

Romans 7:1, 4-6 - Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the Law—that the Law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ... Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the Law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for



death. But now we are released from the Law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

There's a silly thing my family will say sometimes when we are just not up to another chore: we say, "Sorry, I'm dead today. I can't do it." This usually makes the other people laugh, and then we work out a compromise, but the underlying idea is true, isn't it? If you're dead, you're free. Nobody can expect you to do anything.

Paul uses this idea in a rather complicated argument he's laying out in Romans 7. He's talking about human sin, and why just trying harder to keep God's Law is never going to get us anywhere. You probably realize that from your own life, right? Because the weird thing about sin is, as soon as somebody says, "Don't do this thing," suddenly everybody wants to do it. If you tell the children not to put beans up their noses, ten minutes later you have five kids with beans up their noses. If God's Law orders us, "Don't lie" or "Don't steal," suddenly lying and stealing become huge temptations to us. The more we try to keep the Law, the more we fall into sin. What a horrible trap!

But Paul says that God has provided a way out of the trap through Jesus our Savior. He is the One who kept the Law perfectly, a thing we could never do. And then He took all our sins on Himself and carried them to the cross, where He put an end to them forever. He died our death, and rose from the dead so that we could live forever with Him.

But notice this: Because Jesus died for us, His death is our death, and in a very real sense, we are dead now. Oh, we still walk around and breathe, but when it comes to sin and the Law, we are dead people in God's eyes. Jesus has set us free. The obligation no longer applies. Jesus has taken care of that for us. And that means that, when temptation comes calling, we can answer seriously, "Sorry, not interested, I'm dead now."

If you like, read through Romans 7 with that in mind. Think about the difference between where we once were—slaves to the Law, never able to carry it out properly—and where we are now, imitating Jesus freely, out of love. Then enjoy the wonderful freedom Jesus has given you—because you are dead to the Law, but alive to God.

**WE PRAY**: Dear Savior, thank You for setting me free from the trap of sin. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Kari Vo.

- Bits 'N Pieces.....
- Little Church Library Our congregation has adopted a little church library. It is located at The Michael Huggins Park. It will be maintained by the youth Sunday School Classes. Please feel free to visit. Thank you to our youth for this outreach program.
- LMM Will meet July 12th at 7:00. Cooks for this month are Eddie Malcom and George Piersol. All Lutheran men are invited.
- Summer Schedule Please remember that Sunday School for the summer begins at 9:00 a.m. and worship service begins at 10:00 a.m.

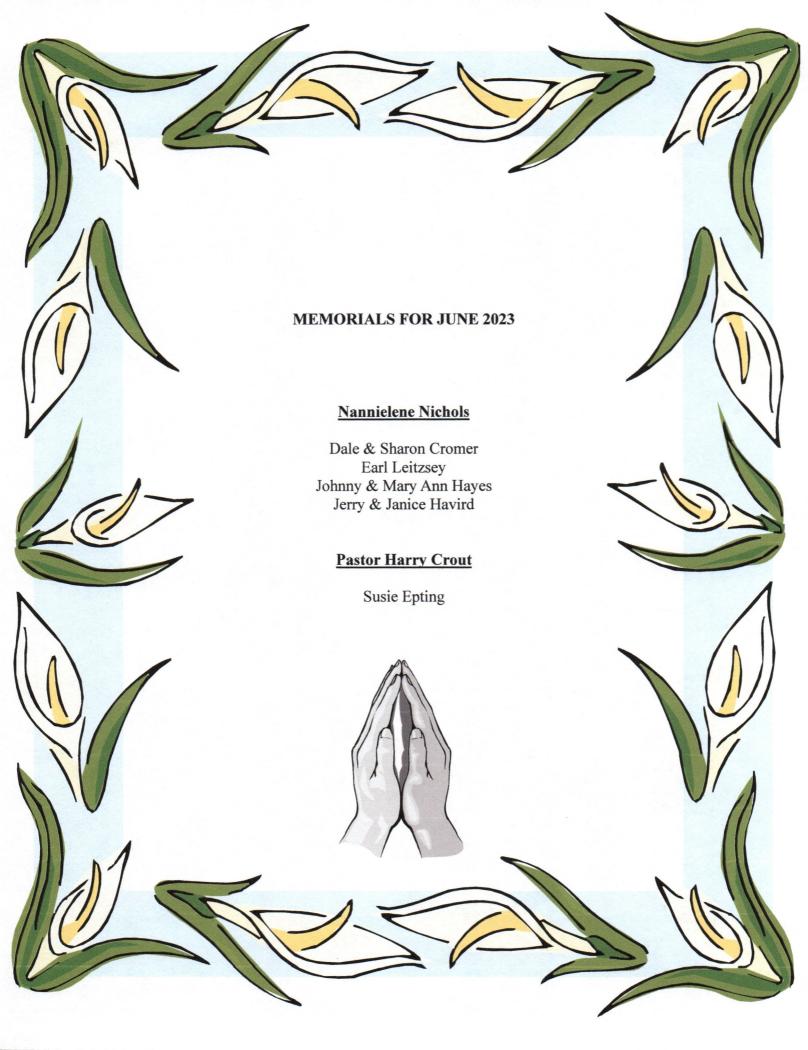
  Remaining dates for outdoor services will be July 16th, 23rd, & 30th, and August 20th and 27th. We hope everyone will plan to join us.
- Lutheridge Day Camp Dates are July 31<sup>st</sup> August 4<sup>th</sup>. Please spread the word. We hope to have another great week with this wonderful outreach program. If you know of someone that might like to attend the camp the registration forms are in the Narthex. Please feel free to pass them along. We still have room for campers. If you have any question please contact Mary Willingham.

Manna House – Food pantry is accepting monetary donations which can be sent to Manna House, c/o Sue J. Mitchell, 2210 Timber Lane, Newberry, SC 29108. Food supplies are currently low. Nonperishable food items are being accepted as well as dish and laundry detergent. There is a basket in our Narthex that you my put your donations in and the SOW Committee will take them to Manna House for you. For info call (803) 321-2155.

Reuben Backpack program – The SOW committee will be sponsoring the program and will volunteer to purchase food/snack items which are packed into individual bags and will be taken to Reuben on Fridays for distribution in order to assure these children have food when not in school. Monetary donations will be appreciated. Please consider donating to this program.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to "carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." – Galatians 6:2. By being generous and sharing our blessings we show love and support to those most in need. If you or if you know of a member of this congregation who needs assistance with things such as yard work-possibly from a storm; transportation for groceries, appointments, or church; housework or meals following an illness please contact a member of the church council. Committees and resources are available to meet your needs. Thank you.

Mike Willingham-PresidentJan PiersolT.C. BowersTerry Crone-Vice PresidentChristopher SmithJohnny HayesBrandy Wix-SecretaryJerry WillinghamAlana West





Circle II

July Hostess OPEN

3:00 pm Leader

Circle IV

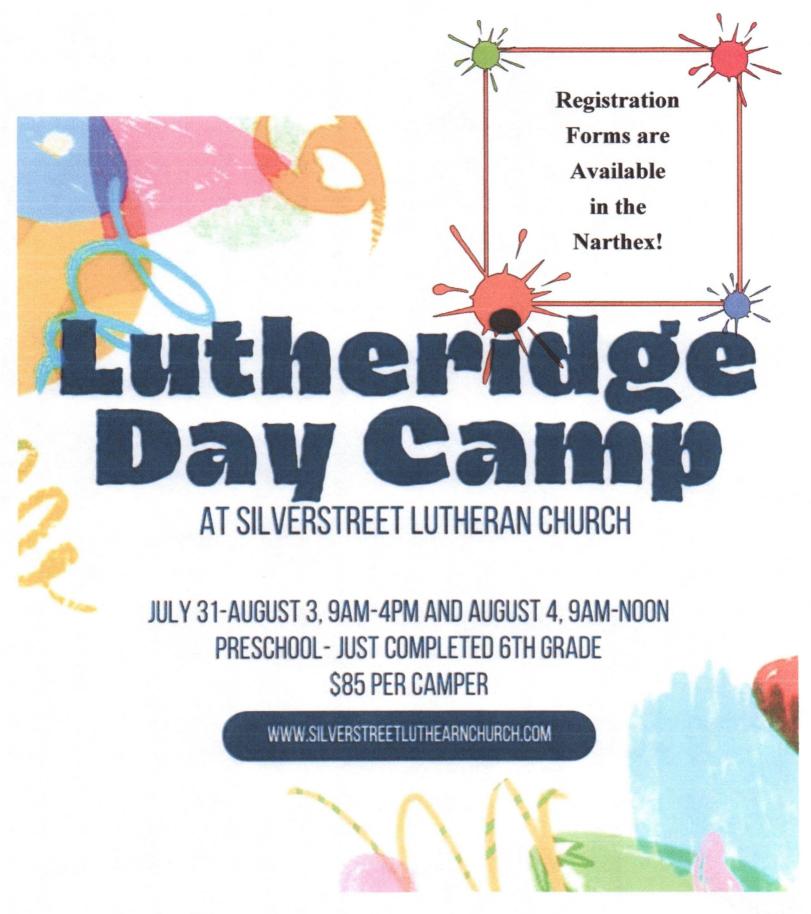
July Hostess OPEN

7:00 pm Leader



WELCA would like to invite & encourage all women of the church to join a circle.

This is a wonderful outreach program.





# Heartland Conference School Supply Drive

Supporting Newberry High School, Mid-Carolina High School, and Whitmire Community School

### Collection: July 2nd - 23rd

Pens and #2 Pencils Summer Memorial

1-inch 3 Ring Binders St. Matthew's &

Colored Pencils Colony

3-5 Pack Highlighers Silverstreet

& Bethany

Grace

Index Cards St. John's Pomaria

One-Subject College Ruled Notebooks Mt. Tabor

Loose-Leaf College Ruled Paper Macedonia

3-inch 3 Ring Binders Redeemer

All congregations, if able are asked to collect new or lightly used graphing calculators (TI-83 or TI-84 series).

On July 30th at 5:00 pm, all are invited to gather at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer to assemble kits, gather for a brief service, and have a time of food and fellowship.



#### TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

## Eva Mahali Derrick & Benjamin Leo Loa

REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE
AS THEY ARE UNITED IN MARRIAGE ON
SATURDAY, THE NINETEENTH OF AUGUST,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE
AT FOUR THIRTY IN THE AFTERNOON.

TIN ROOF FARMS
4300 FRUIT HILL ROAD, SALUDA, SC
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

#### PLEASE REPLY BY JULY 15, 2023

NAME	
NUMBER ATTENDING	

Kimberly Crone 803-271-1493

#### SERVING GOD IN JULY 2023

If a conflict arises and you cannot serve on the appointed date, please find a replacement. Each person and their duty is vitally important to the worship service. \*Head Usher \*\* Greeter. Thank You.

Ushers
Bryan West \*
Jay Piersol \*\*
Cameron Lybrand
George Piersol

Communion Steward

Johnny Hayes

Offering Tabulators

Brandy Wix Kim Crone

**Locking of Church** 

Bryan West

		Lay Reader
July	2	Austin Willingham
	9	Betsy Smith
	16	Helen Shealy
	23	Kamden Wix
	30	Alana West

Altar Flowers

Jessica & Nick Piersol
Eddie Malcom
Jan & George Piersol
TC & Shannon Bowers
Mike & Mary Willingham



July 2 Harper Piersol
9 Harper Piersol
16 Harper Piersol
23 Mary Grace Bryant
30 Mary Grace Bryant

<u>Crucifer</u> Kamden

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#### Happy Birthday to the Following.....

July	1	Doug Heydt	20	Anna Bedenbaugh
	3	Tristen James Kinard	22	Owen Bowers
	5	Peggy Stoudemire	25	Jessica Piersol
	7	Eddie Malcom	26	Martha Bowers
	16	Al Shealy	29	Cooper Piersol



Happy Anniversary to the Following.....

July 17 Jay & Lindsay Piersol



Anyone Missing? Please let us know. We want to recognize everyone! Also if you see and error, please Contact Mary Willingham at (803) 924-9191. Thank You!!

## July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9 am Sun Sch 10am Worship/ Communion	3	JULY 4th	5	6	7	8
8:00 am Council 8:30 am Choir 9 am Sun Sch 10 am Worship	10	11	12 7 pm LMM	13	14	15
8:30 am Choir 9 am Sun Sch 10am Outdoor Worship	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:30 am Choir 9 am Sun Sch 10am Outdoor Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
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