

Lebanon Lutheran Church June 2023 Newsletter

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A Message From The Pastor



GREETINGS IN CHRIST'S HOLY NAME!

I am planning to teach a course on Death, Dying, and the Christian Tradition sometime soon. The course will have two major parts: a section on practical arrangements to be considered prior to death respecting Christian funerals, and a section on the theology of the "Last Things". The latter will cover things like: death as an event in Christian life, the intermediate state, the resurrection of the body, judgment, heaven and hell, the status of the blessed dead, status of the damned. As one way to begin to consider these topics, I would like to lead a study on C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*, a Christian allegory concerning death and the last things. It should be stimulating and fun, not morbid!

I have provided an excerpt from John Theodore Mueller's handbook, *My Church and Others: A Summary of The Teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as Distinguished from those of Other Denominations*, 3rd Edition, originally published 1926 (third edition 1945), as a peremptory consideration of this broad area of Christian doctrine. It presents a conservative view of the teaching from the period of Lutheran Orthodoxy as received in the early 20th C. Missouri Synod. It does not differ greatly from similar works by authors from the ULCA (United Lutheran Church in America), which was the then contemporary analog to Missouri. I do imagine that it will provide some food for thought... and discussion. There may be ways to state some of these doctrines in different, equally orthodox, ways.

Nota Bene: Some of the groups listed are no longer extant, and some have changed their names since the time of the book's publication. Example: the Russellites are now known as the "Jehovah's Witnesses".

Prayerfully,

Pastor Porter

XXVII. OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

WE BELIEVE that on the last day the dead will rise, their souls clothed with the bodies which they possessed in the present life.

Dan. 12, 2. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Job. 19, 25-27. For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

John 11, 24, 26. Martha said unto Him, I know that He shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

WE REJECT as unscriptural the following teachings:

1. That the souls of those who have not yet atoned for the temporal punishment of their sins must be purged in purgatory before they may enter eternal life, but that they may be released from the purgatorial punishment through the prayers of the living: Roman Catholic Church. Luke 23, 43; Luke 16, 22, 23; John 3,36; John 5, 24; Phil. 1, 23; Gal. 6, 8, 10; Heb. 9, 27. Also the Greek Catholic Church.

2. That the souls of the righteous do not possess full salvation before Judgment Day, that the souls of the damned do not suffer the full torment of hell till Judgment, and that souls may be freed from the bonds of woe by intercessions, alms, and the unbloody sacrifice of the Eucharist: Eastern Catholic Church. Luke 23, 43; Luke 2, 29; Eccl. 11, 3; Matt. 7, 13, 14; Prov. 11, 7.

3. That souls may be converted after death and before the Judgment: Shakers, Spiritists, Mormons. John 9, 4; Eccl. 11, 3; Prov. 11, 7.

4. That the departed spirits experience neither bliss nor damnation: Unitarians. Heb. 9, 27; Luke 16, 19-31; Luke 23, 43.

5. That also souls are mortal, and that hence the departed are neither in heaven nor hell, but asleep in the grave: Adventists, Seventh Day Adventists. Gen. 25, 8; John 17, 24; Rev. 6, 10; Luke 16, 19-31.

6. That all men after death enter into a better world: Universalists, Spiritists, Christian Scientists, Modernists. Luke 16, 19-31; Matt. 22, 31, 32; Matt. 10, 28.

7. That there is no resurrection of the body: Unitarians, Quakers, Shakers, Swedenborgians, Universalists, Free Protestants, Russellites, Christian Scientists, Modernists. Dan. 12, 2; John 11, 24, 25; Matt. 22, 31, 32; 1 Cor. 15, 12.

8. That before the Judgment Day there will be a Millennium, during which the righteous shall reign for a thousand years with Christ upon earth: Irvingites, Adventists, Mormons, Russellites, Premillenarians in general. John 5, 28, 29; 2 Thess. 1, 7; Acts 17, 31.

XXVIII. OF THE JUDGMENT

WE BELIEVE (a) that on the last day Christ will come visibly to judge the quick and the dead; (b) that He will receive into glory all those who have believed in Him to the end; (c) and that He will pronounce the eternal doom upon all who have refused to acknowledge Him as their Redeemer.

a) Acts 1, 11. This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.

Acts 17, 31. Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead.

Rom. 14, 10. But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Cf. also Matt. 25, 31-46.

b & c) 2 Cor. 5, 10. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Matt. 25, 31-46. When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.

WE REJECT as unscriptural the following teachings:

1. That Christ will not return to judge the quick and the dead: Swedenborgians, Shakers, Unitarians, Universalists, Free Protestants, Christian Scientists, Modernists. 1 Thess. 5, 1-3; Matt. 25, 31-46.

2. That not all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ: Seventh Day Adventists. 2 Cor. 5, 10; Rom. 14, 10.

3. That the time of the Second Advent of Christ may be determined beforehand: Adventists, Russellites. Matt. 24, 36; Luke 21, 34-36; Mark 13, 32; 2 Pet. 3, 10.

4. That before Judgment Day Christ will establish on earth the Millennium: Congregationalists, Irvingites, Mormons, Adventlists, Russellites, Premillenarians. Luke 17, 20, 21; Rom. 14, 17; John 18, 36; 1 Cor. 3, 21-23; 2 Tim. 4, 18; 1 Thess. 4, 16; John 14, 3; Matt. 25, 31-46.

XXIX. OF ETERNAL LIFE AND ETERNAL DAMNATION

WE BELIEVE (a) that as the life of the blessed is eternal, so (b) also the damnation of the unrighteous in hell is eternal.

a) 1 Thess. 4, 16. 17. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Rev. 2, 10. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

John 14, 3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. Cf. also Matt. 25, 31-46.

b) 2 Thess. 1, 7-10. And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power. Cf. Matt. 25, 35-46.

WE REJECT as unscriptural the following teachings:

1. That all men inherit eternal salvation in heaven: Unitarians, Modernists, Lodgery. Heb. 4, 3. 9. 11; Mark 16, 16; John 3, 18. 36.

2. That the wicked will not suffer eternal damnation: Universalists, Unitarians, Shakers, Mormons, Spiritists, Rationalists, Russellites, Seventh Day Adventists, Modernists. 2 Thess. 2, 7-10; Isa. 16, 24; Dan. 12, 2; Matt. 25, 10; Matt. 25, 41; Matt. 5, 26.

3. That the wicked will be completely annihilated: Seventh Day Adventists, Russellites. Rev. 14, 11; Rev. 21, 8; Matt. 25, 41; Mark 9, 43-48.

Events at Lebanon

Do you or someone you know need a ride to Church?

Please contact Ann Deming
(540)869-5795 Leave Mssg.

Wednesday's

8:15 AM Matins

10:00 AM Individual
Confession & Absolution

1:30 PM Communion

(There will be no 5:30 Vesper Service)

June Birthday's

6th Lauren Miller

13th Patsy Hockman

19th Jack Miller

22nd Ben Porter

22nd Ashleigh Kimmons

23rd David Leathers

Anniversaries

3rd David & Dorothy
Harriman

8th Michael & Melinda Reidy

12th Ashleigh & Jessica
Kimmons

18th George & Rose
Beauchesne

22nd JD & Joy Cutlip

22nd Jeff & Sheri Hamman

Women's Meeting
Thursday, June 22nd
@ 7:00 PM

Men's Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, June 10th
8:00 AM @
Queen Street Diner

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, June 3rd

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

*See Flyer in Newsletter

We need volunteers to help
make ice cream on June 1st

@ 4:00 and also to help
with the event on June 3rd.

If you would like to donate
food we have a sign up

sheet available with items
needed. Please let Jeff

Hamman know if you are
able to help with the event.

Sunday School Class led by
Rev. J.D. is at 9:30 Sunday

Christian
Education

Children's/Elementary
Sunday School Class led by
Leslie Heird and Dorothy
Harriman is at 9:30 Sunday

Choir Practice

Choir will practice
Thursday, June 1st and
June 15th @ 7:00 PM

*See Evelyn if interested in
joining the Choir

Church Anniversary Planning Meeting

Watch announcements for
June meeting date or
check with Brenda Rose

Flowers For Sunday Morning Worship

If you would like to provide
flowers, please see Dorothy
Harriman (540)409-6470

***Ice Cream Social to Benefit Family Promise
& Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center***

***Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks
and Homemade Ice Cream***

FREE Will Offering - All donations go to Family Promise
& the Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center

Saturday, June 3, 2023 @ 4:00-8:00

***@ Lebanon Church Community Center
43 Post Office Road, Lebanon Church, VA***



***Live Music
by
Five Of
A Kind***

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

***Bring your family, lawn chairs and enjoy a relaxing
evening of fellowship, food & music***

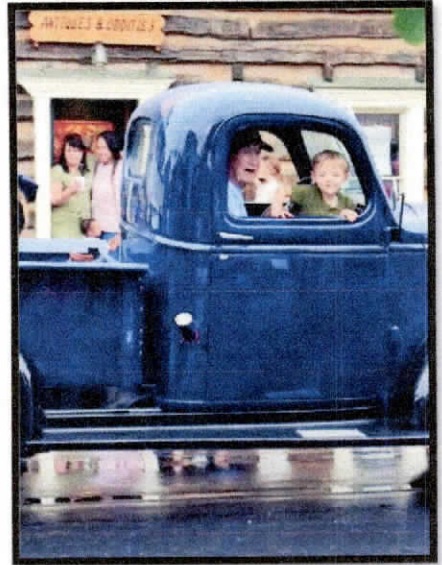
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Mayfest

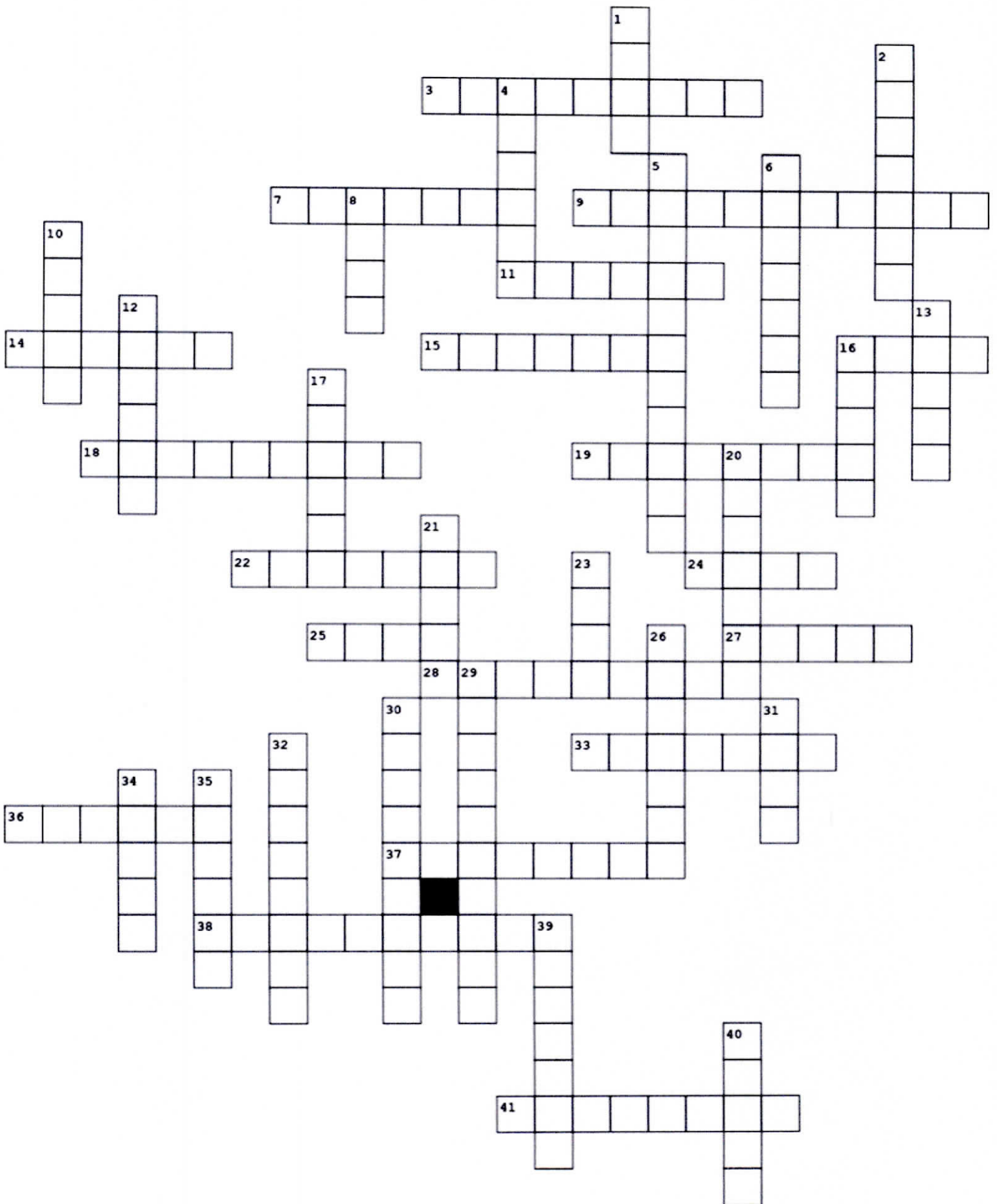


We set up a booth at Mayfest in Strasburg on Saturday, May 13th. "Thanks Be to God" for holding off the rain for most of the day. We gave out bags that had a wooden picture frame or an ornament in them that said "Jesus Loves Me" on them and a pack of crayons with the same message along with several tracks and a card with church information on them. We gave out bracelets with bible verse on them, cross rulers, scratch off hanger that said "Jesus" with bible message on them (you had to scratch off the surface to reveal the bible message). We also gave out balloons that said "Jesus Loves You" on them and it was moving to see all of these kids with balloons that said "Jesus Loves You" along the parade route and walking around town. We also had mints with a Bible Message on them as well as other information about Lebanon Lutheran Church. There was a \$250 Thrivent Card that was also donated to help with the purchase of the items. Thank you to all that donated and helped with the event. We planted a lot of seeds that day and watered other seeds, we pray they will grow in faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mayfest



1 Corinthians Chapters 4-8



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Across

3. "you were _____ in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." (6)
7. "that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is _____," (4)
9. "Likewise he who was free when called is a _____ of Christ." (7)
11. "But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one _____ with him." (6)
14. "in whatever condition each was called, there let him _____ with God." (7)
15. Food is meant for this? (6)
16. This will not commend us to God?
18. This puffs up? (8)
19. For they have become a spectacle to the world? (4)
22. "For it is better to marry than to burn with _____." (7)
24. He judges? (4)
25. "Only let each person lead the _____ that the Lord has assigned to him," (7)
27. The Lord will disclose the purpose of this organ? (4)
28. "but with the unleavened bread of _____ and truth." (5)
33. "For the _____ of God does not consist of talk but in power." (4)
36. "as I teach them everywhere in every _____." (6)
37. This is not good? (5)
38. "But you were washed, you were _____," (6)
41. It is required that they are found faithful? (4)

Down

1. "But each has his own _____ from God," (7)
2. "For how do you know wife, whether you will save your _____?" (7)
4. They will judge the world? (6)
5. They will not inherit the kingdom of God? (6)
6. "Do not _____ one another," (7)
8. This has no real existence? (8)
10. "A wife is bound to her husband as long as he _____." (7)
12. a man has his father's wife, is not even excepted among them? (5)
13. The present form of this is passing away? (7)
16. "The two will become one _____." (6)
17. "Do you not know that your _____ are members of Christ?" (6)
20. Paul sent him to the Corinthians? (4)
21. "But if anyone _____ God, he is known by God." (8)
23. "each man should have his own _____" (7)
26. "Thus _____ against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ." (8)
29. Flee from sexual what? (6)
30. "But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a _____ block to the weak." (8)
31. a sexually immoral person sins against his own what? (6)
32. "This is how one should regard us, as _____ of Christ" (4)
34. "You are not your own, for you were bought with a _____." (6)
35. He is the Passover lamb, who was sacrificed? (5)
39. "Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a _____ between the brothers," (6)
40. We can do this to those inside the church but not outside the church. (5)

All Questions are Formed from the ESV Bible.

Chapters are in Parenthesis.

1 Corinthians Chapters 1-3

A crossword puzzle grid with 37 numbered starting points. The grid contains the following words:

- 1 W: W O R L D
- 2 G: G O D
- 3 W: W A T E R
- 4 A: A T E R E D
- 5 W: W I S D O M
- 6 P: P R E E K S
- 7 C: C O U G H T S
- 8 G: G R E E K S
- 9 T: T H O U G H T S
- 10 F: F A I T H
- 11 M: M I S T A K E
- 12 P: P A U L
- 13 M: M I L K
- 14 T: T H E A R T
- 15 H: H E A R T
- 16 H: H U M A N
- 17 H: H O L Y
- 18 F: F E L L O W S H I P
- 19 P: P O L I T I C I A N
- 20 S: S T E P H A N A S
- 21 P: P H A N A S
- 22 B: B O A S T S
- 23 G: G O T
- 24 P: P O O L I S H N E S S
- 25 F: F O O L I S H N E S S
- 26 S: S T E P
- 27 J: J E R W
- 28 R: R E C E I V E D
- 29 S: S O L I
- 30 S: S A I N T S
- 31 W: W A S H E D
- 32 C: C R U C I F I E D
- 33 T: T E S T I M O N Y
- 34 J: J U D G E S
- 35 L: L A F T I N E S S
- 36 C: C R A F T I N E S S
- 37 M: M E N



Lebanon Lutheran Church



◀ May 2023		June 2023					Jul 2023 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1 4:00 Make ice cream for the Ice Cream Social 7:00 Choir Practice	2 Ember Day	3 4:00 Ice Cream Social @ Lebanon Church Community Center	
4 Trinity Sunday 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	5 10:00 Acts Bible Study	6 10:00 Greenfield Reflections Service 11:00 Greenfield Service	7 8:15 Matins 10:00 Individ. Confession 1:30 Communion Service	8 6:00 Outreach Meeting 7:00 Church Council Meeting	9	10 *Pastor @ Southern Mission District Convocation (Warrenton) 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Queen Street Diner 9:00 Church Cleaning Day	
11 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service *Trinity 1	12 10:00 Acts Bible Study	13 10:00 Greenfield Reflections Service 11:00 Greenfield Service	14 8:15 Matins 10:00 Individ. Confession 1:30 Communion Service	15 7:00 Choir Practice	16	17	
18 Father's Day 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service *Trinity 2	19 10:00 Acts Bible Study	20 10:00 Greenfield Reflections Service 11:00 Greenfield Service	21 8:15 Matins 10:00 Individ. Confession 1:30 Communion Service 6:30 Worship/Music Meeting	22 7:00 Women's Meeting	23	24	
25 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service *Trinity 3	26 10:00 Acts Bible Study	27 10:00 Greenfield Reflections Service 11:00 Greenfield Service	28 8:15 Matins 10:00 Individ. Confession 1:30 Communion Service	29	30	*Note: No Neighborhood Watch Meeting Until August	