



THE REPORTER

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.
(Revelation 14:13)*

Many people pre-arrange their funerals with the funeral home, making sure that all of the items necessary for the funeral home are taken care of so that their loved ones don't have to stress over these decisions in their grief. Why not also pre-arrange the worship service so that your loved ones don't have to stress over Scripture readings and hymns?

The Funeral Service is a public confession of our faith concerning death, burial, resurrection, and the life everlasting. In this service, the baptismal theme of death and resurrection with Christ is most prominent. The sermon allows the pastor a unique opportunity to proclaim Law and Gospel to many hearers who may not know the true source of Christian comfort in our sorrow and grief. The proclamation of Christ crucified and resurrected specifically for the deceased and their loved ones.

I am offering two Funeral Planning events this month: Monday, June 16 at 7pm, and Thursday, June 19 at 2pm. We will take a look at our Funeral rite in the hymnal and see how the Scriptures and hymns shape the service.

There will be Funeral Planning Sheets to fill out. On top of the listing of pallbearers and desired memorials, you have the opportunity to include your Confirmation verse (often the sermon text) and favorite Bible passages, psalms, and hymns. You can keep a copy for your records so that your loved ones know your wishes and leave a copy for the church office for our records.

The whole notion of planning your funeral service seems depressing, but it allows you the opportunity to voice for certain what you want your funeral service to confess. These events will also allow for questions about what is appropriate for a Christian funeral service. This includes making sure that the hymns sung during the service are not ambiguous or not in line with the Christian faith being expressed in the service.

*So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.
(Psalm 90:12)*

None of us knows when our last day on earth will be. We have seen funerals for stillbirths, for those over one hundred years old, and everywhere in between. Death doesn't wait for us to be ready or ask our permission. Death comes when our allotted days on earth are through.

All communicant members are invited and encouraged to attend.

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Minton

Men's Bible Breakfast

We will continue our study of the *Intersection of Church and State* from Lutheran Hour Ministries on June 14. Dennis S will be our host. This month, we grapple with the question that many take for granted as a true statement: Is America a Christian nation?

Women's Bible Study

Our study of "Golden Fruit" will continue on Thursday, June 12 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This month we will study the Peace of Hannah. "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives peace do I give you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27) Join us!

Reading through the Confessions

In June, our readings from the Confessions discuss the Third Use of the Law. Do Christians, having been saved by grace, still need to have the Law preached to them? Or are they to be encouraged to do good works through "evangelical counsels" in the Gospel? Building off last month's distinction between Law and Gospel, we find the use of the Law in our Christian lives.

The language can be difficult to get through because we don't think and speak in the same way about the Christian faith as in previous generations. I encourage you to keep up with the reading. If you have stopped, give it another try again this month.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal

We will have our Wednesday Fellowship meal Wednesday, June 4 at 6pm. Pastor will grill hamburgers and hotdogs. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you haven't attended yet, now is the perfect time to visit with the other members of your church. Plan now to join us!

Graduation Recognition

On Sunday, May 11 we recognized our High School graduates and they told us their plans for the future.

Jossalin Lavicka plans to attend Loyola University in New Orleans and will study Forensic Chemistry. She will also swim on their swim team.

Ryleigh Rieches plans to attend Kankakee Community College and study Agriculture Business.

Continue to keep these ladies in your prayers as they move on to the next stage in their life.

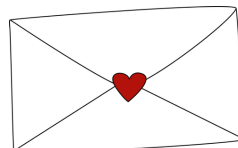
Vacation Bible School

Dust off your boots, grab your bandana, and get ready for a rootin' tootin' time at Wonder Junction! Join us June 16-20 from 9:00-11:00 as we gallop through the wonder-filled West, where we will learn about the grandest wonder of all - Jesus Christ. Scan the QR code to register.



Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning

Dianne Estes	423 N Dixie Hwy
Delmer Henrichs	IMH Residents Home, 200 E. Fairman Ave
Sara Janssen	325 E Orange, Rm 303
Dorothy Knake	106 Fritz Dr
Joanne Sloan	2364 E 900 North Rd
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In order to pull off a successful VBS we need your help! In the narthex, we have a list of supplies we need donated. We also need helpers! Sign up today to help as you are able.

Offering and Offertory

What is the purpose of the Offertory around the Offering in the service? The Offertory is a sung prayer, asking God to bless the physical offerings that are gathered. The Offertory quotes Psalm 116:12-19 in Divine Service Setting 1 and Psalm 51:10-12 in Divine Service Setting 3. The Offertory also serves as a bridge between the physical blessings, of which we have given a token of what God has given us, and the spiritual blessings that are to be received in the Lord's Supper. We look forward to taking the "cup of salvation" (Psalm 116:13) through which Jesus creates "a clean heart" and renews a "right spirit" in us (Psalm 51:10).

Lighting the Candles

During the summer months, the acolyte's job will be voluntary. This means that any recently confirmed student, or high school student can light the candles. If you are available to acolyte, just light the candles and sit in your normal pew. If no acolyte is available, the elder or usher will light the candles.

Weekly Bible Verse Challenge for June

Week of June 1, 2025

Psalm 56:3

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

Week of June 8, 2025

Ezekiel 36:26

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Week of June 15, 2025

Leviticus 19:2

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

Week of June 22, 2025

Hebrews 13:15

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Week of June 29, 2025

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.



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Worship Service 9:00 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
10:30 am

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**Join Us Every Sunday Morning for Service
starting at 9:00 am**

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