



THE STAFF

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

June 2017

Pastor's Message-

ON CALLING GOD "DADDY"

"Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray" is the introduction to the Lord's Prayer in our liturgy, calling attention to the fact that the words "Our Father" are the common translation for the Hebrew word *Abba*, which means "Daddy." Recently, our Confirmation class had a discussion about what it might mean to think about calling God "Daddy." While we know that God is neither a "he" nor a "she," and while we know that calling God "Father" (or "Mother," for that matter) is but a faint reflection of what our human parents are like, it's interesting to think about what comes up when we compare our heavenly Daddy to our human one.

Was/is your Daddy a disciplinarian? Mentor? Guide? *What does it feel like to think of God playing those roles in your life?* Did your Daddy teach you how to drive? Take splinters out of your fingers? Play touch football with you? *How might God be as close to you as that?* Did your Daddy show you how to use a hammer without hitting your thumb? Read to you? Tuck you in at night? Especially for those of us who are adults, *can we imagine God being that tender?*

None of us had a perfect human Daddy (and to be honest, none of us were perfect children, either!), but all of us have a perfect heavenly one. On Father's Day, when we celebrate all the ways we love our Daddys and our Daddys love us, we can also imagine that our Daddy in heaven wants to be even more involved, close, and tender as our human ones.

Thanks be to our Daddy!

Pastor Daphne †

New England Synod Assembly
June 10 – 11
Mass Mutual Conference Center
Springfield, MA



The theme for the Assembly, "Get Off Your Donkey...Be a Leader!" is based on the parable of the Good Samaritan, and Assembly participants will be invited to explore the meaning of leadership in the church today. Pastor Daphne will be recognized for 30 years of ministry at 4:30 on Friday, and Lisa Martinell will graduate from the Lay School of Ministry at 10:00 am Saturday morning!

Council members Sue Hartley (Friday) and Paul O'Braonain (Saturday) will be our voting representatives. Any member can attend as a non-voting visitor for \$20, which includes all worship and workshops.

Pentecost Sunday
 Coffee Hour
 June 4th

Please join us for a special celebration to Pentecost Sunday with special treats after our church service.

Summer Worship
 Schedule

7/2/17 - 9/3/17

Holy Communion
 9:30am

Upcoming Events

- 6/4 Council Installation
- 6/9-6/10 Synod Assembly
- 6/22 Council Meeting
- 6/25 Voters' Meeting

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*Members of Good Shepherd who are homebound
Family and friends whom we name in our hearts
Military personnel
Pray for the mission of the church*

The next edition of The STAFF will cover July and August.
Please plan your articles accordingly.

Food Banks-

Please remember non-perishable food donations to our local food banks especially in the upcoming summer months.



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Thank you!

We couldn't do it without you!

Thanks to: Sue Hartley for organizing the collection for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits during Lent, and then for assembling them in time for the collection on May 17; Jim Learned, John Downs and Sue Hartley for helping with loading quilt and care kit boxes into the van, as well as for providing snacks and coffee; Jonathan Goodrich and his family for keeping the church and fellowship hall clean; Starr O'Connor, Chuddy Watson, Ken Watson, Liane Moreland and Lisa Martinell for setting up the altar, changing paraments and cleaning the communion vessels; Chuddy Watson for baking the communion bread; John Downs, Jim Learned, Ken Watson, Lisa Martinell, Sue Hartley, Jonathan Goodrich, Leo Goodrich, and Leonard Lye for ushering; Reggie Chang, Linda Kapitan, Ken Watson, Barbara Kuslan and Lisa Ball-Goodrich for reading the Scripture lessons; John Downs, Paul O'Braonain, Jonathan Goodrich, Linda Kapitan, Sue Hartley, Ken Watson, Lisa Martinell and Lisa Ball-Goodrich for serving as assisting ministers; Nicholas Papa, Anthony Papa, Emma Ingerson, Liz Ingerson, Jonathan Olson and Aoife Weischedel for serving as acolytes; Caroline Henry for providing wonderful music; Marylou Knoob, Chuddy Watson, and Linda Kapitan for singing in the choir; Lisa Martinell for making coffee most Sunday mornings; Ruth Podgwaite, and Jim Learned for clean uping after fellowship most Sunday mornings, Brenda Samal, Lisa Martinell, John Downs, Barbara Kuslan, Trish Rowold, Sue Hartley, and Reggie Chang (*in absentia*) for participating in the book club; Barbara Kuslan for hosting the Reconciling in Christ Committee meeting; Paul O'Braonain for serving as transportation for Aoife Weischedel and advisor to the committee; Brenda Samal for publishing the newsletter in print and online, and for printing the bulletin inserts; Sarah DeLong, Brianne and Anthony Papa, Gary Olson, Suzanne Boor and Paul O'Braonain for their commitment to getting our Confirmation students to class; Anthony Papa,

Emily Olson, Jonathan Olson, Aoife Weischedel, Liz Ingerson and Emma Ingerson for being the most awesome confirmation group ever; Nicholas Papa, Sophia Papa and Aliya laFave for their enthusiasm in Sunday School and Brianne Papa for her creativity in teaching; Jim Learned for checking on the church every day, mowing the lawn, fixing the bathroom faucet in the parsonage, cleaning out the gutters and generally keeping everything working; and of course to *God* for giving us all the heart and the spirit to be here in the first place!

Summer Lectionary Readings

The Narrative Lectionary cycle of readings ends on Pentecost, and a variety of options are presented to preachers for the summer. For those who would like to read the texts beforehand, the Sunday readings this summer will be:

Ephesians (4 weeks)

6/18/2017: Ephesians 1:1-14

6/25/2017: Ephesians 2:11-22

7/2/2017: Ephesians 4:1-16

7/9/2017: Ephesians 6:10-20

Revelation (4 weeks)

7/16/2017: Revelation 4:1-11

7/23/2017: Revelation 5:1-13

7/30/2017: Revelation 6:1-8; 7:9-17

8/6/2017: Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-5

Sacraments (4 weeks):

8/13/2017: [Baptism] Psalm 46; Acts 2:37-42

8/20/2017: [Baptism] Psalm 84; Romans 6:1-11

8/27/2017: [Lord's Supper] Psalm 65; 1
Corinthians 11:17-34

9/3/2017: [Lord's Supper] 1 Sam 21:1-9
Matthew 12:1-8 or Mark 14:12-25

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries

5-Jeff & Cindy Lu Peterson	13 years
15-Carl & Christi Sharon	33 years
27-Christopher & Kristine Knoob	24 years
28-Thomas & Ann Mae Knoob	14 years

Birthdays

3-Nicholas Papa
 4-Barbara Aykroyd
 11-William Wakefield
 13-Holly Rosa
 14-Susan Landino
 18-Brianne Papa
 26-Caiya Strasheim
 27-Jason Barnes
 29-Paul Barnes



Baptisms

Kate Lyn Aykroyd, Justin Barnes,
 Gunnar Chapman, Jr., Christopher Costa
 Sara DeLong, Anna Olson, Kristin Rosa,
 Christopher Rowold, Alicia Samal,
 Aidan Weischedel



Sunday June 4 is Pentecost Sunday, when we read the story of the Holy Spirit descending upon the disciples like tongues of fire, inspiring them to talk about Jesus in the languages of the people in Jerusalem who had come from many nations to celebrate the Jewish Pentecost (or *Shavu'ot*, the Feast of Weeks). Pentecost is 50 days after Easter, just as *Shavu'ot* is 50 days after the first day of Pentecost, and the Jewish holiday also celebrates an important gift from God – in their cast, the gift of the law to Moses on Mt. Sinai.

Because the story in Acts tells us that each person in Jerusalem were “amazed and astonished”



Ingathering Quilt Day

Pastor Daphne, Jim Learned, John Downs and Sue Hartley came together on May 17th at church to collect the many donations for Lutheran World Relief.

There were a total of 126 boxes containing 328 quilts, 473 personal care kits, 117 school kits and 23 baby kits. We collected 30 more boxes than in 2016.

A wonderful young man named Michael from Pennsylvania, drove the truck to our church and helped us load all the supplies.

Pastor found a tracking device on the LWR website so we can see where all the donated quilts and kits have been delivered.

Thank you to all for making this another very successful In Gathering Quilt Day.

Sue Hartley
 Stewardship Chairman

because they heard the disciples “speaking in the native language of each,” on Pentecost Sunday members of the congregation volunteer to read the Gospel lesson from Acts in different languages as the reader reads in English from the microphone. The result is often that we hear a babel of languages around us, with our “native language” sounding the clearest. Special thanks to the following non-English readers: Starr O'Connor (French), Chuddy Watson (German), Caroline Henry (Italian), Paul O'Braonain (Irish) and Pastor Daphne (Spanish).

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

DATE	ACOLYTE	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	SECOND ASSISTANT	CANTOR	READER	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
6/4	Elizabeth Ingerson	John Downs	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	~	Reggie Chang	Goodrich family	Starr O'Connor
6/11	Emma Ingerson	Paul O'Braonain	Lisa Martinell	Paul O'Braonain	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	John Downs Lisa Martinell	Lisa Martinell
6/18	Jonathan Olson	Jonathan Goodrich	Ken Watson	~	Ken Watson	Ken Watson Leonard Lye	Chuddy Watson
6/25	Aoife Weischedel	Linda Kapitan	Sue Hartley	Paul O'Braonain	Linda Kapitan	Jim Learned Sue Hartley	Starr O'Connor
7/2 9:30am	Nicholas Papa	John Downs	LisaBall-Boodrich	~	Barbara Kuslan	Goodrich family	Lisa Martinell

*If you cannot serve on your appointed day, please find a substitute, and make the change on the master schedule. **Thank you for your service!***

Reconciling in Christ Committee

The Reconciling in Christ Committee met at Barbara Kuslan's apartment on Sunday, April 30. We reviewed the results of the congregational survey and spoke about the importance of "graceful engagement" as we move towards our goal of being a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Since the survey also showed that we had not asked our younger members their opinions about publicly welcoming GLBT people, Aoife Weischedel volunteered to speak with the members of the confirmation class. Her report is found on this page.



We are glad to be moving toward the creation of a Welcoming Statement to be discussed and voted upon at our next Voter's meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Committee members Barbara Kuslan, Aoife Weischedel or Pastor Daphne.

Our next meeting is on Sunday June 11 at 2:00 pm in Ashlar Village. Please let any of the Committee members know if you would like to join us!

Conversation with LCGS Youth

After looking at the information collected by the recent Reconciling in Christ surveys, we noted that one of the lowest points of data was concerning the youth of our church. In response, our committee decided to talk with the confirmation group to discuss how the youth view and if they would accept people of the LGBTQ community. There was an overall consensus, with everyone voicing a positive opinion and a desire to be part of an accepting church. We hope that this conversation and the new information can fill in some gaps as the church continues its journey to become more inclusive and welcoming as part of Reconciling in Christ.

Aoife Weischedel

To search for Reconciling in Christ congregations across the country, copy this link: <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/ric/?addressInput=>

Council Notes



Council met May 24. As part of opening devotions, we discussed chapter 3 of the proposed constitution. In reviewing April financial reports, expenses were slightly higher than receipts. Church electric was very high—possibly because of the sump pump working overtime with the rainy conditions. Lisa will prepare one-half year statements for the congregation after June. Confirmation classes have been going well and Sunday School will end on June 4. Pastor suggested having movie nights as part of fellowship. The mini-grant committee will be setting a meeting date soon. The parsonage committee met before the council meeting. (See article—Parsonage Considerations) Reconciling in Christ committee had a good first meeting. (Articles on page 5.) At the pastoral support meeting, pastor's salary was discussed. The housing allowance would have to be converted to a monetary compensation after she moves out of the parsonage. The June council meeting will be on **Thursday**, June 22. The Voters' meeting is June 25.

Silk 'n Sounds Concert
June 15 7:00 pm
Temple Beth Shalom
1809 Whitney Avenue, Hamden

All are invited to a concert given by Silk 'n Sounds, the women's barbershop chorus Pastor Daphne sings with. The music will feature old and new favorites such as "Embraceable You," "Sweet Georgia Brown," and "Sentimental Journey," and the concert will last about an hour.



Fellow Readers!

On May 17, we picked-
The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown.

We will be meeting to discuss this book on June 21st at 7:00pm at the parsonage.



Parsonage Considerations

As Pastor begins the next chapter in her life, we will also be beginning a new chapter. Pastor Daphne will be moving out of the Parsonage at the end of the summer. That leaves us with the question of how to best utilize that space. A committee is looking at what it would entail for us to rent out the Parsonage. We will be presenting our findings and recommendations to the congregation at the Voter's Meeting on June 25.

We wanted to query the congregation to see if there is anyone in our congregation or that may be known to members looking for housing at the end of the summer. If interested, please contact Linda Kapitan, 203-314-2687 or lkap16@cs.com.

We also were wondering if there would be anyone willing to be a contact for the renters.

Again, to rent the Parsonage has not been decided, however, it is not too early to begin to think about it and make inquiries.

Thank you for your support of our ministries.

Linda Kapitan
President

As called Christians responding to the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-20), we commit ourselves to nurturing the spiritual growth of our congregation by proclaiming the Gospel, bearing witness to God's saving grace, being stewards of the earth, and serving others, in our congregation, our community, and in all the world.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
MISSION STATEMENT**

Worship 10:30am

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship



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