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June



The ancient Romans started the tradition of June weddings because that was the month dedicated to the observance of Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage. There was also a very practical—and none too romantic—consideration, for this timing also ensured that should the bride become pregnant in the first months of marriage she would be recovered enough to help with the following year's harvest!

Though today we of course no longer worship Juno, and most of us do not help bring in the harvest, this old tradition of June weddings still endures in our culture thousands of years later, and many of us will be attending weddings this month. So, June is a good time for us to consider what Scripture teaches about marriage.

"To have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish; til death do us part."

With those beautiful, ancient vows, brides and grooms over the centuries have pledged

themselves to each other before God to life-long love for one another. What's the secret to a successful marriage? How can you keep your love for one another strong throughout your lives? There are three essential ingredients in God's formula for life-long love: *forgiveness; fidelity; and faith.*

The first ingredient for life-long love is *forgiveness:*

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs." (1 Corinthians 13:4-5)

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)

"This is how God showed His love for us: He sent His only-begotten Son into the world that we would have life through Him . . . beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also love one another." (1 John 4:9, 11)

The cross itself is a symbol of God's love for us and our love for one another. The vertical beam of the cross is like an arrow pointing down to earth, symbolizing how God so loved the world that He sent His only-begotten Son. The horizontal beam of the cross is like a bridge, symbolizing how Jesus' love for us bridges the gap between us caused by sin so that we can truly love and forgive one another.

"Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." (Ephesians 5:2)

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:12-13)

The first ingredient for life-long love: *forgiveness.*

The second ingredient for life-long love is *fidelity:*

"The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion suitable for him.'" (Genesis 2:18)

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man put asunder." (Matthew 19:5-6)



This engraving of Holy Matrimony is from an 1820 illustrated edition of the Book of Common Prayer.

The customary wedding rings symbolize fidelity, never failing love. Just as the circles of the wedding rings never end, so the love of husband and wife for one another and faithfulness to one another must never end.

"Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." (1 Corinthians 13:7-8)

The second ingredient for life-long love: *fidelity*.

The third ingredient for life-long love is *faith*:

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God." (1 John 4:7)

"We love because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

"As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)

"Now remain in My love." (John 15:9)

The third ingredient for life-long love: *faith*—together—in Jesus.

"To have and to hold from this day forward . . . to love and to cherish; til death do us part." What's the secret to a successful marriage? How can you keep your love for one another strong throughout your lives? Follow God's formula for life-long love: *forgiveness*;

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fidelity, and *faith*. *Forgiveness* for one another; *fidelity* to one another; and *faith*—together—in Jesus.

Pastor Kevin Vogts



Sermons Topics for June

June 3

*"Encounters with Jesus:
The Woman at the Well"*

John 4:5-26

June 10

*"Encounters with Jesus:
The Man Born Blind"*

John 9:1-38

June 17

*"Encounters with Jesus:
Mary, Martha, and Lazarus"*

John 11:1-53

June 24

"Don't You Care?"

Mark 4:35-41

Nursing
Home
Worship
Services



You are invited to help provide brief worship services for nursing home residents at Country Club Estates and Vintage Park on Sunday, June 17. The simple services are approximately 20 minutes in length. We begin at 1:30pm at Country Club Estates and then go to Vintage Park for the second service.

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Outdoor Worship & Picnic Potluck July 1

We will celebrate Independence Day at an outdoor Service in the Shelter House on Sunday, July 1, at the regular time of 10:00am. Pastor Vogts' message will be *"Render to God and Caesar"* based on Mark 12:13-17. The special order of worship will include a children's sermon and favorite patriotic songs.

Following the service there will be a potluck picnic lunch for those who wish to stay. Please bring a main dish, side dish or dessert. Drinks and table service will be provided. This is a great opportunity to invite family, neighbors, friends, and holiday visitors for worship! All invited—everyone welcome!

July Communion Change

Because of the outdoor Service in the Shelter House on July 1, Holy Communion in July will be celebrated on the second Sunday of the month, July 8, rather than the usual first Sunday of the month.



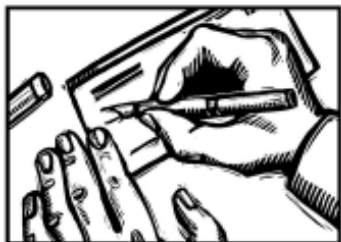
Work outside has been delayed somewhat due to the rains. Progress is continuing inside, and outside erection of the elevator shaft and framing of the floor for the ground level has begun.

The new ceiling tile for the Fellowship Hall downstairs and Gathering Room (former overflow and nursery areas) has arrived and installation should begin shortly. It was decided to use acoustic tile for the ceilings in these areas again rather than sheetrock because of sound issues. However, other areas that were tile, such as the South Lobby, will now be sheetrock.

A decision has also been made to replace the ductwork for the Sanctuary heating and cooling while the basement ceiling is open, because the existing ductwork was found to be greatly undersized.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding during construction!

BUILDING



Fund Pledges

Now that construction is underway we are making payments to the contractor. Fulfilling your pledge to the Building Fund as you are able would be appreciated. If you would like a reminder of your pledge amount contact Mike Oberheide.

If you did not make a pledge previously, or would like to increase your amount, additional donations are always welcome. Simply place in the offering plate marked "Building Fund."

Thank you to everyone whose generous donations are making this exciting project possible!

"And the people continued to bring freewill offerings . . . more than enough for doing the work on the sanctuary that the LORD had commanded to be done" (Exodus 36:3-5).



A lot more progress has been made on our Building Addition and Modernization Project since concrete was pumped on May 5 for the basement floor in the new addition. On the right on this level (the area in a shadow) will be the new stairs, elevator, and a lobby connecting to the Fellowship Hall. On the left (where the workers are standing) will be a new pantry, about the size of the existing kitchen, that will be connected directly to the kitchen by a new door cut thru the wall.



VBS June 11-15

Trinity is joining First Lutheran, Paola for Vacation Bible School this year. You are invited to come enjoy exploring the exciting river rafting adventure "Splash Canyon"! Packed with thrills and spills, learn God's promises to you on your wild ride through life.

Join the fun Monday thru Friday, June 11-15, from 9:00am to 11:45am. Held at First Lutheran Church, 401 East Piankishaw Street, Paola. Sign up now at vbsmate.com/firstlutheran-paola. Contact Michelle Haley for more information.

Thrivent Cards for Building Project

Do you have any unused Thrivent Action cards for 2018? There are many individual aspects of our Building Addition & Modernization Project to which these could be dedicated! Just a few examples are: new ceiling speakers for the church sound system in the overflow area; a small refrigerator for the snack service area; a television for the Heritage Room; new rugs for all entries; etc.

Thrivent requires a specific individual item for each card, and only one card per year total can be for any single item at our congregation, so they will probably not approve a general designation such as "Building Project." If you would like some ideas or help using this Thrivent benefit contact chairman Greg Windler or Pastor Vogts.



Join Block Walkers at Relay For Life June 8

The 25th anniversary Miami County Relay for Life will be Friday, June 8 from 6:00pm thru midnight at the Osawatomie High School track. This year's baseball related theme is "Strike Out Cancer."

Many have already signed up for our team online; the link is www.relayforlife.org. Thanks to everyone for your efforts and passion for this great cause. For more information contact Lori Schlegel.



Trinity Artworks Sought

Do you have any paintings, drawings, or other artwork depicting Trinity's old church, new church, school, cemetery, or grounds? It is all so picturesque that it has often been the subject of artists over the years.

We have several such artworks: a very large oil painting of the new church, cemetery, and school, that will hang above the fireplace in the new Heritage Room; a smaller oil painting of the old church; a reproduction of a beautiful oil

painting of the old church (pictured above), the original of which belonged to the late Vivian Wilson; and a lovely watercolor of the new church recently donated by Karen and Greg Windler. We also have the original architectural watercolor illustration of the new church that will be framed and put on display.

We would like to use such artworks as we redecorate the church when work is completed. If you have such an artwork, could you please let Pastor Vogts know? With today's technology it is possible to simply take several high resolution photos that can be "stitched together" by computer and printed on canvas to create a very high quality reproduction, nearly indistinguishable from the original. So you can keep your artwork, but let others enjoy it too!



"Encounters With Jesus" Sermon Series

During the current "Year B" of the three-year cycle of Scripture readings used in our worship the Gospel Readings are taken largely from Mark and John ("Year A" is Matthew, "Year C" is Luke). A unique feature of John's Gospel is extended fascinating accounts of encounters and conversations Jesus had with specific individuals, not included in the other Gospels.

In June we continue our sermon series "Encounters with Jesus," looking at four encounters our Lord had with such personalities in His earthly ministry: May 27, *Nicodemus* (John 3:1-18); June 3: *The Woman at the Well* (John 4:5-26); June 10: *The Man Born Blind* (John 9:1-38); June 17: *Mary, Martha, and Lazarus* (John 11:1-53).

If you miss a sermon in this series copies are available in a small literature rack in back of the church.



We are preparing a new church pictorial directory for our 150th Anniversary. If you haven't had your picture taken yet please contact Kyle Minden or Stacey Elkinton. Or, if you would like to submit your own photo, please have to us by June 1. If your photo is already in digital format, you can send it by email to Kyle at kminden@edtkc.com.



Save The Date For 150th Anniversary

In order to secure Kanas District President Peter Lange as our guest speaker we have changed the date of our 150th Anniversary Celebration to November 4, 2018. This also gives us an extra week to complete our construction project!

The schedule for the day is a Communion service at 10:00am, with a building dedication ceremony immediately following the service, similar to the recent groundbreaking ceremony. Everyone is invited to a catered Anniversary Luncheon at noon.

At 2:00pm we will have a special Anniversary Service with President Lange as our guest speaker, followed by an Anniversary Reception so that the reminiscing and fellowship can continue!

Please let all your relatives and friends who may wish to attend this grand reunion know now, so that they can save the date!



Our records of birthdays and anniversaries may not complete. If your information is missing or inaccurate, please accept our apologies and notify the Church Office at 913-849-3344 or email Church Secretary Stacey Elkinton at trinitylutheranblock@gmail.com.

- June 1 Kelsey Davis
- June 1 Sara Slack
- June 1 Michele Prothe
- June 1 Minna Meyer
- June 2 David Koelsch
- June 4 Arlin Prothe
- June 4 Jamey Kaiser
- June 5 Samantha Ferrell
- June 5 Linda Prothe
- June 5 Lance Stewart
- June 6 Rhonda Kerr
- June 7 Kendra Fuller
- June 9 Kendra Woodrow
- June 10 Madison Wood
- June 13 Ed Reyelts
- June 13 Augustus Prothe
- June 14 Chris Carstens
- June 14 Ethan Debrick
- June 14 Leland Prothe
- June 15 Kathy Hall
- June 15 Kevin Prothe
- June 16 Michelle Jones
- June 17 Bailey Kaiser
- June 18 Theresa Kettler
- June 19 Richard Honn
- June 20 Paul Brack
- June 20 Judy Minden

- June 21 Kim House
- June 21 Jon Wendte
- June 22 Greg Brandt
- June 22 Beth Curry
- June 22 Vernon Prothe
- June 22 Jacob Vogts
- June 24 Tina Edwards
- June 25 Beth Herrs
- June 25 Rich Wood
- June 26 Kyia Fuller
- June 26 Donna Prothe
- June 26 Allison Wood
- June 27 George Holtz
- June 29 Devin Bruce
- June 29 Betty Cline
- June 30 Garry Block
- June 3 Emerson & Wilda Bunch (62)
- June 4 James & Rhonda Prothe (13)
- June 9 Jeff & Jamie Ennett (16)
- June 9 Dave & Phyllis Trickett (51)
- June 10 Chris & Lana Kettler (40)
- June 10 Rolland & Betty Prothe (46)
- June 11 ... Bruce & Gale Nowasell (30)
- June 13 Rick & Connie Holte (20)
- June 14 Jim & Sharon Prothe (38)
- June 18 ... David & Lorranda Baldrige (13)
- June 19 Brian & Erin Meyer (14)
- June 22 Clint & Michelle Haley (16)
- June 25 George & Nancy Honn (30)
- June 28 ... Loren & Barbara Herrs (49)



Our current study in Adult Bible Class is *God's Grace in Colossians*. One of the Apostle Paul's shorter letters, Colossians is especially rich with descriptions of Christ, His work, and the blessings He bestows on us. Though written nearly 2,000 years ago, this Biblical book still speaks to our lives today in a surprisingly fresh and relevant way.

Adult Bible Class will continue to be held in the former overflow area when possible, but may need to be held in the basement some Sundays depending on the state of construction. Join in Sundays at 9:00am to learn more about *God's Grace in Colossians*.



Our Service at the Shelter House for Ascension Sunday and Mother's Day on May 13 concluded with a balloon launch by the Sunday School children. They colored attached cards and though we haven't received any replies yet hopefully some who find the balloons will contact us to let us know when and where they were found. Our thanks to Kyle Minden for taking photos—there are lots more online at www.trinitylcms.org/photos. Our next Service at the Shelter House will be to celebrate Independence Day, on Sunday, July 1, at the regular service time of 10:00am, followed by a Picnic Potluck (see page 2).



After Church Snacks

Could you—individual, family, or group—serve snacks sometime after worship? The sign-up sheet is by the table with the snacks. Thanks to all those providing snacks for Coffee Hour!

June 3

Garrisons, Golubskis, Mindens, & Prothes – High School Graduations

June 10

Sally Wood – Madison's Birthday

June 17

Jan Minden

June 24

Sharon & Gladys Prothe



Each month we remember in prayer in our worship services—and you are encouraged to remember in your personal prayers—specific Missionaries of the Month from around the world, who are supported by our congregation through our mission offerings to our Synod.

June 3

Kayla Hoem
Spain

June 10

Rev. Joe & Deaconess Dr. Jennie Asher
Germany

June 17

Deaconess Caitlin Worden de Ramirez
Dominican Republic

June 24

Vicar Benjamin & Grace Vanderhyde
Sri Lanka

*"Brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it is among you."
(2 Thessalonians 3:1)*