



# PARTICIPATION GUIDE

July 15– July 21, 2018

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## PRAYERS

**Request a Prayer:** Complete a HELP / PRAYER Card (available in the pews).

**Keep Our List Accurate:** Names with a (3) need to be renewed by Wednesday at 3:00 PM to stay on the list. Contact your people and inquire about their health; then contact the church office to renew your request. Thanks!

## Special Requests

- **Chosen, Adopted, and Redeemed:** *Give thanks to your Father in heaven!*
- **Tomasch Family:** Terry & Lynda lost their home in a fire on July 9; *thanks for praying and giving in various ways!* Please pray for peace – *so much is gone*, guidance – *for their many decisions*, and strength – *to go forward!*
- **Catechism Reading Challenge:** *Continue each day until you are finished!*
- **Sunday School:** *Blessings on today's teacher and students!* Please teach ONE week; *signup sheet and easy lessons are in the narthex.*
- **In Care Facilities or At Home:** Shirley B, Doris B, Loreen D, Hedwig G, John & June G, Nancy H, Otto K, Eleanor K, Violet M, Marie W, Harry & Martha Z.
- **Armed Forces:** Members: James Martin; Chris Sala; Andrew Deka; Others: Warren Gellings; Nick Riviotta; Drew Tenney; Chris Weseloh.
- **Lutherans in Africa and Lutheran School of Theology (LST):**
  - May family – *Their USA furlough, as they rest and promote LIA.*
  - Simojoki family – *Their move from Finland to Kenya in early August.*
  - LST Classes – *Teacher, Mark Drevlow (June – July), and students.*
  - LST Construction – *Encouragement and productivity for the workers.*

## Members

- **Ray Dmytriw** (1) (ALS) – peace, strength, continued improvement.
- **Hedwig Giesz** (2) (hip replacement) – continued healing, rehab.
- **Otto Klos** (2) (hospice) – continued comfort and peace.
- **Tracy Liddy** (3) (pulled hamstring) – pain relief, comfort, healing.
- **Paul Moyer** (3) (spine and leg pain) – comfort and healing.
- **Susanna Tischler** (3) (nerve pain; tests) – pain relief, pr. diag., healing.
- **Angie Zeleznikar** (3) (back pain) – continued relief, encouragement.

## Others

- **Larry Edris** (1) (lung cancer) – peace, comfort, healing.
- **Elaine Foss** (1) (broken neck) – cont. healing, patience, encouragement.
- **Melanie Himmelberger** (1) (bone cancer) – peace, comfort, healing.
- **Nancy Mattes** (1) (chemotherapy) – peace, comfort, healing.
- **Michelle Schneider** (3) (tests) – peace, proper diagnosis, healing.
- **Cathy Wirzylo** (1) (needs a liver transplant) – peace, organ donation.
- **Liz Zinkowich** (1) (recent heart surgery) – peace, comfort, healing.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Physical Birthdays:

7/15 Jonas May  
Rand Stender  
7/17 Maci Green  
7/21 Sam Prochaska

### Spiritual Birthdays:

7/16 Brantley Cheatham  
7/18 Erin Nellis

### Wedding Anniversaries:

7/21 John & June Gutwein (62<sup>nd</sup>)

## READINGS

*These are the Series B three-year lectionary readings for next Sunday.*

**OT:** Jeremiah 23:1-6

**PS:** 23

**NT:** Ephesians 2:11-22

**GOS:** Mark 6:30-44

## SCHEDULE

### Mo – 7/16

- 7:00 – Receive God's Gifts: Divine Service

### We – 7/18

- 9:30 – Teaching: BFC Story Time
- 10:00 – Teaching: BFC Bible Time
- 7:00 – Meeting: Leadership Team

### Th – 7/19

- 10:00 – Study: Living the Lutheran Lectionary

### Fr – 7/20

- 1:00 – Pray: With others at Bethlehem

### Su – 7/22

- 8:00 – Receive God's Gifts: Divine Service
- 9:10 – Refreshments: Everyone is invited down the hall
- 9:30 – Study: Bible Class & Sunday School
- 10:45 – Receive God's Gifts: Divine Service

## SERVE

- **Summer Sunday School Volunteers:** We need YOU to VOLUNTEER for ONE week – during the summer:
  - ✓ Classes are combined, 4-6 students.
  - ✓ Sundays, 9:30-10:30, in the kitchen downstairs.
  - ✓ Lessons are easy to prepare and teach.
  - ✓ Volunteer for one or more weeks. Sign-up TODAY on the schedule in the Narthex and take a lesson; **there are only 6 left!** 😊 Questions? Contact *Kathy Green*
- **Usher:** Sundays at 8:00 or 10:45; contact Matt Kussmaul.
- **Leadership Team:** Openings in Education and Outreach.

## NEWS

- **Redeemer Crisis Center Collecting:** Please hold on to your donations—at home—for the time being. Collecting will resume at a later date.
- **Mite Box:** Next collection: Sept. 3; boxes available on the bulletin board.

## GROWTH and OUTREACH

- **Many Resources:** Sermons, brochures, magazines, books, etc.; see what's available in the Narthex and across from the church office.
- **Facebook:** Check-in, like BLC, and write a positive comment!
- **Lutheran Hour:** Sun 6:30 a.m. – WTAM 1100 AM; Sun 8:00 a.m. – The Word 1220 AM
- **Worship Anew** – Sun 11:30 AM: Direct TV: 67, 377; Dish: WRML 47
- **Issues Etc.:** Is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio. The Movie "Ant Man and The Wasp," An Introduction to Ecclesiastes, Ruth, Elijah, Ezekiel, Mary Magdalene and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)
- **Lutherans for Life:** "We need to embrace the God Who is found in suffering. He is the man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. He's the Lord who was impaled on a cross. We'd rather Jesus be mild-mannered and mild-tempered, and we'd rather listen to Him preach about lilies in a field of flowers. We don't want to go down that hard path of Calvary. But once we do, I think then we can gain compassion. Because compassion means 'with suffering.' Christian compassion means suffering with the sufferings of Christ." *Joni Eareckson Tada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## NUMBERS – FROM LAST WEEK

### ▪ **Divine Services:**

✦ Sunday: 8:00 = 48; 10:45 = 41; Monday: 7:00 = 7

### ▪ **Classes:**

✦ Sunday: 9:30 (BC & SS) = 38

✦ Thursday: 10:00 = 3

### ▪ **Received:**

✦ Actual: *Received Last Week*: \$3,390

✦ Budget: *January* → *Last Week* (planned vs. actual): \$ - 9,534

✦ Actual: *January* → *May* (received: \$93,316; spent: \$101,478): \$ -8,162

## MEMBER CARE PLAN

*For those who desire to attend, but are not able to attend!*

**Hospitalized, Nursing Home, Assisted Living, Shut-In**

- Mailing: Every two weeks – last two sermons and last Participation Guide.
- Normal Visiting: Once each month – by Pastor / Jerry H and Others.
- Hospital Visiting: More often – by Pastor.
- Note: If you or someone you know is in any situation noted above, *but is not receiving what is noted*, please contact the church office for help!