



FATHER'S DAY

Last month we looked at Mother's Day; and so it seems appropriate that this month we look at Father's Day. Father's Day is also not an official church holiday. Our modern secular Father's Day was first celebrated on July 5, 1908, when a West Virginia church sponsored an event in honor of fathers remembering 362 men who had died the previous December in a coal mining accident. The next year, Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, WA, worked to establish an official Father's Day to honor her father, a widower, who raised six children on his own. She was successful, and Washington State celebrated the nation's first Father's Day on June 19, 1910. Slowly the holiday spread. In 1916, Pres. Wilson recognized Father's Day; and in 1924, President Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day. However, it wasn't until 1972 that Father's Day became an official national holiday when Pres. Nixon signed a proclamation during a difficult re-election campaign.

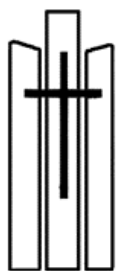
Unfortunately, in recent decades the trend in popular media has been to show fathers as inept, incompetent, bumbling fools. Think of Homer Simpson or Al Bundy or Peter Griffin. As one article put it, "At best, television dads are nominal or figurehead leaders of the home, but at worst, they are relegated to the intellectual level of the family pet."

This isn't how God designed fathers to be. As demonstrated by Adam, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, David, Zacharias, Joseph and so many more, fathers are to be loving servant leaders of their families who protect, provide and guide them. Admittedly, not one of these fathers was perfect, but each represented God to his family and brought up their children in the knowledge and wisdom of the Lord.

Consequently, the influence of fathers on their children's spiritual life cannot be overestimated. In 1994 a survey in Switzerland showed the impact fathers had on their children's church attendance. There is a lot to digest in the numbers but notice how important the father's lead of attending church influences his children. Nothing else even comes close!

1994 SWISS SURVEY OF HOW PARENTS' CHURCH ATTENDANCE INFLUENCES THEIR CHILDREN'S FUTURE CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Practice of Parents		Practice of Children		
Father	Mother	Regular	Irregular	Non-Practicing
Regular	Regular	32.8	41.4	25.8
Regular	Irregular	37.7	37.6	24.7
Regular	Non-Practicing	44.2	22.4	33.4
Irregular	Regular	3.4	58.6	38.0
Irregular	Irregular	7.8	60.8	31.4
Irregular	Non-Practicing	25.4	22.8	51.8
Non-Practicing	Regular	1.5	37.4	61.1
Non-Practicing	Irregular	2.3	37.8	59.9
Non-Practicing	Non-Practicing	4.6	14.7	80.7



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This isn't to disparage mothers! This, in combination with Mother's Day, is to show that within God's creation fathers and mothers are not interchangeable as our culture would suggest. Fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, have different roles within the family that complement one another.

So, even though Father's Day is not an official church holiday, our fathers are very special gifts that we should honor and cherish. Especially in our current culture where fatherhood is regularly diminished and dismissed, we should celebrate, uphold and honor our fathers as the gifts from God that they are.

Happy Father's Day!

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

Pastor Dan



Food Bank Sunday: June 1st is FOOD BANK SUNDAY. Please remember to bring a can or two of food or some kitchen staples such as flour or spaghetti sauce, etc. for the hungry and needy in our community

Attendance:

Sunday, April 27 - 69
Sunday, May 4 - 88
Sunday, May 11 - 91
Sunday, May 18 - 81
Sunday, May 25 - 76

Car Show: Remember that our annual Car Show for Missions will be on Saturday, September 6th. Help will be needed. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Carol Skoda at (719) 320 - 9812, or Dawn Atkinson at (505) 377 - 4776.



IN OUR PRAYERS

Special Prayers: Please contact Pastor Dan prior to Sunday to include any special prayers during the service.

Sick & Healing: Ted Schmidt, Debbie Ledbetter, Rod Willard, Vicky Smith (Carol Skoda's friend), Carol Henkel (Ann Eulert's mother), Linda Kirkegaard (Bob K's sister), Adrienne Erickson (Heather Pegor's mother), Gordon Holt (Kris' brother), Kevin (Sandi Yeatt's brother), Jeff Snyder, Sharon Martinson, Deb Taft, Elaine Emery (Snyder's friend), Teresa (Angela Bellantoni's sister), Joan Angela Bellantoni's mother), Janet (Lynn Wetter's sister), Ashley Thom, George Yeatts.

Prayer Chain: For prayer concerns please contact one of the following:

Phone prayer chain: Mary Richardson, (719) 269-1426

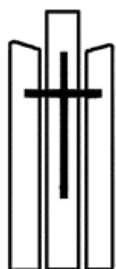
E-mail prayer chain: Sue Poehlein, cspoehein@gmail.com

Member Shut-Ins: Orgene Reimers and Ken McNeil.

Military Service Members: Ryan Lehmpuhl and Jake Langley.

Missionaries: JP and Aimee Cima, the LCMS missionaries in Cambodia that our congregation has adopted.





ST. JOHN Funeral Service

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We gathered at St. John to remember Ada Pendarvis on Friday, May 23, 2025.

ADA MAE SCHULZE PENDARVIS: February 14, 1929 - May 12, 2025, age 96

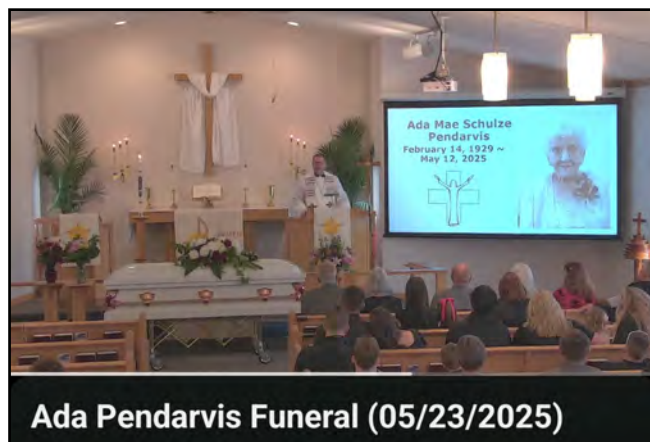
Ada Mae Schulze Pendarvis went to be with the Lord on May 12, 2025 at the age of 96. Ada was born on February 14, 1929 in Westcliffe, CO to Joseph and Thelma Schulze. She attended school in a one room schoolhouse and graduated from Custer County High School in 1947. Later in life, Ada attended Pikes Peak Community College and earned her nursing degree in 1972. She worked at St. Thomas More Hospital for over thirty years.

Ada was a lifetime member of the Lutheran Missouri Synod and an active member of St. John Lutheran Church in Canon City. She was very active in her church, loved to cook, read and spend time with her family at the family cabin in Wyoming. Her favorite pastime was her family, especially her grandchildren. Ada always had a smile, hug, and kiss for them all.

Ada married John Y. Koch on January 28, 1951 and they had three children, Bruce (Lynn) Koch, Marsha (Tom) Wilcox and Carolyn (Jeff) Letofsky. Ada married Robert H. Pendarvis June 7, 1986.

She is survived by her children, eight grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Ada was preceded in death by her husband Robert; sister, Leotus Seybold; and great-grandson, Michael West.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at Holt Chapel of the Garden: 806 Macon Ave, Canon City. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 23, at St. John Lutheran Church: 790 Greystone Ave, Cañon City, with Pastor Dan Kletke officiating. In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. John Lutheran Church.



Ada Pendarvis Funeral (05/23/2025)



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2025 Vacation Bible School: This year's VBS will be held the first week of August. Volunteers will be needed. More to come in a few weeks. Connie Willyard, Chair of Education, (719) 429 - 4706.



August 4 - 8, 2025. Free for children pre-K through Grade 6!

MONDAY: God Calls Moses - Exodus 3

TUESDAY: God Leads His People to the Promised Land - Joshua 3 - 4

WEDNESDAY: The Parable of the Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25 - 37

THURSDAY: Peter and John Race to the Tomb - John 20:1 - 10, 19 - 20

FRIDAY: Jesus Ascends to the Father - Luke 24:44 - 53; Acts 1:1 - 11

Games! Snacks! Stories! Prayer! Songs!

St. John High School Youth: We will not meet through the summer. Sue Tangkawarow, (785) 227 - 5653.

Pastor's Sabbatical Fund:

We are excited to announce that Pastor Dan's Sabbatical, from August through October this year, is now fully funded! Pastor Dan expressed his gratitude to the congregation after the service on May 11th. Thank you all for your help.



2025 Church Council Officers

President:	Nathan Pegors
Vice President:	Vacant
Secretary:	Kerrie Leason
Treasurer:	Nichole Harms
Elders:	Brandon Booth
Chair of Trustees:	Bob Kirkegaard
Chair of Education:	Connie Willyard
Chair of Missions:	Dawn Atkinson
Chair of Evangelism:	Deb Taft
Chair of Youth:	Sue Tangkawarow

Open Council Position

Dear St. John Family,

It is with sadness that I must inform you that Liv Booth is stepping down from her role as Council **Vice President**. She has faithfully served the congregation in this capacity for many years, for which I offer my heartfelt thanks. Therefore, we are looking for a new person to serve in that role. If you are interested, please contact myself or any member of Council.

Sincerely,

Nathan Pegors, St. John Council President
(952) 738 - 1424



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Photos of our members serving and in fellowship.



Ladies of St. John prepared for the funeral luncheon for Ada Pendarvis on Thursday evening, May 22nd:
Left to right - Judith C. and Toni D.; Sue P. and Dawn A.; Gail K., Connie W., and Gerri H..

Thursday, May 1, 2025: The St. John Men's Breakfast completed their last lesson on the Augsburg Confession after studying it for several months. They began a study of Islam on May 22nd. Their next breakfast will be at 7 AM on Thursday, June 5th.



In attendance were George Y., Bob H., Pastor Dan, Allan T. Bob K., & John T.



ST. JOHN Member Events

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Here is what has been happening with the members of St. John Lutheran Church!

The Eagle Award ceremony of Pastor Dan & Tricia's younger son, Dustin, on Dustin's 18th birthday, Sunday, April 27th. Their older son, Dietrich, earned his Eagle in November, 2023. Congratulations and happy birthday, Dustin!

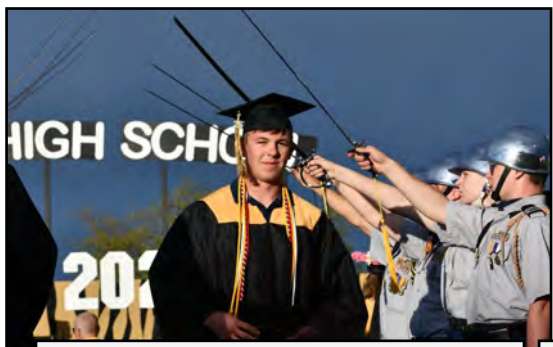


Matthew Harms (left) and Cañon City High School Welding Fabrication Team won the Colorado State Championship! Congratulations to the Gold Team!

PLEASE NOTIFY
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Editor Gail Kirkegaard of
member activities and
accomplishments. You can
text, e-mail her or put the
information and photos in her
church mailbox. Please add
your name so she knows
where to return photos.



Nate Harms with his sons Matthew and Cody displaying their Cañon City High School football awards!



Matthew Harms graduated from Cañon City High School on May 15, 2025.



Dustin Kletke graduated from Cañon City High School on May 15, 2025.



The Kletke family participated in "Purple Stride," a fundraiser in April for pancreatic cancer research & survivor programs.



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More at St. John

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2025 Garage Sale: \$776.87 was raised at the Garage Sale. Thanks to everyone who donated and volunteered!



Working hard, or hardly working?
Richard, Ken, & Chuck ready to
lend a hand to customers.



Sandi helping a couple of customers.



Sandi, Arlene, Nancy, & Sue.

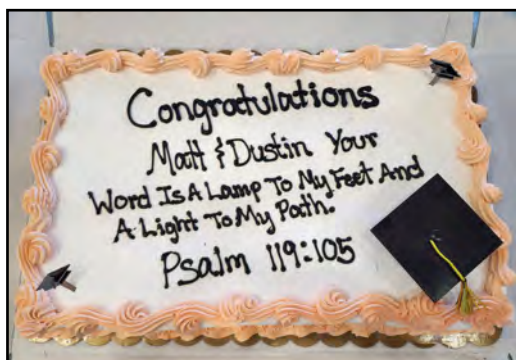


Thank you for donating your used items!



Volunteers the day before the sale: Julie, Deb,
Lynn, Sue, Ken, Richard, Gail, Chuck, & Nancy.

Graduates: God's blessings to our two high school graduates. Congratulations Dustin Kletke (left) and Matthew Harms!



Pastor Dan's Children's
Message on Sunday,
May 4th, was a lesson
about Baptism.



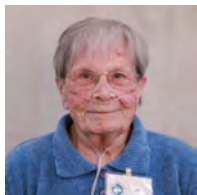


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June 1 - June Maw



June 3 - Richard Mowers



June 16 - Danny Walker

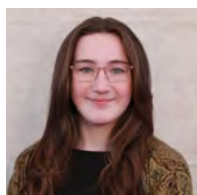


June 3 - Annie Wood



June 20 - Sandra Kohler
(no photo available)

June 6 - Martha Kletke



June 21 - Alana Holt



June 12 - Jerry Heldt



June 26 - Lyle Stuehrenberg



June 12 - Susan Smiley



June 29 - Bob Huebner



June 14 - Brandon Booth



Happy Anniversary!

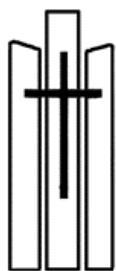
June 14 - Nate & Nichole Harms

June 15 - Jeff & Sharon Snyder

June 16 - Nathan & Heather Pegors

June 26 - Jerome & Donna Heldt

June 27 - Ted & Nancy Schmidt



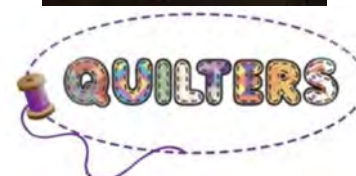
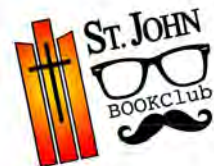
ST. JOHN To-Do List

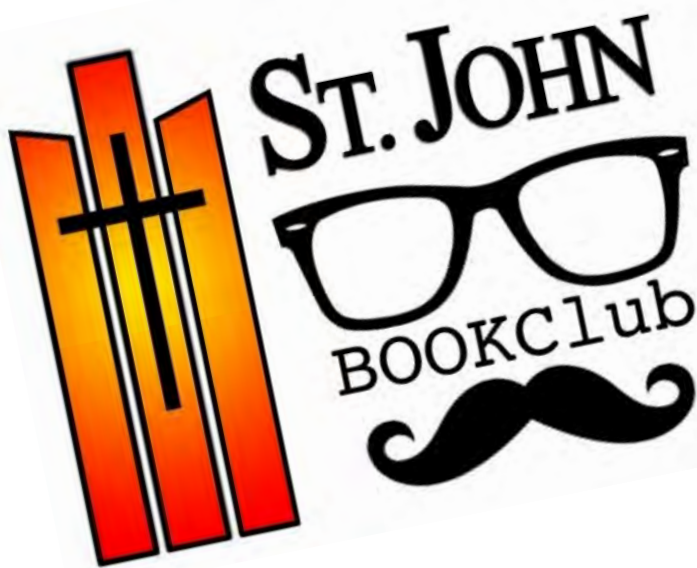
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ACTIVITIES AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Acolyte** - Altar candle duty for boys and girls at worship services.
- Adult Bible Class** - Sunday mornings at 10:30am after our time of fellowship.
- Adult Choir** - Join your voice with others on special festivals.
- Altar Guild** - Prepare vestments, candles, banners, etc. for worship.
- Audio-Visual** - Operate the slides and video production during worship service.
- Book Club** - Discuss books about once a month in member homes or at church.
- Bulletin Help** - Print worship bulletins a few times per year as needed.
- Car Show** - Annual fundraiser on the church grounds that needs many helpers.
- Christmas Program** - Help or take a part in the Sunday School program.
- Church Council** - Serve on a church board, or as church president, etc.
- Communications** - Publish events on the Website, newsletter, Facebook, etc.
- Confirmation Class** - Teens meet with Pastor for Christian instruction.
- Door Keeper** - Open the door and welcome people arriving at church.
- Driver** - Provide transportation for those who cannot drive to church.
- Elders** - Men who assist the Pastor with the spiritual life of the congregation.
- Evangelism** - Carry out evangelism programs in the church and community.
- Fellowship** - Serve refreshments after worship, and assist with special events.
- Garage Sale** - Annual fundraiser at St. John that needs many helpers.
- Gardener** - Keep the flower beds in neat and weed-free condition.
- Greeter** - Meet and offer Sunday bulletin and visitor packet to worshippers.
- LWML** - Women's Auxiliary of the LCMS supports LCMS missions.
- Men's Breakfast** - Men of St. John have breakfast about twice a month.
- Missions** - Direct monetary resources for LCMS missionaries and missions.
- Morning Prayer** - Almost every weekday at 7:30am in the sanctuary.
- Nursery** - Volunteers assist parents who need help in the nursery.
- Prayer Chain** - Receive notice of prayer requests and pray for those in need.
- Quilters** - Construct quilts almost weekly for charities and individuals.
- Readers** - Read assigned Scripture passages at the lectern during services.
- Shut-In Visitation** - Spend time with members who cannot attend church.
- Sunday School** - Classes for kids at 10:30am after worship and refreshments.
- Teach** - Help children learn about their Savior, Preschool through High School.
- Trail Mix** - Hike on local and other Colorado trails with members and friends.
- Trustees** - Oversee maintenance, repair, cleaning of buildings and grounds.
- Ushers** - Assist people with special needs, direct worshipers for communion.
- Vacation Bible School** - A children's short-term summer educational activity.
- Wednesday Bible Class** - Study at 10:00am Wednesdays with Pastor Dan.
- Youth Group** - High schoolers discuss their faith as it applies to everyday challenges.





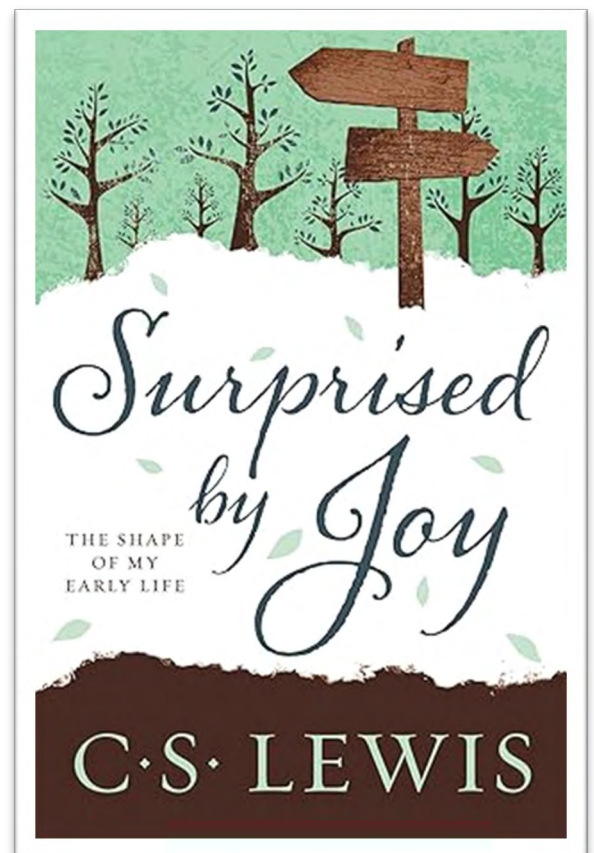
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For May and June, our next book selection will be another Christian classic *Surprised by Joy: The Shape of My Early Life* (ISBN 978-0062565433) by C.S. Lewis. The description reads:

C. S. Lewis—the great British writer, scholar, lay theologian, broadcaster, Christian apologist, and bestselling author of *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Great Divorce*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and many other beloved classics—takes readers on a spiritual journey through his early life and eventual embrace of the Christian faith. Lewis begins with his childhood in Belfast, surveys his boarding school years and his youthful atheism in England, reflects on his experience in World War I, and ends at Oxford, where he became "the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England." As he recounts his lifelong search for joy, Lewis demonstrates its role in guiding him to find God.

The book is right at 300 pages. A couple copies have been ordered for the church. Used copies are available on Amazon for about \$8-10. There is an Audible version available for \$7 and a Kindle version for \$12. There is also a free audiobook reading on YouTube. Just click [HERE](#).

We will meet to discuss the book on Tuesday June 17th @ 6:30p at a location yet to be decided (maybe my back yard!!).



Pick up a book & join us at the BOOKClub!



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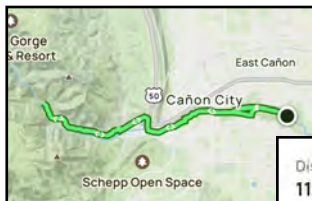
St. John Trail Mix

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Find "St. John Trail Mix - Cañon City, CO" on Facebook! Organizer, Gail Kirkegaard, (720) 201 - 8743.

Friday, May 2, 2025: Dawn Atkinson & Gail Kirkegaard hiked 12 miles out-&-back on the Arkansas Riverwalk and the Tunnel Drive Trail: the start & finish at Raynolds Park.



Distance	Elevation gain	Moving time
11.89 mi	545 ft	4:09:52
Avg. speed	Calories	Total time
2.85 mph	1,821	4:23:22



Friday, May 9, 2025: Gail Kirkegaard & Elizabeth Wallestad enjoyed a sunny walk on the Riverwalk.



Distance	Elevation gain	Moving time
9.75 mi	305 ft	3:22:19
Avg. speed	Calories	Total time
2.89 mph	1,474	4:11:35

Tuesday, May 13, 2025: Gail Kirkegaard & Katherine Zeerip hiked 12 miles out-&-back what Gail calls the "Royal Gorge Trifecta," which consists of three trails: Tunnel Drive, Royal Cascade, and Fremont Peak.

Distance	Elevation gain	Moving time
11.97 mi	2,572 ft	5:23:24
Avg. speed	Calories	Total time
2.22 mph	2,357	6:55:00



Saturday, May 24, 2025: Trail Mix hikers Dawn Atkinson, Gail Kirkegaard, & Carla & Dave Lehmpuhl hiked to the summit of Fremont Peak on a little longer, more scenic route on Saturday, May 24, 2025.



Distance	Elevation gain	Moving time
4.31 mi	673 ft	2:00:26
Avg. speed	Calories	Total time
2.15 mph	878	2:19:01



SQUARE TWO

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This April brought a familiar dilemma for Christians all over Cambodia. The biggest holiday of the year, the [Khmer New Year](#), occurs in mid-April. It is like Christmas, Thanksgiving, and New Year's all rolled into one. The formal public holiday is three days, though in reality work slows down for about two weeks so that families can prepare. People travel to their hometowns, have reunions with family and friends, eat large meals, and have [water fights](#). Here is the dilemma: in years in which Holy Week coincides with Khmer New Year, the latter's activities often directly conflict with days when Holy Week services might be offered. What are Khmer Christians to do? For those from the West, major holidays often have Christian origins or are associated with churchgoing, and so the dilemma is not so pressing. But Cambodia's holidays have no such associations. Some say that Khmer Christians should simply do their own thing, sticking to Holy Week and not concerning themselves with Khmer New Year. Certainly this is true regarding some of Khmer New Year's [religious aspects](#). But otherwise, this is easier said than done in a country in which 98% of the population is not Christian. Khmer New Year is a significant cultural event and is not celebrated individually but communally in extended families. Most Christians are part of extended families that include many unbelievers. Absence at Khmer New Year festivities would cause great offense to others in the family. In reality, then, the dilemma is usually engaged with some balance of commitment to Holy Week practices and accommodation to cultural realities. For non-liturgical Christian churches, who don't follow the church year and might not hold traditional services like Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, they simply move the date of Easter to a position before or after the Khmer New Year. This provides maximum flexibility but misses the fulness of Holy Week. For liturgical churches, moving the entirety of Holy Week is challenging from a scheduling perspective, so they might keep its original date. While this honors the importance of Holy Week, these churches often end up celebrating in a muted way (fewer or simpler services with less people) since many congregation members are otherwise engaged. Which way is correct? As cultural outsiders, it is not our place to venture a definitive answer. What J.P. and Aimee can do is continue to teach the importance of the events of Holy Week for those who follow Jesus. Indeed, in [youth group](#) J.P. has recently been teaching through the Apostles' Creed, studying the second article, which speaks of Jesus' death and resurrection, just in time for Holy Week. J.P. also helps as needed in organizing or assisting with special services. In years' past J.P. and Aimee have helped with [Good Friday](#) services at Christ Lutheran Church. This year, J.P. was honored to give the Easter sermon (see picture above). And finally, J.P. and Aimee also love, encourage, and pray with those who feel caught between these competing obligations.

Praises:

- For Christ Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh, where we celebrated Easter.
- For another successful [Small Catechism seminar](#) in Kampong Seila

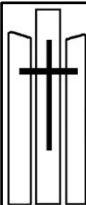
Prayers:

- For J.P.'s graduation on May 16 in St. Louis and Celeste's graduation on May 24 in Phnom Penh.
- For an upcoming CLC deaconess conference, May 14-17.
- For our children as they finish out the school year.
- For home service planning (more info coming soon!).
- For Aimee as she continues to provide holistic care for missionaries in Asia.

Wanna help us impact the people of Cambodia? Wanna help us impact the people of Cambodia (and beyond!)? Give [here](#) or mail a check to 1) P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166 (payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod), OR 2) 40718 Highway E-16, Mapleton, IA 51034 (payable to Mission Central). For ALL checks, in the memo line write "Cima family-Cambodia."



JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Adult Bible Class 11:30 Elders' Meeting	2 7:30 Morning Prayer	3 7:30 Morning Prayer	4 7:30 Morning Prayer 10:00 Bible Study	5 7:00 Men's Breakfast	6 7:30 Morning Prayer	7
8 PENTECOST SUNDAY 9:00 Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 Adult Bible Class 11:30 Council Meeting	9 7:30 Morning Prayer	10 7:30 Morning Prayer	11 7:30 Morning Prayer 10:00 Bible Study	12 7:30 Morning Prayer	13 7:30 Morning Prayer	14
15 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Adult Bible Class <i>FATHER'S DAY</i>	16 7:30 Morning Prayer	17 7:30 Morning Prayer 6:30 BOOKClub	18 7:30 Morning Prayer 10:00 Bible Study	19 7:00 Men's Breakfast	20 <i>Prison Ministry – Pastor Out of Office</i>	21
22 2ND SUNDAY AFT. PENTECOST 9:00 Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 Adult Bible Class	23 7:30 Morning Prayer	24 7:30 Morning Prayer	25 7:30 Morning Prayer	26 7:30 Morning Prayer	27 7:30 Morning Prayer	28
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