



# The Lamplighter

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## FROM OUR PASTOR

But our citizenship is in heaven. And it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way my beloved.   
Philippians 3:20-4:1

I write this on the eve of Independence Day. We will be celebrating the birth of our nation or at least the declaration that thirteen English colonies on the North American continent should be a nation independent from England. That "Declaration of Independence" led to the nation we call our own: the United States of America.

We justifiably take pride in our nation and its identity in the world. We are, by far, the longest lasting experiment in democracy in world history. Along with that pride, though, we must also humbly acknowledge that in our history we have not always practiced the ideals of life and liberty for all people. This is simply to admit that our nation, as all nations, is not perfect. Yet we all still value our citizenship in our great country.

The apostle Paul also took pride in his Roman citizenship. The Roman Empire was a great and grand empire and its citizens enjoyed great freedoms and rights not afforded non-citizens. But Paul considered another citizenship even more to be desired. As he wrote to his beloved congregation in Philippi, "Our citizenship is in heaven."

As Christians, our true citizenship is in heaven, or shall we say, the kingdom of God. In this kingdom there is no more war, no more pain, no more fear for it is the kingdom of perfect steadfast love. Love casts out all fear. We will not know the full benefits of citizenship in the kingdom of God until we pass from this life into the new eternal life that awaits us by grace through faith.

We do know that we can have a foretaste of that new life in the here and now. We can practice the steadfast love of God which we have received in our living. We can not do this on our own effort but by the power of God at work within us. The Savior, Jesus Christ, has come to transform our body of humiliation in sin and selfishness and conform us to his glory of love and selflessness. This is our heritage as citizens of the kingdom of God. May we stand firm in the Lord and demonstrate our joy in truly being citizens of heaven by extending that transformative love of God to all people. Pastor Bret

## **THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to all the people who helped make "Big Fish Bay" a success - 13 kids attended and learned about Jonah's story and God's love and mercy. Pastor Bret taught the older kids, Caitlin Kurtz and Katie Freeman the younger ones. Heidi Nelson helped with some very fun crafts. Emily Reedy led music, and Joel Reedy and Sarah Ferrill helped with snacks and decorating. Annika Michlik led games. Also a huge thank you to Mark and Kim Hansen who hosted us at their pond for an evening of family fishing fun. Thanks to everyone who provided snack items and supported our mission project, which will support shipping of LWR school kits this fall.

Thanks again, Parish Ed Committee –  
Janelle, Katie, and Caitlin

## **THANK YOU!**

A heart filled thanks to all of the donations of items and volunteers for setup and help during the Church Rummage Sale! The sale raised just over \$1,300.00. We appreciate you all!  
June Saidat

And to June Saidat, a heartfelt thank YOU for spearheading the rummage sale!!

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Start collecting for school kits –

(We have the school bags already)

If you find good deals on one item, grab them! You don't need to buy a whole kit. Notebooks are our biggest need.

Each kit contains:

4 – 70 sheet notebooks

1 box of 16 or 24 crayons

1 pencil sharpener

1 ruler with centimeter markings

1 pair blunt scissors

5 unsharpened #2 pencils w/erasers

5 black or blue ballpoint pens

1- 2 ½" eraser

## PLATTVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH TRUSTEE/ COUNCIL MEETING June 14, 2021

Present: Barry Saidat, Pam Gegenheimer, Kim Hansen, Bob Bols, Orpha Bols, Janelle Bols, Katie Freeman, and Bob Vickery

Absent: Tim Engel, Mark Bols, Carla Taylor, Jean Homerding, and Al Gegenheimer

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice President Barry Saidat.

Devotions: Meeting was opened with prayer.

Secretary's Minutes: Minutes read, MSC to approve May minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Minutes read, MSC to approve May Treasurer's report.

Mission Investments:

CIBC: \$7,399.82

Thrivent: \$150,595.67

Pastor's Report: Pastor was unable to attend as he was participating in Synod Assembly meeting via Zoom.

Cemetery Report: Balance in cemetery fund is \$4,464.75 with one check for \$380 written for mowing.

Old Business:

There is some concern regarding insurance coverage for the organ damage (lightning strike). The insurance company only allows claims to be filed within one year of the damage (and the damage occurred more than one year ago). This will be investigated further. Dave Soltwich has made the bathroom and kitchen repairs as discussed at the May council meeting. During his inspection he noticed a leak in the water tank and that the water softener was not functioning properly. He recommended that no person drink the water at the church or parsonage until the water is tested and appropriate repairs to the system are made. Signs will be placed in the kitchen to warn against drinking. Gallon drinking water will be brought to the

church. MSC to have the water tested. Russell Zoellner recently repaired the vacuum cleaner.

New Business:

Kendall County Homemakers have requested use of the basement (and waiver of fees) for its annual meeting, August 24, 2021. MSC to approve the request (and the waiver of fees)

The Rummage Sale is scheduled for June 25th and 26th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

On-Line Services: You Tube has threatened to fine PLC for copyright infringement due to "some" of the songs we are singing during published church services. Apparently some of the songs sung during our church services are protected by copyright laws. When this issue was brought to the Pastor's attention, he began avoiding songs that are copyright protected (in order to avoid the fines). He suggested that if we plan to sing a "protected" song, that we stop the recording during those songs (and restart the recording directly after). If this plan is acceptable then Pastor will be seeking assistance during services to monitor when we are recording (and when we are not).

July Church Services: Since the State of Illinois has lifted the COVID restrictions on church gatherings, PLC will provide full, in person services with Communion at the altar. If any individual has concerns with communion at the altar, Pastor will make accommodations for individuals as needed.

Parish Education Report: Dr. Janelle Bols reported that 13 children attended Vacation Bible School. The theme for VBS was "Big Fish Bay". A big thank you goes out to Mark and Kim Hansen for allowing the children (and their teachers) to use their pond!

Deacon's Report: Currently finding lectors for July

Adjourn: MSC to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

The Lords Prayer was prayed in unison.

Pam Gegenheimer  
Council Secretary Pro-Temp

## Water Quality

In regard to the concerns over the water quality at the church, the water has been tested and is completely safe to drink. Thank you to Mark Hansen for taking care of having the water tested.



June circle offering – Ephphatha Ministries – ELCA  
Braille/tape ministry – \$35.00

July circle offering – Oblong Christian Children's Home

Circle bible study for all circles on Wednesday, July 14,  
2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the church with Pastor Bret  
leading the Bible study.

Gather Bible Study - JUST LIFE

(Liberation is for Everyone)

Session Two - "Just Truth"

We will travel with Paul on the road to Damascus and  
experience his life-changing transformation. We will  
also take a closer look at how our Savior chose to  
share difficult truths with God's people, and we will  
witness his boldness in speaking truth to power.

**STAY SAFE!**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4</b> Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  Worship: 9:15 Lector: Janelle Bols  Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>11</b> Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  Worship: 9:15 Lector: Linda Nichols	<b>12</b>  Church Council 7:00 p m	13	<b>14</b>  Circle Bible Study at church with Pastor Bret 1:00 p.m.	15	16	17
<b>18</b> Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  Worship: 9:15 Lector: Todd Shearer	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>25</b> Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  Worship: 9:15 Lector: Bruce Knudson	26	27	28	29	30	31