



# Zion Lutheran Church

# Newsletter

July 2022



## Faith and the Declaration of Independence

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776, the founding fathers of our nation signed the Declaration of Independence. This action was a bold move on their part and put their lives at risk, for the British government would now consider them treasonous enemies of the state. Nevertheless, they went ahead and signed the Declaration, and the United States of America was born. There would be a lot of fighting and wrangling still to come, but the moment of July 4<sup>th</sup> was special.

Legal scholars throughout the world recognize the Declaration of Independence as a unique document in history. Not so much because the American Colonies were declaring their freedom from Great Britain, but specifically in what the Declaration says regarding the rights of a human being: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." These lines of the Declaration shine like the sun at noonday. They are the brightest and best words written by any government on the face of the earth. Everyone needs to have them committed to memory, for they are worth repeating again and again. They are what makes our country stand out from the rest. They are the heart of what makes the United States of America the great place that it is. Should we ever falter from these words, my guess is we will falter as a nation.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." I think these words were inspired by the Bible, and more specifically, by the Gospel. No country on earth has ever treated all people as they were equal, but Christ taught us in the Gospel that this is so (John 3:16), and the Apostle Paul has also written of this (Romans 10:12; Galatians 3:28). We are all made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27) and have been endowed by God with His Spirit in Holy Baptism (Matthew 28:19). We all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2). You may remember how Christ first appeared to Mary Magdalene after he was raised from the dead (John 20:11-18).

These things are important to recall when we compare ourselves to others and think that somehow, we are better than others or that they are less than us. What a terrible thing to think about other people. The British and many other ancient cultures and nations before them were victims to the mentality of a class and/or caste society, with the haves and the have nots and so on. Proverbs 22:2 says, "The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the Maker of them all." What the Declaration of Independence does is give everyone in our society the opportunity to succeed.

Not only does the Declaration agree with the Bible that all people are created equal, but that we are endowed



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by our Creator with certain unalienable rights, that is, we all have certain, basic rights given to us freely by God that we may exercise in life and society. These rights are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. How awesome! The Declaration is a pro-Life document. It is also pro-Liberty and pro-Happiness. Think of It! The Declaration is saying that these are rights given to us by God. And it is true. We could literally write pages and pages about these truths, and preach sermon upon sermon in expounding what a great gift and blessing we have in God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier!

I hope we can appreciate the profound statement of faith the Declaration of Independence is. I hope and pray that we all will hold these truths to be self-evident and live in them as light shining from God.

A blessed Fourth of July to you all!

Pastor Hinckley and family



**ON THE FREEDOM OF A CHRISTIAN**

“I need only to let faith in all its freedom exercise its power and dominion. Indeed, this is the priceless power and freedom of the Christian.”

—Martin Luther



The 62<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) South Dakota District was held June 3 and 4, 2022 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton, SD. Here we celebrated 50 years of The Puppet Place at the South Dakota State Fair with a puppet show by Pastor Andrew Utecht and family while also celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> year of being Lutheran Women in Mission. Over 240 attendees from across the state met under the theme "Walk in Love" based on the Bible verse *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God* (Ephesians 4:32–5:2).

Jan Wendorf, 16<sup>th</sup> president (2007–2011) of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, was the Keynote Speaker. Greetings from LWML were given by Marie Chow, LWML Vice President of Organizational Resources. Our humorous interrupter was Katy Gifford, past LWML Nebraska South District President, from Wheaton, MN.

Convention Offerings: 2022–2024 Mission Grant Goal — \$3,166.49 and The Puppet Place — \$2,875.91

Those attending the convention participated in the following Servant Events: tied 31 fleece blankets for the Orphan Grain Train; collected 692 pairs of eyeglasses for the Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries and 80 witness bracelets. Finger puppets (456) and Cross in my Pocket (212) were made for The Puppet Place at the SD State Fair. Gifts from the Heart: River City Crisis Center received \$885 for meal coupons and 1,527 donated items and \$775 was collected for ZoeCare; both organizations are in Yankton, SD.

Delegates selected 12 mission grants totaling \$55,000, to be funded during the 2022–2024 biennium:

- Black Hills Pregnancy Center Earn While you Learn Program, Rapid City, SD — \$5,000
- Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN Food and Clothing Coop — \$5,000
- Feeding Haitian Children Physically and Spiritually — \$5,000
- International Students Making Jesus Known to the World, Concordia Seminary — \$5,000
- Faith Lutheran Daycare and Preschool Playground Area Upgrade — \$5,000
- Luther's Small Catechism for African Missions, LHF — \$5,000
- Mozambique Sewing Project, LCMS International Mission Africa Region — \$5,000
- Faith and Hope Center, Siberia LCMS Office of International Mission Eurasia Region — \$5,000
- Spanish Braille Bibles for Central and South America, LBW — \$5,000
- Soldiers of the Cross, LCMS — \$5,000
- Jesus Door 2 Door — \$1,000
- Teachers to the World, MOST Ministries — \$4,000 (partial)

Officers elected to four-year terms were:  
 Heather Miller, Sioux Falls, SD - Vice President of Communication  
 Dianne Hemminger, Spearfish, SD - Vice President of Special Focus Ministries  
 Luann Zuercher, Pierre, SD - Secretary  
 Paula Warren, Rapid City, SD – Financial Secretary  
 Rev. Brian Mosemann, Menno, SD - Pastoral Counselor  
 Susan Swanson, Pukwana, SD - Nominating Committee, chairman  
 Nyla Jurrens, White, SD - Nominating Committee  
 Patti Greenseth, Murdo, SD - Nominating Committee

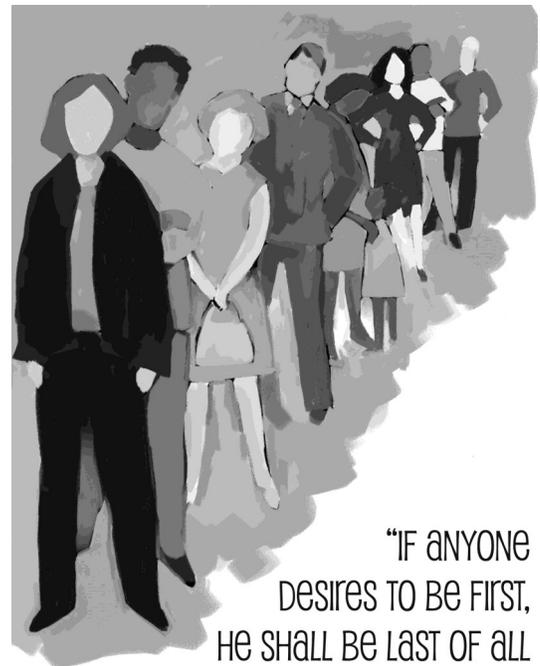
Hope Lutter and Susan Swanson from Chamberlain were among those attending. Jessica Smith attended as a Young Woman Representative.

Serving Him with you,

*Patty Peters*

LWML SD District President 2020–2024

*To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God* (Micah 6:8).



"IF ANYONE  
 DESIRES TO BE FIRST,  
 HE SHALL BE LAST OF ALL  
 AND SERVANT OF ALL."

MARK 9:35, NKJV





Our Zion Lutherans Delegates at the 2022 South Dakota Convention enjoying the Friendship Walk together!



Thoughts From Our First Time Delegates:

Hope Lutter: "I gained a much better understanding of the process of choosing the mission grants for the biennial. I met many women with a passion for serving. I connected with a few encouraging women as the genuine love of God out-poured from them. Thank you for the experience of being a delegate."

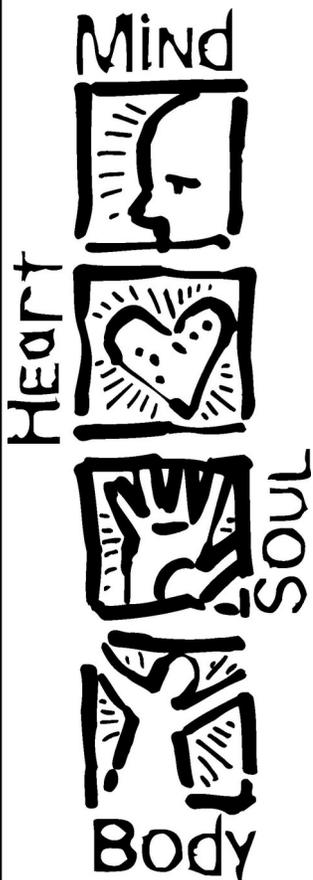
There were many speeches with some practical, some informative, and some humorous. The one I want to share most with our group is Rev. Andrew Utecht's message. He thanked us for our willingness to work at the Puppet Place outreach at the fair and our willingness to help his Rosebud ministries by providing cookies or helping with children's programs. However, he challenged us to serve and love those in our communities not just one week at the fair or during an outreach service project. In our communities, we have people thirsting for the gospel and love of Christ just like the ones he ministers to everyday he reminds. He wants us to seek them out and love them where we are."

Jessica Smith: "As a Young Women Representative (YWR) to the LWML convention to Yankton this year, I was able to be a part of not only different ministry opportunities, but also got to tour some places in Yankton which are working to further the Gospel. We were able to go to the Zoe Care facility; they work with young men and women dealing with an unplanned pregnancy. The amount of resources and options they had were astounding but I was more impressed with their dedication to prayer for the people walking through their doors. I am extremely amazed to see how they were not only concerned about the physical needs of their patients but also making sure they were connecting with them and creating relationships and backing them by prayer."

I also really appreciated being able to be part of this convention and worshiping together with so many other women. It was very encouraging to see so many people living their faith and being dedicated to ministry as that group was. Thank you all for letting me part of this event, it was amazing to learn more of how the women of the LCMS are sharing the Gospel!"

Reverend Andrew Utecht juggles during the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Puppet Place. Rev. Utecht is a faithful servant of the Lord who serves the people of the Rosebud Indian Reservation, and shares the Gospel of the Savior Jesus Christ with kids ( and women) of all ages.





**FORGIVE**

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**Mental Health Minute: Forgiveness as a continual state of mind**

Do you need the peace of the Lord that is found through forgiving someone in your life? Perhaps you’ve been betrayed or you were bullied in school, or falsely accused of wrongdoing? Or perhaps you’ve been traumatized by physical or emotional abuse and you just can’t let go of your feelings of bitterness and anger.

But if you don't practice forgiveness, you are the one who suffers most. The person who caused you harm may have no idea that you are still suffering. Your feelings are not hurting them, but they are hurting you. By exemplifying forgiveness, you embrace a new you. A rebirth of peace, hope, gratitude and joy in your life. According to the Mayo Clinic in an article entitled, “Forgiveness: Letting go of grudges and bitterness,” forgiveness can lead to increased physical health (lower blood pressure, a stronger immune system and heart) and mental health. Mental health benefits from forgiveness include: decrease in the symptoms of depression, anxiety, and anger.

**What is forgiveness?** Forgiveness is not losing all memory of the incident, rather it is a choice to not remember the wrong. It is letting go of the feelings of bitterness and revenge that may plague you. If you struggle with the ability to forgive, you can talk to a pastor, a friend, or reach out to Lutheran Family Services, a LCMS funded ministry that deals with mental health issues just like this at: (605)271-1081. Their motto is “We walk with those who are experiencing hard times and are here for them, just as God has been there for us.”

**Something to Mediate On:** “Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 5:31-32

**What Can You Do Today To Help Your Mental Health In Just A Minute?**

Write Down Three Things That Went Well Today

Look at the Funny Pages

Phone A Friend

Smell A Flower / Take A Walk Around Your Garden

Thank Someone

## THE MCCREADYS

ZACH AND KELLI BOTH GREW UP IN WINNER, SD. THEY CROSSED EACH OTHER'S PATHS ONE DAY WHILE WALKING TO THEIR CLASSES AT SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY! THEY ENJOY CAMPING, FISHING AND THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

A FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE:



## THE LAURITSENS

MIKE AND JEN LAURITSEN MET IN KINDERGARTEN IN MITCHELL. THEY HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER ALMOST THEIR WHOLE LIVES AND HAVE BEEN TOGETHER LONGER THAN THEY HAVE BEEN APART. THEY ARE REALLY ENJOYING THEIR MOVE TO CHAMBERLAIN. THEY SAY, "CHAMBERLAIN HAS BEEN A VERY WELCOMING COMMUNITY AND VERY WARM. WE ARE SO HAPPY TO BE HERE AND TO BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY." JEN RECENTLY OPENED A BOUTIQUE, WITH A PARTNER, AND THEIR STORE IS CALLED BFF'S WHICH STANDS FOR BEAUTY, FAITH, FASHION, SURVIVORS. BFF'S IS LOCATED ON MAIN STREET IN CHAMBERLAIN.

A FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE:

**← BE STRONG →**  
*and*  
**→ COURAGEOUS →**  
 Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,  
*for the Lord your God*  
*will be with you wherever*  
*you go*  
*Isaiah 41*

### Meatballs

- 2 lbs hamburger
  - 1/2 cup diced onion
  - 1 sleeve of saltine crackers, crushed
  - Grated American cheese
  - 1 egg
  - Salt and pepper
  - 2 cans golden mushroom soup
  - 1 can cream of mushroom soup
  - 1 can cream of chicken soup
- Mix together hamburger, onion, crackers, cheese, egg and salt and pepper. Roll into balls and then brown in butter. Add soups and continue to cook on low-medium. Can even be placed in oven to finish cooking!

A McCready family favorite!



... fear not,  
*for I am with you;*  
 be not dismayed,  
*for I am your God;*  
 I will strengthen you,  
 I will help you,  
 I will uphold you  
 with my righteous right hand.  
 Isaiah 41:10



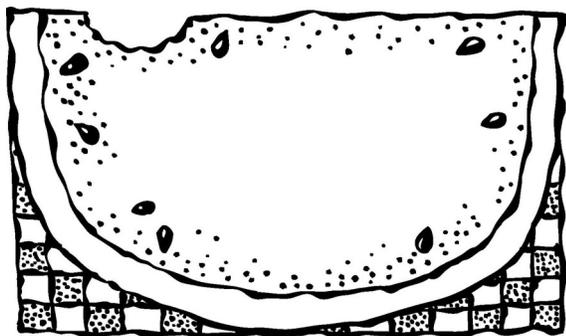
**YOUTH GROUP  
PICNIC AT  
AMERICAN CREEK  
CAMPGROUND**

Pavilion Shelter #1

The Lutters will provide waters, meat for burgers and hot dogs. Please bring salads or sides!

See you at 5:30 on  
July 17!

**PLEASE RSVP WITH JESSICA SMITH**



**Save the Date!  
VBS is BACK!**

When: July 25-28  
4pm-6pm

With a family gathering at 6pm on The 28th.

Where: Zion Lutheran Church- Chamberlain

Who: Pre-K (Age 4) - 4th Grade

Please Bring a Friend! Open to the Public!

Registration will open July 1st and end July 15th.

Please Register at: [https://  
www.myvbs.org/  
zionchamberlain/](https://www.myvbs.org/zionchamberlain/)



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 8, 2022

The June meeting of the Zion Lutheran Church Council was held in the fellowship hall Wednesday, June 8, 2022. In addition to Pastor Hinckley, council members attending were Darrel DuVall, Marsha Houska, Rocky Knippling, Robert Lulf, Rick Hargens, Todd Van Den Bosch, Kurt Kelsey, Joe Swanson, Kenny Knutson and Garrett Chilson. Guests in attendance were Pastor Scott Sailor and Wanda Pritzel. Wanda is from Lutheran Family Services and attended via zoom. The meeting was called to order by Rocky Knippling at 8 PM with Pastor Sailor opening the meeting with prayer. Rocky welcomed Pastor Sailor and Wanda to the meeting.

The council minutes from the May 11, 2022 meeting were provided by Secretary Marsha Houska and read individually. Darrell DuVall made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a correction of a name spelling. The motion was seconded by Robert Lulf. Motion carried.

The treasurer’s report was provided by Treasurer Todd Van Den Bosch.

**General Fund:**

Beginning balance \$47,884.84  
 Ending balance \$43,356.34 (\$6,915 TXFR to Thrivent Choice)

**Special Funds:**

Memorial \$15,046.78  
 Thrivent Choice \$26,067.97  
 Thrivent Invest \$18,594.76 no chg until Q2  
 Building \$366.40  
 Youth Acct \$6,172.53

**Outstanding bills:**

CPH \$337.25 POP  
 Capital Florist \$145.85 funeral flowers  
 CPH \$195.80 POP  
 Crossroads \$137.34 altar care  
 ABC, LLC \$100  
 Office Products \$89.98  
 North Star Ins. \$1,373.25 quarterly pymt  
 Variety Inc. \$212.78  
 NWE \$463.25  
 NWE \$63.62  
 NWE \$82.53  
 Midstate Comm. \$93.33  
 Marsha Houska \$808.93 (Retirement reception-food, gift, flowers, cakes)

**Bills Paid:**

NWE \$737.80  
 Office Products \$536.48 copier lease  
 Olson Pest Control \$244.95  
 Picket Fence \$364.44 altar care  
 Robert Hinckley \$4,567.58  
 Susan Swanson \$1,006.61  
 USA Tax pymt \$166.76  
 Vanco charges \$36.50  
 ABC, LLC \$100  
 Burke Oil \$251.11  
 Chamberlain Variety \$127.77  
 Concordia Plan Serv. \$3,354.06  
 Crossroads Book \$137.34  
 Great Western Bank \$9.00  
 Great Western Bank \$232 move from Thrivent choice to youth group  
 Jim Pullen \$106  
 Joe Howlett \$361 worship, guest speaker  
 Karen Ristau \$375  
 Lindy Hinckley \$461.75

\$10 petty cash will be given to church secretary.  
 Approved automatic withdrawal for Concordia Plan Services for once a month.

Motion to approve the treasurer’s report and pay outstanding bills as presented was made by Darrel DuVall and seconded by Kurt Kelsey. Motion carried.

Pastor Scott Sailor and Wanda Pritzel (attending via zoom) gave presentations on Lutheran Family Services (LFS) which is based out of Iowa and is now branching into SD. LFS is requesting Zion to provide a space for LFS counselors to meet with patients in private. The counselor will have approximately 18-20 clients per week and some meetings will be held via zoom. Two counselors added for SD are Pastor Dave Gunderson, PLMFT and Lindy Hinckley, PLMFT. LFS in the future will co-host a web based support group for pastors’ wives.

**Pastor’s/Elders’ Report:**

Holding pre-marriage counseling  
 Thanked all for help, meals following his surgery  
 Pastor Mick Wolfram will be here to preach & tell us about Lutheran Family Services June 11-12  
 Will attend continuing ed in St. Paul ,MN June 27-29 on Genesis 37-50  
 Will be gone July 2-3 to attend niece’s wedding in Sioux Falls;  
 Pastor Joseph Howlett will fill in  
 Baptisms held June 4<sup>th</sup> for Sawyer & Colter Taecker, sons of Andrew & Tosha (Schmeidt) Taecker  
 June 14<sup>th</sup> Circuit Pastors’ meeting in Pierre, presenting on Exegetical study

**Trustees’ Report:**

Replaced thermostat on refrigerator  
 Air conditioner for fellowship hall not fixed yet  
 Kenny Knutson sprayed weeds.

**LWML Report:** no report

**Old Business:**

Lindy and Pastor to pick out color of flooring for sunroom CASA- will discuss next meeting

The retirement reception held for Susan was very nice, well attended and much appreciated by Susan and her family. Thank you to Marsha and everyone who helped.

VBS will be held end of July-no dates set yet-Food Truck Themed; Lindsay Chilson in charge

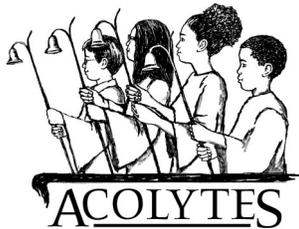
**New Business:**

Lutheran Family Services-discussion tabled to next meeting

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 with elders meeting at 7 PM and council meeting at 8 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Rick Hargens and seconded by Kenny Knutson. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM, closing with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Houska, Church Council Secretary  
(These minutes are unofficial and will be presented to the church council for approval at the next meeting.)



**July Acolyte Schedule**

<b>July 2</b>	<b>Henry Swanson</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>July 3</b>	<b>Jovie Van Den Bosch</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>July 9</b>	<b>Kruse Brennan</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>July 10</b>	<b>Addelynn Hickey</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>July 16</b>	<b>Clara Lutter</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>July 17</b>	<b>Jade Ristau</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>July 23</b>	<b>Lucy Swanson</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>July 24</b>	<b>Kaden Thompson</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>July 30</b>	<b>Brylee Brennan</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>July 31</b>	<b>Leo Swanson</b>	<b>Sunday</b>



**The Garden of Your Marriage: A Marriage Workshop**

By Pastor and Lindy Hinckley

Join us for 8 evenings of music, dessert, and Biblical applications to your marriage or dating life!

Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 6

Genesis 1: The Days of Creation

Tuesday, September 13

Genesis 2: The Garden

Tuesday, September 20

“It Is Not Good For Man To Be Alone”

Tuesday, September 27

The Wilderness: The Fall and Its Consequences

Tuesday, October 4

Into the Wilderness: The Trials of Marriage

Tuesday, October 11

Planting a Garden: Spiritually and Physically

Tuesday, October 18

The Eternal Garden

Tuesday, October 25

Dinner and Date Night



Lutherans  
For Life

South Dakota is now abortion free. The Plains state has become the second in the nation to not have any operating abortion centers as the last abortion business, run by Planned Parenthood in Sioux Falls, has stopped killing babies in abortions.

South Dakota follows Oklahoma as the second abortion free state in America after its Governor Kevin Stitt signed a Texas-style bill banning abortions starting at conception with a private enforcement mechanism. Texas was the first state to ban abortions but its abortion ban starts when the heartbeat of the unborn baby is detectable, at approximately six weeks, so not all abortions are banned.

And in some other states, legal abortion has become much more scarce. In Idaho there were four clinics, but Planned Parenthood in Boise closed June 1. At another, Compassionate Abortion Care in Boise, the only doctor is set to take a summer vacation, and staff members are telling patients that abortion may not be legal by the time he returns. A third is offering only medication abortion.

This isn't the first time the Planned Parenthood abortion center in Sioux Falls has shut down, as it temporarily closed during COVID in 2020 and the state saw a record low abortion total that year as a result.

There were just 125 abortions reported in South Dakota in 2020, a drop of 70 percent from 2019 and a record low in the state. Chemical abortions fell by 65 percent, making up 39 percent of all abortions in the state.

Earlier this year, South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem signed into law a pro-life bill that bans mail-order abortions.

The new law would require abortion facilities to provide direct medical supervision to mothers when they take abortion drugs to abort their unborn babies and prevents the sales of such drugs by mail that kill babies and kill or injure mothers as well.

Gov. Kristi Noem, a pro-life Republican, proposed the legislation after Joe Biden's administration got rid of safety regulations for the abortion drug mifepristone late last year and began allowing abortion businesses to sell it through the mail. After proposing legislation to restore the pro-life rule, the South Dakota legislature approved it.

"The two bills that I am signing today are crucial, because they are also protections for mothers," Noem wrote in a statement. "We must remember that abortion has two victims: both the unborn child who loses their life and the mother who must go through the physical and emotional trauma of the procedure."

The new law requires abortion facilities to provide the abortion drug mifepristone and a second drug, misoprostol, which is taken a day or two later to induce labor, to women in person by a doctor at an abortion facility.

Typically, abortion facilities give the first drug, mifepristone, to the woman in person and then send her home with the second drug, misoprostol, to take a day or two later. However, some now are selling the drugs through the mail without ever even seeing the woman.

The FDA has linked the abortion drug to at least 24 women's deaths and 4,000 serious complications between 2000 and 2018. However, under President Barack Obama, the FDA stopped requiring that non-fatal complications from mifepristone be reported. So the numbers almost certainly are much higher.

New data and studies suggest the risks of the abortion drug are much more common than what abortion activists often claim, with as many as one in 17 requiring hospital treatment. Another study by the Charlotte Lozier Institute found that the rate of abortion-related emergency room visits by women taking the abortion drug increased more than 500 percent between 2002 and 2015.

## New Testament Standard Giving

### LCMS Stewardship Article

Whenever the topic of stewardship and giving comes up, the conversation inevitably turns to the question: “How much should I give?” Answers will vary because the motive behind such questions vary also.

Sometimes the motive behind asking this question is for self-justification. Even though as Lutherans, we know that we are not saved by our works but by grace through faith because of Jesus’ substitutionary atonement. Yet the natural religion of fallen man is to earn God’s favor by what we do.

Take for example the response of our Lord to the rich young ruler who asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus first tells him to keep the commandments. The rich young ruler responds by indicating that all this he has kept from his youth. But Jesus tells him that he lacks one thing: He must sell all that he has and give it to the poor and then follow him. This rich, young ruler went away sad because he was quite wealthy and could not part with his possessions.

Here we see that those who seek to justify themselves by their giving will hear a response that intensifies the duty that God places upon them. Indeed, they will hear a response that makes it impossible to win God’s favor by their works.

But to those who genuinely desire to know what their duty is, as Christians, in the arena of giving, we look to the Bible for our answer. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. And we know that the Word of God has been “breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16–17).

So, we begin to answer the question, “What should I give?” with the question, “What does the Bible say about how much we should give and to whom?”

The Old Testament is explicit. The expectation is that the people of God would give a tithe, that is 10 percent, of the first fruits of their labor to support the full-time ministry of the Levites. This is what the Lord gave Moses to teach the people:

“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn

of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

“At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.” (Deuteronomy 14:22–29)

This principle of tithing is carried over into the New Testament, though not explicitly by calling it a tithe. St. Paul teaches the Church at Corinth this: We are to give to the church regularly (1 Cor. 16:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (1 Cor. 16:1–2; Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23). And all of this is because the “Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living by the Gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14), just as the Levites did.

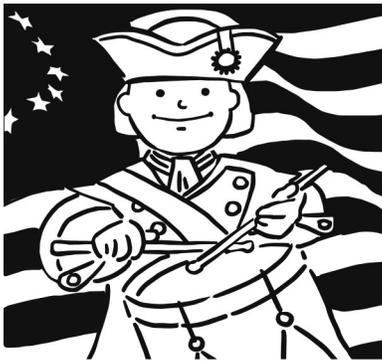
This our New Testament standard. Since Christ became poor for us in order to make us rich in Him – blessing us with the riches of heaven – so we also have been so blessed to follow the example of our Lord and Savior and give of ourselves and the work of our hands to bless others with the same.

If we have been lax in this, let us – like our Lord, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross and scorned its shame – likewise begin to work toward this goal of regular giving of a generous proportion of the first fruits of God’s giving to us. And let us do so not begrudgingly, but for the joy set before us—with a spirit of eagerness, cheerfulness, and love—to share the blessings of God with those placed into our care.



NOW THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, AND WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS , THERE IS LIBERTY.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17



Happy 4th of July!

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR COUNTRY?

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

1. What Scripture is inscribed on the Liberty Bell?
2. What President only ever weighed 100 lbs?
3. Whose name takes up 6 square inches on the Declaration of Independence ?
4. What country gifted the United States the Statue of Liberty?
5. Which two presidents died on the 50th Anniversary of American Independence, July 4, 1826?
6. Was George Washington's famous hairdo a wig or his actual hair?

For answers, look at top of page 14.

Color Me!





**Birthdays**

- July 1 Jerry Keiner  
Jim Ristau
- July 3 Harper DeHaai
- July 4 Lyle DeHaih
- July 5 Garret Ristau  
Gunner Ristau
- July 6 Ryder Bunnell
- July 7 Kaitlynn Smith
- July 10 Cindy Peterson  
Jill Swanson
- July 13 Lucy Swanson
- July 15 Brady Bunker  
Galen Swanson
- July 17 Lee DeHaai
- July 18 DeLaus Creamer  
Pamela Reis
- July 22 Rocky Knippling  
John Swanson
- July 24 Brandly Kenobbie
- July 26 Sutton Grussing
- July 27 Otto Hickey
- July 28 Belinda Holscher  
Jeanette Nelson

- July 28 Gunner Oleson  
Emily Sheperd
- July 29 Abigail Hough  
Alison Hough
- July 31 Jack Hieb

**Baptism Birthdays**

- July 4 Jackson Lacek  
Jameson Lacek
- July 5 Bruce Dobberstein  
Mindy Cleland
- July 5 Daniel Goodman  
Delaney Peterson
- July 7 Susan Swanson  
Bridgette  
Thompson
- July 11 Lois Bode  
Jamie De Haai
- July 12 Jeffrey Bode  
Richard Houska
- July 13 Charles Busack
- July 14 Lee Brownell
- July 15 Darrel DuVall
- July 17 Cora Lutter  
Molly Odens  
William Randall  
James Ristau  
Leo Swanson
- July 18 Connor Powell
- July 19 Rick Hargens
- July 20 Jenna Hieb
- July 21 Lucas Bunker
- July 22 Gracie Swanson
- July 24 Brandi  
Christensen

- July 24 Greg Olson
- July 27 Galen Swanson
- July 30 Gunner Olesen

**Anniversaries**

- July 12 Lyle and Lorna  
DeHaih
- July 13 Scott and  
Cynthia Walker
- July 16 Kurt and Rachel  
Kelsey
- July 23 Jim and Karen  
Ristau
- July 25 Lee and Tina  
DeHaai
- July 28 David and Linda  
Thompson
- July 30 Richard and Kim  
Swanson



**Answers to Trivia on Page 12**

1. What Scripture is Inscribed on the Liberty Bell? **The bell is inscribed with Leviticus 25:10, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."**
2. What President only ever weighed 100 lbs? **James Madison**
3. Whose name takes up 6 square inches on the Declaration of Independence ? **John Hancock**
4. What country gifted the United States the Statue of Liberty? **France**
5. Which two presidents died on the 50th Anniversary of American Independence, July 4, 1826?  
**John Adams and Thomas Jefferson**
6. Was George Washington's famous hairdo a wig or his actual hair? **His actual hair!**



**Thanks  
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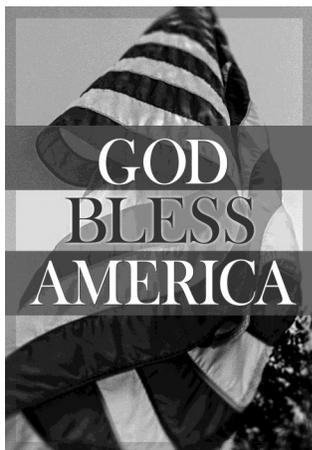




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