

From Pastor's desk...

August 2022


Dear Fellow-Redeemed of Zion,

It seems that Summer is simply zooming by, although the extremely hot days seem to linger. But that is the way it is in flatland Illinois in August.

Something else that lingers is the blessings of our Christian faith: Forgiveness of sins, Life, and Salvation. Sinners need not fear the heat of an everlasting heat wave, (hell), because Christ has delivered us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Although we will continue to struggle with our Old Adam (our flesh) until our last breath, the battle is won, the victory is ours, not because we fought well, but because Jesus defeated the curse of Eden when He rose triumphant from the tomb. Death could not hold Him, and it cannot hold us.

So now that the "heat is off," what shall we do? "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works that He before ordained that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2: 10) All good things are for us to do. Some of us can do one thing, some another. But Jesus has a job or two for each of us, and these works are rooted in the faith we have been given. Only Christians can do truly "good" works, not because they earn brownie points with God, but because His people are the only ones who can do such things.

So, carry on! Love as you have been loved, give as you have been given, forgive as you have been forgiven. And relax! The kingdom is already yours!

Pastor P. 

YOUR LOVE IS HELPING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN LUTHERAN CHURCH SHELTER

“What do you need?”

Sometimes it's the simplest questions that mean the most.

Pastor Łukasz Ostruszka, the newly inducted pastor of St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Krakow, Poland, didn't hesitate with his answer. He urgently needed supplies so his congregation could welcome and care for Ukrainian refugees.

To prepare, the congregation of St. Martin's rapidly remodeled the church basement to shelter several families. In the space of a week, the ordinary bathrooms were fitted with showers, beds were brought in, and workers redid water pipes and electrical wiring to accommodate more users.

“This was a space for our parish meetings, but now it's a hostel for refugees,” said Pastor Ostruszka. “A place to sleep, to be warm.”

When Lutheran World Relief staff in Poland found Pastor Ostruszka's church in desperate need, the timing seemed almost divine. Because of your compassion, when families arrive at the church, they are greeted with toys and milk for the children, toothpaste and toothbrushes, hygiene products, toiletries and energy biscuits.

“We were in shock. It's like something from a movie,” said Pastor Ostruszka of his congregation members. “We never expected this. We didn't expect so many people from Ukraine.”

The first group of families came from Kharkiv, a city heavily hit by the war. Pastor Ostruszka's wife coordinated the families' 3-hour journey by bus from the border to Krakow. The women and their children will have a safe place to rest and won't have to worry about finding essential items.

St. Martin's has helped refugees before, like during a crisis on the Belarussian border. They also helped people coming from Afghanistan, Iraq and countries in Africa.

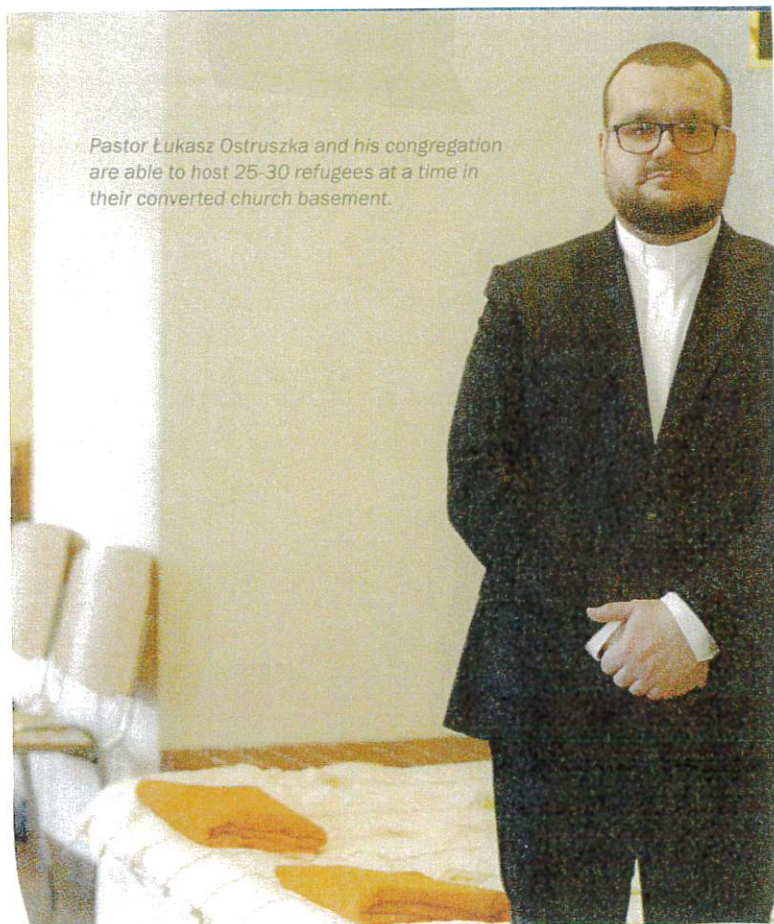
“Everyone is welcome,” said Pastor Ostruszka. “We hope they will feel at home.”

The numbers now are staggering, and it's clear that the renovated church hall will be a haven for an ongoing stream of frightened, exhausted mothers. As the buses keep coming, your love also carries Ukraine's refugees, bringing them support and aid in a time they need it the very most.

Pastor Ostruszka knows there's a long road ahead. “This is just the start,” he said heavily.

He and the congregation are committed to the long haul, and with your love, so are we.

“We should do this. Our Lord gives us something beautiful, and we should go to other people and give to them,” he said. ■



Pastor Łukasz Ostruszka and his congregation are able to host 25-30 refugees at a time in their converted church basement.



Members of Zion Adult Choir after singing “America, the Beautiful” at our Divine Service on July 3. The service was held at Clayville Historic Site.

Thank you choir!!

The Zion Adult Choir is always looking for new members. If you enjoy singing, consider joining them. Practices and performances are announced in the bulletin.

Next scheduled practice will be on August 3 and August 10, beginning at 6:30 P.M. Next performance will be on August 14 when they will be singing “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”.



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GRIEF SUPPORT HELPS THOSE IN MOURNING

GriefShare Fall session begins in August

(July 22, 2022) - GRIEFSHARE grief recovery and support group will meet at the Parish Hall at Trinity Lutheran School, 515 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield. The Fall session will begin on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm and meets weekly for 13 weeks. GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics including "Is This Normal?," "The Challenges of Grief," "Grief and Your Relationships," "Why," and "Guilt and Anger." Thanks to a grant from Thrivent Financial, the workbook fees for this session will be waived.

Childcare will be provided with advance notice. This event is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required to ensure there are enough materials for everyone.

For more information, to pre-register, or to reserve childcare, please call 217.899.9418 or register at trinitygriefshare@yahoo.com.

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Baptism Birthdays

Birthday's

Kristin Irlam	8/1
Courtney Wieland	8/2
Clifton Mahler	8/7
Mary Curry	8/8
Andrea Marvel	8/9
Larry Schone	8/11
Frank Wallace	8/11
Dawson Manuel	8/12
Shane Van Veldhuizen	8/12
Gary Klekamp	8/14
Ron Jurgens	8/15
Holly Van Veldhuizen	8/16
Karl Carter	8/18
Fallyn Shull-Pernell	8/18
Bill LaMarca	8/19
Amanda Wieland	8/20
Margaret Oschwald	8/21
Bob Ruble	8/22
Robert Bernoteit	8/24
Heather Gleason	8/24
Evelyn Thomas	8/25
Megan Clark	8/27
Michelle Clark	8/27

Deanna Pabst	8/1
Kristi White	8/1
Bridget Wieland	8/2
Eva Chipol	8/6
Dean Kindhart	8/6
Fred Hagen	8/11
Joann DeCroix	8/13
Abe Bruce	8/15
Joyce Fraase	8/17
Lee Stremsterfer	8/21
Heather Gleason	8/25
Larry Schone	8/26
Alison Hermes	8/27



Wedding Anniveraries

Shane & Holly Van Veldhuizen	8/1
Dale & Cathy Dobbe	8/5
Gary & Pasty Klekamp	8/9
Chris & Lisa Carter	8/14
Dean & Alberta Kindhart	8/19
Dennis & Monica Boesdorfer	8/21
Michael & Dana Greene	8/23

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SPECIAL GriefShare “LOSS OF A SPOUSE” SEMINAR

(July 22, 2022) Trinity Lutheran Church and School is hosting a “Loss of a Spouse” seminar. This one-time grief support session will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2022 from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Parish Hall at Trinity Lutheran School, 515 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield.


This free seminar is designed specifically for people grieving a spouse's death. The seminar features video interviews with counselors, grief experts, and widowed men and women. They will offer helpful insights on: what to expect in the days to come, how to deal with the loneliness, what to do with your spouse's belongings, and other practical help for dealing with the challenges of widowhood. All participants will receive a booklet with over 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life.

This event is free and open to the public. However, pre-registration is required to ensure enough materials are available. Register at trinitygriefshare@yahoo.com or by calling 217.899.9418.

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LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison addresses SCOTUS decision

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June 24, 2022



“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24).

Today is a monumental day, a day on which we simultaneously rejoice, pray, give thanks, lament, repent and weep. The Supreme Court reversed *Roe v. Wade* and returned the responsibility for protecting life to the states. “*Held*: The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; *Roe* and *Casey* are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives” (SCOTUS, *Dobbs v. Jackson*, 1).

“[The Lord] has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate” (Luke 1:52).

Today is also the Church’s feast day, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ. These two events are a happy convergence.

Today we celebrate the birth of the one who, before he was born, leaped in joyful Spirit-inspired confession when his mother met the mother of his unborn Lord. Today we take comfort in our Lord’s unborn forerunner and in the unborn Savior. We also rejoice at the

resounding victory for life in the United States. Many of us long doubted it would ever come. The Lord has had mercy upon us, even us, sinners all, even in these times.

Today we continue to speak out against the evil of abortion, which many will continue to practice and advocate in states bent on death. Many who have been misled by the father of lies and the culture of death greet this day with weeping and gnashing of teeth. Today we continue to sing that the Lord “has visited and redeemed his people” (Luke 1:68).

Today we pray for unborn children who remain unprotected in many states. Today, in many places, the abortion industry continues to kill unborn children and welcomes those from states where such killing is illegal. Today we take comfort that by the Lord’s hand “we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us” (Luke 1:71).

Today we repent of our own lack of love for the least, the last and the lost, for mothers in need and families facing crises. Today we celebrate God’s gift of the one He sent to “go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins” (Luke 1:76–77).

Today we recommit to love all, unborn and born. Today we receive the sunrise from on high, “to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death” (Luke 1:79).

Today we proclaim: Repent and believe the Good News that Jesus Christ, conceived by the Spirit, formed in the womb and born of the virgin Mary, died and rose for sinners. That includes all of us. Today we give thanks for John who preached repentance and pointed to the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29).

Today we lovingly invite all to listen to Jesus’ call, “repent and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15). If you have caused an abortion, the taking of life, there is forgiveness in Jesus! Don’t be hardened in sin or advocate for more sins. Today you have hope in the One whose way John the Baptist prepared. Jesus is for sinners. Come join the rest of us forgiven sinners! Jesus is for you! You need not have a bad conscience! Repent and believe the Good News of God’s love for you in Jesus.

Today we lament that the U.S. Supreme Court continues to deny the unborn the legally recognized right to life. Even though *Roe v. Wade* has fallen, states can still allow the killing of unborn children. Today we pray that more unborn will leap for joy in the womb, as St. John did.

Today, even as we rejoice, we weep that U.S. policy continues to promote abortion globally. Today we bend our knees in prayer.

O Lord, “let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream” (Amos 5:24). The Lord preceded His Son, our Savior, with a forerunner. We pray that today’s decision points ahead to the day when every state advances the cause of life and expands protections for unborn children.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Matthew C. Harrison
President
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

For more information on the Synod’s response to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on *Dobbs v. Jackson*, read:

- A statement from LCMS Life Ministry; and
- A joint letter to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland from Harrison and the presidents of the WELS and ELS regarding increased violence against churches, pregnancy resource centers and pro-life organizations.

Also, LCMS Worship provides prayer petitions for congregations to use following the ruling.



Camp CILCA Outdoor Ministries
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May 25, 2022

To: LWML Group Leader and Church congregations of the CID

Hello, my name is Rachel Benning. I serve on the Board of Directors for Camp CILCA. As you may know, Camp CILCA serves hundreds of youth and adults throughout Illinois and neighboring states during summer camps and other activities. Year-round retreats and other programs provide services to hundreds of other individuals as well.

One of our major fundraisers for Camp CILCA is the Annual Chicken Fry and Auction over Labor Day weekend, Sunday, September 4, 2022. Camp CILCA is seeking donations of any type that could be placed on the live auction and a silent auction. The money raised through the auction will be used to continue the vital ministry of Camp.

We are asking various LWML groups and congregations in the CID to donate a basket for the auction. The theme could be anything such as Camping, Picnic, Kids Play Toys, A Day at the Beach, Gardening, Sports, Handyman, Worship, Scrapbooking, spa, favorite sports teams, movie night, DIY, crockpot/soup, Disney, date night, sandbox, baseball lovers, ice cream sundae, fishing, etc. Use your imagination because the possibilities are endless! We also love donations of quilts, blankets or anything else that we could put on the live auction. There will be a silent auction of various items which usually includes some delicious homemade goodies.

If you would like to donate something for the auction, you may drop it off at the camp office.

....We would love to see you all at the worship service (10:30am) and chicken dinner (11:30am-2:30pm)!

Thank you for your support of the ministry of Camp CILCA. Please keep the Camp and all of the programs in your prayers. For more information about Camp CILCA and additional information about the Chicken Fry and Auction, check out www.cilca.org and find Camp on Facebook. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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Board of Directors Camp CILCA
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Your Synod's response in Ukraine continues — here's how you are helping.

Dear Fellow Redeemed:

As war and violence continue to devastate Ukraine, your Synod has been able to respond quickly and adeptly. By God's grace and your help, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has been able to meet both spiritual and physical needs of those in Ukraine and those fleeing that country. **Here are a few examples of how your contributions are being put to work:**

- The LCMS has **issued grants for humanitarian aid and refugee support** in parts of Romania, Latvia, Germany, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. Your Synod is positioned to provide more aid as needed.
- The LCMS is **providing transitional housing through subsidized rent** at a residential complex in Romania — nearly \$300,000 has been set aside to cover expenses for the next two years. The Synod is evaluating the possibility of purchasing a second residential complex in Romania for the same purpose.
- An LCMS missionary is **offering ESL (English as a Second Language) classes to help displaced Ukrainians** in Braşov, Romania. The ability to understand and speak English, the "trade language" there, will help refugees find employment and acclimate to life in a new place.

The LCMS continues to focus on planting churches and teaching the Lutheran faith – especially for displaced people seeking comfort and relief for their souls. The work to meet physical needs is very important, but the LCMS' work differs from secular humanitarian organizations in that we share a far more critical resource – the proclamation of God's Word, especially the precious Gospel.

- Our partner church in Germany, Selbständige Evangelisch–Lutherische Kirche (SELK), has **created a position to manage the church's refugee care programs.** Your contributions allowed your Synod to support this role and its related expenses through a \$120,000 grant.
- Two floors at the Old Latin School (OLS) in Wittenberg, Germany (a project of the LCMS), are being rented for refugee housing. **SELK intends to plant a church in the OLS to have Divine Services in English and Ukrainian. The pastor there will also provide Lutheran catechetical instruction for refugees and others** in Wittenberg.
- A Lutheran school in Slovakia immediately accepted displaced Ukrainians in the early stages of the war. **This school continues to provide a Christian education for refugee children.** The LCMS has provided support for this to continue.

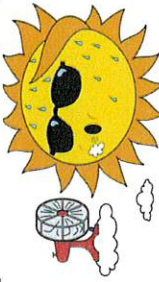
Refugees fleeing Ukraine have lost loved ones, parents, children, homes and livelihoods. **The LCMS strives to share what is needed most – the comfort and peace that only Christ can provide. Thank you** for helping the LCMS address physical needs as we bring the promise of comfort and peace in Christ to those suffering in Ukraine and the surrounding countries.

In Christ,
Your Friends in LCMS Mission Advancement

P.S. God uses you, your prayers and your contributions to meet physical needs and provide spiritual encouragement. Thank you for playing a critical role in this work!

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31	1	2	3 Choir Practice 6:30 P.M.	4	5	6
7 Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service 10:15 A.M.	8	9	10 Choir Practice 6:30 P.M.	11	12	13
14 Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M.	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service 10:15 A.M.	22	23	24	25 Church Council 6:45 P.M.	26	27
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***Zion's Newsletter
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***Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
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