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June 25th – U.A.C – Cornerstone Reminder

“I speak of Thy testimonies before kings, and I am not ashamed.” (Psalm 119:46)

Engraved on the cornerstone of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, located to the left of the main church doors, are the letters **U.A.C.** Many visitors and members of our congregation ask, “What is the U.A.C. all about?” Here’s the answer that you can share:

On January 21, in the year of our Lord 1530, the emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, Charles V, decreed that the heads of state in his realm were to meet in the city of Augsburg, Germany, beginning in April of that year. Among the issues that they were to consider was the division between the Lutherans and the Roman Catholics.

Electors John, ruler of Saxony, ordered Martin Luther and Philip Melancthon, along with others, to prepare a Lutheran confession to present at the Diet of Augsburg. They immediately prepared a document called the *Torgau Articles*, which they delivered to the Elector in the city of Torgau. From there they made their way to Augsburg, stopping in the city of Coburg, where Luther had to remain because it was unsafe for him to appear in Augsburg. Melancthon took with him the *Torgau Articles*, along with two other documents written chiefly by Martin Luther—the *Schwabach Articles* and the *Marburg Articles*.

Upon his arrival in Augsburg, Melancthon discovered that the Roman Catholic theologian John Eck had prepared *404 Propositions* that misrepresented the Lutheran position. Melancthon realized that the *Torgau Articles* would not be a sufficient confession of the Lutheran Church. Using Luther’s teachings as drawn from the *Schwabach*, *Marburg*, and *Torgau Articles*, Melancthon composed the *Augsburg Confession*. He sent it to Martin Luther for his approval. Luther wrote, “I am well pleased with it, and know nothing to improve or to change in it; neither would this be proper,

since I cannot step so gently and softly. Christ, our Lord, grant that it may produce much and great fruit, which, indeed, we hope and pray for. Amen.”

On June 25, 1530, at three o’clock in the afternoon, Chancellor Beyer appeared before Charles V and read the *Augsburg Confession* in the German language. The reading lasted about two hours. Dr. Beyer read with such a clear and plain voice that the crowds out in the courtyard could hear every word. The Roman Catholic Duke William of Bavaria declared, “Never before has this matter and doctrine been presented to me in this manner.” The Roman Catholic theologian John Eck assured him that he could refute the Lutherans with the writings of the church fathers, but not with the Scriptures. Duke William replied, “Then the Lutherans, I understand, sit in the Scriptures and we of the Pope’s Church beside the Scriptures.”

From that moment on the *Augsburg Confession* became the creed of every truly Lutheran Church. Martin Luther had said that there was nothing to improve or change in it. Unfortunately, his sidekick Melancthon, who always sought to compromise with the opponents, did not agree. In the following years he took it upon himself to change portions of this confession in order to make it more palatable to the other side. Because of this, the Lutheran Church had to repudiate Melancthon’s variations of the *Augsburg Confession* because they compromised the truth of God’s Word. In 1567 the Lutherans wrote, “We confess the old, true, **unaltered Augsburg Confession**, which later was changed, mutilated, misinterpreted, and falsified.”

June 25th is the 488th anniversary of the reading of the *Augsburg Confession*. By God’s grace, our congregation still confesses the truth of God’s Word as explained in the *Unaltered Augsburg Confession*. It is only fitting and right that our cornerstone bears the initials **U.A.C.**

GREETERS SCHEDULE

June 3	7:45	Ruth Schultz
	10:00	Joe & Nancy Birkholz
June 10	7:45	Marilyn Abbey
	10:00	Judine Schicker
June 17	7:45	Ruth Schultz
	10:00	Ralph & Joan Leisten
June 24	7:45	Ruth Schultz
	10:00	Jim & Marcia Pflum
July 1	7:45	Ken & Jo Wendorff
	10:00	Joe and & Nancy Birkholz
July 8	7:45	Ruth Schultz
	10:00	Lorin & Rose Orvis
July 15	7:45	Loren & Joan Voss
	10:00	Jim & Marcia Pflum
July 22	7:45	Ralph & Joan Leisten
	10:00	Bruce, Else & David Cuppan
July 29	7:45	Ruth Schultz
	10:00	Diana Kent

Cleaning Schedule

<u>Week of:</u>	
June 10	Ron & Marilyn Repp
June 17	Lynn Vermeulen
June 24	Dean Standke
July 1	Jerry Fricken
July 8	Terry & Jill Reynolds
July 15	Denise Fisher, Gloria Pipping, Deborah Knueppel
July 22	Gregg and Carol Leisten
July 29	Chad and Lara Birkholz

Membership Matters

The matters of membership listed below were acted upon or recognized by the Coordinating Council at its May meeting.

Baptisms

Brooks Wempner
Aubrienne Stolper
Alayna McCord

Marriage

Carrie Schreiber & Jeff Schultz

Adult Confirmation

Nicholas Wustrack

Funerals

Pastor David Tetzlaff
Myrtle Yust
Irmgard Zielke

Removed Unable to Serve

Cheryl Gerrits
Elizabeth Liefke
Kole Spiering*

Youth Confirmations

Emily Davies	Madison Gulig
Tyson Lofton	Joshua Norris
Emma O'Brien	Andrew Reynolds
Jagger Grunewald	MaKenna Huebner
Riley Zick	Lucas Daniels
Makayla Stommel	Karissa Richardson
Jaydan Schmitz	Alexa Story
Colin Walters	Hailey Zimmerman
Shane Cupertino	Jaysen Spanbauer
Katelyn Tamm	Matthew Gromacki
Abigail Norton	Ryan Trent

Requests for Transfer Out

Dwight, Jessica, & Shaelyn* Flaherty to Faith, Fond du Lac

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

June 1 - 15

June 16 - 30

Joan Voss

Sue Repp

Mary Demmon

Mary Scheidt

For details on flower donations, look for our flower chart on the bulletin board at the end of the member mailboxes.

NURSING POINTS OF INTEREST

What to Do for Swollen Hands

Swelling —what your doctor may call edema —can be short-lived or long-term. Sometimes tiny blood vessels in your hands leak fluid. This could build up and cause swelling. It can happen during pregnancy or after an injury. Some medicines can lead to swelling. Regardless of why it's happening, you want to be able to use your hands and get things done.

Rubdown — Put lotion on your swollen hand and settle it in a comfy spot in front of you, about shoulder-high. Start at the tips, and use long, smooth strokes to rub your fingers toward your hand and wrist. Keep the pressure firm, but don't push so hard that it hurts. Stroking the swollen area toward your heart can help move the excess fluid out.

Skip the Salt — One teaspoon of the stuff has 2,300 milligrams of sodium, an entire day's worth for most people. Salt makes your body hang on to water, which can make any swelling even worse. Instead, use herbs, spices, garlic, and citrus juices to add flavor to your foods.

The Right Tool for the Job — Some items are made with your swollen and stiff joints in mind, like easy-grip pens, spring-action scissors, and nonslip jar openers. Trade in your glass mixing bowls for lighter plastic versions. Have lever-style faucet handles installed so you don't have to grip and turn for water in the kitchen and bathroom. Look for storage with lids that lift off or flip open easily.

Modified Jewelry — Can't imagine working a necklace clasp? You can get magnetic fasteners that connect to any necklace or bracelet so they're easy to get on and off. Some jewelry makers design rings that expand so you don't have to slide them over a swollen knuckle.



Finger Exercises —Moving the muscles in your hand can help pump extra fluid out. Start with your hand and fingers pointing up. Hook your fingers so the tips touch the *top* of your palm, hold for 5 seconds, then straighten them. Next, make a fist, count to 5, and release. Then bend your fingers so the tips touch the *bottom* of your palm, hold for 5, and stretch them back up. Ask your doctor for other hand exercises.

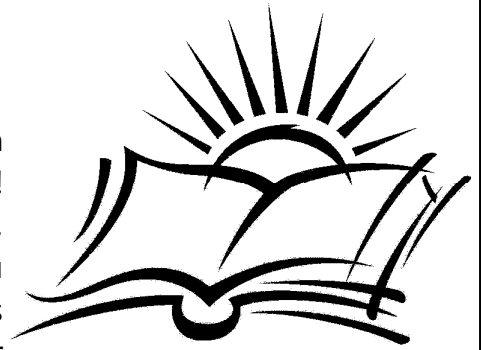
...And Super Salty Foods — A can of chicken noodle soup may be loaded with as much as 940 milligrams of sodium in 1 little cup. Deli meat is no better: 2 ounces (often just a few slices) has about half of your daily sodium. Lots of sodium hides in breads and rolls, pizza, and processed chicken nuggets, too. Compare labels, and choose foods with the least sodium per serving.

Cold Packs — Ice cubes in a zipper-lock bag or a bag of frozen veggies will work, too. The effect is the same: Cold helps lessen swelling. Wrap a thin towel around the pack so it doesn't irritate your skin. Put it on your hand for 10 minutes, then 10 minutes off, and another 10 minutes on. Do no more than 20 minutes total of cold at a time.

When Working Out — Experts don't know exactly why some people's hands tend to swell during exercise or how to prevent it, but you can still take steps to be comfortable. Take off your rings and loosen wristbands before you get started. Do forward and backward arm circles now and then during your workout, or stretch your fingers wide and then make fists, to help move that fluid.

Church Library News

Parents and grandparents, there are many wonderful books in the church library to read aloud to your child or grandchild! Reading to a child from an early age fosters a love of learning, develops communication skills, promotes creativity, helps you bond with him or her and gives your child a sense of closeness and well-being. Here a few of the many books available for checkout in the church library to read with your child or grandchild:



Janette Oke's Animal Friends series books are fun stories with important lessons. Each book features a precocious animal who uncovers important instruction on growing up and helps children learn the value of family, the reasons to obey, the importance of being yourself, and more. These are easy-to-read books and can be used as early reader books.

In God Gave Us You, Mama Bear communicates the message to Little Cub that she truly is a welcomed, precious and treasured gift from God. In God Gave Us Love, Grampa Bear teaches Little Cub about the different kinds of love shared between families and friends and explains that all these kinds of love come from God.

In Sam's New Baby, Sam is looking forward to a new baby coming to live in his home but he is not sure about the changes it will bring. This story helps children to understand that each child is special and God knows and cares for each one, even before they are born. In Go Away, Dark Night, Griffin is afraid of the dark! Although he tries to be brave, he is still scared. Find out what Griffin learns about trusting in God.

For God So Loved The World—My John 3:16 Book celebrates God's love for children in every land with a peek into ten nationalities. Each one teaches the Bible verse John 3:16 in a different language. Twelve Friends—A Counting Book About Jesus' Disciples is a simple way of introducing young children to Jesus and His friends while learning to count and have fun finding the hidden fish in the pictures.

For the new reader in your family, the Young Cousins Mysteries series features a new mystery in each book with a lesson based on one of the verses in the Bible. Let your child or grandchild read aloud to you as you spend time together.

Check one or more of these books out the next time you are in church. They are only a small portion of the books available for checkout. Books can be checked out for a month, and can be rechecked out if you are not finished with them. There are easy-to-follow checkout directions on the librarian's desk in the church library. Please stop in to see what we have to offer!