



# Weekly NEWS

June 29

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

## After Worship Today:

### A Voters Meeting with Vision Team Update

**The Vision Team** will share the current paths of thinking and some timeline awareness of upcoming plans.

**The Shepherd Leaders** will ask for a singular vote concerning the Fine Fund to address some planning for the Fall.

## What is a “Confessional Lutheran”? *Is “Our Savior” Confessional?*

It was significant... Saturday, June 25, 1530, at 3:00 p.m., there was a public pronouncement that made the “Lutheran” way of “Church” clear to the world. The Augsburg Confession was presented. 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, some laymen, and some theologians made a Biblically-based confession of what they believed, and were ready to stake their lives on their confession. The occasion 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!*)

Representatives from throughout Germany had united in presenting a testimony of truth before the Emperor. It was a dramatic moment. When Luther received the details of the actual presentation, he, in a letter, summed up the event in these words, “I am tremendously pleased to have lived to this moment when Christ, by His staunch confessors, has publicly been proclaimed in such a great assembly by means of this really most beautiful confession. And [so the Word] is fulfilled, ‘I will speak of Thy testimonies also before kings.’ (*we have that same opportunity today!!*)

We are the Lutheran Church around the truth of doctrine about Jesus. There are certainly traditions, ways that are familiar, words and sounds that get connected to “styles”. But, 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**

## **Bits and Pieces**

- (a) **“Folders” Requested** The Machains have been great about folding the guides and news each week. Can we have more volunteers for the summer and create a rotating schedule?? It’d be great to just fold every weeks week. Printing is done Friday morn so Friday afternoon or Saturday would work. Anyone available?
- (b) **The Bridge** is meeting Sunday night 5-8pm at church for food, fellowship and a send off to Virginia Betts for her new adventures.
- (c) **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.

### **“Temperature” and glass Doors,**

**Contained space:** In trying to maintain a comfortable temperature in the worship space, we’re asking for teamwork from all in not propping the sliding glass doors to the worship space open. The A/C in the pews tries to keep up with the flow of air from the entrance. Keeping the pews as a contained space will help it regulate and not blow cold air as has been experienced Sunday mornings.

**Reminder:** The welcoming area right by the front doors is a crucial spot for the Host team of Usher/Greeter to engage visitors and to welcome our members. Chatting and hugging and talking is an IMPORTANT part of our worship life, but please try to move past this entrance area as you arrive. It is a #1 priority spot for a visitor to be greeted.

**Messiah Lutheran** in Lynnfield is the closest LCMS church. Pastor Nollet gets together once a month to talk through ministries with Pastor Pekari and Pastor Brezina. Messiah has undertaken a Portuguese Ministry addressing a local Brazilian population seeking a church.

The 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:00am is a worship all in Portuguese and many Sundays there is a “mash-up” Sunday with both languages used throughout worship. Please keep Messiah’s efforts in prayer and give thanks for the flock’s willingness to make adjustments to their church home and seek to make God’s Word and Sacrament available in ways for people to relate to.

## **Communications— *current... and new plans***

Here's an update / review on some communication pathways here at Our Savior and some plans for improvement. If you aren't at worship.... Please pursue some of the archived efforts that are taken to communicate

**The Weekly NEWS:** is handed out at worship each week and posted on our web site. This has announcements, articles, and schedules. If you miss worship it is accessed on the "What's Happening" page at our web site

**Announcements at Worship:** Gives a highlight of a few points in the NEWS with some extended explanation as needed.

### **Emails:**

Kids Connection and Youth have a mailing list for relevant info including links to articles and podcasts.

General church mailings might use the Member CCB list or the extended larger MailChimp list depending on the topic being communicated.

Church Member mailings concerning finance and voting issues use the smaller CCB Voting member list

Keeping Connected Pastor sends out updates, short videos, links using the Mail-Chimp list of church "contacts".

**Church sign ministry:** is used for encouraging and invitational messages to the community driving by. Lars is handling this ministry

**Web Site: The goal is for this to be a hub of information and an education source. The hope is that it is used as more than a billboard.** Currently, members will find links to our YouTube channel for latest sermon, and Weekly NEWS posted. We're looking to improve the "What's Happening page significantly, and we're presently working on the CCB calendar being utilized better. Also, a system of connecting our flock to updated educational articles and links is being worked on. One plan is a "What's New" link on home page. Reid Reesor is developing this and also researching the use of a church home "app" for our phones, and the possibility of a Christian AI portal on our web site.

**Meeting Minutes/Summaries:** Shepherd Leader agendas and minutes will be posted in a log in the office for any member access.

### **Plans...**

Sara will be developing a weekly email newsletter (similar to something done in the past, but new) that will have some announcements, church event pics, links to newly posted articles and podcasts on the web site.... *Coming soon.*

## UpComing Dates

- Intro to Lutheran Confessions in Loft July 6th and July 13th
- Navajo Nation trip July 7th to 14th
- Mega Arts and Spors Camp August 4th to 7th 9:00—2:00pm
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Serving	June 29th	July 6th
<b>Announcements</b>	Kerry Trunfio	Adam Bonnette
<b>Coffee Set Up</b>	Ryan Machain	Ryan Machain
<b>Coffee Clean Up</b>	Ann Nollet	Barbara Machain
<b>Altar Care Set Up</b>	Kathy Kishbaugh	Janice Leblanc
<b>Altar Care Clean Up</b>	Marilyn Perry	Dian Kingston
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Hank Betts Levi Kishbaugh	Don Kingston Patty Knight
<b>Media Audio Media Advance Slides</b>	Joel Trunfio Ellie Sienkiewicz	Jessie Anderson Levi Kishbaugh
<b>Reader</b>	Sharon Gower	Sophie Gustafson
<b>Ushers</b>	Adam Bonnette Josh Gustafson	Charlie Ciulla Sean Lovett
<b>Kids Connection Worship Teacher Assistant</b>	Kerry Trunfio Lynne Quinlan	Kerry Trunfio Gail Sullivan

**Serving - Thank You for the Teamwork!**