



The Mountain Top Echo

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Byron MN

Reaching Out ... Sharing Christ

JUNE 2024

Do You Know Jesus?

Do You Know Jesus....is a question we should ourselves, not just during the high festival days of Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, or even Holy Trinity Sunday, but all through the year. Knowledge is something that we understand that we need in life; to balance the checkbook, to purchase clothes and food, to be able to comprehend the road construction signs and be watchful for turning vehicles. Knowledge is a great asset to have for our lives, to actually know and understand when certain appliances need to be repaired and when those vehicles need attention. As we think about these physical, temporal reasons to have knowledge, the question keeps coming up, do you know Jesus?

Do YOU know Jesus...is such a personal question, a question that digs down into our lives, the deep faith lives that we profess to have in life. It is a very personal question, do YOU really know who this Jesus is that we teach, confess, and profess every Sunday of our worship time together? We know the history of our country and state by reading and exploring this beautiful country of ours. We know who the political, sports, and media personalities are just by watching TV or evening reading about them on computer, newspaper, or even magazines (they still exist, even though they are few in number, compared to years ago). But what about this Jesus? Do you really know him?

Do You KNOW Jesus...is a question that revolves around not just head or brain knowledge, but more importantly heart knowledge. The apostle Paul writes in the Epistle to the Romans; ***“For with the heart one believes and is justified,...” (Romans 10:10).*** So how do we begin to know who this Jesus is that we may believe in Him and have eternal life? We can begin by reading the Bible, God’s own Word that tells and informs us who this Jesus is, the Lord and Savior who is truly God and truly man to live, suffer, die, and rise from the dead to give us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. We continue to gain the faith knowledge that knows who Jesus is by attending Church and allowing the Holy Spirit to work on our hearts, minds, and lives to better understand who this Jesus is. Do you know who Jesus is?

Do You Know JESUS...is a question that involves everything about us, especially our fragile faith lives. Think about this for a moment, to know this Jesus, is to know the Savior, to know the Savior, is to know, by faith, the One who gives us eternal life. The Apostle John wrote toward the end of his Gospel, ***“but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:31)*** To know Jesus by faith is to have life in Him. To know Jesus by faith is to know where we will be after this temporal life ends. To know Jesus is to live in a new life that is renewed, restored, and strengthened by Him. Take time out in your life to know this Jesus through opening up the Bible reading what great gifts has given you through his grace in Jesus and by knowing this Jesus you will reap fantastic rewards. The Lord’s everlasting peace and grace in His name.

God’s richest blessings
Pastor Scott Fiege



The Gift of Contentment

As children grow up, they often feel cramped by their parents' restrictions. Dad says to be home by 11. But why can't I say out 'til midnight? Mom says to clean your room on Saturday morning. But I want to sleep in late, then roll out of bed, hop in the car and go to my friend's house without delay. I want to do what I decide is best.

The older we get, and especially when we have kids of our own, we begin to see the truth. Mom and Dad were not cramping our style or trying to crush our personal freedom — they were looking out for us, providing for us and teaching us a better way of life.

If that's how it is with fallible human parents, how much more so with our Heavenly Father! We sinners often feel cramped by the Law of God. Our sinful flesh wants to go its own way, do its own thing and be in charge. But in our heart of hearts, we know how foolish this is. We know that God loves us, and therefore all of His commands are for our benefit. Each one of His commandments is meant to bless us. Consider the last two commandments:

You shall not covet your neighbor's house. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house or get it in a way which only appears right but help and be of service to him in keeping it. (SC II)

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty. (SC II)

The commandments against coveting are warning us against losing one of the greatest gifts we can possess: contentment. Being content and thankful with what God has provided for us is a necessary building block of living a happy life. Unthankful coveting of what we have not been given will only make us miserable, so God warns us against it.

God has proven His love for us in sending His only begotten Son to shed His blood for us, cleanse us of our sins and brings us back into His family. If He loves us this much, then when percentage of His commandments do you think are meant to harm us? Probably no more than one or two percent, right? Of course that's absurd. God means to bless us with everything He says to us. The Law of God simply describes what a truly happy life, lived in thankfulness to Christ, looks like: It's a generous, merciful, contented life that uses all of the resources God has given us for His purposes.



Electronic Giving: Our church invites you to consider our electronic giving program as a way to automate your regular weekly offerings. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much needed consistency for our church. If you are interested in participating in this program, speak with financial secretary, Tammy Vosberg. You may also contact Tammy with any questions at 507- 289-2850 or via email at dtvosberg@gmail.com



Please contact Ardi Gibbs regarding LWML meetings.



Prayer Chain: Ardi Gibbs is our Prayer Chain Leader. Please contact Ardi with your prayer requests or if you would like to join the prayer chain team. (507) 254-6564 / ardig775@gmail.com



FIRST
DAY
OF
SUMMER --
JUNE 20



JUNE 16

Special dates

- Flag Day, *June 14, 2024*
- Father's Day, *June 16, 2024*
- First day of summer, *June 20, 2024*



WHAT IS FLAG DAY???

Flag Day celebrates the symbolism and history of the American flag on **June 14.**

The U.S. has celebrated the adoption of the Stars and Stripes in a variety of ways when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation establishing the June 14 as Flag Day in May 1916. These celebrations include flying the flag in front of residences, participating in parades, and holding other patriotic events. Several states and numerous cities had begun commemorating the day before to 1916.

In 1877 the first Flag Day was celebrated, 100 years after the Continental Congress adopted the flag. In 1949, President Harry Truman officially made Flag Day a day of national observance.

While its look has changed more than a few times over the years, the American flag has remained a symbol of freedom and justice.



“The best place to find God is in a garden. You can dig for him there.”

-George Bernard Shaw





Jordan Klepel June 2
 Arleen Holey June 9
 Shelly Schuster June 9
 Verona Kruse June 10
 Charles Wachholz June 13
 Shelly Arett June 20
 Aleesa Kobi June 25

Keith & Jackie Richardson June 1
 Dave & Karen Welsh June 6
 Willie & Karen Naatz June 24
 Pastor Fiege – Ordination Date. – June 20



What forgiveness is — and is not

Forgiveness does not mean ignoring what has been done or putting a false label on an evil act. It means, rather, that the evil act no longer remains as a barrier to the relationship. Forgiveness is a catalyst creating the atmosphere necessary for a fresh start and a new beginning. It is the lifting of a burden or the canceling of a debt. —Martin Luther King Jr.



Worship Assistant Schedule for June 2024	Altar Guild for Month of June / Margaret Karst
6/2/2024 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Worship w/Communion - 10:45 a.m. Pastor Fiege	Elder – Shane Amundson Reader – Verona Kruse Music – Margaret Karst
6/9/2024 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Worship – 10:45 a.m. Pastor Fiege	Elder - Brant Klepel Reader - Kristy Hahn Music – Dave Welsh
6/16/2024 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost-Father’s Day Worship w/Communion – 10:45 a.m. Pastor Preuss	Elder – Brant Klepel Reader – Dave Welsh Music – Ruth Benning
6/23/2024 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost Worship – 10:45 a.m. Pastor Storm	Elder - Don Vosberg Reader – Aleesa Kobi Music – Jeff Rehwaldt
6/30/2024 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost Worship w/Communion – 10:45 a.m. Pastor Lukomski	Elder - Shane Amundson Reader – Kristy Hahn Music – Margaret Karst

Father's Day Word Search

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Father's Day

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 16TH



“DAIRY FARMING IS NOT JUST A JOB;

IT'S A WAY OF LIFE.” – UNKNOWN



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