

# RIVER OF LIFE *STREAMS*

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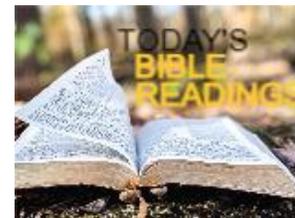
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## Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS 1847 - 2022

### Who selects the Scripture Readings for our Sunday Services?

Both Hebrew and Christian lectionaries were developed over the centuries. The existence of both one-year and three-year cycles of Scripture Readings occurs in both Christianity and Judaism.



Within Christianity, the use of pre-assigned, scheduled readings from the scriptures can be traced back to the early church. As the Christian Church year was developed, appropriate readings for the seasonal Sundays and Church holidays were read. In time, there was a one-year cycle of readings for each Sunday and festival.

Not all of the Christian Churches used the same lectionary throughout history. Many varying lectionaries have been used in different parts of the Christian world. Before the Second Vatican Council, most churches used a lectionary that repeated on a one-year basis.

With the thought of reading more of different Scriptures in worship, in 1969, the Second Vatican Council introduced a three-year cycle (years A, B and C). Year A readings began in Europe. The next year the western world joined in with year B. The three-year cycle, with slight variances, is read in the majority of Christian Churches.

Within Lutheranism, there remains an active minority of pastors and congregations who use the old one-year lectionary, often referred to as the Historic Lectionary. Some protestant and non-denominational churches use free texts, that is, make their own choices for each Sunday and holy day.

The advantage of using a lectionary is that, over a period of time, the major teachings and events in Scripture are read and repeated, so that they become familiar,

Even with the denominational differences, the majority of Christian churches will be reading the same Bible readings on a given Sunday.

I personally like having the ability to look ahead to the coming Bible readings. For my personal preparation, it helps to make connections with my personal reading, research and plans. Looking ahead to the readings for the coming month or season helps me to have a theme for each Sunday. Listed elsewhere are texts and themes for August.

Who selects the Scripture readings for our Sunday and Holy Day Services? They have been pre-selected by the Church over the centuries to familiarize hearers with the major teaching and events recorded in God's Holy Word.

*From childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 3:15*

Greetings in Christ,  
*Pastor Mitschke*



**SUINDAYS 11:45AM**

*With Pastor Mitschke unless noted otherwise*

**Aug. 7. . . 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**"Have No Fear Little Flock"**

Luke 12:13-34

**Aug. 14 . . . . 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**"Prince of Peace?"**

Luke 12:49-56

**Aug. 21 . . . 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**"Enter the Narrow Door to Shelter"**

Luke 13:22-30

**Aug. 28 . . . 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**The Readings for the Day**

Proverbs 25:2-10

Hebrews 13:1-17

Luke 14:1-14

**Pastor Ron Rock**



**Judy Bremer**

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Pastor saw Judy at St. Joseph Hospital. She should be home by the time you read this.

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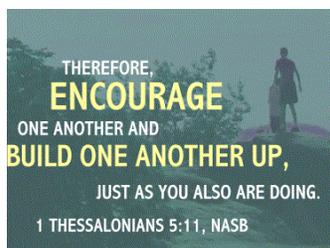
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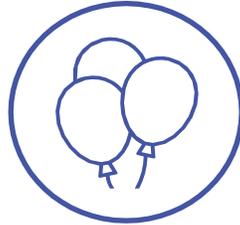
The Wheelchair vehicle for **Pastor Mark Willig's** use has been fully paid for through donations. Anyone wanting to help with funds for care and service of the vehicle can do so through Lutheran Church Charities, or to Friend's in Christ Lutheran Church Morris, directly.





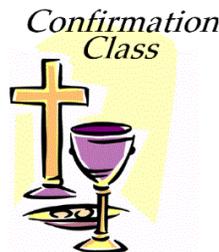
NID President Buss has appointed a new Circuit Visitor for us, Pastor William Ryden of Hope, Shorewood. Head Elder Dave Hall has been in touch with Pastor Ryden and hopes to be working with him regarding looking for a Pastor.

The Elders are continuing to search for a Pastor!



## Sunday School...

**Sunday School is out for the Summer.**



On Sunday, May 22 the members of the class and one adult spoke their Confirmation vows to Christ and the Church and were received as communicant members of River of Life. We rejoice with and congratulate our new brother and sister communicants.

Their names and Confirmation Verses are:

Lily Anne Keller . . . . . John 3:17  
Sage Alexis Williams . . . . . Matthew 19:26  
Ashley Elizabeth Graves . . . . . Luke 1:37  
Landon James Sopkin . . . . . John 14:6  
Logan James Sopkin . . . . . Joshua 1:9  
Zachary William Graves . . . Revelation 2:10



We now have a handheld wireless microphone for use in our sanctuary. It was first used on Confirmation Sunday and works beautifully. We thank **Mike MacNichol** for this gift to River of Life.

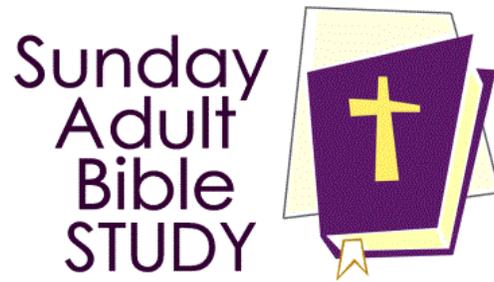


**Confirmation is out for the Summer.**



**Youth Group**

Plan on attending all events if possible, for some fellowship and to help our youth group!



**Bible Study is out for the Summer.**

## **Swaddling Clothes**

*Our outreach ministry for families!*

**Open** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**August 13th**

8:30 am – 12 pm

Contact Amanda Graves for any questions.

**August 23rd**

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

We are looking for **volunteers most Thursdays 5:45pm-6:45pm**. If you're interested in helping, please contact Amanda Graves. Contact Pam Sterle if you want to help some mornings. The more, the merrier!

Please consider donating your time to this worthwhile ministry. Help is always needed and appreciated.



If you need to use the LIFT, let an Elder or Usher know to assist you!

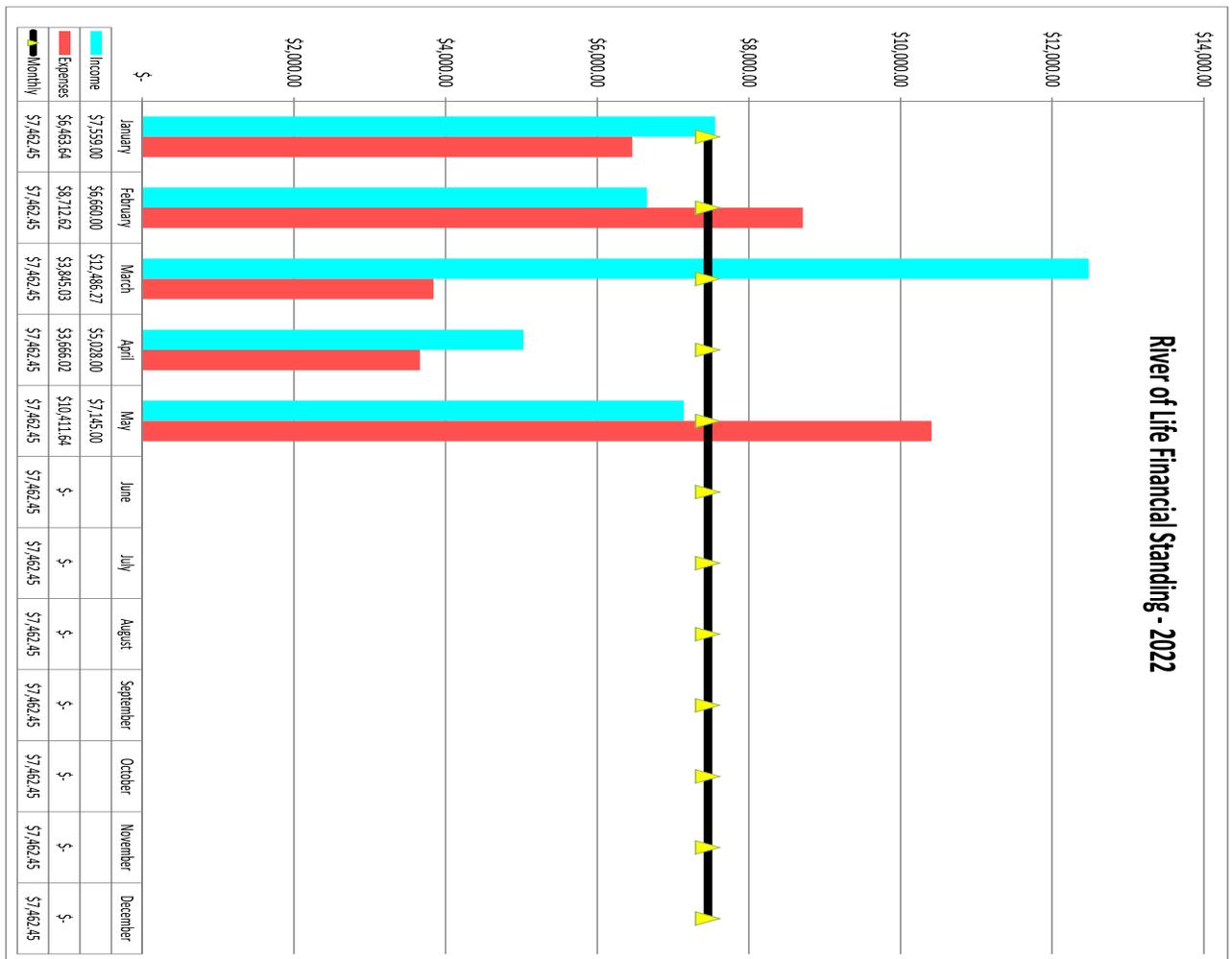
# Donating to a charity using a qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

If you are age 72 or older, IRS rules require you to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts.

Learn how by taking your RMD as a QCD and donating directly to a charity it will not be considered as taxable income.

Check the website listed below for an explanation or you can ask Vince on how it all works.

<https://www.fidelity.com/learning-center/personal-finance/retirement/qcds-the-basics>





## **Holy *COMMUNION***

The Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood is received reverently among us. With COVID-19, our reception of the Sacrament is still affected.

Social distancing is practiced coming forward. Communicants come to receive the Sacrament as singles or a family. As the first family/single leaves the Communion Table, the next single or family comes forward.

In our distribution of the wine and the bread in the Sacrament, there is now no contact between the pastor/elder and the people.

The bread and wine are in individual cups touched only by the communicant(s). As the pastor says, "*Take eat*" . . ., each communicant takes his own cup with bread, "*Take drink*" ., each communicant then takes his own cup with wine. The pastor then speaks the dismissal.

We followed suggestions and introduced these new precautions long ago. If you have comments or suggestions, please feel free to share them with an elder or pastor.

We appreciate the service of our Altar Guild for their beautiful service and add an extra thank you for their special work currently.

Dave Hall, Head Elder