



**"Come to me, all you who are weary... For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."
Matthew 11:28-30**

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July 2026

Newsletter

**Morning Prayer M—F
8:00 AM**

**As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord
Joshua 24:15**

From Pastor Wessel

Without a doubt, the Declaration of Independence from Britain in 1776 has resulted in many blessings for our country. The past 250 years have seen our country grow tremendously in population, power, wealth, and even land area. Since the Declaration, we have become a nation which treasures democratic principles which are unknown in much of the world: representative government, private property, strength in diversity, freedom of expression, and the right to worship without fear of government interference.

Unfortunately, the Declaration which has brought so much good to our country has also had its harmful side effects. In many ways, "independence" and "freedom" have become America's false gods. "Individual rights" and "personal freedoms" have become so important that it seems as though many Americans have declared a new independence: from their communities and from God. There's a self-centeredness, an "every-man-for himself" attitude about our American lifestyle that often seems to say "I don't really need you, neighbor," and "I don't need You either, God."

To be a Christian means to declare total dependence upon God. Even the Christian who lives in a free and prosperous land like America confesses: "The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food at the proper time" (Ps. 145:15); "In Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28); "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12); and "It is by grace [we] have been saved, through faith, and this...is the gift of God." (Eph. 2:8).

To be a Christian also means to declare dependence on a community of faith ("congregation"). Christians congregate because we need each other. From Christ we learn to find joy and fulfillment not in building ourselves up, but rather in giving and receiving forgiveness, comfort, love, and charity that builds us together as His people ("a holy nation" I Peter 2:9). For Christians, "Love one another as Christ has loved you" becomes more important than "individual rights" and "personal freedom." We for whom Christ gave the ultimate sacrifice are called to selfless sacrifice, not only within the four walls of our churches, but also in our homes, in our community, in our nation, in our world.

As we celebrate our nation's independence and the freedoms we enjoy because of it, let's also give thanks for a God on whom we can depend totally for all our needs of body and soul. And let's not forget each other and the freedom that comes from living not for oneself but for one another.



Church Business

From Jim Edgar, President

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 7 @ 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Church Council met on June 2. Following is a summary of the meeting.

- Summer Vicar Timothy Yang will be reading lessons on Sundays and leading Morning prayer on Fridays. He will preach on June 28 and July 19
- Wendy is working with the website designer on the website
- JJBK worked on front steps and looked at roof for leaks
- No update on a new custodian in the fall after Keith retires.
- Briefly discussed Family Board Game nights to be held in July

Jim Edgar

From John Edson, Treasurer

May 2026 Treasurer's Report

Income	\$ 12,397.38
Expenses	<u>\$ 14,881.44</u>
Net Revenue (Expense)	\$ 2,484.06

From Caroline Groten, President, LWML

Bible Study Thursday, July 9th @ 1:30 Hostess: Caroline Groten at her home.

The Bible Study will be followed by the LWML Quarterly Meeting. Topics will be a review of the LWML Convention in Mankato that Caroline attended, as well as the August pie social, and the Spring Zone rally that FELC is hosting in April 2027 (date to be chosen).

Pastor Wessel at LCMS Convention

July 18th-23rd

While Pastor is attending the LCMS Conference

Vicar Yang will be available.

His cell is 260-241-5835.

Pastor Haugen from St. Pauls in Chatfield will be the pastor on call.

He can be reached at

507-923-3416

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Join Us This Summer

12 Minor Prophets

1 Major Message

at

Evening Prayer

Wednesdays

7:00pm

We will explore how the prophetic books Hosea through Malachi show us our Savior.

Vicar Timothy Yang will be delivering his second sermon on Sunday, July 19th.
Thank you for attending service to support him.

First English Fellowship Night
Join us at First English for an evening of relaxation and fellowship with your friends and neighbors. Visit with old friends and make some new friends over a game of checkers or cards. There will be board games and cards available.
Thursday, July 16
7:00pm-9:00pm
Fellowship Hall

July



Baptism Anniversaries

7	Steve Koebke	3	Cody Koebke
9	Hannah Lange	4	Roger Burkhart
15	Leonard Radtke	8	Jerry Cleveland
17	Pastor Wessel	28	Lee Edgar
21	Courtney Lange		
21	Tanner Lange		
29	Deborah Hoefs		

Thank you

Thank you for your support of the Soup Collection Drive

Craft Day

There will be no craft day for the months of July, and August.

Our Website is Live

The address is
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Wedding Anniversaries

Terry and Tammy Wendt
July 2, 2011

Leonard and Kay Radtke
July 4, 2010

VISITING MISSIONARY

Barb Rebentisch, who serves with LCMS International Mission in Taiwan, will join us for Evening Prayer on Wednesday, July 15. We look forward to praying for her and with her, and will hear more about her work following the service.

Newsletter Items

Please submit newsletter items for August to the office by **July 21st**.
Thank you.

PATRICIA ANN LADASSOR was born May 4, 1944 to Delmar and Ethel Knarr of St. Louis, Missouri. She was baptized in the Name of the Triune God on August 13, 1944 at Grace Lutheran Church in Wellston, MO. She was confirmed in the Lutheran Confession of the faith on March 30, 1958, also at Grace Lutheran Church, then located in Pagedale.

Pat graduated from Normandy High School in 1962, and from the University of Missouri in 1966, with a degree in elementary education. She taught 5th grade before marrying The Rev. Larry LaDassor on June 11, 1967. She worked part time for a small-town newspaper, as clerk at Ben Franklin, as a bank teller, and as an optometric assistant as they moved around from Sri Lanka (Ceylon) to Montana to North Dakota to Minnesota, retiring in Stewartville in 2006. Pat enjoyed needle work, making clothes for herself and four daughters, knitting, cross stitch, and hardanger. After Parkinson's robbed her of her dexterity, she became an avid reader and table puzzle worker. As a pastor's wife, she was active in many church related activities. She lived her final years at Chosen Valley Care Center in Chatfield.

The Lord called Pat home on May 31, 2026 at the age of 82. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, The Rev. Larry LaDassor of Stewartville; daughters Leah Van Dassor of St. Paul, Dawn LaDassor of Prior Lake, Amy (Ryan) Kivimagi of Chatfield, and Heather (Timothy) McGuire of Watertown, Wisconsin; ten grandchildren; brothers Kenneth (Paula) Knarr of Columbia, Missouri and Michael (Beth) Knarr of Meridian, Idaho; and sister-in-law Nancy Krekeler of Farmington, Missouri.

Pat's mortal remains will rest in Spring Valley Cemetery until the day of resurrection of all flesh.

"Then I heard a voice from heaven say, 'Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'they will rest from their labor, for their deeds follow them.'"

(Rev. 14:13)

