

United Voice

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GLUE FOR THE FRAGMENTED LIFESTYLE

Pastor David Niemela

How did the pace of your schedule change with the time of quarantine? I know for many farmers it was to continue as usual. For others, life slowed down, whether it was welcomed or not. For some, the stay-at-home order only increased the amount of work they had to do.

I'm not sure what life will look like after the order has finished. If the pace of life returns to "normal," schedules

will fill right up again quicker than a new storage shed gathers equipment. Life can be fragmented because of all our commitments, with school here, work there, family in the morning and evenings, a member of this club and that group.

Adding another obligation to the schedule is not welcome in our culture since it is so easy to join a group or devote oneself to a new

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THIS MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 25



As we remember those who gave their lives in pursuit of preserving American freedoms, may we also remember that Jesus Christ died so that all of mankind may be eternally free.

United Free Drive- In Worship Service

Sunday, May 17
10 a.m.

*2020 high school graduates
will be recognized!*

Bulletins will be available
for pickup upon arrival

Service will be broadcasted
over the radio on FM 88.3

The livestreaming will be
available on the
United Free Lutheran
Facebook page

May 10 Offering

General Offering: \$4,661
Galilee Bible Camp: \$475

resolution.

In addition to a fragmented life of juggling responsibilities, is life in Christ just another commitment to the schedule?

No. Rather, life in Christ, which is the gift of eternal life we have received, affects our lifestyle.

Life responsibilities lie scattered like puzzle pieces, but knowing Christ is our life, given through the Word, is like the puzzle box cover and glue. It gives an example of the full picture of life in Christ, so our lifestyle can be pieced together purposefully, and glues it to

weather long-term.

Deuteronomy 6:6-8, "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

The term "devotions" is used to describe devoting time each day to God's Word. If we do it as this Deuteronomy

passage says, as we walk and talk in our everyday life, we see "devotions" aren't another commitment, but a lifestyle.

In God's Word we realize it's not so much us giving up time for God, but rather realizing, "He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:32).

Realize in the Word how Christ's schedule on earth was devoted to you, and it will help glue this fast-paced lifestyle into a beautiful picture.

Sunday School

"Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven"

2020 will be a year of firsts for a lot of us. Some of those firsts are humorous, even now - toilet paper hoarding?! However, some of the firsts are a lot harder to deal with, even as adults.

In Sunday School this year we have been working on the Lord's Prayer. We learned in the Third Petition, **Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.** God does not promise that we will always like and agree with His plan, but rather that He will be with us to help us through when we do not.

Even if this is a time that is trying to our faith and patience, it is hopefully also a time that we can slow down and

appreciate the little things in life: play a board game, do a project, or even go for a walk. Any activity done with kids is a great chance to learn something new, and many times it is the adult who is the one learning 😊

We hope that all our kids and families are safe, and we look forward to a time when we can all get together again.

Thank you,
Sunday School Staff

Check out the church website for lessons, crafts, and music while "Doing Sunday School at Home"

Taylor Waage Baptized!

Taylor Ann Waage, daughter of Brandon and Shania, was baptized during a private ceremony April 26, 2020. Her godparents are Kyle and Breanna Folson.





If you are interested in helping assemble the VBS bags, contact Joni Wiskow at joni.wiskow@gmail.com or 763-486-9150



All events at Galilee Bible Camp at Lake Bronson are cancelled through the end of June



AFLC ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Aug. 10-12, 2020

Association Retreat Center Osceola, WI

For more information on the conference and how to register, visit www.aflc.org/about-us/conferences

Daily Bible Reading (May & June)

Add the right column to read the entire Bible in two years (continuous cycle — can be started at any time)
 Color Key: *Easter Season* *Pentecost Season*

Date	Reading	2-Year Plan
Mon. May 18	<input type="checkbox"/> Num. 25:1-18	
Tues. May 19	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 110 Only	Num. 26:1-65
Wed. May 20	<input type="checkbox"/> Num. 27:1-23	Num. 28:1-31
Thurs. May 21	<input type="checkbox"/> Num. 30:1-16	Num. 29:1-40
Fri. May 22	<input type="checkbox"/> Num. 31:1-24	Psalms 132-134
Sat. May 23	<input type="checkbox"/> Num. 31:25-54	Psalm 135
Sun. May 24	<input type="checkbox"/> Num. 32:1-19	Psalm 136
Mon. May 25	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Peter 1	Psalm 137
Tues. May 26	<input type="checkbox"/> Num. 32:20-42	Num. 33:1-56
Wed. May 27	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 118 Only	Num. 34:1-29
Thurs. May 28	<input type="checkbox"/> Num. 36:1-13	Num. 35:1-34
Fri. May 29	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Peter 2	Psalms 138
Sat. May 30	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Peter 3	Psalm 139
Sun. May 31	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 1	
Mon. June 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 2:1-36	
Tues. June 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 2:37-47	Psalm 140
Wed. June 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 3	Psalm 141
Thurs. June 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 4	
Fri. June 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 5	
Sat. June 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 6	Psalm 142
Sun. June 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 7:1-34	Psalm 143
Mon. June 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 7:35-60	
Tues. June 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 8	
Wed. June 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 9	
Thurs. June 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 10	
Fri. June 12	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 11	Psalm 144
Sat. June 13	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 12	Psalm 145
Sun. June 14	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 13	
Mon. June 15	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 14	Psalm 146
Tues. June 16	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 15	
Wed. June 17	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 16	Psalm 147
Thurs. June 18	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 17	Psalm 148
Fri. June 19	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 18	
Sat. June 20	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 19	
Sun. June 21	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 20	
Mon. June 22	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 21	
Tues. June 23	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 22	
Wed. June 24	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 23	Psalm 149
Thurs. June 25	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 24	Psalm 150
Fri. June 26	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 25	
Sat. June 27	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 26	
Sun. June 28	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 27	
Mon. June 29	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 28	
Tues. June 30	<input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 1:1-21	

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DRIVE-IN EASTER SERVICE



Michelle Sperry Weber · 0:00 Beautiful, thank you all, Blessed Easter



LeRoy Marcia Petersen · 26:56 He is Risen United Free!! God bless you all as you worship!!



Lynn Balstad · 1:10:42 Victory in Jesus!!!



UPCOMING AFLC EVENTS

Association Retreat Center (ARC) ~ Osceola, WI

For more information, visit www.arc-aflc.org

- ❖ Family Work Weekend – May 22-24 (free)
- ❖ FLY Zone – July 19-23 (same week as FLY Beyond)
- ❖ Family Camp – Aug. 2-8

Association of Free Lutheran Congregations

For more information, visit www.aflc.org

- ❖ FLY Beyond, ARC – July 19-23
- ❖ Annual Conference, ARC – Aug. 10-12
- ❖ WMF Day, ARC – Aug. 10

NW MN District

More information to appear on church website, Facebook page, and future bulletins

No known events at this time

Free Lutheran Bible College & Seminary ~ Plymouth, MN

For more information, visit flbc.edu

- ❖ FLBC Golf Scramble, Oak Grove, MN – July 31
- ❖ Summer Institute of Theology – Aug. 3-7