



# Weekly NEWS

July 6th

**Being Disciples of Jesus Christ**  
Growing in Faith, Love, Service, and Numbers

## Navajo Nation Mission Trip leaves Monday July 7th

The Navajo Mission Team is spending a week in Navajo Nation (New Mexico) and will support Pastor Tim Norton's LCMS church ministry there by helping with a VBS, projects on the church buildings and grounds, and being helping hands to love God's people and connect the Good News into lives.

**Please partner with them by praying throughout this adventure. ...** for safety / good health / team unity / and that the team will be a comfort and encouragement to the Norton's and our Navajo brothers and sisters.

May God guide the efforts of the whole team to be of support in what is needed most.

May He take away any anxiousness of any member, that they will trust that his/her God-given gifts will be used for God's purposes.

May their families at home will be well-cared for while the team is away.

**Navajo Team: Frank & Ellie & Sophie Sienkiewicz, Karen Nawoichik, Kerry Trunfio, Lynn & David Batchelder, Lars Anderson, Jeremy Ong, David Isbrandt.**

WHAT IF?



### *July Sermon Series:*

## ***God's Peace? But, what if....***

- (1) I have real things to worry about*
- (2) my life took a Detour? It's sidetracked now...*
- (3) my faith just doesn't seem strong enough*

*In this sermon series we'll confront our own head-space and the lies we can tell ourselves about the adventures of living each day as a disciple of Jesus.*

## **Bits and Pieces**

- (a) **“Folding Help” Requested** The Machains have been great about folding the guides and news each week. Can we have some more volunteers for the summer and create a rotating schedule?? It’d be great to just fold every few weeks. Printing is done Friday morn so Friday afternoon or Saturday would work. Anyone available?
- (b) **Say Thank You** to Patty Knight as she steps down from the Treasurer role after 6 years of service. Please keep Charlie Cuilla in prayer as he takes over this important role in the life of our church.

### **Adult Ed after Worship ... You’re Invited!      July 6th and 13th** **“Introduction to the Lutheran Confessions”**

I’m a Christian... so why does this matter?

Christian churches teach things about Jesus. There is a collection of documents written over many decades by different people that are the grounding “profession” of what our church home teaches.

**These are “The Lutheran Confessions”** *the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed, the Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, Luther’s Small and Large Catechisms, and the Formula of Concord.*

Why do Lutheran churches celebrate Communion different than other churches on the North Shore? Why do we disagree with Billy Graham?

Why is “Our Savior Lutheran Church” not in fellowship with churches titled as “Lutheran” in their name throughout the North Shore?

What is the difference between a “Quia” subscription and a “Quatenus” subscription to these “Confessions? **(It’s really important!)**

We’ll watch some videos, walk through some of the key points in these writings, and introduce the great Scriptural teachings in all of these that ground us as “Lutheran” Christians.

## What does it mean to be a “Confessional Lutheran”?

### *Is “Our Savior” Confessional?*

Last week we celebrated the “Presentation of the Augsburg Confession”.

#### ***What is that?***

It was significant... Saturday, June 25, 1530, at 3:00 p.m., there was a public reading of a document that made the “Lutheran” way of being “Church” clear to the world. The Augsburg Confession was presented to the Emperor and other significant rulers in “Europe”.

This isn’t the start of the Lutheran Church because the “reformers” see themselves as connecting right back to the earliest Christians. It was a realigning back to Scriptural foundations for functioning as Church.

On that day, a Biblically-based confession (profession) of what they believed, and were ready to stake their lives was read aloud and handed over. It was a public reading before Emperor Charles V of a series of paragraphs (*articles*) on doctrinal points which have come to be known in history as the Augsburg Confession. (*we still use these!*)

Today... we are the Lutheran Church around the truth of doctrine about Jesus that the Augsburg Confession summarizes. It is right to say that we are a church of the Augsburg Confession. We do not gather to be connected around particular ways of worship or church traditions. We gather around the truth of who Jesus is and what it means to be His Church... as we see in Scripture, and this is the doctrine that is summarized in the Lutheran Confessions.

Certainly there are traditions, practices that are familiar, prayers, words and sounds that get connected to “styles”. These are fine and healthy but do not define a church as Lutheran. What makes a church “Confessional Lutheran” is the centralizing point of the Lutheran Confessions. This is the grounding doctrine of what we teach and preach, and how God’s Word and Sacrament are handled here at Our Savior Lutheran Church in 2025. ....that’s pretty cool... and that is “Confessional” ***Pastor Joe***

### **The “MUSIC CORNER”**

Our closing hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* is a prayer of dedication that can be uttered any day, any time. Some days in our lives are obvious turning points- a church dedication, the birth of a child, a wedding, loss of a loved one - but every day has its crucial moments. The prayer of our hearts should constantly be “grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.” ***Wendy***

## Some Dates

- **Confirmation Class** meets today after Adult Ed.
- **Navajo Nation Mission trip** is July 7th to 14th
- **Mega Arts and Spors Camp** August 4th to 7th 9:00—2:00pm

**Card and Prayer Ministry** meets Wed July 9th at 10 am in the Library YOU ARE INVITED to join in.

Serving	June 29th	July 6th
Announcements	Kerry Trunfio	Adam Bonnette
Coffee Set Up	Ryan Machain	Ryan Machain
Coffee Clean Up	Ann Nollet	Barbara Machain
Altar Care Set Up	Kathy Kishbaugh	Janice Leblanc
Altar Care Clean Up	Marilyn Perry	Dian Kingston
Communion Servers	Hank Betts Levi Kishbaugh	Don Kingston Patty Knight
Media Audio Media Advance Slides	Joel Trunfio Ellie Sienkiewicz	Jessie Anderson Levi Kishbaugh
Reader	Sharon Gower	Sophie Gustafson
Ushers	Adam Bonnette Josh Gustafson	Charlie Ciulla Sean Lovett
Kids Connection Worship Teacher Assistant	Kerry Trunfio Lynne Quinlan	Kerry Trunfio Gail Sullivan

*Serving - Thank You for the Teamwork!*