

# Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church



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**Mission Statement: We, the Congregation of Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), declare that God the Father is all powerful and eternal, that His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the Living Word and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we aspire to live our lives according to the Word of God and to proclaim His truth to a lost and hurting world around us.**

## Ministerial Acts for June Pastor Norr's Page

- **Funerals**  
Wilfred M. Petrell  
John Edwin Shaleen
- **Baptisms**
- **Weddings**

If you have any prayer requests, please call Melissa Nissila at 865-4769 or 780-6378, she is in charge of the prayer chain.

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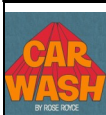
### Church Attendance

June 5	51
June 12	60
June 19	42
June 26	61

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after Jesus had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But Jesus answered and said "**It is written**", 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Jesus into the holy city; and he had Jesus stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and Satan said to Him, "If you are the Son of God throw yourself down; for "**It is written**", 'He will give His angels charge concerning You' and 'On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to the devil, "On the other hand, "**It is written**", 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory; and he said to Jesus, "All these things will I give you, if You fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! For "**It is written**", 'You shall worship the Lord Your God, and serve Him only.'" Then the devil left Jesus; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Jesus. Matthew 4:1-11

The theme of the Annual Conference of the AFLC was titled "**IT IS WRITTEN**". We see the power of these words when used by Jesus as He was confronted by the devil out in the wilderness. When the devil tried to tempt Jesus to do evil, Jesus said "It is written," and then Jesus quoted scripture. Satan had no defense for the written word of God. You and I need to know that this is how we can defeat Satan. He is always around trying to tempt us to sin.

The devil's temptations focused on three crucial areas: (1) physical needs and desires, (2) possessions and power, and (3) pride. But Jesus did not give in. Hebrews 4:15 says that Jesus "has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet without sin." He knows first hand what we are experiencing, and He is willing and able to help us in our struggles. When you are tempted, turn to Him for strength. We are blessed in the Lutheran Free Church, for we stand on the true and inerrant Word of God. We proclaim it from every pulpit, it is taught in our Seminary, and in our Bible School. It is written and believed as the only way of salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Fundraiser Alert: The Youth Group will be having a Car Wash at Critter Care Pet Clinic on July 20th from 2-6 p.m. Critter Care Pet Clinic is located at 1315—2nd Avenue South in Virginia. Come and support our Youth!

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS.....**

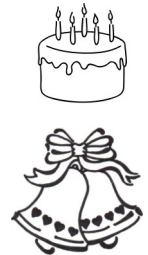
Helvi Ahola  
 Earle Angellar  
 Kim Gerzina  
 Stanley Hill  
 Tim Hunter  
 Minerva Imberg at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living  
 Daphne Koski  
 Art Lee  
 Grace Lee at Essentia Convalescent Care  
 Tyne Lothberg at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living  
 Lorna Mattila at Edgewood Vista Memory Care  
 Michael McDonough  
 Dale & Sue Mott  
 Gordy Nissila



Joyce Rude at St. Michael's  
 Donna Simmons  
 Ty, Carolyn, Jaxon and Ellia Stewart in Belgium  
 Kim Schwartz  
 Arthur Tuominen  
 Adult and Teen Challenge  
 All our servicemen & women

**Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Linda Wilder 7/3  
 Ralph Isaacson 7/7  
 Cindy Forseen 7/8  
 Anthony Orso 7/13  
 Tom & Marcy Zallar 7/17  
 Jake Dahl 7/20



Vacation Bible School at Riverside Chapel was held on June 20-24. We had beautiful weather for our **“Ocean Commotion: Diving into Noah’s Flood”**. A total of 129 students attended this years event. I want to thank our helpers: Kathy Carlson, Kim Gerzina, Kirsti Saranen, Nelly Saranen, Jen Schunk and Angelia Tuominen for helping in the classrooms. We couldn’t have done it without you.



**Volunteer Update**


	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
<b>Greeters</b>	Lisa Inman	Lisa Inman	Sharon Maki	Sharon Maki	Joyce Rude
<b>Ushers</b>	Gordy & Melissa Nissila	Todd Niemi & Don Genung	Deb Hanela & Warren Swartz	Art Lee & Wilbur Hagen	Gordy & Melissa Nissila
<b>Acolytes</b>	Arthur Tuominen	Kirsti Saranen	Janelle Saranen	Arthur Tuominen	Reese Jorgensen
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Sherry & Lisa	Lisa & Linda	Linda & Melissa	Melissa & Tammy	Kathy & Sherry
<b>Readers</b>	Sandra Tuominen	Art Lee	Angelia Tuominen	Paul Mattila	Kathy Carlson
<b>Kitchen Clean-up</b>	Sheri Peterson	Patti Ranfranz	Joyce Rude	Barb Thompson	Ellen Bane

**Laundering Linens for the Month:** Patti Ranfranz

**“WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!” MATTHEW 25:23**

Thank you all for your service.

# July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 9:00 am—Radio Broadcast/KRBT 9:45 am—Praise & Worship 10:00 am—Worship / Communion Service 4:00 pm—Columbia Service	<b>4</b> 12:00 pm—Pray for our Nation  	<b>5</b> 3:00 pm—Washington Manor Service 6:00 pm—Celebrate Recovery	<b>6</b> 7:00 pm—Bible Study	<b>7</b> 8:00 am—Pastors' Prayer Breakfast @ Northgate Caf� 10:30 am—Edgewood Vista Service 12:00 pm—Soup Kitchen 4:00 pm—Group Home 5:30 pm—Prayer Session	<b>8</b> 3:00 pm—Laurentian Manor Service	<b>9</b> 9:00 am—Men's Monthly Breakfast @ Northgate Caf�
<b>10</b> 9:00 am—Radio Broadcast/KRBT 9:45 am—Praise & Worship 10:00 am—Worship Service 4:00 pm—Columbia Service	<b>11</b> 12:00 pm—Pray for our Nation	<b>12</b> 3:00 pm—Washington Manor Service 6:00 pm—Celebrate Recovery Meeting 7:00 pm—Church Council	<b>13</b> 12:00 pm—Ladies' Luncheon at China Buffet 7:00 pm—Bible Study	<b>14</b> 8:00 am—Pastors' Prayer Breakfast @ Northgate Caf� 4:00 pm—Group Home 5:30 pm—Prayer Session	<b>15</b> 10:30 am—Edgewood Vista Memory Care Service 3:00 pm—Laurentian Manor Service 6:00 pm—Wedding Rehearsal—Lindula & Yourczek	<b>16</b> 4:00 pm—David Lindula & Lisa Yourczek wedding at Good Shepherd 7:00 pm—Saturday Night "Alive"
<b>17 Spirit Sunday</b> 9:00 am—Radio Broadcast/KRBT 9:45 am—Praise & Worship 10:00 am—Worship Service 4:00 pm—Columbia Service	<b>18</b> 12:00 pm—Pray for our Nation 6:15 pm—Book Study at Sheri Peterson's	<b>19</b> 3:00 pm—Washington Manor Service 6:00 pm—Celebrate Recovery	<b>20</b> 2:00—6:00 pm—Youth Group Car Wash at Critter Care 7:00 pm—Bible Study	<b>21</b> 8:00 am—Pastors' Prayer Breakfast @ Northgate Caf� 4:00 pm—Group Home 5:30 pm—Prayer Session	<b>22</b> 3:00 pm—Laurentian Manor Service	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:00 am—Radio Broadcast/KRBT 9:45 am—Praise & Worship 10:00 am—Worship Service 12:00 pm—Church Picnic at Olcott Park 4:00 pm—Columbia Service	<b>25</b> 12:00 pm—Pray for our Nation 6:15 pm—Book Study at Sheri Peterson's	<b>26</b> 3:00 pm—Washington Manor Service 6:00 pm—Celebrate Recovery	<b>27</b> 7:00 pm—Bible Study	<b>28</b> 8:00 am—Pastors' Prayer Breakfast @ Northgate Caf� 5:30 pm—Prayer Session	<b>29</b> 3:00 pm—Laurentian Manor Service	<b>30</b>

If you have any news, concerns, or requests, you can contact Sherry by phone, text, or email. If you prefer to receive this newsletter in email format, let Sherry know.

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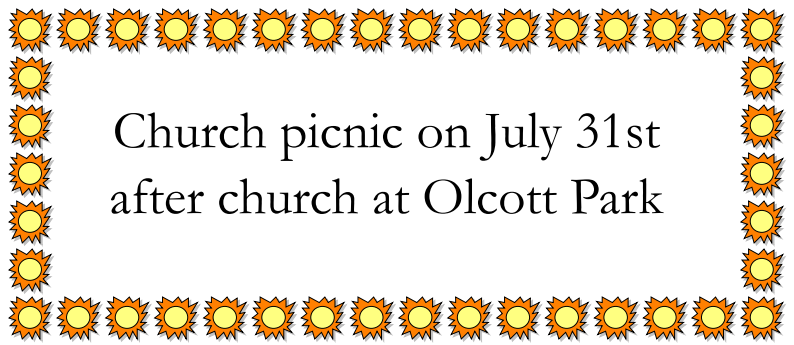
**When you pray  
for others,  
God listens to you  
and blesses them,  
so when you are  
safe and happy,  
remember that  
someone is  
praying for you...**

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Church picnic on July 31st  
after church at Olcott Park

A new Book Study will be starting on July 18th at 6:30 pm at the church. We will be going through the book **The Circle Maker** by Mark Batterson. Please let Kathy Carlson, Sheri Peterson or Sherry Johnson know if you would be interested in attending by July 10th, so we can have books available.

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WE'RE ON THE WEB

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