep your faith in him.

Pastor Larry Oliver



Scripture Readings For June

Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
June 7	The Holy Trinity	Gen. 1:1—2:4a	Psalm 8	Acts 2:14a, 22–36	Matt. 28:16–20
June 14 (Proper 6)	Second S. a. Pentecost	Ex. 19:2–8	Psalm 100	Rom. 5:6–15	Matt. 9:35—10:8 (9–20)
June 21 (Proper 7)	Third S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 20:7–13	Psalm 91:1–10 (11–16)	Rom. 6:12–23	Matt. 10:5a, 21–33
June 28 (Proper 8)	Fourth S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 28:5–9	Psalm 119:153–160	Rom. 7:1–13	Matt. 10:34–42

June Birthdays



- Greg Grill 6/1
- Eva Roe 6/13/1930 (90 years)
- Darrel Tedisch 6/15
- Sheila Wheeler..... 6/16
- Jose Waldron..... 6/18
- Ralph Graham 6/22
- Roy Fender..... 6/30

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH



June Anniversaries

- Darrel & Linda Tedisch 6/15
- Richard & Shirley Grill..... 6/16/1956 (64 years)
- Bruce & Sheila Wheeler..... 6/22





**The smile on my face
doesn't mean my life is
perfect.**

**It means I appreciate
what I have and what I
have been blessed with.**

I choose to be happy

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