



Monthly Newsletter

October 2021

“The Grieving Gatsby”

by Pastor Robert Schrader

Recently, I read *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald for the first time, and in pondering it, I wanted to share some thoughts with you. Just a warning – there are definitely spoilers in this article, but I figured if you haven’t read a book that’s been around for 100 years, you’re probably okay with that.

Whatever Fitzgerald’s intentions were, I think that the book is ultimately about **discontentment**. There are a variety of characters in the book that each have something that people commonly want – things that people think will ultimately make them happy. While each character is different in what they possess, they’re each similar in that they’re still discontent. Allow me to talk you through some examples.

First, there’s Tom Buchanan. He’s a very rich man, he was an all-star tight end at Yale, and he’s married to the most coveted girl in Louisville, Kentucky. Early in the book, it becomes evident that Tom is still unsatisfied when the reader finds out he has a mistress who he frequently sneaks off with. Even then, Tom is unsatisfied. Throughout the story he’s prone to fits of rage, to putting others down with ‘scientific’ facts that build him up, and to alcoholism. Here’s a man

who has money, notoriety, and sexual flings, yet Fitzgerald paints as very discontent.

Then, there’s Tom’s wife Daisy. She’s a beautiful southern belle with the perfect personality to match. Every man wants to date her, every woman wants to be her friend. As the wife of a wealthy man, she lives a life of luxury and leisure. For instance, one scene shows that a nurse does all the hard work of raising her child while Daisy only sees her for brief moments of enjoyment. Yet, Fitzgerald also shows her to be quite discontent. Daisy is constantly in search of more – she’s bored, she’s uncomfortable, and she’s discontent.

Tom’s mistress is Myrtle Wilson. Myrtle is a married, middle-class woman who wanted something more. Going with Tom is a means to achieve that dream. But she wants all of Tom, she isn’t content to share him with Daisy. When her husband finds out she’s been unfaithful, he decides they’re going to move; this prompts Myrtle to run out to who she thinks is Tom, only to be hit by a car. Myrtle displays the ultimate discontentment that we all face – that of death.

Jordan Baker, a friend of Daisy, is less spurious than Daisy, yet no less

*“He’s the only way
to heaven; he’s the only
means of contentment.
And he has given
himself to you! ”*

discontent. She’s a wealthy debutant who’s also a champion golfer. Though on the outside, she appears to have things together; the narrator reveals that she lies and cheats her way through life because she can’t stand to be less than or worse than another. Jordan looks cool, calm, and collected, but by her chronic lying and cheating, she shows herself to be quite discontent.

Throughout the book, there’s an ever-changing group of partiers. Every weekend, they show up at Gatsby’s house to indulge in the lavish parties he throws. Fitzgerald purposely pictures them as rather shallow – they’re temporarily happy with the luxurious high that comes from the Jazz bands and the illicit booze of the prohibition era. Yet, the night always ends in fighting, accidents, and drunken stupidity. For a moment, there’s a fleeting satisfaction,

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but the party ends and they drive away sallow faced, disappointed, and discontent.

Then, of course, there's the title character: Jay Gatsby. A poor boy from the Midwest, Gatsby always saw greatness in himself. Up and up the ladder he strove, following the American dream until he became fabulously wealthy as a bootlegger. Yet, it seems, wealth was not all that he dreamed it would be. Gatsby throws extravagant parties but hardly partakes himself. But, the reader learns that there's something more that Gatsby is after – Daisy Buchanan. They had dated years before, but he was not wealthy enough to take her hand. So, for five long years, he strove to build his wealth to win her back. For five years, he dreamed of her, built her up in his mind, and placed her high on a pedestal in his dreams. He bought a mansion near hers. He threw his parties so that he might meet someone who knows her. And finally, the work paid off! Yet, Fitzgerald is very clear that she falls short of his expectations; she isn't quite as perfect as he's built her up to be. After a short-lived love affair, Daisy learns of his ill-gotten wealth, elects to stay with Tom, and shatters his dream. Jay Gatsby is shot in the swimming pool outside his opulent mansion. Though thousands attend his parties, only three attend his funeral.

Nick Carraway, the book's narrator and other main character, appears to be the most content throughout. No matter what comes his way, he seems to take it in stride; he's not prone to highs or lows but remains steady through it all. Yet, after the events of the book, these are his last words: "So we beat on, boats against

the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past." He's a realist, a stoic – he may not despair, he may press on, but those words make it so clear that he, too, is far from content. To Nick, life is simply something to muddle through and is ultimately without meaning or purpose.

There's our segue into what this article is actually about – contentment. In Fitzgerald's book, a study on and search for contentment, his conclusion is that there is none. Interestingly, *The Great Gatsby*, is somewhat based on Fitzgerald's own life and experiences. The characters in the book try it all – and Fitzgerald himself had tried it all. Money, fame, success, notoriety, hard work, alcohol, entertainment, pleasure – dreams were fulfilled and pinnacles were reached but none of it mattered, none of it satisfied. In his study of contentment, Fitzgerald concludes that there's only discontentment.

And, of course, he's right – when we look to only the things of this world, the only thing we'll find is discontentment, and ultimately, death to an eternal discontentment. Solomon, quite like Fitzgerald, also found the same; Ecclesiastes is a list of all the things he tried to find contentment in and he concludes:

"Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity" (Ecc. 12:8). Yet, unlike Fitzgerald, Solomon did eventually find his contentment. He ends Ecclesiastes saying, "**The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man**" (Ecc. 12:13).

We were made for God; he's the only thing that we'll truly find contentment in. In sin, separate from him, we're discontent as both Solomon and Fitzgerald astutely

point out. But Jesus died to forgive the sins that separated us from God, and he rose to defeat the death that barred us from God. He's the only way to heaven; he's the only means of contentment. And he has given himself to you!

I recommend reading *The Great Gatsby* (and Ecclesiastes for that matter) if you have time. Find yourself in the book; which character are you? Where do you sinfully seek your contentment? Repent, seek it in God, and find it in God. As Augustine famously said: "*O Lord, our hearts are restless until they rest in you.*"

Pastor Robert Schrader



Life starts all over again
when it gets crisp in the
fall.

-F. Scott Fitzgerald
The Great Gatsby

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Have you had struggles in your life and experienced the healing power of Jesus Christ?

Are you willing to share your experience, strength, and hope in Jesus Christ with those people that are hurting and broken?

We would love to hear from you and share information about this amazing opportunity to share the message of God's healing and restoration!

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Love INC

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of Sheboygan County*



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Love INC will be holding the 4th Annual **Living Out Love Fundraiser and Dinner Auction** at The Bull at Pinehurst Farms in Sheboygan Falls on Saturday, October 23rd. Proceeds will go to benefit and support various ministries at Love INC. There will be some terrific on-line auction items for you to bid on, as well as \$30 and \$50 "Mystery Gifts". At the dinner there will be raffle items as well as live auction items. Please consider attending the dinner or bidding on the on-line items or snatching up a Mystery Gift. Please watch the Weekly News for more information.

Love INC of Sheboygan County is committed to the dignity and well-being of our neighbors by providing services that promote self-reliance through personal relationships, spiritual growth, and education. We are committed to changing the way we see need in our community so that we can break the cycle of generational poverty.

Thank you,
Bonnie

The Gathering Place November Giving Campaign

We are slowly rebuilding and are welcoming new participants monthly as we rebuild our volunteer program and The Gathering Place. Volunteers have taken on extra days to get us

up and running again and we are so grateful. Memorial donations, Thrivent Choice Dollars and weekly Church donations have kept us going, but now we are ready for a strong jumpstart with our November Giving/Capital Campaign so we can continue our vibrant program.

We are blessed to be part of a church that had the vision over 14 years ago to start this wonderful program that has been a blessing to thousands of people throughout Sheboygan County and beyond. This quote from a participant's granddaughter says it all. *"There have been so many changes in my grandma's life, with her getting dementia she lost control of so much. Her coming to The Gathering Place is her thing, the consistency and the friendships and the love she gets each time she comes have given her back so much!"* Our fundraising goal for 2021 is \$25,000. These funds will help The Gathering Place and Memory Matters continue to give our families the much-needed respite at an affordable cost and will enrich the lives of our participants. Please prayerfully consider donating to our program.

100% of donations go to our programs. Join us for **"Giving November" and donate today.** This can be done by check, online through our website memoriymattersmost.com (go to donation tab) or through WeShare November Giving.

Thank you.

Early Childhood Center

We have had a great start to the new year at St. Paul Early Childhood Center. We have 14 children in 4K, 26 Preschoolers and 34 children using the Child Care during some time each week. The children and teachers have gotten to know each other and are having lots of fun learning each day. The children are getting used to the school routines and beginning to make new friends.

The 4K class has already taken a walk to the Falls, played at River Park and gone to Memorial Library. They will also go to Bookworm Gardens this month. The librarian comes every month to the Early Childhood Center to read to the Preschool and Child Care classes.

We continue to collect used ink cartridges, HP toner and old cell phones. We could also use metal lids from frozen orange juice. These can be placed in the Early Childhood bin in the church's Giving Center. We receive money for these that help us purchase materials for the classrooms.



A black and white photograph of a lit jack-o'-lantern against a dark background.

ST. PAUL YOUTH

Date: Oct. 17
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Pumpkin Carving Night

Bring your best pumpkin and imagination and we will provide the rest of the tools to get the job done!

A row of three pumpkins decorated with faces and colorful googly eyes.

St. Paul Children, Youth & Family Fall Event



Date: Oct. 24
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Location: Bulitz Farm Kohler, WI

Annual Fall Family Event at Bulitz Farm! Come and join us for some s'more around the camp fire, a hay ride around the farm and some time with the animals. A great evening for the whole family! \$5 per person

Bulitz
Pumpkin Farm

Feed My Starving Children

2021 Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) 8th Annual MobilePack – THANK YOU!

By the grace of God, and an army of support, at the time of publication, we are successfully approaching our 8th FMSC MobilePack on October 7-9. THANK YOU to all that have donated to this mission with time and talent. We are truly blessed.

Feed My Starving Children provides life-saving meals to people in more than 70 countries around the world

truly turning Hunger into Hope. This MobilePack at St. Paul is a testament to our mission as a church, *As Friends of God through Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, we are connecting people to Christ by sharing His love in word and action everywhere.* God confirms this mission in Proverbs 22:9, **'Blessed are those who are generous because they feed the poor.'** God bless the food we pack and those that so desperately need it.

Again, thank you for your incredible support in bringing this mission to life. You are all shining stars!



Sunday School & AWANA Updates Nicole Dollevoet, Temporary Director of Children's Ministry

We had a very successful kick-off season with all of fall ministries up and rolling.

Sunday School continues to be a huge blessing for our 3-year-old through 5th grade students. We are blessed with a great team and almost 80 registered students. Our younger students are exploring the book of Genesis and in October we'll learn that God has a plan. The older students are learning about ways to Be Bold in their faith!

AWANA in person has been awesome! We are singing and praising God loudly every week. We have been blessed to have our Pastors share the message weekly. We are exploring the New Testament books of the Bible. During the month of October, we finish up the Gospels and move on to the Book of Acts.

- Pop Its (dimple toys, etc)
- Putty
- Dolls
- Craft Kits
- Science Kits
- DIY Projects



AWANA Store Donation

Collecting in the back of church October 14-17

- Blankets (no stuffed animals)
- Sports sets
- Baseball, Football, & Basketball cards
- Bluetooth Speakers
- Tech accessories
- Gift Cards (\$5 value)



The smiles are back at in-person AWANA!

2021 Reformation Weekend

Matt Thiel, Sheboygan Lutheran High School Music Director

The 2021 Reformation Weekend sponsored by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Congregations of the Greater Sheboygan area, and the Sheboygan Area Lutheran Schools Association will feature the first ever "Truth at All Costs" Reformation Conference on Saturday, October 30 and the Annual Reformation Worship Service on Sunday, October 31.

The "Truth at All Costs" Conference will be held on Saturday, October 30 from 8:30am to 2:30pm in the Sheboygan Lutheran High School Worship and Fine Arts Center, 3323 University Drive, Sheboygan. The Conference will feature

Rev. Dr. Alfonso Espinosa, Senior Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Irvine, CA speaking on his latest book, "Faith that Engages the Culture". Your registration fee of \$20 will include a light breakfast, water, coffee, a boxed lunch, as well as a brand-new copy of Rev. Dr. Espinosa's book. Space at the conference is limited to 80 guests, so please register as soon as possible. For more details and to register for the conference please visit lutheranhightbrushfire.com

The Reformation Rally Worship Service will be held on Sunday, October 31 in the Sheboygan Lutheran High School Worship and Fine Arts Center, 3323

University Drive, Sheboygan. The Service will begin at 3:30pm with doors opening for seating at 2:45pm. Music, under the direction of Matthew Thiel, music director at Sheboygan Lutheran High School, will be a prominent part of the service with participation by the Lutheran High School band and choir, including some adults, and a Lutheran grade school choir. The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Alfonso Espinosa.

In Christ,
Matt Thiel

Youth Ministry at St. Paul Nicole Dollevoet, Director of Youth



Pre-gathering meeting for LCMS Youth Gathering

The month of September is often a whirlwind as we put away summer and kick off ministry events for the school year. **Youth Group** had a great kickoff as we soaked up the outside as much as we could. October is a busy month enjoying all that fall has to offer. We will carve pumpkins on Oct 17 and head to the Pumpkin Farm on Oct 24.

Confirmation is off to a great start; it is wonderful for our small groups to connect after summer break. We have some amazing small group mentors that pour into our students each and every week.



Small Group Bible Study!

Preparing for the LCMS Youth Gathering

The event only happens every 3 years, but the planning is happening all of the time. Currently our group is working hard on fundraisers. Thank you so much for supporting our envelope event, and our many Dine to Donate nights at different locations in our community.

St. Paul Young Adults (18-25 year olds) should have received a bit of mail. Packages will be sent out next month! A reminder that our young adults are always welcome to attend Youth Group!

To follow the latest Youth Ministry schedule and even get a sneak peek of what the next few months look like, check out our website.

[https://
www.stpaulfalls.com/youth
---young-adult-ministry](https://www.stpaulfalls.com/youth---young-adult-ministry)

"I enjoy serving in the areas of Sunday School and Confirmation because I know I can make an impact in their lives." Rachel age 15



8th grade boy's confirmation class

"I like helping with Confirmation because it is so fulfilling to watch the students grow in their faith and I feel blessed to have been a part of their journey." Kennedy age 17

Sheboygan Lutheran High School Newsletter

HighLites



*"Preparing Christian Leaders-
One Student at a Time"*

In December of 2020, Sheboygan Lutheran High School completed and dedicated a brand-new Worship and Fine Arts Center on its campus in Sheboygan. The building of a Worship and Fine Arts Center further demonstrated the school's dedication and commitment to making the fine arts an integral part of a well-rounded, Christ-centered, transformational education at Sheboygan Lutheran. The Worship and Fine Arts Center, which features a 600-seat theater, is a unique size for the greater Sheboygan area in that it provides ample seating room for larger events while still delivering an intimate viewing experience for every guest. Sheboygan Lutheran High School (LHS) does not want to keep this beautiful facility to itself, however. From day-one, the vision of this project always included the notion that LHS would use the Worship and Fine Arts Center as a means to reach out to the greater Sheboygan area by providing programming that promotes education, leadership, and the arts with an eye toward building fellowship within the community.

Beginning this Fall, Sheboygan Lutheran High School is proud to announce a partnership with a Milwaukee-based organization, Wisconsin Music Ventures to bring a brand new concert series to Sheboygan County entitled "Rooted and Rising: A Wisconsin Emerging Artist Concert Series". As the name implies, the six-concert series will feature up and coming

artists that call Wisconsin, or the Upper Midwest, home. Each of the artists featured in this year's lineup are ones you may not have heard of, yet, but are all extremely talented and span a wide variety of musical genres. Kicking off the season on October 16th will be Americana singer/songwriter Zach Pietrini. Zach was recently voted Best Live Act in Milwaukee and has opened for Huey Lewis & The News as well as Ray Wylie Hubbard. Tickets are on sale now! And headlining the Christmas show on December 4th is world-renown accordion player, Stas Venglevski with special guest Carmen Nickerson. Stas' artistry, sensitivity, and dazzling technical command of his instrument has brought him increasing acclaim as a virtuoso on his instrument. Stay tuned for the rest of the series line up! "Rooted and Rising" concert tickets can be purchased through the LHS website under the Fine Arts Center tab. All shows will take place in the new LHS Worship and Fine Arts Center Theatre and begin at 7 p.m. Adult tickets cost \$12/\$15 and student tickets start at only \$10 a piece. More information on the series as well as other events hosted by Sheboygan Lutheran can be found at lutheranhight.com/FACEvents. We look forward to see you at a concert, or two!

In His service,
Matt Thiel
LHS Music Director

This school year is off and running smoothly! We are excited to have over 220 young Christians here at LHS, learning and leading! And without taking a breather, we're looking at building our incoming freshmen class for next Fall 2022. Encourage someone you know to take advantage of a visit to Lutheran High School. There are a number of ways to check us out, so spread the good word!

- Open House for 5th - 8th graders ~ Monday, Oct. 11 from 5 - 6:45 p.m. Talk to teachers, tour around the school, and stay for the Music Department's Fall Sampler Concert at 7 p.m.
- Educational Consultations ~ Several Sunday afternoons per month will be open by appointment for a private tour and consultation with Principal Bult. A schedule will be out soon on our webpage.
- SALSA Experience Days ~ 7th & 8th grade SALSA students will get to spend a morning here at LHS to experience a few classes, chapel, and lunch. Dates to be announced.

Consider a Lutheran High Education with us!
~ In Christ,
Derek Bult, Principal.

Church Council Meeting September 2021

Worship Ministry Update –

Thomas is working closely with Praise Band Leaders and Pastors to coordinate songs with the message. This has been very well received. He is trying to build more familiarity with hymn that may not be as well-known. He continues to see out more instrumentalists that have a heart for worship.

He is working with Nicole on planning and leading the Sunday School Christmas Program this year. Thomas continues to try to use technology to improve processes, he also handles the livestreaming. Thomas is hoping to start up a drama ministry program. He'd also like to get more involved with the ushers.

They also noted that it seems the Country band has less "country" elements to it lately. Thomas agreed and felt this was due to the lack of instrumentalists right now, he is trying to rekindle that. St. Paul is greatly blessed to have the music program we do, in comparison to many other local churches, which is a wonderful reflection of Thomas's efforts.

Thrivent Choice Dollars-

The Council has donated \$5,000 to the National Youth Gathering as well as the Guatemala Mission Trip from Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Lutheran Education Scholarships –

A recommendation is being put together to potentially increase the scholarships for the 2022-23 school year.

Blacktop Project –

An updated quote from Northeast Asphalt for the entire blacktop replacement was shared in the amount of \$367,760. Two more additional blacktop quotes will be sought.

Discussion was held regarding the mulched medians. Often mulch washes into the parking lot and every other year a great deal of money and time is spent on mulching. The trees also have trouble growing due to the limited soil under them. In addition, the tree roots cause the blacktop to crack. It was suggested to either change the mulch to grass or to remove the medians completely and relocate the trees. Quotes will be sought for this as well.

Tuckpointing Project -

Some areas of the brick and EFIS on the exterior of the church building is starting to hold moisture and in some areas is beginning to mold. In addition, areas of the brick are cracking and the mortar is falling out. John Rische will be looking into this further to determine next steps.

Elder Team Update -

The non-attending members project continues. If we have no contact information for them, they will be removed. If their spouse is attending, we will keep both active. The rest of the members the Pastors will make an attempt to contact.

There are about 100 households that were regular attenders pre-Covid that have not returned. A

letter will be sent to them in October/November, asking them why. The Elders will then follow up with phone calls to them.

Children's Director Call Team Update -

The Call List has been narrowed down to 4 people. Pr Kyle has reached out to them to see if they are willing to consider a Call. Two will be scheduled for an interview, the other two we are waiting to hear from. The Call Team plans to hold interviews in early October.

Senior Pastor Report -

Sermon themes have been planned through the end of June. This makes things much easier for everyone, having this schedule so far in advance. It was suggested that readings for small groups be included. People really enjoy when small groups are tied into worship.



Pr Rob's 90 day review is coming up. If anyone has feedback regarding Pr Rob's performance thus far, please let Pr Kyle know.

Pr Blas from Hispanic Ministry will be preaching October 10 to help

increase awareness of his ministry. Both Pastors will be attending the District Conference in La Crosse October 18-20. The Reformation Service will be at Lutheran High on October 31 @ 3:30. Teen Challenge will be November 7 at all services.

The Endowment Fund Bylaws currently doesn't allow St. Paul to be a recipient of grants. The Endowment Team is planning to discuss this further. Any by law changes will be brought to the Council.

At a recent Circuit Meeting, an opportunity for local LCMS Pastors to help the Town of Sheboygan Police Department with crisis management was shared. Both Pr Rob and Pr Kyle have volunteered to be on the list. This program will continue to be developed.

Refuge Support -

Some members have asked about how St. Paul can support the refugees. Pr Kyle has investigated some options and most groups that currently are helping significantly go against our faith, so at this point he is uncomfortable sending any money until more specific needs are shared. Once refugees are settled in areas, we could look at supporting a LCMS church that is providing assistance in those areas. Currently there are 2 LCMS pastors at Fort McCoy as well, which are keeping us updated as things progress. In the meantime, if members want to contribute in some way, they can do it on their own.

Sustenance Fund -

The Sustenance Fund has seen greater use over the last couple weeks and we are anticipating that may continue as unemployment benefits have now changed. At this point we will leave the account as is.

Thank You and Other News

Dear St. Paul Readers,

We have been receiving wonderful donations since the beginning of summer; thank you so much!

For instance we have received three paper back books of Joe Van Ryn's which I put out on the shelves. One, currently not checked out, is called: "Born to Lose." Joe grew up in the 60's in Green Lake, WI; he draws his audience there to take his readers back in time to life in a small town. He has written many short stories, but the two most popular novels of his are, "Born Yesterday," and "Battle Born."

I have also received some hymn books and handful of books by Beverly Lewis and Max Lucado. I also receive some new copies of books that the library had: we donated the worn ones to the Trash and Treasure sale. There were some older books that haven't been read for a long time that I also donated. I'm trying to make a little more room on the shelves. We also been able to children books put back on the shelves. Have a wonderful school year and happy reading to all!

Your Church Librarian,
Kim Jo Kattner

All Behaviors are Communication
VOLUNTEER TRAINING
Friday, October 15 • 9 to 11:30 a.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Sheboygan Falls in the Fellowship Hall
Please RSVP to Leah at 920-627-6847.

Trash 'N Treasure Thank You

If you helped with accepting donations, donated items for the sale, helped with the set-up, picked up sale merchandise, made something delicious, priced items for the sale, displayed merchandise, were a packer or cashier, helped with clean-up, packed up leftovers, delivered to Neat Repeats, made any purchase we give you a great big THANK YOU! The sale was a big success, and we couldn't have done it without you!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Helping Kids School Drive

Thank You

Thank you for all the generous donations of school supplies and monetary donations to Helping Kids. I am beyond grateful. Your generous donations have helped so many kids this year that we were able to give out 86 school backpacks, and we wouldn't have been able to do that without your help. Because of your kindness Helping Kids was able to make a child's school year a little brighter, their problems a little smaller, and their hearts a little happier. God has truly blessed our church and members with the gift of kindness, compassion, and love for others. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

God's Richest Blessings,

Kathy Rowe

Helping Kids

Let all that you do be done with love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

Area code soon to be mandatory

Callers will soon be required to use 10 digits when placing calls from a wireless or landline phone, including calls within their home area code that they may currently dial with seven digits. By Oct. 24, customers will be required to dial 10 digits. After customers are transitioned, local calls dialed with only seven digits may not be completed and a recording will inform customers that their call cannot be completed as dialed. Customers who hear this recording should hang up and dial again using 10 digits.

This nationwide change is required as part of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) new 988 short-dial number to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

For additional information, Cellcom customers can visit www.cellcom.com/tendigitdial and Nsight Telservices customers can visit www.nsighttel.com/tendigitdial.





1. Able Fellowship and **Birthdays**: Sharon Maas, Chris Wendorf, Jeff Bender, Jaris Grasse, Steve Miller, Vicki Sheedlo, Mary Moriearty, Nora Underberg, Marley LaPean, **Anniversaries**: Melissa and Jamie Veldman, Cory and Fay Rusch,
2. Early Childhood Center and **Birthdays**: Derek Enders, Brad Rammer, Byron Kunert, Sean O'Dwanny, Kerri Gnan, Edith Voland **Anniversaries**: Jerry and Gerry Plehn, Bill and Shirley Schultz, Tom and Sue Artabasy
3. Acolytes, Ushers & Altar Guild Youth and **Birthdays**: Erika Zimmermann, Ashely Entringer, Ron Moriarty, Sandi Vasatka, Allison Steeb, Kyle Gloede, Steve Raab, Katherine Gnan **Anniversaries**: Tom and Charmayne Winter, Tom and Michelle Bohm, Nathan and Jamie Winkel, Jamie and Kari Gauger
4. Finance Team and **Birthdays**: Rae Nigh, Victor Lara-Ruiz, Elijah Schwonek, Evelyn Schroeder, Anne Kunz, Abbie Kershner, Lynn Haase, Harrison Dederding, Hallie Spatt, **Anniversaries**: Scott and Heidi Jensema, Bill and Bonnie Nonnemacher, Al and Bonnie Holzheimer
5. Bell Choir and **Birthdays**: Jackie Akright, Jere Solberg, Blake Kanzelberger, Grace Wohlgemuth, Connor Stengel, Leo Ehrlich, Neal Beyer, Ruth Raab, Donna Krueger, Shirley Schultz **Anniversaries**: Russell and Laura Voss, Harold and Elvera Ottman, Francis and Keree Abbott, Matt and Arika Bertucci
6. AWANA and **Birthdays**: Janet Jenny, Jerry Wilson, Conrad Zimmermann, Amanda Seifert, Sandy Kaat, Kris Schmidt, Katy Nytes, Piper Vetting, Tucker Schueffner, Addie Gudmundson **Anniversaries**: Steve and Kim Gerk
7. Celebrate Recovery and **Birthdays**: Sherrill Smith, Jody Sohn, Jordyn Wheeler, Mason Luebke, Hendrik Nonhof **Anniversaries**: Jason and Rose Albertin, Tom and Vicki Splittergerber, Sean and Jacci O'Dwanny
8. Office Helpers and **Birthdays**: Jim Roberts, Bonnie Nonnemacher, Jerry Rautmann **Anniversaries**: Dave and Dorothy Burhop, Dan and Renee Setzer, Donna and Larry Krueger
9. Endowment Team and **Birthdays**: Katie Klueger, Amber Christel
10. Communion Assistants and **Birthdays**: Rose Albertin, Shelley

Toutenhoofd, Susie Granzow, Dave Reimer, Marek Kather, BJ Booner, Brenna Zajkowski, Tyler Carpenter, Amos Diener, Joel Wallner **Anniversaries**: Jason and Suzanne Schmidtke, Jeremy and Sara Oostdyke

11. Youth Ministry and **Birthdays**: Cindy Herbert, Paige Jones, Tesha Srock, Vic Rusch, Caitlyn Schmid, Samantha Hartmann **Anniversaries**: Paul and Sandy Entringer, Mark and Lisa Huehns, Randy and Joyce Herzog, Pam and Terrence Fischer, Kurt and Sandy Spatt
12. Adornment Team and **Birthdays**: Deon Carriere, Jonah Weinfurter, Danny Christel, Clara Saak **Anniversaries**: Chad and Nikki Nickolai, Tami and Chad Kather
13. Confirmation and **Birthdays**: Diane Johnston, Paulette Hinkelmann, Collin Leuck, Amber Voitek, Branson Saak, Steve Koeppl, Lochlan Berg **Anniversaries**: Dave and Vicki Bramstedt, Scott and Jenny Reineke, Andrea and Will Kuchelmeister, Jerry and Cheryl Rautmann, Kyle and Jess McDonald
14. Harvest and **Birthdays**: Krystal Thede, Nathan Winkel **Anniversaries**: Steve and Darlene Block, Mark and Stephanie Brown
15. Prayer Chain and **Birthdays**: Zaiden Katter, Aiden Katter, Amanda Graminske, Bonnie Kraemer **Anniversaries**: Dale and Shari Van Wyk, Matt and Dake Mullikin, Terry and Carrie Arenz, Dave and Sandy Janke, Joe and Jana Bronoski, Travis and Kim Selby
16. Connecting Groups and **Birthdays**: Zach Van Engen, Bill Fisher, Glenn Senglau, Tom Gottowski, Kerry Wyckoff, Dale Kolar, Kalen Guenther-Dawkins, Jacob Gnan, Levi Hartmann
17. Good Hope Road and **Birthdays**: Martha Wolfert, Lynda Starrett
18. St Paul Friends Club and **Birthdays**: Barb Baack, Dennis Wallner, Dave Dassow, Joe Van Engen, Joe Leuck, Tracy Gerlach, Kelly Hovey, Jonathan Simons, Megan Luebke **Anniversaries**: Thomas and Lee Anne Gilson, Bill and Ashley Kettering, Mark and Lori Grasse
19. Church Council and **Birthdays**: Chad Kanzelberger, Steve Bimmel, Benjamin Hildebrand **Anniversaries**: Michelle and Chad Abrahamson, Ed and Bernice Hening, Todd and Lynn Weinfurter, Matt Kautzer and Tamara Byberg-Kautzer, Bob and Kris Mehre
20. Facility Maintenance and **Birthdays**: Diane Long, Tony Johnson, Paul Entringer, Aidan Diener, Alyssa Frey, Brittney Henschel, Harrison Karbe, Mason Wehner, **Anniversaries**: Dave and Cindy Dassow, Joe Saunders

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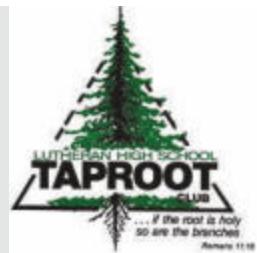
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and Shelly

21. Pastors and their families and **Birthdays**: Stephanie Heinen, Robert Rose, Mike Rudebeck, Christina Lindstrom, Ashley Kettering, Sam Keller, Simon Blake, Gail Weber, Nicole Strystick **Anniversaries**: Terry and Barbara Marten, Randy and Sandy Siech, Jerry and Judy Konik, Tyler and Brittany Zimmermann
22. This Side of Heaven and **Birthdays**: Ron Kalk, Janet Senglaub, Debbie Heidenreiter, Mike Rzadzki, Gabrielle Roelse, Nick Boge, Laura Koepp, Jenniffer Herzog, Laurie Schultz **Anniversaries**: Dennis and Diane Gatzke, Angela and Heath Carpenter, Aron and Renee Weiberg, Glen and DeeAnna Jaschob, Chris and Julie Loebel, Steve and Laura Koepp, John and Alyssa Renzelmann, Jeremy and Sarah Fischer,
23. Altar Guild Servers and **Birthdays**: Steven Kasper, Ben Washatko, Josh Kattner, Barry Valleskey, Kristy Berceau
24. Hispanic Ministry and **Birthdays**: Adam Lorenz, Rachael Wilson, Sarah Moldenhauer, Jennifer Witt, Bernice Henning, Addison Nytes, David Witte **Anniversaries**: Wally and Charlet Endsley, Corey and Trisha Maas, Mike and Chris Steeb, Jared and Tracy Wallner
25. Tech Team and **Birthdays**: Annette Born, Arthur Risse, Callie Wield, Jack Leibham, Kennedy Punke, Wyatt Gauger **Anniversaries**: Mike and Carrie Nikson
26. Adult Choir and **Birthdays**: Amy Cook, Luaine Herzog, Lisa Plate, Chad Solberg, Amanda Lawrence, Lynne Gmach, Davis Moyer, Carole Wallner, Tanya Hall, John Jr. Renzelmann, Samantha Becker
27. Ladies' Auxiliary (3rd Wed) and **Birthdays**: Carolyn Kvindlog, Pam Hundt, Junith Dewald, Mitch Wallner **Anniversaries**: Joe and Margaret Hand, Greg and Chris Kaker, Leo and Carol Ehrlich, Evan and Jenni Schmitz
28. St Paul Seniors and **Birthdays**: Marissa Mueller, Samuel Leighton, G. Weston Kropelin, Sammi LaPean, Marianne Ritter, Marian Becker, Max Royston **Anniversaries**: Ronda and Roy Oppenheimer
29. Men's Bible Study and **Birthdays**: Parker Kampmann, Abbe Golbach, Brody Heinen, Marcus Knuth, Kim Binder, Kari Gauger, Levi Wimmler
30. Ushers and **Birthdays**: Michelle Endsley, Jessica Eirich, Kaelyn Kittel, Elaina Krumholz, Stefani Gerbers **Anniversaries**: Tanya and Steve Smith
31. Ministry Staff and **Birthdays**: Emily Moon, Sue Dempster, Elijah Weidner **Anniversaries**: Dan and Kris Winter, Sherry and McCabe Garcia

LHS Taproot Club

Exclusive but not exclusive! One and all are invited to be a part of Lutheran High's Taproot Club. The donations to the Club go directly to supporting the operating fund of LHS. Donations can be made year-round and we celebrate at an annual dinner with a keynote speaker. It's a great evening for a good cause! The Taproot Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 13** here at LHS in the Atrium of the Worship & Fine Arts Center. Our guest speaker is Music Director at Concordia University -Chicago, Dr. Richard Fischer. Contact Carmen in the LHS office for more information.



Fall Sampler Concert

The Music Department at LHS is in full swing and gearing up for the Fall Sampler Concert. The concert will be held in the LHS Fine Arts Center Theatre on **Monday, October 11 @ 7 p.m.** and will be live-streamed for the general public for viewing at home. Look for the live-stream link on the LHS website or join us in person!



Bible Breakfast

Senior Citizens are invited to our monthly Bible study led by LHS Executive Director, Paul Gnan.

Join us in the LHS Atrium of the Worship & Fine Arts Center at 8:30 am for breakfast, a Bible study, discussion, and fellowship.

The fall breakfast dates, are Tuesdays: **Oct 19, Nov. 16, and Dec. 21.** RSVP to the school office at 920-452-3323.

2 Months Year Financial Report -

August 2021

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Financial Results – 2 Month Year to Date Actual, Budget & Variance

	2 Months Ended 8-31-21 Actual	2 Months Ended 8-31-21 Budget	Variance from Budget (Short)/Over
General Offerings	\$ 189,576	\$ 206,136	\$ (16,560)
Other Income	\$ 2,988	\$ 6,660	\$ (3,673)
Mission Offerings	<u>\$ 15,777</u>	<u>\$ 15,269</u>	<u>\$ 508</u>
Total Income	\$ 208,341	\$ 228,066	\$ (19,725)
Operating Expenses	\$ 178,169	\$ 212,551	\$ (34,382)
Mission Support	<u>\$15,777</u>	<u>\$15,269</u>	<u>\$508</u>
Total Expense	\$ 193,946	\$ 227,820	\$ (33,874)
Surplus (Deficit)			
Total	\$ 14,395	\$ 246	\$14,149

Early Childhood Center reporting has been included in the numbers shown. The Gathering Place reporting has been eliminated as it is self-funding.

Capital Improvement & Parking Lot Funds

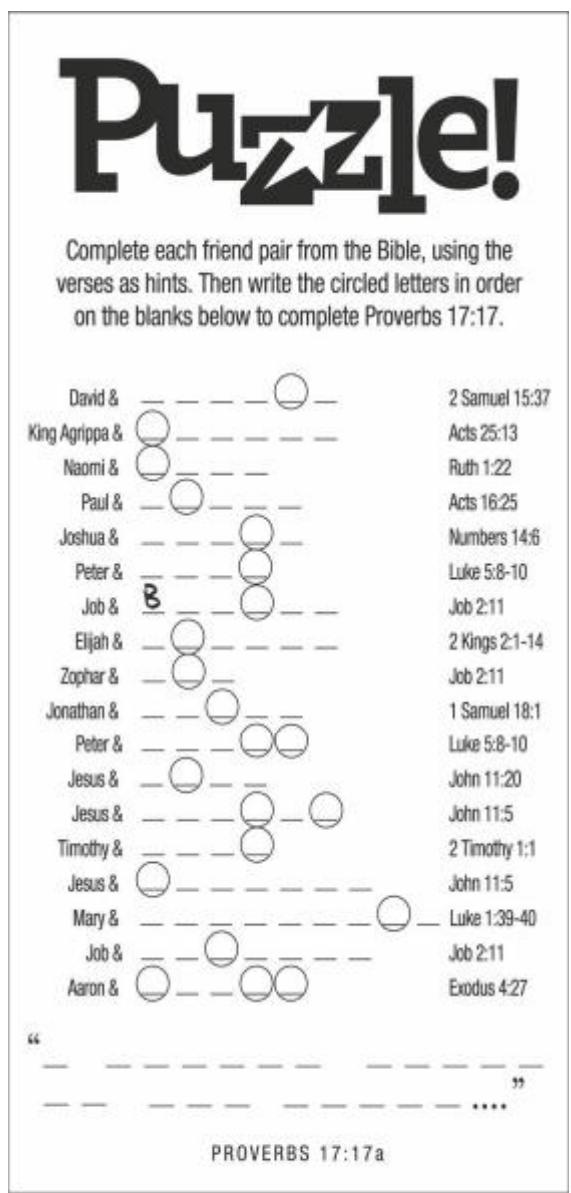
Monthly Activity	Balance at Month End
Increase (Decrease)	
Capital Improvements	<u>\$ 3,327</u>
Parking Lot Fund	<u>\$ 3,717</u>

Membership Report

Baptized Members 2,613

Confirmed Members 2,182

Contact Karri in the Church Office for a detailed report.



Answers: Hussha, Fesluss, Ruth, Siles, Caleb, John, Biledad, Elisha,
Job, David, James, Mary, Martha, Paul, Lazarus, Elizabeth,
Elijah, Moses; A friend loves at all times.

St. Paul Lutheran October 2021 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:00 am LWML Weekend Wedding Rehearsal	2 Wedding 8:30 am Celebration	
			3 7:45 am Worship HC #1 9:15 am Worship SS #5 10:45 am Worship #9 5:30 pm Youth Group LWML Sunday	4 9:15 am TGP 11:45 am Dir Mtg 6:30 pm Boy Sct. Stdv	5 9:15 am TGP 9:00 am Women's Bible Stdv 5:45 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm CWF* 7:00 pm Adult Choir	6 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am Pstr Bible Study 6:00 pm AWANA Conf. AIM
				7 9:00 am Mmry Mttrs 9:15 am TGP 6:30 pm Worship HC*C All Day - FMSC	8 12:30 pm St. Paul Seniors @ Firehouse Pizza 5:30 pm Able Fellowship* All Day - FMSC Youth Service Weekend	9 8:30 am Celebration Rehearsal All Day - FMSC Youth Service Weekend
	10 7:45 am Worship HC #4 9:15 am Worship SS #8 10:45 am Worship #12 No Youth Group	11 9:15 am TGP 11:45 am Staff Mtg 6:30 pm Boy Sct.	12 9:15 am TGP 9:00 am Women's Bible Stdv 5:45 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	13 10:00 am Pstr Bible Study 6:00 pm AWANA Conf. AIM 7:30 - FISH	14 9:00 am Mmry Mttrs 9:15 am TGP 6:30 pm Worship HC*D	15 Wedding Rehearsal TGP Volunteer Training
		17 7:45 am Worship HC #2 9:15 am Worship SS #6 10:45 am Worship #10 5:30 pm Youth Group	18 9:15 am TGP 6:00 pm Quilters 6:30 pm Kay/Lake Small Group 6:30 pm Harvest Practice 6:30 pm Boy Sct.	19 9:15 am TGP 9:00 am Women's Bible Stdv 12:00 pm Christmas Facility Planning Mtg 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm Adult Choir	20 10:00 am Pstr Bible Study 1:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary 6:00 pm AIM No Conf. or AWANA Fall Break	21 9:00 am Mmry Mttrs 9:15 am TGP 6:30 pm Worship HC*A Wedding Rehearsal
				22 Wedding	23 8:30 am Celebration Rehearsal	
	24 7:45 am Worship HC #3 9:15 am Worship SS #7 10:45 am Worship #11 Special Youth Group - Pumpkin Farm	25 9:15 am TGP 11:45 am Staff Mtg Stdv 5:45 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	26 9:15 am TGP 9:00 am Women's Bible Stdv 5:45 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	27 10:00 am Pstr Bible Study 6:00 pm AWANA Conf. AIM	28 9:00 am Mmry Mttrs 9:15 am TGP 6:30 pm Worship HC*B 6:30 pm All Saints & Reformation Celebration	29 8:00 am Blood Drv. Versiti
					30 8:30 am Good Hope Road	
	31 7:45 am Worship HC #1 9:15 am Worship SS #5 10:45 am Worship #9 No Youth Group					

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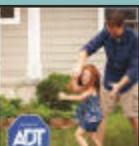
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Pastors

Kyle Backhaus, Senior Pastor
Robert Schrader, Associate Pastor
Tom Gudmundson, Pastor Emeritus
Donald Hasse, Pastor Emeritus

Church Office Hours

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Worship Schedule

Thursday 6:30 PM Informal
(Country Music 3rd Thurs./month)
Sunday 7:45 AM Traditional (Hymns)
9:15 AM Blended (Hymns & Praise Band)
10:45 AM Contemporary (Praise Band)

Wee Care Nursery

Staffed Sunday from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Children & Youth

S.S. 9:15 AM service (during the school year)
6:00 PM AWANA Wed Night (during the school year)
6:00 PM Confirmation Wed Night (during the school year)
5:30 PM Youth Group Sunday Night

Early Childhood Center

3 year-old class (during school year)
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 - 11:30 AM
or 12:30 - 3:00 PM
4K Class (during school year)
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 - 11:30 AM
Child Care
Monday through Friday 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Ages 2 1/2 - 5 years Call for Drop-ins

The Gathering Place & Memory Matters

TGP - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Memory Matters - Thursdays
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM