

The Beacon

June 2022

At The Starting Gate

“There’s a good reason they call these ceremonies ‘commencement exercises,’” Utah Senator Orrin Hatch once said. “Graduation is not the end; it’s the beginning.” The same is true of baptism. Both events are often approached as an end point reached with relief: “Well, at least that’s done!” With the degree — or salvation — in hand, some people feel no further need for education — or spiritual growth.



Just remember: You’re at the starting gate, not the finish line. Well-wishers encourage new grads, “Don’t stop now; you’re on a roll. Even greater things are ahead!” And Hebrews 12:1 (NRSV) urges the baptized, “Run with perseverance the race that is set before [you].” While a diploma bears the seal of the graduate’s school, Christians *themselves* are sealed with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30) and the cross of Christ. To take full advantage of each, we must continue learning and growing.

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FOR I
KNOW THE
plans
I HAVE FOR YOU,
PLANS TO GIVE YOU
hope
AND A
future.
JEREMIAH 29:11

High School Graduates

High school seniors that are members of St. John's Lutheran this year include:

Paige Lynn Anderson
Sway Shirley Mae Buchmeier
Morgan Rose Curtis
Alex Thomas Finke
Lillian Grace Krogman-Gibson
Ella Claire Meyers
Jesse Loren Potts
Evan David Roben
Kylee Hayden Rowen
Owen Jeffrey Runkle
Paul Nathan Troe

We will honor these graduates on Sunday, June 5 during our 9:00 service. Graduates are asked to wear their gown that day and meet in the fireside room at 8:45 .

Thank you to Sharon Huse for making quilts for these graduates. Thank you also to the Board of Education for hosting a senior banquet and to Chris Kahler for speaking to the graduates and parents at the banquet.

Baccalaureate Service

The area churches in the MCW School District invite the graduates and their families along with the public to attend a Baccalaureate Service on Wednesday, June 1, 6:30 p.m. at the Covenant Church in Trimont. Some of the graduating seniors will be participating in the service. Following the service there will be refreshments and fellowship.



Starting Sunday, May 29

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship & Coffee

Pastoral Visits

Due to the privacy act, if you are hospitalized and would like a visit from the pastor and/or vicar or if you would like to be included in the prayers, you or a family member need to contact Pastor Wilson or Vicar Jeff at the church office.



**Make a joyful noise
unto God, all ye lands.**

Psalm 66:1, KJV



“Be Strong and Courageous”

Joshua 1:9

As the class of 2022 prepares for graduation I would like to share the words of our Lord spoken to Joshua “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; and do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

I enjoy attending the graduation ceremony and listening to the band playing “Pomp and Circumstance” and to see the graduates enter into the gymnasium with their robes on and to take their place on the stage. To listen to speeches prepared by some of the students recounting special times, events and experiences that they shared together over 12 years of being classmates. Then comes the time for them to receive their diplomas which is result of years of growth, discipline, hard work, determination, accomplishments, and success. Along with their parents, teachers, and fellow classmates they have strived to make this day happen. The ceremony finale is the recessional with their departure from the gymnasium and school ready to face the future with all that life holds for them.

I draw comparison with the students crossing the stage to receive their diplomas with the children of Israel crossing the Jordan River into the promise land of great opportunity. The Israelites had wandered around in the wilderness for forty years being taught and tested by God who was preparing them for what was to come. God advised Joshua not only to be strong and courageous, but also to be careful to obey the law that was given to them through Moses. To live and abide by it and not to turn from it. God is faithful and He keeps His promises to those who remember and serve Him.

The same is true for our high school graduates who will walk across the stage to receive their diplomas. God has also taught, tested, and nurtured them in the faith and will bless their future plans. However, the same is true for them as it was for Joshua and the children of Israel that they must remain faithful to God and His word and not to turn from it.

The class of 2022 is no different from the classes and students that preceded them. They will go their own ways and follow their own dreams, goals, and ambitions. Some of them already know the plans that God has for them staying close to home and working in local and family businesses and helping to grow our economy. And for some, they will leave their families, friends, homes, and community behind to pursue an educational degree or career that will provide them with the skills that is needed for their vocation in life.

My advice to the class of 2022 is to live by the words of our Lord to be strong and courageous. For they, will be confronted with all kinds of challenges, fears, and uncertainties. But one thing that is certain that will help them confront those challenges is their faith in God who tells them: “Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

Congratulations to our graduates Paige Anderson, Sway Buchmeier, Morgan Curtis, Alex Finke, Lillian Krogman-Gibson, Ella Meyers, Jesse Potts, Evan Roben, Kylee Rowen, Owen Runkle, and Paul Troe who are members of our church family. We pray for God’s blessings to be upon them and all those graduating as they celebrate being the class of 2022.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Steve



June 6—10 from 9:00—11:00
St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn



**For children entering preschool
and kindergarten this fall.**

Preschool & Kindergarten VBS—SIGN UP NOW!

Bible lessons, crafts, snacks, games and activities! Sign your children up now for a fun week of VBS! You can sign up online by going to the church website: sjlsherburn.com and go to the tab What's Happening then arrow down to news and announcements and click on the link to register. Forms are also available at the church.

If you are able to help with VBS please contact the church office.

The VBS kids will sing the songs they learned at the beginning of the service on Sunday, June 12!!!!

For the second half of the year the Sunday school students have been gathering offering for Nickels for Nets which is an organization that provides mosquito nets for beds for children in third world countries. These nets not only provide a good night sleep but also prevent diseases such as malaria. The Sunday school children collected \$378.96, each net is \$8.00 so we were able to provide 47 nets.



Save The Date!

Monday through Friday, July 18 – 22, Camp Omega will return to St. John's Lutheran Church to conduct their day camp for kids going into 1st through 6th grades! The kids had a blast with the three counselors that came last year and this year promises to be just as much fun! The day camp will be from 9am-3pm Monday through Thursday and from 9am-Noon on Friday. There will be lots of games, singing, devotions, crafts and a lot more the entire week and the energy provided by Camp Omega is contagious! Watch the St. John's Facebook page, website, July newsletter and upcoming bulletins for links to sign up for the day camp.



If you are interested in helping out that week, providing snacks and food for the kids, providing games and activities or just volunteering of your time during that week, please contact the church office at 507-764-5312 so we can put our support staff together for the Camp Omega Counselors. If you are willing to house the camp counselors for the week please let us know.

Tuesday Morning Coffee Hours

June 14, 21 and 28

8:30-10:00 a.m.



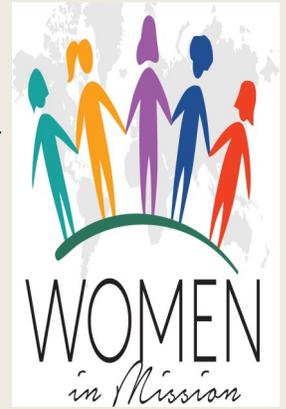
**St. John's Lutheran
Church**
Sherburn, MN
Hosted by the LWML

JOIN US
for
LUNCH

Friendship Club
June 6 at The Still in Dunnell
11:30 a.m.

Join us as we travel to the great metropolis of Dunnell for lunch on the 6th. They will have a somewhat limited menu for our group, but rest assured, it's more than adequate. Hope to see you there!

LWML Minutes



President Lynne Mulso called our meeting to order. Pastor Wilson shared several devotions from the book "Peaceful Promises for Restful Sleep".

Secretary's report was read and corrected. Correspondence was read. Treasurer Marlene Stueven gave the treasurer's report which was placed on file.

Lynne read the report of the Zone Meeting. It is proposed to rezone Sherburn St. John's and St. Paul's Wilbert to become members of the Blue Earth Zone and Jackson Redeemer and Springfield Zion will become members of the Worthington Zone. If this is approved at District Convention it will go into effect July 1, 2022. A blanket that was made at the meeting which we received was discussed where it should go.

Tuesday coffees were discussed. Group 1 will serve on June 14 and 28 and group 2 on June 21. August coffees will start with group 2 serving. There will be little or no table decorations.

Lana Morris will be our delegate to District Convention in Wilmar.

Mary Swanson made a motion that \$10 be given for the loss of any members' child. Seconded by Connie Markquart. Motion passed.

Vice President Judy Hybbert read about mission grant of \$100,000 to helping single moms to choose life. Mites were collected

Connie Markquart made a motion that we bring socks to the meeting to meet the number of 80 in celebration of LWML's 80th anniversary. Seconded by Sally Yahnke. Motion passed.

We sang the birthday song for Leilani Boosinger.

The LWML Pledge was said and we prayed the table prayer.

Lunch was served by Lynne Mulso and Roberta Garbers.

~Lois Ziemer, Secretary

NEXT LWML MEETING
JUNE 8
2:00 P.M.



Keeping In Touch

During a recent children's message, I talked with the kids about ways we keep in touch with each other. One of the most used ways of communication today is the use of cell phones. I'm not so sure whether it is good or bad that we are always within close contact when we carry our cell phone. Sometimes it comes in very handy, but other times I just wish that the distraction of having that form of technology would just go away!

Growing up, all we had was the one phone in our house, which was on the wall in the kitchen and it had a long cord on it so you could sit at the kitchen table during long conversations. We were on a party line with four of our neighbors, so whenever one of them received a phone call, the phone buzzed, instead of ringing. I was explaining this to the kids during both services and I could see they had no idea what I was talking about. 😊

In many ways I wish we could go back to those days when there wasn't so much technology and we weren't accessible 24/7 with the cell phones. Things were much simpler back then and in reality, I think I had a lot more time to enjoy things – especially being outdoors and enjoying what the nature that God provided for us. Back then, if you called and no one answered the phone, you couldn't leave a voice message or send a text – you just tried calling later. We kept in touch with each other in other ways: writing a letter, getting together socially on a regular basis and sometimes just driving to someone's place to see if they were home. Much of that form of keeping in touch has pretty much faded away over the years and now a large majority of us rely on technology to keep in touch with others.

There is still one way of keeping in touch though, that goes back over 2,000 years and it can be found in the Bible. In 1 Thessalonians 5:17 the Apostle Paul tells the church at Thessalonica (and this instruction still applies to the Church today), "Pray without ceasing" or as I said to the kids, "Pray continuously" and "Continuously pray".

This is the original and still only way we communicate with the Father, through prayer. Martin Luther tells us that even though we cannot verbally pray at all times, it is possible to be in the spirit of prayer and ever ready to pray. In the Large Catechism it says, "The Lord's Prayer has also been prescribed so that we should see and consider the distress that out to drive and compel us to pray without ceasing." If there was one piece of advice I would offer to the graduating seniors of MCW schools, it would be this: Always pray and keep in touch with God. Use your cell phone to keep in touch with friends and family, but also always use prayer to keep in touch with your Lord and Savior. Don't wait for times of distress to pray, but pray for all things and God will hear you.



I'm not just talking to the younger generation when I say this. I am talking to people of all ages. We all can focus more on prayer in our lives. Too many times we rely on society or people of this world to tell us what to do or what to say or even how to live. We rely on using our available technology to keep in touch with others, but yet we seem to lose touch with the one who should matter most in our lives. Is prayer a part of your everyday life? Do you find yourself only praying at meals, but never any other time – if you are praying at all? Then maybe it is time that we all need to put down our cell phones, laptops, iPads and notebooks for 5 minutes each day and use that time to read God's Word and pray to Him. There are 1,440 minutes in a day, so to ask you to stop using technology and pray for only 5 minutes each day, it is less than 1 percent of your entire day. If you do this for a week, chances are you will find that it becomes almost a habit and could lead to you spending more time each day keeping in touch with God and less time relying on technology.

If you are up to the challenge, keep me posted on how it's going – oh, and to let me know how you are doing, don't use the cell phone to call me – stop in and tell me in person!

May God bless you, watch over you, protect you, and guide you as we come together in our church home to worship, pray continually, and receive the gift of God's Grace from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Vicar Jeff

Youth Ministry NEWS



Saturday, June 18: **Come and check out the youth food booth at the Sherburn Festival!** This is our last fund raiser before we attend the National Youth Gathering. Thank you in advance for your support!

All youth families should sign up to take a shift for the Youth food booth and/or manning the inflatables. An email has been sent to the youth families to select a time on Sign Up Genius to work at the Festival.

Thank you to the Sherburn Lion's Club and Fox Lake Conservation for their donations that will help with the youth fundraisers at the Festival.



Let us
WORSHIP
Together

Sunday, June 26:
NYG Commissioning during worship service. All NYG participants need to be at the worship service to be commissioned.

6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 29
Mandatory FFF meeting with parents

Wednesday, July 6: **Leave for Houston!!!** (return on July 14)
Mark your calendar to join us in a sendoff on the 6th. More info to come. We continue to keep the youth in our prayers as they prepare for this trip.

in all  things
JULY 9-13, 2022 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

Sponsor A Youth
If you would like to sponsor a youth for 100.00 for the National Youth Gathering Trip you can leave your donation at the church office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

peace

Stewards of the gift of peace

“The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!” (Ps 29:10-11).

Peace! That is sure something that is in short supply these days. Watch the news? You see that peace doesn't exist in faraway lands. But then again, it doesn't exist in our community either. Violence is all around us. Bodies, lives, homes and spirits are broken all round us. Families feel that lack of peace that comes in divorce, indebtedness and over-scheduling. Kids feel the lack of peace that comes from not wanting to be in school, not wanting to be kind to classmates and respectful to teachers. There isn't peace in our workplaces. At times, there isn't even peace in our churches.

Can we be stewards of something we don't have? In a word, YES! We are called to be stewards of peace because we most certainly do have peace. While there isn't an absence of hostility in so many sectors of our life, there is an absence of hostility in one very critical section: our life with God. God, in Christ, has reconciled the world to Himself. He has blessed us with a peace that passes all understanding. We are declared right with Him. Death no longer assaults us. God has given us peace in the forgiveness of sins, and the new life that goes with it!

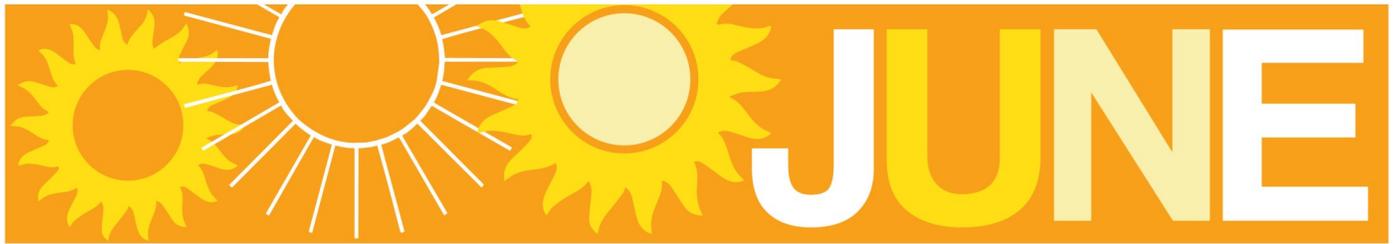
And we are to be stewards of this peace. That means we are created and called to share this peace with others who seemingly go out of the way to wreck our peace.

How are we stewards of this peace? We give it freely. As we are forgiven in Christ, so we also forgive! And this isn't limited to those who we may beg and grovel for it. We are called to be as radically generous with the forgiveness and peace that we offer as God is with us. Yes, that means you offer forgiveness to those who haven't sought it or deserved it!

This doesn't seem fair! But then again, God's forgiveness of your sins isn't fair either. It is grace. God has called you to be the same kind of peace to others as Jesus is to you. In stewarding this peace, you are spreading it around, just like the Lord wants! Give it freely. It will be a blessing to others and you!

Prayer

King of peace, You have authored peace with us in Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant us Your grace that we be free and generous stewards of this peace with others. Grant that as they receive this peace You have given through us, they too might be at peace with You. Amen.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 | Audrey Amborn
Londyn Thate
Paul Troe
Jeremy Wink | 15 | Asher Anderson
Katie Lange
Brody Meyer
Dan Sparks
Mary Whitehead | 1 | John & Linda Tirevold |
| 2 | Dan Hanson | 17 | Collin Dahlman
June Janssen
Helen Menssen
Jacob Trontvet | 2 | Jim & Cheryl Oelkers |
| 3 | Mycah Bliesmer | 18 | Hannah Cole
Opal Yahnke | 3 | Chuck & Marlene Kuntz |
| 4 | Dustin House | 19 | Allison Behne
Sharma
Jordan Humphrey | 4 | John & Jeanne Frappier
Paul & Jane Weseman |
| 5 | Madelyn Meyer
Joan Rosen | 21 | Michele Anderson
Avalynn Knight-Steele
Casey Kuehl
Kale Larson
Marceline Meyer | 5 | Ron & Mary Johnson |
| 6 | Tim Brolsma
Connie Markquart | 22 | Mandi Kosbab
Bailey Larson
Vivienne Madden
Lori Meyer | 6 | Tyler & Lauralee Nolte |
| 7 | Mike Bliesmer
Eric Chase
Pat Huse
Jacob Johnson
Peter Nolte
Cordell Weber | 24 | Camdyn Ballard
Harmony Buchmeier
Doug Sheppard | 7 | Mike & Jaime Bliesmer |
| 8 | Dee Anderson
Emily Meixell
Ken Peters
London Truesdell | 25 | Rebecca Behne
Harper Reese | 9 | Jordan & Opal Schwager |
| 9 | Cliff Anderson | 26 | Miranda Bliesmer
Tom Miller
Houston Schubert | 10 | Kellen & Ashley Fausch |
| 10 | Rusty Olson | 27 | Nathan Amborn
Nate Klima
Chuck Sodeman | 11 | Doug & Anne Sheppard |
| 11 | Cindy Crissinger
Nick Holm
Janet Lepird
Bob Malo | 29 | Emily Klima | 12 | Rod & Dawn Duncan
Drew & Sarah Ringnell |
| 12 | Kristin Gabrielson
Madison Klima
James Lutz
Kevin Norem
Karl Olson
Christina Cole
Jayden Moeller | 30 | Mark Lange
Amelia Rosenberg
Nathan Zender | 13 | Kaleb & Morgan Chingren |
| 14 | Alexis Janssen | | | 15 | Kevin & Audrey Diekmann |
| | | | | 19 | Marv & Nancy Hansen |
| | | | | 20 | Brad & Ann Harris
Brian & Rebecca Sokoloski |
| | | | | 21 | Taylor & Megan Morgan |
| | | | | 22 | Guy & Mallory Rudolph |
| | | | | 23 | Dustin & Jessie Kennedy |
| | | | | 24 | Jeremy & Chelsie Wink
Tom & Lisa Crosby
Don & Francie Ziemer |
| | | | | 25 | Tucker & Tracie Schumann |
| | | | | 27 | Lynn & Mary Thate |
| | | | | 28 | Nathan & Mary Janssen |
| | | | | 29 | Miah & Jasmine Fitzgerald
Tom & Tammy Gregory
Brian & Tina Krumwiede |
| | | | | 30 | Richard & Danielle Cummings |

Church Attendance

Sunday, May 1: 301

Sunday, May 8: 210

Sunday, May 15: 176

Sunday, May 22: 166



Door Offering For Sherburn Cemetery
 Sunday, May 29 we will take a door offering. Money received will go towards the perpetual care of the cemetery. Please make checks payable to Sherburn City Cemetery. Thank you.

Memorial Day Program

The Memorial Day program in Sherburn will be on Monday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sherburn City Park. The Sherburn C&C will host a picnic following the program. Hamburgers, beans, chips, cookie and water will be served. Free will offering. If inclement weather the program and picnic will be held at the high school.

Temperance Lake Ridge Service

Monday, June 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Thank You

Last day of Sunday school before the summer break was May 22. Thank you to all the Sunday school teachers and staff and also the Board of Education for working with the Sunday school program this year.

Thank you to Chad, Dennis and our trustees for installing new lights in the kitchen, overflow room downstairs and fireplace room.

Bulletin Prayer/Cancer/Care List: Help us keep our lists up to date. If names should be added or removed please let us know at the church office.



Praise Team will practice on Wednesdays, June 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 6:30 p.m. We welcome all voices of all ages so come and join us! Next blended service will be on June 26.

HyVee & Fareway Receipts

The LWML is asking that you save your Fairmont HyVee grocery and gas receipts and Fairmont Fareway receipts and drop them off at church in the container in the front entry. The LWML will be reimbursed \$1,000.00 from HyVee for a total of \$150,000.00 worth of HyVee receipts. Fareway will do the same.

Your continued support is much appreciated.

	HyVee Goal	FareWay Goal
150,000		
140,000		
130,000		\$139,187.78
120,000		
110,000		
100,000		
90,000		
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70,000		
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50,000	\$55,738.89	
40,000		
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Blood Drive: Monday, June 6, 1:00-7:00 p.m. at Sherburn Assembly of God Regional Worship Center. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit Red-CrossBlood.org and enter SHERBURNMN to schedule an appointment.

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9am Worship 10am Fellowship/Coffee Dennis</p> <p>29</p>	<p>Church office closed for Memorial Day</p> <p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>6:30pm Baccalaureate Service @ Covenant, Timont</p> <p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>11:00 am Gordy Preuss Funeral</p> <p>3</p>	<p>10:00am Robert Malo Funeral</p> <p>4</p>
<p>9am Worship With Communion 10am Fellowship/Coffee Honor Graduates Brian</p> <p>5</p>	<p>9-11am Prek-Kindergarten VBS 11:30am Friendship Club meet at Still in Dunneil</p> <p>6</p>	<p>9-11am Prek-Kindergarten VBS</p> <p>6</p>	<p>9-11am Prek-Kindergarten VBS 2pm LWMML 6:30pm Praise Team</p> <p>8</p>	<p>9-11am Prek-Kindergarten VBS District Convention</p> <p>9</p>	<p>9-11am Prek-Kindergarten VBS District Convention</p> <p>10</p>	<p>District Convention</p> <p>11</p>
<p>9am Worship 10am Fellowship/Coffee VBS Sings Guy</p> <p>12</p>	<p>10am Temp Lake Ridge Service</p> <p>13</p>	<p>8:30am Coffee Hour</p> <p>14</p>	<p>6:30pm Praise Team</p> <p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>Sherburn Holiday Festival</p> <p>18</p>
<p>9am Worship With Communion 10am Fellowship/Coffee Jannie</p> <p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>8:30am Coffee Hour</p> <p>21</p>	<p>6:30pm Praise Team</p> <p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p>24</p>	<p>Swanson Wedding </p> <p>25</p>
<p>9am Blended Service Worship 10am Fellowship/Coffee 10am Youth Advisory NYG Commissioning Kent</p> <p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>8:30am Coffee Hour</p> <p>28</p>	<p>6pm Youth/Parent Meeting 6:30pm Praise Team</p> <p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>

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The Lutheran Hour

Radio Broadcast: KSUM, Fairmont 1370 AM—Sundays @ 11:00 a.m.

June 5: **"A Place in the Choir"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's world is like a big, beautiful choir in which everyone has a place and a part to sing.
(Colossians 1:15-20)

June 12: **"God Comes with a Community"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Acts 2:38-39)

June 19: **"What's on Your Playlist?"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Ecclesiastes 3:11)

June 26: **"TBD"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler