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Our mission to the Inland Empire is to be **heralds** of the *transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ*, **healers** to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and **upholders** of God's will and Word.

A MESSAGE from Pastor Maggard

Dear Saints,

Sunday, June 12, we dedicated the Roger & JoAnn Miller Lending Library. It was generously donated by JoAnn Miller's children. I pray that it will be a blessing to Grace. What is it?

Simply, it is my way of getting good books into your hands without expecting you to build a library in your home. And these are books that I recommend without reservation. The idea is just this, 1) take a book home with you, 2) read that book, and 3) bring that book back so someone else can read it. Just like any other library, except that you will not fill out a lending card. In the future, I will add more books to our lending library that I wholeheartedly endorse.

Here is the list of books and why I chose them. I will also put the general difficulty level in parenthesis. This is the order they appear in the bookshelf:

- "Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today" by John Kleinig (Intermediate) – this book shows what real spirituality looks like that is actually pleasing to God.
- "The Spirituality of the Cross – 3rd Edition" by Gene Edward Veith Jr. (Intermediate) – this book is an excellent introduction to how Lutheranism is faithful to the Scriptures and the church throughout all time.
- "The Defense Never Rests – 2nd Edition" by Craig A. Parton (Intermediate) – this book is an excellent introduction to apologetics, or defense of our faith, by a faithful Lutheran who is also a lawyer.
- "Has American Christianity Failed?" by Bryan Wolfmüller (Intermediate) – this book shows the difference between the Lutheran church and American Protestantism. And the difference is important and dangerous.
- "A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World" by Bryan Wolfmüller (Intermediate) – this book draws amazing comfort in the midst of suffering from some of the martyrs that have come before us.
- "Eternal Anthems: The Story Behind Your Favorite Hymns" by Concordia Publishing House (Easy) – This book provides a list of hymns well worth memorizing with a brief description of the hymn.
- "Why I Am a Lutheran: Jesus at the Center" by Daniel Preus (Easy) – Hands down, the best book on showing someone else why you are Lutheran. (And it may even remind you why you are Lutheran!)
- "The Hammer of God" by Bo Giertz (Easy) – a great fiction book about a congregation

over three distinct generations that highlights the comfort of full force law and full force Gospel.

- “Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions – A Reader’s Edition of the Book of Concord” by Concordia Publishing House (Difficult) – This book is what our pastors and churches subscribe to as a correct understanding of the Word of God. It is difficult to read, but well worth the effort.
- “The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes” by Concordia Publishing House (Difficult) – This book contains the “extra” Bible writings that are not canonical. They are not used to form what we believe and confess, but they are wonderful historical documents.
- “Law & Gospel: How to Read and Apply the Bible” by C.F.W. Walther (Difficult) – This delightful book is the LC—MS contribution to worldwide Lutheranism. The Law & Gospel distinction is one of the keys of the reformation and a wonderful gift to all Christians.
- “A Year in the Gospels with Martin Luther (2 Volumes)” by Martin Luther (Intermediate) – This book presents sermons from Dr. Luther for every Sunday of the church year. Outside of the Large Catechism, this is Dr. Luther at his best!
- “Man Up!: The Quest for Masculinity” by Jeff Hemmer (Easy) – This book answers a pressing question for our times by looking at Jesus Christ!
- “The Fire and the Staff: Lutheran Theology in Practice” by Klemet Preus (Difficult) – This book explains why practice in the church matters so much. If you want to understand why I insist on a lot of what I insist on, read this book!

- “We Confess Anthology” by Hermann Sasse (Difficult) – This book is a difficult read even for me, but is a wonderful explanation on why how we confess 1) Jesus Christ, 2) The Sacraments, and 3) The church, matters, especially in the light of rampant ecumenism in our country and times. (“Why can’t we all get along” mentality)
- “To All Eternity: The Essential Teachings of Christianity” by Concordia Publishing House (Easy) – This book is beautiful explanation of what we believe, teach, and confess based on the Small Catechism. It is full of beautiful art as well.
- “The Reformation” by Cameron MacKenzie (Easy) – This book by my favorite professor at our Fort Wayne seminary is a wonderful overview of the Reformation. It presents a fair view of what happened and does not over-hype the people or the movement.

These books are well worth your time even if they are difficult to read. The beautiful thing about a lending library is that if, for some reason, you do not like the book, you can bring it back and get another one to try.

And I would love to discuss any of these books with you over coffee, or whatever your beverage of choice is.

God bless your summer reading!

In Christ,
Pastor Maggard



WORSHIP

IT'S ALMOST TIME TO CHIME!!!



I'm happy to announce that the chimes have finally arrived. I'm very excited to add this to our worship. I will be putting up a sign-up sheet soon. At least 8 people are needed at this time. More can be added as needed. Remember that you don't have to sing or read music. (Maybe being just a bit coordinated will help!)

When I get 8 people, we'll get together for a rehearsal. That may not happen until after summer. I am in the learning stages, too. We CAN do this!! All ages are encouraged to participate.

Here is a link to type into your browser for an example of how they sound.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdYhfEdtlog>

Psalm 147:7 says that we are to express gratitude to the LORD through singing praises and making **music** to and for Him with instruments.

Love in Christ,
Debbie Schwartz

Jesus Loves You!

YOUR TITHES FOR THE LORD'S WORK

MAY	OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
1 ST	\$ 2,870.00	28
8 TH	\$ 2,015.00	27
15 TH	\$ 4,369.31	27
22 ND	\$ 2,485.00	25
29 TH	\$ 11,635.00	32



For Lynda Olson on July 9th! Meet at church from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. to say a fond farewell to Lynda as she starts her new adventure with her family.



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The July and August Newsletters
have been combined this year,



BIRTHDAYS

1	Lynda Olson
2	Chuck Stringham
12	Diana Klemm
17	Rebecca Mantz
19	Erin Maggard
20	Kim Franzen
21	Nancy Telizyn
21	Ryan Franzen
22	Dave Nehls
24	Don Sidoti
27	Pastor Maggard
28	Sherry Herrera
28	Scott Klemm
28	Kim Pickinpaugh
30	Gail James



IN JULY TO

1	Bill and Judi Parker- Choske
17	Larry and Debbie Schwartz
29	Daniel and Eleanor Holm





In August to

4	Luis and Carla	Del Rio
6	John and Sandra	Scharlemann
7	Andrew and Kathy	Holm
7	Josh and Emily	Torrance Sr
8	Mike and Carol	Draney
20	Scott and Diana	Klemm
25	Ken and Amy	Franzen
31	Brian and Ashley	Smith



BIRTHDAYS

3	Anthony	Mahomes
4	Jacob	Petrovick
8	Alexis	Smith
8	Matthew	Nehls
13	Grace	Nelson
19	Amy	Belter
26	Patti	Guerra
27	Bill	Choske
30	Diane	Kline



Thank you for remembering our “shut-ins”: Judy Adams, Larry Maudlin, Joyce McFarland, Gloria Reinschmidt, Ruth Spies, Joyce Waters, Ruth Wells, Randy and Gail York.

This month’s added prayers: Sue Maeer’s friend, Bill, in the passing of his sister – Ruth; Jacob and Jenifer Del Rio; Carol Draney; Alma Rich; Alma Rich’s son- John and daughter-in-law, Jane; Don Sidoti’s nephew – Neil; Debbie Schwartz’s son’s father-in-law, Tom Pacheco.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for: Carol Draney; Proud grandparents Luis and Carla Del Rio for the birth of their grandson, Theodore Luis Del Rio, born to parents Jacob and Jenifer; Joe and Patti Guerra’s daughter-in-law, Bethany; Sue Maeer and her twin sister, Kath and brother-in-law, Rusty.

We keep in prayer: all unspoken prayers.

Funny Corner

Why should you never blame a dolphin for doing anything wrong?



→ Because they never do it on porpoise!