



Go therefore and make  
disciples of all  
nations...  
Matthew 28:19

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# June 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***

“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about Me.” (John 5:39)

Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, [Jesus] interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. (Luke 24:27)

Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” (Luke 24:44-47)

We take Jesus at His word. The Scriptures – that is the Old Testament writings of Moses and the Prophets - bear witness about Him. The Psalms and wisdom literature (Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon) are included. So are the twelve smaller books at the end of the Old Testament. They're called the Minor Prophets not because they are unimportant, but because they are much shorter than the writings of the Major Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel.

Aside from a special service of Prayer and Thanksgiving for America on Wednesday, July 1, we are devoting Midweek Evening Prayer this summer to take a closer look at the Minor Prophets. We will take them up one by one, and we will search for and find Jesus, of Whom the Holy Spirit spoke by the prophets (Nicene Creed). Know the Holy Scriptures; know Jesus.



# Join Us This Summer

**12 Minor Prophets**

**1 Major Message**

at  
Evening Prayer  
Wednesdays  
beginning  
June 3

**Thank you**

Thank you for your  
continued support of the  
Spring Valley Area Food Shelf



Vicar Timothy Yang  
delivering scripture  
in Chinese.  
Pentecost Sunday  
May 24, 2026

## ***Craft Day***

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

## ***Newsletter Items***

Please submit newsletter items  
for July to the office by  
**June 17th**. Thank you.

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Joshua 24:15***



**DONALD DEAN RICHARDSON** was born on August 16, 1934 in rural Grand Meadow, Minnesota to his parents Hervey and Ada (Smart) Richardson. He was baptized in the Name of the Triune God on May 10, 1942 and was confirmed in the Lutheran Confession of the faith on August 8, 1948.

Don attended rural and public schools in Grand Meadow. He entered the United States Navy on June 6, 1952 and was honorably discharged on August 2, 1955. He then attended Austin Junior College for two years.

On November 2, 1956, he married Gloria Jean Meyer at First English Lutheran Church in Spring Valley. Their marriage was blessed with five children. Don farmed for a few years in Wykoff. At various times he was employed by Anderson Lumber Company in Grand Meadow, Chrysler Plymouth Garage in Paynesville, and Usem Chevrolet in Austin. He worked at Akkerman Manufacturing in Brownsdale for 20 years, retiring in 2000.

Don was an active member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Austin and Our Savior Lutheran Church in Brownsdale. Don and Gloria became members of First English Lutheran Church in 2024. Don was especially grateful for his family. Granddaughter Jenny states: "Grandpa had a smile that could light up a room and whose laughter made everyone around him feel at home. Grandpa lived a life rooted in hard work, love, and the simple joys of the outdoors. Whether he was tending the garden, using his hands doing puzzles or making wooden furniture, hunting or caring for his cows, he gave his time and heart fully to everything he did. He spent countless hours at the apple orchard, showing dedication, patience, and pride in honest work. The land flourished under his care, just as his family did under his love and guidance."

Donald departed this earthly life on May 20, 2026 having enjoyed over 91 years of God's grace and blessings. He is survived by his wife Gloria; children Teresa (Dave) Narveson, Kay (Bruce) Narveson, Debra (Mark) Thoe, Roger (Dianne) Richardson and Cheri Richardson; his grandchildren Richard (Jeanie) Narveson, Crystal (Josh) Ristau, Jenny (Bryan) Guderian, Ashley Narveson, Jacob (Clare) Narveson, Rachel (Andrew) Budik, Brian (Hali) Thoe, Gretchen (Luke) Pederson, Lauren (Alex) Glaser, Dean Richardson, and Jady Guzman; great-grandchildren Logan and Kaleb Narveson, Kyra Throckmorton, Mason, Cadance, and Skylar Ristau, Shane and Sofia Guderian, Avery, Aubrey and Paisley Budik, Leighton and Owen Thoe, and Rhyon Pederson; his sister, Darlene (Richard) Steinhorst; and brother-in-law Merlin Meyer. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one sister.

Don'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)

