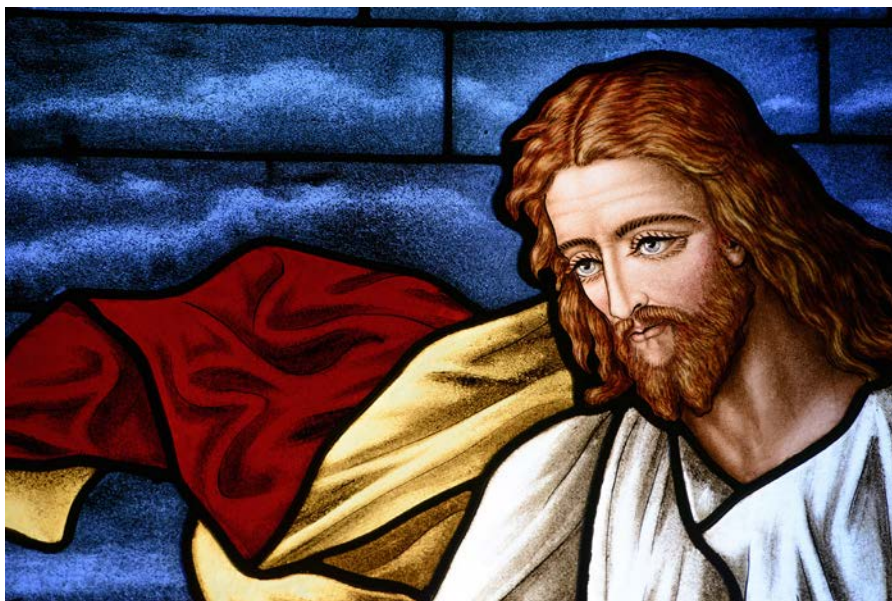




# DISTRICT NEWS

## INDIANA

### Who is righteous before God?



“ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law ... the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.” — Rom. 5:21-22



Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege  
District President

Who are the righteous? The world would answer this question by using adjectives such as good, generous, gentle, helpful and kind. Such attributes do indeed mark someone as outwardly righteous, and we thank God for this “civil righteousness.” However before God, “None is righteous, no, not one” (Rom 3:10). Before God our best righteousness, tainted with sin, is “like filthy rags” (Is. 64:6 NIV).

Since the Fall, human righteousness that stands before God is a righteousness that does not come from within the person, but from without. It is a righteousness that must be given to a person. When this righteousness is given to a person, that person is said to be justified, declared righteous. However,

God does not simply give away righteousness, it had to be earned. With our lack of righteousness there is a barrier separating sinners from the righteous God. Sinners can do nothing to overcome this barrier.

The Son of God became flesh to shatter the barrier, creating for us the gift of righteousness so we can stand before God. To do this Jesus created righteousness for us by three things He did in our place: He lived, He died and He rose. These three wondrous works overlap, but they can be considered separately.

#### He lived

Jesus lived the sinless life for us. His righteous life was lived to be a gift for us. Being a righteous man He stood on God’s side of the barrier and we sinners on the other side. There needed to be an exchange. The righteous Man needed to take our sins, and we needed to have His righteousness. Thus St. Paul explained:

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. — 2 Cor. 5:21

The Righteous-living Man came to give us His righteousness.

#### He died

In His astounding love the New Adam came to our side of the barrier to willingly embrace humanity, taking all sins on Himself. The wages of sin is death. His death is the second work of Jesus to

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## YOUNG VOICES FOR LIFE



# Bringing Life Teams to high schools

**P**reparation was the theme of the weekend when 20 youth arrived at Camp Lakeview in Seymour on Friday, March 6, for the Y4Life High School Leadership Retreat. They represented three schools – Lutheran High School of Indianapolis, Trinity Lutheran High School in Seymour and Lutheran High School North in St. Louis.

Some were excited. Some were shy. And some were a little bit nervous. But they were clearly ready.

Ready for what? To learn about how to start a Y4Life Team.

Starting and supporting Y4Life teams on Lutheran college campuses has been a focus of Lutherans For Life's (LFL) Y4Life ministry for a few years now, but last fall, LFL, through the work of Y4Life, began a new initiative: extend this support to Lutheran high schools across the nation. The retreat was specifically designed to aid schools in developing new Y4Life Teams and help them set a foundation for successful life ministry in their schools.

Throughout the weekend, students learned and accomplished much. They discovered the attributes of godly leadership, learned what a healthy Y4Life Team looks like, created Gospel-motivated mission statements,

planned a year's worth of Y4Life activities, and engaged in a project-building workshop. Some groups began creating logos; others made a list of friends they wanted to recruit, and all of them received training on how to handle hardship. The room buzzed

with enthusiasm, focus and inspiration; excitement could be felt everywhere.

Learning, planning and focusing on life issues from a Gospel-motivated perspective is exactly what the retreat was designed for. And it happened. Our preparations played out perfectly.

But God had clearly prepared for much more.

In addition to the hopes we had, God provided unforeseen gifts. He showered the room with laughter and camaraderie

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**Rev. Joshua Haugen, chaplain and theology teacher at Trinity Lutheran High School, Seymour, engages in discussion of life issues with students. Leading the conversation in the table in back is Matthew Frick, teacher and leader of the Saints 4 Life team at Lutheran High School of Indianapolis.**

# Caring for the Called made positive impact on workers' health

Caring for the Called has promoted the health and well-being of northeast Indiana church workers since 2014 so they could better serve their congregations, schools and ministries. Supported by The Lutheran Foundation for nearly six years, the project came to a close on March 31.

Rev. Richard Koehneke began serving part-time as a ministerial health consultant for Caring for the Called when the pilot project began. The project helped 41 northeast Indiana congregations in 10 counties and 17 schools in The Lutheran Schools Partnership. Rev. Koehneke also connected with deaconesses and directors of Christian education in northeast Indiana.

Using his experience and wisdom from 38 years of parish ministry, Rev. Koehneke provided guidance to congregations and lay leaders in caring for their workers. His previous experience included working with LCMS Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support and serving at Concordia Theological Seminary and the Indiana District, as well as being a member of the Indiana District Ministerial Health Commission and the LCMS Ministerial Care Coalition.

Rev. Koehneke created six objectives for the program that included fostering a culture of intentional, proactive, practical care and concern for the well-being of pastors, teachers and other church workers.

To accomplish the goals, Rev. Koehneke educated lay leaders and school boards on ways they could help their workers to practice self care and promote a more balanced approach to wellness. "The healthier the workers are, the healthier their schools and churches



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will be so that the ministries can become stronger," Rev. Koehneke said.

The program addressed common health and wellness concerns of ministry workers and reinforced positive changes. Rev. Koehneke's ministry experience gave him the ability to openly communicate with lay leaders about the challenges of ministry work. "I could speak frankly to lay leaders and talk about things that their pastors might not feel comfortable talking about,"

he said.

Rev. Koehneke stressed to lay leaders the importance of providing active

support to their church workers. He encouraged them to check in with their pastors and ask questions like, "What's bringing you joy and what's taking away your joy? What things are helping your well-being?" He encouraged lay leadership to provide practical and sustainable action in addressing their ministry worker's needs.

The program also addressed several major threats to worker well-being and the reasons why church and school workers may hesitate to ask for help. Often, they want to be seen as hard workers and get positive reinforcement for working hard. Rev. Koehneke asked lay leaders, "How can we honor and encourage self-care as much as we honor and encourage hard work?" The program stressed the importance of helping workers in prioritizing their well-being so they could continue in faithful and joyful ministry for the long term.

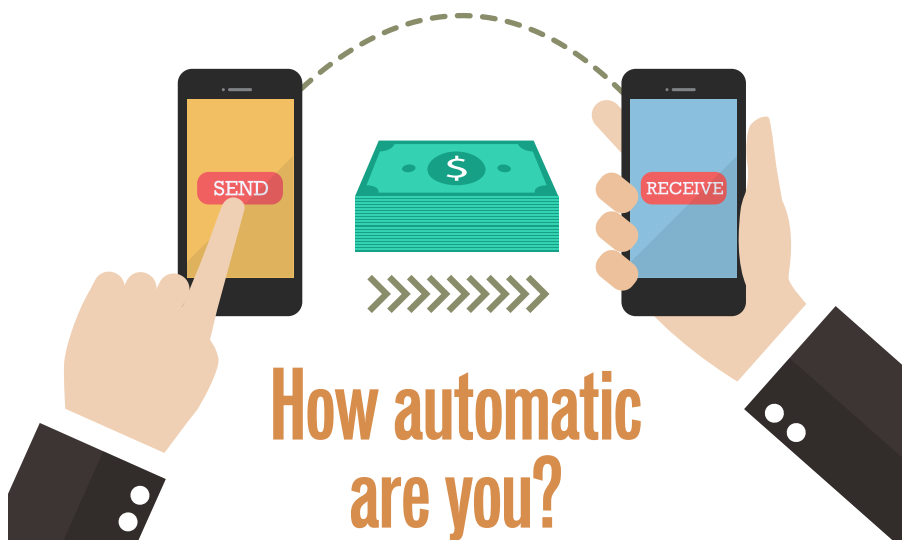
One elder who participated in the program said that Caring for the Called provided a much needed conversation about worker well-being. "I've been an elder here and in another congregation for seven years and this is the first time I've participated in a discussion like this. Long overdue and very timely."

Lay leaders who participated in the program were given information about a variety of resources to help their workers, including the staff of the Indiana District, Concordia Theological Seminary, Grace Place Wellness Ministries, Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, DOXOLOGY, Pastoral Leadership Institute, Concordia Health Plan Pastoral Support Network and Employee Assistance Program, Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS, for new pastors), Cross Connections, Run Hard Rest Well, and the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program. These resources gave churches and school leaders the opportunity to respond appropriately to the needs of their workers.

The Indiana District is grateful for the financial support of The Lutheran Foundation in promoting the health and well-being of our workers.



**Rev. Richard Koehneke**



## How automatic are you?

Everywhere I seem to turn, nothing seems manual anymore. Have I lost control? My new CPAP machine is even automatic. Do you remember a stick shift? How about air conditioning or heating being automatically adjusted?



Ken Schilf  
Council of Resources

I didn't even have to change some of my clocks to daylight saving time.

Automatic giving has even crept into the church. In previous generations, cash was the way that business was transacted. Then came checks. Now it's credit cards at the grocery stores or gas stations. For convenience when ordering or paying online, it's Pay Pal or electronic funds transfer (EFT). Now I find the church is accepting E-giving. I know that because that is one of the

ways my church accepts our donations. But the question raised is can you be a faithful steward without cash or check? I respond with an absolute "Yes!" My wife and I are. We find it's like first-fruit giving because when we are away on vacation, our offering is still being given through EFT. When the COVID-19 virus shut down our church, our offering was still there to support the ongoing ministry.

One possible negative aspect of EFT is that you set the amount and never revisit what or why you are giving what you are giving. That alone should have your pastor heighten the awareness of stewardship and why we do give, "... for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9: 7b). Yes, your pastor needs to preach and teach about stewardship more than just on Stewardship Sunday!

Electronic giving is neither good nor bad. It can certainly be used for the glory of God. These new means should not be feared. They can be used, just like any other gift from God, for the purpose of spreading the Gospel.

If you're unsure of how to do EFT, ask your church treasurer or your bank.

## OUTREACH KENTUCKY

# Great news!

Outreach Kentucky is an effort of the Indiana District to plant a new town and gown ministry in Richmond, Ky. Richmond is the home of Eastern Kentucky University, which has a total enrollment of 15,816 students in 2020. Richmond is located in Madison County and has a population of 35,894 residents (Madison County has a population of 92,987 residents). There is great opportunity for outreach in Richmond and beyond.

The Indiana District has been raising funds for this new start since 2015. Many LCMS congregations, LCMS schools and individuals have given to help fund this mission. God has blessed the effort! Congregations, schools and individuals have contributed \$117,128 in donations. The district Board of Directors has matched \$100,000 of that with a New Ministry Initiative matching grant. So the total amount raised at this point is \$217,128. We praise and thank God for the generosity of all who have participated in this mission endeavor.



The Eastern Kentucky University campus in April.

The Board of Directors is presently developing a call list and will issue a call in the not-too-distant future, when it is prudent to do so. The hope is to have a missionary working this mission field in the fall of 2020.

There is more to be done. The initial goal was to raise \$250,000. Please pray for this mission and please consider participating in the support of placing a pastor/mission developer in Richmond.

For more information and to contribute to the effort, visit [in.lcms.org/outreach-kentucky](http://in.lcms.org/outreach-kentucky).

## Birthdays

### June 1

Bill Kamman, 92  
Immanuel, Seymour  
Jean Popoff, 91  
Zion, Fort Wayne  
Martin Scheimann, 91  
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

### June 3

Anita Steele, 94  
Zion, Decatur

### June 4

Alvin Terkhorn, 93  
Zion, Seymour  
Marcia Freeby, 92  
Calvary, Indianapolis  
Ted Reinhart, 91  
St. Paul-Preble, Decatur

### June 7

Edna Messing, 92  
St. Paul-Preble, Decatur

### June 10

Lloyd Sterling, 91  
St. Peter's, Brownstown

### June 11

Sue Fremder, 92  
St. John, Vincennes

### June 12

Edna Fischer, 91  
St. Paul, Evansville  
Phyllis Zabel, 91  
St. Peter's, Brownstown  
Anna Mary Hussung, 90  
St. Johns, Lanesville

### June 14

Elli Huotilainen, 94  
Calvary, Indianapolis

### June 15

Pauline Miller, 91  
Calvary, Indianapolis

### June 16

Helen Carrell, 92  
St. Paul, Evansville

### June 17

Maxine Christiansen, 90  
Calvary, Plymouth

### June 19

Eileen Weber, 98  
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

### June 21

Luella Holle, 94  
Emanuel-Dudleytown,  
Seymour

### June 24

Mildred Bartels, 95  
Zion, Fort Wayne  
Arnold Busse, 90  
Cornerstone, Carmel

### June 26

Ruth Alber, 98  
Zion, Wabash

### Betty Gotsch, 93

St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

### June 28

Bryce Shull, 99  
Zion, Fort Wayne

### June 30

Liselotte Leming, 95  
St James, Lafayette  
Carl Deimling, 94  
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne  
Paul Schnute, 95,  
Trinity – Darmstadt,  
Evansville

### July 1

Clarence West, 99  
Trinity, Henderson  
Lucy Kniggendorf, 91  
Calvary, Plymouth

### July 4

Dale Carrell, 94  
St. Paul, Evansville

### July 5

Gladys Ross, 98  
Trinity, Hobart

### July 6

Leona Kerkhoff, 94  
Grace, Muncie  
John Downings, 91  
Heritage, Valparaiso

### July 7

Burt Smith, 94  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
Clarabelle Troike, 92  
St. Peter, North Judson  
Helen Hegerfeld, 90  
St. John-Flatrock,  
Monroeville

### July 10

Lillie Christopher, 96  
Emanuel-Dudleytown,  
Seymour  
Rona Edquist, 92  
Heritage, Valparaiso

### July 11

Jean Morris, 95  
Immanuel, Seymour  
James Paul, 91  
Zion, Wabash

### July 15

Leroy Beilke, 92  
St. Paul, Evansville  
Harlan Helwig, 92  
St. Peter's, Waymansville

### July 20

Donna Sensmeier, 97,  
Trinity – Darmstadt,  
Evansville

### July 21

Elizabeth Riedemann, 99  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
Ralph Johnson, 98  
St. James, Lafayette

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## Prayer list



### Week of June 1

Rocky Mountain District  
Circuit 15 – Indianapolis South  
Concordia, Greenwood  
Mount Olive, Greenwood  
Calvary, Indianapolis  
Emmanuel, Indianapolis  
First Timothy, Indianapolis  
Our Savior, Indianapolis  
St. Paul, Indianapolis  
St. Peter, Indianapolis  
Mission: L.A.M.B., Burmese Muslims,  
New Life, Fort Wayne  
RSO: Lutheran Life Villages, Fort Wayne

### Week of June 8

SELCDistrict  
Circuit 21 – Lexington  
Our Savior, Danville  
Bread of Life, Georgetown  
Good Shepherd, Lexington  
Our Redeemer, Lexington  
St. John, Lexington  
Mission: Burmese, Karen, Southwest,  
Fort Wayne  
RSO: Lutheran Ministries Media, Fort Wayne

### Week of June 15

South Dakota District  
Circuit 5 – South Bend  
St. Paul's, Bremen  
Trinity, Culver  
Trinity, Elkhart  
Prince of Peace, Goshen  
St. Peter, Mishawaka  
Calvary, Plymouth  
Emmanuel, South Bend  
Our Redeemer, South Bend  
St. Paul, South Bend  
Redeemer, Warsaw  
St. Peter's, Warsaw  
St. Paul, Woodland  
Mission: Burmese ESL, Bible Study,  
Southwest, Fort Wayne

RSO: Lutheran School Partnership,  
Fort Wayne

### Week of June 22

South Wisconsin District  
Circuit 9 – Fort Wayne East  
Ascension, Fort Wayne  
Concordia, Fort Wayne  
Gloria Dei, Fort Wayne  
Promise, Fort Wayne  
St. Peter, Fort Wayne  
Prince of Peace, Grabill  
Emanuel, New Haven  
Martini, New Haven  
St. Paul, New Haven  
Christ, Woodburn  
Zion, Woodburn  
Mission: Burmese Youth, Southwest,  
Fort Wayne  
RSO: Lutheran Social Services, Fort Wayne

### Week of June 29

Southeastern District  
Circuit 16 – Indianapolis North  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
Journey, Fishers  
Holy Cross, Indianapolis  
Messiah, Indianapolis  
Christ, Noblesville  
Epiphany, Westfield  
Lord of Life, Westfield  
Mission: Compassionate Care Ministries-  
4 Kenya Kids, Emanuel, New Haven  
RSO: Lutheran Special Ed Ministries, Fort  
Wayne

### Week of July 6

Southern District  
Circuit 22 – Evansville East  
St. John, Evanston  
Our Saviour, Evansville  
Our Redeemer, Evansville  
Trinity, Henderson  
Peace, Owensboro  
Emmanuel, Tell City  
Mission: TIM, Messiah, Indianapolis  
RSO: Siberian Lutheran Mission Society, Fort  
Wayne

### Week of July 13

Southern Illinois District  
Circuit 1 – Hammond  
Grace, Dyer  
Concordia, Hammond  
St. Paul, Munster  
Trinity, Hammond  
Redeemer, Highland  
Trinity, Lowell  
Peace, Schererville  
Mission: African American-1st Timothy,  
Messiah, Indianapolis  
Other Special Ministry: Valparaiso University

### Week of July 20

Texas District  
Circuit 10 – Decatur  
Peace, Berne  
Immanuel, Decatur  
St. John, Decatur  
St. Paul, Decatur  
St. Peter, Decatur  
Zion, Decatur  
Zion-Friedheim, Decatur  
Emmanuel-Soest, Fort Wayne  
Prince of Peace, Hartford City  
St. John, Monroeville  
Bethlehem, Ossian  
New Hope Ossian  
Faith, Roanoke  
Mission: Compassionate Social Care  
Ministries- 4KenyasKids, Messiah,  
Indianapolis  
RSO: Wittenburg Village

### Week of July 27

Wyoming District  
Circuit 11 – Lafayette  
St. Matthew, Delphi  
Trinity, Goodland  
Grace, Lafayette  
St. James, Lafayette  
St. James, Logansport  
Our Savior, Monticello  
St. John, Rensselaer  
St. Luke, Rensselaer  
St. James, Reynolds  
St. John, Rochester  
Redeemer, West Lafayette  
University, West Lafayette  
Mission: Child Beyond International, Messiah,  
Indianapolis  
RSO: Bethesda Lutheran Communities,  
Fort Wayne

## Anniversaries

### June 1

John II and Barbara Ryan, 63  
Calvary, Indianapolis  
Delbert and Alberta Tormoehlen, 62  
Immanuel, Seymour

### June 2

Tom and Shirley Noll, 64  
Zion, Decatur  
Thomas and Marilyn Bylsma, 58  
St. James, Lafayette  
Thomas and Joan West, 58  
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne  
James and Marilyn Hurt, 57  
Immanuel, Seymour

### June 3

Don and Marlene Day, 64  
Calvary, Plymouth  
Harlan and Donna Heinz, 59  
St. Johns, Lanesville  
Kenneth and Dorothy Welther, 59  
St. James, Lafayette  
Claude and Beverly Young, 50  
St. Paul, Evansville

### June 4

Rev. George and Lois Lange, 60  
Zion, Fort Wayne  
Mr. and Mrs. David Leonard, 60  
Trinity, Hobart  
Rev. Bob and JoAnne Reinhardt, 60  
Our Redeemer, Evansville  
Pete and Andrea Barber, 54  
Cornerstone, Carmel

### June 5

Paul and Leona Busse, 65  
Zion, Decatur  
Franklin and Delores Furr, 60  
St. Paul, Denham  
Richard and Carol Glusenkamp, 55  
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

### June 6

Rev. Harvey and Carol Lange, 68  
Calvary, Indianapolis  
David and Sharon McPike, 67  
Emmanuel, Tell City  
Charles and Gladys Bartholomew, 61  
Faith, Bloomington  
Dave and Marcia Broman, 50  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
David and Nancy Sattler, 50  
St. James, Lafayette

### June 7

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hall, 62  
Immanuel, Avilla  
Stephen and Linda Decker, 56  
St. James, Lafayette  
Larry and Judie Moore, 51  
Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown

### June 8

Eston and Janet Hathaway, 62  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
Stanley and Carol Hill, 62  
Immanuel, Seymour  
Larry and Phyllis Bowman, 52  
Cornerstone, Carmel

### June 9

Dick and Elva Posewitz, 58  
Our Redeemer, Evansville  
Dave and Jan Hockemeyer, 57  
St. John-Flatrock, Monroeville  
Jim and June Schwengel, 57  
Our Redeemer, Evansville  
Gary and Darlene Parker, 53  
St. Paul, Evansville  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zuehsow, 52  
Immanuel, Avilla

### June 10

Alfred and Mildred Fenneberg, 62  
Immanuel, Seymour  
Don and Pat Meyer, 54  
Calvary, Indianapolis  
Steve and Donnalyn Unsicker, 54  
St. John-Flatrock, Monroeville  
Jim and Karyn Beissler, 53  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
Jon and Laura Stahl, 53  
Immanuel, Seymour

### June 11

Al and Pat Struss, 54  
Calvary, Indianapolis  
John and Carol Valentine, 53  
Cornerstone, Carmel

### June 12

Charles and Francis Nichols, 65  
St. Peter's, Brownstown  
Ron and Diana Toburen, 56  
St. Peter's, Waymansville  
Ron and Bonnie Brink, 55  
Calvary, Indianapolis  
Bill and Sandy Culbertson, 55  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
Wayne and Nell Darlage, 55  
Our Shepherd, Avon  
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schroeder, 55  
Trinity, Hobart

Ted and Sandy Blomenberg, 54  
Zion-Friedheim, Decatur

### June 13

Ivan and Ardina Lepper, 61  
St. John-Bingen, Decatur  
Chester and Shirley Gut, 56  
Calvary, Plymouth  
Lee and Marsha Davis, 55  
Zion, Wabash  
Dan and Sandy Kendall, 55  
Calvary, Indianapolis

### June 14

Gene and Carol Bruns, 62  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
Neal and Linda Schwier, 53  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
Ron and Cheryl Geik, 51  
Calvary, Plymouth  
Ron and Cheryl Janke, 51  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
Fred and Robyn Scheel, 51  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
Fritz and LuAnn Bultemeyer, 50  
St. John-Bingen, Decatur

Lyle and Suzanne Matthias, 50  
St. John-Flatrock, Monroeville

### June 15

Don and Ruth Gambrel, 58  
Zion, Seymour  
John and Betty Irwin, 52  
Immanuel, Seymour  
John and Judi Pape, 52  
Trinity, Muncie

### June 16

Richard and Kareen Nielsen, 70  
St. Peter, North Judson  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ewen, 58  
Trinity, Hobart  
Earl and Mary Pottschmidt, 57  
St. Peter's, Brownstown

### June 17

Omer and Alvona Hackman, 64  
St. Peter's, Brownstown  
Ron and Nancy Glaser, 60  
Concordia, Louisville  
Charlie and Dory Stigall, 59  
Our Shepherd, Avon  
Ronald and Julia Adams, 53  
St. James, Lafayette  
Dale and Pam Ott, 53  
Cornerstone, Carmel

### June 18

Larry and Sara Jupin, 65  
Calvary, Indianapolis  
Bates and Judy McIndoe, 60  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
Rev. Dr. David and Dorothy Scaer, 60  
Zion, Fort Wayne

Arnold and Faith Witte, 55  
St. John-Bingen, Decatur

Harry and Dana Lemke, 54  
St. Peter, North Judson

Mark and Sharon Helmkamp, 53  
Concordia, Illinois

Richard and Arlene Wolfgang, 53  
Zion, Wabash

### June 19

Bill and Janet Walker, 60  
Grace, Muncie  
Rev. John and Gloria Hamer, 65  
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Phil and Roxana Schupp, 55  
Concordia, Louisville

Richard and Eunice Maurer, 54  
St. James, Lafayette

### June 20

Tom and Marvene Buuck, 68  
Zion-Friedheim, Decatur  
Jerry and Ronnie Widenhofer, 56  
Concordia, Fort Wayne  
William and Karin Kirsch, 55  
St. Paul, Evansville  
Dick and Lois Reddemann, 55  
Concordia, Fort Wayne

Butch and Betty Werner, 55  
Heritage, Valparaiso

David and Judy Zolman, 55  
Zion, Wabash

Rich and Nancy Burke, 50  
Cornerstone, Carmel

### June 21

Jim and Jackie Beery, 73  
Zion, Decatur  
JR and Donna Wessel, 67  
St. Peter's, Brownstown  
Fred and Susan Fechtman, 57  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
Donald and Penny Letterman, 51  
Trinity, Henderson  
Max and Eva Middendorf, 51  
St. Peter's, Brownstown  
Rev. Richard and Carole Radtke, 51  
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne  
Jim and Ellen Vance, 51  
Calvary, Indianapolis

### June 22

Dr. Charles and Dee Freudenberg, 68  
Our Redeemer, Evansville  
Pete and Jean Rump, 63  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
Herb and Barb Hoeltke, 57  
Concordia, Greenwood  
Steve and LaDonna McBride, 52  
St. John-Bingen, Decatur

### June 24

Larry and Marilyn Cooper, 53  
Immanuel, Seymour  
Dennis and Jane Jordan, 53  
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

### June 25

Gene and Lucille Stewart, 65  
St. Johns, Lanesville  
Mr. and Mrs. Art and Grawcock, 54  
Immanuel, Avilla

### June 26

William and Sandy Brandt, 56  
Immanuel, Seymour  
Al and Charlotte Davis, 55  
Zion, Seymour  
Ron and Luci Miller, 55  
Zion, Seymour  
Donald and Margaret Downen, 50  
St. James, Lafayette  
Dallas and Rose Johnson, 50  
Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown

### June 27

Zeke and Shirley LaGrange, 66  
Emmanuel, Tell City  
Donald and Anna Weidler, 56  
Zion, Decatur  
Leonard and Miriam Neumann, 55  
Concordia, Greenwood  
Don and Sara Bultemeier, 51  
Zion-Friedheim, Decatur  
Ron and Debbie Reinking, 51  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
Archie and Annie Smith, 51  
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne  
Ernie and Donna Dettmer, 50  
St. John's-White Creek, Columbus  
Dean and Cindy Wass, 50  
Zion-Friedheim, Decatur

### June 28

Roy and Joyce Stuckwisch, 51  
Zion, Seymour

### June 29

George and Carole Shramovich, 52  
Redeemer, Louisville

Edward and Deloris Tharp, 52  
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

## June 30

Fred and Betty Roeder, 71  
Our Redeemer, Evansville  
Ralph and Deloris Beck, 69  
Zion, Fort Wayne  
Gary and Jill Boyd, 54  
Grace, Muncie

## July 2

Mel and Lillie Rahe, 60  
Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown  
Dave and Dena Schult, 60  
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne  
Robert and Karen Grimm, 56  
Heritage, Valparaiso  
William and Linda Marsh, 54  
Immanuel, Seymour

## July 3

Clifford and Kathryn Sierp, 72  
Immanuel, Seymour  
Tomas and Patricia Tinsley, 66  
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne  
Robert and Linda Emily, 55  
Immanuel, Seymour

## July 4

John and Elizabeth Moeller, 55  
Zion, Wabash

## July 5

Ed and Peggy Davison, 52  
Calvary, Indianapolis

## July 6

Ed and Vee Gutt, 68  
Heritage, Valparaiso  
Pete and Diane Joseph, 52  
Calvary, Indianapolis  
Fritz and Joyce Levenhagen, 52  
Epiphany, Westfield

## July 7

Clark and Edith Grady, 58  
St. James, Lafayette  
Ralph and Ellen Kerwin, 58  
Cornerstone, Carmel

## July 8

Marvin and Arnita Schroeder, 75  
St. John-Bingen, Decatur  
Marlowe and Carol Hecht, 59  
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

## July 10

Richard and Glenna Weiland, 55  
Zion, Decatur

## July 11

Bill and Dottie Carlson, 56  
Heritage, Valparaiso  
Rev. Curtis and Pam Peters, 55  
Concordia, Louisville

## July 12

Brent and Bonnie Higgins, 51  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
Rev. Dennis and Linda Perryman, 51  
Cornerstone, Carmel

## July 13

George and Beverly Skibbe, 63  
St. Peter, North Judson

## July 14

Kenny and Joan Roop, 69  
Zion, Decatur

Marvin and Ellen Peters, 64  
St. Peter, North Judson

Ray and Ruth Everson, 56  
Concordia, Greenwood  
Allan and Mary Snyder, 52  
Zion, Seymour

## July 15

Rev. Weldon and Jane Leimer, 59  
Epiphany, Westfield  
Dan and Lora Cole, 53  
Zion, Wabash  
Andy and Sarah Lawrence, 53  
Cornerstone, Carmel

## July 16

Al and Marian Schafer, 65  
Our Shepherd, Avon  
Bill and Judy Shaffer, 60  
Cornerstone, Carmel

Roger and Sue Couch, 54  
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Stevenson, 54  
Trinity, Hobart

Fred and Shirley Stuckwisch, 54  
St. Peter's, Brownstown

## July 17

Frank and Betty Becker, 61  
St. Paul-Preble, Decatur  
Waldo and Rosie Bultemeier, 56  
Zion-Friedheim, Decatur  
Dick and Marti Evans, 56  
Emmaus, Fort Wayne

## July 18

Dave and Arnita Graef, 69  
Heritage, Valparaiso  
Richard and Virginia Hollman, 61  
Zion, Fort Wayne

Frank and Lois Krulik, 56  
St. Peter, North Judson

Glenn and Nancy Gappa, 50  
St. Peter, North Judson

## July 19

Carl and Helen Hoffman, 63  
St. John-Flatrock, Monroeville

Roland and Patricia Kerr, 62  
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Croucher, 51  
St. John-Bingen, Decatur

Carl and Cindy Thies, 51  
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

Herrell and Judy Acton, 50  
Zion, Seymour

## July 20

James and Debra Bechner, Jr. 52  
St. James, Lafayette  
Robert and Karen Burbrink, 52  
St. John's-White Creek, Columbus

Leslie and Karen Conrad, 52  
Zion-Friedheim, Decatur

Richard and Betty Stanfield, 52  
Immanuel, Seymour

## July 23

Rev. Rollin and Betty Kuznik, 54  
Cornerstone, Carmel

## July 24

Rabel and Ruth Newkirk, 65  
Immanuel, Seymour

Dale and Ruth Woodard, 56  
St. Peter's, Waymansville

Norris and Sandra Kovener, 55  
Emanuel-Dudleytown, Seymour  
Lester and Marsha Otte, 54  
St. John's-White Creek, Columbus

## July 25

Dr. Dean and Linda Wenthe, 51  
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Balash, 50  
Trinity, Hobart

Richard and Judy Burnside, 50  
Zion, Fort Wayne

Bill and JoAnn Karbach, 50  
Zion, Decatur

John and Pam Kenney, 50  
Zion, Decatur

## July 26

Jim and Sandy Colter, 51  
St. Paul-Preble, Decatur

## July 27

Jim and Ursula Deppen 61  
Concordia, Louisville

Clarence and Jill Stokes, 59  
Zion, Fort Wayne

Herb and Arlene Koerselman, 57  
Concordia, Louisville

## July 28

Jerry and Marilyn Christopher, 67  
Immanuel, Seymour

James and Janet Dunaway, 57  
Calvary, Indianapolis

## July 29

Ron and Donna Price, 60  
Calvary, Indianapolis

Verne and Ellen Hanson, 54  
Cornerstone, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. David Heiman, 53  
Immanuel, Avilla

Paul and Dorothy Meyer, 59  
St. Paul, Cross Plains

## July 30

Dale and Helen Carrell, 70  
St. Paul, Evansville

Leland and Joyce Hasseld, 60  
St. James, Lafayette

Tom and Mary Ann Cowans, 58  
Zion, Decatur

Gary and Karen Ross, 54  
St. John-Flatrock, Monroeville

Steven and Lenka Bercot, 53  
Bethlehem, Fort Wayne

## July 31

Robert and Gloria Bowen, 65  
Zion, Decatur

Donald and Alice Mathias, 60  
St. John's-Farmers Retreat, Dillsboro

Wayne and Patti Deig, 55  
St. Paul, Evansville

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fenchak, 55  
Trinity, Hobart

Thomas and Karen Darlage, 54  
Zion, Seymour

Floyd and Cathy Stuckwisch, 54  
St. Peter's, Brownstown

## Belated

### April 6

Kenny and Ruth Ann Price, 63  
Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown

### April 12

Gilbert and Faye Foertsch, 62  
Emmanuel, Tell City

### March 16

Rev. Charles and Elaine Fischer, 52  
Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown

### Feb. 14

Larry and Paula Faith, 51  
Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown

### Feb. 21

Bill and Ruth Pierce, 51  
Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown



## BIRTHDAYS

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### July 22

Margaret Prien, 96  
St. James, Lafayette  
Phyllis Zwick, 95  
Zion, Decatur  
Betty Roeder, 91  
Our Redeemer, Evansville

### July 23

Dorothy Levihn, 91  
Our Shepherd, Avon

### July 24

Elverra Marschhausen, 100  
Cornerstone, Carmel  
Helen Kellermeier, 95  
St. Peter's, Brownstown

### July 25

Frances Wells, 94  
Our Shepherd, Avon  
Helen Carr, 95  
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

### July 26

Eva Mae Powell, 100  
Emmanuel, Tell City  
Mary Rogers, 94  
Zion, Seymour

### July 27

Alex Early, 93  
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

### July 30

Maxine Bienz, 98  
St. Paul's, Fort Wayne

## Belated

### May 24

John Pottschmidt, 90  
Emanuel-Dudleytown, Seymour

### April 28

Norma Stilger, 93  
Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown

## LIFE

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during the ice breaker games. He connected students from different schools in a common purpose, creating a support system that now reaches far beyond classroom walls, school affiliations and state lines. And as students mingled over meals, hiked during free time and worshiped together, God built memories for the participants — memories of fellowship, friendship and faithfulness.

Ps. 23:5 states:

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Little did we know that the first weekend of March would be the last weekend of March we could have gathered for the retreat. Little did we know that the Lord was serving us a banquet of fellowship at a table of blessing while an enemy was approaching. Little did we know how much our cup would overflow and how those blessings would sustain us in the coming weeks.



But God knew. And as the giver of all good things, He prepared us to focus on Him and on the gift of life that only He can give, reminding us once again that God's ways are better than our ways. Always.

No matter the evils you have faced or the hardships yet to come, we pray that God might bless His people with life in abundance in the coming weeks and that all your earthly joys might be filled with heavenly blessings!

If you would like more information about starting a Y4Life Team at your church or high school, or if your team would like to participate in a Y4Life High School Leadership Retreat, please contact Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life, at [mbauman@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:mbauman@lutheransforlife.org).

## Congregation to celebrate 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Georgetown, is celebrating its 50th anniversary on Aug. 23. The guest preacher will be Rev. Jon Connor, a son of the congregation. The service will begin at 2 p.m. with a meal to follow.

For more information, call the church office at 812-945-2101 or send an email to [sothluth.org](mailto:sothluth.org).

### Share your news with us!

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## MESSAGE

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create righteousness for us. To give us righteousness, the Savior suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous (1 Peter 3:18a). As unrighteousness was crucified, the cross became the dynamite under the barrier that separates man from God. When Jesus died the fuse to the dynamite was lit.

### He rose

Now comes the third work whereby Jesus gives us righteousness: His resurrection. When Jesus rose from the grave, the dynamite exploded and the barrier was shattered. Thus St. Paul wrote, [Jesus] "was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Rom. 4:25). He was raised that we would be justified, that is, declared

righteous. The barrier is now gone, for in Jesus mankind is declared righteous.

Our saving righteousness is then received by faith in Jesus. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law ... the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe (Rom. 3:21-22). When the Gospel is preached and connected to the water of Baptism, the Holy Spirit creates faith in Jesus and we have the gift of righteousness (see Titus 3:4-9).

Having been declared righteous we stand before God without a barrier



between us and Him. We stand now in prayer, we stand now before God with good works generated by Him, and we will stand before God on Judgment Day. In Jesus, God sees us as righteous.